

The Living Stones

Page 1

Livingston Gem and Mineral Society

December 2019

Hosting the 2020 Midwest Federation Convention

President's Message

At our November meeting we voted for five out of six LGMS officers. Unfortunately, no one has stepped up to be President next year. I'm hoping someone will volunteer before the end of the year.

At the last meeting we voted to have our holiday party on December 10th. The second Tuesday of the month, rather than the third Tuesday. Having the party a week earlier than normal seemed to work better for most people's busy schedules. I just hope it works with Mother Nature, and any snow storms that might come our way.

This year our holiday party will have 4 friendly competitions, instead of 3. For a \$5 entry fee (per category) members can submit one item, to be voted on by all members in attendance. The categories are "Best Handmade Jewelry", "Best Picture in a Stone", "Best Polished Cabochon", and "Anything Goes". The winner in each category will receive \$50 plus the money collected from the entries.

The Best Polished Cabochon can be made from any type of rock. The Anything Goes entry must be handmade, and lapidary related. So you might want to start thinking about which category (or categories) you would like to enter, since the festive evening will be here before you know it. I really need to start working on

my favorite cabochon so it can be perfect, and scratch free.

In addition to the competitions, I am really looking forward to the silent auction. It will be fun to bid on some new treasures to add to my collection.

If you'd like to participate in the gift exchange, please bring a lapidary-type gift, valued at \$10 or less. Toward the end of the evening we will draw numbers, and each participant will pick from the available lot of gifts. You never know what you will get, and there's always a lot of variety.

Please bring a dish to pass for the potluck. It's going to be a great night.

I am wishing you, and your loved ones, a very Happy Holiday, and New Year.

Cinda Dawson, President



LGMS General Meeting Minutes November 19, 2019

1. Call to Order – 6:01 pm; Motion to approve minutes by Jim H., 2nd by Jill. Unanimous vote to approve minutes with no changes.

a. **In Attendance:** a total of 22 members including board members.

2. Financial Updates: Current accounts are in good standing.

a. **DUES for 2020 LGMS Membership are DUE NOW!!!! Please remit payment ASAP.**

3. Shop Updates – Ordered new wax, flat lap plates, and diamond wheels. Also Bill M. reports another machine is planned to be completed before Christmas. Thank you BILL!!!

4. SHOP CLOSED for the Holidays as follows: November 28, 29 & December 23rd – January 1st, 2020. With January 2nd and 3rd TBD.

5. Market Place Website to sell rock related items or for knowledge on rocks: Myrockhub.com also rockngem.com.

6. 2020 Show Updates

- a. Sherlynn is the new MWF State Director! Congrats & Thank you ☺
- b. Reserved the Block Brewing Co. in Howell for the September **Saturday night MWF Banquet & Awards Dinner**, please mark your calendar and join us!!!
- c. Children's Table **Wish list** is posted up on the cabinet – please review and help.

7. The LGMS Christmas Party at the Senior Center will be held **December 10, 2019** per majority vote. Please bring a dish to pass and a wrapped \$10 rock-related gift for our gift exchange... Oh what fun we will have. ☺

a. **Competition Categories** - \$5 signup is required per entry with \$50 prize in each category. Majority vote has established that there will be four categories this year:

- 1. Best Handmade Jewelry
- 2. Best Polished Cabochon
- 3. Best Picture in a Stone
- 4. Anything Goes

8. Procedures for Dop Wax and Cerium will be posted.

- a. Did you know NOT to add Cerium each time you utilize that machine?
- b. Did you know that the dop pot edges are to remain clean and not have any wax?
- c. Please return dop sticks, clean them off and return to the drawer. Bill M., thanks for making more dop sticks (per Bill, they don't grow on trees!!!) Please be mindful of dop stick use.

Please read and follow posted procedures....Thank you.

9. Please return large steel blocks to the silversmith table – they belong to the club.

10. 2020 Board Member Election Passed with unanimous vote to approve the following candidates:

VP – Cinda Dawson;

Treasurer – Linda Sheedy,

Secretary – Lori Irvin,

1st Yr. Director – AnnMarie McFadden,

1st Yr. Director – Sheila York.

The office of President remains available for all members in good standing. Please come forward if you wish to be President – you will be supported by Cinda and all Board Members.

11. Adjournment 6:43 pm – Motioned by Sharon, 2nd by Sheila 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

Note: During the Christmas/New Year holidays,
 the shop will be **closed**
from December 23 through January 1.
 Reopening on January 2, 2020.

Rock of the Month Club

Wednesday, December 11, at 2 pm
 (second Wednesday of the month)

Jim Hansen and Bryant Hiiter will lead
 the discussion on

Amber

Come to learn and share knowledge!

Weather related shop closings

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



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:

Angela Hamilton 248-431-8288

Greyson Bechtold 248-920-4913

August Stone 810-938-7716

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.)

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

Christmas Party Skills Contest

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

* Best Polished (front and back) Cabochon

* Best Picture in a Stone

* Best Handmade Jewelry

*Best Anything Goes

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



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 ____yes ____no

Newsletter preference: ____shop ____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.

___ Shop/Machine Maintenance

___ Field Trips

___ Membership

___ Publication/printing

___ Board position

___ Presenter

___ Website/internet

___ Newsletter

___ Education/4H

___ Auctions

___ Media/marketing

___ Hospitality

SANTA IS A ROCKHOUND

(A Lapidarist's version of the Night Before Christmas) Original author unknown. Via Hy Grader, Coastal Waves 2005 and SCRIBE No 4, 2011

'Twas the night before Christmas and all through the house not a Rockhound was stirring - I felt like a louse!
For the lapidary gift I was making this year lay down on my bench, UNFINISHED, I fear!
The pendant my dear wife wanted so much, as I polished the cab, it fractured with a touch;
And the lovely jade brooch for Grandma so sweet, just wouldn't polish - it looked terribly beat.
As for Sister's new bracelet with baroques dangling lightly,
I ran out of bell caps after the stores were closed tightly.
Then the tie clasp for Uncle that would make such a hit, after I cut the cab, no mounting would fit!
And even Junior's new crystal growing set though I'd sent for it months ago, had not arrived yet!
So I tossed and I turned as though caught in a trap. I could not settle down for a "long winter's nap".
When all of a sudden I heard such a clatter, I sprang from my bed to see what was the matter.
I raced for the door then saw with a flick a red-suited man I was sure was Saint Nick.
As I reached for my robe and was turning around, down the basement stairs, Santa went with a bound.
He went straight to my workbench to see what I lacked, then with a nod of his head he opened his pack.
Out tumbled such mountings and bell caps without stop, I was sure Santa must own a Lapidary Shop!
He said not a word but went straight to his work, and finished each piece, then grabbed his pack with a jerk.
And shaking his white bearded face with much glee, took out some new slabs I knew must be for me!
Then laying his finger aside of his nose, with a nod of satisfaction, up the stairway he rose.
Went straight to the door, to his team gave a whistle and away they all flew like the down of a thistle.
But I heard him exclaim 'ere he drove out of sight,
Merry Christmas, Dear Rockhounds, and to you a good night!



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.

Livingston Gem and Mineral Society
9525 E. Highland Road
Howell, Michigan 48843-9098



Annual LGMS Christmas Party

at the Senior Center

Tuesday, December 10, 2019, 6 pm

Bring a dish to pass and a rock related gift worth about \$10.00

Celebrate the Season!

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.