

## **Summit Gem Newsletter January 2007**

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### **Mission Statement**

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

### **Club Meeting: January 2nd at 7:30 PM**

*Membership: 130 paid members*

**Program: Micromounts**

### **President's Message** - by David Rich

Happy New Year rockhounds! I hope your holidays were spent with all your friends and family. This year SLC is going to rock out, with some fantastic happenings for everyone. April is going to be a very busy month. The 32nd Birthday Auction will be coming up at the beginning of the month, followed by the Gemboree, and our exciting trip to Arkansas is scheduled for April 30-May 6th. The trip sign-up list has been posted at the club.

We have a new vice president who has promised to work on getting interesting speakers for the year. Several classes are currently scheduled, see the club bulletin board for sign-up and details.

Our gem tree committee for the next year has been started. Mari is the chairwoman and we can use some help. I would like to see more club members helping out in some way towards this worthy cause. In fact I would like to see all club members doing something for the good of the club.

We have some boxes out for the Battered Womens' Shelter. We have boxes out for soldiers related to club members. The Mayor of Cuyahoga Falls asked me if we would do an Adopt-a-Spot garden for the city. What do you think? Is there someone who would like to head this up? How about a rock garden! I know everyone has a large rock in their yard that they could donate to this "rock garden." We also have access to a sand and gravel company, where we would be able to add to the pile. And this is just the first half of the year! So let this be the year that you help your club grow.

We have a good club. We have lots of really dedicated people. Let's all work to bring the world of rock to the young. The FRA Future Rockhounds of America is already set up with the national. All we have to do is sponsor the program. The Midwest Federation is having a fantastic meeting in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, in copper country. They are having field trip, and from what I have heard, one heck of a show to go along with the meeting. Everyone can go, we are all members of the federation. So the bottom line here folks, please get involved with our club in some way. This is the year we need you.

### **SLC Meeting Minutes December 5th 7th 2006** - submitted by Laura Thomas

Speaker Skeeter Kish. Meeting called to order by President David Rich.

Thank You to Speaker. Thank You Everyone – All Host Annual Christmas Cookie meeting!

Officers Votes in: President David Rich, Vice-President Maryann Rich, Treasurer Tom McLaughlin, Secretary Barbra Finnemore. Trustees to be appointed.

Board Report, David Rich: Tree was a big hit, sold for over \$300. Need a quarterback for next years tree – Mari is Chairman.

Visitors tonight Treasurer Tom McLaughlin gave state of the bank account.

Secretary : meeting notes passed out at the tables.

Sunshine: Cards going out: Pop Tryon is in the hospital. Bob Franks is feeling lots better.

Member Joel MacDonald has passed away.

Library, Mari: (2) books have been returned – were “checked out” since 1992!!

Website – lots of visitors, Bob Spore has uploaded some photos from summer.

Education Dave Mac. Looking for some Beginning Silver Instructors.

Gemboree Warren: Thanks to All – very successful show. Split is AMS 3500, SLC 7000 wow!

Safety Warren: Need a volunteer! New lighting downstairs. Fire extinguisher has been checked.

Tom Kramer has volunteered to head safety committee.

Machine Maintenance Frank Regan – new belt on the trim saw.

Trips-Sue Barnett – Mt. Ida, Arkansas, still planning.

Special Project Mari: we have sent (6) boxes to Club Soldier Kevin Powers – he has gained 10 pounds and is sharing all his goodies we’ve sent with his buddies and his locker is stuffed full.

Thank you everybody! If we have any other members with family in the service, please let us know, we’ll adopt another Club Soldier!

Special Project: We all make jewelry. There is an Auction on March 1<sup>st</sup>. Monies raised benefit the Battered Women’s Shelter. Please make a donation of jewelry you’ve made, put your name on it, a description of the piece and a suggested starting bid. Collection deadline is Mid February. Also, they accept old cell phones and cancelled stamps (fancy ones, not the day-to-day flags).

Christmas Party – Rosemary McLaughlin is collecting.

Meeting adjourned. Respectfully submitted, Laura Thomas Secretary

May I say I have enjoyed my tenure as your club Secretary! For 2006-2007 I’ve been elected Secretary for a professional organization – the Enrolled Agents of Greater Cleveland, a Chapter of the Ohio State Society of Enrolled Agents. It is twice the work and half the fun of SLC!!! I’ll be around! Happy New Year everybody!

### **GEMBOREE Report** - by Warren Salchak

As for the GEMBOREE report...Thanks for everyone’s help. We had 1800 people come to the show. I hope these folks come to the next show and bring a friend. I don’t what we did different, but I’ll just be happy they heard about us and came to check us out.

Most dealers seemed pleased, so that’s good. Both club treasurers have received the excess funds, with \$3500 going to Akron Mineral Society and \$7000 to the Summit Lapidary Club. Again I can’t say THANKS enough for a job well done by all.

Have a safe winter; see you in January weather permitting. Remember, we do not have a meeting if Cuyahoga Falls has a parking ban on.

### **Up-Coming Club Sponsored Trip** - by The Trip Czarina, Sue Barnett

Our trip to Mount Ida, Arkansas is scheduled to leave from Cuyahoga Falls on Monday April 30th and due back on Sunday May 6th. I have contracted with Anderson Bus Lines for a brand new coach and have also requested our Bancroft Canada driver, Glen Armstrong, to help us out and be our driver for this trip. I will be posting a trip sheet at January’s meeting, so if you cannot be at this meeting and want to attend the trip, give me a call at 330.928.11102 and I will see to it that your name gets on the list.

The rooms have not been contracted yet, so I do not have a firm price per person, but that should be available in the near future. I will be sure to keep everyone posted and get the pricing as quick as I can.

**SLC January 2007 Calendar**

Jan. 2007		Jan. 2007			Jan. 2007	
Sun	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	1 New Years Day	2 SLC Meeting 7:30PM	3	4	5	6 Social Saturday
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 Beginning Faceting 10AM
14 Beginning Faceting 10AM	15	16	17	18	19	20 Social Saturday
21	22	23	24	25	26	27 Social Saturday
28	29	30 Board Meeting 7:30PM Articles due	31	32	29	30 Social Saturday
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**January SLC Classes**

January 13 & 14 at 10AM Beginning Faceting with Dave Mac

**Highlights of the MWF News – November 2006** – submitted by Bob Powers

New MWF Endowment Fund Treasurer is Alan Hukill: Financial Advisor is Dennis Starbuck. Micromount Committee Chair Robert Beauvais is looking for assistants to make presentations. "Flintknapping" 45 minute video by expert Bruce Bradley is available upon request. Geology Report: Pluto is demoted from Planet status. Junior activities – Luster explained. Book Review – Amber, Golden Gem of the Ages. 4<sup>th</sup> edition updates and adds cultural aspects.

**Summit Lapidary Club Rules and Regulations** Rev. 12/3/91 - submitted by Bob Powers

1. All members will be properly instructed prior to operating any piece of equipment. The Executive Board will post instructors' names and phone numbers.
2. The operating and safety procedures will be posted in the vicinity of each machine. Members shall adhere strictly to these rules.
3. Members using the lower work area shall fill in the "sign-in" book as instructed.
4. Members using club equipment will be limited to four hours per week
5. The equipment shall not be operated when sanctioned meetings are in progress.
6. Entry doors shall be kept locked when members are working in the lower work areas.
7. Members shall leave the work areas in as clean or cleaner than when they started.
8. The last person to leave the building is responsible for turning off lights, fans, water, coffeepots, etc., and for closing fire doors and locking entry doors
9. All new members will receive a copy of these rules and a copy of the by-laws.
10. Alcoholic beverages are prohibited in the building.
11. Only paid-up members will be allowed to attend classes conducted in the building.
12. Smoking is prohibited in the building on the first Tuesday of the month or in the business meeting and during the program that follows.

13. The monthly dues from memberships, single and family, will be in the amount of \$4.00 per month.

### **Sunshine News** - by Pat Smeal

A wish for the New Year of 2007:

May YOUR days be brightened by the loving thoughts  
that this message brings, and may the angels  
brush away YOUR cares with gentle wings.

Remember to keep Bob Franks, Pop Tryon and our adopted soldier, Kevin Powers, in your thoughts -- and keep me posted with news this year!!

### **“BOBSERVATIONS”** - by Robt. Spore

#### **Santa: The Shocking Truth!**

So, I was listening to NPR on my way to work the other day and they were talking about the origins of Santa Claus. We all know about Saint Nicholas, right? Well, I always thought he was from Russia or Germany or some place that could have been considered northern or something, but the guy was from Turkey! Turkey! We're talking palm trees and the Mediterranean! When did the North Pole enter in?

And as far as I know, there aint that many reindeer south of Greece. And can you see this guy trying to get donkeys or camels to pull a sleigh through sand? Can you say, "Fat chance"?

Anyway, back then, he was an Archbishop in the Catholic Church. He wasn't a saint yet. Oh sure, he was probably a real nice guy and all, but how he became Santa Claus really has nothing to do with his sainthood. Or maybe it does. You figure it out.

It seems that there was this guy with three daughters, OK? He was a poor man and couldn't provide the girls with dowries so they could get married and so their only other option was to be sold into slavery.

Wow... Pretty draconian, don't you think?

*"I'm sorry daughter, but I have no money for your dowry, so how does life as a galley slave sound"*

*"Umm, dad? Isn't there some kind of middle ground we can explore?"*

*"Nope. We've already rented your room out to a goat herder from Ephesus."*

So, Saint...er Archbishop Nick hears about this and goes to the guy's house and tosses a bag of gold through the window, where it lands (you're going to LOVE this!) into a stocking that was hanging near the fireplace to dry! He shoots! He scores! Definitely NBA material. I can only imagine the young girl's relief.

*"Oh father! Now I won't have to be sold into slavery!"*

*"Who says the money's for you?"*

*"Daaaad... it was in MY stocking!"*

*"Shouldn't you be packing?"*

And then Saint...er... Archbishop Nicky does the same thing two more times!!!  
Bingo, Bango, Bongo, "Dank u, Sinter Klaus"! Pretty amazing, right?

I'm still trying to figure out the whole North Pole business, though.

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

Nothing to add, Bye and see you next month!