

SNIPPETS

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Our Patron Ken Wilks standing under the newly named Ken Wilks Cabbing Room

GOLD COAST MEETINGS

Management Committee Meetings- 2nd Tuesday of the Month

AGM Sunday 24th May - 11am start at the Club

Australian Faceters' Guild Gold Coast Region—

5th May 7.30pm

2nd June 7.30pm

4th August 7.30pm

6th October 7.30pm

8th December—Xmas Dinner

contact Rod Turville on 55-394450 for further information

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The Management Committee 2014-2015

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Allen Frenz 5571 6436

Management Positions

Snippets Editor: Deborah Ensor 0418 537234 Purchasing Officer Geoff Saunders 0407 125567
Club Curator Burt Last 0401355271 Senior Librarian Liz Nicholas
Assistant Librarian Jadwiga Siwka 5579 9989 Raffle Coordinator Elena Sparks
Show Co-ordinator Uta Sorenson 0424206610 Show Stall Conveners: Pru Aguinaldo & Denise Burton

Judges

Faceting - Robert McGregor Cabochons - Ken Wilks Carving - Allen Frenz
Silversmith/wire work Lady Marie Howard and Jadwiga Siwka

Instructors & Workshop Times

Monday 10am to 3pm

Cabbing Alex Toro 0411 805378

Monday 7pm to 9.00pm

Evening Cabbing John Nelmes 0412 575995 Assist Ins Jamie Irvine 0406 113117
Opal Cutting and Polishing Assistant Ins: Jason Neville 0433 691025

Tuesday 10am to 3pm Faceting Bert Last 0401355271 (every 2nd week) must have done basic faceting
Cabbing Robert Keane 0417 141950
Bone Carving John Tonkin 55 3471121
Free Form Boats (1st and 2nd week of the month) Laurence Yannacelli 55 772185

Wednesday 10am to 3pm

Silver Jewellery/Wire Wrapping Marie Howard 0428 732276 & Jadwiga Siwka 55 799989
Robert Keane 0417 141950 and Assistant Instructor Elena Sparks
Cabbing Denise Burton 55 276448 Assist Ins Marianne Tokessy
Faceting TBA
Investing Book with Instructor Geoff Saunders 55 687616 / 0407 125567

Wednesday 7pm to 9.00pm

Evening Basic Silver Jadwiga Siwka 55 799989 / 0419 756533 Esther Shelley 0402 858208
Cabbing John Nelmes 0412 575995 Mal Wanchap 55808894
Assist Ins John Johnson

Thursday 10am to 3pm

Cabbing TBA
Silver/Casting/Cabbing Ron Barr 55 394737
Faceting Brian Brown 55 278552 & Lawrence Yannacelli 55 772185
Casting Book with Instructor Geoff Saunders 55 687616 / 0407 125567

Friday 7pm to 9.00pm

Evening Cabbing Ron Palmada 55 345701

Saturday 9am to 3pm

Cabbing Alex Toro 0411 805378
Faceting George Tsakmakis 55 909470
Soap Stone Carving/Viking Chain Merv Scott 55 314576 (arrange with Merv)

FROM THE PRESIDENT

May 2015

Well I hope Easter was good to you all and relaxing with family and friends.

The Capping room is now up and running with the soft diamond wheels and I am hearing good feedback in relation to their difference to the old polishers. All feedback will be discussed and looked at to see if it can be rectified or improved. Thank you to All involved who assisted in the changeover and revamp, and it was accomplished with minimal down time and interruption to classes.

Most of the upgrade can be related largely to our members, whose kind donations of stones, gems and equipment which we turned into sales and silent auctions as well as our make a reasonable offer for materials. Members should be proud of what their contributions have enabled the Club to achieve. We also had a small grant relating to the capping room however the majority has come from the above and volunteers time. I am sure that our past members would be impressed o what has been accomplished.

Our job now is to ensure that the wheels are used correctly and the room kept clean and dry and as mentioned previously get yourselves a wet apron.

Our Club's 50th celebration was well attended and enjoyed by all and it was good to have some of the originals there to enjoy it. Thanks also to Michael Hart MP and Councilor Greg Betts for attending.

The Show Raffle tickets have been made up and being handed out to all members, please make an effort to sell them or buy them, as this is the finance that we work on through the year to provide what you need. The Show time line is running to form and we are filling our spots which is good. Once again I wish to recognize the volunteers that make the club and give it spirit well done all.

Well I think I broke the computer on this one so hang in and continue to enjoy the benefits of what you enjoy doing.

Wayne Schulz
Club President



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To Gold Coast Lapidary Club Committee and Members

During the past 5 months we have managed to renovate our workroom and install new grinding machines.

During this time, I and others, attempted to carry out the work outside class times or when a minimum number of members were working in the Clubrooms

I must at this time thank all members who helped with this work and a special Thank You to our President, who, not only carried out his own duties but assisted me with the design, manufacture and installation of the machinery.

As all renovation work has now been completed I have cancelled my Private Liability Insurance that was taken out prior to commencement of this work.

I thank you all for your patience and co-operation during this time and trust the new workshop is of a benefit to all.

Allen Frentz
Gold Coast Lapidary Club Member

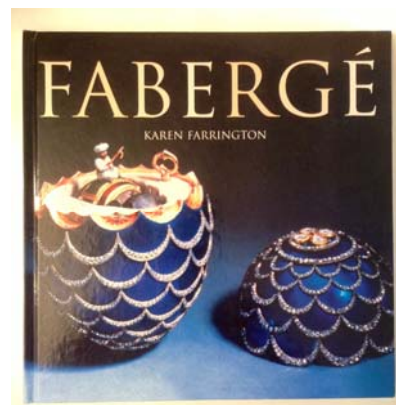


CLUB RAFFLE PRIZES

FIRST PRIZE:

STUNNING WIRE WRAPPED PENDANT, MADE AND DONATED BY SIR PAUL HOWARD.

SECOND PRIZE: BEAUTIFULLY ILLUSTRATED BOOK 'FABERGÉ, BY KAREN FARRINGTON'. THIS INTRODUCES US TO THE WORKS OF PETER CARL FABERGÉ. A RUSSIAN-GERMAN JEWELLER AND DESIGNER, BEST KNOWN FOR THE FAMOUS FABERGÉ EGGS, MADE IN THE STYLE OF GENUINE EASTER EGGS USING PRECIOUS METALS AND GEMSTONES. THE BOOK WAS DONATED TO THE CLUB BY THE LLOYD JONES' RELATIVES.



THIRD PRIZE:

BOTTLE OF SAUVIGNON BLANE (JACOB'S CREEK) GREAT FOR EVENING RELAXATION!

MAY'S BIRTHSTONE

Emerald is the name given to the green variety of beryl that range between 7.5 and 8 on the Moh's scale. The name Emerald is derived from the French "esmeraude" and the Greek root "smaragdos" which means 'green gemstone'. Top quality emeralds are a deep grass green with a slightly bluish cast, but many lesser quality stones are lighter shades of green and can have a more yellowish tone.



Emeralds are found in many countries, but Columbia and Brazil are the major producers. They are also found in Pakistan, Russia, Australia, South Africa, India, Norway, and the United States. But Columbia is recognized as the source for the finest stones.

Because emeralds usually contain many cracks, fissures, and inclusions, the majority of these stones are "oiled". This means that they are immersed in oil which reduces the visibility of the inclusions, and also improves the clarity. Oiling is almost universal and because it is so common today, it is not considered necessary to disclose this fact.

Emeralds are brittle stones and care should be taken when wearing or cleaning them. They should never be immersed in an ultrasonic or subjected to steam cleaning.

Emeralds were used as amulets to ward off epilepsy in children and thought to cure diseases of the eye. The emerald, was also a symbol of rebirth, and was believed to grant the owner foresight, good fortune, and youth. Folklore also suggests that these stones will improve memory, intelligence, and enhance clairvoyance thus helping to predict future events. They are also worn to enhance love and contentment. It is also believed that Cleopatra prized "emeralds" above all her other gems.



Photos from the 50th Birthday Celebrations ' 1





Deb's Quote of the Month

The only people who are mad at you for speaking the truth are those people who are living a lie.

"Keep Speaking the TRUTH"

-Unknown-

UPCOMING GEM SHOW & FESTIVAL DATES

2015 Gem Show Dates– March thru to August

May 2-3 Redcliffe Gem Show Southern Cross Catholic College, Kippa-Ring QLD

May 10th Mothers Day

May 16-17 Lismore Gem Show Lismore Show Grounds NSW

May 30th Mt Gravatt Gem Show, 1873 Logan Road Mt Gravatt

May 30th-31st Gunyah Display, Mt Cootha Gardens Auditorium, Mt Coot-tha Road Toowong QLD

June 8th Queens Birthday

June 27 Gold Coast Gem Show Pizzey Park, 80 Pacific Ave, Miami QLD

July 11 Caboolture Gemfest Caboolture Historical Village, Beerburrum Rd, Caboolture QLD

July 11th-12th Hervey Bay Festival of Gems, Star of the Sea Catholic School, 39 Hughes Rd Harvey Bay

July 18th-19th Townsville Gem & Mineral Show, Club Rooms, 96 Mooney St, Gulliver

July 18th-20th 2015 Yowah Opal Festival, Harlequin Drive, Yowah, via Cunnamulla

July 25th-26th Cairns Gem Festival, Club Rooms 129 Mulgrave Rd Cairns.

July 30-August 2 Lightning Ridge Opal Festival RSL Club, Lightning Ridge NSW

August 1st Ipswich & Dist Lapidary Club Show, Ipswich Show Grounds Warwick Rd Ipswich

August 1st Innisfail Club Gem Show, Club Rooms River Ave, Innisfail

August 2nd Atherton Show, Club House, Racecourse Rd Toga

TBA Anakie Gemfest, Anakie Central Queensland

The Gold Coast Lapidary Club wishes to express their sincere thanks to Michael Hart local MP, who has offered the facilities of his office for photocopying our Snippets Newsletter.



At the 50th birthday celebrations John Tonkin passed me a copy of our 1st Snippits (yes it was spelt with an (i) which was circulated in October 1975, the editor was Ina Hayward.

Due to space in this month's issue, I have decided only to reprint one section from the double side A4 issue. I hope you enjoy

GREAT BEGINNINGS

Well, at long last this Club is going to have a magazine, thanks to Ina who has decided to give it a go. But the only way it can succeed is for you all to help in the way of stories about any trips that you make, or any funny happenings that occur. Or perhaps you have something to swap or sell. But remember that she must have the information by the second Tuesday of the month so it can be printed and given out at the General Meeting.

As it progresses, it will become larger, with a printed cover and advertisements. So if you have any worthwhile suggestions to improve it please let her know.

This is something that has been needed for a long time, and full marks to Ina for having the get-up-and-go to do something about it. I am sure the Club will be fully behind you.

Signed George L.

Also during the course of the celebrations Faye & Denise asked if I knew how and when the Club's Logo came about. After asking several past presidents, I found that the answer lies in some of our early editions of Snippits. I believe it was a competition. So I have now given Geoff the task of getting the old copies down from storage, so I can rummage amongst the cobwebs and dust to get the answer. Which of course I will publish in an issue of Snippets.

Trivia Corner

- When Twister was introduced in 1966, it was denounced by critics as "sex in a box"
- There are more life forms living on your skin than there are people on the planet.
- OJ Simpson was originally cast to play Terminator, but the studio was afraid no one would buy him as a remorseless killer
- Leonardo da Vinci could write with one hand and draw with the other hand at the same time.
- There are over 200 corpses on Mount Everest and they are used as way points for climbers
- A human will eat on average 70 assorted insects and 10 spiders while sleeping
- The name "Jeep" came from the abbreviation used in the army for the 'General Purpose' vehicle, G.P.

Caught by Your Camera



Our NEW LOOK Cabbing room



Craig Farnell receiving his Basic Faceting Certificate from Chez



Our industrious Wednesday Faceting Ladies Faye, Ilsa and Dale



Senga's Silver ring, unfortunately the photo does not do it justice.



Another view of the renovated Cabbing rooms



Annette's *Carnelian* necklace, once again my photographic skills are not doing justice to Annette's piece.