

# The Living Stones

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Livingston Gem and Mineral Society

June 2018

Hosting the 2020  
MWF Convention!

## President's Message

You know, they say Michiganders embrace summer harder than most Americans. If picking rocks in ice and snow melt in Rockport State Park on Mother's Day weekend is any evidence, then I'm a Michigander. And there were about 30 other Mid-Michigan rockhounds at the park with Paleo Joe at the same time! Had a blast with Jim Hansen, Jim Parker and my husband, Jim Clark!

REMINDER: Only 15 weeks til the 45th Annual Rockhound's Dream Show, September 15 & 16. Thank you, Cinda, for helping design a post card for advertising purposes – available soon. Also coming are tickets for our Grand Prize Drawing of a copper plume. Each member is expected to sell/buy 10 tickets each.

Our members continue to step up and make our club better. Thanks again to Cinda for teaching a wire bracelet class to our members. I learned new techniques I later used to make toggles for a scarf. And I had a lot of fun with creative ladies.

Next General Meeting is Tuesday, June 19, 6 pm at Settlers Park in Hartland. A sign-up sheet will be in the shop for bringing a dish to pass. BYO plate and silverware, maybe a chair. See you there!

## 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



*Sherlynn Everly*, President

## LGMS General Meeting Minutes for May 15, 2018

- 1- Call to Order – 6:03 pm with 32 members
  - 2- Treasurer's Report – Sheila York provided details of the treasurers report.
    - a. Asking for increased description of money received other than "Rocks" want to add location or event, etc.
    - b. If you would like to review the treasurer's report, please see Sheila any time she is in the shop.
  - 3- Rockhound's Dream Show – Sept. 15 & 16
    - a. Gayland referred to Ed 11 interested vendors for this show and the 2020 show
    - b. Donations for Show Raffle & Silent Auctions being accepted
    - c. Spectacular Copper for Raffle Grand Prize – Tickets will be ordered by next week per Ed Oller
    - d. Volunteer Sign up for the Show is posted – please pick your time(s)
    - e. Marketing – Anyone with printer connections?
      - i. Want to do full color postcards to mail out to data base and at Rest Stops in the State
      - ii. Cinda & SherylN will make a list for Rock & Gem Magazine
      - iii. Free Calendar posting in MLive
      - iv. Craigs List, TV Shows Free Talk – ABC Flint
      - v. Giant Banner – will check with Hartland regarding rules to hang a banner.
  - 4- Summer Meetings – All interested in Outside Meetings
    - a. June – Settlers Park by township Hall in Hartland
    - b. July – Seven Lakes State Park, Holly – hosted by Holly Members
    - c. August – Dave and Sharen Worden's House, Waterford
  - 5- Shop Report – Chop Saw still for Sale – will put up on FB sites
    - a. Potter Press update – Ordered delivery next week to be received by Zack & Marianne. 20% discount on all accessories
      - i. Can use this with Copper, Brass, Fine & Sterling Silver.
      - ii. ED is donating cabsS and all proceeds go toward the press for purchase of dies... THANK you ED! Also Bake sales proceeds will go toward the press
    - b. Need Polisher bowls for dripping – to keep this area cleaned
  - 6- Communications & Membership – Cinda, Isla
    - a. Need first person articles for newsletter
    - b. Website – Need new Web Master – Sheila Y. to follow up
  - 7- Field Trip reports
    - a. Kentucky Mushroom Festival
    - b. Rockport May 11-13 – good trip
  - 8- Rock of the Month Club
    - a. Will be held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of ea. Month at 2 pm.
    - b. 1<sup>st</sup> one is June 13, 2018 at 2 pm  
Tourmaline is the Rock of the Month for June... Feel free to bring in examples
  - 9- Member Comments
    - a. In trim saw room, buckets are for oil only. PLEASE separate out paper towels and rags to put in trash.
- Rock Raffle – Thank you ED!  
Adjourn 6:47 pm
- Respectfully submitted,  
Lori Irvin, secretary pro tem, LGMS

## 2018 Officers and Chairpersons

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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.)



“LGMS Rocks” group page



## Tony and Lynette West's Rocky Garage Sale featuring lots of new material!

June 7-10 and June 14-17, 2018

9 am - 5 pm each day

3679 N. Milford Rd, Highland, MI

(about 2 miles north of M59)

248-887-2615



## Rock of the Month Club

Bryant Hiiter and Jim Hansen are organizing this new club activity which will be held on the second Wednesday of each month at 2 pm. The first meeting is on Wednesday, June 13, and will feature Tourmaline. You are invited to bring samples and come to learn and discuss.

## 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.*

## Upcoming Events

**June 1-3, 2018**

**Stateline Gem and Mineral Society Annual Show**

Fulton County Fairgrounds, 8514 SR-108, Wauseon, Ohio

Info: Glenda Dafner, 517-403-6310, [ggafner@frontier.com](mailto:ggafner@frontier.com)

**June 7-10 and 14-17, 2018**

**Tony and Lynette West's Rocky Garage Sale**

See page 3 of this newsletter

**June 9-10**

**Richland Lithic and Lapidary Society Annual Show**

Arts and Crafts Building, Richland County Fairgrounds, 750 N. Home Rd, Mansfield, Ohio

Info: Tom Kottyan, 419-562-1152, [themineralhouse@netzero.com](mailto:themineralhouse@netzero.com)

**June 9-10**

**Nature's Expressions** going out of business sale!

3443 Daleview Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48105

Info: 734-994-3048, [naturesexpressions.com](http://naturesexpressions.com)

**June 22-24**

**Lawrence County Rock Club Annual Show**

Lawrence County Fairgrounds, US Hwy 50, Bedford, Indiana

Info: Michael and Marjorie Tweedale, 812-675-6054

**July 14, 2018**

**Flint Rock and Gem Club Rock Swap**

Flint Rock and Gem Club Classroom, 10350 N. Saginaw Rd, Clio, MI

Info: Bill Wendling 810-638-5796, [bwrockbarn@centurytel.net](mailto:bwrockbarn@centurytel.net)



## Kentucky Agate Fieldtrip

Nancy Bartel

I am standing in the creek with the water rushing past me looking for agates, the sights and sounds of being outdoors engulfing me. Bill was farther up the creek on his own hunt for agates. There were mountain views all around us. It was a constant tug, to look for agates, then breathe in the serenity and beauty of the landscape. Bill and I took the guided tour on Thursday and Sandy and John enjoyed it on Tuesday. Sandy's group went to a couple of different spots to hunt. Bill and I might have done that, but we missed the meeting and got left behind. A few blister agates and small Kentucky agates were found along with a huge mud rock agate wanna be. If we had stayed with the guide, I might have found that out before lugging that extremely heavy rock all the way to the truck. We had made plans to meet up with Sandy and John later that night to share our prizes and socialize around the campfire. We would meet up with Ed the next day at the gem and mineral show. The rock show was busy. Many people attended and they kept shuttling in students from the schools. I hadn't quite made it around to all the dealers when Ed and Bill asked me if I was ready to go. Isn't it funny how men shop differently than women? They said they had already been around three times. I thought I was being conservative, only talking with each dealer about ten minutes. The dealers were interesting to talk to and willing to barter for rocks. I had taken some of my cabochons with me and when we left the show I had only spent \$15.00. My best trade was for some Botswanas which I later found out were Ed's. He had traded them to that dealer for a rock and I traded the dealer for the Botswanas. Ed, Bill and I went to lunch while Sandy and John stayed in town to look around. We would meet up with them again, later, for another campfire. After lunch, Ed, Bill, and I decided to explore the Red River Gorge area. Armed with the maps app on my phone and hopeful for service, we set out to explore the beautiful countryside. Fortunately, Ed brought real maps. The roads we took were white knuckle beautiful. My job was to watch the turns and yell car when one was approaching and Bill's job was to not drive over the edge. We stopped along the way to hike up to the Natural Bridge, and eat. Bill cooked brats for dinner. We ate with a creek (Kentucky's word for river) on one side and the mountains on the other. Later that night we shared another campfire with Sandy and John. The campfires were relaxing and it was nice to be around members of our club sharing the experiences of our trip. Sandy showed us an agate she bought at the golf course that she and John were at. It was whole so she had to wait to be surprised at the beauty she later found inside it. Our trip was in its final days. Sandy and John would pack up their campsite the next day to head home and Ed would also be leaving, although Ed would be leaving to go to another rock and gem show before heading home. Bill and I were going to the Mushroom Festival and to do a little more sightseeing before heading back on Sunday. There were people everywhere at the festival. I couldn't believe that the mushrooms cost more than many rocks. I thought back to how excited that guy on our hunt was to find mushrooms instead of agates. Now I understood why. We finished out the day sitting by a waterfall and taking in the countryside. Kentucky is beautiful. On our way home the next day we went to two places to look for fossils and to Nether's farm to find some flint. We're looking forward to next year.





Livingston Gem and Mineral Society  
9525 E. Highland Road  
Howell, MI 48843-9098



*June 19, 2018 at 6 pm*

*Potluck Picnic and General Meeting at Settlers Park*

*from the LGMS shop, go about 1 ½ miles east on M59 to Clark Road*

*(just past Meijer), then north (make a Michigan left)*

*on Clark Road about ¾ mile to the park on the left.*

*Bring your own plate, silverware, beverage and a dish to share – plus, maybe a chair..*

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