

Summit Gem Newsletter May 2006

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Mission Statement

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

Club Meeting: May 2nd at 7:30 PM
Program: MWF video presentation
Host: Grace Babak

President's Message - by David Rich

The spring show is over. Again, because we have very dedicated members it was a success. I saw new members having fun working at their first show. Thank you for your help and commitment to SLC's part of the GEMBOREE. Also a hat's off to the AMS for doing there part. I received numerous compliments from the vendors about our show. The vendors believe that our show is a very good one and they are very happy to be able to come to our show.

Have you been to the new web site? People from Australia, England have made a visit. There are lots of new things added, mineral identification, on-line forums, tools, and the on-line gemboree. We hope to have our very own Bob Franks the sphere man hosting a new forum on our web site. Some club members overheard something about a MEGA sphere machine. Three trailers, a couple of old tractor motors, and a 2 ton chain hoist at the show. Members need to check out the On-Line gemboree. The cost for working members is \$20 for 6months. Pete of Pete's Rocks was the first club member to take advantage of the low cost. This was created so club members can get into the gemboree on the SLC web site. This is a great place to show your work and have the world contact you for a sale. How about that? Maybe that guy visiting lapidaryclubofohio web site from down under has piles of opal and just would like to have that Ohio Flint belt buckle? Thanks, David

GEMBOREE News - by Warren Salchak

First of all, and of the utmost priority is a BIG THANKS to each and everyone of you folks for making our show a success once again. We heard that from many of our dealers and visitors.

One lady took her son to the Science Museum, and he said it was okay but he likes our show better. Another lady from Lisbon Ohio, who also came last year, brought her grandson back again this year, and the youngster bought a Mt. Ida piece for about \$200.00. Grandma ask if she bought something if she could put it in his Curio cabinet. Her mineral ran about \$300.00. This is just one family that called me last year, and was so thrilled they came back and had to show me their treasures.

We had 1453 people come again this year. I find it so amazing that the count stays so close to former years. I also know about 20 other friends who didn't make. We are reaching many more folks, maybe not by great numbers but we growing. I think we have some folks who would like to come check us out, and were invited. We even had past members come: Walt Howard and his wife, Marjorie Evans, Kathy Wells John Hitte, great to see these folks again. Our new Web Master Ed Rich was also present. I'll have more information later. Again Thanks, Warren

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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 SLC Meeting 7:30PM	3	4	5	6 B. wirewrap 10AM
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 Mine Safety 10AM
14 Mother's Day	15	16	17	18	19	20 Social Sat.
21	22	23	24	25	26	27 Social Sat.
28	29 Memorial Day	30 Board Meeting	31			

Classes

Classes: Just a reminder – Classes taught by SLC members are free. There maybe a cost for supplies.
 May 6th Saturday 10AM Beginning Wirewrap with Pete Sauricki
 May 13th Saturday 10AM-4PM Mine Safety Training \$12

MGAS Trip Update - by Sue Barnett

June 9-11 we will be going to MGAGS again this year. For those of you who do not know what this is, Michigan Geology and Gemcraft Society. This Michigan group puts on a weekend of classes as their annual money raiser for their club. Admission is \$20.00 for the whole weekend and you choose the classes you wish to attend to learn or improve your skills and knowledge. This is an excellent learning opportunity for the newest members of our club and a lot of fun for those who go every year.

Summit Lapidary Club is making it easy and affordable for everyone to go this year. Once you earn your eligibility to go on a club trip by working the gem show, you will travel with the group by bus to Saginaw, Michigan. Two nights an accommodation at the Comfort Suites and admission for both days to the Rockhounds Weekend is available for eligible Lapidary members for only \$75.00 per person/double occupancy per room and \$125 per single.

There are class schedules floating around the club and I believe I saw one tacked to our message board, so check it out and get signed up to go on this trip.

Mine Safety Class - by Terry Warner

Be safe while enjoying our hobby of collecting mineral specimens. SLC and AMS are hosting a mine safety training class for MSHA Training. The class is presented by Joel Vicary, an instructor with Macomb Community College. The class is being held May 13, 2006 from 10AM to 4PM at the Summit Lapidary club; cost is \$12.

Earn your certificate of completion for the U.S. Department of Labor Mine Safety and Health Administration's Mine Safety Training Program for Hazard Recognition and First Aid. This certificate opens many mines not available to rock hounds. For more information or to register call me at 330-644-5999 or E-mail me at terry_warner@goodyear.com.

The Sapphires of Yogo Gulch – by Bob Powers

Deep in a remote area of central Montana lies the geological formation containing Yogo sapphires. These sapphires are unusual in that they not found primarily in river beds or placer deposits. They are embedded in the host rock, a dike of carbonatite composed of calcite, dolomite, pyrite, apatite and magnetite, among

other minerals. The sapphires found in Yogo Gulch are among the finest gem quality in the world. The crystals are clear, have few inclusions and a uniform color penetration. There is little color zoning (banding) that is common in sapphires from other sites like Myanmar and Australia. Many of the sapphires are of the most desirable "Cornflower Blue". This color is natural, having developed in the host rock deep underground. Heat treating is not required to bring out the color, as it is with almost all other sapphires. The natural coloration adds to their value. The crystals tend to be small and flat. The largest Yogo sapphire ever found weighs only a little over 10 carats. It's in the Smithsonian.

GEMBOREE Display Cases - by Sue Barnett

Another show under our belt!!! Whew!! I need to thank all of those members who did a display case. What a great job you all did! Special thanks to Russ and Evelyn Greene, Helen Franks, Jim and Suzanne Shoffner. They all stepped up to help me fill last minute cases. And a very special thank-you to Tom and Rosemary McLaughlin who fortunately brought enough crystal specimens to fill two cases at the very, very, last minute, just before the show opened.

All of the displays were unique and showcased the personality of the person who chose to share their interests and talents. Did everyone see the flint knives??!! Wow!! Again, thank you to each and every one of you who did a display case for this spring show.

AFMS or MWF News - by Laura Thomas

MGAGS CLASS SCHEDULE IS OUT FOR JUNE 10-11 SEMINAR

WORKSHOPS – Run All Day Long, Drop In, Stay all day or part of day.

CABOCHON – Hands On – Eye and Hair protection required.
Bring slabbed material or use what's on hand.

SILVERSMITHING – Hands on, Use your own tools or theirs, fee is \$2

Silver for ring is \$3, Beginners make rings or bracelets, Intermediates, project of your choice.

DEMOS/INFORMATIONAL:

Intro to Silversmithing

Designing Silver Jewelry

Drop Casting – Freeform Silver

Intro to MicroMounting Minerals

Cutting Star Rubies & Sapphires-How to orient, Cut and Polish

Sphere Making – Step-by-step Demo

Faceting Overview

Intarsia – Stone to Stone Cabs-demo, tool discussion, hands-on if time permits

Indiana Geodes

Intro to Fossils

Fossil Cleaning & Preparation

Scrimshaw – History & Lore

Other Hands On Projects to Make:

Toggle Wheel Earrings – bring Optivisor, kit \$8. (Swarovski crystals)

Slate Carving, Kit \$2

The Littlest Fossil Collectors

Tumbled Gem Pictures

Wire-Wrap Jewelry – Beginner and Intermediate Workshops, taught by Alice Turner Bring your own tools. Copper wire at cost.

Spool Knit Chain – Demo first hour, make one the second hour, taught by Irwin "Grit" Turner Kit with tools+.999 silver wire \$30 (can also use 26 craft wire)

Enamel Beads fee \$10

Lampwork Beads – 3 hour class, fee \$35.

Scrimshaw Hands-on Class fee \$4.50

On the schedule I just received in the mail, they say they are also working on additional classes to add to this already awesome schedule!

Well, I don't know about you all, but there is plenty to do and learn and the price can't be beat! If enough people let our Trip Czarina Sue Barnett know they are interested, she's working on getting a bus trip together. For advance tickets – you're looking at \$20 for two-days, plus any incidental class fees for supplies. Incredible Deal, in my humble opinion! Wish I could go – will be there next year for sure!

The Sunshine News - by Pat Smeal

Hopefully members who needed extra sunshine this past month are greatly improved:

- Warren Salchak with chest discomfort required overnight hospital observation w/multiple tests...glad to hear everything checked out fine.
- Cathy Lee is feeling much better after pneumonia.
- Elmer and Marvel Shafrick - he's feeling better after bronchitis and Marvel, too, after a hospital stay for pneumonia.
- Sue Shoffner had minor surgery but this couldn't keep her down long.
- Jackie and Armand Dionne are both scheduled for cataract surgery.
- SPECIAL well wishes are made for Helen Franks this month and of course, Bob Franks, as well as Pop Tryon and family.
- Remember too, Sue Barnett will have foot surgery 4/28.
- Laura Thomas has hip surgery the first week in May - - - we all wish you a speedy recovery with just a "little" time to stop and smell the flowers along the way.

TIDBIT: "What sunshine is to flowers, smiles are to humanity.
these are but trifles, to be sure, but scattered along
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ife's pathway, the good they do is inconceivable."
- by John Addison

"BOBSERVATIONS" - by Bob Spore

*Now available on the web in an exciting Power Point presentation!**

I don't know how the rest of you all did (and that's because to me, the entire Gem Show revolves around and is merely a vehicle for the Gem Mine and that's how it should be), but we had our best show since the Spring of '99. The worst show the Mine had since I inherited it was the Fall of 2001 (Gee... I wonder why?) and since then, we've gotten a little better, but this show, we pulled in a little over 50% above our average for the last five years. Way cool.

Skeeter and I were talking about scotch Sunday morning and as we talked, we both spoke or it with a deep warmth and affection. Guys can do this quite easily, but more often than not, the subject is power tools. But as a gender, we're very flexible.

Other things I observed included Irene Horvath making a surprise visit. I didn't get an opportunity to speak with her as I was busy allowing small children to bang small buckets full of sand into my shins, but I did wave like an idiot.

Also, on several occasions, attendees and dealers both came up to me and said what a wonderful show this was and what a great job we did in hosting it. And so, in showing my own appreciation for all the fine work that went into the GEMBOREE there will be a little something extra in your pay envelopes next time.

Sometimes at the Mine, when a customer asks what a specific mineral might be, I've been known to draw a blank. Frank Mack suggested making up plausible sounding names, "Oh yeah... that's Samsonite." It almost made coffee go up my nose. OK, the stupidest thing I said at the show (and I know that many of you will disagree and say, "Oh no, Bob. You've said things much stupider than that." And to you I will have to say, "Shut up".) was to some little kid when I said, "Wow! Every time I see you, you're older!" And the kid looked at me and I could see he was thinking, "Of course, you nimrod... time is linear."

But I didn't say anything more because I hate entering into a discussion on causality and temporal dynamics with an eight year old wearing a Spongebob Squarepants T- shirt.
Little showboats!

**No it's not.*

Just a Quick Note From Me... - by Pat Powers

Nothing extra to add....Bye and see you next month!