

Summit Gem Newsletter June 2009

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Mission Statement

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



Monthly Meeting: June 2nd at 7:00PM
Program: Leaded Class Design with Joe Spohn



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

President's Message - by Ted Maringer

If you attended the May Member Meeting you already know about the new SLC Key Policy. If you have any questions after reading the policy don't hesitate to ask an Executive Board Member for clarification.

Chris York has again donated many of her lapidary supplies to our club. The supplies were inventoried by David and Mari in preparation for the "Chris York Auction" on Tuesday, June 30th at 7:00 PM. If you have any questions contact David or Mari.

The Junior Geo Committee is still looking for a few good volunteers. If you're interested in getting involved please contact, Greg Dojlidko.

Have a great summer and happy "Rock Hounding!" With Gratitude - Ted Maringer, President

Vice President's Message – by Greg Dojlidko

Our speaker for the June meeting is Joe Spohn which owns Leaded Glass Design, located in Wadsworth Ohio & Cuyahoga Falls.

They do an amazing job doing stain glass, hot glass, and warm glass.

I also would like to inform all club members about how RIO GRANDE will offer PMC certification course on AUGUST 22-24 of 2009, which is located in Chagrin Falls.

May 5th Meeting Minutes - Respectfully submitted by Laura Thomas

President Ted Maringer called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm. Welcome to Friends & Guests Shameen Ahmed and Denise (sorry did not catch). Thank You Hosts David and Mary Ann Rich. Speaker Tammy Lang – Precious Metal Clay.

Treasurers Report –Tom McLaughlin gave the state of the treasury, detailed expenditures.

Secretary, Laura Thomas has minutes typed and distributed.

Geo Juniors, Greg – Anyone interested in helping, see Greg or John Tryon. Good representation at Gemboree had about 20 new sign-up/interested. If we foster this group, it can really grow, have had a couple of really good meetings. Barb Whims to step down by the fall.

Education, Dave Mac: Upcoming classes: Rosary style chain May 9 Laura, Chain maille May 12 Drake, Beginning Faceting June 6+7 Dave Mac, Beginning Silver June 20 Dave Mac

Library, Mari: Copied a book for Gem Trees.

Sunshine, Mari – Evelyn Tryon Surgery May 19, Warren doing well! Bob Flick also doing well and present tonight! Also, Good stuff in the sunshine – a couple members to become new grandparents this year. Sue Paserba present & looking well!

Newsletter, Bob Powers-mailed. Bob also mentioned display case for upcoming show for Parma Lapidary Club.

Property Frank: changing oil in machines Saturday, Sue Shoffner want to clean carpet & scrub floors, talked about doing this in the fall, everyone’s been doing a good job of using the saws – working well. Siding is still off the east side of the building.

Trips – June 12-13-14 MGAGS – Michigan – Payment due June 2nd meeting
 North Carolina July 30-Aug 2nd. Member mentioned the best buys are found at the outdoor gem show at Grassy Creek – Saturday night Fire dept has a pulled pork dinner. Planning to run a circuit with the bus to mines and show.

Website David Rich: FRA/Geo Juniors will get a webpage, Online Gemboree still has space.

Gemboree, Warren – thanks everybody! 1,586 attendees!!!

Unfinished business Key policy is finished & distributed to those present. Motion to accept & seconded. Bylaws- see Ted for your copy

Meeting adjourned - Respectfully submitted, Laura Thomas, Secretary

June		June			June	
Sun	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	1	2 SLC Meeting at 7:00PM	3	4	5	6 Beg. Faceting
7 Beg. Faceting	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 Happy Father's Day	15	16	17	18	19	20 Beg. Silver
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30 Board Meeting				

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 CLUBHOUSE KEY POLICY

No club member, by virtue of membership alone, has an entitlement to a clubhouse key. In order for the Summit Lapidary Club, Inc. to maintain a safe and secure clubhouse for its members, the issuance of keys are subject to the following rules effective May1, 2009.

All keys to the Summit Lapidary Clubhouse remain the property of the Summit Lapidary Club, Inc.

at all times. Any new club member desiring a clubhouse key must first meet the following standards:

- The member must be properly trained and certified on the use of the lapidary equipment regardless of prior understanding before joining the club.
- The member is required to work a minimum of four hours at a club Gemboree.

When the member has completed the aforementioned requirements they must submit a written request to the Executive Board for consideration. Key requests will be addressed at the next scheduled Executive Board Meeting. Requests for a key will not be considered at a general meeting of the membership. A decision on the request will be made within thirty days from the date it is presented to the Executive Board. Keys may be issued or denied to a member, at the sole discretion of the Executive Board. A member denied a key may renew a request thirty days after denial.

The Executive Board may ask for the return of a key at any time. Failure to return a key immediately upon request will result in expulsion from the club. The Executive Board may change the locks of the clubhouse and issue new keys, at any time they deem necessary.

**SUMMIT LAPIDARY & AKRON MINERAL TRIP
FRI/SAT/SUNDAY, JUNE 12,13,14, 2009**

Saturday & Sunday: 35th ANNUAL ROCKHOUND SEMINAR MIDWEST FACETER'S GUILD SEMINAR

COST IS \$90 PER PERSON – COVERS BUS, HOTEL*, MGAGS & MUSEUM ENTRY FEES.

*This price is based upon (2) persons per room

PAYMENT DUE TUESDAY, JUNE 2ND MEETING.

MGAGS CLASSES:

Flintknapping...Jewelry Designs-Dichroic & Fused Glass Setting Faceted Stones Fused/Dichroic Glass Workshop...Lampwork Bead making...Enamel Beadmaking...Silver Metal Clay Demo... Intro to Silver Metal Clay Workshop...Intro to Silversmithing, Soldering Hands-On-Cabochon Setting/Pendant in Silver..."Smashing Metals"...Basic Forging Hands On Stone Polishing... Beginning and Intermediate Wire-Wrap workshop with Alice Turner Spool Knit Demo w/Grit Turner... Rock Tumbling How To's...Seed Bead Bracelet... Gem Pictures...Slate Carving...Intro to Fossils...Agates, Managing your Collection (!)...Littlest Fossil Collectors...Fossils at Hungry Hollow Twisted Rope Bracelet...Beginning Beadstringing...Pearl Knotting...Rosary Links Charm Bracelet & Earrings Faceting Demos...Gem Trees...Ear "snake"... MORE CLASSES ARE BEING ADDED !!

FACETING SEMINAR COURSES: Intro to Faceting, Open Faceting – Bring gemstone, diagram and your own machine, GEM CAD. Many Talented Advanced and Master Faceters on hand!!

Friday: Stop at Cabella's for Breakfast, **University of Michigan Exhibit Museum** Collection of rocks, minerals, gems & fossils and **Special Exhibit – Casting Tradition: Contemporary Brassworking in Ghana**. The tradition of lost-wax casting has been practiced by the Akan people of Ghana for at least 500 years. The exhibit features over 50 brass objects commissioned from the metalworkers of the town of Krofrom, including pendants, beads, boxes, bowls and other objects...and displays representing casting process from start to finish.

Best Western, Fowlerville, Michigan, Free Breakfast included.

Dinner Saturday night is with the Seminar you attend

MGAGS is Catered on-site (\$15) / Faceter's is Offsite

Taking orders each morning for Subway box lunches at the school/seminar site.

Check it out!!! www.mgags.org www.midwestfacetersguild.org

North Carolina Trip, July 30th-August 2nd

Ok, we have an itinerary for the North Carolina trip at long last. We leave early Thursday morning, travel to Western North Carolina. We are staying at the Comfort Inn, Marion, NC. Free breakfast is included, hotel has a pool/hot tub.

Itinerary:

Both Friday and Saturday, the 52nd Annual North Carolina Mineral & Gem Festival in Spruce Pine, 10am to 6pm. There is an indoor show at the Pinebridge Coliseum and the Grassy Creek Gem show is outdoors.

“Get-dirty Mining” with rock hammers, buckets, keep whatever you find.

Friday: Brushy Creek Aquamarine Mine, our group has a reservation from 10am to 2pm. Hammers, buckets are provided, bring your own safety glasses and gloves. Mine for aquamarine, garnet, and golden beryl, amethyst, and sapphire.

Saturday: Crabtree Emerald Mine, bring your own rock hammers, buckets, glasses, gloves. We have arranged for our group to mine this private site, a release form is required of each person on the property, whether they are mining or not. This is a rough site meaning no bathroom facilities or concessions-bring lunch/water. This site is maintained by a rockhounding group for the owners.

“Buy-a-bucket of rich mine ore, see what you find when you sluice it out!”

Friday: Gem Mountain Gemstone Mine in Spruce Pine.

Saturday: The Emerald Mine of Little Switzerland.

The bus will drop everybody at the destination they choose in the morning. For those that would like to mine in the morning, then about 2:30 when they are done at Brushy Creek, or the other mines, the bus can drop you off in Spruce Pine to check out the Gem shows. Pick up around 6:30 to return to hotel. We are assured by the Comfort Inn folks that there are plenty of restaurants around the hotel site to choose from. On other trips, it worked out well when the bus dropped groups off at the different restaurants, swung back around to pick everybody up. There is a Wal-Mart in Spruce Pine, if folks want to stop and pick up groceries, snacks, sunscreen, we can stop there too on the way down Thursday night. Bring board/card games for entertainment in the evenings after dinner, swimsuits to soak sore bones in the hot tub. Each member of the group can indicate their preference for the next day's activities the night before.

Trip cost is \$150 per person, based on (2) per room. This covers the bus and the hotel. Mine/bucket fees and meals (remember breakfast is free at hotel) are the responsibility of the member. Payment should be made to Summit Lapidary Club and paid to Laura Thomas by June 30 in order to have an accurate count to finalize hotel. All of the mines named and the gem shows can be found on the internet for more details. Hope to see you all there! Any questions?? Contact Laura Thomas 330-630-8115.

Words of Caution submitted by John Wright, RPG Conservation and Legislation Chair article taken from June 2009 AFMS Newsletter

If you plan on visiting the National Forest be aware that you cannot trust the information on their “web sites” or in their brochures as Forest Service law enforcement officers use a different set of rules, regulations, and interpretations than the ones published.

These inconsistencies are probably the result of poor coordination within the departments of the National Forest and if you have ever attended any of the public forums they conduct, you know just how poorly organized they are. Unfortunately, Forest

Service officials and Federal Judges invariably side with the law enforcement officers no matter how inconsistent or corrupt the circumstances may be. Dick Pankey, President of ALAA , informed me of a pending case which is very typical of what can happen that occurred in the Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests located in northern Georgia. The victims in this case are Dr. Madden, MD, and his fiancé, who were rock-hounding in compliance with the Forest Service directives, but criminally charged any way. I believe this is an important enough example that all of our members should be made aware of the problems they could encounter when visiting in "our" National Forests. Permission was granted by the victim, Dr. Madden, to use his very well written account of the circumstances, which unfortunately is very typical of a number of other similar cases being adjudicated in the SFMS area at the present time.

E-Mail received from Dick Pankey:

A couple of weeks ago I received this article. It was written by a rockhound from Georgia. He first contacted me in early February. We have exchanged e-mails, had telephone conversations and he has provided me with other information regarding collecting in Georgia National Forests and the charges against him and his fiancé. I have begun collecting rock hounding/collecting regulations and information from BLM and FS offices around the country. So far much of the information is sketchy and vague. Written regulation and pamphlets most often don't exist. What I have found out is that although the laws allows for collecting on BLM and FS land each district can establish their own management plan based on their interpretation of the law and the ranger/enforcement officer enforces the management plan based upon their interpretation. And these vary widely! So we have undocumented, inconsistent regulations, enforced by people based upon their ideas and agendas, so THIS CAN HAPPEN TO YOU.

Dick Pankey, President, ALAA

THIS CAN HAPPEN TO YOU

On November 1, 2008, my fiancé, Dori, and I were criminally charged with collecting Staurolites on U.S. Forest Service land. Local collectors have been going to this location to collect Staurolites for over 30 years. Our friends, Tonya and Barry, informed us of the location in Blue Ridge. We visited this area four (4) times in the summer and fall of 2008. The Staurolites we found on the surface were mostly poor quality. However, just a few inches under the surface using a scraper we found much better quality ones. We used hand tools including a scraper and a small pick. I feel we were very careful not to damage the site. We did not dig more than 6 or 7 inches and completely filled in our holes and raked the dirt to ensure the site looked undisturbed.

On November 1, 2008 Officer Mike Tipton of the USFS approached us. We did not attempt to hide ourselves because we had no idea we were doing anything wrong. He stated he had set up a video camera at the site and had been watching us. This was very alarming to us. I assured him if he had approached us that first time and explained that the Forest Service did not wish us to collect here, we would have politely left and never returned. He will attest to the fact that we were cooperative. He even complimented us stating we were "not like most of the individuals he deals with." Officer Tipton approached us and asked us what we were looking for. We told him we were looking for Staurolites. He did not know what Staurolites were, but informed us we needed a mining permit to dig for any type of mineral. He told us any Staurolites we find are government property. Next he confiscated our scraping tools, knap sack and bucket. He separated us and read me my Miranda rights. At this point he asked me if I would allow federal agents to search my home in Rome for any other federal property. When I said "no" my interview was over.

Evidently he tried to obtain a search warrant, but was unsuccessful. Officer Tipton repeatedly inquired as to whether we sold rocks. I told him I have never sold minerals and Staurolites have only intrinsic value. In the past there have been locations in Blue Ridge (Hackney Farm) that have allowed individuals to collect a bucket of them for \$5.00.

On January 11, 2009, Officer Tipton gave us a courtesy call. He stated we are being charged criminally with 261.9(a) destroying a natural feature or property of the United States (\$250.00 fine) and 261.9(b) removing a natural feature or property of the United States (\$250.00 fine). These are criminal misdemeanor offenses and can result in a criminal record. I strongly feel the section we are being charged under is both vague and does not address the important point that we were

collecting minerals. Mineral collecting is generally allowed on most U.S. Forest Service lands including public domain lands and acquired lands. Unfortunately, each individual Forest Service can now make the rules (on acquired lands) dictating the rules for rock hounding and Georgia has one of the most restrictive policies. Under this charge it appears we are vandals or even worse thieves. I told Officer Tipton I was considering going to court. Five days later when I received my ticket it had doubled to \$400.00 for each offense for a total of \$2000.00.

In conclusion, I feel strongly we took the utmost care to treat this land with care. We spent at least 15-20 minutes each time to leave the ground looking undisturbed. I feel the US Forest Service in Georgia is treating mineral collectors like criminals. Mineral collecting has in the past been considered a wholesome and educational activity.

In other states, the US Forest Service has been much more responsive to working with mineral collectors and even encourages collecting. I am saddened that in Georgia the US Forest Service is now considering it a criminal offense. Thank you for the time you spend considering this matter.

(Signed) Robert Madden, M.D.

Note: This is the Federal Code that Dr. Madden was charged with violating. The specific items in the charges are underlined and in "Bold" print. 36 CFR 261.9 - Property.

Code of Federal Regulations - Title 36: Parks, Forests, and Public Property (December 2005)

**TITLE 36 - PARKS, FORESTS, AND PUBLIC PROPERTY CHAPTER 11 – FOREST SERVICE,
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

PART 261 –PROHIBITIONS

subpart a – GENERAL PROHIBITIONS

261.9 – Property

The following are prohibited:

- (a) Damaging any natural feature or other property of the United States.
- (b) Removing any natural feature or other property of the United States.
- (c) Damaging any plant that is classified as a threatened, endangered, sensitive, rare, or unique species.
- (d) Removing any plant that is classified as a threatened, endangered, sensitive, rare, or unique species.
- (e) Entering any building, structure, or enclosed area owned or controlled by the United States when such building, structure, or enclosed area is not open to the public.
- (f) Using any pesticide except for personal use as an insect repellent or as provided by special-use authorization for other minor uses.
- (g) Digging in, excavating, disturbing, injuring, destroying, or in any way damaging any prehistoric, historic, or archaeological resource, structure, site, artifact, or property.
- (h) Removing any prehistoric, historic, or archaeological resource, structure, site, artifact, property.
- (i) Excavating, damaging, or removing any vertebrate fossil or removing any paleontological resource for commercial purposes without a special use authorization.
- (j) Excavating, damaging, or removing any cave resource from a cave without a special use authorization, or removing any cave resource for commercial purposes.

MWF Silent Auction – by Bob Powers

Summit Lapidary contributed 68 items to the MWF Silent Auction, held at the Berea Fairgrounds on May 16th & 17th. These donations helped the MWF Endowment Fund bring in an additional \$ 540 for educational grants. Thanks also to Joyce Kish and Pat Powers who set up the Summit Lapidary display case. Many compliments were received for the Summit Lapidary case, and a number of visitors were seen taking pictures of the displayed items.

Sunshine News - by Mari Takai-Manley

- Sue Paserba continues her treatments for breast cancer. Many well-wishes for her are on our minds. Please keep up the positive attitude Sue!

- Evelyn Tryon is said to have had a successful surgery for a heart valve replacement. We wish her a speedy recovery.
- Warren Salchak continues to recover from his triple surgeries very nicely. He can eat regular food now. He is in wonderful spirits.
- Bob Flick completed his chemotherapy for bladder cancer. He is waiting for the test results. Bob feels low energy and doesn't have much appetite, but he is otherwise doing well.
- Chris York donated more goods when she and her husband visited us during our spring Gemboree. Dave Macseoinin and I completed the inventory of the donations. The majority of tools, wires, chips and some beads will be used for future classes, and the rest will be used for the club auction to be held in late June. Thank you very much Chris! I found an unfinished beading project (beadweaving on a loom) and completed it for Chris as an expression of our gratitude. It was sent out to her through US post.
- Helen and Bob Frank are expecting their second grandchild. Congratulations to them and the parents!

BOBSERVATIONS - by Robt. Spore

The “A-Ha” Moment

Scientists have proven that at the moment of inspiration, at what's known as the “A-Ha” moment, certain portions of a person's brain have increased electrical activity when they see the answer to a problem.

This study was performed at Blatantly Obvious University and the findings published in Duh! Magazine. I mean, seriously. Who wouldn't figure something like that happened?

I had my own “A-Ha” moment earlier this week while I was cutting a freeform facet design. The design is basically a step cut, with facets (on the pavilion) at 96, 12, 24, 36, 54, 69 and 84 (seven sides). The pavilion cut and polished very well and so I transferred the stone and realigned it on the 96 index point for cutting the crown. That facet cut really well, nice and straight (as far as I could tell. Fortunately, I only cut it about halfway to the girdle). Then I cut the next facet in line at the #12 index point. That one cut nice and straight, too. Then I cut #24. That one cut way off angle. I mean, even further than what could be compensated for with a cheater. I knew I'd lined up the 96 index with the correct facet, so I didn't know what the problem might be. Until I looked at the design again.

...That's when I had my “A-Ha” Moment...

The design is asymmetrical. I've never cut an asymmetrical stone before. Every other stone has had mirror symmetry of one kind or another. And if the stone ain't symmetrical... the facets between the pavilion and the crown ain't gonna line up.

Here's how they work out (Roughly. I haven't gotten close enough to the girdle to know if I have to use the cheater. Who am I kidding? OF COURSE I'll have to use the cheater)

Pavilion: 96, 12, 24, 36, 54, 69, 84.

Crown: 96, 12, 27, 42, 61, 72, 84.

You'll notice that 96, 12 and 84 don't change. That's because 12 and 84 are symmetrical to each other and because I used 96 as my starting point. So there ya go. Something very obvious, but also something I never considered because I've never cut anything asymmetrical before.

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

For the MWF 2008 newsletter competition I entered Wayne Jessup's article on Thunder Eggs. He placed Fifth Place in the category for Original Adult Science Category. Congratulations are in order for Wayne.

For the next 2 months the Summit Gem is on vacation. You can expect your next issue the last week in August just before the September meeting. Thank you to all who contributed articles this past year for the newsletter. Remember, a newsletter is news and information submitted by members. An editor's job is to compile, proofread, and submit it for copy.

One final thought to all... When out and about on your summer trips rock collecting keep in mind that relaying your trip to others is not all that difficult. Keep notes or a diary...take pictures... bring home treasures... Your summer trip can then be presented as a club program or featured in the Summit Gem.

Bye and see you in September!

MWF Calendar of Events

June

-7: VIROQUA, WI, Annual Show, Coulee Rock Club, Viroqua Junior High School Gym, 100 Blackhawk Dr, Sat 9:00-5:00, Sun 9:00-4:00, Contact: Gary J Krause, 606 E Court St, Viroqua, WI 54665, (608) 637-2574, garyjkrause@yahoo.com

13: FAIRFIELD, IA, Rock Swap, Sac & Fox Lapidary Club, Howard Park, 3 blks N of townsquare, 8:00-1:00, Contact: Florence Stevens, 301 N 6th St, Fairfield, IA 52556, (641) 470-15171517, florstevens@lisco.com

12-14: PARK HILLS, MO, Rock Swap, Mineral Area Gem & Mineral Society, Missouri Mines State Historical Site, Hwy 32 1.5 miles W of US Hwy 67, Contact Lloyd & Betty Manler, 5084 Flat River Rd, Farmington, MO 63640, (573) 431-2951

13-14: WEBBERVILLE, MI, Annual Seminar, Michigan Geology & Gemcraft Society, Webberville High School, Sat 9:00-5:00, Sun 9:00-4:00, Contact Donald Brown, 32832 Illinois, Livonia, MI 48150 (734) 421-8159

13 & 14: Midwest Faceters' Guild Seminar, Webberville High/Middle School, 309 East Grand River Road Webberville, MI 48892 www.midwestfacetersguild.org

13: Chicago Rocks and Minerals Society Geode Fest, Salvation Army - Irving Pk Corp, 4056 N Pulaski, Chicago, IL 1 - 5 p.m. Contact: Craig Heinze 847-584-8637 or Floyd Bednarz 847-933-9340

26-28: BLOOMINGTON, IN. 44th Annual Show & Swap, Lawrence County Rock Club, Inc., Monroe County 4-H Fairgrounds, Airport Rd & Hwy 45, Fri 10:00 AM-6:30 PM (setup 8:00 A.M.), Sat 9:00 AM-6:30PM, Sun 10:00 AM-4:00 PM, Contact: Dave Treffinger, 13101 E 250 N, Loogootee, IN 47553, (812) 295-3463, www.lawrencecountyrockclub.org

27-28: OSAGE BEACH, MO, 8th Annual Show, Osage Rock & Mineral Club, Country Club Hotel & Spa, 301 Carol Rd, Sat-Sun 11:00 AM-5:00 PM, Contact Ray Varvel, rvarvel@fidnet.com or (417) 532-4367

28: COLUMBUS, NE, Annual Rock Swap, Loup Valley Gem & Mineral Society, Isaac Walton Cabin, South Hwy 81, Sun 9:00-5:00, Contact Mary Wemhoff, P.O. Box 257, Platte Center, NE 68653, (402) 246-3955, wemhoffconst.@plattevalley.net