

The Living Stones

Livingston Gem and Mineral Society

August 2011

President's Message

Man, was it yesterday or the day before that we were complaining of the cold weather? Now we're into August! The hot days are here with more coming. (I should have been a weather man.) Soon we'll be able to complain of the cold again.

So...let's get out there, stone hunting at rock shops, garage sales, beaches, quarries, and general areas. You get the idea. But one word, OK three,...DO IT SAFELY. I know some of you have found goodies because you have shared at the shop. "Show and Tell". Thanks. We appreciate them.

The July picnic was at Epley Park. I was not there so Ken, V.P., took over for me. Be sure to read the minutes in this letter.

A few things have changed at the shop. Try to work with us. We're working on the hours and

days that the shop will be open. We have a few more signs up as reminders. Try to take a little more time to LOOK and see. Each person is asked to do a little more cleaning. Cleaning is everyone's responsibility. Please follow the signs' instructions. They apply to everyone.

Sometimes it doesn't look like there are a lot of members but we are getting more all the time. We rock at 114. We all have to do our share of cleaning after ourselves. I do not want to linger on the cleaning, but we all have to help clear sinks, counters, sweep and mop floors, clean grinders, polishers, saws, tables and everything. Thank you.

We are taking applications for the V.P. position to start in January 2012. Ken will advance to President. We would like a person (male or female) who can be in the shop more than one day a week. That would make it easier to see and communicate with members. It would be easier to get input and ideas.

The next meeting is at Bill and Mary Barnett's, 428 E. Shore Drive in Whitmore Lake 48189. Hope to see you there.

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**Livingston Gem and Mineral Society
Minutes July 19, 2011**

After a delicious dinner with 18 fellow members, Ken Blake called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

A motion to accept the June minutes was made by George Pernicano, seconded by Lorelei Hosler, and passed.

Our historian, Chuck Amberger, reported that an article will be coming out soon.

Bob Krautheim reported that a 5 oz. dragon ring has been cast and came out beautifully. If anyone wants to make one, see Bob.

Check out our web site. If you think something should be added let Ken or other members know.

We still need volunteers to sign up for the show. There are 7, possibly 8 vendors so far. We have 1 possible craft vendor for the show. We need donations for the club table, the kids' table (small items) and the raffle and auction.

Thank you to Mike McDevitt for the donation of rocks for the club table. Venus Sage has jewelry kits for the kids' table.

Ken says keep up the good work at using water on the wheels and cleaning up.

Ken Blake will represent us at the Toledo regional meeting. Saw oil can be purchased at the shop for \$10.00 per gallon.

The August meeting will be at Bill and Mary Barnett's home.

Violet is working hard at setting up the banquet. Chuck is getting the speaker for the event.

Peggy made motion and Venus seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Margaret Edmundson, Secretary

LGMS Workshop Hours

Monday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Tuesday 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Wednesday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Friday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Mark your Calendar!
LGMS Annual Banquet
October 18, 2011, 6 p.m.
Hartland Senior Center
\$14.00 per person**

2011 Officers and Chairpersons

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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.)

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Our Show Needs Youand your Rocks!

September 17 and 18, 2011

Club Table - needs rough rocks or slabs to sell

Children's Table - needs small specimens for grab bags and egg carton rock collections

Volunteers are needed for setup, take down and for many other jobs.
Sign up now!

Thanks so much for supporting your club!

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Historically Speaking

I was looking through the Newsletters of the Livingston Gem & Mineral Society and I became curious about the content and nature of the first meetings. I just had a hard time trying to figure out how they could conduct their monthly get - togethers without a workshop to gather at. Since 1984 we have always had a great place to do lapidary, compare rocks and minerals and just have a great time together. So I looked at the record they left behind, at least the first six months of the Society's meetings which they held in the basement of the Howell Airport. It seems that they got along just fine without a shop because they were a clever bunch of rock and mineral enthusiasts and they certainly were not afraid to travel. Let me give you a little insight into what they were doing in the last six months of 1971.

July 12

Field trip to Grand Rapids Underground Storage (the old Grand Rapids Gypsum Mine). Members brought back many gypsum samples for carving and sharing with other members. At the meeting, a contest was proposed for members to write stories about "How they became Rockhounds"; prize to be presented for the funniest story.

August

First prize awarded to Earl Ebert for his "Laughing Stone of India" story and he finished by saying that "Becoming a Rockhound for him was as easy as falling off a rock". Also in August... Field trip to the Pigeon River Limestone Quarry in Michigan's Thumb area. The Club picnic was held at Howell City Park.

September 14th

Members attended a Geology presentation given by Ruth Orr. Then Katherine & Donald Weed gave a presentation about their 11,000 mile trip to Alaska and back. By the way, Donald Weed's Cabachon Showcase is on permanent display in our workshop.

October

Travelog presented by Paul and Martha Davis of their trip through Canada, Algonac State Park, Brantford, Quebec, Nova Scotia, down through Maine and back to Michigan.

November

First Annual Banquet held. Guest speaker Jane Scheinlein presented "Micro Mounting, from start to finish". Field trip led by Hilda and Herman Zech to Renselear, Indiana and more trips to Canada, Crystal Falls, Mi. , and to the Chenny Quarry for Calcite and Marcasite.

December

Nelson Short said good-bye to the membership and thanked them for letting him be the first president of the Livingston Gem and Mineral Society. He was understandably proud of his work in getting the club incorporated and affiliated with the Midwest Federation.

A pretty good start for a club with no workshop. These first members certainly didn't let the 'grass grow under their feet'. They continued on this way until 1984 when they moved to the 21 Building in Hartland and named Bill Horton the first Workshop chairman.

More stuff to come as the fancy hits me.... Chuck Amberger...

Upcoming Events

August 5,6,7, 2011

36th Annual Show

Ishpeming Rock and Mineral Club

Ishpeming Elks Club, 597 Lake Shore Drive
Ishpeming, MI

August 12, 13, 14, 2011

16th Annual Gem and Mineral Show

Copper Country Rock and Mineral Club

Portage Elementary School, Bridge Street,
Houghton, MI

August 20, 2011, Sat. 9-5

9th Annual Swap Meet

Flint Rock and Gem Club

G-11350 N. Saginaw Rd (M54)
½ mile S. Of Vienna Rd
Clio, MI

Livingston Gem and Mineral Society
9525 E. Highland Road
Howell, MI 48843-9098



Next Meeting

Tuesday, August 16, 2011, 6 p.m.

Potluck Gathering

Bill and Mary Barnett's Home

428 East Shore Drive, Whitmore Lake, MI 48189

734-449-2907

Please bring a dish to pass along with your own table service, a drink, and your own chair.

Directions:

1. Take US 23 south to exit 54.
 2. At the end of the exit turn left onto Whitmore Lake Road.
 3. Go 1/10 mile to M36 (McDonalds).
 4. Turn left on M36 and continue .7 mile, passing the child care center, up the hill to East Shore Drive on the right.
 5. Turn right on East Shore Drive and continue 1.2 miles to 428 on the left. (Note the numbers are 5 digits in Livingston County and change to 3 digits in Washtenaw County.)
- The lake will be on your right. It is a long ranch house with a split rail fence.

Come and enjoy!

Open your trunk and share, sell or trade__



