

Livingstones

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Livingston Gem and Mineral Society

April 2014

President's Message

It's April and our snowbirds should be flying back home in the next couple of weeks, so look for some familiar but tanner faces around the shop. We look forward to hearing about their winter and I think some of us could tell a story or two.

Last Friday I gave a 30 minute presentation to a group from Freedom Works, which is an organization helping people with physical and mental challenges. Gayland is giving a talk to a Senior Center in a couple of weeks. These are just two examples of club members taking our mission statement, to promote the lapidary arts through education, to the public. We would like to hear from all of you about anything you are doing to promote the lapidary arts. Please tell us about any talks to Scout Troops, library displays etc... that club members are doing.

I would also like to thank all of you like Chuck, Ed, and Gayland, for changing the oil in the saws, and cleaning out the wastewater pipe. A special thanks to Bob Kalis, who recently retired and is spending more time at the club, for tirelessly teaching new members the art of cabochon making. And to all of you I see cleaning up a mess you didn't make.

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.

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.

LGMS Board Meeting

4:30 pm, 03-18-14. President Bryant Hiiter called this meeting to order. 6 Board members present.

There are 3 large pieces of equipment that continue to be stored in the Lansing area (from a collection the club purchased last year) that need to be removed from the current storage area. These pieces include a large tumbler and 2 cabinets (7ft x 4ft). A truck and trailer will be needed when the weather breaks and the ground dries, to put them in the York lean-to. Margaret Edmundson has volunteered her husband and his truck and trailer for this job.

Treasurer Peggy Petito proposed to open a savings account for the club. There are 3 debit cards in circulation and, for security and expedience, moving some of LGMS funds to a savings account seems prudent. Motion to approve was made by Margaret and seconded by Ed Oller, all in favor.

Discussion was made and a motion was formed to reimburse Margaret and Sharon Krauthem \$25.00 each for our St. Patrick's Day meal (including corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, and carrots). Motion made by Peggy and seconded by Ed. All in favor.

Member Tony West has donated back to the club the \$50.00 he received from his presentation at our annual banquet.

Member John Petito brought some new ideas for advertising for our show in September.

John also discussed that member Isla Mitchell is such a big part of our club and everything we do, and is a big help in everything. It was decided we would invite her to the board meetings as a nonvoting participant. All were in favor. Meeting concluded at 5:30 pm.

LGMS General Membership Meeting

6:00 pm, 03-18-14, 24 members present. The meeting was called to order by President Bryant Hiiter. New members Nick Roush and sons James and Andrew were welcomed.

Vice President Gayland Allen made a motion to accept minutes from last meeting as written; seconded by Chuck Amberger. Passed.

Treasurers Report: Peggy Petito- Accounts are up to date and the club is doing well financially. (For a more detailed accounting please speak to the treasurer.) George Pernicano made a motion to accept the report, seconded by Dan Goodwin. Passed.

Shop report: Shop chairman Chuck Amberger reports that with help from many members the big saws have been cleaned. Drainage pipes are cleaned and draining well. Grinding and polishing wheels have been inspected and changed as needed. Gayland has taken on the chore of fixing an adapter for the main faucets. The heater for the stones by the dop wax was broken last Monday and replaced on Tuesday. Chuck asks that we try to keep the new one shiny by never putting dop wax on the heater. Take the stone off the heater before putting wax on stone. NO WAX IN HEATER. George Pernicano asks that members keep the trim saw cleaned, and not use good towels or rags to clean off the oil. Using the scrapers (which have been replaced) gets 90% of the oil off. Gayland asks that all grit and particles of stone be pushed back into the reservoir.

OLD BUSINESS: Member Margaret Edmundson asks that everyone receiving the new membership packets to please fill them out and return them to a board member. All members are being asked to sign them, even if you have already paid this year's dues. If there is a family membership, both adults need to sign even if there aren't 2 signature lines. These packets contain our new code of conduct and a liability waiver. There was discussion of the insurance policies for the club and safety issues with the 4H Club kids that participate. It was decided that the 4H coordinator will be contacted and a copy of their insurance policy will be requested for our perusal. Margaret stated that the 4H has an insurance policy as long as an adult is present. This is from the years she was a 4H leader.

Gayland asks that the person who has the 2 jars of tumbled stones that he was donating to the children's table please return them asap. He states there might have been some confusion with the ownership.

NEW BUSINESS: The procedure for accepting new members has been revised. Packets for new members are in the cabinet in the second drawer down. The person who takes in the new member is sponsoring that member, and needs to sign the membership form. This packet has the application, waiver, code of ethics and conduct, safety and welcome letter. Also included are some information about our club and history, along with a current newsletter. If, as the intake person, you are not able to help the prospective new member and show them the working of our shop, give them the packet and advise them to come back when more members are present (usually Tuesdays). This is also important for showing new members where our supplies are kept, rules regarding the machine use and a tour. Member Lyvonne Foldenauer suggested that the packets be kept in

the blue carton sitting outside the office. If you are the person showing around a new member you need to sign that you have done this. If not, it would be helpful that it be put somewhere on the new members packet that it was not done and can be corrected.

Volunteers for the June-July-August picnic/pot luck are needed this year. Jill and Gayland Allen have volunteered for August. Please see a board member if you would like to take June or July. Also, volunteers for the snacks for the April meeting were needed and Lorlei Hosler, VI Porritt and the Roush family have agreed. Bryant asked that we all stay for the videos/entertainment after this meeting.

Motion made to close meeting at 7:00 pm by Lorlei and seconded by Vi.

Respectfully submitted:

Sheila York, Secretary LGMS

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

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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.)

Equipment Sale

Contact Bryant at the club or at 248-889-3374



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



Old Stonemaster 6 inch grinding wheel, 2 sanding wheels and 1 polishing felt \$125



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



Arbor with grinding wheels \$45.00

Upcoming Events

April 5-6

Columbus Rock & Mineral Society Annual Show, COLUMBUS, OH

Sat 10-6, Sun 11-5. Northland Performing Arts Center, 4411 Tamarack Blvd, Columbus.

. Contact: Craig Kramer, (614) 436-4511, craig.kramer@wowway.com,
columbusrockandmineralsociety.org

April 5-6

Stark County Gem & Mineral Club Annual Show, CANTON, OH

Sat 9-5, Sun 10-5. Stark County Fairgrounds, 305 Wertz Ave NW, Canton.

Contact Barry Heiks, (330) 868-4047, bjheiks@frontier.com

May 3-4

Cincinnati GeoFair 2014 49th Annual CINCINNATI, OH

Gem, Mineral, Fossil & Jewelry Show of Greater Cincinnati; www.geofair.com

Sat 10 - 6; Sun 11- 5 Cincinnati Gardens, 2250 E. Seymour Avenue

May 17-18

Parma Lapidary Club Annual Show, NORTH OLMSTED, OH

Soccer Sportsplex, 31515 Lorain Rd., North Olmsted, Sat 10-5; Sun 10-5

Contact: Sue Zaborowski, (440) 213-1153



The 2014 LGMS Show is scheduled for

September 20 and 21

(Setup on September 19)

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the flyers which are available in the shop.

New Fossil Find One of History's Greatest

3K fossils, 55 species found in Canada's Kootenay National Park

By [Matt Cantor](#), Newser Staff Posted Feb 12, 2014 11:36 AM CST

(Newser) – Researchers in Canada have made an "extraordinary" find: a vast collection of fossils that offer an in-depth look at prehistoric life. The site in Kootenay National Park is being compared to what experts call one of history's greatest fossil finds, a 1909 discovery about 26 miles away in Yoho National Park. Both sites are in a rock formation called the Burgess Shale, [LiveScience](#) reports. "The rate at which we are finding animals—many of which are new—is astonishing, and there is a high possibility that we'll eventually find more species here than at the original Yoho National Park site," says the study's lead author.

Over a two-week period, researchers gathered 3,000 fossils from the new site belonging to some 55 species, 15 of which were previously unknown. Many are arthropods, the forebears of spiders and insects. Part of what makes the Burgess Shale so remarkable is that it managed to preserve animals' soft parts particularly well. New finds include neural tissue, retinas, and maybe even a heart and liver, providing a closer look at animals during the Cambrian Period, which began some 542 million years ago. "This is the first time we're seeing these details," says a researcher. The team "stumbled across" the find in the summer of 2012, the [Leader-Post](#) reports. The discovery, the researcher says, suggests similar sites are out there.



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General Meeting
at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, April 15, 2014
at the shop