

THE CMLC NEWS

The Canterbury Mineral & Lapidary Club Inc.
Newsletter for June 2022



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Meeting Venue & Clubrooms: 110 Waltham Road, Waltham, Christchurch 7:30 pm on the second Thursday of the month [Feb. to Nov.]

General Meeting (7.30pm): June 9, July 14
Committee Meeting (7.30 pm): May 19, July 21
Show Committee Meeting (6.30 pm): June 16, July 21
Micro Mineral Meeting: Tuesday evenings (7 pm)
Workshops: Every Tuesday evenings, 6.30 p.m.

The June Meeting: This is the time of our AGM and will be a social evening with soup and toast. If you wish to nominate someone for the committee—and all nominations will be gratefully accepted - your nomination must be with Tessa a week before the AGM - cmlclub@chch.planet.org.nz - Nominations are for President, Senior Vice President, Junior Vice President, and Committee Member. Your nomination must have the nominee's consent.
Also at the June AGM will be the presentation of accounts, and presentation of the various competition trophies and certificates.

Kitchen Duty for the June Meeting: John Taylor, Gerald Scally, Ken & Lynn Sitarz, Don Stanley, Richard Stewart, Cecile Tait, Chris Thian.

Auction at the June Meeting: Vince

Field Trip: June 19 at 12.00 is the Mid winter bbq at Birdlings Flat. Bring your own meat and salads etc for lunch on the beach.

11 June field trip is to Whitecliffs for members of West Coast and Marlborough Rock and Mineral Clubs and Sunday 12 June is to Whitecliffs for our club members. Names to Julian Twiss, trip leader.

Monthly Competitions for May results

Lapidary: Any polished item you made this year. (2021-22)

1st C. McGregor 2nd John Taylor 3rd R. Poskitt 4th Rosalie Clarke

Fossil Any fossil you collected this financial year.

1st D. MacDonald 2nd R. Clarke 3rd Ron Poskitt

Mineral: Bring your favourite mineral and tell us why you like it.

1st L. Day 2nd C. McGregor 3rd John Dugmore

Alphabet Cup: XYZ

1st C. McGregor

Bring and Brag

1st C. McGregor 2nd Peter Snook

The National Show and Competitions (14-16 October at Riccarton Park):

Wanted: Quality donated raffle prizes for the show. Please bring these along to the June meeting and give to Val.

Wanted: Show case displays. If you can offer one or 2 or more, or offer help for someone else to set up their displays, please see John Taylor at the June meeting.

Wanted: Competition entries. You now have a competitions summary sheet, or can obtain one from our website: www.cmlclub.org.nz. Please give your entry form to David Macdonald at the June meeting. It would even help if you were to verbally tell him what you intend to enter.

Wanted: Someone to offer the use of a trailer as the fossicking trailer at the show. If you can help, please see Bill at the June meeting.

Wanted: Lots of help from all our club members, especially for the setup, daily running and breakdown of the show. Val is organising the timetable for this, and will gladly take your name at the June meeting.

As you can see, there is still a lot to do, and only 4 more club meetings to go before the show.

New Club Members: Please make these new club members welcome: Nathaniel van Hout, Drew Whittle, Logan Flanagan, Tracey Freeborn.

Wanted to buy: Lewis Hall is after a ten inch saw for use at home. So anyone out there if they're selling equipment he's looking for a saw.

To contact

Lewis.hall2407@gmail.com

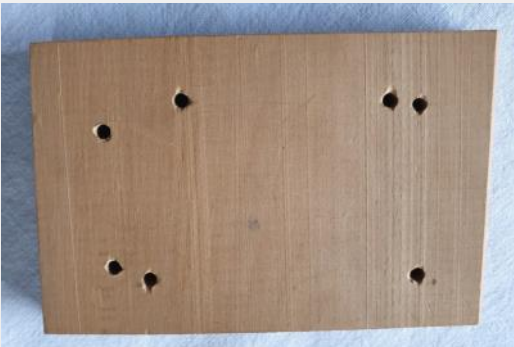
How to Make Stands for Your Rock Slabs by Craig McGregor. Malcolm Luxton gave me a wood template, and I developed it from there.



This is what the finished stand looks like.



And how it holds your stone slab.



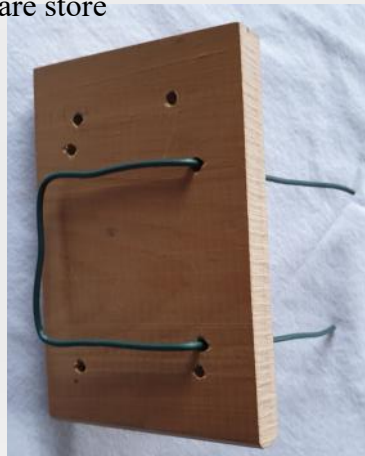
Make a wood template L110mmxW72mmx12mm thick and drill holes varying spaces apart for different size slab holders



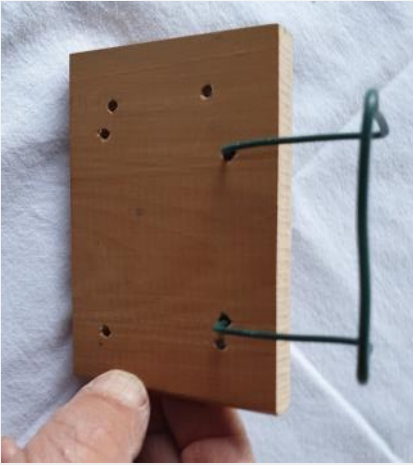
Green coated garden wire is ideal, and can be obtained from any hardware store



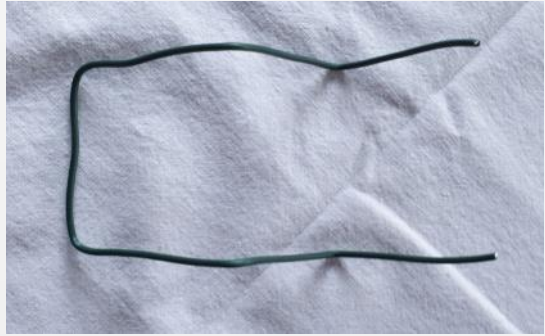
Cut a length of wire and insert through 2 of the holes.



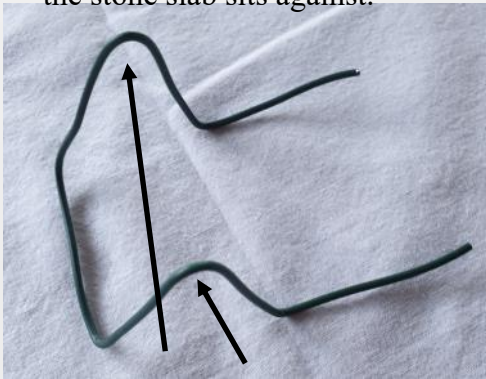
Form the stand's back by pulling the wire out a good length and bending it down.



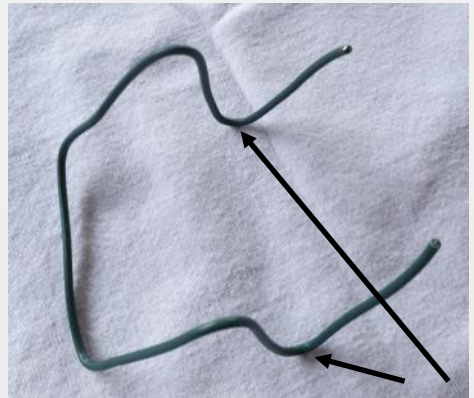
Pull the wire out further and bend up. This forms the back that the stone slab sits against.



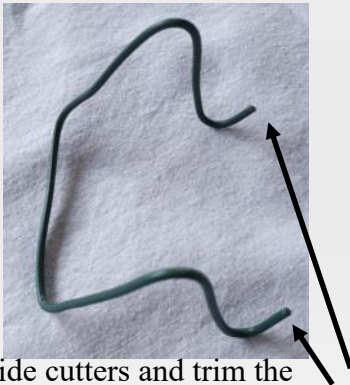
Remove from the wood template..



Bend the wire to create the stand's back support.



Bend the wires up to create the stone slab supports.



Use side cutters and trim the ends that support the slab.



Committee Nomination Form 2022-2023

I wish to nominate for the position of:

President
Senior Vice President
Junior Vice President
Committee member } (Delete what is not applicable)

Signature of Nominee

Signature of Nominator

Date:

Email this to cmlclub@chch.planet.org.nz

Extract from <https://www.nzgeo.com/stories/rock-hounds/>

WHEN JEN HOOLIHAN found the meat rock, she had been fossicking for hours up the Wairoa River outside Richmond. The rock was weathered and pinkish—totally unremarkable to the untrained eye. It sat submerged beneath the water, perhaps carried down from the mountains in the last rainfall. Hoolihan reached out with her G-pick, a kind of pointed hammer, and prised it free. She knew exactly what she was looking at.

“This is dunite,” she says, running her fingers across the surface of the stone. “There aren’t many places in the world where you find it on the surface. It’s normally found deep within the Earth’s crust. So many people walk over it because it’s quite boring, but when you cut it open, it’s these beautiful shades of green. My son and I lovingly refer to it as the meat rock because, well... it kind of looks like a piece of meat.”

The meat rock could equally be called the potato rock—it’s a long ovular stone the size of a large kūmara. But where it has been sliced open at one end, the orange crust gives way to an astonishing emerald colour, which Hoolihan has polished to a glassy finish. Dunite was first discovered and named in the Nelson region—it takes its name from Dun Mountain in the Richmond Range. “So I have a particular affinity for it. This is our rock.” Hoolihan’s earliest childhood memory is running in the desert of South Australia looking for fossils with her dad, a geophysicist. “I must have



New Zealand National Gem Show 2022

**GEMS, CRYSTALS,
FOSSILS AND MINERALS**

WHEN: 14,15,16TH OCTOBER 2022

**WHERE: RICCARTON PARK
RACECOURSE ROAD**

**ADMISSION: ADULTS \$5
CHILDREN \$2
UNDER 5'S FREE**



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been about two or three. But he wasn't interested in what I was finding. He was trying to get my brother into it, who wasn't interested in it at all."

Dunnite and the Dunn Mountain, Nelson.



HETTIE'S ROCK & CRYSTAL SHOP

Birdwood Ave, Beckenham, Christchurch.

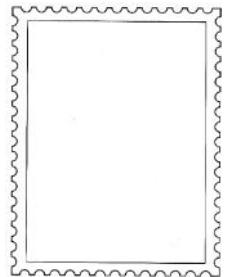
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