

# The Living Stones

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Livingston Gem and Mineral Society

May 2018

*Hosting the 2020  
MWF Convention!*

## President's Message

I like statistics. Here's some on our membership:

APRIL	2015	2016
Members	126	139

(Membership dues increase)

APRIL	2017	2018
Members	132	185

REMINDER: Only 20 weeks til the 45th Annual Rockhound's Dream Show, September 15 & 16.

*Sherlynn Everly*, President

Facebookers, be sure to follow the club activities at LGMS Rocks Group Page. This is a private page, open to LGMS members only. There are already some great pictures there of our members rockhounding in Kentucky and the UP.

In the Shop: Mondays – Chuck Amberger is teaching leaded glass butterfly making. Tuesdays – Anna Pernicano will schedule wire wrapping classes upon request.

It's not too late to join a hearty group headed to Rockport State Park near Alpena on May 12 and 13. See Jim Hansen for details.

THE LIVING STONES – Isla does a wonderful job on our newsletter every month. One thing she'd like to add is more first-person articles from you. Reports from field trips, amusing anecdotes or real world stories from your lapidary adventures are welcome and encouraged. You can forward your stories to Isla at [imvm.1@netzero.net](mailto:imvm.1@netzero.net).



## 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 Meeting Minutes for April 17, 2018

1. Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 6pm by President Sherlynn Everly with 32 club members present. All members stated their names as new members were present.
2. Treasurer's Report: Sheila York wasn't present but club is in good financial status.
3. Rockhound's Dream Show – September 15,16: Ed Oller, Show Chairman, gave update: 3 dealers have signed up. There is room for members to sign up for a table. We need members to donate items for the show raffle and silent auctions. Our Raffle Grand Prize is Spectacular Copper. Raffle ticket sale will begin in May or June. We will be hosting the 2020 Midwest Federation Show and Convention on September 19 and 20, 2020.
4. Revisit Summer Meetings: Some members have voiced the request to have summer meetings outdoors. Dave and Sharen Worden volunteered to have the August meeting at their house. Lori Keefer and Ann Marie McFadden will look into having the June and July meetings at nearby parks.
5. Shop report: Equipment inventory is done. The report is on paper copy in office and on flash drive. It is laid out by areas. Thank you to Bill McGee for helping with this project. Chop Saw is still for sale at \$1,000 or Best Offer. Jim Hansen and Gayland Allen will be putting it on line. Auto Feed-Only saw is working out well. A lot of people are using it. We have already replaced the blade on the other saw for hard stones. People need to cut slowly on the saw. Jim Hansen said he purchased a new saw and wants to donate a 6 inch saw with a grinding wheel to the shop. Thank you Jim Hansen. Ed stated we need to buy covers for the sanders. We need 6 at \$47.00 apiece. A vote was taken whether to purchase the covers. All members voted for the covers, no nay votes cast. Ed will order covers.
6. "LGMS Rocks" is the name of our new facebook page for members only.
7. Field Trip reports: Kentucky Mushroom Festival – 5 members are planning on going. They will meet up separately. Rockport Field trip- May 11-13. There is a planning meeting on 4/18/18.
8. Rock of the Month Club: Bryant and Jim are still discussing day and time for the club. People coming to the meeting will learn all about a certain rock, where to find them, what you can do with them.
9. President's Annual Report: Sherlynn gave a report about clubs finances, membership and goals for the future. Members not at the meeting can obtain a copy of the report from the office.
10. Member Comments/New Business: There was a discussion among members about the club being open longer hours or on the weekends. With extended hours and on weekends there has to be two people to close shop. Hours for shop operation will stay the same at this time. Lavonne Foldenauer brought up a motion we buy the 20 ton Hydraulic Potter Press now before we sell the chop saw. Jim Parker seconded the motion. Motion was voted on and passed. Lavonne will ask Marianna to help with ordering the press. The cost of the press will be \$1,000.
11. Ed Oller provided rocks for our rock raffle. Thank you Ed!
12. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lori Keefer, Secretary LGMS



## 2018 Officers and Chairpersons

President: Sherlynn Everly, 810-965-5899

Vice President: AnnMarie McFadden, 248-884-8126

Secretary: Lori Keefer, 248-634-8657

Treasurer: Sheila York, 810-695-0509

Second year Directors:

Jim Hansen, 248-933-1482

Sharon Parker, 517-548-0675

First year Directors:

LaVonne Foldenauer, 517-546-5463

Bill Magee, 734-981-6117

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Venus Sage, 810-458-4290

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Webmaster: Marc Lampcov

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

### ***Our Mission***

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“LGMS Rocks” group page



## Upcoming Events

**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](mailto:jervannocker@comcast.net)

**May 5 – 6, 2018**

**Cincinnati Mineral Society Annual Show. Sharonville Convention Center,**

11355 Chester Rd., Sharonville, Ohio

Contact: Jim & Judy Budnik; (513) 575-1990.

**May 11–13, 2018**

**LGMS Rockport Field Trip**

See Jim Hansen for information

**May 12-13, 2018**

**Toledo Gem & Rockhound Club Rock/Jewelry Open House**

St. James Lutheran Church Gym, 4727 West Sylvania Ave, Toledo.

Michelle Gregore, 9525 Wolfinger, Holland 43528; (419) 270-7507; [mgrigoretgrb@gmail.com](mailto:mgrigoretgrb@gmail.com)

**May 19-20, 2018**

**Blossomland Gem and Mineral Society's Annual Show**

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

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

[blossomlandrockclub@gmail.com](mailto:blossomlandrockclub@gmail.com)

**May 26-27, 2018**

**Chicagoland Gems & Minerals Association Annual Show**

Kane County Fairgrounds, 525 S. Randall Rd., St. Charles, Illinois

Contact: Marge Dobrofsky, 6148 Elm St., Morton Grove 60053; (847) 334-4482;

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## LAKE SUPERIOR FACTS

Lake Superior contains ten percent of all the fresh water on the planet Earth.

It covers 82,000 square kilometers or 31,700 square miles.

The average depth is 147 meters or 483 feet.

There have been about 350 shipwrecks recorded in Lake Superior .

Lake Superior is, by surface area, the largest lake in the world.

A Jesuit priest in 1668 named it Lac Tracy, but that name was never officially adopted.

It contains as much water as all the other Great Lakes combined, plus two extra Lake Eries!!

There is a small outflow from the lake at St. Mary's River (Sault Ste Marie) into Lake Huron, but it takes almost two centuries for the water to be completely replaced.

There is enough water in Lake Superior to cover all of North and South America with water one foot deep.

Lake Superior was formed during the last glacial retreat, making it one of the earth's youngest major features at only about 10,000 years old.

The deepest point in the lake is 405 meters or 1,333 feet.

There are 78 different species of fish that call the big lake home.

The maximum wave ever recorded on Lake Superior was 9.45 meters or 31 feet high.

If you stretched the shoreline of Lake Superior out to a straight line, it would be long enough to reach from Duluth to the Bahamas.

Over 300 streams and rivers empty into Lake Superior with the largest being the Nipigon River .

The average underwater visibility of Lake Superior is about 8 meters or 27 feet, making it the cleanest and clearest of the Great Lakes. Underwater visibility in some spots reaches 30 meters.

In the summer, the sun sets more than 35 minutes later on the western shore of Lake Superior than at its southeastern edge.

Some of the world's oldest rocks, formed about 2.7 billion years ago, can be found on the Ontario shore of Lake Superior.

It very rarely freezes over completely, and then usually just for a few hours. Complete freezing occurred in 1962, 1979, 2003 and 2009.

Additional information about Lake Superior can be found at  
<http://www.law.umkc.edu/faculty/projects/ftrials/superior/superiorfacts.html>

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*General Membership Meeting*

*May 15, 2018 at 6 pm in the shop*

*Win a rock in Ed's rock drawing!*

*We welcome finger food or munchies to share*

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