

Livingstones

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Livingston Gem and Mineral Society

September 2012

President's Message It's Show Time!

Yeah! It's that time of year again!

In a few short weeks, on September 22 and 23, it's our annual show. Sooooo, we have some cleaning to do and showcases to get ready. If you need use of a showcase, check with me.

We still need donations for the club table, prizes and silent auction. We appreciate every donation. Thank you. Also, please remember to sign up to work our show. We can always use more help.

I want to thank Bryant and family for hosting our August club picnic. The food was delicious and a great time was had by all! We held our monthly meeting and agreed to buy some new motors and lights for our lapidary machines.

Also want to thank all club members for coming in on Thursday to clean the shop and do repairs on machines. I can always use some help on Thursdays, so let me know if you can help out.

September means it's time to begin thinking of new officers for next year. Please let us know if you are interested in serving as a director or officer or chairperson.

That's about it for this month, except to say let's make this year's show the best ever! See ya at the show!

That's all folks!

Ken

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 **Annual Banquet** is scheduled for
October 16, 2012 at 6 p.m.
Hartland Senior Center
\$14.00 per person

Contact Vi Porritt for reservations
810-235-6286 or
vporritt@comcast.net

General Meeting, September 21, 2012

The show is coming up fast. We still need prizes for the prize drawing and silent auction. Your participation is needed to make this a great show. We still need the main prize for the drawing. We have 10 dealers committed for the show. On the Tuesday prior to the show (September 18, 2012) we will have a meeting at lunch time and clean the shop after lunch. All help will be appreciated. Peggy and John Petito visited Paul Maitre's camp ground and reported that the park was beautiful, with cabins, large lots and a shelter for a rock show.

Respectfully submitted by
Margaret Edmundson

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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)

15854 Pretty Lake Drive

Mecosta, MI 49332

231-972-4455

www.bluegillcamping.com



"Bluegill Lake, Catch The Fun!"

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9/15-10/28

(excludes holiday weekend)

3 day stay maximum

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Mention this ad when making reservation

MIRockClubsPages.org

Have you checked out this new online
 magazine for Michigan lapidary clubs?



Thank you Thank you Thank you

to the hosts of our summer potlucks

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Marv and Margurite Martin

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Mike and Carol McDevitt

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Bryant Hiiter and Family

*your hospitality and friendship are
 appreciated!*

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.

We're grateful for the
 anonymous donor
 who gave us the work light!

You're terrific!

Traditional Birthstones

from Moroks Newsletter March 2012, via Rimstones Review October 2011

Birthstone is a gift of a precious stone that symbolizes the month of birth in the Gregorian calendar. It is sometimes also called *birthday stone*.

Often combined with modern birthstone lists, traditional birthstones are older society-based birthstones. Since many different cultures had their own list, jewelers' lists are often inconsistent about what constitutes a traditional birthstone. The Gregorian calendar has poems matching each month with its birthstone. These are traditionally the stones in English-speaking societies. It is not known whether these verses below originally are of the Gregorian calendar or not. In fact Tiffany & Co. published these poems "of unknown author" for the first time in a pamphlet in 1879.

By her who in this month (January) is born, no gem save garnets should be worn;
They will ensure her constancy, true friendship, and fidelity.

The February-born shall find sincerity and peace of mind,
Freedom from passion and from care, if they an amethyst will wear.

Who in this world of ours their eyes In March first open shall be wise,
In days of peril firm and brave, and wear a bloodstone to their grave.

She who from April dates her years, diamonds shall wear, lest bitter tears
for vain repentance flow; this stone, emblem of innocence, is known.

Who first beholds the light of day in spring's sweet flowery month of May
And wears an emerald all her life, shall be a loved and happy wife.

Who comes with summer to this earth, and owes to June her hour of birth,
With ring of agate on her hand, can health, wealth, and long life command.

The glowing ruby shall adorn, those who In July are born;
Then they'll be exempt and free from love's doubts and anxiety.

Wear a sardonyx or for thee, no conjugal felicity;
The August-born without this stone, 'tis said, must live unloved and lone.

A maiden born when September leaves are rustling in September's breeze,
A sapphire on her brow should bind twill cure diseases of the mind.

October's child is born for woe, and life's vicissitudes must know,
But lay an opal on her breast, and hope will lull those woes to rest.

Who first comes to this world below in drear November's fog and snow,
Should prize the topaz's amber hue, emblem of friends and lovers true.

If cold December gave you birth, the month of snow and ice and mirth,
Place on your hand a turquoise blue; success will bless whate'er you do.

Coming Events

September 7 (2-8 pm), 8 (10 am-6 pm), and 9 (11am-5 pm) 2012
Toledo Gem and Mineral Club's Annual Jewelry, Gem and Mineral Show
Stranahan Great Hall, 4645 Heatherdowns Blvd, Toledo, OH

September 14-16, 2012
43rd Annual Show and Sale of the Tulip City Gem and Mineral Club
Holland Civic Center, 150 W. 8th St, Holland MI

Our Annual show is scheduled for
Saturday and Sunday
September 22 and 23, 2012
(Setup date is Friday, the 21st)
Volunteer! Prepare your showcase! Spread the word!

September 29 (9 am-6 pm) and 30 (9 am-4 pm), 2012
Huge Rock and Mineral Sale
Marve and Kitty Starbuck
7636 East V Avenue, Vicksburg, MI
269-649-1991 or 1-231-740-5512

October 12 (9 am-7 pm), 13 (10 am-7 pm), 14 (11am-5 pm), 2012
Greater Detroit Gem, Mineral, Fossil, and Jewelry Show
Macomb Community College, South Campus Expo Center, Bldg P
14500 E. 12 Mile Rd, Warren, MI
Info: www.MICHMIN.ORG

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Prepare your display case! Volunteer! Come! Enjoy!

Our Next Meeting

**will be Tuesday September 18, 2012
at noon in the shop.**

**Shop clean-up immediately following
in preparation for our show**