

The Living Stones

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Livingston Gem and Mineral Society

April 2019

Hosting the 2020 Midwest Federation Convention

President's Message

We had our first General Meeting of the year on March 19th. It was great to see so many new members there. Everyone seemed to enjoy the movie about copper replacement agates, with minerals, from the upper peninsula of Michigan.

Our next meeting will be held on April 16th, at 6pm. It will take place in the workshop, and therefore, no members will be able to work on stones that evening. I am working on ideas for rock related presentations for the next few months.

The Oakland County Earth Science Club, aka "The Waterford Club", will be hosting a silent auction this Wednesday evening, April 3rd, at 6:30pm, at the Christ Lutheran Church, 5987 Williams Lake Road, in Waterford. If you like "Lakers", you'll love this auction.

A new 400 grit polishing machine (with new platform, trays, covers, motor, belt, and plumbing) was installed on Friday. Thanks so much to Bill Magee for spending huge amounts of time putting this all together. Thank you also to Jim Hansen, Greyson, and anyone else who worked so hard to remove the old polisher, and install the new one. I'd also like to thank these same awesome people, for dedicating last Friday to fixing up the trim saws.

Please, everyone your part to keep the grinders and polishers clean. Please wipe out any sediment in the trays, AND everywhere on the machine, even if someone is waiting to use

it. Also be gentle to our poor, overworked trim saws. We should not have to replace the blades so frequently.

If you have an idea for a new piece of equipment, or a tool, for the club to buy for general use, please ask for a "Wishlist Form". I will have some printed out for people to take home. The form must be filled out completely to be considered. The form includes manufacturer's name(s) and part number(s). If the item costs more than \$100 it should include 3 bids from competing companies. Please take some time to do some research so the club does not overpay. Also, it helps to read reviews to see if the tool works well, or if it has some problems.

I hope that we get to see some more springtime weather, and I also hope you can attend the next General Meeting on April 16th.

Cinda Dawson, President



LGMS General Meeting

March 19, 2019

1. Call to Order – 6:04 pm

a. **In attendance:** a total of 33 members including board members.

2. **Approve Minutes** – Motion to approve minutes by Bryant, 2nd by Bill with unanimous vote to approve minutes with no changes.

3. **Treasurer's Report** – Sheila York provided details of the treasurer's report. Current accounts are in good standing. If you would like to review the treasurer's report, please see Sheila any time that she is in the shop.

4. **Shop Report** – A new guillotine cutter will be researched by Ann Marie and Gayland to find most appropriate one for use in the shop.

a. **Upgrading Polishers** being done by Bill includes making them all cohesive and more interchangeable.

ALL Members MUST wipe the machines down after each use to ensure longevity. **Big saw** - a NEW blade will be purchased for all to use & **thank you to NEIL** for the new steel pulley for the repair of the big saw.

b. **Glass Beads** - Grayson will help teach those who are interested in making beads.

5. **Membership** – We have 188 paid members in good standing as of March 1, 2019.

a. **Newsletter** – The Living Stones newsletter will be emailed directly to members or it may be picked up in the shop.

6. Rockhound's Dream Show 2019 – Sept. 21 & 22

a. We will be providing additional parking of 80 spots on Saturday to increase parking for our event. We may be sharing this cost with football program.

7. American Federation National Show March 23-24, Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Sherlynn will be representing LGMS at this show.

8. Howell Garden Club Presentation

April 24th at 6:30 pm – Provide a presentation and talk about rocks. Any volunteers?

9. Oakland County Earth Science – Waterford Club SILENT AUCTION – Wed. April 3rd at 6:30 pm. 5987 Williams Lake Road at Airport Road. John Kelly's collection including: petrified wood, Lakers, Montana & Brazil Agate, mineral samples. A LOT of MACHINERY: Tumblers, flatlaps, motors, saws, combination machines with buffers, saw and wheels. Also display cabinets. If interested in machines, ask President Greg Lemke to show you the machine room.

10. **Taylor Rock Swap** – Saturday March 23rd 10 am-5 pm.

11. **Rock hounding Field Trip to Alpena– April 27-28** – Saturday: Rockport, Sunday: Gravel Pit. We will leave Saturday morning and stay over Saturday night. Jim H. will let us know some options of where to stay.

12. **Michigan Mineralogical Society** – offered us 3 demonstration tables at their show October 11-13 – need volunteers.

a. Also we can attend one of their meetings held on the 2nd Monday of each Month:

April 8th MI Columbus Doug Houghton; May 13th From Coal to Fossil Fuel Alternatives; June 10 – Australia Stromatolites.

13. Bluetooth speakers to be researched by Gayland for use during our shows

14. Flint Ridge OHIO Field Trip to be Announced.

15. **Adjournment** – Motioned by Bill, 2nd by George with unanimous vote taken to adjourn meeting at 6:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Irvin, Secretary

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

Rock of the Month Club

Wednesday, April 10, 2 pm
(second Wednesday of the month)

Jim Hansen and Bryant Hiiter will lead the
discussion on

Fluorescent Rocks

Come to learn and share your specimens!

2019 Officers and Chairpersons

President: Cinda Dawson 810-423-0464

Vice President: AnnMarie McFadden, 248-884-8126

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Webmaster: John Myer

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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.)



“LGMS Rocks for Members Only”
group page

In Memorium

Margaret Edmundson

3/12/44-3/18/19

*Our long time fellow club member and good friend
passed away recently. She was talented and generous
and served our club in many ways. Our condolences to
her husband, Garland, and the rest of her family.*

Rockport Field Trip

Jim Hansen is planning a Rockport quarry
field trip on **April 27 and 28**. Details are
posted on the bulletin board.
Yay! Spring is here!



MY WEEKEND IN CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA

March 22 – 24, 2019 – Sherlynn Everly

My main purpose in going to Cedar Rapids was to attend the Midwest Federation of Mineralogical and Geological Societies (MWF) Annual Convention. This is the one we are holding in conjunction with our show in September of 2020, with lodging, meals and meetings being held at Waldenwoods Resort. Our setup will be similar to Cedar Rapids, as the convention was at the Ramada Plaza while the Cedar Valley Rocks and Minerals Society's (CVRMS) 55th Annual Rock, Gem and Mineral Show was held at Hawkeye Downs, about a mile south of the hotel.

In addition to the MWF holding its annual meeting, the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies (AFMS) also held its National Show and Convention. The AFMS part of the rock show consisted mainly of judging competitive displays and having an information table. I attended the delegates' meetings on Friday and got a much better understanding of their purpose, and how the MWF fits in with the other five regions: California, Eastern, Northwest, Rocky Mountain, and South Central.

There is an AFMS Scholarship Foundation, and it awards \$48,000 total in Scholarship Grants each year to 12 graduate or masters-level students, studying in a related field. Candidates are nominated by the Clubs in the Regions, and two scholarships per region are granted. To date, they have awarded over \$2 million in donations.

A totally separate group, American Lands Access Association (ALAA), presented its case for keeping Federal Lands open to Recreational Rockhounding. They would like clubs to complete a summary sheet after each field trip that would allow them to collect data that will strengthen the arguments, such as quantifiable use and economic impact. ALAA promises that all information will be kept confidential, and only used in the aggregate, or if needed to defend a club in a dispute.

The CVRMS Rock Show was awesome! There were 23 vendors, and it had about 5000 visitors over two days. The venue, Hawkeye Downs, was about twice as big as ours. It had three stations breaking geodes and an incredible sluicing operation. My favorite tee shirt: STOP – I Saw A Rock! Best purchase: A bag of Botswanas!

Next Month: Summary of the Midwest Federation Convention Annual Meeting. What we talked about, things they offer, and what we need to do in preparation for hosting them in 2020!



Our Mission

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Upcoming Events

April 4-6, 2019

Indian Mounds Rock and Mineral Club's 44th Annual **Gem and Mineral Show**

Rogers Plaza Town Center, 972 - 28th St, Wyoming, MI

Contact: Kreigh Tomaszewski, 616-243-5851, kreigh@gmail.com, www.indianmoundsrockclub.com

April 13-14, 2019

Columbus Rock and Mineral Society Annual Show

Northland Performing Arts Center, 4411 Tamarack Blvd, Columbus, Ohio

Info: Craig Kramer, 614-436-4511, show-info@columbusrockandmineral.com society.org

April 27-28, 2019

Summit Lapidary Club and Akron Mineral Society's Semi-Annual Show

Emidio and Sons Expo Center, 48 East Bath Rd, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio

Info: Sandy Shorter, 8510 Grouse Ridge Dr, Chardon, OH 44024, 440-479-0069, gemboree@outlook.com

May 4 and 5, 2019

Cincinnati Mineral Society and the Cincinnati Dry Dredgers' **Geo Fair 2019**

Sharonville Convention Center, 11355 Chester Road, Sharonville, Ohio

Info: GeoFair.com

May 18-19, 2019

Blossomland Gem and Mineral Society Annual Show

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

Info: Pam Kriegsmann 630-779-8258, blossomlandrockclub@gmail.com

May 18-19, 2019

Parma Lapidary Club Annual show

Soccer Sports Plex, 31515 Lorain Ave, N. Olmsted, OH

Info: Holly Zewalk, parmalapidary@yahoo.com, www.parmalapidary.org

May 31 – June 3, 2019

State Line Gem and Mineral Society Annual Show and MSHA Training by Joel Vicary

Fulton County Fairgrounds, Junior Fair Building, 1814 SR 108, Wauseon, OH

Info: Sherman Kardatzke 517-673-5487, sakardatzke@gmail.com, <http://statelinegms.com>



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General Membership Meeting
April 16, 2019, 6 pm
in the shop

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