

## **Summit Gem Newsletter March 2007**

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### **Mission Statement**

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

**Club Meeting: March 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM**

*Membership: 130 paid members*

**Hosts: Bill and Sandy Bandy**

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

Where is that ground hog? I would like to have a little chat with that fur ball. Something to do with the early spring. I didn't trust him, so I bought some spring insurance from Southwest Air. I am glad I did. Yes, I plan on trying to fill my pockets with some agate in Deming, and hopefully the snow will melt by the time I return.

For the March meeting, Joyce Kish will tell us all about Mt. Ida. Come and learn what we are going to see and what we might find. This trip is coming fast, so get ready.

This April will be our 33<sup>rd</sup> club auction. Back in the old days, the club members would have dinner/auctions to raise money for the club, and we have revived this event. It has been a great success, so plan to get there early and have lots of fun. All club members must bring something to auction, to get into the club house. Please bring an interesting item to earn your 'admission ticket!' SLC board members will auction off anything you bring in. Help us out by identifying the auction item. You also can put on a personal "buy back" to start the bidding. Club members can bring visitors. (Those with lots of money preferred!)

April also brings the Gemboree, with an interesting twist. The bus leaves for Mt. Ida less than 12 hours after the show closes. Please be a member in good standing and do your part to work at the show. Grab a handful of fliers and give them out in your travels. We are gearing up for a record attendance.

...NOW BOARDING, Flight 1234 non-stop Columbus to Phoenix... That's my call...see you all in a couple of weeks. Hey Mary Ann, where's that sun block?

### **SLC Meeting Minutes February 6th 2007** – submitted by Barbra Finnemore

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. Our soldier, Kevin Powers, was in attendance. He spoke about his tour of duty in Iraq. He brought pictures and Iraqi money which was passed around and enjoyed. A bag of beautiful Ohio flint was given to him to take back to Iraq to share

with his fellow soldiers. It was a pleasure and an honor to welcome him. We wish him the best in his return to the fighting.

Speaker Kathy Lee gave an informative presentation on Art Nouveau. She directed those interested to the sign up sheet for the Ruby lecture coming up in March.

New Members: Bill and Angela James, Wayne Jessup....Welcome new members!

#### Board Reports

Treasurer report: Warren gave the state of the bank account in which all is good.

...Dues are due

...flyers for the upcoming gem show have been received

...belts, wax and Facet Cutter's Handbooks are for sale

President Report:

...Reminder about snow parking ban.

...Be sure to sign up on the host list

...Still looking for a Chairperson for the Adopt-a-Spot venture and The Future Rockhounds of American Club.

...Mary Ann and Dave will be out for the next meeting.

...Barbra will be out for the next meeting.

...We will hold our annual auction in April to raise money (as did our founding fathers of the SLC)

#### Committee Reports

Sunshine: Cards were sent around to be signed.

Library: Mari reports that another book has been turned in.

...The DVD Walking with Dinosaurs has been donated.

Newsletter: Pat asked that if you have an article and can't e-mail it please send it in by regular mail.

Education: David reported that there will be 2 classes on Beginning Silversmithing. Feb. 13, and 18. Please sign up on the sheet on the sign up board.

...On Feb. 12, Barrie will teach a class on how to make a bead ring.

...March 13, @ 7:30 will be the Gemboree meeting.

...Joyce spoke about sites near Mt. Ida to see/do. Check out [rockhoundingearth.com](http://rockhoundingearth.com)

...No sooner had Warren asked for someone to take over the Gemboree database, when

Gemboree: Warren reported that the sign up sheets for the upcoming Gemboree will be out for the first meeting in March.

new member, Wayne Jessup volunteered. Thank you, Wayne!

Safety: Al reported that new emergency lights were installed.

...We were reminded to always wear your safety goggles when working downstairs.

...Keep the downstairs clean

...We are in the process of getting belt guards for the unguarded belts.

...Bumpers were installed on the overhead entryway to prevent head bumping.

Maintenance: Frank reported that all is ok. Please help to clean up the downstairs.

...Frank accepted the Board position of Past President. Thank you, Frank.

Property: Bob Powers have cleaned the mud out of the hot water tank and the strainer in the basement.

Trips: Sue passed around a scrapbook of past trips to Arkansas.

...The talk for the next meeting will center on Mt. Ida quartz.

...Evelyn talked about the Crater Diamond M Announcements

...Tim...There is a club laser pointer on the shelf in the cabinet in the front of the room.

...Mari...Is collecting jewelry for Victim's Assistance until Feb. 17. We are still collecting stamps.

...Joyce...For the history ...keep putting your info/stuff into the history box. (Book of Evidence goes to the Midwest Federation for pts.

#### Unfinished Business/New Business

Eric has put up a sign up sheet for a weekend jaunt to search for flint.

**Website Under Reconstruction!** – by David Rich

Lapidaryclubofohio.org is going to set out the orange barrels and go under reconstruction. The website will be changed and move forward. SLC has renewed the domain name for two more years. Our domain name is a very good one. We cornered the World Wide Web with the word "lapidary". There will be a web site meeting March 20 at 7:30PM at the club. E-mail me at birdman035@hotmail.com if you are planning to come. Anyone who E-mails me will get in on the web chat about the site. Send me your ideas. TOP ROCK

**SLC March 2007 Calendar**

March		March		March		
Sun	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 Social Saturday
4	5	6 SLC  Meeting 7:30PM	7	8	9	10 Sphere Group 9AM
11	12	13 GEMBOREE Meeting 7:30PM	14	15	16	17 Sphere Group 9AM
18	19	20 Website Meeting 7:30PM	21	22	23	24 Sphere Group 9AM
25 Ruby Class 1-4PM	26	27  Board Meeting 7:30PM	28	29	30	31 Sphere Group 9AM  Trip Payment due
31		Articles due				

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

**Up-Coming Arkansas Club Sponsored Trip** - by The Trip Czarina, Sue Barnett

Just a reminder that money for the trip to Arkansas is payable right up to the due date of March 31st. After that, you are a no-go. Do not wait until the last minute and get stranded by our unpredictable Ohio weather. I have booked an over-flow hotel in the area, so almost everyone signed up already has a seat on the bus. The last people who pay will be our guests at the over-flow hotel.



**“ROSE! I said to only use the bat if it looked like I was in trouble!!!  
“Sorry... that was a practice swing.”**

I gingerly picked myself up and got ready to connect the speed control to the motor.  
As the connection was made, *I felt a blinding bolt of pain and was again, throw to the ground!*

**“ROSE! STEP AWAY FROM THE BAT!!”  
“But it’s so exciting!!!  
“I don’t care. I’ll take my chances with electrocution, if you don’t mind.”**

She grumbled something about how we never do anything together anymore, but she acquiesced and left the room.

Gingerly I turned the knob. The motor hummed to life. Slowly, I advanced it past 20... 30... the shaft spun faster... 50...60... everything was working perfectly... I moved the knob up past 80... 90... 100!

I looked out the window as all the lights in the neighborhood slowly dimmed... and went out.  
Oh... we’re gonna be cutting some stones RIGHT HERE!

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

- Snow ban warnings on meeting night cancels the meeting and it is rescheduled for the following Tuesday.
- Marvel Schafrik is very grateful for all your cards and prayers. Your thoughtfulness has brightened up her days. She is still recovering at Heather Hill Extended Care out in Chardon. Please keep those cards and letters coming. Heather Hill Extended Care  
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Bye and see you next month!