

The Living Stones

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Livingston Gem and Mineral Society

May 2021

President's Message



Sure enough..... May flowers!

We held a supplementary board meeting and 1 day later the general meeting! A Great Big thank-you to Marianna Ziegler for offering again, to record notes as guest secretary for the supplementary board meeting.

At the supplementary board meeting, Marianna Ziegler provided information that the Midwest Federation was inviting us to host the 2022 Rock & Gem show. We discussed all pros & cons at the next day's general meeting and the consensus was, NO we would respectfully decline due to numerous unknowns with our state and the school our club resides in.

With regrets, we were informed of a beloved member's passing, John Petito. A beautiful memorial resin rock was purchased to present to the family. Thank you, Cinda Dawson and Bryant Hiiter for working together to get this to his family in time for the services.



There has been a recent concern voiced from a member, regarding the possibility of allowing the Covid vaccinated members of the club to have access to the club at a designated time for

vaccinated only. (Which may be rotated week to week, so all members can work the days of their choosing) The reasoning behind this was that our older paid members have not felt comfortable coming into the shop when some members have chosen to forego the vaccination. **At this time, choosing to receive the vaccination is a private personal choice and is not required.** No guarantees are made that if a vaccinated member chooses to work at the shop in the vaccinated time slot that they won't catch Covid. While trying to accommodate the majority of the paid members, we came up with this survey to assist with the decision making. We are in the process of finalizing the survey and hope to get it out thru Survey Monkey to all members soon! Thank you, John Myer, for getting it set up. 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 if available on **SignUpGenius**. 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, May 18 @ 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 April Supplementary Board Meeting 04/19/2021

Meeting called to order at 6:14 pm. In attendance: Cinda Dawson, Bryant Hiiter, Cari Jacob, Bill Magee, AnneMarie McFadden, John Myer, Linda Sheedy and Marianna Ziegler-Hickey. Excused Lori Irvin, Sheila York.

President Cari Jacob poses the question "how are we doing on table sales for the Rock Swap? Linda Sheedy says we have about 9 vendors so far, some from different rock clubs. AnneMarie McFadden mentions that we had 11 total tables at the Rock Swap last fall and it looks like we are on track.

Cinda Dawson asks about the MWF show at LGMS in 2022 and Marianna Ziegler-Hickey give reports that at the April MWF Meeting it was proposed for Livingston Gem and Mineral Society to host the 2022 Midwest Federation Show in lieu of 2020. Information was brought back to the board and the general membership will vote on it. As the rock collecting season ramps up, be mindful of local ordinances, keep it clean, wildlife awareness in collecting areas not to disturb during birthing/mating seasons.

Toledo Gem and Rockhound Club will host the 2021 Midwest Federation Show, Sept 10 - 12, 2021 at the Wood County Fairgrounds, Bowling Green, OH. In order to grow membership, member clubs are encouraged to develop youth programs. The Mini Miners newsletter subscription is available free to the club if dues are paid in a timely manner.

With the unexpected passing of John Petito, LGMS has lost a family member. The funeral is Thursday, April 22, 2021. John was well known as one of the Wednesday morning faceters group and was known for his wide range of skills. Bryant Hiiter provides history about the condolences/funeral memorial policy.

Cari would like to form a committee for the 2022 Midwest Federation Show soon as the date is fast approaching. AnneMarie asks about whether we will be able to have the show (due to Covid)...Cinda says that she toured the Mason County Fairgrounds, Fowlerville Fairgrounds to scope out alternate outdoor sites, however, the federation wanted to tour our facilities and shop

as part of the show. Bill Magee suggests we plan for the best and hope that we can do this in 2022. John Myer mentions having adequate Covid mitigation strategies in place for safety.

The Dues Committee Meeting is scheduled for May 10, 2021 12:00 pm at Settlers Park Hartland, MI. There are several people on this committee: Cari Jacob, Sherlyn Everly, Bill Magee, Cinda Dawson, AnneMarie McFadden, Linda Sheedy, Lori Irvin, Marianna Ziegler-Hickey. AnneMarie makes a motion to adjourn the meeting, Cinda seconds.

Respectfully submitted, Marianna Ziegler-Hickey/ as 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.

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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.)

LGMS Rock Swap

Equipment for Silent Auction on May 22nd



Sears Rock Tumbler: Model: 861.14171
Capacity: 8 pounds ?
Drum Dimensions: 4"H x 8.3"Dia.



Grit included: 60, 220, & 600
partial packages



Glass Display Cases

Assembly required with flat screwdriver.

Two large wooden cases keep the glass panels cushioned.

Best for a permanent installation, not rotating weekend booth sales.

Includes partial set of 2 shorter cases.

Glass Cube Dimensions:
12.5"H x 24"W x 18.5"D

Tall Wooden Case Dimensions:
21"H x 26"W x 10"D

Short Wooden Case Dimensions:
14"H x 26"W x 10"D

Please attend the **Rock Swap**
in Waterford for your chance to bid
on these items.

Livingston Gem & Mineral Society General Meeting
April 20, 2021 6:00 pm via Microsoft Teams

1. **Call to Order** – 6:15 pm; Motion to approve minutes by Jim, 2nd by Linda. With unanimous vote to approve minutes as is.
2. **Roll Call:** a total of 12 Members including board members. **In Attendance:** Cari Jacobs, Cinda Dawson, Linda Sheedy, Lori Irvin, Ann Marie McFadden, Bryant Hiiter, Jim Hansen, Isla Mitchell, Marianna Z., John Myers, Sherlynn Everly, Bill Magee voted by verbal proxy.
3. **President Report**
 - A. **A generous Donation** of Victor Smith's Collection from his son, Brian to our club.
 - B. **May 22nd Rock Swap**
 - a. Advertising on FB Market Place and Craig's List – John Myer to see if he could add the flyer for the Rock Swap.
 - b. Need help for the Club Table to assemble it, price it, set it up, and to sell on the day of the show.
 - c. Cinda will put together a SignUpGenius for volunteers.
 - d. Cinda will provide email list for the show and provide to John Myer.
 - C. **MidWest Federation (MWF) 2022**
 - a. Since the 2021 show was canceled due to COVID; we were put in the slot to have the MWF in 2022. Per our communication with the MWF, we would review this task at this meeting and inform them of our decision.
 - b. Motioned by Lori I. and seconded by Marianna Z. to vote on if we will have the 2022 MWF at our shop.
 1. Discussion included if the School would allow the show in September 2022. We do want to have it at the school so all could see our shop.
 2. The unknown of COVID this September and the fact that MI is one of the highest in + Covid in the States. Also factoring in the age of the MWF attendees – how many would be comfortable traveling to a hotspot of COVID.
 3. **Final VOTE:** VOTE was 7 no; 4 yes (including 1 verbal Proxy); and 1 abstain.
 4. **LGMS will not be hosting the 2022 MWF based upon the above vote.** – Cari will write a respectful letter to decline hosting the MWF for 2022 and offer to have it at a later date like 2023 or 2024.
4. **VP Report** –
 - A. **Condolence gift** for John Petito will be provided by the Club and delivered by Bryant.
 - B. **Membership - 100 paid members**, which is up from last month of 76 Members with 16 that did not renew.
5. **Treasurer Report** –
 - A. From January to April 20, 2021, our club is down \$1,500 from this time last year.
 - B. **Rock Swap Vendor Status** - About 10 vendors have paid for tables for the May 22nd show. One vendor wanted 4 tables but has not paid yet.
6. **Chairperson's Report – Bill Magee/Shop update**
 - A. Bill reported: an electrical outlet was repaired. Grinding wheels repaired too!
 - B. Bill needs assistance with the big saw oil barrels. Need 1 or 2 STRONG members to help with lifting the barrel overhead.
7. **New Business**
 - A. Cinda needs volunteer to help people with SignUpGenius. – Cari Jacob volunteered.
 - B. **STORAGE** Spring Cleaning for **FRIDAY, APRIL 30th from 2-4 pm.** Rain Date May 7th from 2-4 pm)
 - a. Help with identification, labelers, muscles needed! – Special invitation only due to location and space available.
 - C. **Meeting for Raising Dues Committee** – Monday May 10th @ Settlers Park at Noon. Committee: Cari, Cinda, Bill Magee, Lori Irvin, Linda Sheedy, AnnMarie, Mariana, Sherlynn.
 - D. **Vaccination Day?** - Jim Hansen asked the board if we would consider a vaccination only day or timeframe at the workshop. Discussion had pros and cons.
 - a. Cari to create a survey to be sent to all the members that will assist in the decision making. John Myer offered to send the survey out via Survey Monkey.
 - E. **Small room next to the clubs office.** Was included in our rent originally, but for the last 5-6 years it was taken back by the school for the Hartland Historical Society. School had informed Cari that it would add to our rent. Cari to follow up.
 - F. Has the school received any COVID Relief Grants to recoup financial losses? If so, our club may be able to cover our loss for our 2020 MWF Show!!! Cari to follow up.
 - G. **Shop Evening Hours?** If we have evening hours, the school needs to hire a night time monitor before any group can stay later.
8. **Adjournment** 8:17 pm – Motioned by Brent 2nd by Cinda with unanimous vote taken & carried to adjourn.
Next General Meeting is May 18, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Irvin, Secretary LGMS



For the generous donation of Victor Smith's collection
from his son, Brian.



UPCOMING EVENTS

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

June 12-13, 2021

Mid-Ohio Mineral and Fossil Club's Annual Show

Fair Haven Hall, Mansfield Fairgrounds, 750 Home Road N., Mansfield, Ohio
Info: Tom Kottyan, TheMineralHouse@netero.com

Livingston Gem and Mineral Society
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Howell, Michigan 48843-9098



General Membership Meeting

**via Microsoft Teams
Tuesday, May 18, 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.