

The Living Stones

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Livingston Gem and Mineral Society

December 2018

Hosting the 2020 Midwest Federation Convention

President Sherlynn's Message

As we head full steam into the holiday season, here are some things to remember:

On bad weather days, if the Hartland Schools are closed, the shop is most likely closed as well. The exception might be when we've had several days in a row of closings. Then the Senior Center might be open, and the shop will be as well. Best to check our Facebook page if in doubt.

We also follow the Hartland Schools holiday schedule as well. The shop will be closed December 22 through January 2, 2019. I hope you get all your projects done in plenty of time.

Our Annual Club Christmas Party is at 6 pm on Tuesday, December 11 in the Hartland Senior Center. Check inside for details on our contests. Bring a dish to pass and a gift (value \$10) to exchange.

Also at our Party, the new LGMS Officers will be sworn in to their positions. I want to thank Sharon Parker and Jim Hansen for serving as two-year directors, and Lori Keefer for her many years of service as the Club Secretary. Ann Marie McFadden, Vice President and Sheila York, Treasurer, as well as Bill Magee and Lavonne Foldenauer, second year Directors, will provide a solid, experienced base for our newly elected Board

members. I am confident new President Cinda Dawson will bring fresh energy and enthusiasm to the club. Lori Irvin, Treasurer, Dan Goodwin and Jim Parker, first year Directors, will round out the 2019 Board of Directors.

It has been interesting and fun being your president the past two years. I admit I look forward to spending more time on rocks than on paperwork. I also look forward to working with the new Board members and Committee Chairs to meet the challenges and opportunities ahead for our club.

Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and Best Wishes for a Joyous Holiday Season!

Sherlynn Everly,
President



LGMS General Membership Meeting for November 20, 2018

1. Call to order: Meeting was called to order by President Sherlynn Everly at 6:00 p.m. with 29 members present.
2. Financial report: Sheila York, treasurer, reported that the club is in good financial status. She will have the total profits of our show next month because the rent of the gym is still outstanding, with Hartland adjusting the amount of rent due to lack of janitor help.
3. Shop Report: Bill Magee reported that we are in the process of replacing the bottom tray and base of the grinders and polishers so they aren't wood. It will cost about \$150-\$200 for each double setup. Gayland Allen will work on the plumbing and drainage system. We need to wipe out the trays when we finish grinding and put drainage in the white pitchers so drainage doesn't plug up the system. We are in need of a new shot tumbler which will cost about \$200. It was voted on and passed to purchase a new shot tumbler. A big thank-you was given to Jim Hansen and Bill Magee for all the new initiatives they have implemented as shop chairmen.
4. Membership Report: Isla Mitchell reported we have 248 members. There is a box in the shop called the shop folder where members can have their newsletters placed instead of having them mailed. It saves on postage, so members need to ask Isla to make them a folder, and remember to pick up your newsletter every month.
5. Storage Unit Clean out Squad: Sherlynn stated our storage unit is still very full, even after our show. Members volunteered to help clean out unit on Tuesday, Nov. 27 at 1:30. Members will meet at the shop and carpool. We have many buckets of Petosky stones. Some will be brought back to the shop for members to take if wanted.
6. December Christmas Party: We will have a silent auction with items from our storage unit. There will be a \$10 stone-related Christmas wrapped gift exchange. We will have several stone competitions with a \$5 entry fee. Categories will be: Best polished cabochon (front and back), Best picture in a polished stone, Best stone jewelry item.
7. Election of 2019 Officers: The following slate of officers were voted on as a group with unanimous passage. Cinda Dawson, President; Ann Marie McFadden, Vice President; Lori Irvin, Secretary; Sheila York, Treasurer; Jim Parker 1st Year Director;

Dan Goodwin 1st year Director; Bill Magee 2nd Year Director; Lavonne Foldenauer 2nd Year Director.

8. Members' Comments: Bryant Hiiter commented on the new blue signage our building has for the variety of activities that take place here. There is no signage for LGMS. Gayland Allen commented on Hartland Youth Football complaining about lack of parking for them during our show. Dealers are locked into the date of our show so we will have to look for another solution to the problem other than moving the show date. Bill Magee recommended that our library purchase various rockhounding books for visiting different states, Bryant stated we have \$250 available in the library fund so that purchase will be possible. A suggestion was made to purchase or have a 40 inch TV be donated to use at our show. We also must look into purchase of a better microphone and speaker system for the show. The Mid-West Federation has lots of videos we can borrow if we have the equipment to view them.

9. Meeting was adjourned at 6:39.

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Keefer, secretary LGMS

Workshop Hours

Monday: 10 am to 3 pm
Tuesday: 9 am to 9 pm
Wednesday: 10 am to 9 pm
Friday: 9 am to 2 pm

Holiday Closing Schedule

The lapidary shop will close at the end of the day on Friday, December 21 and will reopen on Wednesday, January 2, 2019



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
 Hospitality and Sunshine:
 Venus Sage, 810-458-4290
 Shop Chairpersons: Jim Hansen, 248-933-1482
 Bill Magee, 734-981-6117
 Sharon Parker, 517-548-0675
 Newsletter and Membership:
 Isla Mitchell, 248-685-7804
 imvm.1@netzero.com
 Membership: Cinda Dawson, 810-632-6922
 Historian: Chuck Amberger, 248-787-6586
 Library: Bryant Hiiter, 248-210-6138
 Webmaster: John Myer
 www.livingstongems.com or
 www.livingstongemandmineralsociety.com
 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.)



“LGMS Rocks for Members Only”
 group page

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.

Rock of the Month Club

Wednesday, December 12, 2018, 2 pm
 (second Wednesday of the month)

Jim Hansen and Bryant Hiiter will lead the
 discussion on **Red and Green Rocks**.

Come to learn and share your specimens!

Bill Micol's Open House and Sale

Bill's extensive collection of stones and
 other artifacts will be on sale on Tuesday,
 December 11 and Wednesday, December 12
 from 9 am to 5 pm
 3089 W. Commerce, Milford, MI 48381
 248-842-1705
 Come to shop or admire the wonders.
 10% of the proceeds is donated to LGMS.

Weather-Related Shop Closings

Remember that when Hartland
 Consolidated Schools are closed,
 the shop is closed. Check with
 radio and TV announcements.

Perfume: Caution!

Fragrances are so pleasing to some and
 such a source of headaches (really!) to
 others. Please remember to limit your use
 of perfumes in the shop. Thanks for being
 considerate of others.

Twas the Night Before Christmas

by Beth Pinnel (with thanks to Nancy Johnson)

Twas the night before Christmas when all round the hill not a rockhound was stirring. The wind was e'en still.
The stockings were hung round the campfire with care in hopes that St Nicholas would find them out there.

The kids were nestled all snug in their beds while visions of Gemstones danced in their heads.
I in my longjohns and Ma in her gown had climbed in our bedrolls and were settled all down.

When outside the camper there arose such a clatter, I sprang from my bed to see what was the matter.
Away to the door I flew like a flash tripped on a rock but pushed down the latch.

The moon on the crest of the hillsides around gave the luster of midday to the dark desert ground.
And there in the moonlight where the rocks gleamed like jewels came a tiny ore wagon and twenty small mules.

Bells jingled and jangled from each mules' hame, while red and green ribbons streamed from its mane.
Down the canyon they came with such a clatter and bang I was certain they'd awaken the whole rock club gang.

Canteens and buckets and shovels and hammers – tied to the wagon had caused all the clamor.
Then I saw the old driver so lively and quick, I knew in a moment it must be St. Nick.

More rapid than eagles his mule train came while he whistled and shouted and called them by name.
Whoa, Nellie! Whoa, Pete! Go, Prince and Beauty. Easy there, Bell, you long eared cutie!

And around the campfire those tiny hooves thundered, while I gasped and stared and truly wondered.
Then they came to a halt not a stone's throw away snorting and stomping, reluctant to stay.

Down from the wagon jumped the old mule skinner, St. Nick, all right but a whole lot thinner.
He was short and wiry, and gone was the belly that was said to have shaken like a bowl full of jelly.

He was wearing a Stetson and scuffed cowboy boots along with his fur-trimmed, baggy red suit.
His cheeks were like roses, the chalcedony kind, wrinkled and hard, with a pink luster shine.

And in his eyes was a gleam that you'll only see when a rockhounder found gold where none ought to be.
He wasn't the round jolly elf that's usually described, but an old desert rat, tough as mule hide.

With a nod of his head and a wink of his eye, he turned to the wagon that was loaded sky high.
Sack after sack he threw to the ground while whistling and chuckling, a right merry sound.

Soon the wagon was empty, the load on the ground, he started his stuffing of stockings around.
From greasewoods and Joshuas and the sagebrush they hung, long socks and short socks, we'd all put out one.

'Twas then that I saw that his gifts were to be rubies and opal, a jade ming tree.
Some turquoise and topaz, a blue garnet sphere, handfuls of emeralds and all crystal clear.

My eyes were bedazzled, my heart beat wild. Was I only dreaming like some sleeping child?
He turned to me then, his work done at last, and answered the question I'd silently asked:

"All rockhounds are dreamers, they gotta be – or they wouldn't call diggin' rocks no bloomers' hobby"
Then with a grin and a leap he was up on the seat, picked up the reins and braced both his feet.

The mules gave a snort with a bound took right off, straight through the air like a whirlwind aloft.
But I heard old Nick call ere he drove out of sight: "Merry Christmas to all and to all a good night".

Club Christmas Skills Contest

Submit your best work in any or all of our three fun categories:

* Best polished (front and back) cabochon

* Best picture in a polished stone

* Best Jewelry of your choice

Judging will be by club members at the Christmas party

\$5.00 entry fee per category

Submit entries with \$'s, name and stone to AnnMarie.



2019 Dues are payable NOW

Tear off and mail to Sheila York, Treasurer, LGMS, 9525 E. Highland Rd, Howell, MI 48843
2019 Livingston Gem and Mineral Society Dues

Name_____

Please note any changes in address, email address or phone number_____

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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9525 E. Highland Road
Howell, MI 48843-9098



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on Tuesday, December 11, 2018
6 pm at the Senior Center
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