

Livingstones

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Livingston Gem and Mineral Society

March 2014

President's Message

Now that March is here we are back to regular meetings on the third Tuesday each month at 6 p.m. If you are willing to bring a snack please let me know.

We are winding down teaching the 4-H, only 1 or 2 more weeks. I would like to thank all of you who volunteered your time to teach a child. They will be the ones to keep our hobby alive in the future. I consider this to be one of the most important parts of our club's mission, so if you are giving a talk at a library, school, scout meeting, etc... please let me know so I can put it in our newsletter.

There is a board by the office with findings for sale on it. We also have some equipment for sale with pictures in this newsletter. Please take a look.

Gayland changed the oil in the three ten-inch saws, and Chuck put on new grinding wheels. I see some of you cleaning up, so to you I say thank you very much for caring how our shop looks. To the rest of you...elves don't come in at night and clean, so CLEAN UP AFTER YOURSELVES!

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.



Weather closings?

For information on building closings call Hartland Community Education,

810-626-2150,

or watch your local news channel.

If Livingston County schools are closed, so is the shop.

Equipment Sale

For sale by the club on a first come, first served basis. Contact Bryant at the club or at 248-889-3374.



Old Stonemaster 6 inch grinding wheel, 2 sanding wheels, and 1 polishing felt. **\$125.00**



20 inch vibrating flat lap with 3 extra pans. **\$400.00**



Arbor with grinding wheels. **\$45.00**



6 inch trim saw with two 6 inch grinding wheels. Motor runs. **\$125.00**



Polishing pad.

\$20.00

2014 Officers and Chairpersons

President: Bryant Hiiter, 248-889-3974

Vice President: Gayland Allen, 810-275-3444

Secretary: Sheila York, 810-695-0509

Treasurer: Peggy Petito, 248-887-8847

1st year Directors: Margaret Edmundson,
248-634-5046

Paul McEwen,
810-735-5832

2nd year Director: Ed Oller, 810-241-8801

3rd year Director: John Petito, 248-887-8847

Hospitality: Venus Sage, 810-458-4290

Sunshine: Isla Mitchell, 248-685-7804

Shop Chairperson: Chuck Amberger,
248-787-6586

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Isla Mitchell

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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

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.



Upcoming Events

March 2-3, 2014

The Roamin Club Special Auction

Sat 11 - 6; Sun 12-6, Schoolcraft Community College , Livonia, MI
Contact: Todd Gall or Don Brown (248) 348-5001, (234) 421-8159

March 11, 2014

Michigan Mineralogical Society Social and Swap

7 p.m., Cranbrook Institute of Science, 39221 N. Woodward Ave. Bloomfield Hills, MI
Contact: Millie Hurt, 248-3998-6693

March 14, 15, 16, 2014

Michigan Gem and Mineral Society Annual Show

Jackson County Fairgrounds
American One Event Center, 200 West Ganson, Jackson, MI
Information: Sally 517-522-3396, or www.mgmsrockclub.com



2014 Dues are overdue

Tear off and mail to Peggy Petito, Treasurer, LGMS, 9525 E. Highland Rd, Howell, MI 48843

2014 Livingston Gem and Mineral Society Dues

Name _____

_____ adult member \$15

_____ family membership\$15
number of children 9-18 years _____ number of adults _____

_____ 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: _____ printed _____ email _____ shop mail folder

LGMS BOARD MEETING 02-18-14

Meeting called to order at 1:10 p.m. by President Bryant Hiiter. 6 members present.

- Bryant brought before the board a faceted tiger eye ring that a former member, Bill Horton, had made. This was donated by the owner to the club. It was decided to put the ring on display along with several other donated artifacts.
- Code of Ethics and Conduct: discussion regarding article #15, to be changed as follows: *“Due to Midwest Federation (MWF) Insurance regulations, non-members and guests may not use the equipment unless a separate liability policy is renewed annually.”* It was decided that it is the board members who need to reinforce that the policy is renewed annually. Motion to strike #15 as written and replace it with above statements was made by John Petito and seconded by Gayland Allen, VP. All in favor.
- LGMS has purchased a liability policy and it is in effect.
- Article #14: Discussion surrounding the age limit of guests using our equipment: The constitution was consulted and the younger age limit of 9 years old stands. Peggy Petito introduced some changes in the Code of Ethics as follows and these were approved by the board members present. Article #14: Applicants ages 9 to 18 are welcome to work on machines if they are part of a family membership. Ages 9 to 12 MUST be accompanied at all times by a responsible adult. According to the LGMS constitution, these young people shall be allowed to attend a total of 3 workshop sessions for \$1.00 per session. After that they must pay the annual workshop fee or if not in the same household, pay regular membership dues and shop fee. John made a motion to effect these changes and it was seconded by Margaret Edmundson. All in favor.
- This Board has been working with having all new and returning members sign a “Participant Accident Waiver and Release of Liability Agreement”. This will be part of the new member packet and all members will be required to sign. Margaret has offered to work with Isla in making packets to present to members.
- A change in the present application form for membership was discussed and a motion was made by Margaret and Peggy to accept changes as discussed and all were in favor.
- Peggy brought it to the group's attention that the lock on the file cabinet has been installed as was discussed at last month's board meeting. The new brooms and dustpans have been purchased.

Meeting was adjourned @2:25 p.m. Motion made by Margaret and seconded by Gayland.

Respectfully submitted by Sheila York, Secretary

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General Meeting
on Tuesday, March 18, 2014, at 6 p.m.
at the shop