

The Living Stones

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Livingston Gem and Mineral Society

August 2020

President's Message

Hey everybody. I hope you're all doing well! Thank you everyone who came to the picnic, I was grateful to see so many of you show up!

First off, let us start with the date of August 10th, when certain individuals planned to enter the shop to retrieve belongings. At this moment the date might have to get pushed back further. The new director of the school isn't sure if we'll be able to get in on that day. Currently no one is allowed back into the school other than a select few. The same goes for opening the shop. There's still no date for us to return to the shop either; however they do approve of our determination of the situation and our plan for the rules to follow.

Our next general membership meeting will be August 18th at Settlers Park once again at 6 pm. I hope to see lots of you there. The same rules as last time are in place including social distancing, masks and bringing your own beverage. This is an important meeting because we will be voting on the possibility of raising LGMS membership dues. Be sure to stay safe and stay well everyone.

I wanted everyone to give George and Anna Pernicano a round of applause for their recognition and award. They've received the American Federation Of Mineralogical Studies Scholarship Award! What comes with this is a reception and their choice of two students of an Earth science graduate program, from a college of their choice, to receive \$4000 each. More news coming soon on this, but in the meantime everyone please congratulate these two wonderful rockhounds and amazing members of the club!

I'll update you all with emails as more information becomes available so keep an eye out for incoming news. Thank you all for being so patient and understanding with the board and trying to get the shop open and safe for all of our members. As always, if you have any questions don't hesitate to email or call me. I'm always here to help you all out if you need it.

Sincerely, Your President,
Zach Palmieri



LGMS General Meeting Minutes

held in Settlers Park on 7/21/2020

Includes safety rules for returning to the workshop when given approval.

A) Call to Order – 6:29 pm

1. In Attendance: a total of 45 members including board members.
2. Motion to approve minutes with no changes by Anne Marie, 2nd by Linda with unanimous vote to approve minutes.

B) Finances - In good standing currently.

1. At the Aug. 18th general meeting there will be a vote to **increase membership dues** due to rent increase for the shop. Two options of how to raise more money to cover expenses:
 - a. Increase annual membership dues to \$60.00/year with a \$5.00 discount if paid before or on due date.
 - b. Increase daily lapidary shop fees to \$2.00.

C) SHOP OPENING 1 DAY ONLY

MONDAY 8/10/2020 from 9-4 for members to collect any of their personal items left in the shop. (Note: this date is now tentative – watch the LGMS FaceBook page for updates.) You must call Zach to schedule a time to retrieve your items. Only 1 person at a time will be allowed in the shop.

D) Once given final approval to open the shop to work, there will be limited work hours per person with an estimated two shifts available, an on-site monitor, a

temperature check taken, a questionnaire to fill out, masks must be worn, no eating, and you must sign in and out daily.

E) Masks will be available for purchase at the shop with prices \$1, \$5, or \$10.

F) The American Of Federation of Mineralogical Societies has awarded George & Anna an award. In their honor, two \$4,000 scholarships will be given to two U of M Earth Science Students. Sherlynn is working with U of M to sponsor the event.

Once we are able to return to the shop, several rules must be followed for safety. These rules follow state and local mandates and have been approved by the school and by the LGMS Board.

G) New Shop Safety Rules Upon Return

- 1) **Masks** - Must be worn over the nose and mouth at all times.
- 2) **Gloves** - Plastic surgical gloves, such as Nitrile, are optional.
- 3) **Eating/Drinking** - No eating at any time. Do not need to shut down on Tuesdays during lunch. Minimal rehydrating/drinking is allowed.
- 4) **Sign in and out** - Anyone working in the shop must sign in the time when they arrive, and sign out the time when they leave.
- 5) **Tracing** - If someone has been in the shop and becomes ill, they must contact Zach, Cinda, or any board member so we can call other people who were in the shop on the same day, so they can quarantine.

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6. **Occupancy Limit** - Limit of 8 people in the shop (including monitor) to start. Work at every other grinder, or polisher, to obtain distance.
7. **Monitored Shifts**
 - a. Time Slot Schedule will be available once hours of operation are approved.
 - b. Break work times into approximately 3 hour shifts, with a reliable club member to monitor signing-in, mask wearing, safety procedures, and sanitation.
 - c. If demand is high for certain time slots a lottery can be used.
 - d. Requests for monitors will be on the "Members Only" FaceBook Page soon.
 - i. Monitors that signed up at the meeting include: Sheila York, Lori Keefer, Isla Mitchell, Sherry Peterson, Jane Richard-Lerma, Marianna Ziegler, Mel Swartz, Ann Marie McFadden, Greyson Beckett, Lori Irvin.
 - ii. If you would like to be a Monitor, please contact Zach with your name, phone number, best days for you and if am or pm is better.
8. **Signage** - New rules will be posted at both entrances, the website, and on our Facebook pages.
9. **Mask denial procedure**
 - a. If a person chooses to not wear a mask, they are not allowed to work in the shop on that day. Masks will be available onsite and for purchase (\$1-10).
 - b. Solidarity is key. All members present must support the monitor and set a good example by wearing their mask.
 - c. If there is an issue, we will utilize the school's De-escalation Policy.
10. **Fans** - With new information about the virus particles hanging in the air, it is recommended that the fans stay off, so they do not blow contaminated air around the room.
11. **Sanitation/Sterilization**
 - a. Procedures
 - i. Closers must sanitize all handles, water valves, switches, movable lights, tables, and other high contact surfaces, with 99.5% alcohol, on cloth-like paper towels, at the end of every day.
 - ii. If alcohol is not available, hydrogen peroxide, or a bleach solution can be used instead.
 - iii. Deep cleaning, and/or steam cleaning, will be done on Fridays after closing at 2 pm.
 - iv. Daily fee, pens, pencils, and money might be contaminated. People can use their own pens if desired, and hand sanitizer will be provided next to the wallet. Hand washing is encouraged.
 - b. Products to be purchased:
 - i. Bill has sent website links for rubbing alcohol, and empty bottles to buy.
 - ii. Jane Richard-Lerma has offered discounts on alcohol.
 - iii. Cinda will buy heavy duty paper towels from Rural King, based on Bill's information.
 - iv. Walmart might have hand sanitizer.
 - v. Need paper/surgical masks for sale.

12. If **future mandatory shut down** of the shop is required:

Shut-Down Shop Procedure List

1) Clear refrigerator out
2) Unplug water pump
3) Unplug coffee pot machines
4) Unplug dop pots
5) Make sure fans are OFF
6) Clear out money from the safe
7) Empty water out of trim saw
8) Check seals on all water machines
9) Turn of all polishers
10) Remove oily rags
11) Remove Ed's briefcase

H) New Business

1. No new members will be accepted until further notice. Motion by Sherlynn, and 2nd by Sheila. Vote taken with majority agreement (34 of 45) and passed.

I) Adjournment at 7:11 pm motioned by Cinda; 2nd by Jim with unanimous vote taken to adjourn. This was followed by several members selling their rocks, slabs, cabs, masks and other items! Great to see everyone!

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Irvin, LGMS Secretary

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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.



Mask Sales

Cinda sold more than 3 dozen beautiful lapidary design masks at the LGMS picnic. More are available from Cinda thru email at cindasrockincreations@gmail.com or by text or phone at (810) 423-0464.

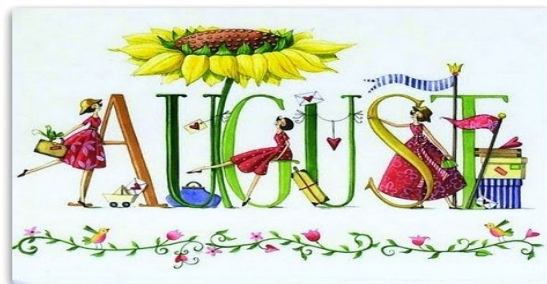
These masks will also be available at the shop after we are able to open.

Fossils

Ogden Nash

At midnight in the museum hall
The fossils gathered for a ball.
There were no drums or saxophones,
But just the clatter of their bones,
Rolling, rattling carefree circus
Of mammoth polkas and mazurkas.
Pterodactyls and brontosauruses
Sang ghostly prehistoric choruses.
Amid the mastodonic wassail
I caught the eye of one small fossil.
“Cheer up, sad world,” he said, and winked
“It’s kind of fun to be extinct.”

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General Membership Meeting (food provided)

Tuesday, August 18, 2020

6 pm at Settlers Park, Hartland, MI

from the LGMS shop, go about 1 ½ miles east on M59 to Clark Road

(just past Meijer), then north (make a Michigan left)

on Clark Road about ¾ mile to the park on the left.

Bring your own plate, silverware, beverage – plus, maybe a chair.

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.

