

Summit Gem Newsletter June 2011

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Mission Statement

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



Monthly Meeting: Tuesday, June 7th at 7:00PM

Program: Pysanky Ukranian Eggs



Host: Mari Takai-Manley

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

President's Message – by David Rich

The bus is rolling and loading up for MGAGS. We are trying something a little different and leaving at 4pm to try and accommodate members who work and can not take the Friday off. I am very thankful for Laura for making all the trip planning possible. MGAGS is a wonderful place to really get your feet wet in lapidary. This also follows our club mission statement to the "T". SLC will pay for the bus and our club members' tuition to MGAGS. Laura has arranged a wonderful hotel for everyone. So pack your overnighter, pens and pencils. Get on the bus for a fun weekend in Michigan.

June will be our last meeting for the summer, however the club will be open every Tuesday evenings and Saturday mornings as usual. Don't forget to get your new name badge ordered. Please put the correct amount in an envelope with your name on it and turn it in at the next meeting.

Also, we need a picnic committee to form at the next meeting. Rosemary has made up a complete list of what the **new** picnic committee has to do. Here is your chance to volunteer and have some fun with the club. We will have the picnic at our usual place at Kay's.

Frank has reported that the Adopt - a- Spot has been planted. It looks like a winner again! Have a safe and good collecting season in the field this summer. The club is looking forward to seeing what you have collected when we formally meet again in September.

C-Ya on down the trail
Top Rock

May 3rd Meeting Minutes – Respectfully Submitted by Merry Anne McLeod-Wolfe

Meeting was opened at 7:00 pm.

Guests Brandy Moore, Larry Farascarelli, Mike Gabel and Matt Wenger

Speaker, Jane Montgomery gave a talk on the Chakra system. It was very informative on all the different

stones that were used. Thank you, Joleen for inviting her.

Attendees 51 members and 4 guests were in attendance

Sunshine Mari informed us that Berrie's Memorial Service is May 7th, Greg's cancer is back, Charlie Burlingame had a heart attack. Jim Davis is recovering from surgery and Steve Farhart's wife has passed away.

Library Creative Beading book was purchased in memory of Berrie. Evelyn T donated a book on Ukranian Egg decorating.

Classes Mari will be scheduling some beading classes in memory of Berrie.

Gemboree A meeting will be held May 24th at 6:30pm at the Quirk center. Please bring an entrée or side dish or dessert. Club will supply Lasagna and beverages. Bring place settings also.

Maintenance We currently need a Chairperson in Maintenance, Property and Safety. Someone to co-ordinate repairs and mowing, etc.

Trips MGAG caravan trip will leave Friday am and travel to MGAG near Saginaw, Michigan. June 11th and 12th are show dates. App. \$90.to \$100 for rooms and such. Open to Mineral Society. Please get on the list if you are interested. Return on Sunday.

Herkimer bus trip is planned for September. Please get on the I am interested list so we know if we have enough for a bus. Also open to Mineral Society.

Flint Ridge is on for May 21st. Leave clubhouse at 7:00am. Erik Deman in charge. 330-836-4598. We will be going with the Geo Juniors. Bring a lunch. Rain plans as follows...light and scattered rains will not stop us but thunderstorms with lightning and heavy rains will. There is no alternate date set.

Bring goggles, leather gloves, rock hammer, 5 gal. buckets, and \$5.00 for Porta-Pottie and don't forget Flint is \$.50 a pound.

Sober Sand and Gravel is set for May 22nd. Will be open from 9:30am to 3:00pm.

Silent Auction for members only will be on May 14th with the Akron Mineral Club. Bring entrée, dessert, etc. Meeting at 7:30pm.

Member's only sale is Nov. 12th at the Quirk Center. This is Dave Rich's baby and Laura, Annette and Ted will be Co-Committee Chairpersons. More info will follow as they get everything planned.

Lost and Found Well, we were missing a tumbler barrel and found two barrels.

Metalsmithing contest Final day May 15th. Turn in to Dave M.

Name Tags Joleen reported \$5.24 for pin back and \$6.99 for magnetic back. Be sure to sign up if you want one.

Club Shirts Joleen will have samples next meeting.

Door Prizes Karen Neuman and Tracy Canfield were winners this month.

50/50 Sue Barnett donated her winnings to the Geo.Jr.s. The club donated it's half to Geo Jr.s also.

Hostess Thanks for the great snacks this meeting.

Meeting was adjourned 8:30 pm.

June Meeting's Program – by John Kerr

Denise Di Geronimo will discuss the craft of Pysanky Ukrainian Eggs. Denise "Denny" Di Geronimo has been pursuing the craft of Pysanky for 30 years. She is one of the original egg artists at Stan Hywett Hall Art Show for 25 years.

Pysanky is a traditional craft in Ukraine and Poland. The method is similar to batik - patterns are drawn on the egg with wax, which then protects the covered areas from the dye that is applied. By repeating this process with different colors of dye, a multi-colored pattern is built up. Finally, the wax is removed to reveal the colors that were covered up at each stage. A layer of polyurethane can be added over the finished egg to protect the dyed design and to give a gloss finish.

Denny frequently is asked to teach her style of egg decorating at churches, schools, libraries, garden clubs and women's groups. The Akron Beacon Journal has featured her in several articles. Denny utilizes chicken, pullet, duck, goose, and ostrich eggs in her craft.

Club Events and Classes for June

Business Meeting Night Tuesday, June 7th at 7PM

No listed classes for June at time of printing for the newsletter.

General open club hours for Summer - Tuesday evenings and Saturday mornings.

Club Field Trip - MGAGS June 9th 10th and 11th see sign up sheet for details.

Summer Club picnic scheduled for in July at Kay Wieglands house more details to be posted at the club.

The Bus is Rolling!!

FRIDAY/SATURDAY/SUNDAY, JUNE 10,11,12, 2011

Saginaw, Michigan
37th ANNUAL ROCKHOUND SEMINAR
M.G.A.G.S.- Michigan Geology And Gemcraft Society

COST: \$98 PER PERSON, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY
Open to Summit Lapidary Club and Akron Mineral Society Members

New departure time: 4:00 PM FRIDAY JUNE 10, 2011

Folks that have to work, perhaps you can scoot out for a half day and join us!

CLUB PAYS FOR THE BUS AND THE MGAGS ADMISSION!

Call Laura Thomas (330) 620-3782 or weekdays 9-4 @ 330 745-8324

Free classes – cost of materials only! Schedule of classes on the board at the clubhouse, else check out the website @ www.mgags.org

MGAGS CLASSES: (SAMPLE)

Flintknapping, Jewelry Designs-Dichroic & Fused Glass, Setting Faceted Stones Fused/Dichroic Glass Workshop, Enamel Beadmaking, Silver Metal Clay demo, Intro to Silver Metal Clay Workshop, Intro to Silversmithing Beginning and Intermediate Wire-Wrap Gem Pictures, Slate Carving, Faceting Demos Gem Trees-beginning and Intermediate MORE CLASSES ARE BEING ADDED
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*****MUST HAVE MONEY PAID UP BY TUESDAY JUNE 7TH MEETING NIGHT!*****
YES- We'll hold your check!! Make Check to Summit Lapidary Club
Laura Thomas is collecting all checks + doing room assignments

We got the ok for a 29-passenger bus ! WAY cheaper for the club!!! \$98 per person! double occupancy!

DEPARTURE TIME - 4PM FROM CUYAHOGA FALLS FRIDAY JUNE 10, RETURN LATE SUNDAY JUNE 12.

Folks that have to work, perhaps you can scoot out for a half day and join us!
No frills - just drive up to Saginaw Friday, eat on the way. Seminar/Classes Saturday/ Sunday, drive home Sunday night.

We will be staying at Comfort Suites, 2 people per room, all double beds, 100% non-smoking hotel
Free full breakfast, Indoor pool, Refrigerators and Microwaves in the rooms.
Got a 20% discount from WKSU-FM Membership! Whoo hoo! ;-)

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Check it out!!! www.mgags.org

Sunshine News – by Mari Takai-Manleyi

- Greg Dojlidko continues his chemo treatment and along with homeopathic therapy. He's been fighting his cancer for over 10 years. What a fighter he is! We hope that he will get the results that he is hoping for from the treatments.
- Sue Paserba is starting chemotherapy for the second time for her breast cancer. She is a fighter as well, so she will fight as hard as she can to regain her health. She lost some weight recently because she did not have much appetite for food. We pray that she can sustain her fighting spirit and we wish her well.
- Skeeter Kish has been suffering from acute pain on his arms since last November. He has visited many physicians who were unable to determine the cause of his pain. Recently we heard that a doctor thought he might be suffering from shingles. We hope that Skeeter feels better soon!
- Carolyn Dumke recently lost her mother. We send her and her family our sincere sympathy.

BOBSERVATIONS – by Robt. Spore

“The MORONS”

Those of us who help tear down after each show, proudly call ourselves “The Morons”. That name goes back several years when a guy who had been a member for a few years helped out during a tear down and said, “*Hey, since I'm doing this, does that make me an old timer?*” and I replied, “*No. It makes you a moron*”. Thus was a tradition begun...But lately I've thought that the word “moron” might have slightly negative connotations (Hard to believe, I know).

Back when I was in college, involved with the theatre department, whenever we finished a production and began to tear down the scenery, we didn't call it that. We called it “striking the set” and the people who did that were called “The Strike crew”. The Strike Crew. I think that's a cool name.

We could call ourselves that and we could have buttons with that name on them. And utility belts. And hard hats. With a logo*. And the hard hats would have flashing warning lights! And we'd need walkie-talkies, so we could say things to each other like, “*Is the Flint House secured? Roger that! I copy you five by five*”, even we were standing like three feet away from each other. Oh, man... and we could arrive by sliding down ropes from the ceiling!** Would we freak out the vendors or what?

We would be an elite cadre, not unlike Force Recon, or Seals or Jedi Knights. Except of course, without the strict training. Or complete disregard for danger. Well, we do have that, sort of, but it's completely accidental. But, we'd probably hurt ourselves and then we'd walk around groaning and complaining and generally looking dazed and confused....Huh. Hmm...Not so different from usual, really.

**At this point, Frank Mack is getting a gleam in his eye.*

*** Right about now, Dave Rich is calling Bob Powers, saying, “We can DO this man!” and Bob is saying, “Dave ? Calm down”*

Just A Quick Note From Me...

- *The Summit Gem* will be on vacation for July and August. Your next issue will be in September. Thank you to all of the club reporters for their time and effort. This is a big commitment...I count on you and so does our readers.
- Pretty Things will send an order to Euro Tool mid June. It will be ready for you by the end of June. Check the catalog at the Club or online at EuroTool.com. You can give a list to John or Evelyn at the Club or send us an email at prettythingsrocks@juno.com. Please note that members get at least 10% discount and free shipping.
- Any one notice how nice the planting beds look around the clubhouse?? Thank you Bob Powers for the needed cleanup.
- For those interested...If you are doing any rock collecting during the upcoming months...try and turn your adventure into an informative program for our club's meeting night. It is not a difficult thing to do...primarily take a lot of pictures which will detail your trip and when you get back home assemble them... maybe do a little research and presto...magic...you have a program. Your specimens will be your show-n-tell.

No more to add...See you in September!