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## Summit Gem Newsletter June 2010

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### Mission Statement

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



**Monthly Meeting: Tuesday, June 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00PM**



**Program: Facet Rough with CJP Gems  
Host: Mari Takai-Manley**

*Membership: 130 members*

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

### President's Message - by Ted Maringer

Thank club members and S&S Lapidary for your donations and participated in the SLC Annual Spring Auction. We raised \$565.00 and had left over items to donate to the Gemboree silent auction.

If you haven't noticed lately, our clubhouse is in need of cleaning both inside and out! Thanks to our members who've helped already on a couple projects. Now I'm asking our membership to give back and help out. If you're unable to help maybe you know someone who can offer his or her services to get the task done. When you're at the clubhouse, please take the time to sign up for one of the many projects that need our attention.

This year the SLC Annual Summer Picnic will be held on Saturday, July 31<sup>st</sup> rain or shine at Kay Weygandt's cabin located at 871 Sycamore Lane, Akron 44313. If you attended the picnic last summer, you probably remember the downpour of rain we had prior to a beautiful afternoon for a picnic! We'll start gathering at noon and picnic into the early evening. As usual a small group of members will meet at Kay's on Friday, July 30<sup>th</sup> to clean up the cabin and grounds. The club will supply the meat, bread and beverages. Please bring your favorite summer dish or dessert to share.

June is last scheduled summer Membership Meeting. We will resume our monthly Membership Meetings on Tuesday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.

With Gratitude - Ted Maringer, President

**May 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes** - Submitted by Helen Franks

President Ted Maringer called the meeting to order. Welcome to 5 guests.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Treasurer's report was given by Tom McLaughlin and was approved as read.

**BOARD MINUTES**

Ted reviewed the board meeting minutes. The books will be audited by Tom McLaughlin, Bob Powers and Laura Thomas on May 6<sup>th</sup>. We have two bids for the roof repair so far and will be getting more before a company is chosen.

**CLASSES**

Dave M. reviewed the upcoming classes.

**LIBRARY**

Mari reported there are 3 new books from Dave Rich that were purchased when he was out west.

**SUNSHINE REPORT**

We are saddened at the passing of Shirley Andrews  
Russ Greene started chemo therapy  
Frank Regan's wife Nancy, is recovering from surgery  
Carl Miller is recovering from surgery  
Sue Paserba is in a nursing home going through rehab

**NEWSLETTER**

Bob Powers gave the newsletter to our visitors

**NEW BUSINESS**

Patti reported the trim saw needs a new blade  
Evelyn reported the next Junior Geo's meeting is May 8<sup>th</sup> at 10am  
Laura reported there will be a car caravan to Mgags June 12 and 13<sup>th</sup>. The faceting seminar is the same weekend.  
The Parma Lapidary Club's gemshow scheduled for May 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>.

**GEMBOREE**

Ted reported our next GEMBOREE is Easter weekend. After discussion, Ted asked the members to think about not changing the dates. Tim volunteered to be the easter bunny and Ted volunteered to rent the costume!!

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

**June's Meeting Program**

Chris & Jill Price, owners of CJP Gems, will be talking about buying facet rough including but not limited to stone characteristics, such as clarity, hardness, stone orientation, rough shape and size based the desired finished stone. They will also bring along some faceting rough.

**Bead Box Night Project** - by Mari Takai-Manley

This month's project is a bracelet using a double St. Petersburg chain stitch with flower pendant attached to one end. The project is planned to remember Shirley' Andrews passing. Shirley loved beading weaving. I hope we can honor her memory with this project. In addition, our club's library will purchase a bead weaving book in her memory.

June		June			June	
Sun	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri	Sat
		1 SLC Meeting 7 PM	2	3	4	5
6 Forged Copper Cuff	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15 Bead Box Night	16	17	18	19
20 Happy Father's Day	21	22	23	23	25	26 Faceter's Meet
27 Geo Jrs. Flint dig	28	29 Board Meeting	30			

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.

### **MWF Silent Auction Committee Report** - by Bob Powers

The Silent Auction preparations for the August Convention and Show in Peoria continue on schedule.

Eighty-two catalogued items remain unsold from the 2009 MWF Silent Auction sponsored by the Parma Lapidary Club in Berea. A total of two hundred and eight items were sold at that show, and receipts totaled almost \$ 550.

Last year one month prior to the show, I had received donations of ninety items. These came from a variety of individual sources, but most were from members of the Summit Lapidary Club, Akron Mineral Society and Parma Club members. Russ and Evelyn Green donated some very nice petrified ironwood and brachiopod fossils. Sue Shoffner donated some pin art that sold quickly. John and Evelyn Tryon of "Pretty Things" donated some attractive slabs and other items. Joyce and Skeeter Kish of the Akron Mineral Society donated several mineral specimens. The Summit Lapidary Club itself donated over fifty items, which was very gracious of them since they could well have been sold at the SLC Gemboree's Silent Auction. Finally, Anne Cook of the Parma Lapidary Club donated some pins and Riker mount display cases.

In addition to these items, Steve and Pam Hecht had several high-valued items left from the 2008 Silent Auction, most notably donations from the Hazel Kunz collection. To that they added over thirty items from their own collection.

In summary comparing 2009 to 2010 - at this point in time in 2009 the MWF had received over 130 items, some of which were high-value, while in 2010 we have a little over 80 items. The current items include a number of lower-valued items that were not sold at the 2009 show. The "Starting Bid" value of the 2010 donated items is \$ 133.540.

To increase the value of the donations to the MWF, I have started slabbing some of the larger donated stones. The Lincoln Orbital Earth Science Society (LOESS) donated a large Kona Dolomite, which has been cut into a number of large and attractively marbled slabs. LOESS also donated a hematite rock which yielded unusually stripped and patterned slabs. John and Sharon Marburger donated some Prairie agates and uncommon Nebraska Blue Agate (florescent, too!) which have produced some striking slabs. These are expected to sell for a good price at the 2010 Silent Auction.

Last year just prior to the convention, John and Sharon Marburger donated fifteen items, John Blue donated over twenty items and the Lincoln Orbital Earth Science Society donated an amazing 108 items! These donations helped the MWF reach the relatively large amount of Silent Auction sales in 2009. Without similar donations for 2010, the Silent Auction 2010 sales may well fall short of the 2009 amount. I remain optimistic that clubs and individuals will provide additional donations to the MWF Silent Auction, and that the 2010 sales will equal or exceed the 2009 amount generated for the MWF Endowment Fund.

**June's Birthstone** - <http://www.galleries.com/minerals/gemstone/alexandr/birthjun.htm>

The Gemstone Alexandrite is the *color changing* variety of the mineral Chrysoberyl. The June Birthstone, its color varies from red to green depending upon the light source. It is an alternate (modern) Zodiac stone for the constellation of Gemini.

Alexandrite is named for the former czar of Russia, Alexander II, and was first discovered in the Ural Mountains of Russia, supposedly on the day of his birth. Chromium gives alexandrite its color and while, in most minerals, a trace element like chromium would provide only one color to the mineral, in alexandrite it gives it two! Coloring agents are dependent on the wavelength of light and the chemical bonds in the crystal to determine the color that they will cause. An element like copper, in normal light, can cause a green color in malachite and a blue color in azurite, it all depends on the character of the chemical bonding. In a single specimen of alexandrite, the chromium is in such a balanced situation that the color of the specimen depends on the character of light that hits the crystal. If the light is natural sunlight or fluorescent light, the crystal will be green; however, if the light is incandescent light from a common indoor light bulb, then the crystal will appear red.

Synthetic corundums spiked with trace elements that yield an alexandrite-like color change are sold as alexandrite on the gemstone market. These stones have a red-violet, near-amethyst color in incandescent light and a blue-violet color in daylight. They are far cheaper than natural alexandrites, which are some of the rarest and most expensive of gemstones.

**Sunshine News** - by Mari Takai-Manley

- Sue Paserba is back home from rehabilitation nursing home. She is now strong enough at her own home to recoup from the knee infection and blood clot she suffered after the radiation treatments. We are so happy for her that she is home, and hope that she continues to recover her strength.
- Russ Green completed his two chemo therapies for the liver cancer. We saw him smiling at the club house several times after this recent treatment. He appeared strong and said that he was doing fine. He has such a wonderful attitude. So good to see him at the club.
- Berrie Butrick's hospitalization after her fall was because of the congestive heart failure in the past. Before this incident she had been exercising and feeling stronger. We hope she can get back to her exercise and feel better again.
- Charles Burlingame is going through his radiation treatment for his cancer. But also he has been fighting with diabetics for a long time. We hope the treatment works for him, and that he can continue to manage his diabetics as well.

**BOBSERVATIONS** - by Robt. Spore

Flotsam and Jetsam

Club picnic time is coming up! I was sorry I missed last year's festivity. I don't know if any of you remember, but last year, the day of the picnic started off with thunderstorms. I was sure the picnic would be cancelled, but as is so often the case... I was wrong. So everybody went and had a good time and Rose and I were home,

stuck with about 4 metric tons of pasta salad. I love pasta salad, but after 5 days as a side dish, it sort of loses its allure.

I also claim responsibility for all the left over beer, for had I come to the picnic; there would have been no left over beer. I'll never let that happen again.

I was out in the side yard this afternoon, busting up a 5 gallon bucket's worth of flint for the tumblers and I've discovered my neighbors are not an inquisitive lot. You would think that seeing someone wearing a full face shield, hunched over a cardboard box, smashing rocks with a sledge hammer might arouse some curiosity. But I've done this twice in the last month and I've gotten nothing. Perhaps the screams which accompany the times the hammer misses puts them off. You never know...

I follow a faceters blog on LinkedIn and this one guy was talking about how his workroom, where he cuts stones, is a dust free environment. I'm betting he has no cats. I'm up there cutting away and a cat is walking past me, shedding hair like a dandelion sheds seeds in April. My work area is about as dust free as the inside of a vacuum cleaner. One could make the suggestion that this might be part of my polishing problem. Nah. I couldn't polish long before the felines showed up.

Speaking of my workroom, I was up there over the weekend, working and I heard children's voices outside. I recognized the familiar chant, "Five, Ten, Fifteen Twenty..." and knew they were playing Hide 'N' Seek. I remember the last time I played that game. I think I was 24 or 25.

*But I'm not sure it can be considered a game when the police are involved...*

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

- Our club member, Elmer Schafrik, would like to thank everyone who helped him out when he attended the AMS field trip to Cincinnati last month. Elmer states, "Everyone seemed to be watching out and helping me whenever I needed help." A special thank-you to Joyce and Skeeter Kish for all their assistance.
- Just an extra reminder...The SLC Annual Summer Picnic will be held on Saturday, July 31<sup>st</sup> rain or shine at Kay Weygandt's cabin located at 871 Sycamore Lane, Akron 44313. Hope to see you all there.
- The Summit Gem will be taking a break for summer vacation. Our next issue will be in September. At this time I thank all who have contributed articles for our newsletter. I appreciate everyone's contribution and welcome other members to submit articles for The Summit Gem.
- Have a nice and safe summer.

Nothing more to add. See you in September!

## **Midwest Calendar of Events**

### **June 2010**

**5: MURFREESBORO, AR, Annual Show, Crater of Diamonds State Park, Sat 8:00-4:00 PM, Contact: Margi Jentks, Crater of Diamonds State Park, 209 State Park Rd, Murfreesboro, AR 71958**

**5-6: VIROQUA, WI, Annual Show, Coulee Rock Club, Viroqua Junior High School Gym, 100 Blackhawk Dr,**

Sat 10:00-5:00, Sun10:00-4:00,Contact: Gary J Krause, 606 E Court St, Viroqua, WI 54665

**10-12: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

**12:SKOKIE,IL, Geodefest,Chicago Rocks&Minerals Society**, St Peter's United Church of Christ, 8013 Laramie Ave, Sat 1:00-5:00, Contact: Craig Heinze, 1131Hampton Harbor, Schaumburg, IL60193,

**19-20:OZARK, MO, OzarkMountain Gem Fair, Ozark Mountain Gem&Mineral Society**, Finley River Park,Barn at Rodeo Arena, Sat 9:00-6:00, Sun10:00-4:00, Contact: Charlie Smith, 5712 S Farm Rd 137, Springfield, MO 65810, (417) 887-4755 orJanet McWilliams, 4466 S Appleton, Springfield, MO

**25-27:BLOOMINGTON,IN. 45th Annual Show&Swap, Lawrence County Rock Club, Inc.**,Monroe County4-HFairgrounds,Airport Rd&Hwy 45, Fri10:00 AM-6:30 PM(setup8:00 A.M.), Sat 9:00AM-6:30PM, Sun10:00AM-4:00 PM, Contact: Dave Treffinger, 13101 E 250 N,Loogootee, IN

## July 2010

**10-11: ROSEVILLE, MN, Summer Show, Anoka County Gem & Mineral Club**, Har Mar Mall, 2100 Snelling Av, Sat 10:00-6:00, Sun 10:00-5:00, Contact Martha Miss, 8445 Grange Blvd, Cottage Grove , MN

**11: LINCOLN, NE, Grinding Party, Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club, Inc.**, Pioneer Park Nature Ctr, W Van Dorn & Coddington, Sun 1:00-4:00 PM, Contact Club email [jna@inetnebr.com](mailto:jna@inetnebr.com)

**17-18: MOOSE LAKE, MN, Annual Agate Days, Carlton Co Gem & Mineral Club**, Moose Lake High School, 413 Birch Ave, Sat 9:00-5:00, Sun 9:00-4:00, Contact: Kent Schul, 1417 E 1<sup>st</sup> St #4, Duluth, MN 55805.

## August 2010

**6-7: ISHPEMING, MI, 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Show w/Field Trips, Ishpeming Rock & Mineral Club**, Elks Club Lodge,597 Lake Shore Dr, Fri-Sat 9:00-4:00, Field Trips Fri & Sun, Contact Ernest Johnson, 1962 W Fair, Marquette, MI 49855, (906) 228-9422, [ejohnson@nmu.edu](mailto:ejohnson@nmu.edu)

**21: STEVENS POINT, WI, Swap, Heart of Wisconsin Gem & Mineral Society**, (Location to be determined) Sat 10:00-5:00, Contact: Sandy Brandl, 5578 Ellis St, Stevens Point, WI

**21: CLIO, MI 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Swap Meet, Flint Rock & Gem Club**, G-11350 N Saginaw Rd (M54), ½ mile S of Vienna Rd; Sat 9:00-5:00, Contact: Jim Adames, (989) 723-6951, [jdjljha@earthlink.net](mailto:jdjljha@earthlink.net)

**27-29: SOUTH BEND, IN Michiana Gem and Mineral Society 47th Annual Jewelry, Gem, and Mineral Show**, St. Joseph County 4-H Esther Singer Building, 5177 S. Ironwood Rd. (Ironwood & Jackson Rd), Fri. 2 pm - 7 pm, Sat. 10 am - 6 pm, Sun. 10 am - 4 pm

**28-29: MOUNTAIN HOME, AR, Annual Show, Ozark Earth Science Gem, Mineral & Fossil Club**, Van Matre Senior Center, 1101 Spring St, Sat 10:00-6:00, Sun 10:00-4:00, Contact: Brenda Johnson, 1424 County Rd 18, Mountain Home, AR 72653, (870) 481-5697, [bdwj-57@hotmail.com](mailto:bdwj-57@hotmail.com)