

Livingstones

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Livingston Gem and Mineral Society

October 2013

President's Message

Thank all of you for another successful show. Thanks to all of you who helped set up, and take down. Thank you to all the volunteers who worked at the admissions, children's, and club tables. Thank you to Mike for overnight security, and to Venus for all the food and drink. A special thank you to our show chairman, Chuck Amberger.

It's October, which means it is time to start making Christmas presents, or buy them from your fellow craftspeople. It also means our snowbirds will be leaving us soon for warmer weather.

Don't forget the banquet is October 15. Please get your money to Vi Porritt now, so she can give the caterers an accurate count. This is very important.

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.

Friday: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

LGMS Annual Banquet

Tuesday, October 15, 2013
at 6 p.m. in the Senior Center

\$14.00 per person

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Come to enjoy good food, great company
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LGMS Minutes, General Meeting 9-17-13

This meeting was called to order by President Bryant Hiiter at 6:00 pm. 27 members present. Bryant welcomed new members Mariah Davis and Paul Sexxtopolis.

Motion made by Venus Sage and seconded by Paul Mc Ewen to accept the minutes of the July meeting as written. Carried.

Treasurer: Report given by Peggy Petito with the monies coming in and paid out of club funds. Motion to accept treasurer's report brought by Isla Mitchell and seconded by Maddie Navarro and Venus Sage. Motion carried.

Shop report given by Bryant: Ed Oller changed the saw blade on the big blue saw, and changed belts as needed. Marvin Martin and Bryant cleaned out all the water pipes and hoses. Bryant mentioned that Bob Krautheim, our silversmith, reports that the club's silver supply is up and we have lots of plate silver.

** Bryant brought it to the attention of the club during this meeting that if there are any problems with the machines to please bring it to his attention or one of the other members who is working to keep our shop in good repair. **

There is a new supply of (Special T) glue for \$6.00 available for the members.

New Business: Our annual banquet will be held on Oct 15th. Cost is \$14.00 a person. Please see Vi Porritt if you have any questions, and get your tickets. Speaker will be member Tony West speaking on his trips out west and mining.

Volunteers for the snacks at the November meeting were requested and members Anna Pernicano, Chuck Amberger, Sheila York and Bryant have volunteered. Meeting is the 3rd Tuesday of the month, Nov 19th.

Bryant has also brought up that there are 3 unfilled cases for the show and he would like to have them filled with displays from our members.

Nomination committee volunteers include Vi Porritt, Lorelei Hosler, and George Pernicano. Positions that will become vacant will include: President, Vice President, Shop Chairman and 3 of the 4 directors. Chuck Amberger volunteered to serve as shop chairman.

Show news: Friday setup from 12 noon...Copies of the floor plan were distributed to interested parties and Tony (janitorial services) from the building will have the floor pads down. Isla and Peggy have volunteered to tape the pads on the gym floor. Tables will arrive between 12:00 and 2:00 and volunteers are needed to help with the table set up. Kitchen: There will be food for the volunteers and workers in our kitchen area. Venus has volunteered to organize and feed the workers and demonstrators during the show. Good News...all the tables for vendors have been rented. Isla mentioned that we still have some flyers for the show and this would be a great time to still get them out to the public. Saturday the school opens at 7:30 am and all are invited to help with getting the show ready. Mike McDevitt has volunteered again to be the overnight guard.

New Business: On behalf of the Code of Ethics committee, Sue McEwen made motion that the code of ethics as written be accepted. Discussion followed and there were several questions by various members regarding different aspects of the finished piece. Notably, these were regarding guests' use of machines, liability and safety issues, the policy of the school guidelines being followed in regards to the rule of having 2 people present when using the machines, and that theft of any kind will not be tolerated. Item # 5 was discussed and a change in the wording was suggested. In the future there be a waiver of liability for new members, and current members will also be asked to sign it when they pay their dues at the beginning of the year. The revisions will be addressed by the committee and sent to the board for approval. With changes- a vote was taken by general members: as follows, **IN FAVOR: 22 NAY: 1 ABSTAIN: 5**

Motion to close the meeting brought by Lorelei and seconded by Maddie. @ 6:50 pm. All in favor.

There was a video on Herkimer Diamonds after the meeting during the social hour.

Respectfully submitted: Sheila York, Secretary.

2013 Officers and Chairpersons

President Pro Temp: Bryant Hiiter, 248-889-3974
 Secretary: Sheila York 810-695-0509
 Treasurer: Peggy Petito, 248-887-8847
 First year Director: Ed Oller 810-241-8801
 Second year Directors: Violet Porritt, 810-235-6286
 Lorelei Hosler, 810-789-3687
 Third year Director John Petito, 248-887-8847
 Hospitality: Venus Sage, 810-458-4290
 Sunshine: Isla Mitchell, 248-685-7804
 Shop Chairperson:
 Newsletter and Membership:
 Isla Mitchell, 248-685-7804
 imvm.1@netzero.com

Show Chairman and Historian:
 Chuck Amberger, 248-787-6586

Library: Bryant Hiiter 248-889-3974

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.)

Our Mission

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 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

SILENT AUCTION

Will run for 2 weeks. Maximum bid wins. Auction
 ends October 22, at 12:00 Noon. Please come to
 the shop to look over the two items that follow.

For Sale: **Poly Arbor**, 1 grinding wheel, 1
 sanding wheel. no motor. Minimum bid \$75.00



For Sale: **10-inch slab saw** with motor and work
 bench. Gravity feed. Runs. Minimum bid \$225.00.
 (two pictures below)



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

**October 11, 12, and 13, 2013**

**69<sup>th</sup> Annual Greater Detroit Gem, Mineral, Fossil & Jewelry Show**

Macomb Community College Expo Center  
Stan Woollems 734-994-3048, [wwoolll@comcast.net](mailto:wwoolll@comcast.net)

**October 19 and 20, 2013**

**The Flint Rock and Gem Club's Annual Show**

Carter Middle School, Rogers Lodge Drive, Clio, Michigan  
Information: Ed Hern 810-687-2339 or [www.flintrockandgem.org](http://www.flintrockandgem.org)

**October 25, 26, and 27, 2013**

**Central Michigan's 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Gem, Mineral, Fossil, Lapidary and Jewelry Show**

"Main Arena" Ingham County Fairgrounds, 700 E. Ash St, Mason, MI  
Information: 517-641-6125 or [facetman60@yahoo.com](mailto:facetman60@yahoo.com), [michrocks.org](http://michrocks.org)

**November 2-3, 2013**

**Mid-Michigan Rock Club Annual Show,**

Midland Resort and Convention Center, 1500 W. Wackerly St. Midland, MI  
Contact: Deb Acord, (989) 689-4840, [jackdanred1@aol.com](mailto:jackdanred1@aol.com)



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LGMS, Hartland Consolidated Schools,  
9525 E. Highland Rd. Howell, Michigan 48843-9098.



We were delighted recently to be contacted by Marilyn Short Davis, daughter of one of the club's founders, Nelson Short. The following is an edited version of her message to the club along with two photos she sent.

### Livingstones

My father, Nelson Short, started the Livingston Gem and Mineral Society with my mother, Marion Short, to connect with others who also loved beautiful gems and minerals given to us by our creator. I spent time as a child going with him to rock quarries looking for trilobites and actually finding one to show him! He showed me how to tumble stones, to cut shapes out of them and to create something beautiful to wear. I remember my parents traveled to Arizona pulling a trailer just to carry stones back with them to Michigan. He taught me about petrified wood. I have carried a pudding stone in every house I have lived as it represents a stone about life. Life is like a pudding stone carrying with it all the gifts held in one piece of rock, as generations of families are woven together in time.

After my family moved to Florida, my parents would visit as long as their health allowed in order to spend time with their grandsons showing them about rocks they had collected. If you visited their house you would have found a stone in every room as well as many outside. I still have a few of their stones in my home. They remind me of my father and the love he had for his hobby.

Recently I found one of his agates which was especially beautiful by holding it up to the light of day. I began painting what I saw and found the painting come alive. As I saw the beautiful colors in the stone, my brush seemed to take on that same light. It was painted on woven leather to give an effect of just how our lives are woven together. Life is so precious!

I so enjoyed seeing my dad wanting to teach children. He would be thrilled to know that the painting is going to fulfill my dream to create an art center for autistic children here in Sarasota, Florida. My cousin and my twin grandsons have autism and my dream is for them to have a voice, to find what's hidden inside of them. I'm also planning to write a book called "The Little King with the Golden Soul". This painting that I love so much is being donated to the organization called "Ryan's Hope Foundation". The funds will help my cousin to live his dream and I, mine. I hope to place a stone my dad gave me inside this center as I know he would have done. My love for art and writing came from my dad, and now I pass it on to the next generations. May you be blessed in what you do now and what you pass on to your children. You see, they may come to know it later in life and be blessed at the time they may need it most.

Written and painted by Marilyn Short Davis  
Marilyn@davisnet.org



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