

The Living Stones

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Livingston Gem and Mineral Society

January 2020

Hosting the 2020 Midwest Federation Convention

President's Message

(Preliminary)

A Happy New Year to everyone! I hope the Christmas season has treated you well and I look forward to spending 2020 with everyone here at the LGMS. To all those that came to the holiday banquet on the 10th of December, I thank you, especially to those who set up and cleaned up afterwards. It's my favorite event of the year and I always look forward to going. Thank you all once again for making it another celebration to remember!

I also wanted to send out a special thank-you to our shop chairs, Bill Magee, Jim Hansen, and Greyson Beckett, for all the hard work they do to keep up the machines and, in turn, our club, up and running to such a high standard. All your work is truly appreciated by every one of us who uses a grinder or cuts on a saw.

At this point I'd like to introduce myself. My name is Zachary Palmieri and I'll be the individual with the high honor of being our club's president for the next year. Most of you know me already, but for those who haven't met me yet, I look forward to meeting you and here's a small foreword about me. I have an associates degree in graphic design and am continuing this further at Michigan State University where I hope to obtain my bachelors and afterwards my masters. I started at the club when I was just a kid and wonderful people like Ken Blake, George Pernicano,

Bryant Hiiter, and Ed Oller, welcomed my father and me into the club and taught me near everything I know on how to cut and polish cabochons. I'm a man of rocks first and foremost. My love for them stretches back even further than the club to being a child wandering around a farmer's market in Howell buying specimens with the change I saved up.

I'll be at the shop on most Wednesdays from the late afternoon to evening; around three to four o'clock to closing time. My school schedule often prevents me from doing a lot of the extra things I love and I apologize for not being around more often. General membership meetings will remain on the third Tuesday of each month but the time will be a half hour later, at six-thirty. I pledge myself to uphold the constitution and core principles of this club that I hold so near to my heart. I'll see you in the new year and let's make the 2020 Rockhound's Dream Show one for all to remember!

Zachary Palmieri, President



Message from Cinda Dawson, our current President

LGMS Presidential Election

At the Holiday Party we were all very glad when Zach Palmieri volunteered to be president of LGMS for 2020. He has been a member of the club for a decade, and is very knowledgeable.

Since his name did not appear in the November Newsletter, per our by-laws, I would like to officially **nominate** him for the position of president. I am calling a short General Membership Meeting. We will have an official vote by all members present in the workshop on **Wednesday, January 8th, at 12:30 pm**. We encourage all members who are available to attend the vote and swearing-in.

We need to make this official in the first week of January, so that we can change over officers' names on the accounts at the bank. We will change over the treasurer's information at the same time.

LGMS Winter Board Meetings

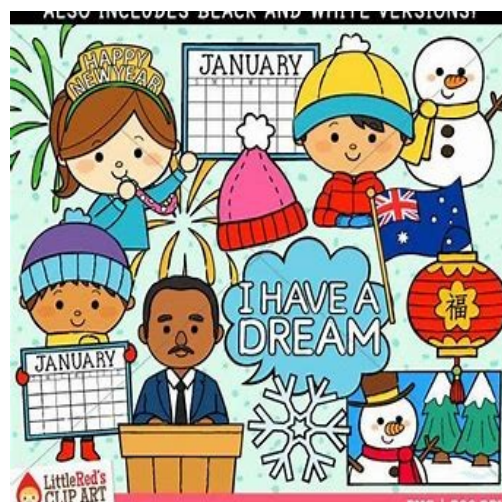
We plan to hold Board meetings on the third Wednesday of the month in January and February at 1 pm. This is due to the fact that Zach has a full college class schedule on Tuesdays, and cannot get away. General meetings will resume in March. A General Meeting may be held earlier if deemed necessary.

Rock of the Month Club

Wednesday, January 8, at 2 pm
(second Wednesday of the month)

Jim Hansen and Bryant Hiiter will lead
the discussion on
Pearls

Come to learn and share knowledge!



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



Thanks to our outgoing board members
Lavonne Foldenauer and Bill Magee. Your
contributions are appreciated!

Books

*Books are the plane, and the train, and the road.
They are the destination, and the journey.*

-Anna Quindlen

*You know you've read a good book when you
turn the last page and feel a little as if
you have lost a friend.*

-Paul Sweeney

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

Mark Twain:

"Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover."

Weather-related shop closings

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



2020 Officers and Chairpersons

Preliminary President: Zach Palmieri 517-763-7436
 Vice President: Cinda Dawson 810-423-0464
 Secretary: Lori Irvin, 810-820-0494
 Treasurer: Linda Sheedy 248-624-3605
 First year Directors: Sheila York, 810-695-0509
 AnnMarie McFadden, 248-884-8126
 Second year Directors: Dan Goodwin 810-252-0026
 Jim Parker 517-548-0675
 Hospitality and Sunshine: Angela Hamilton 248-431-8288
 Greyson Beckett 248-920-4913
 Shop Chairpersons: Jim Hansen, 248-933-1482
 Bill Magee, 734-981-6117
 Greyson Beckett 248-920-4913
 Newsletter: Isla Mitchell, 248-685-7804, imvm.1@netzero.com
 Membership: Cinda Dawson, 810- 423-0464
 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.)

2020 Dues are payable now

Please complete this form, and mail to Linda Sheedy, 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.

<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

AFMS Code of Ethics

- I will respect both private and public property and will do no collecting on privately owned land without the owner's permission.
- I will keep informed on all laws, regulations or rules governing collecting on public lands and will observe them.
- I will, to the best of my ability, ascertain the boundary lines of property on which I plan to collect.
- I will use no firearms or blasting material in collecting areas.
- I will cause no willful damage to property of any kind—fences, signs, buildings.
- I will leave all gates as found.
- I will build fires in designated or safe places only and will be certain they are completely extinguished before leaving the area.
- I will discard no burning material—matches, cigarettes, etc.
- I will fill all excavation holes, which may be dangerous to livestock.
- I will not contaminate wells, creeks or other water supply.
- I will cause no willful damage when collecting material and will take home only what I can reasonably use.
- I will practice conservation and undertake to utilize fully and well the materials I have collected and will recycle my surplus for the pleasure and benefit of others.
- I will support the rockhound project H.E.L.P. (Help Eliminate Litter Please) and will leave all collecting areas devoid of litter, regardless of how found.
- I will cooperate with field trip leaders and those in designated authority in all collecting areas.
- I will report to my club or Federation officers, Bureau of Land Management, or other authorities, any deposit of petrified wood or other materials on public lands which should be protected for the enjoyment of future generations for public educational and scientific purposes.
- I will appreciate and protect our heritage of natural resources.
- I will observe the "Golden Rule," will use "Good Outdoor Manners" and will at all times conduct myself in a manner which will add to the stature and public image of rockhounds everywhere.



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



Special Short General Membership Meeting
Wednesday, January 8, 2020, 12:30 pm at the shop

Board Meeting
Wednesday, January 15, 2020, 1 pm at the shop

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.