

# Apache Junction Rock & Gem Club, Inc.

## Lapidary Shop General Rules

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1. Use of the Lapidary Shop is for AJR&GC members only. No other person(s) may use the facility.
2. Usage fees are \$2.00 per hour or \$70.00 per year for individuals and \$100.00 per year for couples. The \$2.00 hourly fee may be applied toward the annual Shop fee. Fees are for January through December each year.
3. In addition to the usage fees, there is a large saw usage fee of .35 cents per running inch for the 18" and 24" saws. saws and 15 cents per inch for the 14" saw. Size of cut is determined by the Shop manager using the longest measurement of the rock.
4. Payment of Shop fees by members:
  - a. **Members must pay their Shop and large saw fees daily.** The preferred method for payment is by cash or check. If paying in cash, please have correct change. A receipt will be given to you by the Shop monitor or Shop manager.
  - b. It is the member's responsibility to pay Shop fees. Failure to pay Shop fees in a reasonable period of time will result in revocation of Shop privileges.
5. All members using the Shop must sign a release form. Release forms are valid from January through December of each year and must be renewed, signed, and dated yearly.
6. All members using the Shop will receive a set of Shop rules. Rules are also posted in the Shop and on the AJR&GC web site.
7. Members can use the Shop during posted hours when an assigned monitor is present.

### **NO MEMBER MAY USE THE SHOP UNLESS A MONITOR IS PRESENT.**

- a. Scheduled hours of Shop operations are subject to change. The current Shop hours are posted in the Shop, in the AJR&GC newsletter, and on the AJR&GC web site.
- b. Saturdays are generally reserved for monitor use only. Saturday hours may be available to members through special arrangements. Please contact the Shop manager or monitors to make arrangements.
- c. If the Shop is open on Saturday for special projects, all members are welcome to use the Shop as long as there is no interference with the previous commitments made for special projects or monitor use of equipment.
- d. The Shop is closed on Sundays.

8. **All members will sign in and sign out when using the Shop.**
9. **Members will clean any equipment they use while in the Shop.**
10. **Members will furnish their own 8” sanding belts. Belts are available for purchase from the Shop. Put your name on your belts and remove them when finished. Sanding belts with no name left in Shop become the property of the Shop.**
11. **The diamond grinding wheels are not to be used for large rock; they are for cabachon grinding use only.**
12. Monitors will supervise usage of all saws, arbors and equipment.

- a. All rocks loaded in the feed carriages of the 18” and 24” saws must be checked and approved by a monitor prior to the first cut or reclamping of the rock for additional cuts.

- b. Shop orientation: Prior to using **any** equipment in the Shop, each member **must** watch an instructional video that is available for sign out at the Shop.

13. Regulation and limits of equipment use.

We try to ensure that all members who pay Shop fees have access to club equipment. Most of the time, there are no conflicts in equipment usage, but when conflicts occur or the Shop experiences heavy usage, the following rules will be applied by the Shop monitors:

- a. A two (2) slab limit will be placed on all saws (this does not include the “skin” cut).

- b. Members asked to yield their saw will be based on sign in time.

- c. All arbors are subject to similar limits. 20 minutes of continuous use of one arbor is considered excessive in busy times.

14. Members must remain in the Shop when their rocks are being cut. All rocks must be removed from the saw when the member leaves the facility.

15. The Shop is open 12 months of the year; however, monitor hours are limited during the summer months. Be sure to check the monitor hours posting at the Shop.

16. **NO SMOKING IN THE SHOP.**

17. Failure to follow the above rules will result in the suspension of Shop privileges.

#### SHOP EQUIPMENT:

1. one 24” slab saw, one 18” slab saw, three 14” slab saws and two 10” slab saws.
2. one 10” trim saw
3. four 8” double ended grinders with 80-220-360 grit diamond wheels
4. two 8” x3” expandable rubber wheels (bring your own belt or purchase one from the Monitor on duty).