

The Living Stones

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Livingston Gem and Mineral Society

October 2017

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

FAST FACTS ABOUT THE 44TH ANNUAL ROCKHOUND'S DREAM SHOW:

Recorded Admissions on Saturday = 293
Sunday = 181 TOTAL = 474

Tee Shirt Sales during the show were pure profit! Thank you to Marianna and the team of club members who designed and produced our 2017 club shirts! We looked fabulous!

Setup was greatly facilitated by Zac's three friends on Friday afternoon. They earned their free tee shirts!

We kept all stubs from the drawing that had addresses and/or email addresses to build a data base for future club use.

Silent Auctions – more than 80 items were donated and auctioned! Thank you Ann Marie, Marianna and Lori Keefer for keeping it moving. Masculine items like spheres and staffs brought multiple bids.

A Big Thank You to Cinda Dawson for all the work she did to create beautiful new signs and update old signs for the show. Her Cricut was busy!

Thank you, Venus, for maintaining a great hospitality area for our vendors and volunteers.

35 new Members already paid! More to come! Outstanding job by Bill McGee.



Thank you, Bryant, and all the members who worked the club table. Our rock inventory is greatly diminished and we made \$1800!

Thank you to Ed Oller for getting us the best group of vendors the show has had in a long time. It was a good mix of product and price. Most of them were very complimentary of the show and the crowd. One of the Tourmaline Kings even joined our club!

Coming Up:

Tuesday, October 17th in the Senior Center, 6:00 p.m. "Show Well Done Celebration!" Pizza and salad provided. Bring a dessert to pass. General Meeting, Member Recognitions and Speaker on Precious Metals will round out the program.

Looking for volunteers to help a Den of Cub Scouts earn their EarthRocks! Badge. 6 – 8 Scouts on Monday evenings in the shop for four weeks starting January 8. Let me know if you are interested.

Club elections to be held in November. See me or George Pernicano, Nominating Chair, if interested in serving. Position vacancies are listed in the September Meeting Minutes.

See you soon!

Sherlynn Everly, President

LGMS General Meeting Minutes for September 12, 2017

The meeting was called to order by president Sherlynn at 5:45 with 35 members present. Board members attending were Sherlynn, Ann Marie, Sheila, Lori, Jim, Ed, Sharon Parker. After call to order, Sherlynn thanked all the members who had helped clean the shop on Tuesday. The floors were to be cleaned on Friday before show setup. Treasurer's report: Our savings have grown and we have no financial hardships. Equipment for the shop has gone up due to more usage.

Nominating Committee- In October we nominate members to run for officers and chairmanship positions that are expiring in December. We have 2 positions open for director chairman; these are 2 year terms. We need a new treasurer, hospitality and sunshine chairman, and a volunteer to fill in for secretary for the months of Feb. and March. Anyone interested should see George Pernicano or Sherlynn Everly.

Shop report: Chop saw has a new blade on order. We are waiting for new blades and other things to come in from Kingsley North and Rio Grande. The right hand trim saw's blade was worn down after only 2 weeks. Take your time on the saw! We will need education on how to use the new chop saw when new blade arrives. If you don't know how to use a piece of equipment, please ask. Don't use only the middle of a wheel. If you have a complaint against a member, use the complaint form and leave it in the office. Jim Hansen is teaching new members. The bases of the grinders are made of plywood, which doesn't mix well with water and they are rotting. A new metal casing will cost \$110.00 per machine. Gayland and Ed will put a proposal together on what it would cost to get new metal casings for grinders. Marv Martin talked about how to dump our sludge buckets. The extra sludge has been going to Bob K's to put in his garden. Make sure we run water when dumping down the janitor's drain.

New Storage off site: The board voted to not use the lockers near the gym for storage. It would cost the club \$85 per month and wouldn't be available anytime we might need it. We will pay \$850 for the off site storage and it will always be available to the club. After the show we will move rocks from show and rocks from Sheila's barn into the storage unit. We will need shelves in the unit.

LGMS Rockhound's Dream Show: We will start setting up for the show after 12 p.m. on Friday. The electrical will be laid out by Gayland and Marv. Members can bring snacks for Sat. and Sun. afternoons. 4 H kids will provide food for the show on Sat. and Sun. for a suggested donation. Bryant will be in charge of the club table. Material will be sorted out and the good things will be priced to sell. Gayland will haul leftover material to storage unit after show. We must be out of the gym by 8 p.m. both Friday and Sat. During cleanup after show, don't help vendors pack up. They set up and tear down their own tables. Every club member needs to be a security guard and report any suspicious behavior. Members can donate slabs to sell at the club table with profits going to the club. A big thank-you goes out to Marianna Ziegler-Hickey for ordering our Rockhound's Dream Show T-shirts which we will be wearing at the show. Also wear your LGMS badges if you have one.

New Business: Venus has donated a new coffee pot. The pot needs to be turned off on Friday and then back on Monday a.m. Bill Magee noted that some of the display cases need repainting and repair. He will look at that after show. Sherlynn Everly and Bryant Hiiter did a talk on rocks at the Holly Township library. 12 people were in attendance. Gayland made a motion to close the meeting, Lori seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Keefer

2017 Officers and Chairpersons

President: Sherlynn Everly, 810-965-5899

Vice President: AnnMarie McFadden, 248-884-8126

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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.)

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

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Our Mission

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The Chambered Nautilus

By Oliver Wendell Holmes, Sr.

This is the ship of pearl, which, poets feign,
Sails the unshadowed main,—
The venturous bark that flings
On the sweet summer wind its purpled wings
In gulfs enchanted, where the Siren sings,
And coral reefs lie bare,
Where the cold sea-maids rise to sun their streaming hair.

Its webs of living gauze no more unfurl;
Wrecked is the ship of pearl!
And every chambered cell,
Where its dim dreaming life was wont to dwell,
As the frail tenant shaped his growing shell,
Before thee lies revealed,—
Its irised ceiling rent, its sunless crypt unsealed!

Year after year beheld the silent toil
That spread his lustrous coil;
Still, as the spiral grew,
He left the past year's dwelling for the new,
Stole with soft step its shining archway through,
Built up its idle door,
Stretched in his last-found home, and knew the old no more.

Thanks for the heavenly message brought by thee,
Child of the wandering sea,
Cast from her lap, forlorn!
From thy dead lips a clearer note is born
Than ever Triton blew from wreathèd horn!
While on mine ear it rings,
Through the deep caves of thought I hear a voice that sings:—

Build thee more stately mansions, O my soul,
As the swift seasons roll!
Leave thy low-vaulted past!
Let each new temple, nobler than the last,
Shut thee from heaven with a dome more vast,
Till thou at length art free,
Leaving thine outgrown shell by life's unresting sea!



UPCOMING EVENTS

October 13 – 15, 2017

Michigan Mineralogical Society Annual Show

Macomb Sports and Expo Center, Bldg P, 14500 E. 12 Mile Rd, Warren, MI
Info: John Peters 313-255-7774, joopett13@hotmail.com

October 20-22, 2017

Central Michigan Lapidary and Mineral Society Annual Show

Main Arena, Ingham County Fairgrounds, 700 E Ash St, Mason, MI
Info: Roger Laylin 517-349-3249, l.r.laylin@gmail.com

October 21-22, 2017

Flint Rock and Gem Club Annual Show

Carter Middle School, 300 Rogers Lodge Dr, Clio, MI
Info: Bill Wendling 810-638-5796, bwrockbarn@centurytel.net

November 4, 2017

Midwest Mineralogical and Lapidary Society Auction

7 p.m., Democratic Club of Taylor, 23400 Wick Rd, Taylor, MI
Info: Dan Gumina, 313-776-8944, rtbrains@aol.com

November 4 and 5, 2017

Mid Michigan Rock Club Annual Show

Chippewa Nature Center, 400 S. Badour Rd, Midland, MI
Info: Debra Young, debiyoung50@yahoo.com

November 13, 2017

Michigan Mineralogical Society Annal Auction

7 p.m., Cranbrook Institute of Science, 39221 Woodward Ave, Bloomfield Hills, MI
Info: Brad Zyllman, 612-600-9484, bzlman@twmi.rr.com

2018 Dues are payable now

Tear off and mail to Sheila York, Treasurer, LGMS, 9525 E. Highland Rd, Howell, MI 48843
2018 Livingston Gem and Mineral Society Dues

Name _____

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

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

Total Payment _____

Newsletter preference: _____ snail mail, _____ email, _____ shop folder

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