

## Summit Gem Newsletter October 2009

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### Mission Statement

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



**Monthly Meeting: October 6th  
at 7:00PM**



**Host : Mari Takai-Manley**

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

### President's Message - by Ted Maringer

If you were one of the ***thirty-seven*** members who completed the membership survey, thank you. The results were discussed at the September Board Meeting and are available for everyone to see.

2009 Summit Lapidary Membership Survey Results

1. How many years have you been a member? ***Vary from 3 months to 40+ years***
2. Are you a member of the Mineral Society? ***16 Yes - 18 No***
3. Do you have children as members of Geo Juniors? ***No*** Interested in having them join? ***1 Yes***
4. How far away do you live from the club? ***Average radius of 20 miles***
5. Do you have a membership at another social/special interest club? ***12 Yes - 21 No***
6. What is your primary use of the Club? ***25- Social, 26- Classes, 24- Use of Lapidary equipment, 5- Officers, 7- Committee, 14- Trips***
7. How frequently do you use the Club? ***8- Once a week, 7- Twice a week, 7- Twice a month, 5- Once a month, 7- Infrequently***
8. If the club were open 6-9pm on various week nights be an advantage for you? ***12- Yes, 21- No***
9. If you haven't taught a class would you consider teaching one? ***12- Yes, 11-No***
10. Do you have internet access or email? ***28- Yes, 6- No***

11. If yes, would you print the Club Newsletter from there? **17- Yes, 10- No**

12. How likely would you recommend the club to a friend or colleague? **Overwhelming, Most Likely**

13. Rate the following using a scale of: Poor, Needs Improvement, Satisfactory, Good, Excellent

- Overall Club - **Good**
- Interior Appearance - **Satisfactory**
- Exterior Appearance - **Satisfactory**
- Building Maintenance - **Satisfactory**
- Machine Maintenance - **Good**
- Restrooms - **Needs Improvement**
- Policy and Rules - **Good**
- Club Officers - **Good**
- Club Trustees - **Good**
- Class Schedule - **Good**
- Class Instructors - **Excellent**
- Trips - **Good**
- Web site - **Satisfactory**
- Family Friendly Atmosphere - **Good**
- Membership Value – **Excellent**

**Membership Survey Miscellaneous Written Comments:**

1. Club needs good cleaning - including the stove, refrigerator, microwave and coffee pots.
2. Fix the stairs and rest rooms.
3. Complete necessary outside building maintenance.
4. The club receives 2/3 of the Gemboree profits. I would recommend before anymore field trips that the money be used to upgrade the building, lapidary equipment and restrooms.
5. Great job maintaining lapidary equipment.
6. Club Trustees should safeguard and follow infractions of Policy and Rules.
7. I enjoy the club and its members. I have helped with the Gemboree and I could possibly do something else to help the club.
8. I love this club and 99% of the membership who work for the club, but would like to see more of the newer membership step-up to help out. I realize that in any organization, 20% of the people do 80% of the work and that is what you get when you're dealing with volunteers.
9. Get better speakers for membership meetings.
10. Not familiar with the club Trustees, what do they do?
11. We've outgrown the building and the condition is very poor. We need to move into a new building.
12. Club Officers do a great job, including Warren.
13. Tired of nothing can ever change because the "old timers" say so. They feel that they control everything because they were here 40 years ago and nothing can be changed. One "old timer" is able to veto 30 "new timers" requests. Change can't be discussed, it is like a monarchy society.
14. Club Trustees, what is their job?
15. Please fix the building before taking another trip. The majority of membership doesn't go on trips and miss out on the use of "excess funds."

A couple final notes...

- Immediately following our October Membership meeting will be a meeting to discuss the Gemboree.
- The Club's outside shed is in dire need of repair before Winter gets here. Anyone willing to get a group together to accomplish this project?

**With Gratitude - Ted Maringer, President**

**September 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting Minutes** — Submitted by Laura Thomas

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm by President Ted Maringer. Thank you hosts, Wally & Oma Frlich.

Member Phil Norris: he is a drug counselor, having a fundraiser to purchase a 4-bedroom house in Canton next to his workplace, making it a "Sober House". October 3<sup>rd</sup> having a Benefit at the Today Club in Akron, if any

club members would be so kind as to donate items they have made for the Silent Auction, would be a wonderful help!

Secretary- minutes not available, moved on.

Treasurer -Tom, outlined monthly income, expenses, mostly trip.

Board Report - Ted 1) Member Survey out 2) Bylaws regarding Trustee duties – discussion on this 3) Gemboree Gemboree, Warren – giving up Show Chair position due to health problems, will work with Ted Maringer as new Show Chair. Full show – all vendor spaces are filled, security is ordered, assignment sheets are out. Evelyn Tryon has put out Library Letters. Still need postcards, will order next week. And the 8x10 color posters.

Geo Juniors Greg D-needs a least (2) more volunteers: trying to decide the direction of this group, need people who are willing to demo/teach a class, pass along skills and knowledge of lapidary arts.

Education-Dave Mac: classes Sept 22, Gem Trees Greg D, Nov 6+7 Casting Tom McLaughlin and Bob Flick, Nov 7 Beginning Silver Drake, Oct 13 Chain Maille Drake.

Library-Mari 4 new books, \*\*please remember to return your library books\*\* thanks David Mac for the donation of the wire book.

Sunshine, Mari lots of cards going around, please sign and wish our members well.

Newsletter, Pat mailed, can ALWAYS use articles! Information items on rocks/techniques.

Trips Local, Eric Caravan 9/5/09 to Nethers Farm and drop in on the Flint Ridge Knapp-In at the state park, 6am departure from clubhouse. Brief summary of June MGAGS to Michigan and July North Carolina trip given by Laura.

Property Maintenance, Tom McLaughlin in for Frank R machine maintenance-July drained and cleaned all the saws, ran new electric lines to support the equipment. All members should help...also free lesson on how to maintain your equipment.

Website, David Rich, brother Ed handles the website. How does it serve the club? Any ideas for the site, write down on the survey, now have picnic link photos ...any other photos you would like to see on the site, send to Ed Rich, link at bottom of webpage.

Christmas Party David+ MaryAnn Rich, Dec 12<sup>th</sup> Women's City Club in Akron, cost 27. menu not set.

Unfinished Business:

-can still use more mini gem trees for upcoming Gemboree, Evelyn Greene picked out Sept 29 6:30 as workshop date, plenty of wire.

-Christmas Tree donation for Children's Hospital Virginia R – almost done! Designed a stylized tree of glass and rock/ mosaic, Tom M made a wooden frame for it. -Greg D working on a tradition tree.

New Business:

-club giving thought to renting a separate meeting space on first-Tuesday-of-month nights to handle the capacity crowd, Helen + Doc volunteering to look into this.

-Glass Case by entrance, please do not put heavy things! Glass!

-Bead box night- 6-9 make clasps, third Tuesday of the month.

-Member survey – Please fill out and drop in the box provided. Will give a report once tallied.

Discussion on Auction next Tuesday 9/8 6:30pm. Items donated to Summit Lapidary Club and Gemboree. – both clubs are part of the Gemboree, both split the monies. Meeting adjourned 7:55pm. Respectfully submitted, Laura Thomas, Treasurer

### **Gemboree News** – by Warren Salchak

Well folks it's time for another Gemboree show. I had sign up sheets out since the our last meeting in September. I'm asking you to help support the club as in the past. I really appreciated all those who signed up last spring and worked the show.

My health continues to be in question. Recently, I asked Ted Maringer to take over, I'll still be working, to help Ted learn the process the way it was given to me.

Thanks Again, Warren

October		October			October	
Sun	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
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 may be a fee for supplies

### **Notice for By-Law Changes for Summit Lapidary Club** - Submitted by Greg Dojlidko

The club will consider the following changes to the By-Laws:

#### Article VII, Section 2

- A. The Trustees shall serve a term of three years, with one being replaced at each December meeting.
- B. The Trustees will audit the clubs books annually and they will certify the books in December. The Trustees will audit the books of the committees or individuals that receive operating monies from the club. Example Library, Geo Juniors, Poster Contest.
- C. In the event of donations to the club the Trustees will secure, inventory and assign a individual number to all the items so there is complete accountability. The list will be presented to the Executive Board for disposition.

According to the By-Laws the vote will take place at the November meeting. It will be a written ballot. A member may cast an absentee ballot with the Secretary prior to the time of the vote. Amendments to the By-Laws require two-thirds of the votes cast.

#### **Opal - October's Gem Stone** ...some interesting facts...

<http://www.galleries.com/minerals/mineralo/opal/opal.htm>

Chemistry: SiO<sub>2</sub> - nH<sub>2</sub>O; Hydrated Silicon Dioxide.

Opal has been a popular gem for many centuries and has a very interesting structure. Opal is considered a mineraloid because this structure is not truly crystalline. The chemistry of Opal is primarily SiO<sub>2</sub> and varying amounts of water. The amount of water varies from 5 -10% and greater. This water can help geologists determine the temperature of the host rock at the time the opal

formed. Although there is no crystal structure, (meaning a regular arrangement of atoms) opal does possess a structure nonetheless. Random chains of silicon and oxygen are packed into

extraordinarily tiny spheres. These spheres in most Opals are irregular in size and inconsistent in concentration. Yet in Precious Opal, the variety used most often in jewelry, there are many organized pockets of the spheres. These pockets contain spheres of approximately equal size and have a regular concentration, or structure, of the spheres. This has the effect of diffracting light at various wavelengths, creating colors. Each pocket produces a different color and with a different intensity, depending on the angle from which a viewer sees it. The multicolored flashes of light that Opal emits gives it a truly beautiful and valuable look. This effect is called a "play of light", and not "opalescence". The latter term describes the milky nature of the translucence of opal, and is more properly compared to the appearance of water to which a few drops of milk have been added.

The name opal probably is derived from the Sanskrit name for precious stone; *upala*. It has been mined for centuries, at least since Roman times when they extracted the opal from areas now within the Czech Republic. The Aztecs made use of local Mexican sources as did the Spaniards when they exported the material back to Europe. Today most precious opal comes from Australia with significant sources from Mexico and the Western United States.

Not all opal is so precious however. Common opal lacks opalescence, color or luster and is . . . after all . . . common. Opal is often imitated, forged and "enhanced". Fluorescence, while somewhat unreliable is a good method to determine authenticity.

#### PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS:

**Color is white, colorless, pale yellow, pale red, gray or black when impurities are common. Diffraction can cause flashes of any color of the rainbow (play of light).**

- **Luster** is vitreous to pearly.
- **Transparency:** Specimens are transparent to translucent (opalescent).
- **Crystal System:** Does not apply because opal is **amorphous**.
- **Habits** include massive, cavity-fillings such as in fractures and geodes, nodular, reniform or as a replacement of other minerals and wood.
- **Cleavage** is absent.
- **Fracture** is conchoidal.
- **Hardness** is **5.5 - 6**
- **Specific Gravity** is approximately **2 - 2.5** (light)
- **Streak** is white.
- **Other Characteristics:** Most specimens will **fluoresce** white or pale green, some **phosphoresce** and all specimens can be very sensitive to impacts and low temperatures.
- **Associated rocks** are chert (a form of microcrystalline **quartz**), volcanic rocks and many others.
- **Notable Occurrences** include many Western USA localities; **Mexico**; Australia; England; Czech Republic and many other localities around the world.
- **Best Field Indicators** are color play & opalescence, low density, fluorescence, fracture filling tendency and lack of cleavage or crystal faces.

#### **Benefit for Unity House**

October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2009: There will be a benefit to help raise funds to purchase property for Unity House for Sober Living in Canton, Ohio. This housing will then provide a sober place for males and females needing a structured safe environment in which to grow and become stable in sobriety. The benefit will feature the up and coming area band WAKE, silent auction, raffles, guest speakers and Euchre Tournament.

Place: Today Club II 704 N Main St. Akron, Ohio

Time: Doors open at 1PM for the tournament. Silent Auction, and Speakers to start at 4PM. Dinner to start at 6PM. Band will play at 8PM

Price: Euchre Tournament \$10/couple

Donations at the door for the band start at \$5 or a purchase of 2 Steak Dinners. All other events donations gratefully accepted.

RSVP: For Steak Dinners needed, email [pan64672000@yahoo.com](mailto:pan64672000@yahoo.com)

### **Sunshine News** - by Mari Takai-Manley

- Bob Frank continues his ninth round of cancer treatment (mustard gas). He was at last month's SLC meeting and was in good spirits and very happy with news about his shrinking tumor. He is a good fighter.
- Greg Dojlidko also continues round two of his cancer treatment. He keeps a positive outlook. He has taught gem tree classes these past two Saturdays. Thank you Greg-san!
- Warren Salchak has started a new cancer treatment. He resigned from Gemboree chairmanship so that he can concentrate on his treatment. We continue to send our warmest regards to him.
- Sue Paserba continues her chemotherapy and keeps a positive attitude. She told us that she had good days and bad and dealt with them accordingly. We wish her well.
- Sandy Farhat is doing well, according to her husband. She has started a homeopathic treatment of non-aluminum baking powder and pure maple syrup. Her brain tumor and kidney tumor disappeared because of this treatment. Congratulations! We wish her a continued good result.
- Evelyn Tryon continues her rehabilitation and is experiences good results. She lost some weight and is very happy about it. Good luck!
- Tim Antes has good news to share. His test result showed that the mass in his back was a hematoma. He takes a dissolving enzyme that takes care of the mass and his pain disappeared. Good for him!
- Carl Miller suffers from stenosis in spine and a pinched sciatic nerve. He needs surgery soon and is in the process of arranging it. We wish him good luck for his coming surgery.
- Yvonne Meredith's father passed away during this summer. We send her our sincere sympathy for her loss.
- Bob and Pat Power's son, Kevin, is in an Army Post in Ft. Knox, back from Egypt. He is currently going through post-traumatic stress syndrome treatment. His experience in Iraq must have been very traumatic. We wish him a healing from his trauma.

### **BOBSERVATIONS** - by Robt. Spore

#### *My Favorite Day*

Actually, my favorite day would be a day that the Browns win a game. But I don't see that happening any time soon. This year I don't even see them beating Detroit, which would be just sad. But it's a rebuilding year, right? Rome wasn't built in a day and a winning Browns team won't be built in our lifetimes.

But seriously, what's the deal? Has the Curse of Rocky Colavito migrated over to football? Can we still blame Art Model? I can, but then I blame him for just about everything. But that's beside the point.

My favorite day is Saturday. Specifically, Saturday morning. When I go to the club. Not so much on Tuesdays, because I'm usually all stressed out from work, but Saturday's are different. Even if I'm downstairs, slopping out

tumblers and generally making a mess or explaining to anyone who'll listen how I tackled one household job or another and being told I did it completely wrong, I have a great time.

Why? Beats me. Maybe it's the sense of community I get. A feeling of comradeship and the opportunity to engage in interesting conversations. And let's not forget the ability to generally just mess with people's heads. Yeah, we pick on each other, but it's all in good fun. Or at least that's all what you want me to believe... Nah, I won't go there.

And you know that when I poke fun at you, I do it out of a sense of love. And that I'm pretty sure I can get away with it. But if you still harbor feelings of animosity towards me, feel free to draw a picture of me on a piece of paper and set fire to it, screeching abuse. It will make you feel better. But don't take my word for it, just ask Rose.

Hey, the Gem Show is less than a month away! Let's see those sign up sheets filled up, OK? We have enough people in the clubs, so that should never be a problem. And remember, if you sign up for a job, please write it down so you won't forget it. Thanks!

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

See you at the Gemboree. Nothing more to add and see you next month!

### **MidWest Federation Calendar of Events For October**

**3-4: JEFFERSON, WI, Annual Show, Rock River Valley Geological Society**, Jefferson County Fair Park, 503 N Jackson, Sat 9:00-5:00, Sun 10:00-4:00, Robert Schweitzer, W 4240 Hwy 18, Jefferson, WI 53549.

**3-4; JACKSONVILLE, AR, 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Show, Central Arkansas Gem, Mineral & Geology Society**, Jacksonville Community Center, 5 Municipal Dr, Sat, Sun 9:00 AM-5:00 PM, Contact Weldon or Pat Kissire, 4900 Sparks Rd, Little Rock, AR 72210, (501) 821-2346, [pkissire@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pkissire@sbcglobal.net)

**3-4; 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, Contact John Washburn, 107 Deer Creek Rd, Rochester, IL 62563,

**9-11: WARREN, MI, Annual Greater Detroit Show, Michigan Mineralogical Society**, Gibraltar Trade Center North, 237 N. River Rd., Mt Clemens, MI (Exit 237 off I-94)., Fri 9:00-7:00, Sat 10:00-7:00, Sun 11:00-5:00, Contact: Carol Werner, 3401 Briarhill Rd, Hartland, MI 48353, (248) 887-3906, [briarhillwerner@comcast.net](mailto:briarhillwerner@comcast.net)

**10-11: ROSEVILLE, MN. Sales Show, Anoka County Gem & Mineral Club**, Har Mar Mall, Snelling & Co Rd B, Sat 10:00-6:00, Sun 12:00-5:00, Contact Martha Miss, 8445 Grange Blvd, Cottage Grove, MN 55016, (651)

**13: MOUNTAIN HOME, AR, Annual Silent Auction, Ozark Earth Science Gem, Mineral, & Fossil Club**, Van Matre Senior Center, 1101 Spring St, Tues 7:00-9:30, Contact: Sharon Waddell, 6463 US Hwy 63, West Plains, MO 65775, (417) 256-8948, [edscamp3@yahoo.com](mailto:edscamp3@yahoo.com)

**16-18: Fort Wayne IN, Annual Show, Three Rivers Gem & Mineral Society**, at Allen County Fairgrounds, 2726 Carroll Road, Fort Wayne. Fri: 10-7 pm; Sat: 10-7 pm; Sun: 10- 5 pm..Contact: Michele Yamanaka, 4336 Charter Lane, Ft. Wayne IN 46815, (260) 424-5070, [yamanakam@cs.com](mailto:yamanakam@cs.com) [Show Flyer](#)

**17-18: 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, Contact: Sandy Fuller, 8445 Grange Blvd, Cottage Grove, MN 55016, (651)459-0343, [rockbiz8@cs.com](mailto:rockbiz8@cs.com)

**17-18: CHICAGO HTS, IL, 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Show, South Suburban Earth Science Club**, Prairie State College 202 S Halsted St, Sat 10:00-5:00, Sun 10:00-5:00, Contact Jan Podbielski, PO Box 911, Peotone, IL 60450

**17-18: CLIO, MI, 42nd Annual Show, Flint Rock & Gem Club**, Carter Middle School, Rogers Lodge Dr, Sat 10:00-5:00 Sun 10:00-5:00, Contact Ed Hearn, 10395 Ataberry Dr, Clio. MI 48420, (810) 687-2339.

**23-25: INDIANAPOLIS, IN, GeoFest, 500 Earth Sciences Club**, Indiana State Museum, 650 W Washington St, Fri , Sat, Sun 10:00-4:00, Contact: Peggy Fisher-Keller above address, (317) 232-7172.

**23-25: MASON, MI. 44<sup>rd</sup> Annual Show, Central Michigan Lapidary & Mineral Society**, Ingham Co Fair Grounds, MainArena, 700 E. Ash, Fri 6:00-9:00, Sat 10:00-7:00, Sun 11:00-5:00. Contact: Alan Hukill, 15785 Park Lake Rd., East Lansing, MI 48823, (517) 641-6125, [Facetman60@yahoo.com](mailto:Facetman60@yahoo.com)

**24-25: CUYAHOGA FALLS, OH, Semi-annual Show, Akron Mineral Society & Summit Lapidary Club**, Emidio & Sons Expo Ctr, 48 E Bath Rd, Sat 10:00-7:00, Sun 10:00-6:00, Contact, Warren Salchak, 242 Monroe Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44221, (330) 928-0181, [lapidary1@neo.rr.com](mailto:lapidary1@neo.rr.com)

**24-25: EVANSVILLE, IN, 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Show, Evansville Lapidary Society**, Washington Square Mall, Green River Rd & Washington Av, Sat 10:00-9:00, Sun 12Noon-5:00, Contact Ruth Reisinger, 5012 Harvest Ct, Evansville, IN 47711, (812) 424-7618