

NASSAU MINERAL CLUB

LAPIDARY WORKSHOP POLICIES AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY

Safety

- You must ALWAYS wear safety glasses when using lapidary equipment*.
- Long hair must always be tied back.
- When using lapidary equipment*, remove items such as scarves and loose jewelry that could get entangled in the equipment. If wearing long sleeves either roll them up or secure the cuffs so that they do not dangle.
- Ensure that the work area is clean and free of debris.
- All equipment must be used as intended and according to instructions.
- Proper attire includes a shirt or blouse and jeans, trousers, or shorts and shoes.
- No bare feet. No open-toed shoes.
- Always turn off the water and power to the machine you are using whenever you leave or turn away from that station no matter how briefly. This includes just turning away to talk to someone and when “just getting up to check on something”.
- If unsure about something, ASK FOR ASSISTANCE!
- Only authorized personnel are permitted to repair or replace wheels or blades on the equipment.

Workshop Rules

- You must be trained on each machine prior to using that machine.
- You may have more than one stone in some stage of work, but you may not engage in any form of “mass production.”
- Children under the age of 16 are not allowed to use any power equipment.
- Always leave equipment in a safe and working condition. If you encounter a problem, notify a club officer and do not continue until it is deemed safe to do so.
- All rock saws, cabbing and faceting machines must be run with water or suitable coolant and never run dry.
- Do not put anything down a sink unless you are certain it is permissible. Any fluids that cannot be disposed of in the sanitary sewer are to be put into specifically designated containers.

Etiquette

- If you are done with a stone and want to start another one on the same machine, be certain that there is no one waiting to use the machine.
- All machines and machine areas MUST be cleaned after use. This includes cleaning and drying grinding machines, saws, soldering station, kiln area, etc.
- All tools and equipment MUST be returned to their designated places in the supply cabinet.
- Help with general room clean up at end of your session.

General Operations

- To utilize the workshop area in any capacity, you must be a current paid member of the Nassau Mineral Club and you must first sign in and pay the weekly fee. You may be required to show your membership card.
- The Nassau Mineral Club is a not-for-profit organization. As such, none of the Club’s assets can be used for the monetary gain or profit of any individual. This means that the equipment may not be used for any member’s gain. You should not be mass producing any items in quantity for sale or trade.
- We want to make sure that everyone has access to the machines. Please do not monopolize any equipment if others are waiting to use it.
- You are to provide your own cutting rough. Starter or practice material will be available, but these stones will be limited.

*Rock Saw, Trim Saw, Grinding Machine, Polishing Machine, Drill Press, Soldering Torch, Kiln, Flex Shaft, Centrifuge, Wax Injector, Sheet Metal Cutter, Faceting Machine, Rolling Machine, Tumbler, Pickle Pot, Jool Tool, Clay Oven, etc.

Use of the Nassau Mineral Club Workshop is at your own risk. The Nassau Mineral Club is not responsible for any injury or loss incurred by you, the user, when accessing or using the Workshop. Your use of the Workshop and your signature on this form are your acknowledgement of the above rules and policies and your agreement to abide by them and indemnify and hold harmless the Nassau Mineral Club, club officers, lapidary workshop support staff and Garvies Point Museum, for any injury or loss, including death, incurred in accessing or using the Workshop.

I, the undersigned, have read these rules and policies and agree to abide by and follow them

Name: _____ (PLEASE PRINT YOUR NAME)

(If Member or Participant is under age 18, signature of parent or legal guardian is required.)

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Failure to follow any of these rules might result in the loss of your workshop privileges.