

The Living Stones

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Livingston Gem and Mineral Society

April 2021

President's Message



Hippity Hoppin' into April! March was busy and productive as we knocked out a supplementary board meeting and 2 days later the first general meeting!

A Great Big thank you to Marianna Ziegler for offering to record notes as guest secretary for the supplementary board meeting. We treasure our secretaries (Lori Irwin) who have the ability to participate in a discussion & write it all down! We went over some details regarding the shop and the Covid procedures in place. Thank you to Marianna Ziegler and Ed Oller for representing us at Midwest Federation. A giant thank you to Isla Mitchell who prepares all the information for the newsletter! This month was a doozy with 2 sets of minutes!

Our group will have an ad in the 50th Anniversary Commemorative issue of Rock & Gem magazine. If anyone is interested in this special edition of the magazine, reserve your \$9.99 per copy by July 13, 2021 and shipping is **FREE!** Order & pay online at www.beckettmedia.com/rng-50th-anniversary.

We have secured the date for the Spring Rock Swap at the Christ Lutheran Church on Saturday, May 22, 2021 Rain or Shine! Thank you to Ann Marie McFadden for getting that swiftly taken care of. We are gearing up to promote this show and Ed Oller is graciously handling vendor/member booth spaces.

John Myer is working on Paypal payment options for booth space sales. Flyers are being distributed and if you need some they are available at the shop.

We had an injury at the shop and have closed off the torch with the problem. The member sustained a 2nd degree burn. We value all our members and in any instance where safety is a concern we will tackle the problem headfirst. Cinda Dawson will be looking into replacement parts ASAP.

Members may have noticed some fresh belts on the 80 grinder and the 1000 polisher! More fixes are in the works as Bill Magee works his magic at the shop. Thank you Bill and Ed for the work you have done to repair machines at the shop.

Membership is still low though we are hoping that with the Covid vaccinations underway, more of our actual members will be able to maintain their membership and actually come in and work at the shop. Thank you to Linda Sheedy & Cinda Dawson for keeping us up to date! Right now the shop is opened 3 days per week and members may sign up for extra shifts on **SignUpGenius** if available. Thank you to Cinda Dawson for tirelessly monitoring this site!

Hope to see you at the next meeting online with Microsoft Teams. Please set up your account or app before the meeting as it will take some time to accomplish this. A link will be emailed to members. Next meeting date is 3rd Tuesday, April 20 @ 6:00 pm.

Please stay well, my fellow members! You are all treasures!

Contact info: caricatures@comcast.net or cell phone 248-931-5999

Sincerely yours,

Cari Jacob

LGMS Supplementary Board Meeting

Meeting called to order at 6:07 PM on March 14, 2021 Attendance: 10

Cari Jacob lists several items to discuss:

Firstly, a big thank you to Marianna for offering to record notes as guest secretary in the absence of Lori Irvin. *(Notes were condensed by Cari Jacob for the April newsletter)*

1) Covid Shop fee policy & other shop info

Shop fees during Covid: people are paying different amounts, is the shop fee \$1.00 per shift or \$1.00 per day? How does this work? Since we have a limited amount of spots available for the 3 days allowed at the shop at this time, and the building administration has imposed social distancing and attendance regulations things have changed. We agreed that the temporary fee is \$1 PER SHIFT during this Covid restriction time period.

Building administration wants us to make stickers for family members not observing social distancing.

Cari had questions about the silversmithing money for Bob Krauthelm: running costs include flux, solder etc. This maintenance continues despite the pandemic. We will continue to save the monies for Bob. Linda Sheedy will leave a small float in the envelope/tool box and deposit the balance into the safe.

Concerns were expressed regarding members not properly following mask protocols and non-members visiting the shop. This behavior would trigger an automatic shutdown if building administration were present. The building admins requires the shop door to be left open. Cinda offered to print signs to ensure no visitors will come into the shop.

2) Donated rock tumbler

Cinda Dawson says it's a "Lortone" type single-barrel, \$30-40 approximate value, which can be supplemented with addition of some grit. How do we sell this; a member has already expressed an interest in purchasing it. Someone suggests we auction the donated tumbler at the show and close the auction in the afternoon. It is agreed that this would be a good way to do this. The winner would need to be present to win.

3) MWF representative

LGMS has received a letter of resignation from Sherlyn Everly from her position as Midwest Federation Representative. Cinda says that a new rep is needed; duties currently include attending Zoom meetings and reporting back. In past, Ed Oller has attended most of the shows and serves as a good travel rep and is also funded by LGMS to attend. Marianna Ziegler states she would be willing to help out at this time; however, she is cognizant of the relationship the Ed has developed as LGMS ambassador. Sheila York suggests the two of them serve as a team. A vote is held and Marianna accepts the position as Midwest Federation Rep.

4) Show Banner

Regarding banners, Cinda says that Janelle Gustafson has donated her graphic arts design services and we would be able to order a 5' x 3' banner for \$20.00 each. A vote is held and we decide to order 2 -5' x 3' banners for now.

5) 50th Anniversary Commemorative advertisement Rock & Gem Magazine

Rock and Gem magazine is publishing a 50th Anniversary Edition in July and is soliciting advertisements. A business card sized ad is \$100 and a full page is \$1200+. We could promote our show and Cinda could work with Janelle to produce an ad. A vote is held and a business card sized \$100 ad is approved.

6) New business

AnneMarie McFadden talks about our May Rock and Gem Show at Christ Lutheran Church in Waterford, MI, where cost will be \$100. We will have parking lot and bathroom facilities access. She will drop a check there to secure our spot. Due to weather considerations 5/22 is voted on as the best option. May 22, 2021 9 - 5 pm is the show date, setup time is 7 - 9 am.

Bryant Hiiter says that Jim Hansen will lead a field trip to Rockport sometime at the end of April: stay tuned for specific dates.

Committee for presentation of Dues

increase: Due to changes in state policies regarding Covid, and how that affected our club. We all felt the need to create a new committee to readdress dues increase and to present a new option at the July general membership meeting. New committee will be Cari Jacob, Cinda Dawson, Lori

Irvin, Linda Sheedy, AnneMarie McFadden, Bill Magee, Marianna Ziegler.

Sign Up Genius: Cinda says people have signed up for 3 shifts rather than 2....when do extra shifts come available? Can someone sign up for 3? How about the afternoon if they are opening? Should we wait until 6 pm the night before? It is agreed that we may allow a 3rd shift after 6 pm the prior night. Adding a shift for silversmithing only? It was not agreed upon as this can cause confusion for the building administration when they do spot Covid compliance checks.

Domain name: John Myer says we have two domains, one that we are not using and has been costing \$50/year. We vote to let it go and update the newsletter. We can always add it back at a much lower rate elsewhere.

Formalize a Social Media Coordinator position for the two Facebook groups including managing both pages, advertisements our show (well in advance) on other club pages. Marianna says that she would be able to resume the Facebook duties again, and has attached a letter for the board to approve for the facebook groups information, Bill Magee says that you cannot formalize the position with the current bylaw setup.

Membership: There were 222 members in March, Cinda has purged the list by 100 people. There are now 138 adults, 100 paid approximately. We have 40 members that are expected to pay.

AnneMarie makes a motion we adjourn, Jane seconds. 7:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Marianna Ziegler/per Lori Irvin



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 Officers and Chairpersons

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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.)

Livingston Gem & Mineral Society General Meeting

February 16, 2021 6:00 pm via Microsoft Teams

1. **Call to Order** – 6:12 pm; Motion to approve minutes by Cinda, 2nd by Linda. With unanimous vote to approve minutes as is.
2. **Roll Call:** a total of 10 Members including board members. In Attendance: Cari Jacobs, Cinda Dawson, Linda Sheedy, Lori Irvin, Ed Oller, Bill Magee, Isla Mitchell, Marianna Ziegler, Sheila York, Brent and Debra Huber.
3. **President Report** –
 - A. New Shop Protocols for limited member & monitors –
 1. We will soon be open 3 days per week 3/23/21.
 - a. You may sign up for the 2nd slot on the weekend.
 - b. You may sign up with Sign-Up Genius the night before and add a 3rd slot for yourself for that week.
 2. Daily fees = \$1 per shift; therefore all day = \$2 (since it is two shifts).
 3. Silversmith Fees = \$2 to be placed in the envelope for Bob which is in the black notebook at LaVonne's work station and is the place you MUST sign IN if you work with Silversmith materials.
 - B. Midwest Federation Representatives are Ed Oller & Marianna.
4. **VP Report** –
 - A. **Advertising** for the Outside Pop-Up Shows for Spring & Fall 2021.
 1. **Banners:** Janelle designed the banner for our Rock Shows for the day of the show only, to get drivers to stop & shop. She waived her usual design fee.
 - a. 3' high X 5' wide weatherproof with grommets at each corner, might order larger one for the next show.
 - b. Board approved buying 2 banners.
 2. **Magazine:** Rock & Gem Magazine – 50th Anniversary Issue out in July
 - a.. Board approved spending \$100 for a business-card size ad for LGMS to raise membership, promote annual show, and a sense of pride to be sent out by Friday.
 - b. The Magazine Cost is \$10 and some consider it a collector's item. Club will purchase one for our library.
 - B. **Membership Numbers** – 76 Members with 16 that did not renew.
 1. Annual purge is at the end of March – numbers have gone from 222 to 100 losing approx. 120 – it is normal to lose 100 people in March and regain through out the year.
 2. Usually gain 30 at our show which will not happen this year. About 40 members have not paid due to waiting for things to be safer with more vaccines.
 3. Public Facebook (FB) Page vs. Private Facebook (FB) Page
 - a. They each have their own name.
 - b. Can Post on Public & Share to Private but not vice versa.
 - c. Public FB – YES – Post general photos, NOT private collections or field trips or past events.
 - d. Private FB – YES - post club events, field trips, private collections
 4. Private FB #'s.
 - a. Removed those members that did not pay. Went from 106-76.
 - b. We will make sure new members and members in good standing will receive an email invite to the Private FB. They will have to open the email to join. Overall should have about 75 Private FB Members.
 5. Marianna sat in on the Eastern Federation Mineralogical and Lapidary Society about the loss of mine visits. They did not share hunting ground information.
5. **Treasurer Report** - Current Financial accounts are in good standing. If you would like to review the Treasurer's Report, please contact Linda Sheedy.
6. **Chairperson's Report – Bill Magee/ Shop Update**
 - A. Bill will be in the Shop on 3/23 to continue to work on the grinding wheels.

B. The siphon on the 5 gallon bucket is new. The old one disappeared. Please be kind and respectful to all members and to all shop machines and materials.

7. Old Business = 2021 Show Updates –

A. The **2021 Spring Show will be MAY 22nd from 9-5 OUTSIDE** in the lot of the Christ Lutheran Church in Waterford.

B. The cost of the show for members, in good standing, is \$25 and \$50 for vendors.

1. MOTION: Motioned by Cinda & 2nd by Linda, a 3% fee will be added to all purchases on PayPal to cover the cost LGMS is charged by PayPal. VOTE TAKEN: Unanimous decision in favor of adding the 3% on to all PayPal purchases – Check with John Myer for this task.

C. The Show will have 21 spaces, first come/first serve.

D. This show will happen RAIN OR SHINE, no refunds available for weather issues.

E. Participants have to bring their OWN TABLES AND CHAIRS as none will be provided.

F. Electricity is not available at this site.

G. Indoor bathrooms are available.

H. There will be no concession stand available.

I. Ed will be the contact for vendors & recommended vendors be invited with a letter.

8. New Business

A. Brent Huber reported that the Spring Field Trip (per Jim Hansen) will be at the end of April to Rockport. Stay tuned for details.

B. The Sears Tumbler that is in the shop will be put in the silent auction.

9. **Adjournment** 7:17 pm – Motioned by Brent 2nd by Bill with unanimous vote taken & carried to adjourn. Next General Meeting is April 20, 2021.

Respectfully submitted, Lori Irvin, Secretary LGMS



UPCOMING EVENTS

April 24-25, 2021

Miami County Gem and Mineral Club's Show

County Fairgrounds, 650 N. County Road 25A, Troy, OH. Info: Dewey Buck, deweybuck12@gmail.com

May 15-16, 2021

Parma Lapidary Club's Show

Soccer Sportsplex, 31515 Lorain, North Olmstead, OH. Info: ParmaLapidaryClub@gmail.com (Steve)

May 22, 2021

LGMS Rock Swap

Christ Lutheran Church, 5987 Williams Lake Rd, Waterford, MI 48329
9 am to 5 pm. PARTICIPATE, VOLUNTEER, SUPPORT OUR CLUB!

May 29-30

Chicagoland Gems and Minerals Assoc.

Kane County Fairgrounds, 525 S Randall Rd, St Charles, IL 60174. Info: cgmashow.com

June 4,5 and 6, 2021

State Line Gem and Mineral Society's Annual Show

Fulton County Fairgrounds, Junior Fair Building, 1814 SR 108, Wauseon, Ohio. Info: statelinegms.com

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



**General Membership Meeting
via Microsoft Teams**

Tuesday, April 20, 2021, 6 pm

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 shift 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.