

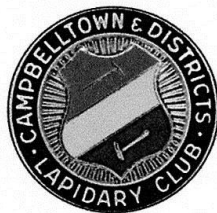
Rockgrinders Gazette

Campbelltown & Districts Lapidary Club Inc.

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General Meetings are held on the
1st Saturday each month except January
Commencing at 9.30am



ADDRESS: Lot 1 Bensley Road Macquarie Fields NSW 2564

Mon 9-2pm Wed 9-2pm Fri 6-9pm Sat 10-1pm

Web Site: campbelltownlapidary.cjb.net

September 2011

Club Report

Our club AGM is on Saturday Sept 3rd and all positions will be declared vacant. On behalf of all club members I wish to thank all our committee and workers who have contributed to the efficient running of our club this past twelve months.

Special thanks to members who assisted & organized our Exhibition. The efforts of these people produced a very successful show, the second in our new venue.

A special thank you should also go to our duty officers, who are always there to open the door, let us in and help us while we are at our club.

Workers are needed for our Open day & Sausage sizzle on the 15th October. It is a great day so come and bring a friend. Flyers will be available soon for you to hand out. Please add your name to the list on the notice board if you can help.

THE CLUB WILL BE CLOSED ON THE LONG WEEKEND SAT 1ST TO MON 3RD OCTOBER & OUR NEXT GENERAL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON THE 8TH OCTOBER.

Note: We now have 2 new diamond wheels with more to come. To assist with the longevity of the wheels please use the whole surface when grinding stones, not just the centre of the wheels.

**HAVE YOU PAID YOUR MEMBERSHIP & INSURANCE??
NO MEMBERSHIP NO EQUIPMENT**

Membership

Are you a paid up member?

Single	\$15.00	Family	\$20.00	
Pensioner Family	\$15.00			renew each July
Pensioners/Single/Student	\$10.00			
Insurance	\$3.00			

NOTE: You must be an insured member over 12 years of age to use machinery and cutting implements. Members must not use machinery prior to training.

Workshops

Commence at 9.30 on the fourth Saturday of the month unless otherwise notified. If you wish to use precious metals for larger items (eg bracelet) please book & pay a non-refundable deposit of \$30 towards the purchase of your materials. The final cost will be calculated on the day.

Workshop activities require *member only* use of mechanical tools including the kiln.

Jewellery Workshop Calendar

September 24 th	Hammered Silver Earrings
October 22 nd	Silver Bezel
November 26 th	Lamp work Beads

ENAMELLING: Members are welcome to enamel on the second Saturday of the month. Unless you are experienced please ensure an experienced person is available. Note: This is not a structured workshop & there is no instructor, just members helping members.

SILVER CASTING: Winter break is nearly over & casting will start again probably Friday 19th September. Please phone Dorothy or Barry for further information. It takes two weeks to cast an item & then it has to be cleaned, polished & finished. If you are interested, pop into the club after 4pm on Friday nights to start or just check it out.

Diary Dates

 Our main future events

- ❖ Club Open Day & Sausage Sizzle Saturday 15th October 2011
- ❖ Club Christmas party December 2011. (If you have any ideas please let us know at our General Meeting)

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Kamilla Shepherd
Gai Arthur
Dorothy Perkins
Rudolf Gollan
Alan George
Elaine Dean
Ron Dean

SAPPHIRE



Smile awhile

The Taxi Ride

I arrived at the address and honked the horn. After waiting a few minutes I walked to the door and knocked. 'Just a minute', answered a frail, elderly voice. I could hear something being dragged across the floor.

After a long pause, the door opened. A small woman in her 90's stood before me. She was wearing a print dress and a pillbox hat with a veil pinned on it, like somebody out of a 1940's movie.

By her side was a small nylon suitcase. The apartment looked as if no one had lived in it for years. All the furniture was covered with sheets.

There were no clocks on the walls, no knickknacks or utensils on the counters. In the corner was a cardboard box filled with photos and glassware.

'Would you carry my bag out to the car?' she said. I took the suitcase to the taxi, then returned to assist the woman.

She took my arm and we walked slowly toward the curb.

She kept thanking me for my kindness. 'It's nothing', I told her. 'I just try to treat my passengers the way I would want my mother to be treated.'

'Oh, you're such a good boy, she said. When we got in the taxi, she gave me an address and then asked, 'Could you drive through downtown?'

'It's not the shortest way,' I answered quickly.

'Oh, I don't mind,' she said. 'I'm in no hurry. I'm on my way to a hospice.

I looked in the rear-view mirror. Her eyes were glistening. 'I don't have any family left,' she continued in a soft voice. 'The doctor says I don't have very long.' I quietly reached over and shut off the meter.

'What route would you like me to take?' I asked.

For the next two hours, we drove through the city. She showed me the building where she had once worked as an elevator operator.

We drove through the neighbourhood where she and her husband had lived when they were newlyweds. She had me pull up in front of a furniture warehouse that had once been a ballroom where she had gone dancing as a girl.

Sometimes she'd ask me to slow in front of a particular building or corner and would sit staring into the darkness, saying nothing.

As the first hint of sun was creasing the horizon, she suddenly said, 'I'm tired. Let's go now'.

We drove in silence to the address she had given me. It was a low building, like a small convalescent home, with a driveway that passed under a portico.

Two orderlies came out to the taxi as soon as we pulled up. They were solicitous and intent, watching her every move. They must have been expecting her.

I opened the trunk and took the small suitcase to the door. The woman was already seated in a wheelchair.

'How much do I owe you?' She asked, reaching into her purse. 'Nothing,' I said.

'You have to make a living,' she answered.

'There are other passengers,' I responded.

Almost without thinking, I bent and gave her a hug. She held onto me tightly.

The Taxi Ride Continued:

'You gave an old woman a little moment of joy,' she said 'Thank you.'

I squeezed her hand, and then walked into the dim morning light. Behind me, a door shut. It was the sound of the closing of a life.

I didn't pick up any more passengers that shift. I drove aimlessly lost in thought. For the rest of that day, I could hardly talk. What if that woman had gotten an angry driver, or one who was impatient to end his shift? What if I had refused to take the run, or had honked once, then driven away?

On a quick review, I don't think that I have done anything more important in my life.

We're conditioned to think that our lives revolve around great moments.

But great moments often catch us unaware-beautifully wrapped in what others may consider a small one.

PEOPLE MAY NOT REMEMBER EXACTLY WHAT YOU DID, OR WHAT YOU SAID ~BUT~THEY WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER HOW YOU MADE THEM FEEL

Thank you, my friend...

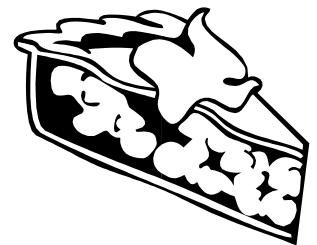
Life may not be the party we hoped for, but while we are here we might as well dance.

Recipe

IMPOSSIBLE PIE SWEET

Ingredients

4 eggs
2 cups cold milk
¾ cup sugar
½ cup all-purpose flour
¼ cup butter
dash salt
1 tsp vanilla extract
1 cup shredded coconut.



- Heat the oven to 176°C
- Prepare a well-greased 10" Pyrex pie dish.
- Put **ALL** the ingredients in blender.
- Blend at high speed for the count of 10.
- Turn off blender & pour mixture into the prepared pie dish.
- Bake for 40 minutes
- Cool (in dish) on wire rack.
- SERVE and ENJOY

ORANGE CURD *(in honour of Johns Trees)*

650 gr Eggs
750gr Castor Sugar
435gr Butter (unsalted)
Juice 1 lemon
Juice of 6 Oranges
Zest of 2 oranges



Place all ingredients in saucepan & cook carefully. Strain & store in a cool place.

Dates to Remember are generally from the Gem and Lapidary Council of NSW. Contributions can be made via email or regular Post. We are grateful for any submissions.

2011		
September 1st	National Wattle Day	Australia
September 3rd	Campbelltown Lapidary Club Annual General Meeting	Club Rooms
September 4 th	Fathers Day	Sunday
September 10 th	Lions Spring Fair	Camden Showground
September 17 th	Lifeline Book Fair 9am – 4pm Lifeline Macarthur,	The Paul Dooner Cntr. 13 McPherson Rd Smeaton Grange
September 17 th	Nepean Club: Jewellery Gemcraft Sale & Open Day	Clubrooms, 12 North St Penrith
September 17–20 th	Feeling Inspired	Novotel Rockford, Little Pier Room, Darling Harbour
October 1 – 3rd	GEMKHANA Sat & Sun 10 – 5pm Mon 9 to noon	Cessnock Indoor Sports Centre, Cessnock Showground, Mount View Road, Cessnock
October 8th	Campbelltown Lapidary Club General Meeting	Club Rooms
October 15th	Campbelltown Open Day & Sausage Sizzle	Club Rooms
Oct 14 – 16 th	Sydney Bead & Gem Show opens 10am Friday Saturday & Sunday	Southee Pavilion Olympic Park Homebush
Oct 15 th – 16 th	Central Coast Lapidary Club Annual Gem, Mineral & Beading Festival	MINGARA CLUB, Mingara Drive, Tumbi Umbi, NEW VENUE
Oct 29 th – 30 th	Lapidary Club of NSW Annual Exhibition	136 Reservoir St Surry Hills
November 4 –6th	Paper Craft Festival	Penrith Panthers
November 5 – 6th	Illawarra Club: Annual Exhibition	Heininger House, Dapto Ribbonwood Cntr,
Nov 5 th – 6 th	Canberra Lapidary Club Gemcraft & Mineral Show 10.00am - 5.00pm	Exhibition Park (EPIC), Flemington Road Mitchell
Nov 5 th – 6 th	Bankstown Club Annual Exhibition	Clubrooms Corner Olympic Parade and Dale Avenue Bankstown
Nov 11 – 13 th	Parramatta – Holroyd Club: Annual Exhibition	Clubrooms, 73 Fullagar Rd Wentworthville
Nov 12 th – 13 th	Newcastle Jewellery, Gemstones and Bead Show Parking & Entry is Free	Clubrooms Dora Road (off Teralba Road) Adamstown.
Nov 19 th	Nepean Club : Jewellery Gemcraft Sale & Open Day	Clubroom, 12 North St Penrith
Nov 26 – 27 th	Windsor Jewellery Beading Gem & Mineral Show	Windsor Function Crt. Cnr Dight-Macquarie Sts Windsor
2012	2012 GEMBOREE 6 April	QCGA Bundaberg
July 21st & 22nd 2012	Campbelltown Lapidary Club Annual Gem Show & Exhibition	Ingleburn Community Centre Cnr Oxford Rd & Cumberland Rd Ingleburn

Dates to Remember	Generally come from the Gem and Lapidary Council web site, if mistakes please let us know as soon as possible so we can correct item, your submissions will be gratefully accepted. Thank you <i>Margaret</i>	*All workshops may change due to unforeseen circumstances; deposits given may be transferred to another workshop.
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Extra bits

A&E Metals closed their city store on Friday 26 August 2011. They will be moving their retail to the factory at 68 Smith Street Marrickville NSW 2204.

The advantage for many is that at Marrickville there is parking so it will be much easier if you wish to come by car. If you are coming by train they are about a 10 minute walk from Sydenham station so you can still come by train. Or you can order by phone or on the Internet.

If you have any queries please feel free to call them on 1300 360598.

This is our club newsletter and it only exists for members to be kept up to date & for members to give other members ideas of where & what they can do & buy. So if you have anything you would like to pass on please let me know & I will do my best to put it into print for you.

As all positions will be vacant at the September AGM I wish to thank all members who supported this newsletter during the time I was editor.

