

The Living Stones

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Livingston Gem and Mineral Society

April 2018

*Hosting the 2020
MWF Convention!*

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

What a turn out of club members at the Metro Rock Swap in Taylor on March 24! We had members buying and selling. When I was in the running business, they said every new runner influences four people around them to take up running or walking. Applying the same formula, just think of the positive influence our club is having for the lapidary arts, minerology, gemology and jewelry-making. We're awesome!

If you want another opportunity to purchase some great rough, slabs or specimens, don't miss the Oakland County Earth Science Club's Silent Auction and Rock Sale, April 4th at 6:30 pm. Details inside.

Jim Hansen is organizing a rockhounding trip to Rockport State Park near Alpena the weekend of May 11 - 13. Great opportunity to pick up Michigan fossils and hang out with other rock nuts in our beautiful Sunrise Side!



Workshop Hours

Monday: 10 am to 1 pm

Tuesday: 9 am to 9 pm

Wednesday: 10 am to 9 pm

Friday: 9 am to 2 pm

Sherlynn Everly, President

Summary of LGMS General Meeting Minutes from March 20, 2018

I **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 5:59 pm by President Sherlynn Everly with 10 board/committe members and 32 club members present.

II **Introduction of Board members and Committee chairs given by Sherlynn**

III **Treasurer's Report** - Given by Sheila York

A Silver purchase and use is working out well

B Thank you Jim for your donation to the club!

C Discussed other expenses and equipment sales in good standing – detailed report available, just ask Sheila or Sherlynn.

IV **Rockhound's Dream Show – September 15th & 16th – Call for Volunteers**

A Volunteer list will be up near the office window soon

B Looking for Show donations (Thank you Jennie for donating already!)

C Show vendor tables cost \$250 for 5 tables – talk to Ed

D Per Bryant – we will be HOSTING the 2020 Midwest Federation. This information should be on all correspondence (tickets, flyers, FB) and all members should be saying “**WE ARE THE HOME OF THE 2020 MIDWEST FEDERATION CONVENTION**” !!!!! Let's talk it UP

V **Summer Meetings:** As of now, meetings will be held in the shop for June, July & August - unless someone would like to host a picnic

VI **Shop Report – Ed O.**

A Equipment inventory is done and is on a thumb drive off site – Thanks to those that completed this project!

B Chop Saw for Sale - \$1,000 Or Best Offer ~ Big Bob to talk to an interested party; Sherlynn to make Sale Flyer; Jim to look on line for prices; Gayland to put on FB. Let's get it SOLD

C Auto Feed-Only Saw – Ed Trained a few people on this saw, so the blades should now last about a year

VII **Communications:** a New Private Facebook Page for Members in good standing will be in existence soon.

VIII **Consider 20 ton Hydraulic Potter Press with Jack – Discussion and vote**

A Majority vote open to the concept of purchasing this equipment costing up to \$1,500; will get detailed information before final vote and purchase (which will be AFTER the sale of the Chop Saw)

B Will probably house this equipment in the Chop-saw room

C Need to create a library-type checkout system to organize and hang dies

IX **Field Trip Reports –**

A Kentucky Mushroom Festival – not many spots left

B Rockport Field Trip – May 11-13

X **Rock of the Month Club:**

A Bryant & Jim to figure out time and dates for Rock of the Month Club

XI **Member Comments**

A Bryant – The club taught **21 4H Kids!!!** Thanks to: Ed Oller, Dan Goodwin, George Pernicano, Gayland Allen, Big Bob, Sharon Krautheim, Bill Magee, Chuck Amberger, Cinda Dawson, Bryant Hiiter, Nancy Bartel, AnnMarie McFadden

B Add Girl Scouts to the list for learning; Nancy & Sheila have connections

C TAYLOR SHOW – This SATURDAY, March 24th 10-5 @ St. Lutheran Northline & Telegraph. ~ See bulletin board

D Jim – Almost done building the shelves for the chop-saw room

E Isla – Shared Chet's opals with the club

F George – **NEW House RULE:** Foam mats are always wet; mats need to be stood up on their edge and leaned against the cabinet to allow the floor to dry.
MUST BE DONE ON FRIDAYS

G Pop and Water – **PLEASE make sure to pay** for all pop and water you use Payout is getting close to not paying for new inventory, so please be mindful

XII Please send your prayers to both members Dan Goodwin and Dennis Gougherty as they could use them right now due to illness. Thank you

Adjourned 6:58 pm.

Recorded by: Lori Irvin
standing in for Lori Keefer, Secretary

Our Mission

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2018 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.)

Club folders available

Have you considered receiving your newsletter in your own hanging file at the shop?

This saves the club time and money.

See Isla or Cinda if you'd like to set this up.



“Livingston Gem and Mineral Society”



Bob and Sharon Krautheim

Our Society has always been fortunate to the extreme when it comes to getting “the right people at the right time”. In 2005 when our rock shop had just moved into our new shop on Highland Road, we thought we had everything. But we soon came to see that we had a great new area for silversmithing, but no silversmith. Then, in accordance with our usual good luck, the Krautheims appeared at our doorstep, with all the silversmithing expertise that we could ever hope for. They also brought us a ton of mineral, mechanical and jewelry-making knowledge.

We can see by looking at their backgrounds how they picked up all this knowledge. Sharon Hedquist, before she married Bob, lived in Las Vegas, New Mexico. She was born on January 23, 1949. She graduated from Robertson High School and then went to Highland University where she majored in Philosophy and Home Ec. She also minored in Earth Sciences.

Bob's life began in a much more dangerous way. He was born three months premature and only weighed three pounds. (I think he did this just so the delivery would be easier on his mother.) But seriously, his life was very much in danger. The hospital where he was born did not think he would live. They sent him home to take his chances there. His great-grandmother nursed him back to health mainly on oatmeal and love. In just three months Bob was up to a more normal six pounds and on the road to good health. Bob was born in Mount Clemens, Michigan, on June 13, 1946. Bob's mother died when he was only two years old, so Bob and his sister moved in with his grandmother in Sarnia, Ontario, Canada. He was given the option of having either Canadian or American citizenship. He chose American.

Bob moved back to America and graduated from Robertson High School in Las Vegas, New Mexico. In his high school years, Bob accumulated four years of silversmithing, woodworking and a wide range of mechanical courses. Bob took one more year of silversmithing at Highland University. He then went on to serve four years in the U.S. Navy aboard the aircraft carrier Bon Homme Richard. In 1970, he came home and married Sharon Hedquist. They moved to Michigan in 1974, where Bob worked at Ford Motor Company in Wixom. He worked there as a maintenance welder and retired after thirty years.

When Bob and Sharon joined our club in 2005, the first thing Bob did was set up a first class, well-stocked silversmithing operation in our shop with everything we would ever need. Bob was also our Workshop Foreman for three years. Both Bob and Sharon started out by teaching silversmithing and metal casting on Tuesday nights after the general membership used the shop all day. They started the Wednesday classes and then the Friday classes. Sharon taught Dichroic glass making and helped set up the bead making facility with the glass melting torch and the rest of the materials for that operation. As our club increased in membership, we needed to be open four days a week, with Thursdays set aside for cleaning and fixing any worn down or broken machinery.

We are so fortunate to have this team working for us. Bob and Sharon are very much responsible for dozens of new members joining our ranks. We hope they will stay on as long as they want. They know how much we need them.

Respectfully submitted to the club record with a special
thanks to Bob and Sharon for sharing this story with us.

Chuck Amberger, Club Historian

Upcoming Events

April 4, 2018

Oakland County Earth Science Club's Silent Auction and Rock Sale

6:30 pm, at Christ Lutheran Church
5987 Williams Lake Rd (corner of Airport), Waterford, MI

April 5, 6, and 7, 2018

Indian Mounds Rock, and Mineral Club's 43rd Annual Gem and Mineral Show

Rogers Plaza Town Center, 972 - 28th St, Wyoming, MI
Info: indianmoundsrockclub.com

LGMS Kentucky Field Trip

April 24-26, 2018 Kentucky Agate Hunt

<http://www.mountainmushroomfestival.org>

April 27-29, 2018 Gem and Mineral Show

253 Main St., Irvine , KY

Information : Nancy Bartel, nancyp17@charter.net

May 4-6, 2018

Kalamazoo Geological and Mineral Society's Annual Show

Kalamazoo County Expo Center, 2900 Lake St., Kalamazoo.

Contact: Jerry VanNocker, (269) 979-3348; jervannocker@comcast.net

May 11-13, 2018

LGMS Rockport Field Trip

See Jim Hanson for information

May 19-20, 2018

Blossomland Gem and Mineral Society's Annual Show

Lake Michigan Catholic Elementary School, 3165 Washington Ave, St. Joseph.

Contact: Nancy Wolff, 2816 Thayer, St. Joseph 49085; (269) 983-4900;

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*Spring
has Sprung!*

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General Membership Meeting
April 17, 2018 at 6 pm in the shop
We would welcome finger food or munchies to share

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