

# SLC Newsletter March 2005

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Club Meeting: Tuesday, March 1st 7:30PM  
Speaker: Cathy Lee, "Diamonds, Yesterday and Today"

## **SLC Business Meeting February 1, 2005** - minutes submitted by Laura Thomas

-President, David Rich, introduced Frank Mack as Vice-President. Thank you to Martin and Pat Smeal for being the Hosts and providing a great spread!

-David spoke about Youth Organizations, teaching them and showing them our hobby. Dave Rich volunteered to be the club representative with the Boy Scouts, need reps for 4H Clubs and Girl Scouts. Our thinking is that this will be a free program our club will sponsor and club members will volunteer their time. Member Gary Davis spoke about the Boy Scout group that was in the prior Wednesday. David Rich gave a nice talk on the stones in our showcase; Dave Macseoinin helped out, took the kids down stairs to show them the machines and showed slabs/cabs in various stages of production. No machines were turned on for safety and insurance reasons. The kids then made necklaces as a craft.

-President, David Rich spoke about guidelines we are developing regarding having juveniles in the club building. Any time a group comes in, a Board Member must be present, No Profit is to be made of the groups, and applications are being developed—in future an application to bring down a group must be turned in for Board approval.

-Warren: Gemboree – Sign up sheets will be out the first of March. These list all the job duties; please remember all members are required to work at least 4 hours per show. We need Leaders/Captains/Overseers for several areas, please see Warren. A Closer is needed to hang out Sunday until all the dealers are packed and to call owner to lock the building.

-Safety, Warren: Please clean up all oil and/or water spills. If equipment breaks, that's ok, it happens, please report it!! We are concerned more about member safety than breakage.

-Tim Antes: Stay away from the Tumbler! No covers on the drives/belts/pulleys need to work on.

-Bob Spore: Still need donations of tumbled stone for the April Gemboree. As the supply in the donation bucket seems to be dwindling, please see Bob or Tim Antes for donations, they will be locked up.

-April Meeting – we are going to keep the Auction and Anniversary Party tradition alive! We raised \$1,200 at last years 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party. All attendees of April meeting must donate an item to the Auction.

## President's Message - by David Rich

Greetings! We are off to a slow start this year, but things are starting to speed up. Frank Mack has taken on the job of vice-president and will be working on our programs for the year. This is not an easy job and he needs your suggestions. Messages can be left for Frank with me, as he has limited phone access and he will get back to you.

Thank you to Pat Smeal for agreeing to serve as Sunshine Chairman. There are still several jobs to be filled, including the need for a person to update the club web site.

The GEMBOREE SHOW is right around the corner again and this year the Midwest Federation will be holding their meeting in our area, so that members may attend the GEMBOREE. We have invited the officers to our show, and this is our moment to shine.

Warren, our intrepid show chairman, will need extra help to ensure that our guests have an enjoyable and memorable visit. Please come forward with both your ideas and a willingness to share some time with our organization. We have a resource of talented people in this club, and we need to hear from more of you. A final quick reminder, dues are due!

SLC March Calendar		SLC March Calendar		SLC March Calendar		SLC March Calendar	
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
Joke of the month: What do you call a		1 SLC Meeting 7:30PM	2	3	4	5 Social Saturday	
6	7 Swarovski crystal ring 6:30PM	8	9	10	11	12 Silver casting 9:30AM-?	
13	14	15 Gemboree meeting 7:30PM	16	17 Happy St. Patty' s Da	18	19 Silversmithing w/shop 9:00AM-?	
20	21	22	23	24	25 Newsletter article due	26 Social Saturday	
27	28	29 Ex.Board mtg 7:30PM Bead Social 6-9PM	30	31			

## Committees

Classes: Just a reminder - Classes taught by SLC members are free. There may be a cost for supplies.

March Classes:

- March 7<sup>th</sup> Monday, 6:30PM Swarovski Crystal Ring taught by Berrie.
- March 12<sup>th</sup> Saturday, Silver casting taught by Tom McLaughlin beginning at 9:30AM-?
- March 19<sup>th</sup> Saturday, "Monthly Silversmithing Workshop with Mari" beginning at 9:00AM.

Bead Social: This month's meeting night is Tuesday, March 29th at 6:00PM. \*\*\*Please note date change\*\*\*

## **The “Rockpuppy” Report (Rockhound In Training) Volume 2, February 2005**

Well, as of this writing, haven't gotten down to the Slab Saw yet! So, that's on my ever-growing "To-Do" List... So, what's to write about? Hmmmm...January 2005 meeting... I must say I truly enjoyed the January business meeting. It was quite lively and a new element was introduced – Door Prizes! We passed about a sign-in sheet, the names were numbered, random numbers called out by random members to pick the winners! Big Fun!! Some really cool prizes too!

The Geology Club from Kent State University also came by prior to the meeting and had some material for sale at quite reasonable prices to raise money for their Summer Activity. – Sorry, I was so busy ogling the material I did not catch what that Activity was! I got some rock slabs that will make beautiful cabochons....Which leads me to a general question to the membership – got any ideas for storage of rock? Five-gallon buckets are good if one has mass quantities of material. What about smaller, slabbed pieces just waiting to be cabed? I have accumulated a fair amount and am currently storing them in empty “Whale of a Pail” (5-quart) Ice Cream buckets...smaller size, have a lid and a plastic handle. There is a chocolate ice cream fiend at my house, have lots of these! Got any other ideas to share? Perhaps some kind members can send our Newsletter a note about their storage methods.

Thanks! The RockPuppy ∅

### **Beading Social Update - By Helen Franks** *AND THE BEADING GROUP JUST KEEPS ON GROWIN!!!*

The clubhouse was a flurry of activity Tuesday night at the Beading Social. And the operative word was SOCIAL! Laura Thomas taught a class making a charm bracelet with glass pearls. Ten people came to create and join in the fun! And what an entertaining teacher Laura is! She even danced for us!!

Next month, Sue Paserba is going to show us how to make a Personalized Butterfly Pin with letter beads. Who knows? Maybe she sings! So mark your calendar now to join us. And if you have a project you'd like to share, PLEASE don't hesitate to step up and volunteer.

Be sure to introduce yourself to two of our newest members, Christine Stover and her daughter Julie. Christine is a wonderful artist who is in the process of selling her glass bead inventory. She brought many pretty things to sell. Her daughter Julie is a talented artist in her own right and we look forward to learning more from their talents.

We discussed having a bead swap at one of our future meetings. More information on that later. Make note: \*\*\* The Bead Social in March is being moved to the LAST Tuesday of the month, March 29<sup>th</sup>, to make room for Warren's Gem Show meeting.\*\*\* (Anything for you, Warren!)

So, if you want to have a lot of fun with fun people and do fun things, plan to come to the next Beading Social. It's a blast!

### **New Member Profiles/ Gemboree News - by Warren Salchak**

I had a meeting with several folks from the Kent State Geology Department: Dr. Andrew Moore, Professor of Geology; Brian Kelley, the Geology Club president; Amanda Gross, a geologist working on her Masters; and Diana Smith, a geology student. The professor's wife (Shannon) is also a geologist, so we'll have double the interest. Brian Kelley is one of the gentlemen that was here selling rock slabs for the club. The two young ladies show great enthusiasm also, and are ready to start to work.

Some of the Beading folks went to see Christine Stover who called and wanted to sell off her bead supply. We put a dent in her inventory; but she still has plenty more. At the last meeting I gave out her phone number, 330-922-0072. Well, Christine Stover came to the Bead Social this month, sold some more beads, and joined the Mineral Club. Her daughter, Julie, who also has great interest in lapidary work joined our group. She by the way just finished a class on welding.

We also had another lady join, Laura Lentz, who is in the welding field of pipefitters. Another man, Frank Reagan, has also joined. Frank has done some stone carving. It's really great to have these folks come and share in a hobby we all love.

I was told by someone recently when they went to a gem show, "That this isn't a hobby it's an addiction." I can relate, how about you?

Well in about 2 months we'll be having our GEMBOREE SHOW. I've been asked several times about sign up sheets to work. I'll have them out by the 1st of March. For our new member everyone is a member of the GEMBOREE. When I first joined I thought that was another special board or group. NOT! On March 15th at 7:30PM is a special meeting for the GEMBOREE SHOW. Please come!

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

I am so glad to be the Sunshine person this year, but I will need YOUR help. When you hear of someone that could use a greeting card, give me a call or drop me an E-mail. I welcome your calls anytime--and THANKS!

Remember -- Pat Smeal (330) 626-2115 or [PMSmeal@megsinet.net](mailto:PMSmeal@megsinet.net) At this time, we would like to extend our sympathy to Frank Mack for the recent loss of his Mother.

### **"BOBSERVATIONS"** - by Robt. Spore

So many new people wandering about the place. Who are they all? Are they new members? Foreign nationals who have somehow slipped through the cracks? Has Homeland Security failed us? Boy, I hope not, because if the terrorists win... well, the terrorists win, I suppose. But getting back to the new faces, if there was ever a need to start wearing nametags, I can't think of one. And I'm talking real nametags! No more wandering around with an "I'm With Stupid" T-shirt. Sure, they were amusing the first dozen or so times, but come on...

I feel the need to address the new arrivals. Don't worry; I'll try not to scare them off. OK, you noobies, listen up. You've got a great opportunity to learn all you want concerning lapidary, metal work, glass, beading and faceting. We even have people who can teach you how to nap flint. I mean, we're talking about learning the whole shebang, soup to nuts, and unlike many clubs where learning techniques from people is akin to playing dentist to an unusually cranky mountain gorilla, these guys will actually come up to you and say, "Hi, my name is Dave\* and I was wondering if you'd be interested in learning how to create a life size replica of the earth, just using 24 gauge wire and solder." Why do we do it? It's because we have a great love and respect for these crafts in which we participate and desire to see them continue on in a new generation of artists.

That and each and every one of us, I have found, has an overwhelming desire to be liked by complete strangers. A huge, never-ending, unfillable, pathetic, needy void that colors our entire lives.\*\* Sad, really.

But hey! You new folks really get to make out like bandits, learning-wise, so dive in, learn all you can, be the first on your block to do any and all of these amazing techniques and astound your friends. Or, you can just come in Saturday mornings, drink really questionable coffee, sit around the kitchen table and solve all the world's ills. There's no downside! Well, except for the coffee...

(\* I chose Dave because we have, at last count, at least 47 people named Dave in the club. You can't swing a cat without hitting a Dave\*\*\*. They're almost as bad as Bob.)

(\*\* I'm lying.)

(\*\*\*Which is good work if you can get it.)

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

- Guess what?? The Host List for meetings has not been filled. It is nice to have goodies with the monthly meetings however this only happens when there are volunteers to do it, so please consider it. Hosting a meeting is not a difficult job and we are not picky about what we will snack upon. So, if you are trying to decide as a new member of what you can do to help out... Be 'The Host' for the any upcoming meeting. The signup sheet is on the bulletin board.
- For the winter months whenever there is a new 3-inch snow accumulation the club meeting is cancelled that night because there is a Snow Parking Ban for Cuyahoga Falls. If you have a question about the snow conditions call the Cuyahoga Falls Police Department. If a cancellation occurs the official meeting is moved back one week.

Bye and see you next month.