

## Summit Gem Newsletter February 2009

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### Mission Statement

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



**Monthly Meeting: February 3<sup>rd</sup>  
at 7:30PM  
Host: Sue Shoffner**



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

### President's Message - by Ted Maringer

Thanks to everyone for electing me as President of the Summit Lapidary Club. I am honored by your faith in me. My first item of business for the New Year will be to work with the Executive Board to update the Lapidary Club By-Laws, Rules and Regulations and Club History. I believe it's important for everyone to be reading from the same documentation in an effort to answer Club members questions correctly and consistently.

Believe it or not the Spring Gemboree is only three months away! The dates are April 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>. If you have any project ideas that will generate money at our Silent Auction, feel free to share your ideas with Terry Warner or me. Also, don't forget you have the opportunity to set-up a show-case displaying your Lapidary Art for everyone to see.

Again, thank you everyone, for having the confidence in me to serve as your President. I can always be reached by email at [tmaringer@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tmaringer@sbcglobal.net) or phone 330.607.2529.

Let's make 2009 a year filled with love and laughter! With Gratitude - Ted Maringer

### January 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes - Respectfully submitted by Laura Thomas

President Dave Macseoinin called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Thank You Hosts Evelyn Greene & Rosemary McLaughlin.

Treasurers Report –Tom McLaughlin gave the state of the treasury. Frank Regan will be standing in for Tom while they go Florida.

Secretary, Laura-Minutes ok as printed, distributed.

Library, Mari: 2 new books Smithsonian Rock & Gem, Jewelry by Tim McCreight. Requested \$150 for 2009 Library Funds, approved. Motion to allow DVD/CD's two weeks sign out passed.

Sunshine, Mari – Cards going around, Warren is half way thru chemo/radiation treatment, Bob Franks had a heart Cath, Evelyn Tryon kidney taken care of and heart cath done, scheduling back surgery.

Education, Dave Mac: Jan 11-Chain Maille, Jan 16/17-Casting, Jan 24-Crystal Dream Catcher, Feb 1-Wax Sculpting, Feb 10-Chain Maille, Feb 22-Beginning silver Geo Juniors, Barb Whims: Absent, No Report.

Newsletter, Pat: newsletters mailed

Website, David Rich: Motion to pay Website guy \$250 passed.

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

Trips, David Rich: Sat Feb 7 – Motion passed to pay for Bus trip to Carnegie Museum in Pittsburgh. Cost to Members \$15. Meet at Parking Lot across from Sheraton on Front Street - Bus Departs at 8:00 am. approximate return time 8 PM

Gemboree, Tom McLaughlin -in for Warren, just received bill from newspaper advertising.

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

Board Report, Dave Mac- item 1- Barb Whims invited to attend and talk about Geo Juniors, suggested meet one Saturday per month at noon at clubhouse. Club members can be present, must have a parent present, agreed, next Geo Jr meeting Feb 7, noon. Was suggested Barb give an update at regular board meetings with the upcoming agenda, perhaps some club members would like to get involved with this group and help teach the young rockhounds. Item 2 – Christmas party – need a new Place and a new Chairperson, Mary Ann Rich volunteered, she'll come to meeting next month with some suggestions.

#### Unfinished Business:

Elections – Ted Maringer elected President with unanimous vote. Thank you Ted.

Frank Regan – wrote an article for the newsletter on the slab saw, we will add this to club workbook. Frank would like to put a bulletin board downstairs with machine info, this expense was approved. Working on updating Work Rules- Not Being Followed. We want people to use the machines safely. Sign in Book –people not signing in as they should.

New Business - Member Shingler had several comments regarding Geo Jrs, Keys, Inadequacies in the Club (training/instruction). The proper venue for these types of issues is a Board Meeting – Last Tuesday of Regular meeting Season, 7:30pm.

This gave rise to several comments/suggestions:

-We used to have a list of Instructors for different skills – if someone is feeling slighted, the proper place to air these comments is a Board Meeting – Last Tuesday of Regular meeting Season, 7:30pm. We've had a huge push of new members in the last year, we are currently working on Work rules – this helps address the issue of getting members trained properly on the equipment. A person becomes a member immediately upon paying dues and initiation fees. Keys are EARNED when you are proficient (checked out) on the equipment. As mentioned above, are still working on these requirements (clarifying). Meeting was adjourned at 8:12 PM.

#### **Gemboree News Update** - by Warren Salchak

Hi Folks! Well, we're half way there believe it or not to our Spring Show. I've spoken with Carl Miller and he said the dealers are getting lined up. I also wrote Evelyn and she said everything looking good on her job.

Most of you know I'm having some health problems as well as Evelyn. But at this point we're both looking for things to improve and the show to go on as scheduled.

I'll have sign up sheets out for the first meeting in March. More news later. Thanks for all your support and help. Warren Salchak, Chairmen 330-928-0181 or e-mail [lapidary1@neo.rr.com](mailto:lapidary1@neo.rr.com)

February		February			February	
Sun	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1 Wax Sculpture	2	3 SLC Meeting	4	5	6	7
8 Beginning Silver	9	10 Chainmaille Barrel Weave	11	12	13	14 Valentine's Day
15	16	17 Bead Box Night	18	19	20	21
22 Silverwork Pendant	23	24	25	26	27	28

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

### **SUMMIT LAPIDARY CLUB ONE DAY BUS TRIP**

When: SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7<sup>TH</sup>

Where: CARNEGIE MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY VISIT  
4PM DINNER AT THE CHURCH BREW WORKS

Cost: ONE DAY TRIP – COST TO MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING \$15  
PAY WHEN YOU BOARD THE BUS

BUS DEPARTS 8:00 AM, PARKING LOT ACROSS FROM SHERATON HOTEL ON FRONT STREET. ONE STOP FOR FAST FOOD ON THE WAY THERE. LUNCH AT THE MUSEUM ON YOUR OWN. DINNER AT 4 PM and ARRIVE HOME APPROXIMATELY 8 PM.

CONTACT DAVID RICH TO RSV : LIST AT CLUBHOUSE or CALL 330 630-9625  
E-MAIL [Birdman035@hotmail.com](mailto:Birdman035@hotmail.com)

### **Bead Box Night** - by Mari Takai-Manley

January and February Bead Box Nights (1/20 and 2/17) will be open beading for Victims' Assistance donations. Jewelry is needed for the Victims' Assistance Silent Auction. Items need to be in by the end of February. All kinds of Jewelry are requested.

If you do not have any specific project in mind, how about right angle weave bead balls? We can make earrings, bracelets, and necklaces. The club has a little bit of 4-mm bi-cone beads left with a limited choice of colors. Bring in your choice of beads in bright colors. They do not have to be 4-mm bi-cone; round beads work just as well, or even seed beads. It depends on what you have in mind as a design of your project. See you there!

### **Victim Assistance Mardi Gras Event** - by Rosemary McLaughlin

The Victim Assistance Program's annual Mardi Gras will be held on Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup> 2009. This affair is the Victim Assistance Program's major fundraising event and will benefit Summit County families by providing a victim advocate to help the afflicted thru the painful process of rebuilding their lives.

The Mardi Gras will include oral and silent auctions. Donations of jewelry from the Lapidary Club would be appreciated. Last year's donations of beautiful jewelry helped to make this event and over whelming success.

Please give your donated items to either Mari Takai-Manley or Evelyn Greene. All donations must be in by the end of February. With your donation please include a brief description of it along with an approximate value. Thank you again, your skills and talents can benefit others in your community.

### **"STONE SOUP" - Monthly recipes from fellow Rockhounds**

We have some wonderful cooks in our club, would like to share a favorite recipe each month in the newsletter. I volunteer Evelyn Greene's Spinach Bars to be the first in hopefully a monthly installment. She brought these to the Christmas Meeting, I have tried these at home and they are a huge hit!

#### Evelyn Greene's Spinach Bars

1.c flour	12 oz. grated cheddar cheese (1 1/2 c.)
1 tsp. salt	1/2 lb. bulk sausage
2 eggs	1 (10 oz.) pkg. frozen spinach, thawed & squeezed dry
1 c. milk	1/2 c. chopped onion
1/4 c. melted butter	1 tsp. baking powder

Mix together flour, salt and baking powder. Cook sausage and drain well. Beat together eggs, milk and butter. Add to flour mixture. Add remaining ingredients and mix well. Spread into a greased 13 x 9 inch pan. Bake at 350 for 30 minutes or until knife inserted in center comes out clean.

Please email your favorite recipe to Pat Powers, our Newsletter Editor, at [SLCNewsletter@aol.com](mailto:SLCNewsletter@aol.com)

### **Yellowstone's Super Caldera is Awake** - by Judith Washburn, MWF Geology Chair *MWF February 2009 Issue*

At the heart of Yellowstone's past, present, and future lies volcanism. Catastrophic eruptions occurred here about 2 million years ago, then 1.2 million years ago, and then 600,000 years ago. The latest eruption spewed out nearly 240 cubic miles of debris. What is now the park's central portion then collapsed, forming a 28 by 47 mile caldera (or basin). The magmatic heat powering those eruptions still powers the park's famous geysers, hot springs, fumaroles, and mud pots. The spectacular Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone River provides a glimpse of Earth's interior: its waterfalls highlight the boundaries of lava flows and thermal areas. Rugged mountains flank the park's volcanic plateau.

The Earth's crust beneath Yellowstone National Park is still restless. Precise surveys have detected an area in the center of the caldera that rose by as much as 86 centimeters between 1923 and

1984 and then subsided slightly between 1985 and 1989. Scientists do not know the cause of these ups and downs, but they hypothesize that they are related to the addition or withdrawal of magma beneath the caldera, or to the changing pressure of the hot groundwater system above Yellowstone's large magma reservoir. Also, Yellowstone National Park and the area immediately west of the Park are historically among the most seismically active areas in the Rocky Mountains. Small-magnitude earthquakes are common beneath the entire caldera, but most are located along the Hebgen Lake fault zone that extends into the northwest part of the caldera. A magnitude 7.5 earthquake occurred along this zone in 1959.

Yellowstone National Park was jostled by a host of small earthquakes for a third straight day on Monday, December 29th, and scientists watch closely to see whether the more than 250 tremors are a sign of something bigger to come. Swarms of small earthquakes happen frequently in Yellowstone, but it's very unusual for so many earthquakes to happen over several days, said Robert Smith, a professor of geophysics at the University of Utah.

"They're certainly not normal," Smith said. "We haven't had earthquakes in this energy or extent in many years."

Smith directs the Yellowstone Seismic Network, which operates seismic stations around the park. He said the quakes have ranged in strength from barely detectable to one of a magnitude 3.8 that happened Saturday. A magnitude 4 quake is capable of producing moderate damage, he indicated.

"This is an active volcanic and tectonic area, and these are the kinds of things we have to pay attention to," Smith said. "We might be seeing something precursory. Could it develop into a bigger fault or something related to hydrothermal activity? We don't know. That's what we're there to do, to monitor it for public safety."

The strongest of dozens of tremors Monday was a magnitude 3.3 quake shortly afternoon. All the quakes were centered beneath the northwest end of Yellowstone Lake. A park ranger based at the north end of the lake reported feeling nine quakes over a 24-hour period over the weekend, according to park spokeswoman Stacy Vallie. No damage was reported.

"There doesn't seem to be anything to be alarmed about," Vallie said. There is a great DVD available from the History Channel on the "Mega Disaster: Yellowstone Eruption." It presents the idea that one of America's best-loved parks may be the most geologically dangerous place in the nation. Mega Disasters explores the worst of what could happen. Stunning computer graphics and actual footage combine to create convincing pictures of the risks faced by U.S. cities. All of Yellowstone Park is the caldera of an ancient volcano that is likely to erupt again! Go to [www.history.com](http://www.history.com) to order.

Sources: United States Geological Survey Web Site <http://www.usgs.gov/> Various newspaper accounts

### **Sunshine News** - by Mari Takai Manley

- Evelyn Tryon went through her back surgery successfully. She is reportedly in good spirits and on her way to recovery. We wish her well.
- Warren Salchak has nearly completed his treatments of radiation and chemotherapy. We hope a good result is waiting for him. We wish him plenty of good luck!
- Helen Franks had successful thyroid surgery at a hospital. It was good to see her at our club house last Saturday. She feels recovered enough to go back to work this week. Please take care, Helen.
- Bob Flick completed his kidney treatment successfully at a hospital. We wish him a speedy recovery.

- Lynn Palmateer passed away peacefully during sleep at night. He was only 59 years old. We wish his wife Marian and her family our deepest sympathy.

### **BOBSERVATIONS** – by Robt. Spore

Looking out at the snow... the hateful, hateful snow, I'm reminded back to the first time I came to this club...It was in December of '91 and I had come seeking advice on tumbling stones (Even then my future was apparently laid out for me).

There I was, a callow youth and a freckle-faced boy (Did I mention I suffered from Multiple Personality Disorder?) looking for some simple guidance, but I never planned on joining the Club.

I've never been much into clubs. The only club I ever belonged to was the CYO (Catholic Youth Organization) in high school, and that chapter disbanded the year I became President, proving the physics law that for every action there is an equal and opposite reaction. And at one point I almost joined MENSA, but then thought better of it (On the Youngman Scale, that joke rates about a .3. Or a .2 if you're bucking a headwind). Oh, and I almost joined the Society for Creative Anachronism back in college, but if you think I'M weird, compared to those people, I'm as wild and zany as Zeppo Marx. So you see my experiences with clubs had never been very positive.

But as I began to attend meetings and learn the various disciplines (and one of the definitions of discipline is: *training and conditioning to achieve order*) I came to find that the shared love of the lapidary arts forged a bond between the club members. And the willingness to share knowledge, to pass on the skills and techniques, makes us more than a club. It makes us a family. And like a family, we're here to grow.

We all have our specialties we can teach (Well, except for me. I'm proof of the Woody Allen saying, "Those who can't do, teach. And those who can't teach, teach gym"). If you are willing to learn, then you will be taught. All that is asked is that you take what you've been taught and pass it on to others. Be a giver. Don't just be a taker.

Oh, and in our family, I've got dibs on the weird, yet extremely cool uncle.

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

This lapidary tip was passed on to me by Bob Flick:

Glass fillings in gemstones -There is a procedure that is used to fill fissures and openings in various gemstones, especially corundum. This procedure calls for covering the stones with a foreign substance such as borax, alumina or other materials before the heating. The heating process causes the add-ons to melt and they in turn, become liquid and fill in the fissures through capillary action.

Bye and see you next month!

### **MWF February Calendar of Events**

February

9: Lincoln NE. Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club, Inc. Geology Day. Pioneer Park Prairie Bldg, W Van Dorn & Coddington, Sun, 1:00 - 4:00 PM. CONTACT: Terry Anderson, 1113 County Rd. 2500, Wilber, NE 68465, (402) 826-1169.

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28-1: Roseville, MN. Anoka County Gem & Mineral Club Show. Har Mar Mall, 2100 Snelling Ave.; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 11-5; free admission; gems, minerals, jewelry, fossils, agates, collectibles; CONTACT Martha Miss, 8445 Grange Blvd., Cottage Grove, MN 55016, (651) 459-0343.