

Summit Gem Newsletter January 2011

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Mission Statement

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



Monthly Meeting: Tuesday, January 4th 7:00PM

Program: Election of Officers



Hosts: Requesting everyone to contribute. Bring something in to share!

Membership: 130 members

Dues: Joining fee \$25 then \$4 per month

January		January			January	
Sun	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri	Sat
						1 Happy New Year 2011
2 Beginning Silver bezel set pendant	3	4 SLC Meeting 7PM	5	6	7	8 Beginning Silver
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18 Bead Box Night	19	20	21	22
23	24	25 Board meeting	26	27	28	29 Facetor's meet

See sign-up sheets at the club for more information about the listed classes for the month.

No December meeting minutes – December meeting was cancelled and not rescheduled due to weather conditions

MetalSmithing Competition March 2011 – by Dave Macseoinin reprint from September 2010

The goals for this competition are:

- a. To raise the level of technical skill of the individual.
- b. To use all skills and talents in Jewelry Designing; line, shape, color, texture, function and all aspects of design.
- c. To prepare and individual for submitting jewelry pieces to National Competitions.

The Rules:

1. Open to Summit Lapidary Club members in good standing only!
2. Two (2) or more stones must be in the piece.
3. At least one of the stones must have been cut by you!
4. Only pieces completed within the last year, January 2010 to February 2011 can be submitted.
5. Any precious metal maybe used, even copper and brass!
6. Two levels: Beginners and Advance.
7. You may submit more than one piece.
8. Pieces must be submitted by February 15, 2011.
9. All submitted pieces must be in its' own box with a postcard size card with your contact information and any subject information, then put into its' own plastic zip bag.
10. Select pieces will be displayed at our Spring Gemboree.

Pieces will be judged after February 15, 2011. The presentation of award winners will be the entertainment for our March's meeting program. Competition Committee: Dave Macseoinin, David Rich, and John Kerr

Sunshine News - by Mari Takai-Manley

- Dorthea Flick was scheduled to have back surgery in mid December. I heard that the surgery at the St. Thomas Hospital was successful. Her recovery is very slow and she is going through a painful rehabilitation process. She is expected to come home soon when she completes the rehab. We pray for her good recovery.
- Bob Flick is also suffering from his back problem. He is going through injections for pain. He has one more injection to go. He and his wife have received loving support and care from their family. We wish a good result for his medical treatment.

BOBSERVATIONS - by Robert Spore

Things That Go Bump In the Night (Revisited)

I wrote, some time ago, about being at the club by myself and hearing the outer door shut and then not seeing anyone around. I even ran some tests to see if I could recreate the sound by shutting the sanding room door behind me and timing how long it took me to get from the downstairs up to the door to see if anyone could have driven or walked away before I went outside. Both tests were inconclusive. And being the empiricist I am, I brushed the experience off as most probably just my imagination. But it's happened again.

The last few weeks I've been going down to the club to do some cabbing work on various weekdays. I've been going when there's little chance of running into any other club members mainly because my cabbing skills have become practically non-existent through lack of use. I'm aware of this and having it said, "Wow... you stink" to my face is something I get enough of... practically everywhere else.

So, two weeks ago, on a snowy day, I was down at the club, standing in the sanding room and I distinctly heard the outside door shut. I called out and when there was no answer, I ran upstairs. No one was in the main room and when I opened the door... my footprints were the only ones in the snow. (*Cue eerie music*).

Then on Monday, Dec 20th, I was back working downstairs around mid-morning and as I walked from the saw room towards the sanding room I heard the front door shut again. I immediately ran for the stairs, but stopped at the

bottom because the motion-operated entry light was not on. No one could have entered or left without triggering that light. But I know what I heard.

And today, Dec. 27th, I was back downstairs, drying my hands in the sanding room when I heard the door shut solidly again. Calmly I walked towards the stairs when I saw a figure of such hideousness, so blood curdling in it's demeanor, that I grabbed a broom which was leaning against the wall by the sign-in book and began poking the... thing while shouting ...

“BACK VILE DEMON FROM THE OUTER DARKNESS! BACK INHUMAN SIMULCRUM FROM HELL’S VERY GATES!”

And it shouted back, “Bob! What do you think you’re doing??? It’s me, Tim!!!”

“...Tim? Yes! Tim!”

“BACK UNHOLY SPECTRE! BACK INTO THE DARKNESS FROM WHENCE YOU CAME!!”

Okay, that last part is a lie. Tim didn’t stop by and if he’d had, I would have welcomed him and offered to make him a cup of coffee. But everything else is just as I experienced it.

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

- I heard the Christmas party was an evening of great company, fun, food and cheer! I was unable to attend ☹ ... (it was my weekend to work.) Special thanks to Dave and Mary Ann Rich for all their time and effort with the Christmas Party. Planning and hosting a large group of people can be trying. Also, thanking Ted Maringer, who handled the wine stopper gift favor, the stoppers are practical and beautiful to boot!
- As we all already experienced ...Winter is here! Please be mindful on meeting night of the weather conditions in Cuyahoga Falls. Call the Cuyahoga Falls Police Department at 330-928-2181 to find out if there is a parking ban in effect. Parking Bans cancel the business meeting and hopefully it can be rescheduled the following Tuesday if the weather allows.
- The club is requesting volunteers for hosting our monthly business meetings. This job is really not that difficult ...make coffee...shop a little at Marc’s or such for some goodies (what you buy is up to you) and when the meeting is finished clean up. Grab and friend and do the job together. The club provides the coffee, cups and plates. There will be a sign-up sheet for volunteers at our up-coming January meeting.

No more to add and see you next month!

MWF Calendar of Events

22: LINCOLN, NE, Annual Mid-winter Swap, Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club, Inc, Bethany Park Shelter HouseCotner & Vine Sts, Sat 1:00-5:00, Contact Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club, PO Box 5342, Lincoln, NE 68505, jna@inetnebr.com