

# The Living Stones

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Livingston Gem and Mineral Society

July 2021

## President's Message



Hello Everyone! Policies are quickly changing and we are trying to keep up with the most current mandates. Please have patience as we align with the schools' guidelines. We are jumping thru hoops trying to maintain our profits and losses with the club dealing with low membership, policy changes and lack of member participation.

Our board held a supplementary board meeting on 6/14/21, the day before the general meeting 6/15/21 and voted to add a vaccination-only day at the shop. At that time, Fridays were scheduled as vax-only for a two-week trial basis. Due to lack of participation, the board voted again (6/20/21 6/0 in favor) and the vax-only day was changed to Wednesdays. And now, **again** due to low participation, vax-only day has been discontinued for the time being.

Due to another recent change in covid policies (most restrictions lifted) from the state, the board met again 6/28/21 and had to quickly decide how to proceed for July. The shop will open for 3 days per week for July (a rent savings of \$50) and possibly August if shop participation is still low. (See meeting minutes further down in the newsletter for details.)

At the general member meeting, members voted to allow back in previous members who had not paid dues in 2019 & 2020. Cinda Dawson is maintaining a list of new members who have inquired and like to join when we are

able to "open" our doors.

We are ALL looking forward to having more members get back to normal in the shop. We will be maintaining some of the cleaning practices we adopted for the covid mandates. 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. New sponges and scrub brushes have been purchased.

Our group had a nice invitation from Main Street Rocks shop in Durand to visit their new shop and receive a club discount for any purchases from 6/29 to 7/8. LGMS private Facebook page has photos of the shop. Photo /credit: Cinda Dawson.

The Cranbrook MMS club has invited our members to their annual picnic at Waterford Oaks in Waterford, MI on Saturday, July 31, 2021, 10 am to 7 pm. Cinda will be putting together a SignUpGenius event for this. They will provide hamburgers and hot dogs; we can bring a dish to pass and also may bring items to sell for a pop-up sale. See flyer in newsletter for info.

Thank you Lori Irvin for sharing some options at the general meeting, for a fall show venue! As more information is provided, we will update the membership and a decision will be made.

Hope to see you @ the next meeting date on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, July 20 @ 6:00 pm outside at Settlers Park in Hartland near the shop. BYOB non alcoholic drink & your own chair if desired. Pizza will be provided.

Please stay well, my fellow members! You are all treasures! Contact info: [caricatures@comcast.net](mailto:caricatures@comcast.net) or cell phone 248-931-5999

Sincerely yours,  
*Cari Jacob*

**LGMS General Meeting**  
**June 15, 2021,**  
**in person at Settlers Park**

**Call to Order – 6:22 pm**

**1. Roll Call:** a total of 31 Members including board members. Cinda motioned to approve the minutes with no changes and Jim 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed with the majority.

**2. President - Survey Results**

Based upon the results of the survey, the majority of members who responded reported that they would like to add a vaccinated-only time. Therefore, LGMS will offer Fridays as the vaccinated-only day for the rest of June 2021; on a trial basis, and this procedure will be reviewed again, beginning July 1, based upon current School and on Michigan covid protocols.

**3. VP - Dues:** There have been increases in costs (shop costs, rent, tools etc.) and decreases in our membership.

- A. **Shop Cost Status** – Bill Magee
- B, Comparing 2015 and 2021 costs, the following shop items are a few examples of the prices and their exponential increase:

Shop items	2015	2021	% increase
Diamond wheels	\$95	\$128	35%
10" diamond blade	\$46	\$85	85%
Belts	\$00.95	\$2.08	218%
Oil	\$371	\$462	25%
Rent	\$50	\$600	1200%

C. Rent is currently \$450. July 1<sup>st</sup> we may be back to "normal" with limited night hours. T, W, Th 9-7.

**4. VP – Ryan of Main Street Rocks** will give LGMS Members a **10% discount** on all items from **June 29<sup>th</sup> to July 8<sup>th</sup>**. If \$100 or more = 20% off. The new rock shop is at 300 W. Main St, Durand, MI 48429. Hours: Tuesday - Saturday noon-7,

Sundays, noon-5. Mondays are reserved for appointments only. "We are opening on Thursday, June 24, and can't wait to meet all of you!"

**5. Fall Show 2021 Status – Lori Irvin, Secretary**

In the process of securing a new location. Of 9 called, 2 still are in the running.

- A. 242 Church on Grand River in Brighton. We are allowed to fill out the request at the end of June.
- B. Green Oaks – JC Penney parking lot.
- C. Kohl's/Costco – Parking Lot.
- D. If none of the above options work, we can have the show again in Waterford like the Spring show.

**6. Michigan Mineralogical Society in**

Waterford Oaks County Park Rock Swap.

Sell, trade, swap on **7/31/2021** 10 am-7 pm. Picnic at 1 pm; bring a dish to pass. Get there early if you want to sell. Call Cinda with any questions.

**7. Treasurer – Pop up Show Results:**

- A. Club Table & Vendor fees we made \$1,525. (Grossed \$1,844 and had \$319 in expenses).
- B. Club Status since January 2021 until 6/15/21 = negative \$261.

**8. Shop Status**

A. The Blue Automatic feed saw has a brass part that no longer is made. Bill may be able to have machinist make the brass part.

**B. CLEAN UP AFTER YOURSELF EACH TIME ON EACH MACHINE!**

The machines will last longer and will not be coated in "concrete"!

C. He repaired the pump, and will purchase a 2<sup>nd</sup> pump to have on hand, so the shop does not have to be closed down.

D. Also when mopping under the mats on the last day of the week, do not roll them up tight as they will not dry over the weekend.

E. Electrician to rewire tin oxide wheel.  
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**9. Membership** – Motioned by Cinda- Any previous LGMS Members of the club may rejoin by purchasing a 2021 \$50 membership. (To join or if you have any questions, Please call Linda at 248-425-9686).

- A. Current Shop Hours T, W, F 9-4;  
(Thurs. quiet day); Friday; Vax Day Only.
- B. Due to current COVID Protocols, there is limited head count allowed in the shop. Therefore, appointments are required, so please sign up via Sign-Up Genius.

**10. FB Policy** for Groups has changed. The update is limiting, stating anyone in a group cannot join via email any longer, they must be friends with someone in the group to join.

**11. Adjournment** 7:13 pm. Motioned by Jim and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cinda with unanimous vote taken & carried to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lori Irvin, Secretary



### ***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**

**President:** Cari Jacob 248-931-5999

**Vice President:** Cinda Dawson 810-423-0464

**Secretary:** Lori Irvin, 810-820-0494

**Treasurer:** Linda Sheedy 248-425-9686

### **Second year Directors:**

Sheila York, 810-695-0509

AnnMarie McFadden, 248-884-8126

### **First year Directors:**

Bill Magee 734-981-6117

Jane Lerma 517-438-6476

### **Hospitality and Sunshine:**

Angela Hamilton 248-431-8288

Greyson Bechtold 248-920-4913

### **Shop Chairpersons:**

Bill Magee 734-981-6117

**Newsletter:** Isla Mitchell, 248-685-7804,  
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**Historian:** Chuck Amberger, 248-787-6586

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[www.livingstongemandmineralsociety.com](http://www.livingstongemandmineralsociety.com)

Email: LGMSMich@gmail.com

General Membership Meetings are held monthly on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 6 pm. (Except in January and February when board meetings are held in the shop.)

## **NEW ROCK SHOP!**

### **Main Street Rocks**

300 West Main Street, Durand, Michigan

LGMS members get 10% off  
June 29 through July 8  
and  
20% off \$100 or more!

Use code **“lgms2021”**

## Michigan Mineralogical Society (MMS) Picnic Invitation

Written by: Cinda Dawson

I have been to the last two “Cranbrook Club” picnics. They are a super friendly group, and always interested in meeting new people. A good number of the members are in their 70s or 80s and they love science. Their club does not have a workshop, so their meetings include excellent presentations on minerals, geology, paleontology, field trips, and more.

I have enjoyed the picnics and look forward to going again this year. If you are interested in going here is some information:

Before the Pandemic most people would arrive about 11 am and leave about 2:30 pm. However, the pavilion will be held all day, and people might arrive earlier, and stay longer since everyone has missed being around friends. There were only a handful of MMS members selling items last time, and the area under the pavilion was not super large.

If you are interested in selling, you should get there before 11 am to get a good place for your table. Most of the MMS members are not interested in buying jewelry, or cabochons. They like mineral specimens, crystals growing on matrix, or other substrates, and some members sell/collect Datolite. I’m guessing that Lake Superior Agates and other Michigan rocks would be of interest. I did sell a handful of “LGMS made” masks last year.

I will create a “SignUpGenius” for people who would like to attend the picnic on July 31st. We need a full headcount before July 25th. Please type in the Comment section the type of food you are bringing, and merchandise you are selling (if any). The Sign-Up should be emailed out to everyone, and posted to Facebook (Members Only page) by July 5th. If you need help signing up please call, or text me at (810) 423-0464.

BTW: The MMS Annual Show will be held on October 8th-10th at Macomb Community College. They could really use our help before, during, and after the large exhibit. So if you are interested in volunteering please mark your calendars, and let me know. They normally have over 60 dealers and 32 display cases (many with museum quality pieces).

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**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](mailto: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](mailto:pres@ccrmc.info)

**August 14, 2021**

**Flint Rock and Gem Club Rock Swap**

**NEW LOCATION** 13685 N. Saginaw Rd (aka Dixie Hwy), Clio, MI **NEW LOCATION**  
Contact Bill Wendling 810-638-5796, [bwrockbarn@centurytel.net](mailto:bwrockbarn@centurytel.net)

**September 10-12, 2021**

**Toledo Gem and Rockhound Club (Hosting the MWF Convention)**

Pavilion, County Fairgrounds, 13800 W. Poe Road, Bowling Green, Ohio  
Info: Jerri Heer, [Jheerx6@aol.com](mailto:Jheerx6@aol.com)

**September 17-19, 2021**

**Tulip City Gem & Mineral Club Annual Show**

Soccer Stop Sportsplex, 5 River Hills Dr., Holland.  
Contact: Sue Goedert, (616) 337-1162; [sonbeams2000@yahoo.com](mailto:sonbeams2000@yahoo.com)

**LGMS Supplementary Board Meeting**  
June 28, 2021 5:00 pm, via Microsoft Teams

**Call to Order – 5:06 pm**

1. **Roll Call:** a total of 7 Members including board members. **In Attendance:** Cari Jacob, Cinda Dawson, Linda Sheedy, Lori Irvin, Bill Magee, Ann Marie McFadden, Sheila York.

2. **July – LGMS Club Status:** The following changes were voted on by the Board and were passed.

**A. Shop Schedule for July 2021** - days & times the shop will be open. Based upon use of the shop from March until June, the rent agreement, and the current volunteers available to open and close on those days, the following Shop Schedule passed unanimously:

1. **Shop Hours for the Month of July**

- a. Tuesdays 9-4 (possibly 5 pm)
- b. Wednesdays 9-5
- c. Thursdays 9-7 (quiet day)
2. Days may change as needed based upon alignment with school hours.
3. **If you would like later hours on Tuesdays, please volunteer to close at 7 pm consistently** and contact Cinda, Cari or Lori Irvin with this information. The member opening or closing may reserve the right to close up shop if no one attends.
4. Reminder for members in shop: For safety precautions there must be at least 2 members in the shop to use any machine.

**B. Restrictions have been lifted** per the State of Michigan and the school protocol due to the vaccine and the decrease in positivity rates as follows: *Since the April 2021 peak, positivity rates, case rates, hospitalizations, and deaths have decreased. As of June 14, 2021, the weekly average positivity rate has decreased by 90% from the mid-April 2021 peak to 1.9%. The seven-day average case rate for Michigan has fallen by 96% to 24.3 cases per million through June 9, 2021. The rate of COVID-19 cases detected per day in Michigan is below 500 and continues to fall. These are the lowest percent positivity and case rates in Michigan over the past year.*

[https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus/0,9753,7-406-98178\\_98455\\_98456\\_103043-560465--,00.html](https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus/0,9753,7-406-98178_98455_98456_103043-560465--,00.html)

1. **Face Masks** protocol per State of Michigan:

- a. All individuals who are not fully vaccinated (ages 2+) must continue to wear a face mask when at indoor establishments.
- b. Fully vaccinated individuals will not be required to wear a face mask.
- c. Face masks will not be required outdoors.
2. **Vax-only day** will be discontinued for now and the above orders adhered to.
3. **SignUpGenius** will no longer be needed from July 5<sup>th</sup> forward.
4. **Cleaning requirements:** Continue to wipe down machines after each use. Members are to spray and wipe up personal areas at tables before leaving. Minimal eating/drinking in shop. Wash hands after eating.
5. **Shop fees** per day: \$1 for shop fee, \$2 for silversmiths.

3. Adjournment 5:49 pm – Unanimous vote taken to adjourn.

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*July* ★★

**General Membership Meeting (pizza provided)  
Tuesday, July 20, 2021  
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.



# Summer Picnic & Swap Event – July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021!



MMS is happy to announce that we will be having a summer picnic this year on Saturday, July 31<sup>st</sup>, at Waterford Oaks County Park in Waterford, Michigan. This Park is the same location as last year for those who attended.

The Park is located at 1702 Scott Lake Road in Waterford, MI 48328. This is by the major crossroads of Watkins Lake Road and Scott Lake Road. Please see the map for more details on the following page. The hours that we have the Paradise Pavilion rented out are from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. The picnic is a rain or shine event. The map has a red circle on where

we will be at, and MMS will bring Hamburgers and hotdogs to grill for everyone to enjoy. The club will also bring some pop and water to drink. In addition to hanging out with the group, there are walking trails, a very fun playscape, and close parking with restrooms. If you are so inclined, you might bring a volleyball to play on the sand courts or tennis equipment for the tennis courts.



**Please bring a dish to pass (side, salad or dessert), as we have in years before. Also, bring your checkbook, as anyone/everyone can bring items to swap and collect.** The club will have some great items on display that are up for sale. We will be having an open auction on the Hoover collection that MMS recently procured. There are many fantastic specimens for sale, and we encourage you will bring your seconds or thirds to barter with. Hope for good weather!

Because we are still being careful, masks and social distancing are recommended for those who are not vaccinated or have concerns. We will follow CDC guidelines. A map is on the following page.



See the Red circle near the center of the map?  
That's where we will be for 10 to 7 on July 31st. If  
you have any special requirements or questions,

Please use Sign Up genius to RSVP/attending only by 7/25,  
write in comments if bringing a dish to pass and if selling  
items. Problems? Call Cinda Dawson 810-423-0464

