

# The Living Stones

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Livingston Gem and Mineral Society

July 2018

Hosting the 2020  
MWF Convention!

## President's Message

Thank you to Bryant, Jim Hansen and Dave Grimes for conducting our first Rock of the Month club. It was well attended and the information provided on tourmalines was very informative. Looking forward to the next one.

With about 200 members, we need to make sure we are utilizing all our space. Please be sure your name is clearly identified on any drawer you are using. One drawer per member should be sufficient. Any drawers not clearly marked by the end of July will be emptied, and the contents become the property of the club.

**ROCKHOUND'S DREAM SHOW –  
SEPTEMBER 15 & 16 - ONLY 11 WEEKS  
AWAY!**

Each member is expected to buy or sell tickets for our Show Drawing. These tickets are in an envelope with your name on it in the shop right now. Please pick it up (saves postage), as well as any show postcards or flyers you need to distribute to your friends or at other shows and sales.

Enjoy the Fourth of July week and be mindful of the heat. Rock Shop will be closed only on July 4<sup>th</sup> so come in another day and cool off..

*Sherlynn Everly, President*

## 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

**Closed on the July 4 holiday**



## LGMS Board Meeting Minutes June 13, 2018

1. Call to order: Meeting was called to order at 3:30 pm by President, Sherlynn Everly with 9 board members present.

2. Treasurer's Report: Sheila York wasn't present so Sherlynn gave treasurer's report. Club took in \$2,066 for the month and spent \$2,123 which includes new press.

3. Rockhound's Dream Show – September 15 & 16. Update from show chair – Ed Oller: 13 dealers have paid. We would still like a bead dealer. Prize drawing tickets are printed and available in the shop. If members could pick up their tickets in the shop it would save on postage. All members are expected to sell or buy prize drawing tickets. Members who haven't picked up their tickets will receive tickets in the mail with an advertising postcard or flyer which ever is more economical. Promotions will be post cards and signs. Sherlynn plans a show meeting in two weeks. T-shirts: Marianna Ziegler was in charge of printing out club T-shirts for the show last year. We will ask her to inventory how many shirts we have from last year, if we need to order more, and if we want to change the logo or color. Shop sales: we have an offer from T. Everly (Sherlynn's brother) to use waterjetting to make stone cutouts such as bears, state of Mi., ect. We need to get him slabs of the stone we want to use such as petosky stones. Ann Marie will be in charge of the cutout shapes and type of stones we use. We could sell the cutouts at the show. Gold panning for kids: Sherlynn will talk with Gayland who knows a man who does the gold panning for kids and see if this would be a worth while activity for kids at our show. We would need volunteers to help with the gold panning for about 10 hours.

4. Summer Meetings: Tony and Lynette West have offered to host our July picnic at their home. Parking may be a problem since everyone wouldn't be able to park in their driveway. It was suggested we make a sign for handicap parking only in the driveway. Other members need to park on the road.

5. Shop Report: Chop saw is still for sale. The agreed on price is \$700.00 with buyer pickup. Potters press is here. Profits from the beads and stone for sale in the shop will go for dies for the press.

6. Communications and Membership: Isla stated we have nearly 200 members. Website: It needs an update but Marc who runs the website is out of town working most of the time. We need to have the newsletters and show information posted on the website. Ann Marie will talk with Marc.

7. New business: Drawers in the shop that are used for members rocks. New members have asked if there are drawers they can use for their rocks. Some members have several drawers and some drawers are without names or have names of past members. Drawers need to have first and last names on them. If a member has more than one drawer, we are asking them to consolidate to one drawer by July 30. If past members still have a drawer we will try to contact them to remove their rocks. Empty drawers will be given to new members on a first come first served basis.

8. Move the beading station : Lavonne asked about moving beading station [subject to approval at the next General Membership Meeting] since it doesn't get used much. Sherlynn said Sharon Krautheim would like to teach a beading class. It was voted on and passed that Sharon Krautheim would be granted membership for all the work she and Bob do for the club.

9. Meeting was adjourned at 4:30

Respectfully submitted,  
Lori Keefer, secretary



## 2018 Officers and Chairpersons

President: Sherlynn Everly, 810-965-5899  
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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 for Members Only”  
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### Directions for July Potluck

From the shop, go east on M59 to Milford Road, then north about 2 miles to Tony and Lynette West's home 3679 N. Milford Rd, Highland, MI (on the west or left side of the road) 248-887-2615

Note: Road parking available. Please leave yard parking for handicapped members.

### Rock of the Month Club

Meeting on Wednesday, July 11 at 2 pm; Bryant Hiiter and Jim Hansen will lead the discussion on **OPALS**. Come to learn and share your specimens.

### 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

**August 4, 2018**

**Rock Sale at D. Demerly's Rocks, Retired after 40 years in the business!**

8 am to 4 pm at 29043 Alvin St, Garden City, MI

[Many bargains, great variety, no early arrivals please!]

Info: [ddraw@comcast.net](mailto:ddraw@comcast.net)

**August 4, 2018**

**Ishpeming Rock & Mineral Club Annual Show**

Ishpeming Elks Club, 597 Lakeshore Dr., Ishpeming

Contact: Ernie Johnson; (906) 228-9422; [ejohnson@nmu.edu](mailto:ejohnson@nmu.edu)

**August 10 -12, 2018**

**Copper Country Rock and Mineral Club Annual Show**

Houghton Elementary School, 202 W. Jacker Ave, Houghton, MI

Contact: Norm Gruber, 1850 Clark St., Marquette 49855; (906) 228-6764; [show@ccrmc.info](mailto:show@ccrmc.info)

**August 11, 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)

**September 7 -9, 2018**

**Toledo Gem and Ropckhound Club**

Stranahan Exhibit Hall, 4645 Heatherdowns, Toledo, Ohio

Contact: Steve Shimatski; (419) 861-0147; [sjs132@gmail.com](mailto:sjs132@gmail.com)

**September 15 – 16, 2018**

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**Our own Livingston Gem and Mineral Society's Annual Show**

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Have you signed up to volunteer? Have you prepared your showcase?

Participate! Enjoy!



## Rock Collections Aren't Complete Without One Resembling Brisket The Chinese think specimens that look like meat are juiciest; fat and skin help

exerpted from an article by Te-Ping Chen, *The Wall Street Journal*, May 14, 2018  
submitted by John Petito. Thanks, John!

Some Chinese rock collectors prefer jade, others prettily crenelated limestones that look like pieces of pork. Stones that turn up in some riverbeds have a rosy or caramel-colored hue, making them resemble pieces of meat. They “look just like pieces of pork freshly plucked from a pot, some stewed, others braised or deep fried,” says one collector.

They originate on “Meat-Rock Mountain.” Storms sweep the rocks down to the river, where they are picked up by the many collectors here in the hills of central China. The nearest town, Lushan, boasts a museum dedicated to meat rocks and plans another. A local meat-rock research committee was formed last year and now has hundreds of members.

Collectors in other parts of China also have rocks that resemble meat. Lushan and other local governments hope meat rocks will draw investment and tourists. Across China, various governments have seized on monikers ranging from “Land of Donkey-Hide Gelatin” - a traditional Chinese remedy- to “Land of Big Drums” which a southern region known for its plus-size drums has embraced. Development has lagged in Lushan, a mountainous region where farmers hawk mushrooms and honey roadside. “Meat rocks are a resource we can develop to promote the economy,” says Xing Chunyu, vice-chair of a local political advisory body.

Nationwide, prices for meat-rock specimens have boomed, helped in part by the country's state broadcaster, which in recent years has aired multiple segments spotlighting meat rocks. Stones bearing the most striking resemblance to meat can sell for thousands of dollars. “Everyone can appreciate meat rocks,” says Yuan Ziming a collector from the northeast city of Tianjin who, like many, prefers to photograph his treasures on plates with real vegetables to boost their verisimilitude. (He also has a favorite stone that resembles a potato.)

Lushan's guidelines, which were published by the provincial government late last year, classify meat rocks into more than a dozen subcategories. These include definitions for what kinds of rocks look like beef, bacon and chicken and suggest stones should appear to have fatty meat, lean meat and skin, with pores, to be considered high-quality. Rocks are graded on a 100-point scale. Few places may be able to match all those attributes, critics of Lushan's standards say. Some, like Luizhou, in the south, carve their rocks, which purists frown on. Size also matters in Lushan's standards.

China's appreciation of meat rocks is centuries old, part of a tradition among scholars and connoisseurs who seek out stones in the service of meditation or beauty, prized for their resemblance to everything from mountains to mythical creatures. In the case of meat rocks, the stones contain varying degrees of quartz and silica; high-iron content in some brings out a reddish hue. Riverbeds and hot springs add polish to the finishes. The world's most famous meat rock is a piece of jasper carved to resemble a slice of braised pork belly. A gift to a Qing Dynasty emperor some 300 years ago, it rests in Taiway's National Palace Museum and is featured on postcards and museum memorabilia.

Back in Lushan, meat-rock aficionado Liang Peng says he hopes their stones can help put the county on the map. In 2015, he founded the China Lushan Meat-Rock Museum, where slabs of rocks – some the size of small boulders – sit carefully plated inside glass cases. It sees a slow trickle of visitors, mostly meat – rock enthusiasts from elsewhere in China. “We aren't a big city like Beijing or Shanghai,” Mr. Luang says. “But our meat rocks are the country's finest. We should be proud.”





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*July 17, 2018 at 6 pm*

*Potluck Picnic and General Meeting at Tony and Lynette West's Home*

*(see directions on page 3 of this newsletter)*

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

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