

SANTA CRUZ GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY, INC.

GENERAL LAPIDARY SHOP RULES

1. The Shop Steward must approve each person before they use a machine at the workshop to ensure they are knowledgeable about the correct and safe operation of the machines.
2. Anyone under the age of 17 who uses the workshop equipment must be under the direct supervision of an accountable and knowledgeable adult at all times.
3. Everyone, no matter when or for what purpose, must sign: 1) the Attendance Record and 2) the Informed Consent/Release of Liability when entering the workshop.
4. There must be a minimum of two Society Members in the workshop to run any equipment, and at least one must be a Shop Steward.
5. Shop Stewards (Instructors) on duty are responsible for the efficient and smooth operation of the workshop. Check with them if in doubt about the use of any equipment or procedures. They have the authority to stop anyone from using equipment if they are exercising unsafe procedures or practices that may result in personal injury or damage to the equipment.
6. Everyone is responsible for equipment clean-up after each use and to assist in workshop clean-up at the close of each work session.
7. Safety is a priority. Among other safe practices long hair must be tied back, and loose clothing must be restrained. Safety glasses or goggles must be worn (goggles are available in the workshop). Remember that the use of the workshop and its equipment is at the user's own risk.
8. No commercial work for personal financial gain may be done in the workshop.
9. If people are waiting to use a machine, use of the machine is limited to 15 minutes a station, per person. Similarly, if people are waiting to use a slab saw, each person is limited to 2 cuts per turn.
10. The workshop will normally be open on Saturday mornings. You may contact the Shop Stewards ahead of time to be certain the workshop will be open and during what hours. (See Lapidarian for Shop Steward's telephone numbers)