

The Living Stones

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Livingston Gem and Mineral Society

November 2016

President's Message

November is here and so starts the holiday season. Our annual show was more successful than ever so everyone should celebrate with a huge turkey dinner. I never thought we would do so well at our show. It is very pleasing to know that our club will be in good financial shape for the year to come. Many thanks to all our members who contributed to make this year's show a success! Our annual banquet was also a very good one. The food was excellent and everyone enjoyed the evening's activities. My hat is off to those members who took the time to organize the banquet. Unfortunately, this will be my last event for the year with the club. Our house is sold and we will be gone by the time this message is read. I have to say that I have enjoyed my short tenure as president of this great club. We have so many talented and kind people in our club. I will certainly miss not being able to come into the workshop on a regular basis.

On a brighter note, we have several members who have volunteered to take over in the coming year to help keep our great organization running smoothly. I wish them all the best in the year to come. Voting for club officers and board members will take place at the November meeting, so try to be there to get your vote in! I would put in an absentee ballot but I don't think it would change the outcome anyway. In my absence I have requested Bryant Hiiter to preside at the final two meetings this year. As

all of you know, Bryant has been instrumental in helping our club for many years now. Thank you once again, Bryant, for all you do for our club. With Thanksgiving a few short weeks away, I am sure many of our members are thinking about Christmas which always seems to follow by only a few days! Now is the time to finish that special project so that it will be ready by Christmas. I will be looking forward to receiving gifts from all our members this year! Ha Ha! I certainly wish everyone a safe and joyful Thanksgiving.

Sincerely, Bob Kalis



Holiday Schedule

The Lapidary Shop will be **closed** on
November 24 and 25 due to the
Thanksgiving Holiday

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.

2016 Officers and Chairpersons

President: Bob Kalis, 734-320-3648
Vice President: Patty Fountain, 810-844-3970
Secretary: Lori Keefer, 248-459-3196
Treasurer: Sheila York, 810-695-0509
First year Directors:
 Sharon Krauthelm, 810-701-3776
 Dennis Gougherty, 810-986-9671
Second year Director:
 Margaret Edmondson, 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
Newsletter and Membership:
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 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 3rd Tuesday at 6 p.m. (Except in January
and February when board meetings are held in
the shop.)



Margaret Edmondson

Sheila York

... and all your helpers for all the
planning, arranging, decorating
and setting up for our annual banquet.
A good time was had by all!

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: Ann Marie McFadden
First year board members:
 Sharon Parker
 Jim Hansen



“Livingston Gem and Mineral Society”

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



Newsletter delivery options:

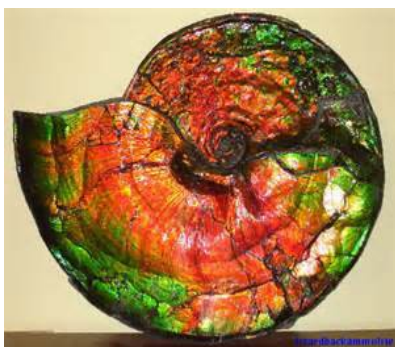
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Upcoming Events

November 5, 2016

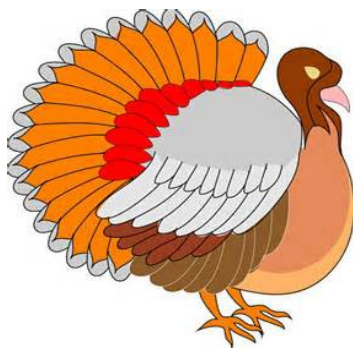
Midwest Mineralogical and Lapidary Society Auction

Democratic Club of Taylor, 23400 Wick Rd, Taylor, MI, 6-7 pm
Info: Dan Gumina, 313-776-8944, rtbrains@aol.com, www.mmls.us

November 14, 2016

Michigan Mineralogical Society Annual Auction

Cranbrook Institute of Science, 39221 Woodward Ave, Bloomfield Hills, MI, 7 pm
Info: Brad Zylman, beylman@twmi.rr.com, www.michmin.org



2017 Dues are payable now

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

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 = _____

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General Meeting Preparation

One of the agenda items at the November general meeting will be the assessment of our 2016 show.

With that in mind, Dave Worden has submitted the following

“Observations, suggestions, and questions”.

- The layout was quite good. It seemed to help guide people through the exhibits and vendors better than the gym did. The long hallway guided people through the club presentations, though some people didn't realize that we had vendors! See below. If the show grows in size, could we use the hallway where the scouts are for additional vendors? That would take more people past the Scouts and likely help their sales.
- The indoor signage was inadequate. Large signs at the end of the club display pointing to the vendors and the food offerings would help. Large signs pointing to demos and the shop would also help.
- Perhaps a few more demos in the hallways leading to the shop would help guide people into the shop. Many missed the shop and the knapping demo. Perhaps the carvers would be willing to demos in the hallway. Wire wrapping demo and perhaps a beading demo would be good there also. Try to fill the hallway leading to the shop with demos. Perhaps even showing the mineral displays here would help guide people while the displays of club members' work could remain in the main hall again, thereby separating the two types of displays.
- The kids' area was in a great location. It provided an opportunity for the kids to be “taught” and to have some fun before going into the vendor area.
- Demos in the shop are needed. Displays of completed work are nice, though I thought that was what the club display area was for! We ought to show people what we do and how we do it. One person sawing and 1 person grinding, 1 shaping, and 1 polishing would allow visitors to actually see what we do and what we offer. Perhaps a guide or 2 describing the action/ processes? Perhaps we could even give a few of the finished products (Petoskey stone cab?) to a visitor or two? A silversmithing demo would also be nice.
- Glass fusing and lamp work are probably not demonstrable safely, but perhaps someone with a small display and fireless demo might work. Perhaps we could put our rest/snack tables out in the hall (with the walls around it for privacy) and thereby open up the lamp work area for demo.
- More membership packets would be good.
- A bit more organization for the clean-up might make that go smoother. Having a sign up sheet for specific clean-up tasks may help. Maybe not.
- A scale drawing of the layout would GREATLY aid in set-up the tables. With copies of such a drawing, groups of two or three could set up areas independently (and correctly) without so much discussion and hand-wringing. The day of set-up is NOT the time to be discussing optional layout ideas. Question: Did we get any feedback from the vendors regarding the layout?
- The raffle prizes were VERY crammed together. Let's let the people see what they might win.
- The silent auction seemed lost. The only time I saw anyone paying attention to the announcements was during the raffle drawings! Perhaps the auction might be better on the right-hand side of the main aisle as the people come in and exit. (This would mean moving the club members' displays - perhaps into the aisle leading to the shop?). Perhaps the drawing prizes and the silent auction could share the right hand of the main hallway?
- There was some extremely inappropriate language used in the shop! We are a family club.

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General Meeting
on Tuesday, November 15, 2016
6 pm at the shop

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