

Summit Gem Newsletter March 2011

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Mission Statement

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



Monthly Meeting: Tuesday, March 1st at 7:00PM

Program: Joyce Kish presenting “Basic Terminology and Properties of Precious Metals.”



Membership: 130 members

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

President's Message – by David Rich

President Report from the Tucson Chapter

Well, it has been some what of a rocky road lately. One that I really hadn't planned. I like to do plenty of research before we come out West, like collecting maps of gem trails, precisely how to get where I want to go etc.. I didn't include a map of the University of Arizona Medical Center, but I should have because that was my first stop in Tucson, for an emergency appendectomy! My first new acquaintance in Tucson was Dr. Wynne. She is not into lapidary; her specialty is laparoscopic surgery.

I must admit she does fine work, and I sure was glad to meet her. I have been feeling better and better every day, but I did miss the Tucson Gem Show. Mary Ann went and bought me some get well rocks. I did feel well enough to go see Oma and Wally at the Apache Junction rock and gem show. Since I am restricted from lifting heavy rocks I followed the doctors orders and went right to the nice-looking opal. Their show looked like a big success and I was glad to get out of the house. (Mary Ann was even more glad)

Going once, going twice, SOLD! That will be the sound of the April auction. This was a tradition with the early SLC members. They would have an auction and a potluck dinner to raise the money for the club house we enjoy now. So to keep up the tradition, members are asked to bring an auction item to the meeting April 5. We will auction anything it is legal to sell. I am still finalizing the details, but the Quirk Center will give us enough elbow room to have a good time for all. Thanks to all of the club volunteers with out you we could not have such an active and vibrant club.

C-Ya on down the trail

Birdman

February 8th Meeting Minutes – Respectfully Submitted by Merry Anne McLeod-Wolfe

President Dave opened the meeting at 7:00 PM. Vice-President John introduced our Speaker for the evening.

Program ...Dr. L.M. Friberg gave a presentation on Colors in Minerals. This was a very interesting pre-presentation and we thank Dr. Friberg for coming.

Door Prizes Door prize sign-up sheet was passed around and was a fun addition to the meeting.

Sunshine Mari reported that Dot Flick was out of the hospital and Doc was still having back problems. Mari had three cards to be signed by our members.

Library No activity this month.

Education Dave M reported on classes as follows...Wax sculpting Feb. 8th, Feb. 26 Wire wrapping gem trees March 8th Chainmaille

Misc. A request was made for more instructors and clean-up cloths for work rooms.

Gem Show Bob Spore designed the colorful poster to advertise the show. Chairpersons are needed for gem Mine, Showcase, Mailing area and Silent auction. Evelyn T also has pink flyers to hand out.

Board Report The donation to the club has been inventoried by Trustees and will be offered at April Club Auction. Dichroic glass class has been offered to club. Motion to accept was offered and accepted. Bob and Drake volunteered to teach further classes to the club.

Gem Case The Club's faceted Gem Case to enter in the MWF competition at the MWF's Fall convention in September. The Board authorized funds to repair, clean and update the gem case.

April Anniversary Auction A motion was made to approve Quirk Center for April's Club Meeting/Auction. Previous members are invited. Need to donate an auction item in order to enter.

Picnic A trainee is needed to work with Rosemary.

Active-duty Veterans A donation box will be set up.

Adopt-a-Spot Frank, seed chairman, said plants are ordered.

50/50 raffle A big success and a happy winner. Proceeds from this month went to Victims Assistance Fund.

Donations Carol Davis donated a sphere to club made by Russ. Will be put on display.

Hostess March meeting needs a hostess.

Business cards Dave M suggested business cards to be made up and given out to members to pass out to potential new members

Board Meeting Will be held February 22nd.

Meeting was then adjourned.

March Meeting's Program – by Joyce Kish

Joyce Kish, an SLC member and Vice President of the AMS, will present some basic information of the terms and properties of precious metals. I was given a task by our own member, Jim Watson, to research more about the metals that we use in creating the jewelry that we all enjoy. I have compiled some information about Gold, Silver and a little about some of other metals that we use. I do not claim to be an expert in this field but am more than glad to share some of the information I have found. See you all at the meeting!

March Calendar of Classes and Events

March		March			March	
Sun	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri	Sat
		1 SLC Meeting 7PM	2	3	4	5
6 Open Silver Workshop	7	8 Chainmaille	9	10	11	12
13	14	15 Bead Box Night	16 Wire-Wrap	17 Happy St. Patty's Day!	18	19
20	21	22 Board Meeting	23	24	25	26 Beginning Faceting
27 Beginning Faceting	28					

See sign up sheets at the club.

Gemboree News – by Ted Maringer

We are still looking for Position Chairmen to fill various open positions. Each chairman is responsible for set-up and tear down of their area and to make sure the assigned volunteers are there to cover their shift. If you are willing to fill one of the following positions, please contact me directly for more details. Gem Mine, Show Cases, Kids Area, Mailing List Database, and Silent Auction Cashier.

Thank You Bob Spore for designing the colorful show poster. Many copies have been distributed already and many more will be mailed to various schools and businesses. Wally and Oma Frlich will be shipping rocks from AZ to be used in the Gem Mine and by the Easter Bunny along with the Ohio flint being tumbled by Tim Antes and Bob Spore. An Easter Egg Hunt for the children will be lots of fun thanks to the help of our dealers. Evelyn Tryon, Dealer Chairman has received contracts from all our dealers and has a waiting list of dealers who would like to exhibit at our show. Finally, I want to thank everyone for all their help with the pre-show planning. No matter what season, the Gemboree has always been a big success and I have no doubt the 2011 Spring Gemboree will be also!

I hope our members will enter the gem tree “Easter Egg Tree” contest. The trees will be displayed at the show and the winner will be determined by a “People’s Choice Award.” Ted Maringer, Show Chairman

Victim Assistance Project – by Mari Takai-Manley

On Friday, February 18th, I handed over all the jewelry collected and a check for \$71.50 to Shelley Koch, program development director for Victim Assistance. Thank you to all of you who participated in making jewelry for their silent auction table or donating cash from raffles held during our last meetings of the Summit Lapidary Club (\$32.50 + \$10.00) and Akron Mineral Society (\$29.00). In total, 34 necklaces and 8 bracelets plus a few other jewelry items were donated to the project. Shelley was very appreciative of all of our efforts to help and asked me to make sure to send a "Thank You" to all involved. Also “A Big Thanks!” from me.

Metalsmithing Competition – by Dave Macseoinin

Just to let you know, the Big Kahuna, asked me to extend the Metalsmithing Competition deadline for two more months. Sooooo...the new deadline will be May 15th, 2011, this date will be the last day to turn in your pieces. And for the three people that did have their pieces ready on time...Good for you!!...(But I do apologize to you for the extension.)

Looking forward to seeing your entry!

The goals for The Metalsmithing Competition are:

- a. To raise the level of technical skill of the individual.
- b. To use all skills and talents in Jewelry Designing; line, shape, color, texture, function and all aspects of design.
- c. To prepare and individual for submitting jewelry pieces to National Competitions.

The Rules:

- 1. Open to Summit Lapidary Club members in good standing only!
- 2. Two (2) or more stones must be in the piece.
- 3. At least one of the stones must have been cut by you!
- 4. Only pieces completed within the last year, January 2010 to May 2011 can be submitted.
- 5. Any precious metal maybe used, even copper and brass!
- 6. Two levels: Beginners and Advance.
- 7. You may submit more than one piece.
- 8. Pieces must be submitted by May 15th 2011.
- 9. All submitted pieces must be in its' own box with a postcard size card with your contact information and any subject information, then put into its' own plastic zip bag.
- 10. Select pieces will be displayed at our Spring Gemboree.

Pieces will be judged after May 15, 2011. The presentation of award winners will be the entertainment for our June's meeting program. Competition Committee: Dave Macseoinin, David Rich, and John Kerr

2010 Carnegie Mineralogical Award – by Article Submitted by Leigh Kish

For Immediate Release

February 14, 2011

For more information, contact:

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**Carnegie Museum of Natural History Announces the Winner of the
2010 Carnegie Mineralogical Award**

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania ... Carnegie Museum of Natural History is pleased to announce that one of the most important mineralogy events in America—The Rochester Mineralogical Symposium (RMS)—is the winner of the 2010 Carnegie Mineralogical Award. RMS takes place annually in western New York State and attracts mineral collectors worldwide. Carnegie Museum of Natural History Director Sam Taylor presented RMS Chairman Steve Chamberlain with the award on February 12 at the 2011 Tucson Gem and Mineral Show. The Carnegie Mineralogical Award honors outstanding contributions in mineralogical preservation, conservation, and education, and is considered one of the most prestigious awards in the fields of mineralogy, lapidary art, and geology.

“Since 1974 the Rochester Mineralogical Symposium has been *the* venue for professionals, students, and serious collectors to gather to discuss cutting-edge scientific work in mineralogy, what's new in minerals, and even the history

of mineralogy,” says Carnegie Museum mineralogist Marc L. Wilson. “We are really pleased to honor the most prestigious mineral symposium in North America.”

The Rochester Mineralogical Symposium was founded in 1974 as an annual event for the exchange of information about specimen mineralogy in all its various aspects. The event is affiliated with the Rochester Academy of Science, but is operated entirely by volunteers and has drawn international participation from across the spectrum of mineralogical interest—from academics and professionals to dealers and hobbyists.

Joining Chamberlain in accepting the award on behalf of RMS are Bruce Gaber and Rev. Bob Morgan. Chamberlain has served as Chairman of the RMS for the past 28 years and is Coordinator of the Center for Mineralogy, New York State Museum, Consulting Editor of *Rocks & Minerals*, an award-winning writer on the subject of New York minerals, and a noted collector. Gaber, Exhibits Organizer for the RMS Committee, is a retired scientist from the Office of Naval Research who specializes in high-end mineral photography and graphics. And Morgan, Member-at-large with the RMS, is a specialist in the crystallography of pyrite and other minerals. Chamberlain, Gaber, and Morgan are three of the field’s most tireless advocates.

The Carnegie Mineralogical Award was established in 1987 by Carnegie Museum of Natural History and underwritten by Hillman Foundation. Previous recipients of the Carnegie Mineralogical Award include:

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| 2009 Dr. Peter K.M. Megaw | 1999 Sterling Hill Mining Museum |
| 2008 Dr. Frank C. Hawthorne | 1998 Robert W. Jones |
| 2007 Jeffrey A Scovil | 1997 Bryan K. Lees |
| 2006 Richard C. Whiteman | 1996 Dr. Cornelis (Kase) Klein |
| 2005 June Culp Zeitner | 1995 Marie E. Huizing |
| 2004 Joel A. Bartsch | 1994 The Mineralogical Record |
| 2003 Dr. Eugene S. Meieran | 1993 Dr. Cornelius S. Hurlbut Jr. |
| 2002 Dr. Terry C. Wallace, Jr. | 1992 Dr. Carl A. Francis |
| 2001 Dr. Wendell E. Wilson | 1991 Dr. Miguel A. Romero Sanchez |
| 2000 Dr. F. John Barlow | 1990 Paul E. Desautels |
| | 1989 Dr. Frederick H. Pough |
| | 1988 Dr. John Sinkankas |
| | 1987 The Tucson Gem and Mineral Society |

Nominations are now being accepted for the 2011 Carnegie Mineralogical Award. Private mineral enthusiasts and collectors, educators, curators, mineral clubs and societies, museums, universities, and publications are eligible. For a nomination form, go to <http://www.carnegiemnh.org/minerals/award.html> or contact by mail: Marc L. Wilson, Section of Minerals and Gems, Carnegie Museum of Natural History, 4400 Forbes Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15213-4080, by phone at 412.622.3391, or by email at wilsonm@carnegiemnh.org.

Carnegie Museum of Natural History, one of the four Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh, is ranked among the top five natural history museums in the country. It maintains, preserves, and interprets an extraordinary collection of 20 million objects and scientific specimens used to broaden understanding of evolution, conservation, and biodiversity. More information is available by calling 412.622.3131 or by visiting the Web site, www.carnegiemnh.org.

The Stark County Gem & Mineral Club Invites You – by Carol Davis

The Stark County Gem and Mineral club is planning a one-day bus trip to the Carnegie Museum in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. We would like to extend an invitation to members of the Summit Lapidary Club and members of the Akron Mineral Society to join us on our trip. Please refer to the below document for details. If you are would like to have your name added to the list for the trip or have any questions, please contact Jack Self at 330-832-8112.

Carnegie Museum Trip Itinerary

We depart Saturday, May 7th at 8:30 AM from: Gabriel’s parking lot
5800 Whipple Ave. N.W.
North Canton, Ohio

Our formal tour begins at 11:20 A.M. and will last 1 hour. Most visitors spend at least three hours visiting the exhibits on their own. There is a café in the building for refreshments at your leisure.

The Natural History museum is divided into three floors.

First floor is dedicated to Dinosaurs, Paleontology, Gems and Minerals.

Second floor you will see Africa and Botany.

Third floor houses the Polar and Natural History exhibits.

After the tour you can re-visit any exhibit or visit the Art and Science exhibits in the attached building

We will probably leave the museum around 3:30 p.m. and stop for dinner 40 minutes later in Boardman, Ohio at the Golden Grill Buffet. Cost is \$11.00 per person

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Welcome to our Guests. We hope you will enjoy your trip to the Carnegie Museum with us. We are expected to tip our bus driver and an envelope will be passed on the bus for each person to contribute. The tip is not included in the charge per person.

		Bus	Admission	Total	Tip
Non Member Fees	Adults	\$15.95	\$13.00	\$28.95	\$1-2
	Seniors	\$15.95	\$10.00	\$25.95	\$1-2
	Students	\$15.95	\$ 7.00	\$22.95	\$1-2

The Bus fee and the Museum admission fee must be received by April 15, 2011. Please make checks payable to:

Stark County Gem and Mineral Club
P.O. Box 8261
Canton, Ohio
44711

If you wish to have your name added to the list for the bus trip, or have any questions, please contact Jack Self at 330-832-8112.

Bench Tips – by Brad Smith (More BenchTips by Brad Smith are at groups.yahoo.com/group/BenchTips/ or facebook.com/BenchTips)

MODIFY TOOLS FOR PRONG SETTING

When setting stones in a prong mount, avoid slipping by grinding a groove in the face of your prong pusher or one jaw of your flat-nose pliers. Easiest way to cut the slot on the pusher is with a file and the easiest way to cut the slot on your pliers is with a cutoff wheel in the Foredom or Dremel.

SANDING DISKS

One of the flexshaft tools that saves a lot of time is the snap-on sanding disk. I mainly use the medium and fine grits but sometimes need the very fine ones sold for working with platinum.

Ordinarily, you'd think of placing the disk on the mandrel with the grit side facing away from your hand, but notice that you end up with your elbow up in the air. Instead, try flipping the disk so that the grit side is towards your hand. It's a much more comfortable pose because the elbow is down near your side, and it gives me a better view of what I'm sanding.

I use these snap-on disks so frequently that I keep multiple mandrels with different grits already mounted in the bur stand. Some mandrels have the grit facing out some facing in.

Sunshine News – by Mari Takai-Manley

- David Rich had an emergency appendectomy at an Arizona hospital. We heard that the surgery was successful. We hope he will have a speedy recovery!
- Bob Flick is scheduled to have a stimulation treatment to his back because the injections to his back did not have the expected effect. We hope that this treatment provides relief from his pain.
- Dorothea Flick continues to recover from her surgery. She is frustrated because her recovery is proceeding more slowly than she would like. We hope she feels better soon.

BOBSERVATIONS – by Robt. Spore

You had me at “Hello”

I don't know how many of us got a certain E-mail from another club member (Who shall remain nameless) stating that he was in trouble in Spain and had lost all his money and needed a “soft” loan to the tune of \$2,000, but first of all, to the nameless party, if you were indeed in Spain and were stranded... sorrysorrysorrysorrysorry! I figured it was a bogus message and that your E-mail had been hacked. Again, if this was not the case... sorrysorrysorrysorrysorry!

It seemed bogus because the message began with, “Hello” and I really couldn't see one of my friends starting a message, while being stranded in Spain with no money, with the neutral salutation of “Hello”. If it were me, I would probably begin with the recurring line from an old Warren Zevon song; “Send lawyers, guns and money!” IN ALL CAPS. Underlined. And repeated...repeated...repeated.

And saying that you were in Spain for a seminar is just so... off the wall. What was the seminar on? “How the Spanish Armada was just a big misunderstanding?” “Zorro was way cooler than Robin Hood?” “How, contrary to popular belief, the rain in Spain does not just fall mainly on the plain but that other elevations also receive ample yearly precipitation?”

Again, if it were me, you might expect a tale of woe going something like, “My cat needs to go into rehab” or “Rose did not find my latest Pixie-Stix fueled escapade amusing and I'm now living in a cardboard box under an overpass”. Something believable.

I hope nobody who received the E-mail bought into it, but if, in your doe-like naivety, you did, don't ever tell me because if I find out that you were scammed, I will come over to your house to verbally abuse you. And I'll be wearing squeaky shoes just to add to the indignity.

But, if indeed our friend and fellow club member was stranded in Spain and at the mercy of lisping Castilians... egg on my face. Sorrysorrysorrysorrysorry!

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

This winter has been really hard for us on meeting night...A Snow Ban Parking for Cuyahoga Falls in effect cancels the membership meeting for that scheduled night. The meeting is then automatically rescheduled to the following Tuesday night. Before heading out for membership meeting nights call the Cuyahoga Falls Police Department to find out the weather conditions/snow ban for the area at 330-928-2181.

- Special request to advertise by Carol Davis - April 2 & 3, Canton, OH, Stark County Gem & Mineral Club 44th Ann Gem & Mineral Show, Stark County Fairgrounds, 305 Wertz Ave NW, Canton, OH. Sat 10-6, Sun 10-5. Silent Auct Displays, Demonstrations, Fluorescent Mineral Display, Kids' Games, National Dealers, Lapidary Supplies, Free Parking. Contact Dave Behringer (330-830-1578) or Barry Heiks (330-868-4047).

- Carol Davis is also announcing that the April 2011 Gemboree will be her last time for ribbons and name tags for our Gemboree Shows. She will bring in all the supplies at our Easter Gemboree. Thank-You Carol for all past duty with this endeavor!

MWF Calendar of Events for March 2011

11-13: KANSAS CITY, MO SHOW ME ROCKHOUNDS - KANSAS CITY GEM & MINERAL SHOW. Friday 9 a.m. - 8 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Sunday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Metropolitan Community College Business and Technology Exhibition Hall, 1775 Universal Avenue, Kansas City, MO 64120 For more information contact Bruce Stinemetz, 2706 S. Cherokee, Independence, MO 6405, 816-795-164.

12 - 13: MACOMB, IL GESCI Show at Western Illinois University on Murray Street in Macomb, Illinois. Saturday hours 10-6, Sunday 10-5. Guest speaker, special programs, special exhibits, demonstrations, silent auction, door prizes. Free admission and free parking. For more info contact Jim Travis (309) 645-3609 or Regina Kapta (217) 233-1164.

12: SKOKIE, IL 62nd Silent Auction, Chicago Rocks & Minerals Society. St. Peter's United Church of Christ, 8013 Laramie Ave. (Across the street from the Skokie Public Library on Oakton.) Saturday, 6 - 9 p.m. Free admission and parking; rocks, minerals, crystals, fossils, geodes, handmade jewelry, books, magazines, and lapidary treasures. Contact Jeanine N. Mielecki (773) 774-2054 jaynine9@aol.com www.chicagorocks.or

25-27: BRIDGETON, MO, 51st Annual Show, Rock Hobby Clue, Machinists Haul, 12365 St Charles Rock Rd, Fri 4:00-9:00, Sat 10:00-7:00, Sun 10:00-5:00, Contact: Vickie Corley, 1727 Parkway Acres Ct, St Louis, MO 63043, (314) 439-5556, sales@butterfliesbygod.com

26-27: Monroe, WI Badger Lapidary & Geological Society, 41st Annual, Rock, Gem, Mineral, & Fossil Show. "Rocks at Work", Monroe Senior High School, 1600 26th St., Monroe, WI 53566. Hours: 9am-5pm Sat & Sun. Ten dealers, excellent speakers, many beautiful club displays including a display from the Earth Haven Museum in Gillette, fluorescent mineral tent, lapidary demonstrations, club sales table, hourly door prizes, educational films. ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS: Fishpond, spinner game, treasure hunt, quarry quest, rock polishing, and roving rock wizard. Free-will donation at the door and free parking. Food: Full Menu. This is a show that a family with \$10 can come in and have a whole day of fun. Contact Terri Marche, 5415 Lost Woods Ct., Oregon, WI 53575; tmarche@education.wisc.edu