

The Living Stones

Livingston Gem and Mineral Society

January 2011

President's Message

2011 - Happy New Year! How many of us are still writing. 2010? Me, too.

We had our officers sworn in at the December meeting/party. I felt it went well. If you forgot who they are, look at your newsletters "Officers and Chairpersons" list.

Our Christmas party was a success, as always - plenty of good food and great friends, good times and a lot of chit - chat. The gift exchange made for lots of mingling and that was good. The gifts were great. Thanks for sharing, everybody!

We had a reporter from the Hartland Patch visit on Tuesday, the 21st, and you can catch her article on your computer. See instructions on this page.

Please try to remember your dues before your name is dropped from the membership list. Thank you, all!

Be safe out there and you snowbirds, stay warm.

Marv



Read about us in the news!

Go to

<http://hartland.patch.com>

click on "News", go to December 24

**"Hartland-Based Group Transforms
Rocks into Keepsakes"**

by Kaylee Lentz

**Official Minutes of the Livingston Gem and
Mineral Society
December 21, 2010**

Marv called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. After amending the November MINUTES to include the nomination of Al Zielinski as "Shop Chairman", Isla made motion to accept the minutes as amended. Lynette seconded. Passed.

Peggy gave the TREASURER'S REPORT for July through November. The rent is paid and all finances are in order. Our insurance is coming due soon.

Bob K gave the SHOP REPORT, introducing Al, who has already taken over much of the responsibility and is doing a good job. Several things have been fixed and one of the grinders has a new wheel.

Marv said we're doing a good job of cleaning up as we use the equipment. He asked that we notify Al any time we see anything broken or weak. It's time to clean the drain pipes again. Many thanks to Peggy for cleaning up the cabinets.

Marv welcomed Bryant to the meeting. He is back to the schoolroom and hasn't been able to come to the shop much lately.

Marv recalled how we donated money to the American Legion Post 15 for a new ceremonial flag. On December 19, Ken attended a program at which we were given a certificate of appreciation. Thanks, Ken.

The name badges will be ordered for the 8 people who signed up for them. If you want one, contact Marv. Cost will depend on the number ordered.

All of the new officers were sworn in and pledged to accept the duties of their respective offices.

Steve M made motion to adjourn and Mary seconded. Passed.

A wonderful Christmas party followed. We enjoyed delicious finger foods brought by the members. Gifts were exchanged.

Respectfully submitted: Violet Porritt, Secretary

2011 Officers and Chairpersons

President: Marv Martin, 517-521-3135

Vice President: Ken Blake, 810-750-6078

Secretary: Margaret Edmundson, 248-634-5046

Treasurer: Peggy Petito, 248-887-8847

Second year Directors:

John Petito, 248-887-8847

Paul Maitre, 248-961-4947

First year Directors:

Violet Porritt, 810-235-6286

Lorelei Hosler, 810-789-3687

Sunshine and Hospitality: Mary Barnett, 734-449-2907

Isla Mitchell, 248-685-7804

Shop Chairperson:

Alan Zielinski, 810-632-6616

Newsletter and Membership:

Isla Mitchell, 248-685-7804

Chuck Amberger, 248-787-6586

Historian: Chuck Amberger, 248-787-6586

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 board meetings are held in the shop at 1 p.m.)

From the desk of the Historian

For all of you who know (and for all of you who don't) I have been given the position of Club Historian. For some reason this position has been vacant since 1997. I would guess this is because the position has no immediate bearing on the day-to-day business of the club. Many organizations use this position to tie together their more important events for preservation.

This is something that I would like to do because I think it will be fun. I plan to interview as many of the founding members and main contributors as I can and give you a timely report on what I dig up. For a start, let me just list the names of all the Historians who have served in the past:

1971-72-73..... Ralph Larson

1974-75-76-77..... Donald Weed

1978-79..... Lloyd Bell

1980..... Eva (Grandma) Bell

1981-82-83..... Shirley Horton

1984-85-86-87-88. Agnes Kasten

1989-91-92..... Eva (Grandma) Bell

1993-94-95-96..... Marion Short

***More info to follow as I get it.....
Thanks***

Chcuk Amberger

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**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.**

**Friday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**  
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Information on building closures for snow days/ holidays

**Hartland Community Education
810-626-2150**

Our Mission

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Coming Events

Special Auction

The Roamin' Club

Schoolcraft College

February 26, 2011, 11 am - 6 pm

February 27, 2011, 12 noon - 6 pm

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

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**Tear off and mail**

## 2011 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 \_\_\_\_\_ shop mail folder

# **Some Gifts of Lasting Value**

## **A Sense of Purpose:**

**The ability to set a goal and to work toward it.**

## **A Sense of Values:**

**The ability to pick and choose values that will enhance life.**

**The art of living lies in knowing what you can do without.**

## **A Sense of Involvement:**

**The ability to communicate with those around you and really to get to know them.**

## **A Sense of Responsibility:**

**The ability to enjoy the things that happen to you and to enjoy even more the things that you make happen.**

## **A Sense of Celebration:**

**The ability to celebrate. This ability enriches the moment and the future and leaves a treasure chest of memories.**

## **A Sense of Wonder:**

**The ability to marvel at the wonders of the world.**

**As we grow older we are inclined to lose this gift.**

## **A Sense of Beauty:**

**The ability to open oneself fully to the beauty of the world around, both the natural world and the man-made world of the arts.**

## **A Sense of Timing:**

**The ability to use time wisely. Time is the most precious possession we have.**

## **A Sense of Self:**

**The ability to assess one's own abilities accurately and to find the best outlet for them.**

## **A Sense of Fun:**

**The ability to see the funny side of things. Without this gift the others are diminished. With it, they are reinforced.**

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*No General Membership meeting in January*

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