

Livingstones

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Livingston Gem and Mineral Society

May 2015

Vice President's Message

First of all, a big thank-you to Art and Karen Amati, who took all our dowels and cut them into dop sticks for us.

A big thank-you goes out to all the members who do the little extra and clean up behind themselves to keep our shop operating efficiently.

To the newer members, don't hesitate to ask questions. I have a lot of answers and maybe I can match one up to your question. If not, I know where to get the answer.

I will be making a video in the near future that will be available to all members. It will cover general information on the proper operation and maintenance of equipment.

Thanks to everyone that stopped by my garage/rock sale. Hope you found some rocks/slabs you could use.
Two words-- Rock On !!!

Gayland

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 GENERAL MEETING 04-21-15

President Bryant Hiiter called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm; 19 members present.

The minutes of the last meeting were accepted as written on a motion from Ed and seconded by Vi.

Treasurer's report: Peggy listed available funds, monies that have come in and debts that were paid. If any member would like to see the complete report, please see Peggy. Margaret moved to accept the report as given; seconded by Paul; all in favor.

Shop report: Things are looking good. During the next week the belts will be changed. One member questioned if we were going to bring back the 60 grit wheel and was told "no".

Old Business: Last month at our general meeting, three items were tabled for review and clarification in our continuing effort to bring our constitution, rules of conduct, and code of ethics into alignment and correct editing errors. With this in mind, Bryant brought up the three items under consideration, namely:

Section III, e, 4) "Members ages 9 through their 17th year must be supervised....." (See the complete item in the April newsletter.) Paul moved to open this for discussion; seconded by John; all in favor. After discussion regarding the age groups and the card to be given to young people who qualify, Paul moved to accept this item as written; seconded by Venus; all in favor.

Section III, e, 7) "All guests must be accompanied by a member of the club...." (See complete item in the April newsletter.) Margaret made motion to bring this to the floor; seconded by John; all in favor. There was little discussion and Peggy made motion to accept this item as written; seconded by Vi; all in favor.

Section III, e, 8) "In order to sustain the club....." (See complete item in the April

newsletter.) Venus made motion to bring this to the floor; seconded by Ed; all in favor. There was little discussion and Margaret made motion to accept the new wording; seconded by Sharon K; all in favor.

Paul reviewed the correct placement of these items in the constitution and the necessary editing of the code of ethics and rules of conduct and safety.

New Business: One of our long time members, Hazel Morgan, is turning 90! Congratulations, Hazel! All were invited to sign the birthday card. In addition, a get well card was signed for Art Amati who recently had surgery.

Gayland invited everyone to the yard sale at his home on the upcoming weekend (April 23, 24, 25). He and Jill will offer lots of rocks, minerals, and tools among other items. His address with a map is posted on the bulletin board.

Volunteers were requested to bring snacks to our May meeting. Venus, Vi and Sharon W volunteered.

Ed Oller is leading a field trip to The Rockport Quarry State Park on June 6 with a rain date of June 13. All are invited. See page 4 of this newsletter for more information.

Venus had information on a variety of field trips. She mentioned Herkimer, NY, emerald mines, citrine and topaz locales, Lake Superior, and amethyst mines. If anyone is interested, please talk with Venus.

Lorelei moved to close the meeting; seconded by Vi; all in favor.

During our social hour we watched a DVD on Fire Agates which Gayland had brought.

Respectfully submitted,
Sheila York, Secretary

Rock and Garage Sale

May 29, 30 and 31, 9 am – 5 pm

June 5, 6 and 7, 9 am – 5 pm

Phyllis Keane's Home
1305 Applewood, White Lake, MI 48386
248-363-0026

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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.)

The Paul Broste Rock Museum

To a typical farmer, rocks are a curse, an obstacle to tilling the soil. Not so for Paul Broste, a farmer whose love for rocks and minerals inspired him to sell his successful 1400-acre farm in order to preserve his vast collection in its own museum: The Paul Broste Rock Museum, in tiny Parshall, North Dakota.

Broste, struck by the beauty of nature's minerals, called crystals the flowers of the mineral world, and agate nodules its plums. He was a lapidarist who loved making spheres. Many of his 680 spheres are shown in the museum balancing on unique spiraling “trees” of Broste's own design and creation. Some of the hundreds of rock specimens displayed here are described as “Smithsonian quality”, including one claimed to be worth one million dollars.

The museum also houses such relics as two petrified giant sequoia stumps from 58 million years ago, a 30 million year-old turtle fossil, a 12,000 year-old mammoth tooth, and a 30 million year-old rhinoceros jawbone; all discovered in the Dakotas.

The museum building is constructed of—what else?—rock, mostly uncut boulders, with walls five feet thick at ground, tapering to about one foot thick at ceiling height.

For more information, call (701) 862-3264 or email pbrostemuseum@hotmail.com.

Adapted from the Minot Daily News, 10/12/14

Upcoming Events

May 1-3, 2015

Kalamazoo Rock Club's Rock, Gem, Fossil and Mineral Show
Kalamazoo County Expo Center, 2900 Lake St, Kalamazoo, MI 49048
Info: KalamazooRockClub.org

May 2 and 3, 2015

Gem, Mineral, Fossil and Jewelry Show of Greater Cincinnati
Sharonville Convention Center, 11355 Chester Rd, Sharonville, OH 4524
Info: 513-574-7142 or tehuizing@fuse.net or www.geofair.com

May 15-17, 2015

Gem and Mineral Show hosted by Midwest Mineralogical and Lapidary Society
Southgate Arena, 14700 Reaume Parkway, Southgate, MI
information: www.mmls.us or 505-803-4888 or wbarr@umich.edu

FIELD TRIP

6-6-15 (rain date 6-13-15)

Ed Oller, LGMS Board Member, is leading a field trip to **Rockport Quarry State Park**, 10 miles from Alpena, Michigan. You will need a state park sticker as well as knee pads, gloves, and tools (preferably bright colored or fluorescent).

The group will meet at the Quarry around noon to allow for the drive.

See Ed for more details or check the website "Friends of Rockport".



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Stones with Cosmic Powers

12 semiprecious stones and their influence on your personal zodiac sign
information from Antares Stones

Aries – Red Jasper (March 21 – April 19)

The Red Jasper is the symbol of power of vitality. It reflects the warm, reviving and positive energies of the earth. This stone combines the impulsive energy of Aries with wisdom and compassion. It strengthens the will to set positive things in motion and supports the power to assert oneself.

Taurus – Rose Quartz (April 20-May 20)

This stone, which emphasizes emotions, fosters the joy of life, happiness and contentment in love. The soft pink color of the crystal fills Taureans with optimism, tenderness and gentleness. The Rose Quartz activates Taureans' imagination and artistic senses.

Gemini – Moss Agate (May 21 – June 20)

The Moss Agate opens the insight and understanding for all the manifold destinies and powers on our planet. The stone helps Geminians to receive new messages and serves as an intermediary between mankind and nature.

Cancer – Sodalite (June 22 – July 22)

The Sodalite lends Cancerians the power to defend their point of view and to remain true to themselves. This stone harmonizes and strengthens the emotional life and creates balance. Moreover, the Sodalite lures Cancerians back out of their shell where they often seek refuge.

Leo – Rock Crystal (July 23-August 22)

The Rock Crystal mainly conveys clarity and pureness and helps one to concentrate on the essentials in life. Its energies protect the wearer from negative influences. Most of all, it lends Leos the power to find the center of their nature and strengthens the good vibrations.

Virgo – Tiger's-Eye (August 23-September 22)

This stone leads away from rigid structures and brings lightness into everyday life. Trifles that can drive every Virgoan crazy lose their importance and no longer touch them. The Tiger's-Eye weakens the need for security and turns it into more self-confidence.

Libra – Aventurine (September 23-October 22)

The Aventurine promotes sociability and the ability to love. It helps to perceive feelings and to show them. It encourages Librans in their actions and decisions. This stone lends inner peace and supports its wearer to live in harmony and balance.

Scorpio – Hematite (October 23-November 21)

The Hematite helps Scorpios to find the right measure, confront and come to terms with their partners in a constructive way. It lends the courage to get through difficult times and to accept the inherent lessons. This helps the Scorpio to receive more compassion and increased selflessness.

Sagittarius- Lapis Lazuli (November 22-December 21)

A symbol of infinity, goodness and helpfulness. This distinct stone of friendship promotes the sense of community. The Lapis Lazuli supports Sagittarians in implementing their spiritual findings and diverse ideas as well as their notion of life in practice.

Capricorn – Onyx (December 22-January 19)

The Onyx centers and helps its wearer to have his own attitude and to adhere to it. The stone cultivates the Capricornian sense of responsibility and supports having a great deal of concentration and perservance when becoming dedicated to a specific task.

Aquarius – Amazonite (January 20-February 18)

This stone lends tolerance and composure. It fosters the ideals of the Aquarian: individuality, equality, brotherliness, and the creation of friendly relations. The Amazonite helps Aquarians to live their desire for freedom without any obstructive feelings of guilt.

Pisces-Amethyst (February 19-March 20)

The Amethyst reinforces the intuitive nature of Pisceans as well as their connection to the cosmos. The stone helps to reconstruct the balance between the material and the spiritual level and to combine them harmoniously. The Amethyst makes it easier for its wearer to let go of the past.

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General Meeting

at the shop at 6 p.m.

on Tuesday, May 19, 2015