

Summit Gem Newsletter June 2006

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Mission Statement

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

Club Meeting: June 6th at 7:30 PM

President's Message - by David Rich

Hi Rockhounds! It is 85 degrees and summer is here. This will be our last meeting until September 5th. You can check out the web site for additional happenings in the summer.

I have been very busy representing SLC at the MWF convention in Springfield, MI. I represented our club at the Presidents Council and later on as the SLC Delegate to the convention. At the Presidents Council Meeting some of the topics discussed were ways to help clubs grow. Each president was given time to do a little bragging about their club. I talked about our commitment to the Children's Hospital tree fund raiser. Other clubs have huge success rates with juniors. Still other clubs have grand field trips.

At the Delegate Meeting we changed some by-laws to allow more of an access to the MWF newsletter. We also followed up from the Presidents Council meeting on ways the MWF can better serve the clubs. On Saturday evening the MWF had there Awards Banquet and this was attended by at least 90 members. The convention is always paired up with a show. This show had several competitive cases and each case was judged. Just a note, competitive cases are judged against itself not against each other. You can go to our web site and click on the MWF link and go to the uniform rules. There allot of categories you can enter your case into.

The AMFS national show will be held in Nashville, TN Aug 18th -20th. There is still time to enter your case. These conventions are a great place to meet new persons who are just as passionate about the hobby as you are. Have a nice summer and a safe time in all those field trips. David

SLC Meeting Minutes - submitted by Helen Franks

The meeting was called to order by President David Rick at 7:30pm, May 2, 2006.

Treasurer's report: Opening balance as of 5/1/06 - \$4,468.05.

April Income - \$1046.25

April Expenditures - \$970.26

Balance - \$4544.04

Education/classes: The Mine Safety Class has been cancelled.

Channel Inlay class in June. There are prerequisites for this class.

May 27th at 1:00 pm is a Teardrop Bracelet class given by Sue Barnhart.

Sunshine: Laura Thomas is recovering from hip replacement surgery. Sue Barnett is recovering from foot surgery. It was reported that the son-in-law of the owner of V-Rock shop passed away.

Library: Mari showed a new book that has been added to the library, "Masterpieces of the Mineral World". Mari also reported that 5 of the missing books have re-appeared. However, there are still 50 books still missing.

Newsletter: Pat passed around a list of videos that are available for our meetings.

Website: Dave Rich reported that 35,000 people from all over the world have already visited our new

website. He reminded the members that they can take a full page ad on the website for \$20.00/half year to sell/promote their work, used equipment, rough, etc.

Safety: Warren reminded everyone to use safety glasses when using any of the equipment downstairs.

GEMBOREE: Warren thanked everyone who worked on the GEMBOREE and said attendees were very close to last year. Totals are still being worked out. The next GEMBOREE is October 28th and 29th

Maintenance: Frank reported on machine maintenance. We have a new grinding wheel. All machines are now numbered so if there is a problem, please indicate which machine by its number.

Trips: MGAGS Trip is leaving at 8 AM on June 9th. Please arrive at 7:45 AM. Eric asked if non members were covered by our liability insurance at shows and on trips. It was reported that they are. The 39th Annual Rock Swap in Flint Ridge is this Memorial Day weekend beginning Friday May 26th.

History: Skeeter and Joyce asked for any pictures, flyers or documents to be put in boxes and labeled for each club.

With no further business, meeting was adjourned. Respectfully Submitted, Helen Franks

June Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 Silver Inlay
4	5	6 SLC Meeting 7:30PM	7	8	9 MGAGS Trip	10 MGAGS Trip
11 MGAGS Trip	12	13	14	15	16	17 Social Sat.
18 Father's Day	19	20	21	22	23	24 Social Sat.
25	26	27	28	29	30	

Classes: Just a reminder – Classes taught by SLC members are free. There maybe a cost for supplies.

June 3rd Saturday - Silver Inlay with Bob Flick

Chicago Trip - July 21, 22, 23 - by Jane Czeciuk

Included in the trip is Tommy Gunn's dinner theatre. I need to have meal choice from the following selections:

- 1). Prime Rib 2) Meat Lasagna 3) Meatless Lasagna 4) White Fish 5) Boneless Breast of Chicken w/ Lemon Herb Sauce. Please give me your choice by e-mail at janezcz@neo.rr.com , or leave a message at 330-882-2679.

Please be at the NW corner of the Public Parking lot on Front St., Cuyahoga Falls, across from the Sheraton Hotel, at 6:45 AM on July 21st. The bus will depart at 7:00 AM!

Everyone on the waiting list is going on the trip. There are cancellation fees involved now. If anyone would like to be put on the waiting list or has any questions please call Jane Czeciuk. (I will be unavailable 6/6 to 6/18.)

Marketing & Sales - by Warren Salchak

Recently a small group of us got together and held a jewelry show at my home. I did it for the purpose of selling some items to the ladies I worked with at FirstMerit Bank.

I invited about 25 people; only 10 showed up. (This is kind of like our Gem show, send out a couple thousand flyers and get 1500 people.) I knew I didn't have enough jewelry so I asked Debbie Strickler, Helen Franks, and a lady I have known for 25 years, Barbara Finnemore, to sell some of their jewelry too.

We all sold something and satisfied the ladies that have been getting after me since I left. My sole point in telling you all this background is to ask how many folks, crafters of your own hobby or interest, would like to get together and have a Craft/Jewelry/Beading Stitchery Sale? I understand there is a building we could rent really reasonable. If you are interested, I would like to hear some feedback on this endeavor. Call me at 330-928-0181 or e-mail me at lapidary1@neo.rr.com

MGAS Trip Update - by Sue Barnett

The MGAGS field trip is just around the corner. All money is due now; payable to either myself or Tom McLaughlin.

For Summit Lap club members wishing to share a room, \$75.00 per person
For Summit Lap club members who want a single room \$125.00
For non-club members wishing to share a room \$125.00 per person
For non-club members who want a single room \$150.00

Itinerary for MGAGS Trip, Saginaw, Michigan June 9th -11th

Friday, June 9th

Departure will be at 8 AM sharp from our usual location, the public parking lot across the street from the Cuyahoga Falls Sheraton, located at 1989 Front St. Please park to the back corner of the lot closest to 2nd St. and Falls Ave.. Please plan to arrive by 7:45 AM or earlier so that you have plenty of time to load your luggage before the bus departs from Cuyahoga Falls.

Driving time will be a minimum of 4 ½ hours. We will be making food and/or comfort stops along the way to Saginaw. You will be staying at the Comfort Suites in Saginaw Mi. They are located at 5180 Fashion Square Blvd. The hotel phone number is 989-797-8000. A continental breakfast is provided by the hotel and there is a very nice indoor pool. There are many restaurants nearby within walking distance and shopping. This is where Laura and Wendy stayed last year when they attended the MGAGS weekend, so either one of them can give you some tips on the area.

Saturday, June 10th

Please be ready to board the bus at 8:30 AM, as the MGAGS seminar begins at 9 AM. Light snacks only are available at the school, so you may want to bring your own lunch. The seminar ends at 5 PM. The bus will return you to the hotel and dinner will be on your own.

Sunday, June 11th

Please be ready for check out from the hotel when you leave in the morning for the seminar, as you will be departing for Cuyahoga Falls from MGAGS. You will not be returning to the hotel on Sunday. Also, departure time may differ from this itinerary, so pay attention to your group leader before getting off the bus that morning. They will give final instruction for time of departure.

Should the group decide to leave by 3 PM, allowing 4 ½ hours for driving and 1 ½ hours for comfort/food stops, you should be back in Cuyahoga Falls at the Sheraton about 9 PM.

Have lots of fun and bring back and share some of what you have learned! Czarina Sue Barnett

The Sunshine News - by Pat Smeal

A little bird told us that Art and Carolyn Dumke are celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary -- CONGRATULATIONS from all of us!!

- Chuck Burlingame is home from the hospital -- we wish him a speedy recovery.
- Frank Regan was undergoing some tests - keep him in your thoughts too.
- Sue Barnett and Laura Thomas are doing great after their surgeries.
- Remember to keep our "special" folks (Bob Franks and Pop Tryon) in your thoughts this Summer.

WISHING YOU ALL! "A Summer filled with fun things to do and good health ...and may today hold for YOU, All Things Beautiful!"

"BOBSERVATIONS" - by Robt. Spore

(Now with 40% more bran!) I fear I've lost my mojo.

You all know me as a fairly competent faceter. I mean, sure, occasionally some of my modifications work about as well as a Las Vegas toupee (and look comparable), but I'm not too bad, right?

But since I've upgraded my machine, I've been having problems. Problems I can't contribute to the machine. Of the three stones I've cut, one had a sloppy transfer, another had a transfer so abysmally shoddy that I stopped cutting it, and a piece of synthetic ruby I recently finished had an entirely made up crown because I confused the girdle facet angles with the mains. Come on! That's a rookie mistake!

Some gentle soul suggested that maybe the new machine had a learning curve to it. If so, the curve is so acute, it's formed itself into a Mobius Strip! A two dimensional figure existing in a three dimensional universe, continuing around and around it's self-contained loop, inside, then outside, then back again repeating itself over and over and... whoa... I just made myself dizzy...

Now I'm working on an Emerald cut that has a ... slightly modified pavilion because, even though I followed the directions EXACTLY, the end mains didn't to what they were supposed to do. I hates them! Perhaps it's a conspiracy.

I'm looking at the stone right now (*Looks at stone so he's not lying*) and I'm ready to start on the crown and I wonder if the transfer is good. I wonder if the stone will fly off the dop. I wonder what to make for dinner tomorrow night. But I digress...

I hope everyone had a good time down at Flint Ridge. I also hope that someone was nice enough to bring me some flint for the tumblers. It's not that we don't have flint here, but you can never have too much. Flint, that is.

The picnic is next month, something I always look forward to. Specifically watching the cooks attempt to create a working nuclear device with just charcoal briquettes and lighter fluid. As Great Aunt Ruth used to say, "It's only funny until someone gets hurt... then it's hilarious".

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

This kind of wraps up another SLC season for the newsletter. The next Summit Gem issue should be in your mailbox around Sept 1st. A BIG THANK YOU!, goes out to all of our club's regular columnists and reporters. Wow! This little newsletter sounds like a real newspaper doesn't it? I think so! It takes time and an exercise of your mental abilities to get off your couch and come up with a monthly column. Please try and personally thank the people who write this newsletter.

Bye and see you in September!