

SNIPPETS

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A group from the Saturday class for July 14.
For more information about Saturday classes see page 5

UPCOMING GOLD COAST MEETINGS and EVENTS

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETINGS	2 nd TUESDAY in the month
NEXT GENERAL MEETING	SUNDAY, 23rd SEPTEMBER at 11.00 am
OPEN DAY	SATURDAY, 20 OCTOBER 10.00 - 2

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Monthly Newsletter of the Gold Coast Lapidary Club Inc

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QLACCA delegate	TBA				

Show Coordinator

Allen Frenz 5571 6436

Judges

Faceting Robert McGregor Cabochons Ken Wilks Carving Allen Frenz

Instructors & Workshop Times

Cabbing	Tuesday	10.00am - 3.00	Shirley Sunderland	0411 175 095
	Wednesday	10.00am - 3.00	Dennis Burton	5527 6448
	Wednesday	10.00am - 3.00	Ray Tolley	5524 4642
	Thursday	10.00am - 3.00	Shirley Sunderland	0411 175 095
	Thursday	10.00am - 3.00	Joan Caldwell	5594 1458
	Thursday	10.00am - 3.00	Ron Barr	5539 4737
	Wednesday Night	7.00pm - 9.30	John Nelmes	0412 575 995
			Terry Houghton	5594 6814
			Jadwiga Siwka	5572 0924
	Friday Night	7.00pm - 9.30	Malcolm Wanchap	5579 8908
Adv/Cab/Carving	to be announced			
PMC Classes	(arrange with instructor)		Shirley Sunderland	5535 7077
Free Frm/Boats	Tuesday (1 st & 2 nd week of month/book with instructor)			Laurence Yannacelli 5577 2185
Carving/Bone	Tuesday	10.00am - 3.00	John Tonkin	5534 7121
Investing	Wednesday	(book with instructor)	Geoff Saunders	5568 7616 - 0407125567
Casting	Thursday	(book with instructor)	Geoff Saunders	5568 7616 - 0407125567
Faceting	Wednesday night	7.00pm - 9.30	Peter Smith	5530 5826
			Chez Siwka	5572 0924
	Thursday	10.00am - 3.00	Rod Turville	5539 4450
			Brian Brown	55278552
Silver/Cab/Setting	Thursday	10.00am - 12.00	Ron Barr	5539 4737
Silver Jewellery	Wednesday	10.00am - 3.00	Jadwiga Siwka	5572 0924
Basic Silver	Wednesday night	700pm (list)	Jadwiga Siwka	5572 0924
	Friday night	7.00pm (list)	George Leskys	0409 583 8565
			Jenny Farmer	0412 459 474
Wire Wrapping	Wednesday	7.00 pm	(list)	Chris Loughlin 0406 715 322
Creative Metal Arts	TBA			Trev Nelson 02 6676 0451
Soap Stone Carving	Friday	7.00pm		Mervyn Scott 5531 4576

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Hello members

Well the year is starting to fly as we head towards Xmas. I hope you don't leave it to the last minute to make that special Xmas gift.

I must mention our open day for the club in October and we will be calling on members to assist in making this an enjoyable day; its a day where the public can visit the club to see what the club is about and they may join the club so your assistance would be appreciated.

We have made some progress with the 12 inch saw. As soon as we see that the saw is a big improvement we will do something to the 18 inch saw. I have put instructions in the saw room for operating the 12 inch saw and I would like these instructions to be followed right down to putting your name in the book before you start operating the saw.

There are a couple of little items I would like members to assist club instructors with.

One is: As soon as you know how long you will spend in the club for the day would you please pay for your time rather than wait till leaving. It will help the instructor counting up the monies for the day.

The other one is: About 15 minutes before closing please assist in the clean up, closing windows, turning off machines, air conditioner, lights, closing cupboards and putting away some of the equipment. This would really be appreciated by the instructors who give there time free and importantly to me; shows team work.

We have a one off raffle running to run at the same time as our monthly raffle. It is a piece of pink cubic zirconia 90 carats. The tickets are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. For tickets see Wayne Schulz or myself. I wish to thank Bob and Stephanie Boddington of Gem Hunter Haven for the donation; it is appreciated. Thanks Bob and Stephanie.

I'd also like to thank Ron Barr who has instructed in the casting area for the last few weeks when I haven't been able to be there. His help was outstanding.

Sorry for the inconvenience of not having toilets for a few days this month but now that we are hooked up to real sewerage we hopefully won't go through that again.

Our next daytime monthly meeting is at 11.00am on SUNDAY, 23RD SEPTEMBER. We will have a \$2.00 coin Bar-B-Q. Also there will be lapidary items for sale which have been donated by the late Dot Anderson. The sale will commence immediately after the meeting has closed. Items will be priced but don't be backward in making an offer.

O K, that's all I really have for this month and I hope you're enjoying your time in club activities and showing tolerance to your fellow members. It is a great place to meet and make friends with people you have something in common with. "LAPIDARY".

PRESIDENT

Geoff

We wish to express our sincere thanks to Michael Hart, local MP, who has offered the facilities of his office for photocopying our Snippets Newsletter.

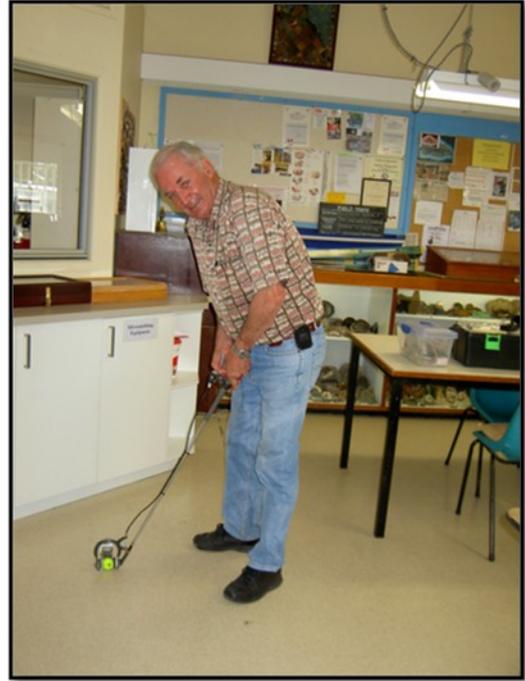


THE GOLFER

Geoff's pals at the golf club think Geoff's been eluding the next grade in the handicap process so they thought they'd bring it to his attention.

They made him a "trophy" made from a golf club, a ball and a bicycle hand brake.

I asked my Peter (also a golfer) for a word to describe a person such as Geoff and he replied "Smart! Clever!"



Geoff and his new golf 'trophy' demonstrating how easy it is to stay inside his chosen golf handicap

LITTLE GEMS

MONTHLY RAFFLE

Last month's lucky winners were: 1st John Tonkin 2nd Bill Gurnett

SEPTEMBER RAFFLE PRIZE

Displayed in the club. Tickets are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00 available from an instructor. Thank you all for supporting our raffles.

NEW MEMBERS

Sally Rider, Cynthia Diaz

THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

is arranging a meeting with councillor Greg Betts to discuss issues that concern the club now and future. If you can think of some material worth putting forward please email it to: secretary@goldcoastlapidaryclub.com and I will develop some questions. This meeting will probably be in the next two weeks so early material would be appreciated.

SLABS FOR SALE

Now that the 12" saw is operating again there will be selected slabs for sale in the display boxes near the blackboard. Please see the instructor to purchase.

OPEN DAY

Please note this date in your diary: Saturday. 20 October from 10.00 - 2.00. More info soon.

COMPETITION RESULTS

Novice	1	Mal Wanchap	70.48
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WANTED

Volunteers with handyman / engineering skills and tools to help assess the 18" saw for conversion to a weight system.

We would like to see if this can be done in house and in the next 2-3 weeks, it is fairly straight forward judging from the 12" system.

This will save some club dollars as well.

Please notify Wayne by phone 0417 961 865 or email secretary@goldcoastlapidaryclub.com to attend the club on Saturday 25th August 2012 from 10:00am to 12:30pm for your input.

FOSSICKING FOR SAPPHIRES

Where else but at Sapphire and the surrounding areas of Anakei and Rubyvale.

Several of our members tried their luck in July and we've seen some lovely stones arrive on the Gold Coast such as the beauty found by Chez and pictured below.

Try to make it for the hugely popular Anakei Gem fest runs for 4 days each August. These four days are filled with activities, exhibitions, entertainment, workshops, prizes, demonstrations and much more.

If you are considering a trip you will need to book early for the months of June, July and August. This applies whether you travel by car or caravan or motorhome.

For car travellers it's possible to make the trip in one day and for people with caravan or motorhome there is plenty of free camping along the way.



Yellow to light green, 14.9 ct sapphire found by Chez Siwka last month in Tomahawk Creek.

SATURDAY CLASSES from 9.00am - 3.00pm

CREATIVE METAL ARTS with Trevor Nelson and **CABBING** with an instructor or supervisor

Creative Metal Arts is a co-operative where we learn together, share skills, share equipment and ideas. So, after completing a silver smith course, and gathering a few tools of your own, you can have yourself in the middle of something along the lines of a support group, where you bring your item in and show others what you have done and have others making comment about your work, if you are wanting others' opinions.

for more details please phone Trev 02 6676 0451

frogsintheforest@gmail.com



A C.M.A project by Pru as featured in May 'Snippets'



Margaret Redman in the cabbng room at the Saturday ,11 July class. Margaret has also produced a few 'interesting' pieces at previous CMA classes.

DID YOU KNOW

LIZ NICHOLAS is our club's senior librarian? Here she talks about her background in lapidary.

Liz's first taste of lapidary was when she was a youngster. She was impressed with the bits of gold her father found when he fossicked for gold in the Bendigo area.

This interest stayed with her until she finally joined the Gold Coast lapidary club twenty seven years ago. Her first interest was cabbing. She had a try at faceting and succeeded in cutting a couple of stones. She dabbled in bone carving. She also enjoyed a few fossicking trip before her body told her to stop.

Liz joined the club a couple of years before our patron Joan Cardwell who developed an interest in silver smithing. There wasn't a lot of silver smithing being worked at the club and Liz asked Joan if she'd consider taking a class. Joan agreed and silver smithing became a standard feature on Wednesdays.

Always a 'busy' person, Liz became involved in various aspects of club activities. She held the position of secretary for a couple of years and has organized three shows.

A couple of favourite pieces of jewellery Liz made are a gold and garnet ring and a necklace of a carved pearl shell inlaid with a mabe pearl set in gold.

Liz's preferred working areas are cabbing and silver smithing.

When asked what was her biggest 'flop' she gave me the 'look' and said "Which one?" Her thoughts are when a piece doesn't go right just get up and start again.

For three years Liz has been our senior librarian. "It's an ongoing job keeping it organized." she says It take ages to find a book that has been returned but placed in the wrong area. When asked what can we members do to help here she said "Please return the books to the return box and I'll put them in the right spot."

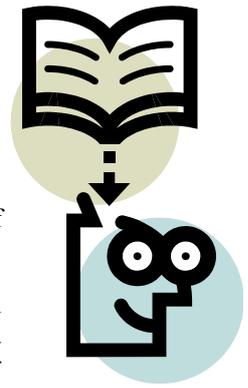
SPECIAL RAFFLE

900 ct pink cubic zirconia

The stone is displayed in the 'for sale' cabinet in the club rooms



Tickets \$2.00 each or three for \$5.00
see Wayne or Geoff for tickets



FACETING COMPETITION DETAILS FOR 2012-13

NOVICE

	CUT	MATERIALS	SIZE
AUGUST	Standard Oblong Step Cut with cut corners	Any	Any
SEPTEMBER	Standard Round Brilliant	Amethyst	Any
OCTOBER	Easy Square	Any	Any
NOVEMBER	Standard Round Brilliant with continuous girdle	Any	Any
JANUARY	Novice Cushion Triangle	Coloured CZ	Any
FEBRUARY	Zircon Cut	Coloured CZ or Zircon	Any
MARCH	Modified Square Brilliant	Any	Any

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AUGUST	Bobs Triangle 2	Amethyst	Any
SEPTEMBER	Cushion Rectangle Combo	Amethyst	Any
OCTOBER	Flower	Coloured CZ	Any
NOVEMBER	Shining Beauty	MM Spinel	Any
JANUARY	Bobs Round 3A	Natural Smokey Quartz	Any
FEBRUARY	Amethyst Shield	Amethyst	Any
MARCH	Fire Star	MM Spinel	Any

(This is not a competition as such but more an assessment of your work. You will receive a judging sheet from a qualified judge showing you where you are doing well and where you need to improve)

PLEASE PHOTOCOPY THE CUTTING INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE ORIGINAL IN THE WORKROOM – (See instructors if you need assistance)

HAPPY FACETING

GEM SHOWS FOR SEPTEMBER

1	Waterloo Bay Gem Show - - - - - 9 - 4 Hemmant Community Hall, cnr Ramsay & Brand St, Hemmant
8/9	Bribie Island Gem Show 191 Sunderland Drive, Banksia Beach, Bribie Island- - - - - 8.30 - 4
15/16	AFG Seminar, Casino
29/30	Caloundra Gem Show Caloundra Indoor Sports Stadium, North St, Caloundra - - - - - Sat 9 - 5 - - - - - Sun 9 - 3

DAYTIME GENERAL MEETING FOR SEPTEMBER

DATE: SUNDAY, 23 September

TIME: 11.00AM sharp

followed by a \$2.00 BAR-B-Q and some special lapidary items for purchase

SEE YOU THERE!