

Livingstones

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Livingston Gem and Mineral Society

February 2013

President's Message

It's February! Happy Valentine's Day! We also have the 4H kids for the next three months. We can still use a few more teachers for 6 p.m. Monday nights. If you can help, contact Chuck or me.

All the overhead lights on the grinding and polishing machines have been replaced! We no longer need any more Michael's coupons or lights. What we do need are 100 watt light bulbs. We really want the white frosted 100 watt and not the new energy savers.

Dop wax problem fixed! I tried to save \$4.00 per pound, but it didn't work! Pots are back to normal. Remember, use some dop wax, add some wax to pot.

We have installed four of our grinding machines with new motors. I'm hoping we can replace two more in the near future.

We recently changed the 1200 and 3000 diamond belts and replaced four grinding wheels. Try to remember: more water! More water! More water!! The more water you use, the longer the diamond belts and wheels last! Thanks!

WE HAVE CERIUM.

We do have the best you can get! It's gone from \$10.00 per pound to almost \$60.00. When mixing up some cerium, just mix what you need. This is real cerium; try using a smaller amount!

SNOW DAYS

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!

**LAST CALL! YOUR DUES ARE DUE!
THE DEADLINE FOR 2013 DUES
WAS DECEMBER 31, 2012.**

I'm asking all Tuesday club members to leave the shop cleaner for Wednesday. Thanks!

I need to say Thanks to the Thursday fix and cleaning crew! Your help is greatly appreciated.

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.

Board Meeting Minutes 1-15-13

Meeting was called at 1:15 pm. Six members present, President Ken Blake presiding.

* **Minutes:** approved from last meeting.

* **Treasurer:** not present at this meeting. Ken stated the club was doing well financially.

* **Teaching:** 4H kids will be in the shop on Mondays (6-8 pm) for the next few months. Volunteers still needed.

* **Shop Report:** Cerium has been delivered and is in use. Dop wax from Kingsley will be returned and should be credited to the club. The performance of the wax was not functional and the shop will order from Rio Grande as we have in the past.

The 18" saw blade has been delivered and replaced. A big thank you for all the members working on this. Ken has replaced the lights in every saw and the wheels are working well. The new motors and 7 new grinding wheels have been installed.

* **Message from the President:** Please keep our shop clean. It has been noted that there has been some lax housekeeping on some days. So please sweep the area you have been working in and wipe off tables and counters. Keep the dop wax containers full.

* **Show:** Chairman Chuck Amberger. There was discussion about not increasing the size of the show and the reasons why. This is still an open topic. Motion made to have all board members read the constitution of LGMS. Discussion regarding the importance and Isla Mitchell will make copies available for the new board members.

Discussion regarding designating people to open the shop on certain days; Ken on Wednesdays and Fridays, Virginia on Mondays. This will be presented during the general meeting.

Due to the difficulty of purchasing 100 watt incandescent bulbs, there continues to be a need for them through donations or the club will reimburse a member for the cost.

Aprons for the use of the 4H kids are needed. If anyone knows where we can purchase them please let any board member know.

Meeting adjourned at 1:40.

Respectfully submitted, Sheila York, Secretary



2013 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 pm)

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. This society was established in 1970. Annual dues are \$15 per person or family. Annual shop fees are \$10.00 per person. There is an additional fee of \$1.00 per day for workshop use. Annual dues and annual shop fees are due on January 1 of each year. The Livingston Gem and Mineral Society publishes The Living Stones. Non copyrighted articles may be reprinted provided that they are properly attributed.

Newsletter deadline is the 20th of each month.

Articles or correspondence can be sent to

LGMS, Hartland Consolidated Schools,

9525 E. Highland Rd. Howell, Michigan 48843-9098.

Invitation
to a one day **open house** on

Tuesday, February 12, 2013.

50-plus-year life time collection of minerals
fossils, Indian artifacts and Asian antiques; also
including many specimens adaptable
for lapidary and jewelry use. All items for sale
NO PURCHASE NECESSARY.

Come and enjoy.

Bill Micol

3089 West Commerce Road
Milford, Michigan 48380
248-842-1705



The Science of Polishing Gemstones

the “Midwest Faceter” recently published an
interesting but lengthy article which discusses
the theories of polishing. Copies of the article
are available at the shop.

Statewide Lapidary Weekend

at **Blue Gill Lake Family Camping Resort**
April 12,13and 14, 2013

For lapidary club members only. You are
welcome to bring a few items for swap/sell,
or demonstrate a craft. Enjoy the camp setting
with with new and old lapidary friends.

Reservation due by March 1.

Call Paul or Nancy at 231-972-GILL.

Snow day closings?

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From the Historian

Hartland Consolidated School Service Center – Our Home

I have been coming here to Hartland for many years now and I have never taken the time to fully understand the full scope of this amazing facility where our shop is located. Maybe some of you are curious as well, so let me give you a brief snapshot of the facility offices here and what they offer.

Here are some of the main offices in this building:

- Hartland Consolidated Schools Administration Offices
- Hartland Consolidated Schools Board of Education Offices
- Transportation and Maintenance – bus garage and parking
- Hartland Community Education Office – programs and classrooms
- Hartland Consolidated Schools Alternative Education Programs – Legacy High School
- Washtenaw Community College – accredited programs
- Hartland Gymnastics – dance and fitness programs
- Professional Development Center Performing Arts Theater
- The Community Life Newspaper
- Hartland Senior Center – adults fifty and older – free flu shots, free income tax service, free baked goods, too!
- Senior Nutrition Center
- Silver Chords – women's chorus
- Silver Squires – men's chorus
- Silver Threads – quilting group
- Nimble Needles – knitting group
- Wood Carvers
- Stage Productions Musical Comedy Performing Arts
- Dance Groups

As if all this isn't enough, we receive tons of help from the HCS Administration Office up front under the directorship of Michelle Oates. This is the group that coordinates many of our activities like our annual show, custodial service, and building maintenance.

Across the hall from the Administration office you will find the Board of Education Office that coordinates the many functions of all the schools in the Hartland district. We don't interact very much with this office anymore. In the old days when there was still money, we would apply for and receive grant funds from them. As I recall, we received well over a thousand dollars to update the machinery and electrical service in our workshop. At that time our Shop Foreman was Chet Chapman who was a tireless worker and innovator. He was an electrical engineer and he saved us hundreds of dollars through his connections with electrical suppliers. He was the one who set up our shop machinery in a modular fashion for easy maintenance. He put things together so that when a grinder needed work, you could simply pull the unit out and slip in a spare unit that he kept at the ready. This all happened when we were moving from our old shop at the 21 Building. The old Hartland High School was moving out and left a lot of furniture and equipment behind. Chet simply couldn't resist grabbing lots of this stuff and dragging it into the shop.

We still had the use of the large L shaped office in the back of our shop in those days and if we had let Chet have his way, he would have turned it into a lounge, complete with day bed and refrigerator. He was nutty that way and that is why we liked him so much. Chet and I were great friends and kindred spirits, probably because we were both of the same political persuasion and a little bonkers. But then, I have found that rockhounds are the strangest and most eclectic collection of hobbyists that I have ever met ...myself included.

Club Historian, *Chuck Amberger*

~~~~~ Upcoming Events ~~~~~

March 2 and 3, 2013

The Roamin Club

Special Auction at Schoolcraft College, Visatech Center
18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia, Michigan
Information: Todd Gall 248-348-5093 or Don Brown 734-421-8159

March 15, 16, and 17, 2013

Michigan Gem and Mineral Society

“Gems of Green in Twenty-Three” gem and mineral show
Jackson County Fairgrounds, 200 West Ganson, Jackson, Michigan
Information: Sally 517-522-3396 or www.mgmsrockclub.com

April 4, 5, and 6, 2013

Indian Mounds Rock and Mineral Club's 38th annual

Gem and Mineral Show
Wyoming Village Shopping Center, 1220-28th St, Wyoming, Michigan
Information: John Donker MIROCKPAGES.org or 616-457-0556

June 8 and 9, 2013

M.G.A.G.S. Rockhound Seminar

Western Michigan University, Rood Hall
near West Michigan Ave and Rankin Ave, Kalamazoo, Michigan
Information: info@mgags.org or Don 734-421-8159

The deadline for 2013 dues was December 31, 2012

**Remit to: Peggy Petito, Treasurer, LGMS
9525 E Highland Rd
Howell, MI 48843**

Tear off and mail

2013 Livingston Gem and Mineral Society Dues

Name _____

_____ adult member \$15

_____ family membership\$15

number of children 12-18 years _____

_____ 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 _____

newsletter preference: _____ print, _____ email _____ shop mail folder

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No General Membership Meeting in February

Board Meeting on Tuesday, February 19, 2013 at 1 p.m.