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



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November 2011

Club Report

Our Open Day & Sausage Sizzle was a great social day Many thanks to those members who helped clean on the Wednesday before our open day they did an excellent job.

Insurance will increase after the 31st March 2012 to \$3.50 per member.

Due to work commitments Steven McCulloch has advised that he is unable to handle both Publicity and Secretary. It was decided at our last General Meeting that Steven will continue as Club Secretary & Clarice Stretch will be Publicity Officer as well as Minute Secretary. Please make appropriate changes to your information.

BINGARA TRIP: This trip will be approx 5 days in Bingara from Sunday 17th April to Thursday 21st April 2012 when we leave for home. This is in the school holidays to allow for families to attend but it is after the Easter break (6th – 9th April). You will have to make your own bookings & way there. For Accommodation see the Bingara Riverside Caravan Park (run by the Gwydir Council) at this web site www.bingara.com.au

NOTE: The GEMBOREE will be held on the 6th April in Bundaberg for those who would like an extended trip.

John Franks will be away for our Exhibition next year and would like an "assistant" to work with him for a few months prior to the Exhibition & look after things while he is away.

For Sale: Opalized Wood, Tiger Eye, Sea Lilies, Thunder eggs. Ian Brown, Tahmoor Ph: 46818235

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

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| | Single | \$15.00 Family | \$20.00 | | |
| | Pensioner Family | | \$15.00 | renew each July | |
| | Pensione | ers/Single/Student | \$10.00 | II BERNAMAN PANAGARANANTAN ✔ | |
| | 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

November 26th Lamp work Beads

This is our last workshop until February 2012

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: If you are interested in Lost Wax Casting, pop into the club after 4pm on Friday nights to start or just check it out, Dorothy & Barry would love to see you there.

Diary Dates Our main future events

Club Christmas party 10th December 2011 at Club House starting at 6.30pm. Cost \$15.00 per head (Adults & Children). Remember to book & pay by Saturday 3rd December at our General Meeting. Please put your name on the list.

Club Will be closed for the Christmas Break from Wednesday 21st December to Wed Jan 4th 2012 when we reopen.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

TOPAZ

Clarice Stretch

Marion Harpur

Ann Thompson

Bob Pullan



Smile awhile Computers 'la or 'el

A SPANISH Teacher was explaining to her class that in Spanish, unlike English, nouns are designated as either masculine or feminine

'House' for instance, is feminine: 'la casa.' 'Pencil,' however, is masculine: 'el lapiz.'

A student asked, 'What gender is 'computer'?'

Instead of giving the answer, the teacher split the class into two groups, male and female, and asked them to decide for themselves whether computer' should be a masculine or a feminine noun. Each group was asked to give four reasons for its recommendation.

The men's group decided that 'computer' should definitely be of the feminine gender ('la computadora'), because:

No one but their creator understands their internal logic;

- 2. The native language they use to communicate with other computers is incomprehensible to everyone else;
- 3.Even the smallest mistakes are stored in long term memory for possible later retrieval; and
- 4. As soon as you make a commitment to one, you find yourself spending half your pay on accessories for it.

(THIS GETS BETTER!)

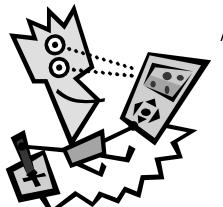
The women's group, however, concluded that computers should be Masculine ('el computador'), because:

- 1. In order to do anything with them, you have to turn them on,
- 2. They have a lot of data but still can't think for themselves
- 3. They are supposed to help you solve problems, but half the time they ARE the problem; and
- 4. As soon as you commit to one, you realize that if you had waited a little longer, you could have gotten a better model.

The women won.

Send this to all the smart women you know...and all the men that have a

sense of humour



Feeling out of sorts???

I hope this cheers you up & you are feeling better soon

Recipe

OOOPs!!!!

Left out the butter & vanilla quantities in Fay's Recipe for Passionfruit Slice: Please add after "Mix the dry ingredients in a bowl" Stir in 125grms melted butter and 1 teaspoon vanilla.

NB nice to know people read our newsletter, thanks Elaine)

CREAM CHEESE LATTICE SLICE

125 gm butter
½ cup caster sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla
125 gm Cream Cheese
2 teaspoons lemon juice
1 to 2 Packets Lattice Biscuits



2 teaspoons gelatine dissolved in ¼ cup hot water

Beat cheese, butter & caster sugar until well combined & creamy.

Add remaining ingredients & mix well.

Place a layer of biscuits in slice tin (sugar side down). Spread cheese mixture over biscuits & top with more biscuits (sugar side up). Refrigerate till firm.

Your Invited to our Christmas Party

When: Saturday 10th December at 6pm.

Where: Club House

Cost: \$15.00 per head to be paid by Saturday 3rd December at General Meeting.

(Please place your money in an envelope with your name & details)

Menu

Choice of Entrée: (Prawn Cocktail plus one other for non-seafood eaters)

Main: Ham & Pork

Assorted Salad

Dessert: Tiramisu

Fresh Fruit Salad

Ice Cream

Drinks: Tea & Coffee (or BYO)

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

| 2011 | | |
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| November 4 –6th | Paper Craft Festival | Penrith Panthers |
| November 5 th | Campbelltown Lapidary Club General Meeting | Club house |
| November 5 – 6 th | 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 |
| December 3 rd | Campbelltown Lapidary Club General Meeting | Club house |
| December 10 th | Campbelltown Lapidary Club Christmas Party 6.30pm | Club House \$15.00 per head remember to book & pay early |
| December 21st | Campbelltown Club Closes for Christmas & reopens Jan 4th | Merry Christmas |
| 2012 | | |
| April 6 th | 2012 GEMBOREE 6 April | QCGA Bundaberg |
| April 17th – 21st | 5 day Field Trip to Bingara (See notice board) | Commencing at Bingara. Make your own Booking |
| July 21 st & 22nd 2012 Campbelltown Lapidary Club Annual Gem Show & Exhibition | | Ingleburn Community Centre Cnr Oxford Rd & Cumberland Rd Ingleburn |

| | Generally come from the Gem and Lapidary Council web site, | | |
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| Dates to Remember | http://www.gemlapidarycouncilnsw.org.au, if mistakes please let us | | |
| | know as soon as possible so we can correct item, your submissions | | |
| | will be gratefully accepted. Please check this website yoursel | | |
| | additions. | Thank you Margaret | |

*All workshops may change due to unforeseen circumstances; deposits given may be transferred to another workshop.

Extra bits

Want to stop those nuisance calls?? Try calling 1300 792958. You can list your home, personal mobile or fax number to reduce telemarketing calls. Registration is free (Australian Communications and Media Authority).

JUST A REMINDER: It is always necessary to remember safety when working in a Lapidary Workshop. Just a few tips:

- Know your stones, some are toxic &/or dangerous, these require eyewear & a mask.
- When working with glass, including enamel remember the powder & dust IS glass & this is not good for your eyes or lungs so wearing eye protection & a mask is wise. Special glasses are required when doing Lampwork.
- When working with enamel ensure all enamel powder is cleaned up when you have completed your work.
- Before handling food always wash your hands (and table if necessary) carefully.
- When soldering silver and other metals ensure your tools are safe & wear eye protection, do not use a flame near flammable items or other people & turn off the gas & empty the hose before storing bottle.

DO YOU KNOW THE SILENT HELPERS AT OUR CLUB?? Who put out the garbage every week?? Who does the kitchen & cleaning shopping all the time?? Who washes the towels & tea towels?? Who repairs our machines?? Who sweeps & washes the floor?? And who makes the club Dop sticks & waxes them for us to use?? These are just some of the "non committee" jobs that are necessary for our club to run. Maybe you can help out too.



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.

