

# The Living Stones

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Livingston Gem and Mineral Society

June 2020

## President's Message

Hello everybody. I hope you're all doing well and staying safe. I know it can be disappointing with the stay home-stay safe orders being extended to June 12th, but stay strong, we're through the worst of it. That being said, there will be a general membership meeting on July 21st at 6 p.m. Please bring your own refreshments to be safe and do not bring a dish to pass. We will be going over how our club will continue during these difficult times and we'll take some time to socialize and check in on everyone at the meeting. It will be held at Settler's Park. If you are able to attend and feel safe to do so, then please try to come.

I'm sorry to say that the 2020 Rockhound Dream Show is canceled. The board unanimously decided that based on concerns of safety and the health of our members, vendors, and visitors that the show needed to be canceled. Currently we have no plans to reschedule the show other than our normal time next year. We're also looking into having the Midwestern Federation of Mineralogical Societies come to our 2021 show.

I'm not entirely sure when our shop will open up again or how we'll keep everyone safe when the shop does reopen, or what procedures the school will have us follow. However, all of us are working on a

solution that will satisfy all of our concerns and reduce the risk of disease once we return to our shop.

In closing, I hope you all can stay safe and stay well while we're all stuck at home. I hope that many of you can try to make it to the meeting in July. I'll send out reminders as the time to meet draws near. If anyone has any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to contact me at 517.763.7436 and my email at [zapalm889@gmail.com](mailto:zapalm889@gmail.com)

-Zachary Palmieri, President



## LGMS Zoom Board Meeting May 19, 2020 11:00 am

1. **Call to Order** – 11:27 am
  - a. In Attendance: a total of 11 Members including board members
2. **Reviewed club goals and board member responsibilities**
3. **Reviewed club purchase guidelines as follows:**
  - a. Maintenance of machines, emergency repairs, hospital bills, first aid and emergency supplies needed, may be purchased and will be reimbursed, with a receipt, for up to \$100; see Treasurer. Supplies greater than \$100 will have to be submitted and approved by the board.
  - b. All other non-emergency shop supplies need to be submitted to the President for review. For those supplies costing \$100 or less approval by the President is needed in order to proceed. All purchases over \$100 will need final approval by the LGMS Board of Directors.
4. **AFMS (American Federation of Mineralogical Societies)** has honored **George & Anna Pernicano** with its Scholarship Foundation Award. In George and Anna's honor, two post-graduate students of U of M Earth Sciences School will be chosen and awarded a one-time scholarship of \$4,000 each.

*This foundation began distributing Scholarships in 1964 To promote popular interest and education in the various Earth Sciences, and in particular the subjects of Geology, Mineralogy, Paleontology, Lapidary and other related subjects, and coordinating the work and efforts of all persons and groups interested therein; to encourage such means to strive toward greater international good will and fellowship.*

### 5. **2020 Rockhound Dream Show has been cancelled**

- a. The Board unanimously agreed to cancel the show due to health, safety, timing and liability concerns. We

reviewed several issues, Below are the main ones as follows:

- i. **Health and Safety:** For the health & safety of the club members and the attendees, we are being cautious to ensure ALL remain healthy by canceling the show.
  - ii **Timing:** Mid August is the time we POSSIBLY may be able to get back into the shop if the government ban is lifted and our school location is open. If this does come true, this timing would only allow less than 30 days, which is an insufficient amount of time to properly prepare for our Show.
  - iii **Liability:** What is the liability on the club and the school if someone comes down with COVID-19?
6. **Face Masks are being made and sold by the Club!** The masks will have pictures of rocks on them and will be made by club members. We are asking for **VOLUNTEERS** to sew masks. Please contact Cinda for details.
  7. Once we Return to the shop, members will be required to wear masks indoors for the safety of ALL and will be available for purchase at the club.
  8. **Financial Updates** –. Current accounts are in good standing
    - a. Items approved and purchased for the shop **MUST HAVE A RECEIPT** in order to be reimbursed – see #3 above for guidelines.
  9. **Adjournment** 1:40pm – Motioned by Sheila P. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sherlynn with unanimous vote taken & carried to adjourn.



## 2020 Officers and Chairpersons

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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.)



### Our Mission

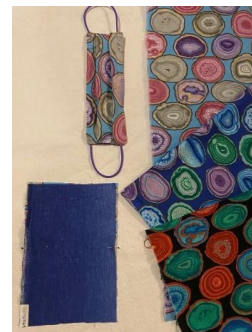
*The Livingston Gem and Mineral Society is a nonprofit organization and member of the Midwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies and the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies. Our purpose is to promote, through educational means, public interest and increased knowledge in the fields of mineralogy, archaeology, paleontology, and the lapidary arts.*

## Sewing Volunteers Wanted

LGMS has purchased some custom cotton fabric to make masks. The goal is to make masks and have them available for club members to buy for use in the workshop. The photo shows 3 patterns that are currently available. There are 3 more on order. There will be enough fabric to make a little over 100 masks. If they are popular, there will be an opportunity to buy more fabric later.

Cinda is looking for a handful of volunteers to sew a basic "Two pleat style mask" from a 6"x9" rectangle, with elastic for the ears. Materials will be provided. Here is a YouTube link that shows the details on how to sew one. The video was made for a scouting project. <https://youtu.be/SMM5JzSZE8M> If you are interested in helping out please call, text, or email Cinda at (810) 423-0464 or [cindasrockin creations@gmail.com](mailto:cindasrockin creations@gmail.com). Thank you!

Images of the second wave of fabric will be posted on the LGMS Members Only Facebook page when they arrive. And "Messenger" can be used as one way of placing orders later on. If you'd like to join the group please contact Cinda.



### Newsletter delivery options

Members who picked up their newsletter at the shop in the past may select to receive it via email or postal (snail) mail. If you or anyone you know would like to change delivery preference, please notify Isla Mitchell at [imvm.1@netzero.com](mailto:imvm.1@netzero.com)



## Rock Shop Withdrawal

Jim Hansen

When the rock shop closed because of the coronavirus outbreak, I suffered a serious case of rock shop withdrawal. So I decided to do some rock projects at our property.

The first was a rock wall, built of rocks that a farmer had plowed out and piled on his property line over 100 years ago.

I had to dig most of them out and wheelbarrow them to the site for washing and placement. I already had the logs to use as the fence posts and to top off the sections of the wall.

It took ten days to build the 100 feet of wall that separates us from the Highland Recreation Area.

I put two breaks in the wall: entrances for the wild turkeys and the deer. (See the three photos.)



### Rock Shop Withdrawal (continued from page 4)

The second was an entrance to my rock shop.  
This was a little easier on my back, and I had a lot of fun inlaying some  
of my collectibles in and around the pavers. Can you spot the Lakers  
in one of the paver seams? (See the three photos.)

Because of the rain, this project took a week.  
I'm sure other members had similar cases of rock shop withdrawal.  
Isla asked me to share how I dealt with mine.  
How about sharing yours?



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*Advanced notice: General Membership Gathering*

**July 21, 2020**

*6 pm at Settlers Park, Hartland, MI*

*Consider attending, if you're comfortable!*

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.