

# *The Living Stones*

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Livingston Gem and Mineral Society

October 2016

## **President's Message**

Welcome to fall everyone. October is here and there is a definite change in the weather! The warm days of summer are gone and I am looking forward to the fall colors. This is normally my favorite time of year. This year is different for me, however. I am currently so busy preparing to move that I don't know if I will have the time to stop and enjoy the fall colors! I keep asking myself why I accumulated so many rocks! It has been a cardio workout just getting everything packed and hauled up from my basement. I will try my best to attend our annual banquet later this month. As fate would have it, we have to be out of our house by October 20<sup>th</sup>. So much to do in the next 3 weeks!

On a brighter note, I think our annual show was a success. We had a pretty good turnout in attendance and many new applications for membership were given to prospective new members. I haven't heard yet how well we did monetarily. I do expect an encouraging report from our club treasurer. As most of you know our club depends on the revenue from our annual show to keep the LGMS operating for the next year. My heartfelt thanks go out to all those members who volunteered their time and talents to help make our show a success. I do have to make an apology to the members who took the time to put a display in our show. It has been a tradition to show our gratitude by giving each member a certificate of appreciation for taking the time to prepare and present a showcase. I would like to thank all those members for their efforts. Your displays are always the heart of our show. They

show everyone who attends our show just what our great hobby is all about!

Our annual banquet is just a few weeks away. It will be held at the senior center just across the hall from our club workshop. If you have never attended our banquet, try to make it to this one. I hear we have the food catered from Beal Street barbecue. Plan on coming hungry and leaving full! As I stated earlier, I am going to be very busy moving and the closing dates on our homes fall right on the same date as the banquet! I will do my best to be there. If I am unable to make it, Bryant Hiiter has volunteered to fill in for me. As past president of our club, Bryant has been very helpful to me throughout the year. Thank you, Bryant, for your help and support.

On a closing note, I would like to hear feedback from all our members about our show. Is there any way we can improve the show? Let us know what you think. We are always open to new ideas.

Sincerely, Bob Kalis.



## 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.

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## 2016 Officers and Chairpersons

President: Bob Kalis, 734-320-3648  
 Vice President: Patty Fountain, 810-844-3970|  
 Secretary: Lori Keefer, 248-634-8657  
 Treasurer: Sheila York, 810-695-0509  
 First year Directors:  
     Sharon Krauthem, 810-701-3776  
     Dennis Gougherty, 810-986-9671  
 Second year Director:  
     Margaret Edmundson, 248-634-5046  
 Third year Director: Ed Oller, 810-241-8801  
 Hospitality: Venus Sage, 810-458-4290  
 Sunshine: Anna Pernicano, 248-486-4048  
 Shop Chairpersons: Ed Oller, 810-241-8801  
     Sharon Parker, 517-548-0675  
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     Isla Mitchell, 248-685-7804  
     imvm.1@netzero.com  
 Historian: Chuck Amberger, 248-787-6586  
 Library: Bryant Hiiter, 248-210-6138  
 Webmaster: Emily Saling  
 General Membership Meetings are held monthly on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 6 p.m. (Except in January and February when board meetings are held in the shop.)



## LGMS General Meeting minutes

September 13, 2016

Meeting called to order by President Bob Kalis at 6 pm with 19 members present. August's minutes were approved. Treasurer's report was approved and club is in good financial status.

Old Business: The club's annual show is this weekend. Bob thanked everyone who has worked on preparation for the show. The show will be held in the commons and 2 halls this year due to increase cost of renting the gym. The shop was cleaned by members today and Bill McGee placed all new splash shields in front of the machines.

Ed ordered 30 club T-shirts for purchase with medium and large costing \$11.00 and x-large \$12.00, xx-large can be ordered for \$13.00. Talk to Ed if you would like to order a T-shirt.

The microphone and amplifier used for silent auction has been provided by a friend of George P. It will not be available next year as George's friend wants to sell it. Gayland stated he has a microphone and amp. we can use for next year for show. Dennis stated we can put flyers for our show in State of Michigan welcome centers next year. Ideal flyer distribution time is 1-3 weeks before the show. The video for the show didn't get done this year due to a death in the filmer's family. Advertising for the show was put on Facebook. The Michigan Directors of the Midwest Federation will be giving our club an award at the show on Sunday. Gayland has a person lined up to make new housings for sanders and grinders.

New Business: The October Banquet will be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup>, at the Hartland Senior Center. The food will be provided by Beal Street Barbecue at a cost of \$17.00 per person. Dave Worden stated that a display case is available for the club to use near the main office to display items made in the shop. Bob will check on the display case. Bob and Ed attended the Midwest Federation Convention in August. They were approached to consider hosting a convention and show at our club in 2020. There would be 20-30 dealers and representatives from 8 different states. Bob will bring this consideration to the board in October for a vote. If board approves then it will be voted on by the club. The Midwest Federation needs to know by the end the year if we are willing to host the convention. Meeting was adjourned at 7pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Lori Keefer, Secretary, LGMS

### LGMS T-Shirts

The first order of T-shirts has sold out but additional shirts will be ordered.

See Ed Oller to place your order:

M and L \$11.00

XL - \$12

XXL - \$13



### 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.*

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### Nominees for 2017 offices

On behalf of the nominating committee, George Pernicano reports that the following individuals are nominated for the offices open in 2017:

President: Sherlynn Everly

Vice President: AnnMarie McFadden

First year board members:

Sharon Parker

Jim Hansen

### The Rockhound's Ten Commandments

1. Thou shalt not touch thy neighbor's minerals unless he places them in thy hand.
2. Thou shalt not test the strength of crystals by pinching, squeezing or biting.
3. Thou shalt not drop thy neighbor's fossil, for many do not bounce properly.
4. Thou shalt not place thy neighbor's specimen in thine own pocket.
5. Thou shalt not argue the name of that mineral too violently. Sometimes thou can be wrong.
6. Thou shalt not test thy neighbor's agates for hardness by rubbing them together.
7. Thou shalt not climb above thy neighbor's head when on a fieldtrip, lest thou art willing to spend the rest of the day digging him out.
8. Thou shalt protect thine eyes, hands, and feet so that thou can enjoy many more fieldtrips.
9. Thou shalt not encroach upon thy neighbor's digging, lest his hammer be dropped upon thy toe.
10. Thou shalt not complain about, or denounce the club officers under penalty of being elected one thyself!

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## Upcoming Events

October 1 and 2, 2016

### **Southeastern Michigan Gem, Mineral and Rock Superswap**

hosted by the Midwest Mineralogical and Lapidary Society  
Wayne County Fairgrounds, 10871 Quirk Rd, Belleville, MI  
Info: 313-278-5063 or [wbarr@umich.edu](mailto:wbarr@umich.edu)

October 15 and 16, 2016

### **Michigan Mineralogical Society Annual Show**

Macomb Sports and Expo Center, Building F, 14500 E. 12 Mile Rd, Warren, MI  
Info: Patti Graves-Wesolasky, 586-531-1680, [mmsgeograves@hotmail.com](mailto:mmsgeograves@hotmail.com). [www.michmin.org](http://www.michmin.org)

October 15 and 16, 2016

### **Flint Rock and Gem Club Annual Show**

Carter Middle School, Rogers Lodge Dr, Clio, MI  
Info: Bill Wendling, 810-638-5796, [bwrockbarn@century.net](mailto:bwrockbarn@century.net), [www.flintrockandgem.org](http://www.flintrockandgem.org)

October 21-23, 2016

### **Central Michigan Lapidary and Mineral Society Annual Show**

Main Arena, Ingham County Fairgrounds, 700 Ash St., Mason, MI  
Info: Robert Laylin, 517-349-3249, [l.r.laylin@gmail.com](mailto:l.r.laylin@gmail.com), [www.michrocks.org](http://www.michrocks.org)



## 2017 Dues are payable now

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

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### 2017 Livingston Gem and Mineral Society Dues

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

Adult membership(s) \_\_\_\_\_ x \$50.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Youth membership(s) (ages 13-17) \_\_\_\_\_ x \$25.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Total Payment \_\_\_\_\_

Newsletter preference: \_\_\_\_\_ snail mail, \_\_\_\_\_ email, \_\_\_\_\_ shop folder



## 2016 Show Shots



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## *Annual LGMS Banquet*

*on Tuesday, October 18, 2016*

*6 pm at the Senior Center, HSSC Building*

*Make your reservation by October 12*

*with Sheila York at 810-695-0509 or davestractors65@att.net*

*\$17.00 per person*