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HELLO EVERYONE!

Well I have had few emails so I assume the remote newsletter for April was OK. Here is the next edition. Mudtank is proving difficult this time around with little good stone and little in the way of untouched soil as well but millions of flies, lots of dust and unseasonal heat until now. It is forecast to be 4 degrees tomorrow morning.

I hear that many members are attending the Lismore show and according to those who go it is a really good show to attend

Meetings:

Sixteen members attended on this Anzac Day night. Reports given, including the club auction from last Wednesday night & the Gemboree in South Australia.

The DVD tonight was from the Dallas Symposium 2017 with the speaker Eugene Marini. His subject was "cleaning, repairing & restoring mineral specimens" .He showed how ordinary specimens looked after their work in the laboratory.

He also displayed "trimmed" specimens & how well they look after being in the laboratory. This makes very good specimens for museum/private collections.

The ID No.4 via email was proustite ..(a very red & shiny mineral).The mineral of the month is franklinite (black mineral). The main ten minerals identified fairly well (average 6/10, Adrian 9/10) were: azurite, bornite, chalcantite, chalcopyrite, cuprite, malachite x2, chrysocolla, turquoise & copper. You will note all ten are copper minerals.

The freebie of the month is muscovite from Harts Range N. T.

Next meeting is, as usual , on the last Wednesday of May. next Wednesday night 6.30PM - two presentations by Aaron & John & Adrian—native metals + usual ID exercise etc.

Field Trips:

We still have no trips leader and Peter Stanley feels that the distances involved in the travel are beyond him at the moment. **SOMEONE PUT YOUR HAND UP** and accept the role .

Peter will help with the bookings and back up.

General Business Meeting:

1. New members accepted: David Hastings and Micheal Poore . Welcome to the club, if you want help or guidance there are members who can help , just ask.

2. Joan Zealey need a speaker for June so if you can help please contact her
3. Eva says the last day to hand in competition forms to her is at the September general meeting on 19th September,2018. Members need to speak to their supervisors about their entries. This will be this mentioned in every newsletter leading up to September

4. In-house workshops will be arranged- The club has supervisors willing to conduct weekend workshops on wire wrapping, basic enameling & cabbing. Any member who is interested in attending any of these workshops please enter your name in the workshop book / details to Lynne Webb. Lynne is speaking to Lismore club about insurance details for 8yr. olds & up for on the front table. If you do not have your own material it will be supplied at cost.

NSW GEMKHANA 2018

The Gemkhana event has been arranged to be held at the Hawkesbury Showground again this year during the October long weekend (29 September to 1 October)

The competition schedule is available on the Gem & Lapidary Council's website

THIS IS A CHALLENGE TO ALL NSW CLUBS to support the event and to encourage your members to compete in the competition. "Interstate Clubs are also welcome to enter"

Entries close 17th August 2018 Schedule available www.gemlapidarycouncilnsw.org.au.

Entering a competition for the very first time can be daunting experience however, this is where your Committee together with your workshop supervisor/teacher/tutor can provide the necessary support, advice and encouragement to help your members achieve the next step with their craft.

Improved Skills:

When you compete, your work is critiqued by an impartial judge, who does not even know who has done the work; your entry to them is a number only, so to start with there is no bias of any sort.

The Judge's comments will be encouraging, but also where due, will have constructive criticism which points out areas where you may improve your performance/skills. This also provides you with the finer points of what makes a piece of work look good to everyone-not just a judge-and appears as a quality piece of something you have made yourself.

Rewarding:

If the judge gives you a good mark (not necessarily win a prize) it will make you feel that your efforts have achieved something with your craft, but it is also a reward for your teacher/tutor that their knowledge has been passed on to you.

It is also a way of promoting the reputation of your Club. While it shows that your members are a keen, inspired/enthusiastic group, it also helps maintain excellent reputation your Club has at both State and National level.

In any competition, there are various levels of achievements and skill sets to enter, so you do not necessarily have to compete against the "best of the best"

So be proud of what YOU have done regardless of your perception of your skill level and enter.

YOU MAY BE PLEASANTLY SURPRIZED AND WIN A PRIZE

Colin Wright

Competition Co-Ordinator

Dates to Remember:

OPEN DAY - 27th May, 2018:

Calling on all members coming along to the Open Day to bring along a home made cake or some biscuits for the Cancer Council's Biggest Morning Tea!

ANNUAL EXHIBITION - 3rd & 4th November, 2018:

All members wishing to place entries into the competitions at the Exhibition, please note that the cut off is the Business/Social meeting of the 19th September, 2018. Let's all get enthusiastic and have a go. Start your projects now! Supervisors - let's get everyone from classes entering to show off the talent that is in our Club.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

27th May - Open Day - Illawarra Lapidary Club - 51 Meadow Street, Tarrawanna 9am to 2pm

26th & 27th May - Canberra Lapidary Club Winter Gem Show, Mallee Pavillion, Exhibition Park, Canberra, ACT

2nd & 3rd June - Bankstown & District Lapidary Club Annual Exhibition - Arena Sports Club, Yagoona, NSW

16th & 17th June - Hawkesbury Valley Lapidary Club Mineral Fair - Windsor Function Centre, Windsor, NSW

14th & 15th July - Campbelltown Lapidary Club - 40th Annual Gem Mineral & Jewellery Exhibition

18th 19th August - Blaxland Gem & Mineral Club Gem Show

3rd & 4th November - Illawarra Lapidary Club Annual Exhibition, Heininger Hall, Dapto

10th & 11th November - Canberra Lapidary Club - Gemcraft & Mineral Show

10th & 11th November - Newcastle Lapidary Club - Gem and Jewellery Fair



For your bench. At your side.