

# SLC Newsletter February 2005

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**Club Meeting: Tuesday February 1st 7:30pm**  
**Host: Martin Smeal**

**SLC Business Meeting January 4th 2004** – minutes submitted by Laura Thomas

- Meeting was called to order by Tom McLaughlin and Warren Salchak. President Dave Rich absent due to illness. Frank Mack has been appointed Vice President.
- Guests of Honor: Bob & Dot Flick, celebrating their 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!! Congratulations!!! Bob & Dot each shared some tales with us and we love being here to celebrate with you!
- Reminder that Dues are Due!
- Dave Maceoinin is looking into Sterling Hill Mines – place to mine garnets! Any other ideas for a club trip – see Sue Barnett.
- Remember, if there is a parking ban in effect due to snow, meeting is pushed back one week.
- John Sechler will be updating the names in the faceted stone case. Remember, club rule – if you learn to facet here, you are expected to donate a stone to the club showcase. Thank you Hosts Wende Taylor and Laura Thomas.

SLC February Calendar		SLC February Calendar		SLC February Calendar		SLC February Calendar
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Joke of the month: Why is the number 6		1 SLC Meeting 7:30PM	2	3	4	5 Gem Tree Design 10AM
6	7	8	9	10	11	12 Social Saturday
13	14 Happy Valentines Day	15 Bead Social 6PM-9PM	16	17	18	19 Social Saturday
20	21 Beaded Bracelet 6:30PM	22 Exec. Board Meeting 7:30PM	23	24	25 Newsletter article due	26 Social Saturday
27	28					

**Committees**

Classes: Just a reminder - Classes taught by SLC members are free. There may be a cost for supplies.  
 February Classes:

- Beginning Gem Tree Design taught by Mari-Takai Marley & Evelyn Greene on Saturday, February 5<sup>th</sup> 10AM. Cost approximately \$5. See club board for more details and sign up.
- Monday, February 21<sup>st</sup> 6:30PM Beaded Bracelet taught by Berrie. See sign sheet for details.

Bead Social: This month's meeting night is Tuesday, February 15th 6-9PM.

## **The "RockPuppy" Report (aka Rookie-RockHound-musings) Volume 1, January 2005**

Ya know, I've been in the club awhile, but my timing has been off! I first joined at a June meeting, was off for the summer ...took a couple classes ...came to regular monthly meetings on the First Tuesdays of every month. By the time I realized that club folks get together Every Tuesday and Every Saturday – I was stuck working!!!! So, another summer went by and now here I am – it's winter and I'm working weekends again! This time I resolve to ask questions (be brave) and squeeze in some time to learn/do more about my new hobby. I have loved all the things I have done and learned so far!!

Having never been a part of an organized group before (all my other hobbies are solo activities) this has been a great experience! Folks are willing to share what they know ... all you have to do is ask!! Really!! Thank you to all members for being so gracious and generous with your time and knowledge!!! So, a tip to all new-bees – don't be shy – jump on in!!

Here's what I've found out by asking around.

Possible Future Field Trip... Heard about a big shin-dig at Flint Ridge on Memorial Day Weekend. Sounds like Big-Fun!!

Swap meet, prospecting, etc.

Q: If a person is not equipped to camp out, what town do you recommend to find a motel?

A: I was told Newark, OH

Q: If you can only attend one or two days of the event, which are the best/most fun?

A: No answer yet! 'Cuz I forgot to ask!

Q: Know any good restaurants around there to try?

A: No answer yet! Same reason as before!

Q: What kind of equipment do I need if I want to "pound rocks in the hot sun"? (A fun phrase I heard from a member-just love it!!)

A: Rock Hammer...Goggles - not safety glasses, preferably goggles that enclose the entire eye area – flint is very very sharp!! ... ALL Leather gloves – not just leather palms, see prior note about "sharp"! Sturdy bags are better than buckets – easier to lug rocks about!

Thank you Eric for the Info!!!

Tune in next time for the update on my next Lapidary project: the Slab Saw.

Aka: I've gotta big chunk of rock and don't know what to do with it!!

The RockPuppy ☽ (a Rookie RockHound – still learning about rocks!)

## **We're Heading Up North This Year** -by Sue Barnett

Ok, I have an exclusive for ya!! The big club trip this year will be July 29-Aug 3 2005, to Bancroft Ontario. The area boasts over 40 mineral mines and they host the Annual International Rockhound Gemboree. We will time our trip to catch the last couple of days of the Gemboree which runs July 29-Aug 1 this year.

I have also nailed down the room reservations, just last night, as a matter of fact. You must check this place out!!! Go to [www.martinwoodresort.com](http://www.martinwoodresort.com) and check out all the pictures. The golf course is a little rustic but the rooms look great. Even the pool is pretty cute with it' s own grass shack.Brenda, the night manager, says they are out in the middle of Nowhere, but 20 minutes from everything. They only have 18

rooms total and I have put on hold, 13 of them, so if we need more, we are going to have to act well in advance to reserve more if needed. On their own little lake, Benoir Lake, which, if you fish, is supposed to be the place to be. I am really excited about this one!! Between the mining, the Gemboree, the fishing, the golf, and the beautiful surrounding woods and lake, maybe 5 days is not enough!??

Need to remind everyone, since 9/11 international travel restrictions are a little tougher. I am told you will need a photo ID (driver's license.) PLUS a birth certificate, or a passport to re-enter the United States. We might like to leave some people in particular out of the country, but since the Canadians probably wouldn't want them either, please be prepared. The sign up sheet should be going up pretty soon and I do not have a price determined yet. I still have to contact the bus company, and NO, it will not be Davis. More details later. The Trip Czarina (CZ-get it?!!) will keep you posted.

### **Newsorthy...Something To Publish What Do You Think?** - submitted by Warren Salchak

Charles Schultz Philosophy: The following is the philosophy of Charles Schultz, the creator of the "Peanuts" comic strip.

You don't have to actually answer the questions. Just read the question straight through, and you'll get the point.

1. Name the five wealthiest people in the world.
2. Name the last five Heisman trophy winners.
3. Name the last five winners of the Miss America contest.
4. Name ten people who have won the Nobel or Pulitzer Prize.
5. Name the last half dozen Academy Award winner for best actor and actress.
6. Name the last decade's worth of World Series winners.

How did you do? The point is, none of us remember the headliners of yesterday. These are no second-rate achievers. They are the best in their fields. But the applause dies. Awards tarnish. Achievements are forgotten. Accolades and certificates are buried with their owners.

Here's another quiz. See how you do on this one.

1. List a few teachers who aided your journey through school.
2. Name three friends who have helped you through a difficult time.
3. Name five people who have taught you something worthwhile.
4. Think of a few people who have made you feel appreciated and special.
5. Think of five people you enjoy spending time with.
6. Name half a dozen heroes whose stories have inspired you.

Easier? The lesson... "The people who make a difference in your life are not the ones with the most credentials, the most money, or the most awards. They are the ones that care. Pass this on to those people who have made a difference in your life. Don't worry about the world coming to an end today. It's already tomorrow in Australia."

(Charles Schultz)

### **Beading Social Update** –By Helen Franks

January's beading social had a great turnout and it was more than just productive..It was great fun! LaVerne shared her talents (at times with GREAT patience) and taught the spiral stitch. Others worked with Gary and made beautiful necklaces and matching bracelets. Laura brought in a variety of glass beads for everyone to help themselves. Evelyn took her new treasures home and created some beautiful pins.

The beading group discussed volunteering to make the party favors for this year's Christmas party. They also decided to have someone volunteer each month to be host/instructor for the beading social. This will include bringing a project to teach. February's host will be Laura Thomas. Her project will be making charms and attaching them to a bracelet and/or earrings. Complete kits will be available for purchase AT COST. Tools to bring: Wire cutters, rounds nose pliers, smooth pliers (no "jaws/teeth") And remember, if you don't have these tools, DONT WORRY! Our instructor will have extras to borrow. If you have some beads (approx 6-8mm) you would like to use, bring them! Individual supplies are also available at cost. Questions? Call Laura at work (she says she's living there now until tax season is over!) 330-745-8324 "Just ask for me", she says. "It's ok"

And welcome to Connie Colich (Bob Frank's sister) who attended the beading social as a guest and had so much fun, she's joining the club! And finally, ask LaVerne about Fishy Friday Friends and how to join in the fun!

## **"BOBSERVATIONS"** - by Robt. Spore

*I apologize for the shortness of this month's article (wait for thunderous applause to end), but promise that next month's will be majestic in scope (wait for muted, cautious applause to painfully, peter out).*

I'm tired of the snow. I'm tired of shoveling driveways and sidewalks, wet feet, windshields that are streaked and only partially transparent, a car that at one time was red, but is now a leprous looking off-white, and I'm extremely tired of accidental snow angels. (An accidental snow angel is made when I fall down and can only get back up through the strenuous method of flailing both arms and

legs, until I somehow flop back over onto my front and can then climb back to my feet, looking like a more than normally disgruntled Yeti. At which point am confronted by the possibility of having my feet fly back out from under me and have to repeat the same pathetic performance, usually to the derisive catcalls from passing children. Actually, the final impression in the snow does not resemble an angel so much as perhaps a battle to the death between two or three medium size dogs. Woefully clumsy dogs.)

But, enough of that.

I have some good news to tentatively report. Thanks to the machine oriented help of Dave Koffroth, the meticulous observations of Tim Antes, Warren Salchak's grease gun, and Russ Green's looking at us like we were a pack of idjits, the tumbler is operational again. Tentative, because we haven't viewed our first batch yet. The drums seem to be revolving a wee bit faster than before and I'm hoping that the final product isn't highly polished sand.

We'll see.

This doesn't mean that we still don't need any polished chunks of flint you may have gathering dust around the house.

We lost four months of finished product, so anything you may be able to donate will be most appreciated.

How appreciated, you might ask? If you bring in a good amount, I'll be your best friend.

And maybe we'll name the mule after you. I know, it's a dubious honor at best, but what do you want?

We're volunteers.

(Addendum: It appears I spoke too soon. I've been told that one of the brand new pulleys has broken on the tumbler. Figures. I knew I'd jinx it if I spoke about it.

But, we'll get it going and keep it going soon. Law of averages is with us on this... or so I tell myself.

Also, it has been pointed out to me that even after asking several times, and putting a sign on the rock donation bucket not to take rocks out, the amount of material in the bucket is dwindling.

So, if someone is indeed removing the stones that other people are donating, I'd appreciate it if you'd put them back. As it stands right now, we barely have enough bagged rocks for the Spring Show. If we use them all and still have problems with the tumbler, we will have NO tumbled flint for the Fall Show.

Which means we would not have a Gem Mine for that show.

Now, this probably doesn't mean a whole lot to whoever is absconding with the material, but it means a whole lot to me and it means a whole lot to the kids we have coming through there.

So please, put the rocks in, don't take the rocks out.)

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

The newsletter just got more regular...the newsletter will carry 3 monthly columns; "Bobservations" by Robt. Spore, "Beading Social Update" by Helen Franks and "The RockPuppy Report" -who wants to remain anonymous.

Just a couple of reminders for everyone:

- Summit Lapidary Club dues are due January 1<sup>st</sup>. The cost is \$4.00 per month or \$44.00 per year if paid in January (savings of 1 month). See Tom McLaughlin with your remittance.
- Please make the following changes to your SLC membership roster dated January 2005:  
Terry Warner new address 136 Samoa Dr. Akron, Ohio 330-644-5999  
Russell Greene correct house number is 7434  
Warren Salchak correct e-mail is [lapidary1@neo.rr.com](mailto:lapidary1@neo.rr.com)  
James Watson correct phone number 330-375-0540
- Reminder from Mari Takai Manley to return or donate missing Lapidary Journals Issues. Issues missing are Sept. 1995, Sept. 1999, July, Aug., Sept. & Nov. 2000, Dec. 2001, May, Aug., Oct. & Nov. 2003, and March 2004.
- For the winter months whenever there is a new 3-inch snow accumulation the club meeting is cancelled that night because there is a Snow Parking Ban for Cuyahoga Falls. If you have a question about the snow conditions call the Cuyahoga Falls Police Department. If a cancellation occurs the official meeting is moved back one week.

Elmer Schafrik submitted a response to the x-mas song "12 Days Of Christmas". He titled it, "Answers to Bob Spores Question!" Due to lack of space in the newsletter his article is posted on the Club's 'Bulletin Board for viewing. Thank you! -Uncle Elmer- private joke... "I guess you are off the hook; you have contributed information for the newsletter."

Bye & See you next month!