

The Living Stones

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Livingston Gem and Mineral Society

June 2021

President's Message



May was very busy with the preparations of the Spring Show, yet we were able to squeeze in a Membership Fee Committee meeting. At that meeting we rehashed previous concerns about rising shop costs and went over possible future Covid variants. Cinda Dawson wrote up a compilation of the meeting that I wanted to share with the membership. Everyone needs to see what we, as a group are dealing with, so that we all can make the best decision in moving forward.

The Spring Show was success! It rained and shined, and while the turnout was not huge, everyone was spending! I think all the vendors were quite happy with their individual profits. For the Fall Show, I would like to see more membership involvement; there is a literal ton of work in setting the club table up.

The recent survey, 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, has ended and the board members will be making a decision soon based on the participating membership's responses.

Congrats to Cinda Dawson, who was interviewed by Newsbreak, Tracy Stagle, regarding our recent club sale. Also, thank you to Cinda, Ed Oller and Jim Hansen who drove out, purchased and picked up Anita's equipment. That provided some

spare machines/motors for the shop and some items for the club table sale.

Thank you to our shop manager, Bill Magee who has tirelessly worked on some failing equipment at the shop. Remember to clean up the trays and wipe down the water after each use. They will sparkle for a lot longer if we all remember to do that one small thing!

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! Starting June 1st, the shop will be opened 4 days per week, with Thursdays returning to silversmithing only. Remember, members may sign up for extra shifts on **Sign-Up Genius** if available. Thank you to Cinda Dawson for tirelessly monitoring this site!

The school at this time is still requiring the same Covid restrictions regarding masking, spacing, limited members in shop and the cleaning. We were advised that may change when school is out.

Thank you Lori Irvin for starting the hunt for a fall show venue!

Hope to see you at the next meeting on the 3rd Tuesday, June 15th @ 6:00 pm outside at Settlers Park in Hartland near the shop. BYOB non alcoholic drink & your own chair. Pizza will be provided. 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 General Meeting May 18, 2021 via Microsoft Teams

1. **Call to Order** – 6:22 pm; Motion to approve minutes by Linda, 2nd by Lori, with unanimous vote to approve minutes as is.
2. **Roll Call:** a total of 9 Members including board members. In Attendance: Cari Jacobs, Cinda Dawson, Linda Sheedy, Lori Irvin, Jim Hansen, Isla Mitchell, John Myers, Bill Magee, Renee Kitson

3. President's Report

- A. **Spring Cleaning:** With the spring cleaning of the storage unit, we have more items for the club table.
- B. **Dues Committee:** Meeting of the Dues Committee was held. Options include raising annual dues and the daily fee, or just annual dues alone and not the daily fee. Committee will meet again in the fall to review total dollar amount estimated to cover the increases in shop, rent, and show expenses. Then two dues options will be presented to the members for a vote.

C. **Flyer:** Currently on:

1. FB Market Place
2. Milford Market Place
3. It was sent to the MI Silver Smith Guild
4. Armstrongs has the flyer, too

D. **Survey:** results to be reviewed by the board and reported to the membership.

E. **School Discussion:** to review protocols and evening hours and rent increase.

1. Yes, club can be open every day and with evening hours starting potentially July or August 2021.
2. Masks are still required and may be eased up after school starts.
3. The extra space in our Shop: they will review our contract.

F. **Shop Open another day on June 1, 2021.**

1. Cinda proposed adding another full day (9-4 Friday) to the current shop schedule with Thursdays now being dedicated to experienced Silversmiths. 2nd by Linda. VOTE taken and passed unanimously to add another full day. Therefore:

- a. A Friday shop day (from 9-4) will be added beginning June 1.
- b. Fridays will be a sign-up day with 2 shifts.
- c. Thursdays will be dedicated to Silversmiths with sign-up for full day (9-4).
- d. Limit continues to be 10 members.

4. VP Report

A. **Interview** – Cinda was interviewed by Tracy Stagle of the Newsbreak App. This app is for local news and is only 500 words. Cinda reported the interview went well. Fordite, Fossils, the shop, and our Rock Swap Show this Saturday were discussed.

B. **Membership Report.** Added 1 in May and 1 in April.

C. **Anita's Equipment Sale:** Club purchased several pieces of used equipment and will keep 3 different motors while selling the rest at the club table with a potential \$145 profit.

5. Treasurer Report:

A. **Rock Swap Vendor Status:**

Received \$475 in Show Vendor Fees.

6. Chairperson's Report: Bill Magee/ Shop

A. Next Thursday he will have another machine back repaired and ready to go!

7. Old Business

A. Spring Show Update – we have 16 vendors with the Club Table.

B. Fall Show Update – Lori Irvin contacted 9 different locations for the show & will continue to follow up.

1. 242 we have to contact at the end of June.
2. Some Churches do not have that date available or do not rent their parking lots.

8. **New Business: Field Trip to Rockport** is 6/5/21. Sign up and details are in the shop. We will post to FB. Please get the details from the posting in the shop. For any additional info, please Contact Jim Hansen.

9. **Adjournment** 7:07 pm – Motioned by Linda 2nd by Jim with unanimous vote taken & carried to adjourn.

Next General Meeting is 6/15/21 at SETTLERS PARK at 6 pm. Pizza will be provided; please bring your own beverage and chair.
Respectfully submitted,
Lori Irvin, Secretary LGMS

Membership Fee Committee Meeting Summary

May 10th 2021

Written by : Cinda Dawson

The 7-member committee meeting started by reviewing the monetary goal it was trying to achieve when it last met in January of 2020. The increase was needed to cover the \$2,400 increase in rent, the \$910 extra needed to hold our show in the gym, and the increase in maintenance costs year over year with a \$700 estimate.

The committee discussed the amount of shop fees charged at the Waterford and Flint clubs, and the number of hours they operate.

The committee also estimated how much money our shop fees were bringing in before Covid.

The group talked about how the club has about 110 members at the moment, although 30 might return if hours are increased. It could take a couple of years for the membership headcount to return to the 250 pre-Covid membership number.

It was decided that whenever a vote is held, it should be for 2 options. One for a \$2 shop fee, and one for a \$1 shop fee.

The group discussed at length how soon we needed to have the vote. We are paying a reduced rent at the moment. In the month of April the club lost \$1500. The month of May was not nearly as bad since we were bringing in vendor booth fees for the May Rock Swap.

There was a lot of uncertainty about when the building administration would allow us to go back to our usual hours, and unlimited headcount, so that new members could join.

Bill Magee will be doing some research on maintenance cost increases over the past 5 years by looking at old parts catalogs from 2015-2017, and previous purchases.

In the end it was decided that the committee will revisit the time frame to introduce the vote in July, when there might be more knowledge about operating hours, Covid variants, and perhaps have a good profit from our outdoor Show. It was mentioned that if the vote were to occur in 2021, that it should be done by September or October,

so that it could take effect at the end of the year when people are renewing their dues.

*My own input, after writing the summary, is that if by some chance we go back to paying full rent in July, we will need to pay \$3,600 for the second half of the year.

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.)

AFMS Code of Ethics

I will respect both private and public property and will do no collecting on privately owned land without the owner's permission.

I will keep informed on all laws, regulations or rules governing collecting on public lands and will observe them.

I will, to the best of my ability, ascertain the boundary lines of property on which I plan to collect.

I will use no firearms or blasting material in collecting areas.

I will cause no willful damage to property of any kind— fences, signs, buildings. I will leave all gates as found.

I will build fires in designated or safe places only and will be certain they are completely extinguished before leaving the area.

I will discard no burning material—matches, cigarettes, etc.

I will fill all excavation holes, which may be dangerous to livestock.

I will not contaminate wells, creeks or other water supply.

I will cause no willful damage to collecting material and will take home only what I can reasonably use.

I will practice conservation and undertake to utilize fully and well the materials I have collected and will recycle my surplus for the pleasure and benefit of others.

I will support the rockhound project H.E.L.P. (Help Eliminate Litter Please) and will leave all collecting areas devoid of litter, regardless of how found.

I will cooperate with field trip leaders and those in designated authority in all collecting areas.

I will report to my club or Federation officers, Bureau of Land Management, or other authorities, any deposit of petrified wood or other materials on public lands which should be protected for the enjoyment of future generations for public educational and scientific purposes.

I will appreciate and protect our heritage of natural resources.

I will observe the "Golden Rule," will use "Good Outdoor Manners" and will at all times conduct myself in a manner which will add to the stature and public image of rockhounds everywhere.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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 5, 2021

LGMS Rockport State Park Field Trip with Jim Hansen

Meet at the park between 11:30 and noon. Bring your own lunch and eat at the picnic tables; then hunt in the quarry. Limit is 25 pounds per person.

Bring a hat, sunscreen, lots of water, rock bag and maybe a cart or wagon.

It is a half mile walk to the quarry on a gravel road.

Information: contact Jim Hansen, 248-933-1482.

June 12, 2021, 9 am - noon

Indian Mounds Rock and Mineral Club's Rock Swap

Woodland Drive In Church, 2600 Breton Rd. S.E. Grand Rapids, MI 49546

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@netzero.com

June 25-27, 2021

Lawrence County Rock Club Annual Show.

Lawrence County Fairgrounds, US Highway 50, Bedford, Indiana

Contact: Michael Tweedate, (573) 466-9093.

August 7, 2021

Ishpeming Rock and Mineral Club Annual Show

Ishpeming Elk's Club, 597 Lakeshore Drive, Ishpeming.

Contact Kirsten Maki 906-204-2623, kmaki75@gmail.com

August 13-15, 2021

Copper Country Rock and Mineral Club Rock Swap

Houghton Middle School, 1603 Gundlach Rd, Houghton, MI

Contact: Rob Grabarczyk pres@ccrmc.info

August 14, 2021

Flint Rock and Gem Club Rock Swap

11350 N. Saginaw Rd, Clio, MI

Contact Bill Wendling 810-638-5796, bwrockbarn@centurytel.net

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General Membership Meeting
Tuesday, June 15, 2021
6 pm at Settlers Park, Hartland, MI

Directions: 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. Pizza will be provided. 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 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.