

# The Living Stones

Livingston Gem and Mineral Society

June 2012

## Vice President's Message

It's June and that means we begin our monthly summer picnics. This month it is at Marvin Martin's house. Directions will be in the newsletter, and on the bulletin board. Please bring your own drink, utensils, plate, and a dish to pass. Also, bring things you can sell or trade from your trunk. For example; rocks, crafts, rhubarb salsa you canned, more rocks. You get the idea.

On another note, If you make a mess at the shop YOU clean it up. Magic fairies don't come in at night and clean up. It is your fellow club-mates who try to keep the shop respectable. Thank you Ken for cleaning the floors last week and thank you Hazel for sweeping the shop recently.

I am glad to say that Venus Sage has agreed to keep the kitchen stocked with water and pop. Please let her know if your favorite pop is not being stocked. No, Ken, she is not going to drive to Traverse City to get you Frost Top Root Beer in a bottle.

*Bryant*



## 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

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

**General Meeting**  
**Minutes May 15, 2012**

The meeting was called to order by Ken Blake at 6:09 P.M. with 21 members present. The minutes were passed as written.

The shop is running well; the saws will be cleaned. Please, if you use a saw, clean a saw. Keep dop pots full and replace dop wax whenever the pots are down. If no new wax is out, ask Bryant or Ken to get some out.

New Business:

The next three meetings will be potluck at member's homes.

June- Marv Martin's home

July- Mike and Carol McDevitt's home

August-Bryant Hiiter's home

Each month the newsletter will have directions to the different locations. We hope to see you all there.

Venus Sage volunteered to be in charge of hospitality, keeping the kitchen stocked with the things we need. If we need pop, water, coffee, plates, or other items please let her know.

George Pernicano made a motion that the club purchase a new 8" disk for the flat lap. Motion passed.

The show planning is going well. It is being advertised in Rock & Gem Magazine and on Pure Michigan. Please take fliers to any show or sale you go to. Please get your donations ready, and volunteer to help at the show.

Gayland Allen motioned and Sharon Krautheim seconded that we have business cards printed with show information to be passed out by members stating that if you spend \$10.00 for raffle tickets you receive 12 tickets. Motion passed.

Chuck Amberger is getting the Spirit of Livingston County to print the raffle tickets.

Sybil Kott will be kitchen hostess for the show and Mike McDivitt will be our security guard. Thanks to both of you.

Al Zielinski motioned to adjourn at 6:40 P.M.,  
Seconded by Sharon Krautheim. Passed

Respectfully submitted

Margaret Edmundson. Secretary

**2012 Officers and Chairpersons**

President:: Ken Blake, 810-750-6078

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Website managed by Rhonda Hagerman

General Membership Meetings are held monthly on the  
3<sup>rd</sup> 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)

15854 Pretty Lake Drive

Mecosta, MI 49332

231-972-4455

[www.bluegillcamping.com](http://www.bluegillcamping.com)

**"Bluegill Lake, Catch The Fun!"**



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

(excludes holiday weekend)

3 day stay maximum

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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](mailto:imvm.1@netzero.com)

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**Check this out !!!**

**New online Lapidary Magazine**

at

**MIRockClubsPages.org**

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## **Sale**

**Invitation to my friends at the  
Hartland Club**

**Open House at my home**

**June 12, 2012, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.**

I have a 25' x 50' building filled with thousands  
of specimens, minerals, fossils, Indian artifacts,  
antique Asian arts and crafts, etc. This is a 60  
year lifetime collection consisting primarily of  
specimens gathered throughout the 60 years.

Of particular interest to the lapidarist, I have  
many cut and carved stones, cabs, beads,  
pendants, agate slabs, stone jewelry, etc.

Look forward to seeing you.

**Bill Mikol**

**3089 W. Commerce**

**Milford, MI 48480**

**248-842-1705**

**MARK YOUR  
CALENDAR!**

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

### *Historically speaking...*

#### **Bill Horton LGMS President 1986**

For almost fifty years now, Bill Horton has been involved with or has been in some way connected with the progress and continued success of the Livingston Gem and Mineral Society. Starting in the early 60's and right up to 2012, he has been there for us in so many ways that it is hard to accurately enumerate all of his past activities, and it is hard to pass up an opportunity to try. He has been our advocate in all things lapidary, gem and mineral. He has been a tireless contributor, an innovator, a teacher and a risk taker, always ready to try something new. The following paragraphs are an attempt to sum up his many activities.

Bill Horton was born on June 5<sup>th</sup>, 1930 in Clare, Michigan. In 1935, Bill's family moved to Flint, Michigan where he attended Bently grade school. In 1937, Bills father was electrocuted while working on an assembly line. His mother never remarried so she had to raise Bill and his brothers and sisters all by herself. Bill went on to graduate from Davison High School in 1948.

In 1949, Bill went to work for General Motors in Milford and then joined the Navy in 1951. He served as an "AT" (Aviation Technician) in the Navy, and became an instructor stationed at Key West, Florida. Bill worked on Sonar systems to detect submarines and was the first to install this equipment in helicopters. In 1955 Bill got out of the Navy and went back to working at the GM proving grounds. He worked there for 37 years and retired in 1986.

Bill and his wife Shirley joined the LGMS in the early 60's and acquired two rooms in the old Hartland High School for the new home for the LGMS which had been meeting in Lansing and in Howell. It was Bill and his friends who painted the rooms, plumbed the shop, electrified the shop, set up all the benches and machinery and then painted all the machinery green, some of which is still in use today.

Bill had already begun his long and interesting friendship with Max Schultz who was a gem and mineral dealer in Cohoctah, Michigan. Max was diagnosed with lung cancer in the early 80's and died in 1987. Before he died he told Bill to gather all the minerals in his shop and sell them at auction. Max wanted the money generated by the auction to be donated to the LGMS in order to pay for the proper outfitting of our shop. It was then that Bill, along with the help of Hazel Morgan and Earl Netwal, sold off all of the minerals for \$6500.00 and fulfilled Max's final request.

Bill began his faceting career in 1975. He joined the Flint Faceting Club and also began his long friendship with Bill Gardener, a lapidary equipment dealer in Williamsburg, Michigan. In order to get off to a good start in faceting, Bill bought a brand new Prismatic faceting machine which he still uses to this day. For the next ten years Bill perfected his skills. He soon began teaching faceting and supplying hundreds of crystal diagrams to his students. In 1979 Bill became a charter member of the Midwest Faceting Guild and was its president for three years. Bill and his associates travelled all over the U.S. and as far as Australia. Bill and his friends had the use of a small van and as they travelled, they sang. Bill played the Auto-harp; someone else played a guitar and together they sang away the many miles of their outings.

Bill's wife Shirley was president of the LGMS in 1984 and 1985. Bill followed her as president in 1986 and then served as Shop Chairman for many years. Over the years, Bill received many awards as is shown in the following compilation:

1982 AFMS Best in Show Award  
1985 David B Miller Award for Best in Design  
1985 Murry Award for Outstanding Service  
1985 AFMS Gemstone Award  
1989 Midwest Federation Best in Show Award  
1989 Midwest Federation Best Cabochon Award  
1989 American Society of Gemcrafters, U.S. Champion  
1990 Midwest Federation Cabochon Champion  
1991 Inducted into the Lapidary Hall of Fame, Murdo, S. Dakota  
1992 AFMS Cabochon Award  
1992 AFMS National Trophy  
1994 USA ... Australian International Challenge  
2000 Silver in the Team USA Australian Challenge  
2002 Silver in the Team USA Australian Challenge  
2004 Silver in the Team USA Australian Challenge  
2008 Gold in the Team USA Australian Challenge

Respectfully submitted to the record  
Chuck Amberger, Club Historian

## **Coming Events**

**June 1-3, 2012**

**Jewelry, Rock, Gem and Mineral Show**

StateLine Gem and Mineral Society

Fulton County Fairgrounds, Wauseon, OH

Information: 517-263-1669 or rychard@tc3net.com

**July 26-29, 2012**

**MINNETONKA, MN**

**"Celebration of Agates" AFMS/MWF Annual Convention**

Information: [www.minnesotamineralclub.org](http://www.minnesotamineralclub.org)

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### ***Potluck Picnic***

***Tuesday, June 19, 2012 , 6 p.m.***

***Marv and Margurite Martin's home***

333 Pine St, Webberville, MI 48892  
telephone: 517-521-3135



From the club take M 59 west through Howell to Grand River, turn west on Grand River and go through Fowlerville to Webberville's red light. Turn north on Main and go 3 blocks to Pine. Pine only goes left (west). Go 3 blocks on Pine to the "Road Ends" sign. Go past the sign and that is Marv's driveway. Park on either the north or south side in the grass.

From I 96, go west to the Webberville exit # 122. Turn north on M52 to Grand River (about 1 mile) where there is a stop sign and flashing light. Turn right on Grand River to the Webberville red light. Turn north on Main and go 3 blocks to Pine. Pine only goes left (west). Go 3 blocks on Pine to the "Road Ends" sign. Go past the sign and that is Marv's driveway. Park on either the north or south side in the grass.