

# The Living Stones

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Livingston Gem and Mineral Society

October 2019

*Hosting the 2020 Midwest Federation Convention*

## President's Message

The 2019 Rockhound's Dream Show was a success! Thank you to all of the wonderful volunteers who made it bigger and better than ever. My favorite part of the show was seeing so many people helping and having fun at the same time.

Thank you to our show Committee Chairman Ed Oller, and his protege Lori Irvin. This past summer I created committees for the show to help divide up all of the work, so it did not get piled onto a few people. I hope to use this system next year when we are hosting the Midwest Federation. People helped in the following categories:

Advertising	Security
Children's Table	Signs
Children's Dig	Shop Demonstrations
Club Table	Silent Auction
Displays	Social Media
Hands-On Experiments	T-shirts
Floor plan/Electrical	Ticket Drawing
Membership	

Please consider which committee you would like to help with next year. The more participation we have in advance, the better the show will be.

Thank you also to all of our demonstrators who put in a lot of hours in the workshop. We had demonstrations for silversmithing, faceting, wire wrapping, and glass bead making.

In general, we had about 50 fewer people attending on Saturday than last year. However, Sunday there were about 100 more people. The attendees will increase next year with the MWF committee members, and we will expand our social media presence.

The income generated from the show will be about the same as last year, and we will use the money for repairs and upgrades to the workshop, as well as rebuild our "Building Fund" nest egg which might be depleted in the near future for electrical work.

Although the overflow parking lot didn't get a lot of use this year, we will need it or a school bus from the Target parking lot next year. We will compare pricing and see how the Warm N' Cozy Bazaar operates with it this December.

If you have suggestions for improving the show next year please fill out a suggestion form, including a description of how these changes could be made, and whether you can participate in making it happen. I will have them available on the bulletin board outside the office.

Chuck Amberger created a document years ago titled "A Timetable for Planning the Annual September Rock Show". And the 2nd to last paragraph has some very helpful advice. "Remember that things do not always go as planned and small crises will always arise. None of these things can stop the show, it will go on. Be patient and remember to have fun, that's what it's all about." Thank you, Chuck, for sharing your wisdom.

On October 15th we will have our Annual Banquet. This is a time to celebrate the show and thank our vendors. We will give out the Max Shultz award to a member, or members, who deserve special recognition. Attendance has been a little low so we are looking into something new for entertainment. See page 6 of this newsletter for details.

I am so grateful for all our supportive members, and I hope that you can make it to the banquet.

*Cinda Dawson*, President

## LGMS General Meeting Minutes

**September 17, 2019**

1. **Call to Order** – 6:01 pm; Motion to approve minutes by Jill A., 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim H. With unanimous vote to approve minutes with no changes.

a. **In Attendance:** a total of 29 members including board members.

2. **Financial Updates** – Current accounts are in good standing.

a. New Procedure for money pickup at show. Also credit/debit card purchases will be run through Square at the Admission Table with a 3% fee added.

3. **Shop Updates** – Ordered new 20” saw blade & four 10” saw blades. Bill Magee finished the new 220 Polisher. Thanks Bill! Splash guards are to be used correctly please.

4. **Rock Sale** to members has paid for the purchase price of the collection already.

5. **Cabochon-athon** created over 40+ cabs for our silent auction! Thank you to everyone!

6. **Membership Form** is updated.

7. **Fire Department Inspection** Meeting mid October – to determine electrical and plumbing upgrades and alignment with code. To use Building Fund for this & discuss rent guarantee.

8. **Show Updates** – Thank you to ALL who donated items and your time towards the Show!

- a. We will test speakers in the gym.
- b. The A-Frame Signs are up.
- c. Please share information and photos on FaceBook to advertise the show!
- d. Hired a parking lot monitor on Saturday only 7:30am -7pm.

### 8. New Business

a. Annual Banquet will be held in October with Cracker Barrel as the suggestion for catering.

b. Do we want to put up a **Sign** promoting the shop on side of building?

9. **Adjournment 6:51pm** – Motioned by Gayland, 2<sup>nd</sup> by AnnMarie with unanimous vote taken. 7:00 pm Member potluck followed.

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, October 9, at 2 pm  
(second Wednesday of the month)

Jim Hansen and Bryant Hiiter will lead the  
discussion on  
**Conglomerates and Porphyry**  
**(Rocks in rocks)**

Come to learn and share knowledge!

### 2019 Officers and Chairpersons

President: Cinda Dawson 810-423-0464

Vice President: AnnMarie McFadden, 248-884-8126

Secretary: Lori Irvin, 810-820-0494

Treasurer: Sheila York, 810-695-0509

Second year Directors:

LaVonne Foldenauer, 517-546-5463

Bill Magee, 734-981-6117

First year Directors:

Dan Goodwin 810-252-0026

Jim Parker 517-548-0675

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

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Membership: Cinda Dawson, 810-632-6922

Historian: Chuck Amberger, 248-787-6586

Library: Bryant Hiiter, 248-210-6138

Webmaster: John Myer

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www.livingstongemandmineralsociety.com

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.)

### Be a Joiner!

Join the club's **TWO** facebook groups!

Spread the word about our club from the public  
group page!

**"Livingston Gem and Mineral Society"**



Keep informed about club activities at  
**"LGMS Rocks for Members Only"**  
group page



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### Annual LGMS Banquet

Tuesday, October, 15, 2019

At the Senior Center

Join us for great food, good company,  
prizes and entertainment.

\$14.00 per person

Sign up by October 11 and prepay at the  
shop!

(Thanks to Sharon Krautheim for making the  
arrangements)

A couple of favorite show photos:

Sharon, Mel, Jill and Sheila at the Admission Table  
Mel, Cindy and Sue at the Hands-on-Children's Table



### 2020 Dues are payable now

Please complete this form, tear off, and mail to  
Sheila York, LGMS, 9525 E. Highland Road, Howell, MI 48843

### LGMS Membership Renewal 2020

Last name (please print)		First name	
Address		City	State Zip code
(Area code) Phone number		Email address	
Hartland School District resident <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no		Newsletter preference: <input type="checkbox"/> shop <input type="checkbox"/> email	
Adult membership(s) _____		x \$50.00 = _____	
Youth membership(s) (ages 13-17) _____		x \$25.00 = _____	
Total Payment		_____	

The club is much more interesting, and really cannot function without volunteer help. Please mark the categories where you would like to contribute.

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|---|--------------------------------------|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shop/Machine Maintenance | <input type="checkbox"/> Field Trips | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership       | <input type="checkbox"/> Publication/printing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Board position           | <input type="checkbox"/> Presenter   | <input type="checkbox"/> Website/internet | <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education/4H             | <input type="checkbox"/> Auctions    | <input type="checkbox"/> Media/marketing  | <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality          |

## Upcoming Events

**October 5-6, 2019**

**Midwest Mineralogical & Lapidary Society Rock Swap**

Wayne County Fairgrounds, 10871 Quirk Rd., Belleville, MI

Contact: Bill Barr, (505) 803-4888, [wbarr@umich.edu](mailto:wbarr@umich.edu); Tom Morris, Jr., (313) 278-5063 [www.mmls.us](http://www.mmls.us)

**October 11-13, 2019**

**Michigan Mineralogical Society Annual Show**

Macomb Sports & Expo Center, Bldg P, 14500 E. 12 Mile Rd., Warren, MI

Contact: John Peters, (313) 255-7774; [joopett13@hotmail.com](mailto:joopett13@hotmail.com) [www.michmin.org](http://www.michmin.org)

**October 18-20, 2019**

**Central Michigan Lapidary & Mineral Society Annual Show**

Ingham County Fairgrounds, Main Arena, 700 Ash St., Mason, MI

Contact: L. Roger Laylin, (517) 349-3249 [www.michrocks.org](http://www.michrocks.org)

**October 19-20, 2019**

**Flint Rock & Gem Club Annual Show.**

Carter Middle School, Rogers Lodge Dr., Clio, MI

Contact: Bill Wendling, (810) 638-5796, [bwrockbarn@centurytel.net](mailto:bwrockbarn@centurytel.net) [www.flintrockandgem.org](http://www.flintrockandgem.org)

**November 2, 2019**

**Midwest Mineralogical & Lapidary Society Rock Swap** Sales tables 6 pm; Oral auction 7 pm.

Democratic Club of Taylor, 23400 Wick Rd., Taylor.

Contact: Dwayne Ferguson, (313) 550-9809, [shelby0671111@yahoo.com](mailto:shelby0671111@yahoo.com) [www.mmls.us](http://www.mmls.us)

**November 2-3, 2019**

**Mid Michigan Rock Club Annual Show.**

Chippewa Nature Center, 400 S. Badour Rd., Midland.

Contact: Debra Young, (989) 245-0343; [debiyoung50@yahoo.com](mailto:debiyoung50@yahoo.com) [www.midmichrockclub.com](http://www.midmichrockclub.com)

**November 11, 2019**

**Michigan Mineralogical Society Annual Auction.**

Cranbrook Institute of Science, 39221 Woodward Ave, Bloomfield Hills.

Contact: Brad Zylman, (612) 600-9484; [www.michmin.org](http://www.michmin.org)



### ***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.*

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**Annual LGMS Banquet**  
*at the Senior Center*

*Tuesday, October 15, 2019, 6 pm*

*Celebrate your club and enjoy the entertainment!*

*Make your reservation at the shop - \$14.00 per person*

Livingston Gem and Mineral Society was established in 1970. The annual membership fee is \$50.00 for adults and \$25.00 for youth ages 13-17. There is an additional fee of \$1.00 per day for workshop use. Annual dues and annual shop fees are due on January 1 of each year. The Livingston Gem and Mineral Society publishes The Living Stones. Non copyrighted articles may be reprinted provided that they are properly attributed. Newsletter deadline is the 20th of each month. Articles or correspondence can be sent to LGMS Hartland Consolidated Schools, 9525 E. Highland Rd. Howell, Michigan 48843-9098.