

The Living Stones

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Livingston Gem and Mineral Society

June 2017

From the President:

Congrats to our intrepid UP rock hunters! Enjoyed all your posts on Facebook. Looks like you had a great time and made some interesting finds. Especially all that Mohawkite! Thanks to your work and research, our club now has great resources for future UP trips.

SHOP TALK

When cleaning the 80 grit grinder, please sponge out the water and waste into a bucket, not down the drain. Ed's had to unplug the drain recently. Keeping the grit out of the drain will help. New chop saw is here. To be set up by 6" saws. Please get a lesson from Ed before using this gravity-feed saw. Speaking of lessons, Jim Hansen is developing a new member orientation program for the shop. Dates and time TBD; available to all members.

SHOW TALK

Please remember to sign up for a block of time to work the Rockhound's Dream Show, Sept. 16 & 17. The show is our major fund raiser and we need all hands on deck to pull it off. We raise several thousand dollars for the club through the raffle and silent auction at the show. We need donations from you to fill the tables and delight our audience. Please be thinking about the little beauty you plan to donate.

CLUB TALK

Current membership: 142 adults, 5 kids.
General Membership Meeting PICNIC: June 20, 6 pm, Bryant Hiiter's house. It was decided at the

last meeting that our three summer meetings should be for fun and sharing, not business. So if attending meetings is not your thing, you're in luck! Come to a club picnic instead! Bring a dish to pass and a story to share. The Board of Directors will continue to meet throughout the summer to conduct the business of the club.

See you at the grinders!

Sherlynn Everly, President



Workshop Hours

Monday: 10 am to 1 pm
Tuesday: 9 am to 9 pm
Wednesday: 10 am to 9 pm
Friday: 10 am to 2 pm

LGMS General Membership Meeting Minutes for May 16, 2017

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 by President Sherlynn Everly with 34 members present.

General Information: June meeting will be a picnic at Bryant Hiiter's house. Bring a dish to pass and a beverage. (Directions are in the shop and on page 4 of this newsletter.) Phylis Keene is having a garage sale June 2, 3, 4 and 9, 10, 11. Lots of rocks for sale. Lynette West was in the hospital at St. Joe's in Pontiac; we will send a get-well card. Thanks to Bill McGee for the custom built shelving in the library. Isla Mitchell stated we have 5 new members making our count 139.

Library Update – Bryant Hiiter: 14 new books have been bought for library. Mike McDevitt donated an extraordinary book on Agates. This is a reference book and may not be checked out of library.

2020 Midwest Federation Gem & Mineral Convention – Ed Oller: Ed attended the convention in Minnesota. At the meeting on Saturday night, we were officially voted in as the host of the 2020 Federation Convention Show. Ed stated it would be nice if our club won a Merit award. This involves clubs' participation in hosting 4-H classes, field trips, etc; more information can be obtained from the Federation's web site.

Shop report: Chop saw has been ordered. It will be 14" drop saw, water cooled, gravity feed. You will lock the stone in before cutting. A reminder, we need to go slow on the saws. We have used 2 years' worth of blades just since the first of the year.

Additional volunteers are needed to open shop on Tuesdays and Fridays during the summer.

There was a discussion on how to orient new members. The board will try to formalize the process. There was a discussion on how to better clean the shop. The floor which is very dirty, needs to be cleaned at the end of the day when people aren't working on the saws and grinders. The board will look at the ideas presented and come up with a plan.

LGMS Rockhound's Dream Show – September 16 & 17: Lots of volunteers are needed. There is a sign-up board in the shop. 13 contracts were mailed out to dealers and 3 have been returned. Several club members have asked for tables. Donations for the silent auction and raffle are needed. The show will be in the gym this year.

LGMS Upper Peninsula Field Trip is May 20-27. Pictures of the trip will be posted on our Facebook page.

Education: Sherlynn passed around a list of proposed classes and asked if anyone would like to volunteer to teach a class. Ed Oller was recognized for teaching 120-140 elementary children about rocks in Nancy Bartel's classroom.

New Business: There was discussion about having formal general membership meetings at the summer picnics. Marbeth West made a motion that we have no formal membership meetings in the summer. Jim Hansen seconded motion. 33 voted yes, 1 opposed.

The Board will continue to meet monthly in the summer. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted
Lori Keefer, Secretary, LGMS

2017 Officers and Chairpersons

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 General Membership Meetings are held monthly
 on the 3rd Tuesday at 6 pm (Except in January
 and February when board meetings are held in
 the shop.)

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.

thank
you!

Lynette West extends her thanks for our get well card. She visited the shop recently and is looking forward to better days ahead.



**Rock and Garage Sale at
 Phyllis Keene's Home**
 1305 Applewood, White Lake, MI 48386
June 2, 3 and 4 and June 9, 10 and 11
 Friday, Saturday and Sunday
 each day 9 am to 5 pm

**Garage and Rock Sale at
 Chuck Amberger's Home**
 20815 Dixboro Rd, South Lyon, MI 48178
Thursday June 18 and Friday, June 19, 2017



“Livingston Gem and Mineral Society”





June 2-4, 2017

State Line Gem & Mineral Society Annual Show

Junior Fair Bldg, Fulton County Fairgrounds, 8514 SR 108., Wauseon, OH
Contact Sherm Kardatzke, (517) 673-5487; sakardatzke@mcom.com

June 3 and 4, 2017

"Michigan Rocks" at Bluegill Lake Family Camping Resort

15851 Pretty Lake Drive, Mecosta MI 49332
Info: www.bluegillcamping.com, 231-972-4455

June 23-25, 2017

Lawrence County Rock Club Annual Show

Lawrence County Fairgrounds, US Hwy 50, Bedford, Indiana
Contact Michael & Marjorie Tweedale, (812) 675-6034



**Directions to the potluck gathering at Bryant Hiiter's home
(June 20 at 6 p.m.)**

Directions: From the shop, take M-59 east for 8 miles, turn left on North Harvey Lake Rd. (requires a U turn or a "Michigan left"). Go 3 miles north to White Lake Road, turn right at the flashing red light. Go 2 miles to the roundabout, go left on Rose Center Rd. (unpaved). Go north about ½ mile, turn left on Bridle Lane (the only road off of Horseshoe). Hiiters are the first house on the left, 6510 Bridle Lane, Highland. 248-210-6138



The Historical connection between the Livingston Gem and Mineral Society (LGMS) and the Rangers 4-H Club

We will have to go far back in time to understand the special relationship that exists between our two societies. In 1966 the founders of the Rangers 4-H Club, John and Janet Rex, started the Rangers as a Beef Club. This was a very small club at that time. The current administrators leaders of the Rangers are Judy Paulsen and Jim Sparks. The Rangers 4-H Club has now grown to over 70 members. It includes projects such as photography, model rocketry, crafts, cooking, sewing, art, dogs, cats, rabbits, poultry, swine, sheep, goats and more.

Judy Paulsen graduated from Bethel College in Mishawaka, Indiana, and moved to Livingston County in 1978. She has worked at the Livingston Educational Service Agency as an administrative assistant since that time. Jim Sparks graduated from Michigan State University. He moved to Hartland in 1977 to manage Jonquil Farm, which belonged to John and Janet Rex. Under Jim's management, the farm supplied about 1,200 cattle yearly to the beef industry.

A few words need to be said about the 4-H movement itself, which started in Ohio back in 1902. In the beginning it was created as a Corn Club for boys only and Canning Club for girls a little later. Ribbons and prizes were awarded at county fairs for the finest specimens. The four H's, by the way, stand for Head, Heart, Hands and Health.

The Rangers first became involved with the LGMS back in the 1980's when Steve Assenmacher (one of our members) was working as the head of the Hartland Elementary Schools and his children belonged to the Rangers 4-H. This is the connection between the two clubs.

Members of the LGMS volunteered to teach lapidary classes to the children of the Rangers 4-H. These were beginning courses in cutting, grinding and polishing rocks and semi-precious stones. The Rangers won awards and prizes when they presented them at the annual Fowlerville Fair. The Rangers wanted to pay back the LGMS for teaching the children by volunteering to run the food concession at the LGMS annual Gem and Mineral Show. The Rangers have a food handlers' license which makes everything nice and legal.

The LGMS has always been deeply appreciative of our special working relationship with the Rangers 4-H and will do everything we can to keep it going for the many years to come.

This article is respectfully submitted to the club record.

Chuck Amberger, Club Historian

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**Potluck gathering at
Bryant Hiiter's home in Highland
Tuesday, June 20, 2017, 6 pm
take your chair and a beverage, plus a dish to share
directions on page 4 of this newsletter**

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