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NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: April 24, 2024

EDITOR'S NOTES

As I pull this newsletter together the Willunga Gemboree is in full swing, and everyone appears to be enjoying themselves .

So I hope you enjoy the April Newsletter from Willunga SA.

If you have an article, or a show you wish to advertise in future newsletters, please send them in.

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Message from the President

This report is being written while on site at the Willunga Gemboree. The weather has been fine and very kind to us.

NSW has done very well in the Gemboree Competition with Clubs all over NSW and ACT winning awards.

Some entries are the results of the educational courses that were run by the council over the year.

Congratulations Western Suburbs – Well Done.

Barbara J Try OAM

President

Willunga Gemboree 2024





Willunga Tailgaters



Willunga Tailgaters

See pages 11 to 14 Willunga Gemboree NSW and ACT Award and Trophy winners

**Rhodochrosite**

MnCO₃

Specimen Locality: Oppu Mine, Amori Prefecture, Japan 143mm/116mm/
35mm,

Crystal System: Trigonal

In the December Newsletter you will have noticed some small articles/fillers on “What is a Mineral ?” and “The earth”. I plan to continue with these articles / fillers in the hope that it will introduce you to some basic Mineralogy and Gemmology that may assist you with mineral and gem material purchases. You will find some more throughout this newsletter.

Now what is Gemmology?

Well Gemmology is neatly defined by the Gemological Institute of America as: “The science of those minerals, and other rare minerals, beautiful and durable enough for use as personal adornment and the embellishment of our personal possessions”

Briefly, Gemmology is the scientific study of gem material and is becoming an ever-increasing necessity for the jewellery trade but also for us lapidarist. A basic understanding of mineralogy and gemmology while not purely essential is a great help

when you find or buy minerals and gem materials.

On a side note, you will come across two spellings for Gemmology, Gemmology and Gemology, both are correct as the Americans spell it with one m.

The Loupe

One basic tool but extremely important that you should never be without when looking at mineral and gem material is a Hand Lens / Jewellers Loupe / Loupe (loupe). Although there are a number of magnifications and sizes out there it is recommended that a 10x (10 times magnification) is best especially for gemmology - as the greater the magnification the shorter the working distance.

For example, a 10x loupe has a working distance of around 2.5cm (distance from the object), whereas a 20x loupe has a working distance of around 1.25cm. As you can see the higher the magnification the closer the item has to be to the loupe to be in focus.

A diameter of 21 mm is a good size, but you can go larger or smaller if you wish. Some come with their own light source.

Before you rush out and buy a loupe though, you need to make sure you get one that has been corrected for distortion due to dispersion (colour fringing of the image edge - achromatic) and refraction (spherical distortion - aplanic) of light as it passes through the glass lenses, a loupe that is corrected for both these aberration is called

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22mm

Crystal System: Orthorhombic



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Section Results - GEMBOREE® 2024

Award Winners Filter = State: (NSW)

<u>0-1A.1/C</u>	Std Cabochon - Crafts - Open				
	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:	
1st	Hon Louie	Nth Dist NSW	208	99.65	
<u>N-1A.3/C</u>	Std Cabochon - Crafts - Novice				
	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:	
2nd	Laurie Gellatly	Western Suburbs	482	86.30	
<u>0-1A.5/AA</u>	Std Cabochon - A/Appeal - Open				
	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:	
1st	Bob McLean	Port Hacking	215	97.55	
<u>N-1A.7/AA</u>	Std Cabochon - A/Appeal - Novice				
	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:	
1st	Laurie Gellatly	Western Suburbs	487	92.30	
<u>0-1B.1/C</u>	Fancy Cabochon - Crafts - Open				
	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:	
=3rd	Paul Sabolta	Parramatta	69	91.00	
=3rd	Marcia Hill	Western Suburbs	531	91.00	
<u>L-1B.2/C</u>	Fancy Cabochon - Crafts - Intermediate				
	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:	
3rd	John Lumb	Port Hacking	33	83.00	
<u>N-1B.3/C</u>	Fancy Cabochon - Crafts - Novice				
	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:	
1st	Svetlana Dligatch	Nth Dist NSW	212	97.00	
3rd	Susan Porter	Bathurst	26	87.00	
<u>0-1B.5/AA</u>	Fancy Cabochon - A/Appeal - Open				
	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:	
2nd	Hon Louie	Nth Dist NSW	206	96.40	
3rd	Barbara Try	Nth Dist NSW	638	96.15	
<u>N-1B.7/AA</u>	Fancy Cabochon - A/Appeal - Novice				
	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:	
1st	Susan Porter	Bathurst	21	87.10	
<u>0-2A.1/C</u>	Double Std Cab - Crafts - Open				
	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:	
2nd	Albert Kim	Western Suburbs	471	97.10	
=3rd	Albert Kim	Western Suburbs	470	95.80	
<u>L-2A.2/C</u>	Double Std Cab - Crafts - Intermediate				
	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:	
1st	Susan Porter	Bathurst	25	93.60	
<u>N-2A.3/C</u>	Double Std Cab - Crafts - Novice				
	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:	
2nd	Laurie Gellatly	Western Suburbs	484	78.00	
<u>0-2B.1/C</u>	Double Fancy Cab - Crafts - Open				
	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:	
3rd	Marcia Hill	Western Suburbs	538	88.40	
<u>L-2B.2/C</u>	Double Fancy Cab - Crafts - Intermediate				
	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:	
2nd	Susan Porter	Bathurst	23	72.50	
<u>N-2B.3/C</u>	Double Fancy Cab - Crafts - Novice				
	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:	
2nd	Laurie Gellatly	Western Suburbs	488	81.00	
<u>0-3.1/C</u>	Free Form - Crafts - Open				
	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:	
2nd	Hon Louie	Nth Dist NSW	210	97.50	
3rd	Amy Cheung	Nth Dist NSW	196	97.15	
<u>L-3.2/C</u>	Free Form - Crafts - Intermediate				
	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:	
1st	Meryl Blundell	Western Suburbs	598	96.00	
2nd	Meryl Blundell	Western Suburbs	597	90.50	
3rd	Alice Zheng	Nth Dist NSW	192	86.00	

<u>N-3.3/C</u>	Free Form - Crafts - Novice				
	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:	
1st	James McCarthy	Port Hacking	258	92.00	
2nd	Tony Offord	Port Hacking	30	87.00	
=3rd	James McCarthy	Port Hacking	257	79.00	
<u>0-3.5/C</u>	Free Form - Crafts - Open				
	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:	
=2nd	Marcia Hill	Western Suburbs	542	99.50	
<u>N-3.7/C</u>	Free Form - Crafts - Novice				
	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:	
1st	Tony Offord	Port Hacking	27	83.00	
2nd	Tony Offord	Port Hacking	28	79.00	
<u>0-4A.1/C</u>	Opal Doublet - Flat Top - Crafts - Open				
	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:	
1st	Barbara Try	Nth Dist NSW	641	94.85	
<u>0-4B.1/C</u>	Opal Doublet - Domed Top - Crafts - Open				
	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:	
2nd	Barbara Try	Nth Dist NSW	643	90.50	
3rd	Barbara Try	Nth Dist NSW	642	86.50	
<u>0-5A.1/AB</u>	3D Carving - Hardness 5 or under - Open				
	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:	
1st	Marcia Hill	Western Suburbs	549	92.88	
2nd	Kathy Selwood	Orange	96	90.50	
3rd	Marcia Hill	Western Suburbs	550	87.00	
<u>0-5A.2/AB</u>	3D Carving - Hardness over 5 - Open				
	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:	
1st	Michael Burgess	No Club (NSW)	333	97.00	
2nd	Kathy Selwood	Orange	97	88.38	
<u>0-5B.1/AB</u>	Relief Carving - Any Hardness - Open				
	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:	
1st	Kathy Selwood	Orange	99	90.00	
<u>0-5E.1/AB</u>	Carving - Open				
	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:	
1st	Marcia Hill	Western Suburbs	547	91.25	
2nd	Kathy Selwood	Orange	98	89.00	
3rd	Averyll Enola	Western Suburbs	593	87.75	
<u>N-5E.2/AB</u>	Carving - Novice				
	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:	
1st	Averyll Enola	Western Suburbs	594	90.63	
2nd	Peter Zaccaria	Western Suburbs	746	90.38	
3rd	Peter Zaccaria	Western Suburbs	747	88.25	
<u>0-6.1</u>	Scrimshaw - Open				
	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:	
1st	Kathy Selwood	Orange	100	97.00	
<u>0-8A.1</u>	Standard Brilliant - Continuous Girdle - Open				
	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:	
=2nd	Lynne Webb	Illawarra	233	97.75	
<u>L-8A.2</u>	Standard Brilliant - Continuous Girdle - Inter				
	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:	
3rd	Julie Schoonderbeek	Orange	665	85.90	
<u>0-8B.1</u>	Std Round Brilliant - Faceted Girdle - Open				
	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:	
1st	Lynne Webb	Illawarra	232	98.68	
2nd	Paul Sabolta	Parramatta	80	98.17	
3rd	Ray Maunder	AFG (NSW)	16	97.54	
<u>L-8B.2</u>	Standard Brilliant - Faceted Girdle - Intermediate				
	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:	
2nd	George Hempel	AFG (NSW)	361	90.15	
3rd	Julie Schoonderbeek	Orange	667	80.32	

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N-8B.3 Standard Round Brilliant - Faceted Girdle - Novice

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
1st	Warren Rayner	Port Hacking	65	90.18
3rd	John Witshire	Illawarra	41	80.38

Q-9A.1 Standard Oblong Step Cut with Cut Corners - Open

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
1st	Lynne Webb	Illawarra	237	97.09
2nd	Paul Sabolta	Parramatta	77	96.35
3rd	Ray Maunder	AFG (NSW)	17	94.96

N-9A.3 Std Oblong Step Cut with Cut Corners - Novice

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
1st	Dennis Hart	Illawarra	117	88.25
2nd	George Hempel	AFG (NSW)	362	79.27
3rd	Bob Castle	Illawarra	252	78.01

Q-10.1 The Meridian Cut - Open

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
1st	Ray Maunder	AFG (NSW)	12	100.00
2nd	Ray Maunder	AFG (NSW)	11	99.00
=3rd	Paul Sabolta	Parramatta	75	98.44
=3rd	Lynne Webb	Illawarra	238	98.44

L-10.2 Centralian Star - Intermediate

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
1st	Dennis Hart	Illawarra	114	87.52
2nd	Milan Supa	Nepean District	637	79.84
3rd	Julie Schoonderbeek	Orange	670	72.96

N-10.3 JBCROSS - Novice

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
1st	Julie Schoonderbeek	Orange	669	97.28
3rd	Christine Sutter	Port Hacking	358	93.59

Q-11.1 English Rose - Open

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
1st	Lynne Webb	Illawarra	235	100.00
2nd	Paul Sabolta	Parramatta	76	98.98

N-11.3 Petunia - Novice

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
2nd	Warren Rayner	Port Hacking	66	85.75
3rd	Dennis Hart	Illawarra	116	84.36

Q-12A.1 Tumbled Stones - Pre-Formed Shape - Open

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
=1st	Marcia Hill	Western Suburbs	543	99.25
=1st	Marcia Hill	Western Suburbs	544	99.25

N-12A.2 Tumbled Stones - Pre-Formed Shape - Novice

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
1st	Albert Kim	Western Suburbs	461	97.50
2nd	Meryl Blundell	Western Suburbs	601	97.26
3rd	Meryl Blundell	Western Suburbs	600	97.16

Q-12B.1 Tumbled Stones - Natural Shape - Open

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
1st	Jorma Tahka	Nth Dist NSW	54	95.27
3rd	Reetta Tahka	Nth Dist NSW	52	93.17

N-12B.2 Tumbled Stones - Natural Shape - Novice

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
1st	Albert Kim	Western Suburbs	465	97.25
2nd	Laurie Gellatly	Western Suburbs	493	87.58
3rd	Meryl Blundell	Western Suburbs	603	86.59

Q-13.1/AA Polished Face - Flat Surface - A/Appeal - Open

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
1st	Marcia Hill	Western Suburbs	553	82.25

N-13.2/AA Polished Face - Flat Surface - A/Appeal - Novice

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
2nd	Helen Colman	Orange	376	86.30

Q-14.1/AA Polished Face - Curved Surface - A/Appeal - Open

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
1st	Marcia Hill	Western Suburbs	554	89.75

Q-16.1 Gem Trees - Single - Open

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
1st	Marcia Hill	Western Suburbs	560	92.00
2nd	Ray Smith	Parramatta	124	91.50
3rd	Ray Smith	Parramatta	125	90.50

N-16.2 Gem Trees - Single - Novice

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
=1st	Sue.Ellen Douglass	Western Suburbs	592	90.50
=1st	Sue.Ellen Douglass	Western Suburbs	591	90.50

Q-17.1 Novelty Gemcraft - Open

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
2nd	Marcia Hill	Western Suburbs	556	92.40

Q-18A.1 Hand Fabricated Jewellery - Open

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
2nd	Marcia Hill	Western Suburbs	509	84.75
3rd	Marcia Hill	Western Suburbs	508	84.00

L-18A.2 Hand Fabricated Jewellery - Intermediate

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
1st	Sue.Ellen Douglass	Western Suburbs	609	97.00
2nd	Sue.Ellen Douglass	Western Suburbs	610	96.50

N-18A.3 Hand Fabricated Jewellery - Novice

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
1st	Peter Zaccaria	Western Suburbs	454	93.50
3rd	Leanne Hegedus	Mildura	382	86.00

Q-18B.1 Hand Fabricated Jewellery - Open

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
1st	Hon Louie	Nth Dist NSW	204	93.55
2nd	Carrie Wang	Nth Dist NSW	189	93.50
3rd	Marcia Hill	Western Suburbs	522	91.70

N-18B.3 Hand Fabricated Jewellery - Novice

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
1st	John Lumb	Port Hacking	32	92.25

Q-18B.4 Hand Fabricated Jewellery - Opal - Open

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
1st	Marcia Hill	Western Suburbs	513	88.85
2nd	Marcia Hill	Western Suburbs	512	88.80
3rd	Ainslie Flynn	Western Suburbs	604	78.15

Q-18C.1 Hand Fabricated Jewellery - Natural - Open

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
1st	Marcia Hill	Western Suburbs	511	89.50
2nd	Marcia Hill	Western Suburbs	510	88.50
3rd	Carrie Wang	Nth Dist NSW	187	87.75

N-18C.2 Hand Fabricated Jewellery - Natural - Novice

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
2nd	Stephen Hegedus	Mildura	378	80.40

Q-18D.1 Hand Fabricated Jewellery - Open

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
=1st	Marcia Hill	Western Suburbs	514	96.50
=1st	Ainslie Flynn	Western Suburbs	606	96.50
2nd	Marcia Hill	Western Suburbs	515	92.75

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N-18D.2 Hand Fabricated Jewellery - Novice

Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
1st Marie Griffiths	Central Coast	350	84.75
2nd Leanne Hegedus	Mildura	384	84.50
3rd Marie Griffiths	Central Coast	349	81.50
3rd Averyll Enola	Western Suburbs	629	81.50

O-18E.1 Wire Wrapped Jewellery - Open

Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
1st Carrie Wang	Nth Dist NSW	190	89.55
3rd Hon Louie	Nth Dist NSW	202	88.10

N-18E.2 Wire Wrapped Jewellery - Novice

Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
3rd Averyll Enola	Western Suburbs	631	80.75

O-19A.1 Cast Jewellery - Entrant Pattern - Open

Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
1st Meryl Blundell	Western Suburbs	599	98.50
2nd Ainslie Flynn	Western Suburbs	608	95.00
3rd Ainslie Flynn	Western Suburbs	607	92.50

O-19B.1 Cast Jewellery - Open

Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
1st Marcia Hill	Western Suburbs	524	94.40

O-19E.1 Metal Clay Jewellery - Entrant Pattern - Open

Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
1st Marcia Hill	Western Suburbs	516	88.50
2nd Marcia Hill	Western Suburbs	517	88.00
3rd Barbara Try	Nth Dist NSW	648	86.50

O-19F.1 Metal Clay Jewellery - Entrant Pattern - Open

Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
S/A Marcia Hill	Western Suburbs	526	85.00

O-19G.1 Metal Clay Jewellery - Entrant Pattern - Open

Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
1st Sue.Ellen Douglass	Western Suburbs	619	89.00
2nd Marcia Hill	Western Suburbs	525	84.75
3rd Sue.Ellen Douglass	Western Suburbs	618	82.00

O-20A.1 Cast Jewellery - Natural Pattern - Open

Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
1st Marcia Hill	Western Suburbs	507	96.50
2nd Marcia Hill	Western Suburbs	506	94.75
3rd Barbara Try	Nth Dist NSW	650	90.25

O-20E.1 Metal Clay Jewellery - Open

Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
1st Barbara Try	Nth Dist NSW	651	91.50
2nd Marcia Hill	Western Suburbs	521	90.00
3rd Marcia Hill	Western Suburbs	520	86.75

O-21A.1 Cast Jewellery - Open

Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
1st Marcia Hill	Western Suburbs	503	89.00
=2nd Peter Zaccaria	Western Suburbs	455	88.25
=2nd Barbara Try	Nth Dist NSW	653	88.25

N-21A.2 Cast Jewellery - Novice

Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
1st Marie Griffiths	Central Coast	348	95.00
2nd Marie Griffiths	Central Coast	347	94.50

O-21D.1 Cast Jewellery - Open

Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
1st Marcia Hill	Western Suburbs	500	89.50
2nd Marcia Hill	Western Suburbs	501	85.75

O-24A.1 Enamelled Jewellery - Open

Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
1st Barbara Try	Nth Dist NSW	654	92.50
2nd Jimmy Lim	Illawarra	222	92.38
3rd Jimmy Lim	Illawarra	221	87.73

O-25.1 Commercial Mount Jewellery - Pendant - Open

Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
1st Alice Zheng	Nth Dist NSW	193	98.25
2nd Barbara Try	Nth Dist NSW	656	97.50
3rd Hon Louie	Nth Dist NSW	197	97.25

I-25.2 Commercial Mount Jewellery - Pendant - Intermediate

Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
1st Albert Kim	Western Suburbs	469	96.00
2nd Averyll Enola	Western Suburbs	634	93.50

N-25.3 Commercial Mount Jewellery - Pendant - Novice

Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
1st Sue.Ellen Douglass	Western Suburbs	622	93.25
3rd Laurie Gellatly	Western Suburbs	490	91.75

O-26A.1 Enamelled Jewellery - Open

Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
=1st Jimmy Lim	Illawarra	218	90.20
=1st Barbara Try	Nth Dist NSW	659	90.20
2nd Barbara Try	Nth Dist NSW	658	89.48

O-26B.1 Enamelled Jewellery - Open

Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
1st Jimmy Lim	Illawarra	220	97.98
2nd Jimmy Lim	Illawarra	219	95.26
3rd Barbara Try	Nth Dist NSW	660	94.53

N-26B.2 Enamelled Jewellery - Novice

Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
3rd Richard Medway	Goulburn	110	74.50

O-26C.1 Enamelling - Open

Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
1st Jimmy Lim	Illawarra	223	93.18
2nd Jimmy Lim	Illawarra	224	92.18
3rd Barbara Try	Nth Dist NSW	636	91.50

N-26C.2 Enamelling - Novice

Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
S/A Marie Griffiths	Central Coast	346	80.00

N-27A.2 General Metalcraft - Novice

Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
S/A Meryl Blundell	Western Suburbs	596	84.75

O-28A.1 Sheet Metal Work - Open

Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
1st Marcia Hill	Western Suburbs	559	91.63
2nd Marcia Hill	Western Suburbs	558	83.13

O-32A.1 Fossil - Non-Display - Open

Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
=1st Marcia Hill	Western Suburbs	563	93.00
=1st Marcia Hill	Western Suburbs	562	93.00

O-32A.3 Fossil - Non-Display - Open

Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
1st Marcia Hill	Western Suburbs	564	97.00

N-32A.2 Fossil - Non-Display - Novice

Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
1st Laurie Gellatly	Western Suburbs	494	91.00
2nd Laurie Gellatly	Western Suburbs	495	89.00
3rd Meryl Blundell	Western Suburbs	577	86.00

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Award Winners Filter = State: (NSW)

N-32A.4 Fossil - Non-Display - Novice

Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
1st Meryl Blundell	Western Suburbs	580	97.00
=2nd Laurie Gellatly	Western Suburbs	497	91.00
=2nd Laurie Gellatly	Western Suburbs	496	91.00

O-32B.1 Fossils - Non Display - Group of 3, Mixed - Open

Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
2nd Marcia Hill	Western Suburbs	566	95.66

N-32B.2 Fossils - Non Display - Group of 3, Mixed - Novice

Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
1st Meryl Blundell	Western Suburbs	582	91.67
2nd Meryl Blundell	Western Suburbs	581	89.99
3rd Laurie Gellatly	Western Suburbs	498	87.99

O-34A.1 Mineral - Single Crystal - Open

Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
3rd Marcia Hill	Western Suburbs	569	77.00

N-34A.2 Mineral - Single Specimen - Novice

Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
1st Meryl Blundell	Western Suburbs	583	87.00
2nd Albert Kim	Western Suburbs	475	85.00
3rd Albert Kim	Western Suburbs	474	80.00

N-34A.5 Mineral - Crystal Cluster - Novice

Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
1st Albert Kim	Western Suburbs	478	90.00
2nd Meryl Blundell	Western Suburbs	585	87.00
3rd Meryl Blundell	Western Suburbs	586	79.00

N-34B.5 Minerals - Group of 3, Thumbnail Clusters - Novice

Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
S/A Albert Kim	Western Suburbs	476	61.33
2nd Meryl Blundell	Western Suburbs	589	60.33
3rd Albert Kim	Western Suburbs	477	55.66

O-37B.1 Mineral Showcase - Open

Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
1st Marcia Hill	Western Suburbs	576	80.08

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Award Winners Filter = State: (ACT)

N-18C.2 Hand Fabricated Jewellery - Natural - Novice

Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
3rd Vilija Olsauskas	Canberra	335	79.50



Trophy Results - GEMBOREE® 2024

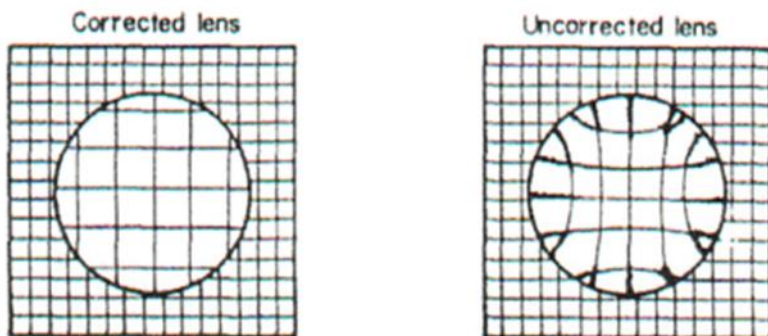
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PT-04	Ray Powell Trophy Champion Club Winner: Western Suburbs	Western Suburbs
AT-05	Val Annear Trophy Open - Enamelling - Non Jewellery Winner: Jimmy Lim	Illawarra
AT-06	John S. Ryding Trophy Open - Hand Made Jewellery with Fossil or Mineral Winner: Marcia Hill	Western Suburbs
AT-07	Harry Miller Trophy Open - Standard Cabachon/AA Winner: Bob McLean	Port Hacking
AT-10	Alex Amess Trophy Open - Facet Cut Winner: Ray Maunder	AFG (NSW)
AT-11	Palloys Trophy Open - Hand Made Jewellery with Lapidary Item/s Winner: Hon Louie	Nth Dist NSW
AT-12	Jim Johnson Trophy Novice - Champion Mineral Entrant Winner: Albert Kim	Western Suburbs
AT-16	Peter Collins Trophy Open - Champion Facetor Winner: Lynne Webb	Illawarra
AT-20	Cyril Kovac Trophy Open - Mineral Showcase - Display - Lit Winner: Marcia Hill	Western Suburbs
AT-21	Brian Bown Trophy Open - Standard Cabachon/C Winner: Hon Louie	Nth Dist NSW
AT-22	Jack Bushby Trophy Novice - Champion Facetor Winner: Bob Castle	Illawarra
AT-23	Dick Moppett Trophy Open - Standard Facet Cuts Winner: Lynne Webb	Illawarra
AT-24	Chas Totterdell Trophy Open - Hand Made Jewellery with Opal Winner: Marcia Hill	Western Suburbs
AT-25	The Lapidary & Gem Clubs of Victoria Trophy Open - Carving Winner: Marcia Hill	Western Suburbs
AT-27	Tony Annear OAM Memorial Trophy Champion All-Round Competitor Winner: Marcia Hill	Western Suburbs
AT-28	Queensland Gem Clubs Association Open - Cast Jewellery Winner: Meryl Blundell	Western Suburbs
AT-29	Australian Facetors' Guild Trophy Intermediate - Champion Facetor Winner: Julie Schoonderbeek	Orange

apochromatic loupe.

The tittle lens is the best and a must for gemmology, but you can get by for general viewing with a doublet lens which are cheaper, provided it has been corrected for the aberrations discussed.

You can check your loupe by looking at a piece of black and white graph paper it should look some like this:



There are two basic ways to hold your loupe:

1. hold the outer casing between the index finger and your thumb, bring the loupe up to your eye or glasses (it's up to you which hand or eye you use), allowing the back of your thumb to rest against the side of your nose keep the loupe steady. Your remaining fingers should be parallel and below the index finger.

2. I prefer this method, passing your index finger through the cover of the loupe bring the loupe up to your eye or glasses and rest your thumb against your cheek. Your remaining fingers should be parallel and below the index finger. I think this method give you more room and allows better control to help stabilise the tweezers or stone holder with the other fingers while using the other hand that is holding the tweezers / stone holder to move the stone into and out of focus. Thus, allowing you to look from the near surface and move through the stone to the far surface (assuming you have a transparent or semi-transparent specimen that is).



It is important to remember to always keep the loupe up to your eye or glasses and bring the specimen up to the loupe or bend down towards the specimen if it is too big to handle.

EVENTS

General information on which events are going ahead and which have been cancelled, can be found on the following link:

<https://gemlapidarycouncilnsw.org.au/events/>

- ◇ **12-14 April 2024** Reliance Bank Royal Bathurst Show, lapidary section.
- ◇ **5 May 2024** Illawarra Lapidary Club Inc – Open Day 51 Meadow Street, Tarrawanna
- ◇ **18-19 May 24** Lismore Gemfest Lismore Showgrounds, 116 Alexandra Rd, Lismore
- ◇ **25-26 May 24** Canberra Winter Gemcraft & Mineral Show Mallee Pavilion EPIC Canberra Showgrounds ACT. Norm-0407 718 347, nmena-due@optusnet.com.au
- ◇ **13-14 July 2024**, 44th Annual Gem Show & Exhibition, Campbelltown and Districts Lapidary Club, Greg Percival Centre, Ingleburn
- ◇ 21 July 2024 Christmas in July “Open Day” – Illawarra Lapidary Club Inc, 51 Meadow Street, Tarrawanna
- ◇ **28-29 September 2024** State Gem and Mineral Show—(Gemkarna Competition), Hawkesbury Agricultural Showground
- ◇ **11-12 October 2024**, Gem & Craft Show, Inverell & District Lapidary Club Inc
- ◇ **2-3 November 2024** Jewellery Gems and Minerals Festival – Illawarra Lapidary Club Inc. – 62nd Anniversary, At Heininger Hall, Ribbonwood Centre, 109 Princes Hwy, Dapto. <https://www.illawarralapidaryclub.com.au>
- ◇ **2-3 November 2024** Canberra Spring Gemcraft & Mineral Show, Exhibition Park (EPIC) – Mallee Pavilion, Norm-0407 718 347, nmena-due@optusnet.com.au
- ◇ **8-10 November 2024** Club Exhibition 2024, Parramatta-Holroyd Lapidary Club.