

The Living Stones

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Livingston Gem and Mineral Society

May 2019

Hosting the 2020 Midwest Federation Convention

President's Message

I hope that everyone who went on the Rockport Quarry and gravel pit field trip adventure, stayed warm this past weekend. It will be great to see what people found.

I want to thank Sherlynn along with Nancy Bartel, for their awesome work on a presentation for the Howell Garden Club on April 24th. Sherlynn brought a collection of rough rocks, slabs, and cabochons to display, and talked about the history of LGMS. Nancy did a fabulous job talking about places to hunt for rocks in Michigan, and brought a lot of tools and rockhounding gear to show the gardeners. Afterwards they spent time identifying rocks for the people that brought them to the meeting.

Our meeting in May will be on the 21st. Patti Graves-Wesolosky, also a member of the Michigan Mineralogical Society, will present "Hunting Along the Lake Superior Shoreline of the UP". This will be great timing for anyone planning to vacation in the UP this summer. Since our April meeting had over 40 people, I will look into obtaining a classroom for the May meeting so seating should not be an issue. The workshop will be closed after 6 pm on May 21st. Signs will be posted on the door, identifying the meeting room number.

I would like to teach a jewelry class on Thursday, May 9th. It will be in the workshop from 1 pm-3 pm. The topic will be Ultraviolet Resin Pendants. All materials will be provided for a \$5 fee. There will be a 12 student limit. I can run the class a 2nd time on the 23rd or 30th of May, if necessary. I will post a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

If anyone else would like to teach a jewelry class, please let me know. We would appreciate anyone willing to share their knowledge. I'm also interested in hosting polymer clay activities on Thursday afternoons, perhaps in June.

I am looking forward to the Ohio flint field trip on May 17th.

I hope that everyone enjoys the springtime flowers and warmer weather this month.

Cinda Dawson, President



LGMS General Meeting

April 16, 2019

1. **Call to Order** – 6:04 pm; Motion to approve minutes by Sheila, 2nd by Gayland with unanimous vote to approve minutes with no changes.

a. **In Attendance:** a total of 46 members including board members

2. **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 on Tuesdays and some Wednesdays.

3. **Shop Updates** –

a. Bill updated 400 polisher
b. Ordered 10 saw blades from Amazon Prime at a discount
c. Big saw will be fixed tomorrow, Trim saw will be fixed in 1 week, Large shot tumbler is down.

4. **Show Updates** –

a. Applying for MI Lottery Charity Raffle License approval takes 8 weeks; then we can print tickets with permit number on them
b. Need Apprentice to learn from Ed for future Shows – Lori Irvin Volunteered
c. Yooperlite Dealer is coming to the Sept. show
d. Ed will provide 1 stone Cab to Silversmiths and wire wrappers to make an item for the auction. Once completed, Ed will give them 2 more stones.
e. ALL members should donate at least 1 item for the silent auction. It does not have to be a rock (last year a quilt was donated). DEADLINE FOR donations is SEPTEMBER 13th.

5. **Howell Garden Club Presentation April 24th at 6:30 pm** – Provide a presentation and talk about rocks. Sherlynn and Nancy volunteered

6. **Wireless Speakers** for Silent Auction researched by Gayland at ABC Warehouse. Portable Unit with wireless microphones, battery powered and plug in, with 2 pedestals less than \$300. Motion to purchase speakers by

Marianna; 2nd by Jill. Motion passed unanimously.
7. **Guillotine** for cutting silver. Two quotes both \$459; with tax and shipping approx. \$520.

Discussion was closed with Motion by Jim; 2nd by AnnMarie. Motion taken to purchase the Guillotine by Ann Marie; 2nd by Sheila. Vote taken and motion passed by membership 21 to 6.

8. **Visit MMS** for their meeting on June 10th 7 pm on Stromatolites from Australia.

9. **Rock hounding Field Trip Alpena**– April 27-28 – Saturday at Rock Port, Sunday at Gravel Pit. We will leave Saturday morning and stay over Saturday night. Members can stay in Alpena; it is off season, so hotels will be readily available for you to make your own reservations.

10. **OHIO Flint Ridge Field Trip – Friday - May 17th** – Meet there by 11 or noon Pot Luck LUNCH there on a grill, so bring a dish to pass (Area is Rustic – 20 minutes to food or bathroom)

a. \$7.50 a day, then 50 cents /lb.

Additional Informational Flyers and road trip sign-up located on the shop board.

11. **Research Volunteers for LGMS Swag** – Magnetic Nametag, T-Shirt & Trinkets for the Midwest Federation Banquet – Lori I., Marianna, Danielle

12. **Updated Membership Application** – Stating that membership is from Jan 1st – Dec. 31st and add selections of interest for people to volunteer hours

13. **4H** – There will be 6 Teaching Sessions held on Mondays 6-8 pm for 4H participants. Shop not available to LGMS members during this teaching time; April 22, 29 & May 6, 13, 20, 27 & June 1st. Thanks to Teachers: Bryant, Dan, Jim, George, Grayson, Gayland, Ed, Cinda & Ann Marie

14. **Adjournment** – Motioned by Bryant, 2nd by Jim with unanimous vote taken to adjourn meeting at 7:06 pm.

15. **Thank you Ed for donating all the items for the Meeting Raffle Giveaways!!!**

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Irvin, Secretary



Rock of the Month Club

Wednesday, May 8, 2 pm
(second Wednesday of the month)

Jim Hansen and Bryant Hiiter will lead the
discussion on

Emeralds, Rubies and Sapphires

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

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

Grab Bags Needed

Please contact Isla Mitchell if you are
able to help by sewing grab bags for the
Children’s Table at the show.

(imvm.1@netzero.com)

Ohio Flint Ridge Field Trip May 17

Details on the shop bulletin board
For additional information, see Nancy Bartel
810-923-5567



THE MIDWEST FEDERATION OF MINERALOGICAL AND GEOLOGICAL SOCIETIES,
or MWF for short

Last month I wrote about my experience in Cedar Rapids, Iowa where I attended the Annual Conventions of the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies and the MWF. I represented our club and voted at the Council of Delegates meeting on Saturday, March 23.



This is a map of the Midwest Federation Region.
There were 116 member clubs last year; approximately 7000 adult members and 900 youth.

I learned a great deal about the MWF and what they do for rock clubs like ours. Some highlights from my notes:

Julie and John Donker are our Michigan MWF Representatives.

MWF Library – There is a large library of DVDs that can be used by clubs. They are sent out two times per month and cost \$5 plus the return postage. If a member creates a program worth sharing, they might win a \$200 cash prize.

MWF Endowment Fund – The dues our club pays to MWF go directly to cover the insurance for our show. They use Endowment money for special projects. The latest is a 1-year subscription to “Mini Miners” electronic magazine for those clubs paying their dues on time. They raise funds through donations and by holding a silent auction at their annual convention.

MWF and Newsletter – Regularly updated Club news, event listings, and educational resources.

MWF Scholarship Program – Clubs can nominate a member or someone prominent in earth sciences to be the annual honoree. If chosen, that person gets to choose a college or university and in cooperation with that school, select two students in earth science fields to receive a \$4000 scholarship each.

As you know, we will be hosting the Midwest Federation annual convention during our show in September 2020. I’m happy to oversee the arrangements for the convention, and will be looking for 5 or 6 people to help me. Next month I will outline the activities we will be responsible for when we host the Best Darn MWF Convention EVER!

Sherlynn Everly, Past President, LGMS

Upcoming Events

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>

June 8-9, 2019

The Richland Lithic 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.net, www.rlls.webs.com

June 21-23, 2019

Lawrence County Rock Club Annual Show

Lawrence County Fairground, US Hwy 50, Bedford, Indiana

Info: Dave Treffinger, (812) 295-3463; www.lawrencecountyrockclub.org



Our Mission

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9525 E. Highland Road
Howell, Michigan 48843-9098



General Membership Meeting

May 21, 2019, 6 pm

Presentation on Hunting Along the Lake Superior Shoreline of the UP

by Patti Graves-Wesolosky

see shop for details on the meeting room

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