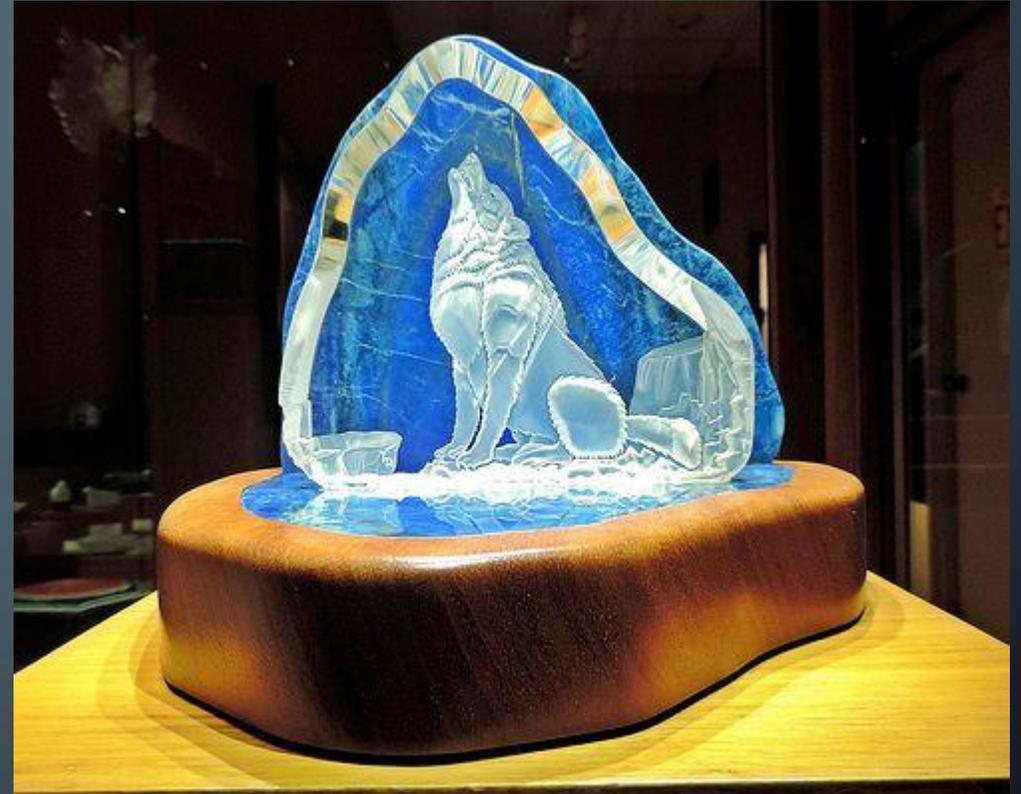


LAPIDARY ARTS

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This is a picture from the Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art.

WHAT IS LAPIDARY ARTS?

- The main idea of lapidary arts is when an artist carves stone, material, or gemstones into decorative items.
- There are two processes. One process is done is where you shape the stone and polish it, while the other, you cut the stone and polish it to make it shine in light.
- One process makes the stone be known as a faceted stone, while the other make the stone called a cabochon.

WHO MADE LAPIDARY ARTS?

- ✓ The person that created lapidary arts is Joseph F. Lizzadro, Sr.
- ✓ Joseph F. Lizzadro, Sr was a hobbyist. He thought that when he did lapidary arts, it was relaxing and yet exciting since each stone was different in one way or another.
- ✓ When his family traveled to Elmhurst, Illinois, in 1939, he started collecting many rocks for his rock collection that he made into art.
- ✓ On November 4, 1962, Joseph F. Lizzadro opened the Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art, where many of his lapidary arts were for display.

THE LIZZADRO MUSEUM OF LAPIDARY ART

- The Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art is a museum all related to lapidary arts.
- The museum is located in Elmhurst, Illinois, which was where Joseph F. Lizzadro, Sr. last lived before his death.
- The museum now is a mix of mineral treasures and earth science. It has made some changes like the mix with earth science, but it is similar like the old museum from 1962.

FACETED STONES



- ❖ Faceted stones are stones that have a series of flat polished surfaces.
- ❖ When you make the stones flat and polished, more light can travel through the stones, making them shimmer in light.
- ❖ The simplest of faceted stones appeared in the 13th-14th century in European jewelry.
- ❖ Did you know that a diamond is usually cut in a way to be called a faceted stone? That brilliant cut wasn't perfected until 1914!

CABOCHON



- ❑ Cabochon is a stone that is similar to a faceted stone but it is only polished.
- ❑ So, when you use a rock tumbler, you are technically making a cabochon stone, but not in a shape. It would just be polished.
- ❑ A cabochon stone can be shaped into any shape, but the most common shape is an oval.
- ❑ The stone actually is not cut at all. Instead, it is shaped into any shape and then polished.

FACETED AND CABOCHON PICTURES



A huge handful of faceted stones.



A diamond with a Brilliant cut



A faceted stone turned into a ring



A cabochon stone with a star effect



A cabochon stone with a rainbow effect



Cabochon stones turned into earrings

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The End!