



CalCoastGem

The Official Newsletter of Caloundra Lapidary Club Inc.

“Connecting Culture & Community”
9 Caloundra Rd, Caloundra – behind Information Centre

Meetings

16 Apr	Committee Meeting
21 May	General Meeting

Events

25 Apr	Anzac Day
30 Apr to 1 May	Redcliffe Gem & Mineral Show
14-15 May	Lismore Gemfest
28 May	Mt Gravatt Gem Show
11-12 June	Grafton Gem & Craft Show
25 Jun	Gold Coast Gem & Craft Show
9-19 Jul	Hervey Bay Festival of Gems
25 Jul	Caboolture Gem Fest

MARCH 2016

Hello Fellow Club Members

Looking towards another great year for us all and would firstly like to thank the outgoing Committee Members - David Yarrow and Bernie Partridge, past Secretary and Treasurer respectively and welcome aboard, Michelle Spark to the role of Treasurer and Eric Thomas as Secretary for 2016. Eric very graciously took on the position as no one nominated and I thank him for that. We would be very grateful if someone is able to take on this position (to relieve Eric) as it is an important one. Someone who is able to give some time to the administrative duties of the Club. It would be very welcome.

Thanks to Graydon Wilcox who donated the sail and to Ray Rolley for the erection (of the sail) - using the pun that Eric so often seems to bring to conversations.

Much gratitude to the instructors for their guidance and it is a thrill to witness at each session members helping one another with advice and exchanging ideas.

The 2016 Gem Show is on in September and again would like to thank new Show Committee members who raised their hands to take on a very important money raiser for the Club. Everyone benefits from this, so please help in any way possible.

Bunnings sausage sizzle on the 22 May is another call for members to help with the barbecue and inside with cake stall and ticket sales and we need eskys (for the sausages, onions and drinks). This is also another good money raiser, so looking for volunteers.

I seem to be asking for a lot of help but with involvement from everyone, it makes it so much easier.

Last year was a new experience for me as President, learning to communicate with people and still with a lot to learn so I would like to say thank you to everyone for making the Club for what it is – a great place to be!

Yours humbly

Greg Reynolds
President

Suggestion Box: You are welcome to put any written suggestions in the Suggestion Box on the display case in the Club that may be of benefit to the operation of the club and to its members

Club Merchandise:
 Club shirts are available for purchase and are available for the handsome sum of \$27.00. Contact the Treasurer if you would like to purchase. Club aprons (vinyl) are also available for \$18.00 each. They are excellent value and are heavy duty and come in a good length and can be cut to size. Loops available for \$62.00

Club Badge: These are standard issue for new members. Cost is included in the joint fee. If you require a new badge, record your request on the sign-in register (in the membership column), deposit \$11.00 in the cashbox and your badge will be ordered by the Treasurer

Around the Club

Opening Hours

Monday	9 am to 12 noon	Facing with instruction (John). Cabochons. Wire-wrapping (Roger). Faceting with instruction (Eric). Enameling (Peter & Wendy)
Tuesday	6 pm to 9 pm	Beginners (Greg)
Wednesday	9 am to 12 noon 6 pm to 9 pm	Cabochons. Faceting for the Experienced. Silver with instruction (Dave & Edith)
Thursday	6 pm to 9 pm	Cabochons with instruction. Carving With instruction. Faceting for the experienced
Friday	CLOSED	
Saturday Second and Last Saturday of the month	9 am to 12 noon 9 am to 4 pm	Cabochons with instruction (Doug). Silver with instruction if required.
Sunday	CLOSED	

Grants

Nothing to Report

Library Report

A very short report this quarter. The Christmas prizes in the raffle – Gem Books – 3 in all, 2 given out on the day, third book arrived 1 month later, which was given to Greg (slow delivery from overseas), but at least it arrived.

Would like to thank Brian Sparks for looking after the Library while I am away enjoying myself

Gavin Wheldon

Librarian

New Members

We would like to welcome our new club members:

Daniel Simpson
Junior

Sam Huxley

Don Duane

Haidee Schanzel

Nathan Albans

Santiago Beccaria

Terry Thomsen

Josie Jones

Wendy Shalley

Zane Page Junior

Zack Steley Junior

Cara Page

Miss Alex Brindley

Faceting Report

The faceting classes are still going strong and we have a couple of new starters which is always good.

I have been unable to teach a few classes recently due to my absence and wish to thank Eric for looking after the Monday morning class.

We have sold one of the Hall Xtra machines and it will be replaced by a VJ machine which is currently on order. There are still another two Hall's machines which will be sold in due course. The reason for the replacement to VJ machines is to have only one type of machine in the faceting room. Currently the situation requires three different size dops making it difficult to switch from one machine to another as arises from time to time.

Gavin Weldon has been awarded second place in the Novice division at the North Brisbane Club Faceting comp. I, myself am still awaiting results of competitions that I have entered. They are being judged in the next few months.

All members are encouraged to enter competitions to improve their skills.

John Sandifort
Faceting Instructor

Museum Report

Nothing to report this quarter.

John Sandifort
Museum Curator

Silver Smithing Report

Hi All,

Pleasing to see the number of active members attending Wednesday night evening classes.

Members also continue to support the all-day Saturday sessions.

Members are to be congratulated on the quality and originality of their jewellery, some excellent fine and treasured jewellery is being made.



“Hard to find a seat”!!

Maintenance - Old gas bottles have been replaced - and new tips fitted to the gas torches.

Members are reminded that protective clothing and protective footwear should be worn at all times during working sessions.



Tips for sawing silver.

The use of the jeweller's saw is probably one of the most difficult techniques to master in jewellery making. As you will already know, the beginner will break many blades but you should not lose heart as even the accomplished person will occasionally break blades.

The correct choice of blade is important. The general rule is, fine blade for thin silver and coarse blades for thick silver. A good general purpose blade size is 2/0. If finer blade is required then 3/0 or 4/0 should be used. If the silver you are sawing is being distorted when cutting use a finer blade. Hence, if you are taking some time to saw your metal, use a couser blade.

The blade should be secured in the saw frame with the teeth downwards and with the teeth facing the handle. Apply tension to the blade by resting the frame against your bench and tightening the screw clamp. The blade should be taut and should "ping" when plucked.

Basic for sawing rules.

1. Choose the correct blade for the thickness of your silver.
2. Make sure the blade is securely fixed in the frame.
3. Ensure yor work is held securely.
4. Lubricate your saw blade with beeswax.
5. Do not apply forward pressure on the blade, cutting pressure is applied on the backward stroke.
6. Use the full length of the blade when cutting.
7. Keep the saw moving when turning a corner, and turn your silver for curves.

GOOD LUCK !!!



Remember, your new projects are only limited to your imagination.
Reminder: Please leave your work stations the way you would like to find them.

Keep up the good work.!!

David.
Silversmith Instructor

BUNNINGS SAUSAGE SIZZLE



FUNDRAISER

When: Saturday 28 May

**Eskys needed – Please contact
President Greg 0408 397 755**

**CAKE BAKERS ALSO NEEDED TO SUPPLY
GOODIES FOR THE CAKE STALL – see
President Greg for details**

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