

The Living Stones

Livingston Gem and Mineral Society

May 2012

President's Message

It's May! I hear May brings rain showers and flowers. I'm hoping it brings warmer weather, so we can get back on the hunt for rocks.

If you're looking for rocks, here's your chance at some real gems.

HUGE ROCK AND MINERAL SALE

MAY 26 - 27, 2012

MARVE AND KITTY STARBUCK

7636 EAST V AVE., VICKSBURG, MI

269-649-1991, CELL 1-231-740-5512

SAT 9-6, SUN 9-4

A flyer for this sale has been posted on our pegboard in the shop.

Thanks again to all who helped with the 4-H kids. You've seen the smiles on their faces after doing a stone. That smile has led many of our 4-Hers to become club members! GREAT JOB, see ya' again in December.

We also want to thank KRISTINE NEHRING and LISA BAUMAN for the wonderful meal they made for the 4-H teachers. It was really good. Thanks again!

Thanks to GEORGE PERNICANO for the blade on the big saw. The saw is not 100%, so please keep an eye on it!

SHOP TALK:

USE A SAW - CLEAN A SAW!

That's about all for this month so until next time,

That's all folks!

Ken



General Meeting

Minutes April 17, 2012

At 6 p.m. the meeting was called to order by Vice President Bryant Hiiter, in the absence of Ken Blake. 21 members were present.

Our snowbirds, Marvin, Anna and George were welcomed back.

Peggy moved to accept the minutes of our March meeting. Isla seconded. Accepted.

Peggy gave the treasurer's report reflecting that we are in good shape. Vi moved to accept the report and Lorelei seconded. Accepted.

Isla gave the sunshine report. Cards have been mailed to Dave Riggs, who is seriously ill.

Bryant gave the shop report, thanking George for the large saw blade he donated. Gayland stated that he has a contact who may have a motor which could be useful in the future. Discussion followed regarding a future motor and blade for the big saw.

Our historian, Chuck, has been preparing reports on our club's past presidents. He has recently interviewed Dave Riggs and Bill Horton.

Old Business

The three and a half months of 4-H classes are now completed. Bryant gave special appreciation and commendation to the dedicated members who assisted. He encouraged everyone to think about helping out in the future.

New Business

A volunteer signup sheet is now posted for the 2012 show.

We are looking for volunteers to host our summer meetings in June, July and August.

Sue expressed concern about why there are not more members attending our monthly meetings. Others joined in with comments and ideas.. Bryant encouraged everyone to give this more thought and discuss it further in the future.

Chuck, our show chairman, described the progress in planning for the September show. Dealer contracts are coming in. Some dealers are taking

advantage of the offer to rent additional tables. In view of the number of show attendees, Chuck feels it is best to continue to limit the show to half of the gym. There was discussion about electrical service for participants and general show plans which will be continued at our May meeting. All expressed appreciation for Chuck's hard work in handling the show plans.

Thanks to Lorelei and Vi for tonight's refreshments. Chuck, Anna and Marv will provide snacks in May.

Respectfully submitted by

Isla Mitchell, Secretary pro tem

2012 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.)

We've got rocks in our head at
Bluegill Lake Family Camping Resort!

(LGMS Member Paul Maitre)

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4/20-6/1 & 9/15-10/28

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Newsletter by email?

If you'd like to receive this newsletter by email,
please send a message to
Isla Mitchell at imvm.1@netzero.com

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.

Our Mission

The Livingston Gem and Mineral Society is
a nonprofit organization and member of the
Midwest Federation of Mineralogical
Societies and the American Federation of
Mineralogical Societies.

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

**MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!**

Our Annual show is scheduled for
Saturday and Sunday
September 22 and 23, 2012
(Setup date is Friday, the 21st)

In Memorium

Dave Riggs passed away on April 26, 2012.

He served LGMS in numerous ways and was special friend to many of us.

We send our love and condolences to Lois and the rest of his family.

Dave Riggs (President LGMS 2003-2004)

Dave Riggs was born in Detroit, Michigan in 1939. He attended Lutheran parochial schools there until he and his family (4 bothers and 3 sisters) moved out to Parshallville. Dave attended school in and graduated from the 21 Building in Old Hartland (later to become the first shop of the LGMS) in 1963. He promptly joined the Army and had a really good time of it for four peaceful years in America. After the Army he got married and took his young family to Carlton, Michigan, where he worked for 30 years at Detroit Diesel. Dave and Lois then bought Dave's mother's house in Parshallville where they continue to live to this day.

Dave's bother Bill was president of the LGMS in 1987 and Dave became active in the LGMS in about 1997. Dave promptly assumed almost every position on the Board before taking over the presidency in 2003. One of Dave's greatest accomplishments came in 2005 when he and Steve Assamacher secured the Metal Working Shop at the Hartland Educational Support Service Center at 9525 M-59 for our society.. He was instrumental in our transfer from the rather antiquated facility in old Hartland to the fine, modern, gem, mineral and lapidary workshop we now enjoy.

After his presidency, Dave continued to be a one-man cheer-leader for our society. Dave taught many children's lapidary classes, both for the 4-H kids and Boy and Girl Scout troops from the Hartland area. Dave also gave many talks to senior groups and to all those who expressed an interest in rocks, gems and minerals.

Every year when we held our Annual Gem and Mineral show, Dave would always place his mineral collections in the display case in the entrance of the Croman Library thereby giving us a lot of advertisement for our show. Dave has always been there for us until just recently when he has had to curtail his activities due to debilitating health conditions.

Respectfully submitted, Chuck Amberger

LGMS Club Historian

Coming Events

May 4-6, 2012

Kalamazoo Geological & Mineral Society's 55th Annual Gem and Mineral Show

Kalamazoo Expo Center, Kalamazoo Fairgrounds, 2900 Lake St., Kalamazoo, MI

Fri 4-8, Sat 10-6, Sun 10-5

May 18-20, 2012

Midwest Mineralogical and Lapidary Society Show

Southgate Arena, 14700 Reaume Pkwy, Southgate, MI

Fri 2-7, Sat 11-6, Sun 11-5

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Huge Rock and Mineral Sale

Sat 9 - 6, Sun 9 - 4

Marve and Kitty Starbuck, 7636 East V Avenue, Vicksburg, MI

Info: 269-649-1991 or 1-231-740-5512



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General Meeting
Tuesday, May 15, 2012
6 p.m.
In the Shop



HAPPY MAY DAY