

## **Summit Gem Newsletter May 2007**

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### **Mission Statement**

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

**Notice: No Formal Club Meeting For May. Why??? Most members are on the Arkansas Trip.**

*Membership: 130 paid members*

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

We all have to wear safety glasses at the club. I might have to require safety belts too, if we keep up our lightning pace. This weekend is the Gemboree, by far the most important event, and the club needs your help. All club members must work at the Gemboree to be members in good standing. I am asking some of the old timers to look around our club and help our new members to feel welcome. Old timers were once new club members, and I know for a fact that when we came to the club, we were made to feel welcome. Remember our mission statement.

If I leave an activity out in the next few lines, don't tell me what I forgot to mention, help me out! Get the news to the newsletter chief editor, Pat Powers. I am sure she will help you get your information to the club. Pat does a wonderful job.

We had another highly successful auction. There were some very nice donations made and some extremely generous bidders. The SLC board would like to thank all who donated or purchased. The board is going to use this money to promote Future Rockhounds of America by having a world- wide poster contest, and secondly to modify the web site for greater security.

Future Rockhounds is a program sponsored by the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies. SLC is going to sponsor a youth club here. The FRA will have a table set up at the show with all the details of the contest.

Have you stopped into the club recently? It's a hive of activity. Mari and the Christmas tree gang are busily gluing away. There are silver classes, jewelry classes, and sphere machine goings-on. There are new members learning to cab.

Do you here strange sounds coming from below? It's the building committee doing repairs. There is modern safety equipment being installed even as I write. Thank you to all the active club members for sharing your time and talents, you are what make this such a great club to join!

**SLC Meeting Minutes April 3rd 2007** – submitted by Barbra Finnemore

Thanks to all who brought in items for the auction.

Guests: none

New Members: Sylvia Bell, Steve Farhat, John Height, Bill James, Steve Staggs, Jaime Box....Welcome new members.

**Reports**

Treasurer Warren is sitting in for Tom....all is good.

President Emily is President of Future Rockhounds of America. She will have a table at the Gemboree with a banner. A poster contest will be advertised with the winner to be announced at the fall Gemboree....prizes awarded.

Sunshine Pat sent a card around for Marvel

Library Mari reports we received new books

Newsletter No report

Website David reports we are updating the website with funds from the auction

Education Dave M. reported on next classes. People who took classes should bring in items to be displayed at the show. Put them in a baggie with your name and give to Warren or Susan Barnett.

Safety Al reports that safety lighting for the hallway has been installed. Before boarding the bus, all must have the medical form in. Leather gloves will be available for \$1.00 a pair.

Property Maintenance Be careful on the steps....repair work is in progress.

Trips We're going to Arkansas!!!!

Announcements Evelyn asked that we order tools soon so they can be in for the Gemboree. Tim reports that the hall closet downstairs was unlocked again.

Gemboree Warren reports that there are still spots to be filled on the sign up sheets. Bagging of rocks will take place on 4/21 @ 9:30. A large sign will be put up at Emidio's. A volunteer is needed to iron ribbons....Carolyn Davis will take over the fall show .....We need someone to work with Evelyn for the spring show on how to handle advertising.

TO BE A GOOD MEMBER, YOU SHOULD WORK AT THE SHOW....IT IS THE RIGHT AND PROPER THING TO DO TO HELP SUPPORT OUR CLUB

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Larry and 2<sup>nd</sup> ....by Sue B.

**Auction News**

The auction was a huge success. We made more this year than we did last year. It ran into late hours so it was decided to continue the auction when we return from the trip.

A big thank you to everyone who brought in and/or bought items.

The next meeting will take place in Arkansas.

Respectfully submitted, Barbra Finnemore (wish I was going on the Arkansas Trip)

May		May			May	
Sun	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5 Social Saturday
6	7	8	9	10	11	12 Necklace9AM Teardrop Bracelet 1PM
13 Happy Mother's Day	14	15	16	17	18	19 Social Saturday
20	21	22	23	24	25	26 Social Saturday
27	28	29 Board meeting 7:30PM	30	31		

Sign up sheets for SLC Classes are posted at the club. Class instruction by SLC members are free; there may be a fee for supplies.

### **GEMBOREE News** – by Warren Salchak

I was asked to prepare an article for the newsletter. Since, this is prior to the show; all I can do is speculate that everything will go as planned. Our club has always put on an excellent Show, so I can't see how this would be any different.

As most of you know, a group from the club will be leaving on Monday morning following the show for a trip to Mt. Ida. Arkansas. The club members not going I'm sure will still meet on Tuesday for a social evening, and I assume on Saturday as well to work on projects.

When all of the Gemboree expenses are submitted and funds distributed, there will be a complete report given about the Show. And if I see or hear of special note worthy comments, or stories I'll be sure and share those with the group.

As of today, I have heard from three different groups coming in from Pittsburg PA. I said I felt for sure we could meet all their request. I did have one dealer ask if they could bring their dog to the Show. I had to say no, for different reason. All I could think of the next dealer wanting to bring in a Cockatiel (Exotic Bird).

Thanks again folks for all the work and effort extended.

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

- Marvel was hospitalized lately, we hope she is feeling better...keep those cards going to her!!
- Neil Blood has major stomach problems - keep him in your thoughts and prayers.
- Art Andrews has an ear infection -----hope you are feeling better; you've gotta get that cleared up before the Arkansas trip!
- Carl Fry's broken bones are healing -- but it is a slow process...drop him a card at his home address and Priscilla will deliver it personally!
- Bob Franks -- he's our amazing, inspirational rock hound....what more can we say!
- Suzie Elderkin will be having knee surgery on May 7th --Good Luck Suzie!!

- Kevin Powers (son of Bob & Pat) and John Cutlip (Art & Shirley's grandson) are getting care packages from Lapidary and Mineral clubs --as well as our best wishes and prayers for their safety and well being.

TIDBIT: Learn from yesterday, Live for today;  
Hope for tomorrow.....And enjoy life along the way!

### “BOBSERVATIONS” - by Robt. Spore

#### **After Action Report!...(Before the Action)**

(Because of the deadline of the Newsletter, I'm doing my Gemboree report on the Spring Show, a week before the show actually occurred)

All I can say is, “Wow”! The Spring '07 Gemboree was unbelievable! So many exciting things happened, I don't know where to start – but that's never stopped me before, so here goes...

First off, I want to praise the Falls Police for busting up that gang of 6 year olds who were using the Gem Mine to launder money. What's wrong with kids today, anyway? Personally, I blame society.

Next, Warren getting hold of the microphone and doing a tribute to recently departed Hawaiian crooner Don Ho, was very special. Warren's rendition of “Tiny Bubbles” didn't leave a dry eye in the house... or that might have been due to the new Kid's Craft, **Onion Carving**, which for some reason, wasn't a big hit. I thought everybody loved Vidalias.

Everyone was curious when Jim Shoffner and Tim Antes dragged in that big old washtub and filled it with water, but who could have guessed they'd come up with “**Bobbing for Geodes**”? And as all the victims... er... contestants were successfully resuscitated, we can look forward to it again in the fall.

Another stroke of brilliance came from Russ Green by turning the Silent Auction into a **Blind Auction**! Seeing all those people clustered around the tables, wearing those blindfolds, like they used to on “What's My Line” identifying possible purchases by feel alone was quite interesting. Evelyn tells me they still have several potted cacti and one slightly shopworn, feral porcupine if anyone's interested.

On a serious note, I'd like to thank Wally and Oma, Art and Carolyn, and Cheryl for picking up all sorts of cool specialty rocks for the Gem Mine. Without their help, I probably would have had to resort to using my own driveway gravel in the bags.  
Can you say, “Bad idea”?

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

Hmmm... my comments following Bobservations ...Bob Spore you are a funny, crazy person. Your monthly column always cracks me up. But I must say...This is TOPS... Thank you Bobservations, for always being “Bobservations”.

Have you all noticed the “Popular Mineralogy” insert. This is a free trial issue offered by Andrew A. Sicree PH.D., a professional mineralogist. He is offering his publication to the club for \$99 for a 12-month service. The price, I think is little steep, but if you want it to be part of our newsletter we can vote on it at the June meeting.

Bye and see you next month!