

Livingstones

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Livingston Gem and Mineral Society

October 2012



Our heartfelt thanks to all of you (and there are many!) who worked hard to prepare, present and clean up after our September Show. Your time, talent, and old-fashioned sweat made the show a success.

New Officers

Ken, Bryant, Margaret, and Peggy generously served the club as our 2012 officers. The membership thanks you for your devoted efforts on behalf of us all. Our gratitude to Peggy for agreeing to extend her term as treasurer again next year. Sheila York has been nominated for secretary in 2013.

Our 2012 Board of Directors consisted of John, Paul, Violet and Lorelei. John and Paul have completed their terms of service and have earned our appreciation. Nominations for their replacements will appear in the next newsletter. We look forward to another year of working with Vi and Lorelei, whose 2-year terms continue in 2013.

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

We are excited to have Joseph J. Kchodl as our guest speaker. An avocational paleontologist, "PaleoJoe" moved from Lewiston, N.Y. to Midland in 1993, bringing with him his lifelong passion for the collection and preservation of fossils, and educating the public about our prehistory. He has developed a nationally traveling museum exhibit on the ancient sea creatures called trilobites. Since creating that exhibit, he has consulted and acted as Chief Science Officer for a new Ice Age exhibit.

He continues to lecture and provide school and library programs across the United States. In 2001, he was awarded the Katherine Palmer Award from the Paleontological Research Institute in New York. In 2008 he discovered a nearly complete skeleton of a Camarasaurus in the deserts of Utah. He has a continuing radio series on WGVU radio and has appeared on TV across the state of Michigan on the WCMU-TV series "Destination Michigan".

Minutes of Livingston Gem and Mineral Society

09-18-12

The meeting was called to order by president Ken Blake at 12:40 pm. **Minutes** from the previous meeting in August accepted as written.

Treasurer: The club is doing well. Peggy has returned today, recovering from a recent illness. Welcome back; you were missed!

Shop News: New lamps have been installed- we continue to need a few more replaced. Ken has asked for coupons for Jo-Ann's, Michael's, or Bed Bath and Beyond. These can help offset the cost to the club for the lamps. Donations of the lamps or 100 watt incandescent bulbs would be great. Ken prefers black lamps, stating that PINK would not look as nice. Ken has asked for old clean cotton toweling for the shop since we are getting low.

New Business: Gloria has suggested a "needs list" be posted in the shop so members can donate as they wish. Gloria has started a list on the blackboard in the shop.

Reminder: Please see Violet to sign up for the **banquet**. date: Oct 16th at 6:00. Cost is \$14.00. Discussion was made regarding banquet invitations given to the dealers at the show. Violet is to purchase prizes to be given away at the banquet.

Show: Office and maintenance are all set. The Legacy kids are not likely to be able to help. Ken asks that we, as a club, support our show and be there to help with setup and to carry the tables. Setup starts at 1:00 Friday. A check for table rentals is being prepared. A lively discussion was made regarding any recompense for work that is donated to the various areas for the show. It was agreed that when someone donates their time, etc, that it is a gift, in the true sense of the word and recompense is not expected. Joe from the Flint Knappers will be at the show Saturday and Sunday. Bob Krautheim will be demonstrating silversmithing. Margaret and Sharon will be working with bead making. Anna will be working with wirewrapping. Discussion on use of the saws to cut "coconuts" took place and the consensus was to use only one saw during the show. Discussed

also were the appropriate charges for the saw, during this time. Ken asks that if, in the next few days, we use the shop- "clean it up!"

Sharon K. made the motion to close the meeting; seconded by Al.

Respectfully submitted,
Sheila York, Secretary pro tem

Thought for the month: THERE IS ALWAYS,
ALWAYS, ALWAYS SOMETHING TO BE
THANKFUL FOR...

2012 Officers and Chairpersons

President:: Ken Blake, 810-750-6078
Vice President:: Bryant Hiiter, 248-889-3974
Secretary: Margaret Edmundson, 248-634-5046
Treasurer: Peggy Petito, 248-887-8847
Second year Directors: John Petito, 248-887-8847
Paul Maitre, 248-961-4947
First year Directors: Violet Porritt, 810-235-6286
Lorelei Hosler, 810-789-3687
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Chuck Amberger, 248-787-6586
Library: Bryant Hiiter 248-889-3974
Website: Livingstongemandmineralsociety.com
Email: contact@livingstongemandmineralsociety.com
Website managed by Rhonda Hagerman
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 pm)

Show Shots

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

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MIRockClubsPages.org

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

Our Mission

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nonprofit organization and member of the
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and the American Federation of Mineralogical
Societies.

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means, public interest and increased knowledge
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paleontology, and the lapidary arts.



The club table



Such beautiful prizes!



Checking the grab bags

DAFFY-NITIONS

Agate – The door in a fence
Cabochon – A small French taxi
Faceting – A complex way to ruin a good jewel
Facet – Australians' answer to a water tap
Field Trip – When you fall down outside
Findings – Stuff you find
Flint knapping – Sleepy stone
Fossils – People on social security
Garnet – Something you catch a long fish in
Geode – A poem to G
Grinding Wheel – A bearing going out in your old truck
Inclusion – Unwanted third person on a date
Lap – Motherly space between trunk and limbs
Lapidary – A Scandinavian milk parlor
Malachite – One of the tribes of Israel
Mexican Lace – Fiesta clothing
Petrified Wood – Wood that has been frightened
Pseudo morph – Anything pretending to be a morph
Quartz – A bottle size that milk comes in
Rhodochrosite – Highway where crows can be seen
Rock hammer – The drummer in a modern band
Semi-precious – Daddy's little girl
Silver Solder – A millionaire's instant lawn machine
Template – A little house of worship
Trim Saw – A machine that takes the fat off

Coming Events

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

October 26, 27 and 28, 2012
Annual Show, Central Michigan Lapidary and Mineral Society
Ingham County Fairgrounds, 700 Ash St, Mason
Information: Lyle Laylin, 517-485-7908 or www.michrocks.org

October 27 and 28, 2012
Annual Show, Mid Michigan Rock Club
Midland Resort and Convention Center, 1500 West Wackerly St, Midland
Information: Tim Middleton, 989-621-3981 or www.midlandrockclub.com

November 3, 2012, 6 pm., auction starts 7 pm
The 47th Annual Auction
Democratic Club of Taylor, 2340 Wick Road, Taylor, MI
Information: Dan Gumina 313-766-9703

November 17 and 18, 2012
Open House, Toledo Gem and Rockhound Club
The Toledo Botanical Gardens, Crosby Conference Center, 5403 Elmer Dr, Toledo OH
Information: <http://rockyreader.com>

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Come to celebrate another successful year!