

# The Living Stones

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Livingston Gem and Mineral Society

December 2021

## President's Message



Hello Everyone!

I am hoping everyone had a blessed Thanksgiving; either surrounded by family, friends or maybe you just needed a quiet moment to yourselves. There is so much to be thankful for!

We had our first Covid exposure at the shop which encouraged us to get a plan in place ASAP! Our plan was emailed to every member (thank you John Myer), was posted on our private Facebook page and is displayed prominently at the shop.

**\*\*LGMS Holiday Party. Wednesday, December 15, 2021: 6-9 pm @ Sr Center. See the form on page 4 in this newsletter to RSVP and pay the \$10 per person in advance to attend. There will be a SignUpGenius form and separate forms at the shop. Will be needing helpers! Set up is at 5:00 pm. \*\*Reminder: the shop will close at 5 pm that day.**

The shop will remain open for 4 days per week for December.

Tues 12/14- 10-9 pm,

**Wed 12/15- 10-5:00 (we will have our holiday party in Senior Ctr 6-9),**

Thurs 12/16- 10-9 pm (silversmiths only),

Fri 12/17- 10-4 pm. The shop will then be closed and re-open Tuesday 1/4/2022 10-9pm.

We all want to welcome the two new 1<sup>st</sup> year directors, Janelle Gustafson and Jim Johnson, who will be sworn in at the December Christmas party. Welcome again to the 2<sup>nd</sup> year directors, Jane Lerma and Bill Magee. *A big thank you to Ann Marie McFadden & Sheila York, our previous 2<sup>nd</sup> year directors for all you have participated in and the expertise you both have brought to the table. Good luck in your next endeavors, and we will see your smiling faces in the shop when you can get in.*

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

Hope to see you at the next meeting date on the Wednesday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at the Christmas party.

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, President



**LGMS General Meeting  
November 16, 2021 6:00 pm  
In-Person at the Shop**

**Call to Order** – 6:03 pm

1. **Roll Call:** a total of 10 Members including board members. Ed motioned to approve the minutes with no changes and Jane seconded. Motion passed.

**2. President & VP Report:**

**A. LGMS Covid Procedure – Winter**

**2021-2022:** For our safety and health risk reduction in the workshop, we've developed this winter protocol based on recent exposure by a symptom free member (Friday, 11/12/2021). This new protocol is within the school and state guidelines. If Covid exposure is reported at the shop (a positive Covid test result), all members present will quarantine from the shop for 10 days, or have a negative Covid test result 5 days (or more) after exposure. A board member will notify the members present on the day of exposure by phone call, text, or email as soon as we are informed. The Covid positive member may return to the shop after 10 symptom free days (meaning NO coughing, fever, sneezing and other flu-like symptoms). Masks are required for unvaccinated members. Masks are strongly encouraged for all vaccinated members, but still optional at this time.

**B. Our LGMS Desktop Computer** was taken in to be fixed.

**C. T-Shirts and Decals** are in the works.

**3. Treasurer Report:** As of October 2021, we are up by \$37!

**4. Chairperson's Shop Report:**

**A.** 10" Saw blade ordered

**B.** Bearings replaced on the 180 machine

**C.** Ed Changed out 3 belts, saw blades,

and Expando drum was replaced. Thanks so much Ed. And we thank Bill and Greyson for their continued excellence to make sure all machines are running tip-top! Thanks!!!.

**5. Old Business**

**A. 2022 Rockhound Dream Show**

discussion and a general vote was taken regarding interest in having the 2022 Rockhound Dream Show inside the school again. 7 voted yes, and 3 voted no. Since there was not a quorum, we are looking into the costs at the School and also looking for MORE volunteers to help!!! Volunteers for Hospitality, Auction, Ticket Takers, Kid Education, Kid's Table, etc.

**B. 1-2 POP-UP Shows** will continue even if we decide to have the indoor Rockhound Dream Show.

**6. New Business**

**A. New Board Members:** For 2 open positions of 1<sup>st</sup> year Director, both Janelle Gustafson and Jim Johnson ran unopposed. Thank you and let's welcome both Janell and Jim J.!

**B. FaceBook:** Marianna reports there are 80 members of the private FaceBook page, and 500 members of the public FaceBook page.

**C. The 2021 Holiday Party** will be held on DECEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup> 6-9 pm in the Senior Center. Cost is \$10 per person.

i. LGMS will cater the food and beverage from Red Olive and it will be delivered directly to the center.

ii. Please bring a dessert for the party as everything else will be provided.

iii. If you wish to participate in the gift exchange, Please bring a wrapped \$10 lapidary gift. If you bring a gift, you will receive a gift.

iv. There will be several options to RSVP. Please sign-up to let us know a head count. **You can sign up:**

(minutes, continued)

1. **In the Shop** on the Bulletin Board Sign up Sheet and give money to one of the board members or Shop Open/Closer.
2. **On SignUpGenius** and mail money to Linda Sheedy
3. **Via this Newsletter.** Form on page 5 and mail in with your money to Linda Sheedy.

***New LGMS T Shirts are coming!  
Heart beat design!  
Turquoise color!***

***Watch for them!***

## 7. PLEASE PAY YOUR 2022 DUES

**8. Adjournment** 7:08 pm. Motion 1<sup>st</sup> by Janelle, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim J. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lori Irvin, Secretary



## 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,  
imvm.1@netzero.com

**Membership:** Cinda Dawson, 810- 423-0464

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.*



## Christmas/New Years Shop Closure

The LGMS shop will be closed as of 4 pm Friday, December 17, 2021 through January 3, 2022.

It will reopen on Tuesday, January 4, 2022

### 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  |



### 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 \_\_\_\_\_

## A SIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS

(author unknown)

'Twas the eve before Christmas and there in the night  
the desert was quiet, not a rockhound in sight.  
Our socks were all hung where the bright fire glows  
in hopes that our moms would sew up the toes.

The kids were all stacked in their warm little bunks  
with visions of agate, slabs, boulders and chunks.  
And me in my long john and Ma in her sack  
had jumped into bed; it was cold in the shack.

From out in the sagebrush rose a hullabaloo  
and I sprang to the window to throw out a shoe.  
The moon shining down on the still silver sand  
confirmed that the desert was my kind of land.

I strained my eyes 'till my brow was a furrow;  
along came an old gent, a-leadin' his burro.  
By the size of his tummy and the face full of hair  
I knew it was Santa or a big grizzly bear.

"Go Rudolph, go Rudolph, you stubborn ol' mule,  
get moving there, Rudolph, you lop-eared ol' fool."  
Than quick as a polecat I heard up on top  
that darn red-nosed burro go clippity-clop.

Santa's trip down the chimney was somethin' uncanny;  
the fire was a-burnin' and scorched his poor fanny.  
He was dressed all in denim from his hat to his shoes,  
His nose was all red and he needed a snooze.

He had middle age spread that just wouldn't fit,  
and a bag so big it was ready to split.  
He spied my old trim saw, the one that was broke;  
"By golly, you're rockhounds, you're my kind of folk."

He sat down at the table, we both had some java  
and talked about agate, opal, and lava.  
He told of old times, of Horse Canyon agate,  
of good times in Boron, of jasper from Dagget.

He told of old pals from a mine in ghost city  
of Bullfrog and Bodic, they're dead, what a pity.  
Then out of his pack for me and for Maw  
what else did he pull but a big slabbing saw.

There was a hammer for Nels and a black light for Della  
and he winked as he sat there, a jolly good fella.  
Then lookin' at the fire and feelin' a bit sore  
he thought it was best to leave through the door.

Then I heard his exclaim as he went out of sight  
**"MERRY CHRISTMAS, YOU ROCKHOUNDS, AND TO ALL A GOOD NIGHT!"**

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Howell, Michigan 48843-9098



*Holiday Party*  
*Wednesday, December 15, 2021*  
*6 pm to 9 pm*  
*at the Senior Center*  
*\$10.00 per person, use SignUpGenius to volunteer*  
*Presents! Great food! Silent Auction! Join the fun!*

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.