

Junior Regulations for Shop Use

Junior instruction & safety is the first importance. Our goal is to interest the junior in lapidary work. The following rules are set forth to insure that the junior can create their first stone and use the shop safely. If you have any questions about the rules, please contact the Junior Mentor before the first day of instruction.

The Junior Mentor will give an orientation to the parent and child to familiarize you with the shop, the equipment and ensure the child is interested. At this meeting potential dangers will also be pointed out. Please review the following rules with your child to prepare them for the first day of instruction.

1. Junior must be at least 11 years old to participate (Younger kids are accepted at the discretion of the Junior Mentor with a parent present). No one under the age of 8 is allowed within the shop for safety reasons.
2. Saturday is reserved for Junior use and other adult members do show up to use the shop. Each parent needs to contact the Junior Mentor and schedule in advance, the time and date for each date of instruction. Most junior's attention span only lasts 2-3 hours so please plan accordingly. There will be no "drop in" instruction. If for some reason you can not make it to the appointment, please contact the Junior Mentor a day in advance.
3. If the junior no longer becomes interested in lapidary for that day the junior should take a short break (with the parent present) to try again later or go home.
4. The Junior *must* have a parent or guardian present at all times. The parent is responsible to work with their child on the item while under the guidance of the instructor. The parent is also responsible to make sure the child is behaving properly and safely while at the shop. There are many dangers within the shop and it is the parent's responsibility to make sure the child does not wander or get into trouble. Each machine also has its own rules for use that must be followed for safety reasons and to prevent damage (expenses) for our shop.
5. The upstairs balcony is off limits to all juniors unless accompanied by an adult with shop permission. Also, make sure to accompany your child outside the shop. We have business neighbors that drive very fast past the shop.
6. The junior must wear eye protection at all times when in the shop and must follow the shop rules. Eye protection is provided by the club which can be borrowed and returned at the end of each instruction.
7. Ear protection (ear plugs) are highly recommended but are not provided by the club. Please obtain a pair of inexpensive ear plugs for your child at a local

drug store such as Longs or Orchard. At times the shop becomes very loud when all of the machines are running. to help the club operate.

Lapidary activities that most Juniors can do include:

Cabbing cabochons

Soap stone carving with files

Wire wrapping

Beading

Rock Identification

Cross Word Puzzles (we only have a few)

Some Lost wax casting (this depends on the students age and abilities - this is at the discretion of the Junior Mentor)

These rules are a general guideline. Parents are required to purchase the supplies for all classes and shop activities. Rules can be added or changed with the discretion of the current Junior Mentor, and/or the Board of Directors.

Current Junior Mentor: _____ Date: _____

Home Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Junior Signature: _____ Date: _____