

Lapidary Shop Rules

Use of equipment and tools is at the risk of the user

- Every participant must attend an orientation on Shop equipment, safety protocols, and clean up practices, prior to using the Lapidary Shop.
- All participants are required to wear masks while onsite. Face shields are optional but do not replace the use of masks.
- Loose clothing, long hair, ties, dangly jewelry, scarfs, etc., must be contained or tied up, so that nothing can be caught in rotating equipment.
- NO commercial or mass production use. With others needing to use the saws and wheels, please limit the stones you work on to 3 at a time.
- Cut and work only lapidary items, i.e. stones or gems. (Nothing metal, wood or plastic is allowed to be cut or applied to a grinder/polisher).
- Turn water and wheel/saw OFF before going to the next piece of equipment.
- No sharp points or rough edges after the 180 wheel.
- Pay attention to the Trim Saws, and what they are meant to cut. You may be responsible for the cost of replacing a damaged or destroyed blade if used incorrectly.
- If a participant of the Lapidary Shop finds equipment inoperable or in disrepair, they should notify the Instructor right away.

The last 15 minutes of each class is designated clean-up time for

ALL PARTICIPANTS.

Be respectful to our Clubs, the Lapidary Shop, and its participants by cleaning up after yourself.

In the event you are found to be disrespectful to participants, to instructors, or to equipment/furniture, you will be asked to leave.

Violations of these shop rules or continued abuse of equipment will be grounds for suspension or being banned from the Lapidary Shop.

Dirty Rocks

- Please make sure that rocks you bring in from outside (bought, found, or otherwise acquired) are free of debris before being worked on.
- **Pyrite, Psilomelane, Hematite, and Bumblebee Jasper** are **NOT allowed** in the slab saws and grinding wheels. IF you have one of these items that you wish to cut and polish, talk to the instructor about when and how these items are permitted.
- Rocks, Minerals, or Crystals that are known to have a radioactive signature, are not allowed in the Lapidary Shop.
- Abalone Shells (including other shells) and Asbestos are not allowed in the slab saws or grinding wheels.

If you have any questions or concerns about any rocks, minerals, or crystals that you would like to work with, please ask our instructors, and they will be happy to guide you.

Minors - Rules

The PGGG/SGMS Lapidary Shop is open to all individuals ages 12 and up.

1. Participants under the age of 18 will have a class fee of \$5.
2. Children under the age of 12 are not allowed in the Lapidary Shop at this time.
3. Teenagers (12+) are welcome with a parent or guardian present at all times.
4. Teenagers 16+ are welcome to bring their parents/guardians, but are not required to do so.

Parents/Guardians aren't required to pay to watch over their children. They will have to pay the class fee if they wish to participate.

5. Both the Parents/Guardians and the Teenager(s) will need to fill out and bring with them the Protocols and Waiver/Liability Form, and abide by our Lapidary Shop Rules.

The Instructors have the right to stop usage and deny access to anyone using the equipment improperly, immaturely, dangerously, or not listening to an Instructor. Using equipment in such a manner, may cause suspension, and/or being banned from Lapidary Shop usage.

Minors and Parents/Guardians must adhere to all the rules elsewhere herein.

HEALTH PROTOCOLS:

Masks are **required** to be worn at all times when working/standing around in the lapidary shop. The mask must cover **both** your mouth and nose. This applies to both members/guests, the public, and instructors.

If you are not feeling well, or are running a fever of 99.5 or higher, do not come to the shop.

If you test positive for Covid and have been at the lapidary shop within the past 2 weeks, you must immediately notify the club(s).

If any of the above Health policies are not followed, the participant will not be allowed entry. If found to be in violation while working, the individual(s) will be told to leave. Should the individual(s) not comply with the instructor, Police will be called, and the Shop closed immediately.

As COVID and other Health issues change around us, we may need to cancel classes to ensure the safety of all.

**PENINSULA GEM AND GEOLOGY SOCIETY &
SEQUOIA GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY**

Registration and Waiver of Liability Forms

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Date of Birth (if under 18): _____

Cell Phone: _____

Home Phone: _____

Email: _____

Emergency Contact 1 Name: _____

Relationship: _____

Phone Number: _____

Emergency Contact 2 Name: _____

Relationship: _____

Phone Number: _____

Instructor Verification Signature: _____

Instructors Name: _____

Date: _____

LIABILITY WAIVER

The undersigned agrees to fully reimburse and hold harmless the Peninsula Gem and Mineral Society and the Sequoia Gem and Mineral Society, their Board(s) and any Instructor, from any loss or liability, which results or is alleged to have resulted from participation in any activity, or from any program that is held in connection with or at the Peninsula Gem and Geology Society's Lapidary Shop, located at the Garden House at Shoup Park, 400 University Avenue, Los Altos, California, 94022.

I understand the risks inherent in using lapidary equipment including, but not limited to rock saws and grinding/polishing wheels.

(Initial) _____

I understand that I am required to use appropriate safety equipment and to abide by any health related mandates.

(Initial) _____

I have read all the aforementioned information and the list of shop rules, safety guidelines, and health protocols accompanying this form, and understand any and all of it. (Initial) _____

I understand that I will need to attend an orientation on the Lapidary Shop equipment, safety protocols, and clean up procedures prior to using the Shop, regardless of any prior knowledge. (Initial) _____

Signature of Participant: _____

Printed Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Parent Guardian Name: _____

Date: _____