

MEMBERSHIP

Family Membership

2 Adults & 2 Juniors
\$140/Family
Annual Membership Renewal
\$60/Family

Individual Membership

Adult 16 years of age & over
\$70/Adult
Junior Under 16 years of age
\$35/Junior
Annual Membership Renewal
\$30/Adult
\$15/Junior

Session Fees

A small session fee per member is payable for each work session a member attends. This fee is \$5 for each Adult member & \$3 for each Junior member.

Membership Information

The membership year for the society is from the 1st April to the 31st of March. All membership renewals are due as at the 31st March each year.

All new memberships include the rough & instruction to cut 3 standard cabochons. Beginner cabochon cutting happens on Tuesday night from 7pm to 9:30pm, Wednesday morning 9am to 12noon & Friday night 7pm to 9:30pm. You don't need to register for these classes, just make yourself known to the duty instructor on arrival.

Courses

Silver, faceting and specialty courses attract additional costs. Please ask for more information or visit our website www.mglslapidary.com.au



ABOUT US

The Mt Gravatt Lapidary Society is better known to its members as MGLS. We are a small community based, not-for-profit organisation, promoting and teaching the art of lapidary and its allied crafts to the wider community. Our membership dynamic includes all ages (from 10 to 90) and consists of a diverse cultural background. We are very grateful to have a selection of members willing to act as interpreters for the club instructors when necessary.

Mt Gravatt Lapidary Society is able to offer its members up-to-date equipment and techniques. This is due to the hard work and persistence of members as well as the support of all levels of government through generous funding grants.

We are more than happy to have a chat, so if you are interested in lapidary or the allied crafts feel free to drop by the clubhouse during any session. Our volunteers are always willing to show you around, explain how the club works and the costs involved. However don't forget to wear closed in shoes.



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OTHER ASSOCIATIONS

Mt Gravatt Lapidary Society proudly works with other allied associations, allowing them use of the clubhouse for meetings and courses.

Mineralogical Society of Queensland Inc. (MINSOC)
MINSOC QLD meet at the clubhouse on the last Wednesday of each month. While the Mini Minerals group meet on the second Saturday of each month. For more information visit www.facebook.com/minsocqld

The clubhouse is also used throughout the year by the **Australian Faceters' Guild Moreton Bay Group** and the **Queensland Lapidary & Allied Crafts Club Association (QLACCA)**.

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MT GRAVATT LAPIDARY

SOCIETY INC



Friendship & fellowship our most precious gems!

Cabochon & Freeform



Silversmithing & Metalsmithing



Faceting



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CABOCHON & FREEFORM

Cutting

Session Times

Monday: 7:30pm to 9:30pm
Tuesday: 7:00pm to 9:30pm (Beginners)
Wednesday: 9:00am to 12noon (Beginners)
Thursday: N/A
Friday: 9:00am to 12noon
7:00pm to 9:30pm (Beginners)
Saturday: 9:00am to 12noon (3rd Saturday)
Sunday: 9:00am to 12noon (4th Sunday)



Beginner cabochon cutting is taught at the Society during the Tuesday night, Wednesday Morning & Friday night sessions. These sessions are run by experienced cutters who willing donate their time to teach new members the techniques of cutting a high quality cabochon.

The Society has an extensive range of capping equipment for the use by its members. Cabochon cutting at Mt Gravatt Lapidary Society starts with the diamond sintered wheels which are designed for the cutting & shaping of the cabochon. Once the Cabochon has been shaped it is time to move onto the soft wheels, remove and refine the scratches while giving a pre-polish to the cabochon. The final stage of cutting a cabochon is to obtain a high polish. At the society we use a suede wheel with tin oxide polish. This combination is guaranteed to give a highly polished finished cabochon of competition quality.

Cabochon cutting is better known as “capping” and although it requires a reasonable amount of skill, almost anyone can master this technique.

A Cabochon is a polished rock that has a flat back and domed top surface. A freeform is any polished rock that is not faceted and does not comply with the rules of a Cabochon.



JEWELLERY

Silversmiths & Metalsmiths

Session Times

Monday: N/A
Tuesday: 9:00am to 12noon
Wednesday: N/A
Thursday: 7:00pm to 9:30pm
Friday: N/A
Saturday: 9:00am to 12noon (3rd Saturday)
Sunday: 9:00am to 12noon (4th Sunday)



Beginner silversmithing courses are held 4 to 5 times a year and attract additional costs. The beginner courses are taught by experienced metalsmiths all of whom have a wide and varied range of skills. The beginner silversmithing course teaches the basics of silversmithing with a focus on soldering technique. This allows members to experience the basic techniques of working with metal without the financial investment into specialty tools.

Once you have completed the beginners course you are free to attend any of the above “Silver” sessions to work on your metalsmithing projects. At this stage members are expected to have the basic tools; pliers, torch, soldering block etc. However the Society has an extensive range of specialised jewellery tools & equipment for use by its members. These tools include rolling mills, Bonny Doon texturing plates, guillotine mandrels and much more.

The Society also runs specialty courses for its members. These courses focus on a technique or style. Two of our popular special courses at the moment are the adjustable ring course & cuttlefish casting. Specialty courses attract additional costs.

Metalsmithing uses specialised techniques to form and shape metal into usable items such as jewellery. A metalsmith is a craftsman who works in a range of metals as opposed to silversmith who works exclusively in silver.



FACETING

Precision Cutting

Session Time

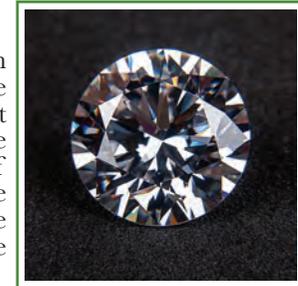
Appointment Only



The beginner faceting at Mt Gravatt Lapidary Society is taught by appointment only and attract additional costs. Our faceting instructors specialise in all aspects of faceting and have a wide range of experience.

The faceting room at the Society is air-conditioned for students comfort and currently has two Facetron, two Hall & one VJ machine. This combination of machines allows members to gain experience with the wide variety of machines available to the faceting hobbyist within Australia.

Faceting is the precision technique of cutting multiple facets into a transparent gemstone. This technique emphasises the refraction of light within the cut stone creating an added brilliance better known to the average person as sparkle.



FOSSICKING

Field Trips

At Mt Gravatt Lapidary Society we have a field trip committee who run field trips throughout the year. The trips vary in length and location depending on the time of year and material you will be fossicking for. Field trips are a great way to fossick & find your own lapidary material for cutting. Every field trip has a number of experienced members who are more than happy to assist the beginners find and identify good lapidary material.

Financial member who join a Society organised trip have access to the Society's licences, exclusive locations and insurances.

Fossicking is a popular past time at the Society where members search designated locations for their own rocks, semi-precious and precious lapidary material

