

The Living Stones

Livingston Gem and Mineral Society

February 2010

President's Message

Happy Valentine's Day! Our weather is getting a little warmer and we're starting to see little stones and things out there in the yard or on the beach (I still walk the beach, snow or not).

We have several people to thank this month. One is definitely Dave Riggs for being persistent and getting the defective grinding wheels replaced. Then, also, thanks to Al and Ken for installing the wheels properly and gauging all our wheels. They spent a lot of time with that project and we appreciate it! Ken also cleaned the saws, including the big saw. Bryant and Big Bob cleaned the drainage tube. Many thanks to all of those guys.

John Petito is organizing a field trip to the Cranbrook Gem and Mineral Collection and we are hoping you'll respond to the survey in this newsletter so that it can be scheduled as conveniently as possible for all who participate.

In January we began our annual series of classes for the 4H groups. As usual, the students are very excited. More than 50 youngsters have signed up to come in groups of eight. Thank you to all those who are supervising the students each Monday evening. These classes will continue for 13 weeks.

Don't forget your dues. Please get them in before your name is taken off the mailing list. Thanks you very much to everyone who is getting the newsletter by email. There can't be enough said for Isla and



Chuck who keep the mailing list and get the newsletter out each month. In addition, many thanks to those who assist with collating and mailing the newsletters.

As I said, there are many thanks going out this month. I believe "thanks business" is good business.

February brings another directors meeting on the third Tuesday at noon in the shop. There is no general meeting but we will be asking for volunteers to provide refreshments for March when we resume regular meetings.

Marv

Final Notice

2010 Dues are due

(2010 dues are payable from September
2009 through February 2010)

LGMS Board Meeting January 19, 2010

Marv called a board meeting at 11:00 a.m.
Board members present: Marvin, Bryant, Peggy, John P., Violet, Ken, Dave R, Chuck.
John P. wanted to discuss the information he obtained about a field trip to Cranbrook Gem & Mineral displays. There will be a survey in this newsletter to find out if there are enough interested in going. There will be information about the cost per person, decision whether to take a bus, or car pool. Discussion about whether it would include family members who would like to go. If we have the field trip it would probably be in April or May. There was some discussion about other museums and parks that we could go visit. Dave will check about the possibility of using libraries' free passes for the Cranbrook trip.
Marv asked Bryant if he would be willing to help Chuck with the Show Chairmanship this year. Bryant said he would. The meeting ended at 11:35.
Respectfully submitted,
Violet Porritt, Secretary

LGMS Workshop Hours

Monday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Tuesday 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Wednesday 2:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Important Notice

to all members who use the lapidary shop on **Monday evenings**:
For the next months, the shop will be reserved from 6 to 8 p.m. for the **exclusive use of the 4H classes**.

Officers and Chairpersons

President: Marv Martin, 517-521-3135
Vice President: Bryant Hiiter, 248-889-3974
Secretary: Violet Porritt, 810-235-6286
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Newsletter and Membership:
Isla Mitchell, 248-685-7804
Chuck Amberger, 248-446-0818
Library: Bryant Hiiter 248-889-3974
General Membership Meetings are held monthly on the 3rd Tuesday at 6 p.m. (Except in January and February when they are held in the shop at 1 p.m.)

LGMS Mission Statement

Our purpose is to promote, through educational means, public interest and increased knowledge in the fields of mineralogy, archaeology, paleontology, and the lapidary arts.

Volunteers needed

Come and join the 4H team! More assistance is needed on Monday evenings to help with our special groups of 4H students. A signup calendar has been posted in the shop.

Coming Shows

38th Annual Special Auction of Mineral and Lapidary Material

The Roamin Club

Schoolcraft College

February 27-28, 2010

Information: 248-969-2196 or 734-421-8159

“Treasures and Gems in 2010”

Michigan Gem and Mineral Society of Jackson

Jackson County Fair Grounds

March 19, 20, 21, 2010

Information: toll free 1-877-872-8471 or www.mgmsrockclub.com

Tear off and mail

2010 Livingston Gem and Mineral Society Dues

Name _____

_____ adult member \$15

_____ family membership\$15

_____ annual workshop fee\$10

(each member who uses the shop must pay this fee)

_____ total payment

Please note any changes in address, email address or phone number _____

newsletter preference: _____ printed, _____ email

Silent Auction

We will hold a silent auction starting on February 9, 2010. The proceeds will go to a new blue trim saw. The auction will end on February 23, 2010 at 1 p.m. sharp. The mystery box will be on the main table along with a sheet to write your bids. Hints about the contents of the items will be provided.

Cranbrook Field Trip

We are doing a survey to determine the interest in a field trip to Cranbrook. For those of you, who may not know, Cranbrook has a world class Gem and Mineral collection. LGMS members, spouses and children would be welcome. The visit would be self guided and we would bring our own lunches.

Admission

Regular admission to the museum is \$9.50 for adults, \$4.00 for seniors, \$4.00 for kids.

For groups of 20 people it is \$6.00 for adults, \$4.00 seniors and kids.

Your library has a limited number of free passes for Cranbrook which are limited to seven day use.

Transportation

Our options are:

1. Bus rental (\$600.00) Bus holds 56 people at \$10.75 each.
2. Car pool together. Your cost. Meet at the shop.

Please let us know your opinion by filling out and returning this tear off form.

Cranbrook Field Trip Response

Date preference: April 11, 2010 (Sunday)_____ May 11, 2010 (Tuesday)_____

April 13, 2010 (Tuesday)_____ May 16, 2010 (Sunday)_____

Time of day preference: Daytime_____ Evening_____

Transportation preference: Bus_____ Car pool_____

How many would attend_____ Name _____

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