

# Rockgrinders Gazette

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## Club rooms opening hours

Monday	9am till 2pm
Wednesday	9am till 2pm
Friday	6pm till 9pm
Saturday	9am till 1pm

July 2013: Ruby Edition

## 2013 Gem & Lapidary Show July 13th & 14<sup>th</sup> @ the Greg Percival Centre, Ingleburn

**Wide range of Lapidary, Fossils,  
 Gems, Crystals, and Beaded Jewellery  
 for sale**

### New members welcome & Welcome to our new members

Interested in: Lapidary, Fossils, Gems, Crystals, Beading, Silversmithing or Lost wax casting in a relaxed friendly environment. Pop in and have a chat To all new members, we trust you will enjoy your experiences with us & benefit from our classes. If you have any questions there is a duty officer who will assist you. All Members would also love to help you if they can.

### Membership Fees are now due

#### Membership

Single	\$15.00
Family	\$20.00
Pensioner Family	\$15.00
Pensioner / Student	\$10.00
Insurance	\$3.50 per member
Workshop fees	\$2.00

**NOTE:** You must be an insured member over 12 years of age to use machinery & cutting implements

## Workshops

### Saturday Workshop

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.

### Next Workshop

No workshop has been planned for July due to the Exhibition

### Workshop News



Ron Dean conducted a silversmith class on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2013

On Saturday 22nd June we had a workshop on making a Silver Bracelet. Suzy, Don, Lil and Carolynna attended. Ron was the teacher.

Upon arrival Ron introduced us to a machine for making silver jump rings. This was a very useful piece of technology as it is quite expensive to buy sterling silver jump rings in the quantity needed for the bracelet.

What you do is you stick the silver wire into the chuck of the winder and then start winding. Amazingly enough a spring forms and when you have enough rings on it, you stop winding. That is when the fun starts. You then have to put the 'spring' into a vice and saw across the top of the spiral. After much work sawing (and holding your tongue in the right place) a whole lot of open jump rings fall out of the vice.

The bracelet needed three different sized jump rings and I was very glad Ron had gone to the trouble of preparing most of them for us. I was very impressed when I connected all the rings for the first row. I was expecting to be told to put a clasp on it, but I found out that we had two more rows to go. It really is a chain mail type bracelet.

I thought it was hard work making the jump rings until I had to make the clasp. The clasp is a really clever and simple idea, you just bend some thick silver wire into a hook shape and you have a readymade clasp. My delicate girly musician hands found it pretty hard to bend the wire, so thanks Ron for helping me with mine.

Ron was very patient with us as we joined the jump rings together (sometimes in the wrong place). The bracelet was a great choice for a Saturday workshop as it wasn't too hard and we had enough time to finish it. I have been proudly wearing mine everywhere.

I must mention that while we were busily working away on our bracelets, John, Clarice and Elaine were making the book marks for our

annual exhibition. They look great, make sure you collect a few to give to people. They are a really good marketing strategy.

## Recipe

### Sophia Loren's Spaghetti Sauce

(from 1980's Womens Weekly)



1kg Mince (or ½ Kg depending on family size)  
 1tsp each Oregano, Basil, Parsley  
 1 tsp salt  
 2 clove garlic  
 Chopped vegetables:  
 1 Onion, 2 Celery stalks, 1 Green Capsicum,  
 Mushrooms  
 1 lge tin chopped tomatoes  
 1 small tin of tomato puree  
 Black pepper to taste

In large pan cook onion and celery until onion is translucent, add spices and garlic, capsicum. When just cooked add mince and cook well. Add tomatoes, tomato puree, pepper

Serve over cooked spaghetti.

## July Birthday - Ruby

Diane Walker

Gray Davis

Jim Moffatt

Brian Morgan

Janet Klepatzki

Aden Roderick

Devinder Sing Tucker

Hideaki Tosi

Thomas Morgan

Bob Hindmarsh

Jedda Mleczko

Lil Klepser

Andrew Miskoci



Ruby rough



Ruby faceted

### July Birthstone poem - the Ruby

*"The gleaming Ruby should adorn,  
All those who in July are born,  
For thus they'll be exempt and free,  
From lover's doubts and anxiety."*

### Properties of the Ruby

For those who were born in the month of July the Ruby is the traditional birthstone. The July birthstone poem reflects some of the properties with which the Ruby is associated - devotion, integrity, courage and happiness. The Traditional Metaphysical Properties for the July Birthstone Ruby are vitality, confidence and strength. The healing properties of the July birthstone are reputed to be effective for health problems relating to the blood and infection and increasing positive thought patterns. The Ruby is also used to enhance energy, generosity and to bring prosperity and success.

Ruby is the red variety of corundum, the second hardest natural mineral known to mankind. The non-red variety of corundum is Sapphire Sapphires are well known among the general public as being blue, but can be nearly any colour. The red colour in ruby is caused by trace

amounts of the element chromium. The best shade of red for ruby is often given the name "pigeon blood red", but ruby can be any shade of red up to almost pink.

Ref: <http://www.birthdaygems.org/june-birthstone.htm> & Minerals Ebook by Mr. Le Hong Tam Jan 2005

## Field Trip News

### Lightning Ridge/Grawin Fossicking Trip



Sunday 30th June - Saturday 6th July

Suzy is now on this trip. Unfortunately there were no other members who were able to join her but we wish her well on her holiday & to bring home some lovely opal rough.

### The jump ring machine



## Whats On

Events are generally from the Gem and Lapidary Council of NSW

<http://www.gemlapidarycouncilnsw.org.au/events.html>

Other contributions can be made via email to the club [ctownlapidaryclub@bigpond.com](mailto:ctownlapidaryclub@bigpond.com). We are grateful for any submissions

WHEN	WHAT	WHERE
July 13 <sup>th</sup> & 14 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Campbelltown Lapidary Club Annual Gem &amp; Lapidary Show</b>	<b>Greg Percival Centre Ingleburn – save the date</b>
July 19 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup>	Yowah Opal Festival – Tailgaters welcome Enquiries Danny 0417639311 or Glen 0488542175	Yowah
July 27	<b>Lapidary Club of NSW.</b> Sale day, Sat 27 July, For sale: Mineral rough, beads, specimens, polished stones, jewellery and books.	Clubrooms of <b>Parramatta-Holroyd Lapidary Club</b> 73 Fullagar Road, Wentworthville
August 17 <sup>th</sup> & 18 <sup>th</sup>	Blaxland Gem & Mineral Show <a href="http://blaxlandgemmineralclub.webs.com/BGMCshow.htm">http://blaxlandgemmineralclub.webs.com/BGMCshow.htm</a>	Glenbrook Community Hall, Great Western Highway Glenbrook (next to NPWS)
October Sat 5 <sup>th</sup> to 7 <sup>th</sup>	<b>GEMKHANA 2013 - MudgeeNSW</b> State Gem Show. A Major Exhibition of Lapidary, Gems, Minerals and Artists at work. <a href="http://www.gemlapidarycouncilnsw.org.au/gemkhana.html">http://www.gemlapidarycouncilnsw.org.au/gemkhana.html</a> <b>Please note that applications are open for Competitions – follow the link</b>	<b>Mudgee Showground</b>
November 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Canberra Lapidary Club Spring Gemcraft & Mineral Show <a href="http://www.canberralapidary.org.au">www.canberralapidary.org.au</a>	Parkes Room Exhibition Park
November 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Illawarra Club Annual Exhibition</b> <a href="http://www.illawarralapidaryclub.com.au">http://www.illawarralapidaryclub.com.au</a>	Ribbonwood Centre, Princes Highway, Dapto
November 8 <sup>th</sup> , 9 <sup>th</sup> & 10 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Parramatta Holroyd Lapidary Club Annual Exhibition</b> <a href="http://www.freewebs.com/parraholroydlapidaryclub/">http://www.freewebs.com/parraholroydlapidaryclub/</a>	Clubrooms, 73 Fullagar Road Wentworthville
November 9 <sup>th</sup> & 10 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Annual Jewellery Show Newcastle Lapidary Club</b> email <a href="mailto:newlap@gmail.com">newlap@gmail.com</a> .	2 Dora Rd Adamstown NSW.
November 9 <sup>th</sup> & 10 <sup>th</sup>	Zeehan Lapidary Club Gem & Mineral Show - Tasmania	Basketball Stadium Zeehan Primary School