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Summit Gem Newsletter September 2009

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Mission Statement

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



**Monthly Meeting: September 1st
at 7:00PM
Hosts: Oma & Wally Frich**



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

President's Message - by Ted Maringer

Here we are, Summer is almost over and Fall is just around the corner. In just two months we will be having the Fall Gemboree and in another two months it will be time to elect club officers. So, before I end my term as club President I feel it's important to conduct a membership survey. The survey, found at the end of the newsletter, will be completely anonymous and important for the club's success. Please take the time to complete and bring to the club to be placed in a secure box for the Executive Board to review.

One final note...on Tuesday, September 8th at 6:30PM there will be a Silent Auction of Rocks and Minerals which were donated to the club. So come down and have some fun and maybe you will be leaving with that special item. With Gratitude - Ted Maringer, President

June 2nd Meeting Minutes – Not available at printing of newsletter

Display Case Time - by Sue Barnett

The fall Gemboree is fast approaching and it is never too soon to plan your items for your display case (or two!!). Please make sure you get one and don't be left out this time by letting me know you will be happy to display your items. Leave me a message at 330.928.1102 or let me know at the club. Hope everyone is having a productive summer making all those wonderful, one of a kind items that just scream to be displayed. Enjoy. Sue Barnett

October		October			October	
Sun	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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4	5	6 SLC Meeting Gemboree Meeting	7	8	9	10
11	12	13 Chain Maille	14	15	16	17
18	19	20 Bead Box Night	21	22	23 Gemboree set- up	24 Gemboree
25 Gemboree	26	27 Board Meeting	28	29	30	31

Sign up sheets for SLC Classes are posted at the club. Class instruction by SLC members is free, however there maybe a fee for supplies

Sunshine News - by Mari Takai-Manley

- Bob Frank's cancer is back. He is going through his ninth treatment (mustard gas). This is a very difficult treatment for him. However we heard good news that his tumor is shrinking. Keep up a good fight, Bob-san!
- Greg Gdojlidko's cancer is also back. He is currently going through his fourth treatment. He is keeping a positive outlook. We wish him a good result for this treatment.
- Warren Salchak's cancer is back rather aggressively. He is to start a new treatment soon. He was told by his doctor that without this treatment he is likely to live only 18 months. We send all our warm regards for him and wish him a miraculous good result.
- Sue Paserba continues her chemotherapy, and keeps up her positive attitude. We wish her well.
- Evelyn Tryon met her doctor who recommended that Evelyn should not have neck surgery but instead go through rehabilitation. We hope that her rehab alleviates her neck pain.
- Tim Antes is concerned about his back tumor. We hope that it is benign. He is going through many testings and taking powerful painkillers currently. Good luck to him, too.
- Bob Flick has the best news that his cancer is no longer detected by his test results. His ability to taste is slowly coming back to him, too. We often see his smiling face at our club house. Welcome back!
- Carl Miller's son has skin cancer. This is the same son who went through several liver transplants in the past. We wish him a successful cancer treatment.
- David Rich lost his father very recently. He had to cancel his spot on our North Carolina bus trip. We missed him so much that we each pitched in a few dollars to bring him back a mining bucket. We send our sincere sympathy to him for his loss.

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- Kay Weygandt is recovering nicely from her hip surgery. We saw her briefly at our July picnic at her house. She keeps a very positive attitude. We wish her a complete recovery.
- Chris York: We had a very successful auction of her donated goods in the end of July at our club house. We still hold wires, chips of stones, and some beads for our upcoming classes. Thank you, Chris!

BOBSERVATIONS - by Robt. Spore

Random Thoughts

First, a shout out to Frank R. for teaching me that just because they're called brushes, doesn't mean they have bristles.

And congratulations to Wayne for learning the joys of busting flint. If you want, I have an old fencing mask from college I could loan you.

Speaking of busting flint, as you all know, we run the tumblers for the Gem Mine all year round and we're always using small pieces of flint to feed the barrels. So, if anyone would ever like to take home a handful of big chunks and reduce them to smaller chunks... let me know.

Don't think of it as work... think of it as training for when you get put on an Alabama chain gang. *"Just shakin' the bush here, Boss!"*

I was cutting a new insert for my faceting machine splash guard, because the cats kept stealing the plastic one and I hit upon using the bottom of one of those International Coffee tins. Using tin snips would have taken forever, so I decided to use one of the cutting disks on my Dremel tool. But with the first touch of the disk to the metal, sparks shot out about two feet and I thought that maybe doing it up in my workroom, with the carpeted floor... tons of books... lots of loose paper... and various containers of flammable liquids might not be a good idea. So, I moved outside. I carefully positioned the disk over the metal and with a firm grip on both the tin and the Dremel, I fired it up. And burned all the hair off my arm.

People wonder why I don't teach a faceting class (Well... really, they probably don't, but for the sake of the story, let's pretend they do).

If I were to teach a class, and if the present stone I'm working on were an example, I would have to name the class, **"When You Want to Cut a Stone In The Worst Way"**. (*That's a play on words. Wait for it. See?*)

The transfer is so bad, if the stone were any more uneven, the crown would be on the side.

It wouldn't be a crown, it would be a befeet.

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

The newsletter is up and running as promised. I have enjoyed my job as editor and thru the years it has gotten easier. I plan to continue this position provided that know one else is interested. If you want to know more about the Editor's duties please give me a call. Myself and the board always welcome new input.

Reminder....please fill out and return the Club's Survey.

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

2009 Summit Lapidary Membership Survey

1. How many years have you been a member?

2. Are you a member of the Mineral Society?

Yes _____ No _____

3. Do you have children as members of Geo Juniors or would you be interested in having them join?

Yes _____ No _____

4. How far away do you live from the club?

5. Do you have a membership at another social/special interest club?

Yes _____ No _____ If yes, what type of club? _____

6. What is your primary use of the Club? (check all that apply)

Social _____

Classes _____

Use of Lapidary equipment _____

Officer _____

Committee _____

Trips _____

Other: _____

7. How frequently do you use the Club?

Once a week _____

2 times a week _____

Twice a month _____

Once a month _____

Infrequently _____

8. Would having the club open 6-9pm on various week nights be an advantage for you?

Yes _____ No _____

If yes, and you have a club key would you be willing to open and close the club that night?

Yes _____ No _____

9. If you haven't taught a class would you consider teaching one?

Yes _____ No _____

If no, why not? _____

If yes, what would you teach? _____

10. Do you have internet access or email?

Yes _____ No _____

11. If yes, would you print the Club Newsletter from there?

Yes _____ No _____

12. On a scale of zero to ten, how likely is it that you would recommend the club to friends or colleagues? **Zero being the least likely - 10 being the most likely**

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

13. Please indicate your rating of the area in question on a scale from Poor to Excellent

	Poor	Needs Improving	Satisfactory	Good	Excellent
Overall Club					
Interior Appearance					
Exterior					

Appearance	
Building Maintenance	
Machine Maintenance	
Restrooms	
Policy and Rules	
Club Officers	
Club Trustees	
Class Schedule	
Class Instructors	
Trips	
Web Site	
Family-Friendly	
Membership Value	

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Use the back of the page for additional comments you would like to share.
Thank you!