

Summit Gem Newsletter April 2009

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Mission Statement

To afford the opportunity to share interest in lapidary knowledge and working techniques



Monthly Meeting: April 8th at 7:00PM
Program: April Anniversary Auction
Hostesses: Evelyn Tryon & Sue Shoftner



Membership: 130 members
Dues: Joining fee \$25 then \$4 per month

President's Message - by Ted Maringer

Spring is here and just in time for our April Anniversary Auction on Tuesday, April 7th starting at 7:00PM. The Club Anniversary will be in place of the April monthly members meeting. Don't forget, for admittance, you must bring an item to donate for the auction.

Spring also brings the SLC Spring Gemboree on April 25th and 26th! Volunteer sign-up sheets are at the club so please sign-up for a shift that best fits your schedule. Everyone's help is needed in an effort to make the Spring Gemboree a big success!

A special thank you to Evelyn and John Tryon for all the time and dedication they've recently put into collecting past issues of the Summit Lapidary Gem and other various club documentation for historical purposes.

Finally, thanks to everyone who's shared their talents by teaching a class or assisted a new member with learning to run the club's equipment. Our club's success is mainly due to our membership involvement. Get involved, help with a spring cleaning project or take the time and help out where you can. *With gratitude, Ted Maringer*

March 4th Meeting Minutes - Respectfully submitted by Laura Thomas

President Ted Maringer called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. Welcome to Guests Katie Mullins, Ann Cook, Kay Sharp, New Member Laura Fletcher (I may have missed a couple names, sorry). Thank You Hosts Wende Taylor and Berrie Butrick.

Speaker Tonight will be Melissa Muir, Wire Artist and Silversmith
Committee Reports:

Treasurers Report - Frank Regan gave the state of the treasury.

Property Maintenance - Frank Regan: Trim saw is not cutting – will only cut in straight lines, #3 slab saw needs a new belt, #5 motor is burned out. Heat!!! The thermostat is PRE-PROGRAMMED – please do not adjust!!!

Secretary - Evelyn Tryon read the minutes from last meeting.

Library -Mari: New book on North Carolina trips.

Sunshine - Mar, Warren had successful surgery. 8 day stay. Doing well, please sign cards, Bob Flick had treatment today, feeling good, will be having a series of treatments.

Education - Dave Mac: 3/10 Chain Maille with Drake – he'll make up the jump rings ahead of time, 3/17 Bead Box Nite, Mari has a project, 3/22 netting Necklace w/Mari, 3/24 Wire wrap with Joyce, she volunteered to teach a second class in the afternoon as interest was high. April, Byzantine w/Drake.

Geo Juniors - Barb Whims: Meeting this Sunday at the club at 2pm, topic mineral identification.

Newsletter, Bob: newsletters mailed – Tom McLaughlin is keeper of addresses, let him know if you did not receive a newsletter.

Website - Would like new digital photos to put up on the website.

The following Trip Report was updated after the meeting with current information:

Trips - David Rich: Yes, committee chats, looking at more possible trips.

Gemboree – Carl, Dealers due 2/15, he's gotta start calling, display case see Sue Barnett, small flyers by the fridge, Colored flyers available see Evelyn Tryon Webmaster dates/times/admission price all fixed/updated, looks good. Advertising all together.

Property Maintenance - Frank Regan: Grinding wheels, has to tear up and fix this Saturday, also working on slab saw.

Board Report - Ted Maringer: Covered a lot – donations to victims assistance, this is the third year members have participated, received (19) items. Geo Juniors were hosted at the clubhouse on Feb 7, Need a committee of people to help it move along, Dave Mac, Frank R, John Tryon, Greg D volunteered to assist. Key Policy will hash it out more at the board meeting. Anniversary Auction at April Meeting, Poland Mines trip – decided not to go, too expensive, not many could go, maybe next year.

New Business:

Tim Antes - MWF newsletter item of interest - Member Bob Powers is Chairman of the silent auction committee of MWF at Parma Club show, please donate materials, bring to SLC clubhouse.

Terry Warner - letter from student at Sebring Middle School, science fair project, is this something we should pass onto Geo Jrs Committee? Requests for materials come in all the time. What to do with these? Any ideas? Emily – it's a good idea to turn letters over to Geo Jrs. Also, can we have geo juniors webpage connect to slc page?

Wende - info on Adopt-A-Spot – Cuyahoga Falls, small garden, need \$ 250 for plant materials, city gives to us - site and won awards and was featured in Akron Beacon Journal garden section - requesting funds SLC only. Motion was made to approve \$250 on Adopt-A-Spot, was seconded and approved, ayes have it.

Greg D - club to purchase PMC Supplies, volunteer to teach it, Tammy added in that we could purchase re-usable tool kits to stay at the club. Will table this until board meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 8:42 PM.

Gemboree News Update - by Warren Salchak

Well folks, the Gemboree, is one thing I really take to heart. Believe it or not I enjoy doing this. We never know what the weather will be like and waiting to see who the dealers will be and what new items they have for sale. Please sign up for some of the different job site stations. Remember, this makes you eligible to sign up for trips if room permits. I will pick up those sheets on Tuesday, the week of the show. *Looking forward to seeing all of you folks again, Warren*

Gemboree Display Cases - by Sue Barnett

Our novice case this year will need lots and lots of items that were made in this year's bumper crop of classes. If you made something in a class, then you should have it in our class case. I know I will be showing off my Christmas tree earrings that Laura Thomas very patiently taught for at least two weeks this last Christmas.

You may hand off items at any time before the show to me, Dave Macseoinin, or to Mari Takai-Manley. Please make sure your pieces are itemized, along with your name and a phone number, so I can be sure to get them back to you after the show is over.

I know having a whole display case is kind of intimidating for a new member, so this is the perfect way to show off that first item that you have made yourself without having the pressure of filling a whole case. *Thanks to all, Sue Barnett*

April		April		April		
Sun	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 Beginning Faceting
5 Beginning Faceting	6	7 SLC Meeting at 7:00PM	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 Chainmaille	15	16	17	18 9:30AM Gem Mine rock bagging
19 Beginning Silver?	20	21 Bead Box Night	22	23	24 Gemboree Set-up	25 Gemboree
26 Gemboree & Tear-down	27	28 Board Meeting	29	30		

Sign up sheets for SLC Classes are posted at the club. Class instruction by SLC members is free, however there may be a fee for supplies.

Request for Donations to the MWF Silent Auction - by Bob Powers

The MWF Silent Auction will be held at the upcoming Annual Convention and Show, hosted by the Parma Lapidary Club, in Berea, Ohio on May 16th and 17th. As a member of the MWF, please consider making a donation to the Silent Auction. While the Silent Auction committee is able to accept any non-cash donation, items most commonly donated are related to the lapidary arts. (Think ROCKS). Proceeds from the sale go to the MWF Endowment Fund. The Silent Auction committee does not provide appraisals, but if the donation is submitted with an itemized list, a record of the values obtained for the items at the sale can be provided to you on request. If you'd like to make a donation, please feel free to contact me by phone at (440) 237-6170 or e-mail me at AkronMineralNews@aol.com.

There are a couple easy ways to submit donations. You can give them to your delegate who will be attending the convention or show, drop them off at our clubhouse (I will have a designated box for silent auction donations) or mail them to me at this address: MWF Silent Auction Committee c/o Bob Powers, 18270 Buccaneer Drive, North Royalton, Ohio 44133-5901

April 21st Bead Box Night - by Mari Takai-Manley

We can continue the last month project - Right angle weave bead balls with craft wires and jump rings to make a necklace with triangle-shaped center. We also used 3mm and 4mm bicone beads with the necklace. I will bring in the sample necklaces for your instruction.

April Anniversary Auction! - by Laura Thomas

The Tuesday, April 7th Regular April Meeting night is an Anniversary party to celebrate our club's birthday. We will be having our Annual Anniversary Auction (just like in the early days of the club) all proceeds to benefit the club. All attending must bring an item to donate to the auction for admittance. So, please look thru your collections, find some goodies to share with our other members, and bring money!! Also, bring any extra shoeboxes and/or sturdy bags so we can cart home our new treasures!! See you there!

A Story About Herb and Berrie Butrick - by Joyce Kish

Berrie's motto, "I'd like to teach the world to bead in perfect HARMONY!"

Herb and Berrie both operate an emporium at 12308 Fenstermaker Road in Garrettsville Ohio. Here there home showcases thousands of colorful beads neatly organized and displayed from ceiling to floor. Among the beads are dazzling displays of finished beadworks of necklaces, earrings, finger rings, bracelets, anklets, hat pins, hat bands, amulet bags and elaborate large loomed necklaces.

They now also have a Bead Department and Classroom Workshop in a new quilt shop, **Quilters Fancy**, in Cortland, Ohio. Now on Saturdays, Berrie and Herb can both be seen instructing and demonstrating there.

Berrie says this all started when she became interested in cutting and polishing stones about forty years ago. Back then, she stepped into a basement workshop in Northfield, operated by a man named Clyde. It was chuck full of lapidary equipment and for the huge sum of \$2 you could use and learn all.

Clyde took her under his wing when he saw how interested she was. At first, she mounted her stones in mountings she was happy with. The, she saw some stones beaded around beautifully and wanted to do this so bad she could taste it. Her first lesson was at the Summit Lapidary club where she learned to make a simple beaded earring. When I spoke to Evelyn Greene, she remembers them sitting and learning at the club

This seemed to start things off and Berrie could not help herself. Next thing, she knew she was giving classes. A few years later, Berrie's husband Herb, saw how much fun the girls were having and decided to join them; now he is hooked too! Herb also does beautiful loomed beading, just like a canvas of art.

Berrie is nationally known as a designer and instructor, a five-time instructor at the annual Bead and Button show in Milwaukee, and an instructor in Quartzsite, Arizona and even in Australia.

I can not imagine a show without Herb and Berrie demonstrating and displaying their beautiful pieces of art. This adds such a nice touch of class to the show. Make certain that you stop by the Gemboree and see Herb and Berrie's beautiful work. As a member I wanted to let them know how much we appreciate their contribution. *With gratitude, Joyce.*

Stone Soup Recipe - submitted by Laura Thomas

Trail Beans

- 1 large can kidney beans (do not drain juice from any of the beans listed)
- 1 large can navy or white soup beans
- 1 large can pork-n-beans
- 1 large can pinto beans
- 1/2 cup BBQ sauce
- 1/4 cup ketchup
- 1 tsp. Worcestershire sauce

1 lb. ground beef
1 medium onion diced
salt and pepper to taste

In a skillet cook beef and onions until beef is browned and onions softened, season to taste. Drain fat. Combine all ingredients in a large Dutch oven and simmer until juice from beans thickens and mixture is heated through. If preparing in a roasting pan, bake in a 325 degree oven until mixture is heated through and is desired consistency. Serve alone with crusty bread or serve as a side dish as you would baked beans.

Sunshine News - by Mari Takai-Manley

- Warren Salchak completed his triple surgery on Feb 26th successfully. It was a long 7 hour surgery, and he had to stay at the University Hospital for 8 days afterwards. He is recovering at home now, and is soon able to start eating soft foods. We wish you a speedy and full recovery.
- Bob Flick Started chemotherapy for his bladder cancer. We saw him at our club house with his mask on several times. He maintains very positive attitude. Good luck, Bob-san.
- Grace Babak's sister passed away recently. We wish her and her family our deepest sympathy.
- Wally Frlich was hospitalized for a severe leg infection. We hope he is recovering from it well.
- Yvonne Meredith is scheduled for a surgery in mid-April. We wish her a successful one and speedy recovery from it.

BOBSERVATIONS - by Robt. Spore

The show is less than a month away. Funny how it creeps up on you. 6 months. 5 months. 4 months... before you know it, it's right in front of you. Sort of like writing this article. "Oh, I've got three weeks. Tons of time." Next thing I know, it's due tomorrow and I'm looking at a great big empty piece of paper.

And I had a great idea, just two days ago; I'd gone to bed and was just drifting off when it hit me like a bolt! The whole article was right there, complete! And funny? Oh, man! Have you ever had that happen to you? And the whole thing is so delicious that you start giggling and your wife says, "Whatever you're doing, stop it right now". Yeah. Then I fell asleep and it went away. Figures. Ah well, as it's often been said, "All the world's a stage, but some of us are woefully under rehearsed".

Oh, and before I forget... Warren! I really hope you're able to make it to the show, because without your gentle guidance and firm handle on the tiller... I can't imagine what the show might become.

Well, actually I can, but that's only because I read "Lord of the Flies" in high school. Yeah. Some of you know what I'm talking about. And although I've never read the MWF bylaws (Has anybody?), I'm pretty sure they frown on ritual sacrifices (But maybe not).

It would probably be a dead giveaway if, instead of the Weather Rock in front of the building, we substituted a pig's head on a stick. That would be the first clue that things had gone horribly awry.

Lester and Martha, walking up to the show entrance,

"Martha? Is that a pig's head on a stick?"

"Why, yes it is, dear."

"What do you think it means?"

"Maybe they're serving ham?"

The world can be a cruel place for an optimist who's only looking for a ham sandwich.

Just A Quick Note From Me... - by Pat Powers

The MWF is holding their annual convention May 16-17 at the Berea Fair Grounds, hosted by the Parma Lapidary Gem Show. Our club will have a display case at this show. If you would like to submit something for this display case please give it to Bob Powers at teardown with our Gemboree. Please have the item labeled and protected in a Ziploc bag. Bob will be setting up this display case and will return items after the May Convention.

Bye and see you next month!

MWF April Calendar of Events

4-5: MARION, IL, Annual Show, Southern Illinois Earth Science Club, Williamson Co Pavilion, 1602 Sioux Dr, Sat 10:00-6:00, Sun 10:00-5:00, Contact: Mike Chontofalsky, 1019 E Broadway, Centralia, IL 62801, (618) 532-0455, mchontofalsky1019@charter.net

17-19: JOPLIN, MO, Rock Swap, Tri-State Gem & Mineral Society, Redings Mill Inn, Hwy 86 & Hwy NN, Fri-Sat 9:00-5:00, Sun 9:00-3:00, Contact: Chris Wiseman, PO Box 555, Joplin, MO 64802, (417) 623-1180,

17-19: ROSEVILLE, MI, 31st Annual Show, Mt. Clemens Gem & Lapidary Society, Roseville Recreation Center, 18185 Sycamore, Fri 9:00-7:00, Sat 10:00-7:00, Sun 11:00-5:00. Contact Jacquie Swain, (313) 729-5960 or Ron Rolfe, (586) 726-1578, ymrolfe@comcast.net

17-19: DECATUR, IL. CENTRAL ILLINOIS GEM & MINERAL CLUB 57TH ANNUAL MINERAL GEM & JEWELRY SHOW. Macon County Fair Grounds 3700 N Westlawn Ave, Decatur IL; Fri. 11:00-6:00, Sat. 9:00-6:00, Sun. 10:00-4:00pm. CONTACT Tony Kapta (309) 830-6516; e-mail: cigmc@comcast.net

18-19: Des Plaines, IL 44th Annual Show, Des Plaines Valley Geological Society, Des Plaines Park District Leisure Center, 2222 Birch St. Sat 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sun. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Contact Lois Zima at (847) 298-4653 or Jeanine N. Mielecki, jaynine9@aol.com.

18-19: FORT DODGE, IA GEM, MINERAL AND FOSSIL SHOW SPONSORED BY THE RIVER VALLEY ROCKHOUNDS, INC. Free admission and parking, Opera House at the Fort Museum, West on Business Highway 20. Sat., 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sun. 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Contact Robert Wolf, (515) 855-2818, midnightwriter@frontiernet.net or Hugh Carroll, (515) 576-5517

18-19: EAU CLAIRE, WI CHIPPEWA VALLEY GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY'S 46TH ANNUAL SHOW. Sat. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sun. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Eau Claire County Expo Center, Lorch Road. Contact Mike Schoenfuss (715) 456-0664

18-19: BLACK HAWK GEM AND MINERAL CLUB ANNUAL ROCK, GEM AND JEWELRY SHOW, Putnam Museum, 1717 W. 12th St., Davenport. Sat. 10 a.m.- 5 p.m. Sun. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Call (563) 445-3034 or email for details. Map Free. msrocks2@charterinternet.com

25: ST. JOSEPH, MI. BLOSSOMLAND GEM AND MINERAL SWAP 'N' SELL, St. Joseph/Lincoln Senior Center, 3271 Lincoln Ave. Sat 10:00-4:00. Free admission. For information, CONTACT: Nancy Wolff (269)938-4900

25-26: CUYAHOGA FALLS, OH, Semi-annual Show, Akron Mineral Society & Summit Lapidary Club, Emidio & Sons Expo Ctr, 48 E Bath Rd. 9:00-5:00, Contact Warren Salchak, 242 Monroe Av, Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44221, (330) 928-0181, lapidary1@neo.rr.com

29: HOLLAND, MI, Scholarship Banquet, Tulip City Gem & Mineral Club, Herrick District Library, 300 S River Ave, Wednesday, Contact: Cindy Root, d-root@sbcglobal.net