

The Living Stones

Livingston Gem and Mineral Society

January 2012

Vice President's Message

I would like to elaborate a little on what Ken wrote in his President's message. If you would like to help teach the 4H children you do not have to be a master cabber. Almost all of us who joined the club have, at one time or other, made a cabochon. You only need to know the basics; the children will pick it up quickly. Also, you do not need to commit to 5 months of Monday nights. Volunteer for 1 month, or every other week for a while. If you try it once, you will find yourself hooked.

At the Christmas party several people asked Al Zielinski about his method of fusing copper around a cabochon. (It was the present he gave at the party.) He is going to do a write-up about it for a future edition of the newsletter. This got me thinking. We have many talented people whose creations are not seen by the majority of the other members. Maddie Navarro had an article written about her "pounded wool" technique in the newspaper! Bob Krauthem made some gorgeous poinsettia brooches by heating copper at different temperatures, which changed the color of the copper! And Paul Maitre is making silver rings out of old silver coins. They can show the year, or "In God We Trust" or "Liberty" etc. I even heard a rumor he may be designing one for a famous Detroit rock star. If any of you are doing something exciting write a description of it and submit it to Isla Mitchell. She will put it in a future newsletter.

Good luck in the New Year.

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Workshop Hours

Monday: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Tuesday: 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Wednesday: 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Thursday: open for cleaning only
(check with Ken)
Friday: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

President's Message

Happy New Year! I hope we all had a merry Christmas, and a happy New Year. Our Christmas Party was a success, as always. We had plenty of good food, great friends, and good times. Hope to see ya next year.

We're all done with the Howell 4H for this year. The Hartland group starts later this month. Teachers for January through May are needed. If you are interested in teaching contact Chuck Amberger or me.

I would like to thank new members Paul and Julie Lichtenberg for donating their used lapidary equipment to the club.

That's all folks.

Ken

Electro-Forming Demo

A few members expressed an interest in Electro-Forming (growing a "finding" on a rock). I would like to demonstrate/describe the process if we can come up with a mutually acceptable time. Tuesday noon and/or Wednesday at 5 p.m. are good for me. Email me at temperedsilk@yahoo.com if you're interested.

Alan Zielinski

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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.)



For information on snow days/holidays, call
Hartland Community Education,
810-626-2150, or watch your
local TV news channel.
If Livingston County schools are closed,
so is the shop!

...and a good time was had by all!

About 50 members and families attended our Annual Christmas Party on December 20. The food was scrumptious, the gifts were fun and the company couldn't be beat! It was a great way to celebrate the season.



Our Mission

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A Good Year

A brand new year is given us.
It could be likened to a stone.
It can be polished and enhanced
Or it can be left alone.

We can sit and watch it pass,
And wish we had our youth.
Or we can use the years we have
In search of love and truth.

This year can be a better year.
We can shine it to a glow.
No year is bad, no year is good.
Just people make it so.

Let's plan this year to be our best
By sharing love with others.
For peace will never thrive on earth
Until we live as brothers.

From Chiasto Hi Lites via Surry Rockhounder, Dec. 2008, via Scribe Vol 35, no.4, 2011

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**Your Dues are overdue! The deadline for 2012 dues was December 31, 2011. Tear off and mail:**

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### **2012 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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## **Historically Speaking**

*The Livingston Gem & Mineral Society has been very fortunate to have among its active members, the very people who are responsible for the success of this society. I know that many of you who now enjoy the benefits of their hard work would like to know a little more about them. I would like to pass along a little of their history to you as their stories become available to me.*

*Ladies first...Hazel Morgan is well known to many of you and just recently I was able to sit down with her to talk about her life and the early history of our club. Hazel has a long history of taking on leadership positions, both as President (twice) and for her many tours of duty on the Board of Directors. Her knowledge of Geology and Mineralogy is impressive and most sought after when it comes to identifying stones, minerals and fossils. Hazel was born here in Livingston County in the middle of the "Roaring Twenty's" and has resided in the Silver Lake area for most of her life. She attended McDonald Grade School and graduated from Brighton High School in 1942. College soon followed and she received a Pharmacy Degree in 1947.*

*Hazel and her husband Clarence became interested in Mineralogy in 1965 and their interest in the Lapidary Arts soon followed. Collecting mineral specimens and polishing equipment came next. Hazel, Clarence and their three daughters traveled out west in their camper trailer many times and came back with an impressive collection of stones, fossils and artifacts. They also collected many friends and like-minded rock hounds in their travels.*

*The Morgans first joined the Lansing Rock Club in 1967 ( the LGMS didn't even exist at that time) and Hazel became their President in 1973 (Just as Johnny Johnson and Nelson Short were starting the LGMS). As President of the Lansing Club, Hazel made full use of the Midwest Federation's vast library of educational programs to help the members understand and appreciate the fine points of their most interesting hobby. When Hazel became President of the LGMS, she put together all she learned in Lansing and shared all that knowledge with us here in Hartland. Many are the times she brought in film libraries and slide shows.*

*Hazel now resides in Brooklyn, Michigan with her mother and daughter. It's a long drive from Brooklyn to Hartland but Hazel does it routinely and sometimes brings her mother along. We fervently hope that we will continue to see her in our workshop for just as long as she would like to grace us with her presence.*

*Respectfully Submitted..... Chuck Amberger... Club Historian*

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*General Membership Meeting*  
*January 17, 2012*  
*Tuesday, 1 p.m.*  
*In the Shop*

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