

The Living Stones

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Livingston Gem and Mineral Society

November 2021

President's Message



Hello Everyone!

We've been blessed with some amazing fall weather days. It's been amazing to see the shop busy again with the sound of well-maintained machines and happy faces creating beautiful things!

Thank you, Bryant Hiiter and Cinda Dawson and Ed Oller for coming into the shop to train our newest members. We have quite a few on the waitlist. Since we have a holiday shutdown with the school till January, Cinda anticipates the waitlist may go to February. Adding Fridays will help get those new members in faster and keep the shop from getting too crowded on Tues/Wed. Thank you to Jim Hansen and Jim Parker for agreeing to help with opening/closing. The shop will remain open for 4 days per week for November: Tuesday – 10:00 am to 9:00 pm, Wednesday - 10:00 am to 9:00 pm, Thursday (silversmiths only) - 10:00 am to 9:00 pm and Friday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. We will keep you updated of any new Covid protocols.

At our November meeting at the shop, we will be voting on the nominations presented in the October newsletter for the following 2 expiring positions; New candidates for 1st year director - Janelle Gustafsen and Jim Johnson. Incumbent

positions submitted as follows: President-Cari Jacob, Vice President-Cinda Dawson, Treasurer-Linda Sheedy, Secretary-Lori Irvin and 2nd year directors-Bill Magee and Jane Lerma. If interested in serving, please contact me asap.

Great News! Save the Date for LGMS Holiday Party. Wednesday, December 15, 2021 – 6 – 9 pm @ Sr Center. See the attached form in this newsletter to RSVP and pay the \$10 per person to attend. There will be a SignUpGenius form and separate forms at the shop. Will be needing helpers! Setup is at 5:00 pm.

Dues for 2022 LGMS membership will be \$65 with \$1 shop fee and will be expected by December 31, 2021.

Hope to see you @ the Next meeting date on the 3rd Tuesday, November 16th @ 6:00 pm inside our shop. 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

October 19, 2021,

6:00 pm at the shop

Call to Order – 6:03 pm

1. Roll Call: a total of 22 Members including board members. Jim motioned to approve the minutes with no changes and Peggy 2nd. Motion passed with the majority.

2. President & VP Report

A. We are updating the Webpage to include the fact that new people can now be accepted into the Club.

1. New members are being accepted at this time. Anyone wishing to join may email their request with phone information to:

LGMS.Mich@gmail.com

2. They will be on a list, then will be contacted by a membership chairperson and may then set up an appointment to come in and will be trained by an experienced senior member on shop procedures.

B. Our October shop hours – open to members:

1. Tuesday 10 am – 9 pm
2. Wednesday 10 am – 9 pm
3. Thursday – 10 am – 9 pm
(this is a quiet day, no machines, experienced silversmiths only)

C. Membership

1. In addition to having access to hundreds of years of collective experience in the areas of lapidary arts, jewelry making, mineralogy, and much more, all members have access to our fully outfitted workshop. The workshop includes a full range of lapidary saws, grinding, and polishing equipment, a complete jewelry making studio including soldering stations, rolling mills, stone setting tools, casting & investing stations, and more. The workshop also includes kilns and equipment for glass bead making, a full kitchen with beverages and snacks for sale, and a great

group of new friends waiting to share their experience with you!

2. **2022 Membership costs are \$65/year** and provides full access to the LGMS Workshop. There is a **\$1/day shop fee charged** to help replenish consumables such as grinding wheels, saw blades, etc. There is a **\$2/day Jewelry Studio fee** to help replenish consumables such as torch gas, solder, polishing compounds, etc. To become a member please email your request with phone information to:

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D. **Silent Auction** – Possibly with MMS and Livingston Club Specimens. MMS could supply the minerals and LGMS the Lapidary/jewelry. Possibly in April/May.

E. **Club T-Shirts** – April/May need sizes then will order next Wednesday. Design has the heart beat with LGMS. Discussed sizes of 4X, 3X, 2X, 1X S, M.

3. Treasurer Report - We made \$2,409 at our last show!!!

4. Chairperson's Shop Report

A. **Thank you to AnnMarie & Bryant** for clean up and organization of the shop. **A thank-you to Greyson** for helping Bill with the shop maintenance.

B. **Bill Magee deserves a BIG THANK-YOU, too!!!** He has finished his **TWO-YEAR trek** of refurbishing, rebuilding, and repairing ALL of the polishing and sanding equipment in the shop! WOW, what dedication. Thanks so much, Bill. All the members benefit from your hard work and commitment.

C. **Bill Magee Reports 3 machines** (Flat Lap, 16" Saw, 100/180) all need to be repaired. Per discussion with the members, repair will happen in the following order:

1. The 100/180 will be repaired and switched.
2. The Flat Lap will be taken home by Bill over Christmas Break so he can work on it then.

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3. The 16" saw will have to be discussed by committee if, where and when we may possibly use it/set it up properly....etc.

5. New Business

- A. Per Bryant, Lynette West recently passed away. He will inform club members of when and where the services may be held, whether it be in Findley, Ohio or in Michigan.
- B. **The 2021 Holiday Party will be held on DECEMBER 15TH, 6-9 pm in the Senior Center – cost is \$10 per person.**
 1. LGMS will cater the food and beverage from Red Olive or Cracker Barrel – It will be delivered directly to the center.
 2. Please bring a dessert for the party as everything else will be provided.
 3. Please sign up to let us know a head count. **You can sign up:**
 - a. **In the Shop** on the Bulletin Board Signup Sheet and give money to one of the board members or Shop Open/Closer.
 - b. **On SignUpGenius** and mail money to Linda Sheedy.
 - c. **Via this Newsletter:** Form on page 5. Tear off and mail in with your money to Linda Sheedy.
 - d. If you wish to participate in the gift exchange, please bring a wrapped \$10 lapidary gift to the party. If you bring a gift, you will receive a gift.

6. **Adjournment 6:59 pm** Motion 1st by Linda, 2nd by Bill. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Irvin, Secretary



In Memoriam **George Pernicano**

On October 30, 2021 LGMS lost one of our cherished members. George and his wife Anna were active with our club for many years and he will always be remembered for his generosity, wit and energy. He loved sharing his rocks and crafted them into unique items including clocks and bottle stoppers. His warmth and friendship will be sadly missed by all of us. We send our sympathy and love to Anna and their family.

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 Beckett 248-920-4913
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 Bill Magee 734-981-6117
Newsletter: Isla Mitchell, 248-685-7804, imvm.1@netzero.com
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Historian: Chuck Amberger, 248-787-6586
Library: Bryant Hiiter, 248-210-6138
Webmaster: John Myer, www.livingstongems.com
 Email: LGMSMich@gmail.com
 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.)

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 6, 2021

Midwest Mineralogical and Lapidary Society Annual Auction (NEW LOCATION)

First Assembly of God Church, 5650 S. Telegraph, Dearborn Heights, MI

Doors open at 6 pm, Auction is at 7 pm

Info: <https://www.mmls.us> or Dwayne Ferguson, 313-550-9809 or shelby0671111@yahoo.com

November 8, 2021

Michigan Mineralogical Society Annual Auction.

Cranbrook Institute of Science, 39221 Woodward Ave, Bloomfield Hills, MI

7 pm

Contact: Brad Zylman, (612) 600-9484; brad.zylman@mtm.com



2022 Dues are payable now

Please complete this form, tear off, and mail to
Linda Sheedy, Treasurer, LGMS, 1582 Forest Bay Court, Wixom, MI 48393
Contact Linda at 248-425-9686 if you prefer to use PayPal

LGMS Membership Renewal 2022

Last name _____ First name _____
(please print)

Address (City, State, Zip code) _____

Phone number (Area code) _____ Email address _____

Hartland School District resident ☐ yes ☐ no Newsletter preference: ☐ shop ☐ email

Adult membership(s) _____ x \$65.00 = _____

Youth membership(s) (ages 13-17) _____ x \$25.00 = _____

Total Payment _____

The club is much more interesting, and really cannot function without volunteer help. Please mark the categories where you would like to contribute.

<input type="checkbox"/> Shop/Machine Maintenance	<input type="checkbox"/> Field Trips	<input type="checkbox"/> Membership
<input type="checkbox"/> Publication/printing	<input type="checkbox"/> Board position	<input type="checkbox"/> Presenter
<input type="checkbox"/> Website/internet	<input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter	<input type="checkbox"/> Education/4H
<input type="checkbox"/> Auctions	<input type="checkbox"/> Media/marketing	<input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality

Thulite

Thulite, also referred to as Rosaline, is a calcium aluminum silicate mineral that crystallizes in the form of large masses or small prismatic crystals. It's a member of the [Zoisite](#) family and is one of the pinkest minerals Mother Earth creates naturally. It's known for its pink color which is caused by inclusions of Manganese, yet it can be seen as white and grey. The deeper the color means the higher the concentrated Manganese volume is, which drastically increases the value. Thulite was discovered in Telemark, Norway in 1820 by H.J. Brooke. He chose to name it after the ancient mythological island "Thule", which many believe was located north of continental Europe. Since its initial finding, Thulite veins have been located in the United States (North Carolina and Washington state), Sweden, Italy, Austria, Japan, and Australia. Thulite is used as a gemstone and carving material in the manufacture of jewelry and ornamental objects.

The crystalcouncil.com and Wikipedia





2021 Holiday Party Reservation

December 15, 2021, 6-9 at the Senior Center, \$10 per person

Please tear off and mail with your money to
Linda Sheedy
1582 Forest Bay Court, Wixom, MI 48393

Name _____ Number attending _____

Amount enclosed _____

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



General Membership Meeting (pizza provided)
Tuesday, November 16, 2021
6 pm at the shop

Livingston Gem and Mineral Society was established in 1970. The annual membership fee is \$65.00 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.