

AFG 2019 Muster and Seminar Program

1 - 10 September – Casino

This is program may change before the Seminar.



Before the Seminar

Sunday 1 To Thursday 5 Faceting Courses (See Enrolment Information In Facet Talk).
Monday 2 – Tuesday 3 Silver/Copper Cut Out Jewellery Course – Noel Warrell (Details In Facet Talk 227).
Wednesday 4 – Thursday 5 Precious Metal Clay Workshop with Rod Turville. Must Register.
Friday 6 September GemCad Beginners – **Brown Shed**. GemCad Advanced – **Green Shed**. 9 to 12 noon.
4 PM Annual General Meeting - Green Shed (AGENDA IN FT228 and on Web site)

SATURDAY 7 SEPTEMBER Registration 8.00 to 8.45 am for those not previously registered

8.45 am	Welcome and Opening of 39th AFG Seminar – Paul Sabolta/Les Sinclair
9.00 – 09.45 am	GEMMOLOGY FOR FACETORS – Sally Lyon FGAA. Green Shed <i>Lecture and presentation on gemstone properties and basic techniques in gemmology for facetors.</i>
10.00 – 10.45 am	Morning tea (45 minutes)
10.45 – 11.45 am	Gemmology Workshop – Sally Lyon and others (et al). Brown Shed Please bring your gemmological instruments and specimens (uncut and cut) for testing.
OR	Beginners Bad Habits – Chair: Chez Siwka plus tutors as panel members. Green Shed. Discussion with demonstrations with illustrations where needed.
11.45 – 12.30 pm	Planning a Cut – John Broadfoot and TBA. Green Shed. Discussion of the importance of design parameters with reference to the preform, design shape and returns.
12.30 – 2.00 pm	LUNCH
2.00 – 2.45 pm	Comparing Polishing Laps – Forum. Chair: Doug Hughes. Green Shed Typemetal, pewter, lucite, darkside, etc. Preparing your lap, etc.
2.45 – 3.10 pm	Resequencing Designs - Henk Prins.. Green Shed. <i>Using GemCad to sequence cutting steps. Other questions from the floor. Changing RI, Indices, Design angles, etc.</i>
3.10 – 3.30 pm	Getting the most from the AFG Web Site - Noel Warrell Green Shed Short session showing you how to log on and access resources on the web site.
3.30 – 4.30 pm	Machine maintenance. Horst Ricker and John Broadfoot. Green Shed and Brown Shed. Overview of different makes and design features. Common problems encountered with faceting machines. Simple checks for some well-known makes. Adjustments the facetor can make. Modifications – improving speed and accuracy. Bring your machine for checking and set up in the Brown shed.
6.00 for 6.30 pm	Dinner and Social Get-together at BBQ area

SUNDAY - 8 September

9.00 – 10.00 am	FOSSICKING in New Zealand - Garry Gatfield. Green Shed.
10.00 – 10.40 am	Morning tea (45 minutes) – Final votes for Facetors Memorial Award Entries.
10.40 – 11.30 am	Can You Really See? Carol van der Pennen. Green Shed. Faceting and eyesight problems. Another point of view!
11.30 – 12.30 pm	Machine Maintenance. Horst Ricker, John Broadfoot and others. Brown Shed. Opportunity for members to have their machines checked and receive advice.
12.30 pm	Facetors Memorial Award Presentation and Lucky Door Draw. Green Shed. Feedback about Seminar – Fill out form and place in Feedback Box.
12.45– 2.00 pm	LUNCH Register for Fossicking Trips on lists at registration desk (Leader: Garry Gatfield)
2.00 – 3.00 pm	This Is How I do It! Brown Shed (20 minutes each) <i>Importance of ratios – Crystal Maher</i> New Concave Faceting Machine – Clarrie Trevena Rejuvenating Laps - Robert Boddington
2.30 pm	Collect Competition stones (ONLY at the nominated time).
3.00 – 3.40 pm	What Judges Look For? Paul Sabolta. Green Shed
3.45 – 4.30 pm	Cheese making Reg Hall Green Shed/ BBQ area Reg (a champion cheesemaker) will share the secrets of good cheese making and introduce you to simple cheese making methods at happy hour (hands on)! You have to supply the wine!
Happy Hour, BYO Dinner, Auction	Making Ricotta cheese. You will need a large fine mesh strainer for making your Ricotta cheese. <i>The ingredients are readily available in Casino (Full cream milk, lemon juice and salt.)</i>

Post Seminar Activities

Monday 9 Machine maintenance continued **OR** Ewingar State Forest (quartz crystals and gold).
Tuesday 10 Faceting Workshop/ demonstrations **OR** Labradorite Field Trip to Hogarth Range
Wednesday 11 Fossicking (TBA) **OR** Social outing to local attractions – Gin distillery, Nimbin, etc (TBA).
Thursday 12 Free day – any suggestions welcome.