

The Living Stones

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Livingston Gem and Mineral Society

September 2021

President's Message



Hello Everyone!

Hope you all are handling this summer heat! Spending time at the lake or maybe a nice cool pool!.....Or working on something fabulous at the shop! We experienced an almost normal Tuesday at the shop recently! So exciting to see everyone again! The senior center has re-opened for lunch 11:30 to 12:30 and Gleaners will be there monthly also.

The shop will remain open for 3 days per week for September with extended hours: Tuesday – 10:00 am to 9:00 pm, Wednesday - 10:00 am to 9:00 pm and Thursday (silversmiths only) - 10:00 am to 9:00 pm. Covid protocols may change in September with the start of school. We will keep you updated.

With new-member written training procedures in place, we have recently added a few more members. Thank you, Bryant Hiiter and Cinda Dawson for coming into the shop to train.

There were a few glitches in August regarding our shop and its officers; A text scam went out to all board members whose phone numbers were listed on our public web page, asking in my name for iTunes cards. Nobody fell for it and I did not get any gift cards! And.....The school experienced a power outage during a recent storm and our shop

was closed for several days. Upon return on Tuesday, we did not know the water pump had tripped off during the outage and before anyone realized it, a fairly large flood occurred. We were able to quickly find the fuse box and clean up. Everyone in the shop that morning learned where the fuse box was located! A great learning experience for all!

Our show is rapidly approaching and we need more vendors! We also need volunteer help. Cinda will have a SignUpGenius form ready online for members to participate. **We expect all members to help in some manner. See show flyer attached.**

The dues committee has met and come up with a proposal for dues increase. The proposals were posted in the August newsletter and we will be voting on these proposals at the next General meeting, on 2nd Tuesday, September 14, 2021 at Settlers Park.

Hope to see you @ the next meeting date on the 2nd Tuesday, September 14th @ 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 or cell phone 248-931-5999

Sincerely yours, Cari Jacob



LGMS General Meeting August 10, 2021 at Settlers Park

1- Call to Order – 6:10 pm; Motion to approve minutes by Cinda Dawson, 2nd by Bryant Hiiter. With unanimous vote to approve minutes as is.

2- Roll Call: a total of 16 Members including 2 board members (Cari Jacob, Cinda Dawson).

3- Guest Secretary needed: Marianna Ziegler-Hickey offered to write and Cari Jacob typed.

4- President's Report (Cari Jacob)–

A. General meeting venue –

Different inside venues discussed for September, October etc (Mark Ridenour recommended a library meeting room? Maybe the senior ctr- possible small fee?)

B. August/September meeting dates changed – due to availability at park and meeting before fall show.

C. Dues Committee: Meeting for the Dues Committee was held. Three dues proposals were posted in the August newsletter and will be presented to the members for a vote in September general meeting.

D. Fall Covid protocols – We will align with the school policy in September when they notify us at start of school. Updates will be posted as we are notified.

5. Vice President's Report (Cinda Dawson)–

A. Update on MMS recent picnic invitation at Waterford Oaks Park, 24+ MMS members and 4 LGMS members joined in.

B. Membership Update: Family of 3 just joined; Cinda will be asking people who have inquired about joining the club, to make appointments and work with a club member as a sponsor.

6. Treasurer's Report (from Linda Sheedy text):

A. Club funds are down approx. \$1800. \$1700 of that was a silver purchase and we will over time get that back.

7. Chairperson's Report/ Shop Chair (Cinda spoke for Bill Magee who is on the mend):

A. Gayland Allen and Paul Runge helped clean out the big saw recently and Cinda noticed maybe the blade needed to be replaced? Possible fixes were discussed and also the cost to replace would be about \$180.

B. Jim Hansen asked if we could look into replacing the old band saw with a new Taurus ring saw. About \$300 after discount. Since not enough voting board members were present, this was tabled for a future discussion.

C. An old piece of shag carpet was requested by Cari Jacob to replace the oily one in the big saw room. Several members offered to replace.

D. A demo machine was donated to our club by Kingsley North: three 8" wheels for shaping and three 8" wheels for polishing. Jim Hansen offered to help determine the location in the shop for the new station. It has its own pump and tubing, just needs a water source and waste water place. Ed Oller delivered the machine to the school and Gayland Allen & Phil Virta helped move it into the shop.

8. Old Business:

A. Fall show will be held Saturday, 9/18/21 from 9-5 at the Waterford Christ Lutheran Church. Ann Marie placed \$25 deposit and the rest (\$75) will be remitted soon. Discussion was held regarding the vendor fees which were previously \$50 for non-members and \$25 for members. Earlier a member had suggested that we raise the fees slightly. Mark Ridenour made a motion to raise both fees by \$10 (\$60 non member & \$35 member) Lori Keefer 2nd motion. 4 voted YES and 11 voted NO. Doug Hickey made another motion to keep the fees the same as before (\$50 non member & \$25 member) This motion passed with 9 YES and 6 NO.

B. Flyer for Show – Cari Jacob created the flyer and requested wording for the show since there were member requests to change the wording from ROCK SWAP to..? Jill Allen suggested calling it, **Rockhound's Dream Show** and all present members agreed.

C. Rock Swap with Spring River Club – Cinda agreed to chair and organize the rocks to swap with the club. Event needs to take place by Aug 31.

D. Sheila's Kona Dolomite collection: Mark Ridenour has just sold the remainder of her collection and will slab up some smaller rocks left over for the club table sale. He has \$85 to turn in from that sale!

E. Help with moving rocks – Ted Vosburgh has offered his truck and muscles to help with the huge task of moving our rocks from the storage to the club sale in September.

9. New Business:

A. Gayland A. made a motion that all new members are "sponsored". Mark R. 2nd and added with standardized training. Cinda will create a sponsor checklist with #1 Safety First and #2 Covid Protocols etc. All members approved.

B. Jim Hansen proposed meeting with other members and putting rock "stories" to paper and creating a book with memories that would not be forgotten. Creating a time capsule of a sort, because our members have experiences that are priceless and would benefit the future younger members.

C. MMS Club needs volunteers for their show with possible benefits to the helpers of free admittance to their show.

Next General Meeting is 9/14/2021 at SETTLERS PARK at 6 pm. (Location could change due to weather??) Pizza will be provided; please bring your own beverage and chair.

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.)

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

September 10-12, 2021

500 Earth Sciences Club of Indianapolis Annual Show

Hancock County Fairgrounds, 620 N Apple Street, Greenfield, Indiana

Contact: Tom Odom, (765) 325-2690, tomodom650@gmail.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

September 18, 2021

LGMS Rock Swap

Christ Lutheran Church, Waterford, MI

VOLUNTEER – PARTICIPATE - CONTRIBUTE

October 2-3, 2021

Midwest Mineralogical Lapidary Society Rock Swap

Wayne County Fairgrounds, 10871 Quirk Rd., Belleville.

Contact: Bill Barr, (505) 803-4888; wbarr@umich.edu

October 2-3, 2021

Grand Traverse Area Rock & Mineral Club Annual Show

Cherryland VFW Hall, 3400 Veterans Dr., Traverse City.

Contact: Jared Bowen, (269) 303-5732; jaredjbowen@gmail.com

October 8, 9, 10, 2021

Michigan Mineralogical Society's Greater Detroit Gem, Mineral and Fossil Show

Macomb Community College, South Campus Expo Center

14500 E. 12 Mile Road, Warren, MI 48088

Info: www.michmin.org/show-info

October 22-24, 2021

Central Michigan Lapidary & Mineral Society Annual Show

Main Pavillion, Ingham County Fairgrounds, Ash Street, Mason.

Contact: Robin Smith, (517) 290-4891; rsmith@redssmith.com



Equipment for sale at our Rock Show!

Many pieces of equipment will be for sale at our rock show on September 18. Items include a Loratone 10" trim saw with automatic feed, small trim saws, pulleys, belts, motors, tumblers, arbors, metal trays and covers, new and used blades, sanding belts, 20 heavy duty metal drawers (without shelving unit), small band saw. Several pieces are pictured here.



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General Membership Meeting (pizza provided)

***Note early date!**

Tuesday, September 14, 2021
6 pm at Settlers Park, Hartland, MI

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**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.