

Summit Gem Newsletter October 2011

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Mission Statement

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



Monthly Meeting: Tuesday, October 4th at 7:00PM

**Program: Gemstone Minerals presented by
Mark Manley**



Hosts: Sandy & Bill Bandy and Dawn & Andy Carey

Membership: 130 members

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

President's Message – by David Rich

Gemboree month is here. It is almost hard to believe how soon the show rolls around. The sign up sheets are at the club, so get your name on as soon as you can. It is everyone's responsibility to help at the show. This is the primary source for the clubs operating expenses. SLC board is hosting a new member dinner for members with less than 1 year in the club. This will be the second time the club has done this for our newest members. I hope to have a sign up sheet available by the monthly meeting night for the Members Only Sale. The sale will be on Saturday, Nov 12, from 10am-5pm, at the Quirk Cultural Center. The price is \$10 per member. I would like to remind everyone the MOS is your show. SLC paid the rental for the Quirk Center. Participating members need to help make this "your" show. Call Annette and ask where she needs help. The show tables will already be set up by the Quirk Center, and there is no tear down like Gemboree.

The Midwest Federation had the convention in Toledo. The Toledo Gem and Rockhound Club were the hosts for this years convention. The TGRC were very gracious hosts and they had a wonderful show.

I am the Safety and Field Trip chairman for MWF. At the executive meeting on Friday, the second vice president reported on next year's convention. Next year's convention will be on agate. From early reports about the show, there will be a whole day devoted to learning about agate from around the world. Highly-regarded authors in the field of agate formation will be coming from as far as Germany. SLC is a member of the MWF, and that means YOU are more than welcome to participate at a convention. Conventions are exciting ways to meet new people.

The last time an agate symposium was presented, I was too late in signing up and the seminars were full. I am not going to miss this one. The great thing about conventions is that they are held in conjunction with a show. It is usually an extra big show. I am looking forward to picking up a choice agate!

C-Ya on down the trail, *Top Rock, Birdman*

September 6th Meeting Minutes – Respectfully Submitted by Merry Anne McLeod-Wolfe

ADOPT A SPOT - A big thank you to Frank for the very nice looking flowers.

DONATIONS - Evelyn Green and John Hite are making miniature Xmas trees to donate to the Children's Hospital.

GUESTS - Steve Boyd and Teresa Landy

NEW MEMBERS - Eve and Andrew Beard

TOLEDO GEM SHOW - Faceted case is done and packed up for the show.

NEW MEMBER DINNER - To be held Oct 5th. See Evelyn Tryon for details.

TREASURER' S REPORT - Read by Tom and accepted by the Club.

OLD BUSINESS - AC/HEAT settings to be posted by thermostat. Always check Settings before leaving Clubhouse.

SUNSHINE - Mari sent out seven cards to our health-challenged members. Sue Shofner's husband not doing well at this time.

LIBRARY - Three new books on Beading have been purchased for our Library.

EDUCATION - Sept.25, Beginning Silver, Dave Mc., Oct 11, Chainmaille, Drake, Sept 27th, Bracelet, Sue, Sept. 20th, Luxurious links bracelet, Mari

MGAGS - bus trip a great success.

GEMBOREE - Evelyn reported all dealer spaces filled and letters to schools and others going out. Programs are to be printed soon. Members may sign up to put a display up at show. Must work at Gemboree to be a member in good standing. Club may use a case to advertise for Members only show in Nov.

REPAIRS - David Moore has gotten Slab machines running. We really appreciate the notes on The machines and unplugging the defective ones.

NAME TAGS 7 T-SHIRTS - They will be here soon.

TOLEDO SHOW DONATIONS - Please give them to Bob Powers.

MEMBERS ONLY SALE - to be held Nov. 12th at the Quirk Center. 25 tables to rent. Suggestions, donate small item for door prizes or a raffle. Evelyn can print flyers at the school.

50/50 RAFFLE - \$42.50 donation to be decided at Board meeting.

October's Meeting Program – by Mark Manley

I will be giving the talk on "Gemstone Minerals" that I presented two years ago to the Akron Mineral Society. The talk will be about the minerals that are commonly used for faceting into gemstones. I will discuss in particular beryls (e.g., aquamarine and emerald), tourmalines, and garnets, among others. I will bring specimens from my own collection for a "show and tell" part of the talk.

October Calendar of Classes and Events

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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4 SLC Meeting 7 PM	5 New Member Dinner	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15 Gem Mine Rock Bagging
16	17	18 Bead Night	19	20	21 Gemboree Set- up	22 Gemboree
23 Gemboree/ Tear down	24	25 SLC Board Meeting	26	27	28	29

See sign up sheets at the club.

Gemboree News – by Ted Maringer

Once again it's count-down to another Fall Gemboree! Thanks to the help various club members, 1,300 post cards were addressed, stamped and mailed. Thanks to our Dealer Chairperson, Evelyn Tryon our dealers are in place and ready for another successful show. Bob Spore and Bill Bandy will be bagging rocks for the Gem Mine on Saturday, October 15 starting around 9:30am.

My gentle reminder... as per the Summit Lapidary Club by-laws, each able body member should sign up for at least 4 hours of work at each show. It is not helpful to just show up at the Gemboree and ask, "What can I do?" Assignments should be scheduled months in advance of the show. If on the day of the show you should have an emergency and you're unable to fulfill your obligation please contact Show Chairman as-soon-as possible.

Sincerely,
Ted Maringer, Gemboree Show Chairman

A Diamond Worthy Of Reflection Part 2 – Siezed 'Golden Eye' Gem Sells For \$2.8M by Garcia, The Plain Dealer September 9th 2011

The rectangular yellow precious stone that drew attention to Cleveland from around the world sold Thursday for \$2,843,623.

The 43.51- carat diamond got 16 bids in a three-day online auction that closed at 3.15 PM. Bidding started at \$900,000.

Proceeds from the sale will be divided among victims of the criminal case in which the diamond was seized and participating federal, state and local agencies.

A sum will be allocated to the Department of Justice Forfeiture Fund. The website that handled the auction gets a percentage of the sale price.

The U. S. Marshals Service received phone calls from potential buyers from Israel, Saudi Arabia, Russia, China and across the United States. Interested bidders inspected the gem last week, but first had to make a refundable \$180,000 deposit.

The unmounted diamond measures 25.65 millimeters long (a little bit longer than an inch), 18.06mm wide and 10.78mm in depth. Authorities said it is the biggest precious stone seized by the U. S. Marshals Service.

The successful bidder has seven days to complete the transaction by certified bank check or wire transfer to the Marshals Service. The bidder will bear the costs of the transfer, which must occur within 10 Days. The service has not released the name of the top bidder.

The 'Golden Eye Diamond' was analyzed and appraised by a professional gemologist, but authorities declined to reveal the appraisal value and the diamond's country of origin.

Federal authorities were never sure what they would get for the diamond. An assistant U. S. attorney said two years ago that it could net \$3 million to \$20 Million.

Convicted Alliance millionaire Paul Monea once owned the diamond. His arrest was the result of an investigation into car dealerships in Stark County. Authorities believed the dealerships were laundering money for drug cartels. At one point, Monea attempted to sell the gem to an undercover agent posing as a broker for a South American drug cartel.

In 2007, Monea was convicted on conspiracy and money laundering charges. He is scheduled to be released from federal prison in 2018.

Despite the state of the economy, the Marshals Service had to sell the gem now because of the forfeiture policies.

MWF Convention at the Toledo Gem Show – by Bob Powers

The Toledo Gem and Rockhound Club hosted the Midwest Federation of Mineral Society's Convention at the Stranahan Theater Complex on September 9th through the 11th. We were greeted by Jerri Heer, the Toledo Club President, who welcomed us and showed us to the Silent Auction tables. Every provision was readied by the Toledo Club for the Silent Auction tables. The Toledo club show was very well organized, with members occupied at assigned tasks. The Stranahan Complex itself was clean, spacious and well-lighted. Over 25 dealers, many of them familiar ones, were present. The Toledo Club had several tables of sales items, and a number of display cases were attractively set up near the entrance. There were two competition cases, a mineral case by Barbara Sky and the improved Summit Lapidary Club case displaying faceted natural gemstones. The SLC case got quite a bit of attention, and the visitors were impressed by the size and variety of the stones. New gem bases and improved lighting showed off the stones to their best advantage. The American Federation judges were eager to view the large aquamarine and green beryl. Dave Koffroth's peach quartz stone was among the few selected for judging, and undoubtedly garnered the case some points. Judges did note that several of the stones had chipped edges, undoubtedly due to the handling that occurred at least twice a year in setup and teardown of the gem case. Those chips cost the club case a few points since the stones were judged as "competition cuts".

Pat and I spent Friday morning driving out to Toledo, setting up for the MFW Silent Auction and cataloging new donations. The doors opened and visitors began to stream in. We spent the next several hours running Silent Auctions, collecting winning bids and refreshing the material offered at the Silent Auction tables. By the end of the first day, over \$ 300 in material had been auctioned off. The second day fared even better. Some intense bidding took place for a large and impressive geode. Bidding started slowly, but intensified as the final minutes approached. In the last few minutes, the bid was raised several times by \$ 10.00 or more, and the final winning bid was \$ 100.00.

The Akron Mineral Society and Summit Lapidary members were very generous in providing Silent Auction material. Joyce and Skeeter Kish provided some Ohio Flint and geodes from the Green River, Kentucky. A show visitor who had just purchased a black light was surprised to discover that they fluoresced a nice green color, and won the auction for several of them. Large petrified wood pieces donated by Evelyn Greene had some heavy bidding and brought a good price, along with some brachiopod fossils that she donated last year. Terry Warner donated a large amount of quartz rock, dug up on an earlier club trip to the Diamond Hill Mine. John & Evelynn Tryon donated some Ohio Flint, which is always in demand. Wally & Oma Frilich donated several nice rocks, which unfortunately did not get displayed, but will be available if you make the trip to Minneapolis next year.

By the end of the day Saturday, the Silent Auction had exceeded what was brought in for the two previous MWF shows. Early Sunday continued the pace of sales, but as the day progressed the crowds thinned. We packed up the unsold material and were able to hand it off to MWF VP Dennis Westman, who lives much closer to the next show site – Minneapolis Minnesota. With that, my third and last year as MWF Silent Auction Chair (for this term, anyway) was brought to an end.

Reminder From Mari, The Librarian

Magazines are disappearing from the club house!

Missing *Jewelry Arts Lapidary Journal* issues : February 2009, February, May, and June 2010, February and August 2011.

Missing *Rock & Minerals magazine* issue : Agate issue.

All magazines are supposed to stay in the club house. These magazines are for all members. If you need a particular magazine to make a report at our meeting, you need to make a special arrangement with us. If you have taken any of the above issues home, please return them to the club house. Thanks, Mari

Sunshine News – by Mari Takai-Manley

- James Shoffner passed away on Sept. 16, 2011. His memorial service will be held at the Clifford-Shoemaker Funeral Home, Cuyahoga Falls on Sept. 26th, 11:00 a.m. Deepest sympathy to his wife and his family.
- Gwen Rader passed away on Sept. 20th. Cremation has taken place, and there will be a private family burial at Rose Hill Burial Park. Deepest sympathy to her husband and her family.
- Carl Miller suffered a staph infection and was taken to a hospital. He is reported to be in stable condition right now. Lynn Hopkins can be reached at 330-807-4506 after 4 p.m. for updates on his condition. We wish him a speedy recovery.
- Evelyn Greene continues a rehabilitation treatment for her shoulder. She says that it will take another two months to complete the treatment. We hope she will have a strong shoulder afterwards. Take care, Evelyn!
- Sue Paserba continues her chemotherapy, and maintains the strong positive attitude to fight her illness. She is scheduled to teach a beading class on a bracelet for us. Good for you and thank you!
- Greg Dojlidko continues treatments of both chemotherapy and a holistic approach. He is another person who maintains a strong and positive attitude to fight his cancer. He comes to our club house to share how he is managing. It is good to see his smiling face there.
- Grace Babak is said to be recovering well from her brain cancer surgery, according to her niece. Grace has a humorous and positive attitude about her illness. Keep that up, Grace!
- Elmer Schafrik has also recovered well from his brain cancer treatment. He joined us at the August Akron Mineral Society's picnic. It was good to see his smiling face.

BOBSERVATIONS – by Robt. Spore

I wanted to talk to you again about the importance of a good hat, but I find that I can't because something very sad occurred. A good friend of ours is no longer with us.

Jim Shoffner passed away the other week.

I was trying to think what it is I'll miss the most about Jim and thinking back, I remembered when he was in charge of the geode cracker and I was in charge of the gem mine. Back then, the geode cracker was right in front of the mine and when times were slow, Jim would meet me at the front fence of the mine (And was it in the old Snuffy Smith

comic where they had the Gossip Fence? I seem to remember that) and we'd stand there and just pass the time of day. Other people would stop by and talk for a few minutes and then wander off to be replaced by someone else with a few minutes to spare for some idle chit-chat and a bit of people watching.

It was always fun talking to Jim. We'd usually end up discussing military aircraft. You know... the old stuff.

I would have to say that if you were looking for one word to describe Jim, that word would be irascible. And I only mean that in a good way. When and if I grow up, I want to have his attitude. Probably had something to do with his Marine training, a "take no prisoners" approach to life. It probably takes a personality like that to not view an Emerald cut with some level of trepidation. I'm happy he taught me not to fear that design.

The man looked intimidating as all get out, but when he laughed, it was a no holds barred, start at the gut and explode out the mouth experience. Ah, Jimmy... you are missed. Semper Fi, buddy.

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

The new member dinner is Wednesday, October 5th at 6:30PM. RSVP to Evelyn Tryon at 330-673-9664. Nothing more to add...bye and see you next month!

MWF October Calendar of Events

1-2: ROSEVILLE, MN. Fall Show, Anoka County Gem & Mineral Club, Har Mar Mall, 2100 Snelling, Sat 10:00-6:00, Sun Noon-5:00.

1-2: JACKSONVILLE, AR, 39th Annual Show, Central Arkansas Gem, Mineral & Geology Society, Jacksonville Community Center, 5 Municipal Dr, Sat, Sun 9:00 -5:00.

1-2: SPRINGFIELD, IL, Annual Show, Lincoln Orbit Earth Science Society, Illinois Bldg, Illinois State Fair Grounds, Sat 10:00-6:00, Sun 10:00-5:00.

14-16: WARREN, MI, Annual Greater Detroit Show, Michigan Mineralogical Society, South Macomb Community College, Expo Center, Bldg P, 14500 12 Mile Rd , Fri 9:00-7:00, Sat 10:00-7:00, Sun 11:00-5:00.

15-16: CHICAGO HTS, IL, 42nd Annual Show, South Suburban Earth Science Club, Prairie State College, 202 S Halsted St, Sat, Sun 10:00-5:00.

15-16: DES MOINES, IA, Annual Show, Des Moines Lapidary Society, Paulo Knapp Animal Learning Ctr Iowa State Fairgrounds, E University Av Gate, Sat 10:00-5:00, Sun 10:00-4:00

15-16: COTTAGE GROVE, MN, Annual Show, Minnesota Mineral Club, National Guard Training & Community Ctr, 8180 Belden Blvd, Sat 10:00-5:00, Sun 10:00-4:00.

15-16: CLIO, MI, 44th Annual Show, Flint Rock & Gem Club, Carter Middle School, Rogers Lodge Dr, Sat 10:00-5:00 Sun 10:00-5:00.

21-23: FT WAYNE, IN, 50th Annual Show, Three Rivers Gem & Mineral Society, Allen County Fairgrounds, 2726 Carroll Rd, Fri & Sat 10:00-7:00, Sun 11:00-5:00.

22-23: CUYAHOGA FALLS, OH, Semi-annual Gemboree, Akron Mineral Society & Summit Lapidary Club, Emido Expo Center, 48 E Bath Rd, 10:00-6:00.