

Livingstones

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Livingston Gem and Mineral Society

October 2015

President's Message

Oh October, apple cider and doughnut time. The geese are heading south and our snowbirds will soon be following them. There are three major shows this month: Detroit, Clio, and Mason. If you are new, or just running low on cutting material, this is your last chance to stock up for winter.

I would also like to thank again EVERYONE who helped with our show. Whether you cleaned up, set up, worked at the tables, or put away at the end, you helped your club make the money we need to operate for the next year. It was also brought to my attention that I didn't thank the exhibitors, those who had display cases down the center aisles. Display cases are a way to show that the club is active and thriving.

Our meeting this month is the Banquet, our reward for another successful show. Information is available in this newsletter. Be sure to get your money and entree choice to Sheila York in the next 2 weeks, so she will have an accurate count for the restaurant. We are trying something new this year. Instead of a catered meal at the Senior Center, we are going to a restaurant. This is the first time we are trying this, so please bear with us.

You may notice some new faces around the shop; we have had 10 people join the club since the show. Please be extra patient if you see a new person doing something incorrectly, and gently

suggest an alternative. Also please donate some time to teaching them the proper way to make a cabochon. Remember you were new once too!

You may notice that the shop is pretty clean. Please do your part to keep it that way! The magic fairies who used to come at night and clean are on strike, so EVERYONE needs to pitch in and clean up.

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 General Meeting September 13, 2015

Bryant called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. with 20 members present. He began by thanking all those who worked in the shop cleaning bee on the afternoon of this date. The shop looks great in preparation for our show. Mary Jo Baynes is a new member who was introduced and welcomed.

Ed made a motion to accept last month's minutes as written; Peggy seconded. The motion passed.

Peggy presented the details of the treasurer's report indicating that the club's finances are in good shape. Jill moved to accept the report; Sharen seconded and the motion passed.

Shop co-chairman Gayland described the condition of the equipment and gave particular thanks to Jose for donating the shaft for one of our grinders. Gayland is working on a video which will be very useful in new member orientation as they begin to use the shop facilities.

New Business: the banquet. We are trying something different this year and will be enjoying our banquet in a restaurant rather than having it catered. Details are in the newsletter and Bryant stressed that the reservation deadline is important. Annual awards will be handled at our Christmas Party in December.

Show Planning: Because of all the Saturday activities in and around the building, we are encouraged to park as far east and north from the building as possible. Sharon K requested that there be an area for sitting in the gym. Ed agreed to look into it. Vendors and workers will be able to get breakfast in our kitchen but during the remainder of the day everyone will be able to get food at the 4H concession. The show will be using half of the gym and we are expecting 9 vendors (6 with large layouts and 3 with smaller layouts). Tables will be delivered by 9 a.m. on Friday and we are hoping for help from some of

Friday and we are hoping for help from some of our younger club members to accomplish the taping of the floor mats. The woodcarvers and the flint knappers are confirmed. Gayland asked for help on Thursday when the shop floor will be scrubbed and the mats will be cleaned.

LaVonne described that the club bead makers have been saving their money to purchase a new kiln which will properly cool the hot beads. They are about \$300 from their goal. Dave made a motion that the club pay for the remaining balance of the money needed. Ed seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The club now owns two "magnifying readers" and Bryant requested permission to look into selling one of them. John made a motion to sell one reader and Gayland seconded it. Motion passed after a brief discussion.

LaVonne made motion to adjourn at about 6:45; and it was seconded by George. Passed. After the meeting the group enjoyed snacks and viewed the video which Gayland is working on. All were very impressed. Gayland expects to be editing it and welcomes any suggestions for improvement.

Respectfully submitted,
Isla Mitchell, Secretary pro tem.

2016 Nominees

The nominating committee announces the following candidates for 2016 offices:

President: Bob Kalis

Vice President: TBD

Treasurer: Sheila York

Secretary: Lori Keefer

First Year Directors: Dennis Gougherty

Sharon Krautheim

Third Year Director: Margaret Edmondson

Fourth Year Director: Ed Oller

2015 Annual Banquet

This year we have decided to “shake up” our plans for our annual after-show banquet. It will be held at a restaurant and you will be able to choose your meal preference. Here are the details:

Date: October 20, 2015 at 6 p.m.

Place: Grand River Grill

2394 Genoa Business Park Drive

Brighton, MI

(near the St Joseph Woodland and Genoa Medical Building)

Cost: \$14 per person

Menu options

A) Lemon Chicken with Rice and Vegetable

B) Fish and Chips

C) Spinach Pie

* also included will be soup or salad and beverage (tea, coffee, or soda) and bread.

Contact Sheila York before October 6 to make your reservation. Hope we can all make it! It is about 15 minutes from the shop.



Special thank you to **Zack Palmieri** for the many ways he helped at our show.

And deep gratitude to the families who hosted our summer potlucks:

Lori and Chuck Keefer

Sheila York

Jill and Gayland Allen



In Memorium

Carolyn Elaine McNeilly passed away on September 9th, 2015, after a long struggle against ovarian cancer. Carolyn was an active member of our society from 1990 to 2000 and always stepped in as recording secretary when needed.

She also was the kitchen chairperson at our annual shows and prepared all the food we used to sell there. She was especially good in that position as she was the main cook for the Walled Lake High School for twenty years. She is survived by her three daughters, Lorrie Thomas, Colleen Adams and Holly Semen, also by her three granddaughters Brittany Adams, Marissa Adams and Angelica Semen. She was always a ready volunteer whenever we needed her and will be missed by all who knew her.

2015 Officers and Chairpersons

President: Bryant Hiiter, 248-210-6138

Vice President: Gayland Allen, 810-275-3444

Secretary: Sheila York, 810-695-0509

Treasurer: Peggy Petito, 248-887-8847

Second year Directors: Margaret Edmundson,
248-634-5046

Paul McEwen, 810-735-5832

Third year Directors: Ed Oller, 810-241-8801

John Petito, 248-887-8847

Hospitality: Venus Sage, 810-458-4290

Sunshine: Anna Pernicano, 248-486-4048

Shop Chairpersons: Gayland Allen, 810-275-3444

Ed Oller, 810-241-8801

Newsletter and Membership:

Isla Mitchell, 248-685-7804

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Library: Bryant Hiiter, 248-210-6138

Webmaster: Emily Saling

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.)

Scenes from the 2015 Show



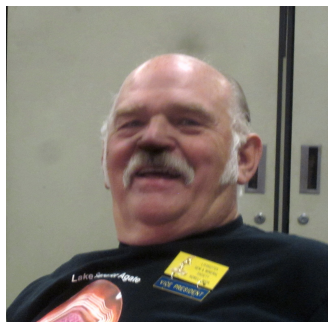
Kids' Table



Marv and the spheremaker



President Bryant



"Thanks for all you do"

VP Gayland



John's multimedia showpiece



Making egg carton rock collections



Learning to flint knap

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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. 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.

## Upcoming Events

### October 9-11, 2015

Annual Greater Detroit Gem, Mineral, and Fossil Show by **Michigan Mineralogical Society**  
 Macomb Community College South Campus Expo Center  
 14500 E. 12 Mile and Hayes, Warren, MI 48088  
 Info: [www.michmin.org](http://www.michmin.org)

### October 17 and 18, 2015

**Flint Rock & Gem Club** Annual Show Sat & Sun 10 am - 5 pm,  
 Carter Middle School, Rogers Lane Dr., Clio, MI  
 Info: Bill Wendling, (810) 638-5796; [bwrockbarn@century.net](mailto:bwrockbarn@century.net); [www.flintrockandgem.org](http://www.flintrockandgem.org)

### October 23-25, 2015

Gem, Mineral, Fossil, Lapidary and Jewelry Show by  
**Central Michigan Lapidary and Mineral Society**  
 "Main Arena" Ingham County Fairgrounds, 700 Ash St., Mason, MI  
 Info: 517-641-6125 or [facetman60@yahoo.com](mailto:facetman60@yahoo.com) or [michrocks.org](http://michrocks.org)



## 2016 Dues are payable now

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

### 2016 Livingston Gem and Mineral Society Dues

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Please note any changes in address, email address or phone number \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ adult member ..... \$15  
 \_\_\_\_\_ family membership .....\$15  
           number of children 12-18 years \_\_\_\_\_ number of adults \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ annual workshop fee .....\$10  
           (each member who uses the shop must pay this fee)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ total payment  
 newsletter preference: \_\_\_\_\_ printed, \_\_\_\_\_ email, \_\_\_\_\_ shop mail folder

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**You're Invited!**

## **LGMS Annual Banquet**

**Tuesday, October 20, 2015, 6 p.m.**

**Grand River Grill, Brighton, MI**

*Make your reservation and dinner selection by October 6  
with Sheila York at 810-695-0509 or [davestractors65@att.net](mailto:davestractors65@att.net)  
(see page 3 of this newsletter)*