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HELLO EVERYONE!

Our Club meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month except December. Next Meeting Wednesday 20th September, 2017. Arrive for a 7.00pm start. *See you there!!!*

Wednesday night's social event was show and tell and a handful of hardy souls braved the wind and cold. Keith Tysson won the mineral specimen table & Michael Derrington won the lapidary table. Keith was declared the overall winner. Congratulations to all who entered and those who won.

Mineral Group Meeting

For the mineral group we meet next Wednesday night 23rd. August 6.30PM, Roly Smith to present " the size of mineral crystals" & Aaron & John "metamorphic minerals " as well as the usual ID exercise. There is a rumour that, to attract greater attendance, Aaron will be supplying food and beverage!!!!

Field Trips:

Muttama field trip- Sat 16th – Sunday 17th Sept. see trips book and put your name down

General Business Meeting

There are two library books outstanding, one from Dec 2016, the other from March 2017. Please return them. The Secretary will be writing to you both.

A dichroic glass class will be held at the club 31st August at 9 AM. Interested ?, bring your own glass.

Correspondence from the Gem and Lapidary council outlines rule changes for judging of lapidary / beading etc. These changes are on display on the notice board.

Eva tells us that the last day for acceptance of entries in our club competition will be 20th Sept. The entries will be judged on Sunday 22 October. Pencillers are required. Entry forms on the table.

Raffle books are in and are at the club on the table, the prizes are on display in the cabinet. If you have the time have a look at the workmanship and the values of these items – both will take your breath away. Photographs will soon be posted on the website

Roger Stockins has arranged a class on jewelery settings. Donna from the Globe Lane Jewelers will run a workshop on setting gems into claw settings. She has agreed to run a session from 1 pm to 4 pm approx. on Saturday 23rd September.

The major items needed are :-

- a hand held ring clamp,
- bezel pusher
- and wax (not doping wax).

People should also have their own rings and stones.

Herb has said he will be there with a selection of his rings

Roger will be there with a selection of stones and will let Herb know what sizes he has so Herb can sort out appropriate rings. Herb does a lot of silver ring settings and as you know has a fairly big selection at very reasonable prices.

A great opportunity for those newer members to attend a free “master class “.

Anyone who has electric cables for the show will need them tagged. This will be on Saturday morning 23rd September. A big thank you to Ross Marshall for helping Greg Cook with this task. Working Bee to clean out the big shed, we need the space to accommodate a lot of the Nov exhibition articles, this is also scheduled for the same day, please help if you can. Saturday 23rd will be a busy day at the club

Roger is also preparing another package of stones to be sent to China for cutting. In the past I have had several packets of small stones cut and found both the quality good and the price is reasonable. Call Roger if you are interested.

Bob Webb tells us that one of the grinders is currently out for repairs and that a new grinder, ordered in February, is still some time away. Supervisors are asked to check technique of those using the new silicon carbide wheels, evidently some do not use them correctly and there are already irregularities and ridges in the surface of new wheels caused by poor technique.

Unanderra Fair and Markets on Nov 25th, cost \$50 per table, anyone interested call 0242712213.

Two new members were inducted by President Rose Cook - David Lane and May Tay, a warm welcome to you both. If there is anything that you need help on, there is a vast store of knowledge and skill in the senior members of this club, just ask.

Dates to Remember:

Gemkana - Hawkesbury showground - 30/09 to 02/10

Cheers

Chris