

Summit Gem Newsletter September 2007

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Mission Statement

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



Meeting: September 4th at 7:30PM
Program: Gem Mountain, Montana
Host: Pat & Bob Powers



Membership: 130 members
Dues: Joining fee \$25 then \$4 per month

President's Message - by David Rich

Summer break is over and are you ready? SLC continues to be a busy organization. We have lots of things happening this Fall.

I would like to welcome our new members. I hope that you are eager to become involved in the meetings and activities coming up. We will be starting another round of classes, and our Gemboree is scheduled for October 27-28.

Summit Lapidary Club has been featured in the AFMS newsletter, about our new FRA Poster Contest. Entries will be coming our way very soon, perhaps some from far-distant places. AFMS chairman, Jim Brace-Thompson has personally thanked the "good folks at SLC" for their generosity and great idea for how to get children involved with Earth Sciences.

I want to thank everyone who has taken an active roll in SLC. Without active, motivated club members, we would not have such a great club.

At the convention I just attended, SLC seemed to compare favorably with the clubs of the region. We offer as many programs and activities as some far larger clubs. I am always proud to be your president at conventions and to represent SLC. I get to meet people from our region, and find out how they do things in their clubs.

Ohio has 1,124 adults out of the 8,371 registered in the 14 states of the region. I encourage you to get involved with SLC and the Midwest Federation and AMFS. There is so much opportunity to exchange ideas and meet people who love rockhounding as much as we do!

SLC June 2007 Meeting Minutes - Respectfully submitted by Barbra Finnemore

New Members: Phil Morris, Tim Jalivet, Cindy and Vinnie Dioreo, Debra Calhoun. Visitor: Ellen Berisha

Treasurer Report: All is well.

President's Report: working on basement, new members must make 2 meetings, 1 meeting to visit and 2nd to join.

Sunshine Report: Helen and Frank are doing well. Cards were sent around to be signed. A donation was sent to Neil's church. Pat and Annette had knee surgery.

Library: Mari said no new books were acquired this month.

Newsletter: Summit Lap newsletter won Top 10 Award...to be handed out in Roswell this summer.

Education: 2 classes were offered, Snowflake necklace on 6/16. Silver class on 7/1
In order to take a class, one must first know how to use all equipment downstairs, and have made a cabochon.

Gemboree: Name badges are in....see Warren. A big "Thank You" to all!!!! 1,843 visitors this year. The Gemboree report will be given next Tuesday.

Safety: Al was not here. He has done and continues to do a great job of helping to keep everyone safe. He attended to the working wounded on the Arkansas trip!! Thank you Al!!!!!!

Machine Maintenance: Frank will fix all machines and change the oil. Volunteers are welcome and encouraged to learn how to do this and to help Frank.

Property Maintenance: A quote of \$ 8,200 was received to repair the basement wall. We'll get another quote from another company.

Announcements:

Joyce said that Mr. Wagner from the Wagner mine went out of his way to get good crystals for the silent auction. She also reminded us of the picnic to be held at Kay's on July 14. Also, a big thank you to Sue for all her work on trip planning.

David asked if anyone has ideas for trips please let the Board know.

Mickey asked that if you have any old rock books or maps..... please bring them in.

Mari said we need more stuff for the box for our adopted soldier, Kevin.

Bill Bandy said that he will order grit. He will take orders and arrange for a grit pick up at Medina Vocational School.

Thanks to Wally and Oma for the fantastically wonderful and delicious food!!! Break for food.....auction to follow. Auction finished. Our next meeting will be held in September.

Gemboree Information - by Warren Salchak

We had a Gemboree meeting on June 12th with 18 folks attending. It was reported an excess of funds from our spring show. AMS received \$2,500.00 and SLC received \$5,000.00.

We discussed having Emilio's son and a friend set up the tables for our next show. With the Spring Gemboree we had Miller, a rental company, do it. They gave us a discount and it was still \$200.00. We paid that out and still had an excess of funds.

Everyone was in favor of having someone set up the tables for the next Gemboree. I will approach Pellegrino in September to confirm for this service with the Fall Gemboree. The next Gemboree meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 11th at 7:00PM. Please attend. Just a reminder...Every member of SLC and AMS are required to work at the Gemboree. The Gemboree show is the only fund raiser for both clubs.

We had some new members join in June and others are still waiting for our meetings to resume before applying for membership. Please greet these folks with enthusiasm, remember the welcome you once received.

Any questions or comments please feel free to contact me by phone or e-mail. Warren Salchak
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September		September			September	
Sun	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri	Sat
						1 Social Saturday
2	3	4 SLC meeting 7:30PM	5	6	7	8 Social Saturday
9	10	11 Gemboree meeting 7:00PM	12	13	14	15 Wire Wrap 1:00PM
16	17	18	19	20	21	22 Social Saturday
23 30 Beginning Faceting 10AM	24	25 Board Meeting 7:30PM	26 Newsletter articles due	27	28	29 Beginning Faceting 10AM

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

MWF CONVENTION REPORT - by Mary Ann Rich

There sure is a lot of copper in Michigan. That is where the 2007 Midwest Federation convention was held on August 10-11. Evelyn and John were there to represent Akron Mineral and it was very nice to meet up with club members. Northeast Ohio was well-represented.

At all MWF meetings there is a host show. This time there many field trips associated with the convention through the A.E. Seaman Museum.

The next convention is to be held June 20-22, 2008 in Lincoln, Nebraska. Roger Pabain of the Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club has promised guided field trips for fossils, agate and petrified wood.

All the MWF meetings and the AFMS meetings are open to members of the federation. That's you! I would like to encourage you to check out a convention. You will get to meet lots of people from all over this great land of ours.

One bit of very interesting news: The MWF is working on field trip sharing between clubs. Also, the AMFS is working on starting a Rockhound Rendezvous. There are a lot of clubs that do some very interesting field trips. I will let you know of any trips that are scheduled as a result of these new ideas.

Michigan Road-Trip - by Laura Thomas and Wende Taylor

Dateline: Flint, Michigan August 17-19th. Mott Community College

Location: Midwest Faceters Guild Annual Seminar

Headed up to Flint for the Beginner Class at this year's annual Midwest Faceters Guild Seminar. Packed up my Lee faceting machine that Martin scored for me on Ebay a couple summers back and hit the road! We arrived, set up our machines and gabbed with the others in the class – there were people from Indiana, Chicago, Toledo, all over Michigan and John Z – the show coordinator for the Parma Lapidary Club! Was very envious (in a good way) – Miss Wende got to use a Fac-ette Gem Master II machine – ya know, the Big Blue protractor machine with the monitor that tells you when you're done!

Classes got started Saturday pretty early – Very hands-on in the Beginner class! There is about one instructor for every two students, with lots of guys milling about helping and giving tips! Got going pretty well and felt very comfortable with this friendly bunch! We even had a "guest" beginner in the class – Johnny Tew, General Manager from the Fac-ette Company. Young guy, southern accent – he was the Guest Speaker at Saturday night's banquet/buffet – very funny stories about the Tucson show and other Faceting company reps. Did you know his record for cutting a stone is 24 MINUTES!

Did I mention they had a raffle Friday, Saturday AND Sunday? It was pretty cool – won some facet rough topaz in (5) colors – actually won twice – gave a pack to Wende. So, we gotta get ourselves down to the clubhouse and break out the machines and practice! The Pattern/design (never call it a "recipe") that we cut was called an Easy-Eight. Pretty Straightforward – looks good! Wende's was a beautiful light blue color CZ and mine is at this moment still on the machine – ran out of time, will cut the table this week – homework!!!

There was some chat at the Business meeting held Friday evening that next year's seminar may be held in the Chicago area, with space being made available by the Lazzadro Lapidary Museum and/or the Chicago area club. Hmmm – sounds like a potential bus trip to me!

Also, See Me for Raffle Tickets! Midwest Faceters Guild Raffle – drawing Sunday 04/13/08 at their Annual Gem, Mineral and Jewelry Show – don't need to be there to win! Tix \$1 or 6 for \$5 – 1st Prize \$150.00, 2nd Prize-Faceted Matched Pair, 3rd Prize Faceted stone. If you are interested in this group, go to www.midwestfacersguild.org and scope out the impressive list of classes offered at this jam-packed seminar.

AFMS News: Internal Revenue Announces New Filing Requirements - condensed from an article by Mike Kokinos, from AFMS Sept. 2007 newsletter

The IRS recently announced new annual electronic filing requirements for small tax-exempt organizations. Beginning in 2008, small tax-exempt organizations that previously were not required to file returns may be required to file an annual Electronic Notice, Form 990-N. This filing requirement applies to tax periods beginning after December 31, 2006. (The 2008 filing would be for the 2007 tax year.) The IRS will mail educational letters starting in July 2007. The IRS will publicize filing procedures when the system is completed and ready to use.

Club Trips! Where Should We Go? - by Joyce and Skeeter Kish

Hello all. Hope everyone has been enjoying their summer. We have been busy with our grandchildren. They will only be little once. What a joy they are.

It's time to start thinking about trips!!!! I have one suggestion of going back to Bancroft Canada. If you have any suggestions let me know!! I have attached some information about the Lexington show in KY. Let me know if you would be interested in going. For sure Skeeter and I will be going since we are new members of this club. They actually ask told us we can come and work. Can you believe that? Ha...Ha... Anyway see you all at the meeting.

Editor's note: Joyce also provided R.O.C.K. flyer about upcoming show.



Lexington ROCK & GEM Show

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• FREE Parking• \$1.00 Admission• Silent Auction• Demonstrations• Black Light Display• Fossil Display• Exhibitions• Kid's Quarry• Games• Fluorescent Minerals• Door Prizes	<p>Children \$0.50 Family \$3.00 max Scouts in uniform FREE</p> <p>Kentucky National Guard Armory 4301 Airport Rd Lexington, KY 40510</p> <p>map on back </p>	<table border="1"><tr><td>September 29 Saturday 10 AM - 6 PM</td><td>September 30 Sunday Noon - 5 PM</td></tr></table>	September 29 Saturday 10 AM - 6 PM	September 30 Sunday Noon - 5 PM
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Rockhounds Of Central Kentucky R.O.C.K.
www.LexingtonRockClub.com a non-profit organization

Sunshine News - by Pat Smeal

Soooo much has happened this summer....here it is briefly ...
(I HOPE I didn't miss anyone ... if I DID, forgive me and let me know !)

- Steve Staggs received a gunshot wound to a leg while riding his motorcycle close to his home - he was ambushed !! and so thankful the injury was not worse!
- Al Kramer had surgery on his Achilles tendon (heel)....feeling better yet?
- Annette Long underwent knee surgery....coming along fine!
- Helen Frank's heart catch resulted in good news.
- Larry Paserba is doing great after his surgical procedure...you just can't keep a good man down!
- Marvel Schafrik passed away July 5th after a valiant struggle with her illnesses; we will certainly miss her presence greatly.
- Elmer Schafrik is working hard to regain his strength and we hope to see him at the clubhouse soon.
- Greg Dojtidko is working thru his chemo with a can-do attitude. He has pictures of his son's NJ wedding to show us and also those 63 handmade-by-Greg gem trees!
- Jim Shoffner is in a new nursing home - send him a card via home!
- Evelyn Tryon is managing her back pain these days – with many thanks to the folks at Cleveland Clinic.
- Bob Franks will have BOTH knees repaired on August 30th...what a brave man...both at one time....but look out when he recovers ! zipppppppppp -- he'll be moving fasssssssst !!

Please keep all the above folks and their families in your thoughts... and also keep in your thoughts our adopted soldiers, Kevin Powers son of our Bob & Pa, and also John Cutlip, grandson of Art & Shirley Andrewsyou know, during our bout of 92-94-100 degree weather and this high humidity ...can you imagine what they are going thru?

TIDBIT: The grand essentials to happiness in this life are, have something to do, someone to love and something to hope for. (Joseph Addison)

“BOBSERVATIONS” - by Robt. Spore

“Marvel was a hoot.” And I mean that as a deep compliment.

She was wild, irascible, know what she wanted and made no bones about it. You have to respect someone like that. Literally. You have to respect them or they might hit you.

I took my first faceting class with Marvel. This class was taught by Doug Scott and Chris York. Marvel and I were down in the sanding room, the only two students who, after two days still hadn't completed their stones. I forget what we were doing down there... maybe a couple of faceting machines had been set up in there so we wouldn't take up space upstairs as we struggled to finish our round brilliants – I don't remember.

But I do remember turning to Marvel and saying that it was tough learning something new when you had two instructors and I wish the two of them would try to coordinate their lessons a bit better and the second I said that, Chris walked around the corner and glared at me and then walked away. Marvel turned to me and said, “Chris is a trained Ninja, you know. That's how she moves so silently”. OK, maybe she didn't say that. But I bet she was thinking it.

“Marvel, it was a pleasure knowing you. Try not to give God too hard of a time, OK?”

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

The newsletter is up and running again. I want to thank all who regularly contribute articles for the newsletter. Submitting news to print is really open to anyone. If you are interested please either e-mail or mail in your article.

The September meeting program is going to be interestingWe're going to go over the newsletter's report card for the AFMS editor's contest. The Summit Gem placed 4th this year in the Mini Bulletin category. Also, there will be vacation slides...Yes! I am going to present a little slide show on Gem Mountain, Montana. I even have some sapphire gravel material to clean and sift through. Who knows what we will find?

Here is some background information on sapphires gathered by BobThe term “sapphire” is used to mean the mineral corundum in any color except red. Red corundum is caused by chromium impurities and is called “ruby”. Chemically, corundum is represented as Al_2O_3 . At the atomic level, corundum grows as a six-sided (hexagonal) crystal. If the crystal grows slowly and for a long enough time, it can reach visible size and still retain its natural 6-sided shape. Rubies tend to be more barrel-shaped, and blue sapphire -colored by iron or titanium- tend to be flatter. Sapphire can develop in both granite rocks (pegmatites) and in limestone. Being harder than the host rock, they escape through the natural weathering and then may be washed into the local streams and rivers. They are denser than quartz and most other minerals, and tend to concentrate in areas of the river bed. These are called “alluvial” deposits. There are great beds of sapphire gravel in Myanmar (Burma), Australia and smaller beds in Montana.

Bye and see you next month!

