

The Living Stones

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Livingston Gem and Mineral Society

December 2020

President's Message

Hello everyone!

I'm wondering how enjoyable your Thanksgiving was during this semi-lockdown. Nonetheless I hope you got to see your family and friends safely during the holiday and much turkey and food was had. We may be separated again from the shop and each other but we can hang tough for a little longer at least. Support each other and be strong; December 8th it all opens again and that isn't even that far away!

On November 17th at the membership meeting a vote was held to elect your new board members. First off we have Cari Jacobs as President, next is Bill Magee and Jane Lerma as first year board directors and for incumbent positions we have Cinda Dawson as Vice President, Lori Irvin as your Secretary and Linda Sheedy as Treasurer. These individuals will be your new leaders and steer the society into a more prosperous future. Please be as patient and willing to work with the new president as you were with me. Lord knows I appreciated the patience and understanding.

There will be no in-person Christmas banquet this year. There's too big a risk to hold such a large event with this health crisis still going strong. Between that and flu season I have no interest in seeing my members, my friends, sick or hurt because of a party. We will be holding a pseudo gathering on Zoom to at least try and celebrate all we've accomplished during this trying year! It will be held on December 15 at 6 pm. The Zoom link is here in the President's message and will be sent out again on Facebook and in a separate email, just to make sure you have the opportunity to celebrate the occasion if you'd like to.

The Max Schultz awards will be given out during the party as well. The nominees will already have the plaques (so I won't have to try and hand it through a computer screen) which means that it won't be a surprise to them. However they do need to at least try and act the part!

Lastly, I'd just like to thank everyone. All of you. Every single member that's been so very kind and patient with me in my year in office. This has been quite a trial for all involved but with your help you've made it so much easier and more pleasurable for the society as a whole. I appreciate each word and every piece of advice. Thank you again and I truly hope that the next year for each of us can be better than the last. I'll see you all at the party on Zoom. Be sure to bring a drink for a toast or two by members and I'll see you all after the holidays. May your winter be warm and bright.

Now for the last time: If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, or need help, give me a call or email me. I'll do my best to get back with you as fast as I can.

517.763.7436 and zapalm889@gmail.com

Sincerely, Your President,

Zachary Palmieri

LGMS Christmas Banquet

Time: Dec 15, 2020 06:00 PM

America/Detroit

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://msu.zoom.us/j/99633087701>

Meeting ID: 996 3308 7701

2020 Officers and Chairpersons

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 Bechtold 248-920-4913

Shop Chairpersons:

Bill Magee 734-981-6117

Greyson Bechtold 248-920-4913

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Webmaster: John Myer, www.livingstongems.com or
www.livingstongemandmineralsociety.com

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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.)



Update on the AFMS Scholarship Honorees and Students

LGMS members George and Anna Pernicano were the Midwest Federation's honorees for 2020 and the scholarship students have now been named. Kiersti Rosenbach and Juliana Mesa have been granted the scholarships; both are students at the University of Michigan. Congratulations to all!



Sternberg Fossils Can Be Seen Online

Data, images, and information on the Sternberg Museum of Natural History collections is now available online as a result of a four-year project at Fort Hays State University. The museum, famed for its extensive fossil collection, is in Hays, Kansas. The information can be accessed at Sternberg.fhsu.edu. Click on "Research and Collections" and choose "Paleontology" from the drop-down menu. Scroll down and click on the left-hand blue "Paleontology Collections" button. It was reported that more than 23,000 specimens are covered.

William Gilliland, 1st Vice President, Topeka Gem and Mineral Society, from the club's October, 2020 Glacial Drifter, via MWF News, November 2020

**General Membership Meeting
via Zoom
November 17, 2020, 6:00 pm**

1. Call to Order – 6:09 pm

- a. **In Attendance:** a total of 26 members including board members.
- b. Motion to approve minutes by Linda S, 2nd by Jane Lerma with unanimous vote.

2. Finances are currently in good standing.

- a. Rent for the shop was paid for November at \$500 for being open 3 days per week. If anything changes additional negotiations will be reviewed.

3. ANNUAL DUES for 2021: annual dues are DUE and they may be paid via the following options:

- a. **Check** for \$50 made out to LGMS. Please mail directly to our Treasurer and send the membership sign-up sheet from the newsletter with your check.

1. Treasurer's home address:
Linda Sheedy
1582 Forest Bay Court
Wixom MI 48393

- b. You may also pay On-Line via credit card and through PayPal. You do not need to have a PayPal account to pay with your credit card. Just click on PayPal and there will be an option to use your credit card securely. An additional fee will be charged to offset the cost of what PayPal charges the club for this convenience.

1. All active members in 2019 and 2020 will be allowed to renew for the 2021 year.

4. Shop

- a. The shop is currently **closed** until at least **DECEMBER 9, 2020** per the School and the new State Orders.

- b. We will **NOT be able to have an in-person Christmas Party this year** due to COVID. We may be able to have a Virtual Party as an option.

5. Max Schultz Award – will be given out in December 2020 and should coincide with our December Membership Meeting early to mid-December (now scheduled for December 15.)

6. A VOTE taken for the following 2021 officer positions and ALL were elected unanimously by the membership. They were sworn in by Zach Palmieri:

- * President – Cari Jacobs
- * 1st year Director – Jane Lerma
- * 1st year Director – Bill Magee
- * Incumbents:
 - * Vice President – Cinda Dawson
 - * Secretary – Lori Irvin
 - * Treasurer – Linda Sheedy

7. Adjournment 6:46 pm – Motioned by Ann Marie 2nd by Jim H. with unanimous vote taken.

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Irvin, Secretary



A Sight Before Christmas

(author unknown)

'Twas the eve before Christmas and there in the night
the desert was quiet, not a rockhound in sight.
Our socks were all hung where the bright fire glows
in hopes that our Moms would sew up the toes.

The kids were all stacked in their warm little bunks
with visions of agate, slabs, boulders and chunks.
And me in my long john and Ma in her sack
had jumped into bed; it was cold in the shack.

From out in the sagebrush rose a hullabaloo
and I sprang to the window to throw out a shoe.
The moon shining down on the still silver sand
confirmed that the desert was my kind of land.

I strained my eyes 'till my brow was a furrow;
along came an old gent, a-leadin' his burro.
By the size of his tummy and the face full of hair
I knew it was Santa or a big grizzly bear.

"Go Rudolph, go Rudolph, you stubborn ol' mule,
get moving there, Rudolph, you lop-eared ol' fool."
Then quick as a polecat I heard up on top
that darn red-nosed burro go clippity-clop.

Santa's trip down the chimney was somethin' uncanny;
the fire was a-burnin' and scorched his poor fanny.
He was dressed all in denim from his hat to his shoes,
His nose was all red and he needed a snooze.

He had middle age spread that just wouldn't fit,
and a bag so big it was ready to split.
He spied my old trim saw, the one that was broke;
"By golly, you're rockhounds, you're my kind of folk."

He sat down at the table, we both had some java
and talked about agate, opal, and lava.
He told of old times, of Horse Canyon agate,
of good times in Boron, of jasper from Dagget.

He told of old pals from a mine in ghost city
of Bullfrog and Bodic, they're dead, what a pity.
Then out of his pack for me and for Maw
what else did he pull but a big slabbing saw.

There was a hammer for Nels and a black light for Della
and he winked as he sat there, a jolly good fella.
Then lookin' at the fire and feelin' a bit sore
he thought it was best to leave through the door.

Then I heard his exclaim as he went out of sight
"MERRY CHRISTMAS, YOU ROCKHOUNDS, AND TO ALL A GOOD NIGHT!"

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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.

**2021 Dues are payable now**

Please complete this form, tear off, and mail to
Linda Sheedy, Treasurer, LGMS, 9525 E. Highland Road, Howell, MI 48843
during shop closure, mail to **1582 Forest Bay Court, Wixom MI 48393**

LGMS Membership Renewal 2021

 Last name (please print)

First name

 Address

City

State

Zip code

 (Area code) Phone number

Email address

Hartland School District resident ☐ yes ☐ noNewsletter 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

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You're invited!

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