

The Living Stones

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Livingston Gem and Mineral Society

January 2022

President's Message

HAPPY NEW YEAR Everyone!

As we ponder the recent year, we can see many ups and downs.... We mourned the loss of some very fine club members, adjusted to the ongoing Covid procedures and also had some...really great moments. The club is growing again and we are looking forward to seeing additional happy faces and busy hands! The two Pop-up shows we held brought us together and the money made supported our club!

Our Christmas party was hugely successful. Many members attended and everyone had a great time! Thank you to Bryant Hiiter and Ann Marie McFadden for putting together the Silent Auction table. It was the highlight of the night. Big congratulations to our three Max Shultz winners: Cinda Dawson, Linda Sheedy and Lori Irvin. While our club members contributed in many ways, a few stood out and contributed in ways not well known to all. You know... "behind the scenes." I found the perfect quote from a French writer to showcase the winners.

"It's easy to sit up and take notice. What is hard is standing up and taking action"



Thank you, Bryant Hiiter and Cinda Dawson and Ed Oller for coming into the shop to train our newest members. We still have quite a few on the waitlist. The shop will open again starting Tuesday January 4 and will follow ---Tuesday thru Friday. Tues/Wed 10 am-9 pm, Thurs 10 am-9 pm (silversmiths only), and Friday 9 am-4 pm. Thank you to all our openers & closers! Looking forward to the Flat lap's face lift.... courtesy of Bill Magee.

Congratulations to the new 1st year directors who will start their service beginning of January 2022! Janelle Gustafsen and Jim Johnson. Thank you to Bill Magee and Jane Lerma for their continued support as 2nd year directors! Blessings and best wishes to Ann Marie McFadden and Sheila York as they exit the 2nd year director positions. We are hoping to see their happy faces in the shop soon!

***Dues for 2022 LGMS membership are \$65 with \$1 shop fee.**

Remember to get your newly designed t-shirts for yourself and family and club decals for your car! T-shirts and decals can be purchased at the shop. (\$15-\$18 t-shirts) (Decals \$8)

Board member meeting Tuesday, January 18 at the LGMS shop @1:00 pm (during the day).

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, President



General Meeting/Christmas Party

December 15, 2021, 6 pm

In person at the Senior Center

Call to Order – 6:45 pm

1. Roll Call: a total of 53 members including board members. Ed motioned to approve the minutes with no changes and Jim 2nd. Motion passed.

2. President & VP Report

- A. LGMS: The shop will re-open January 4, 2022. Our schedule for January will be Tuesday – Friday. If you would like to volunteer to open/close on Fridays, please let one of the board members know.
- B. Our LGMS Desktop Computer was taken in to be fixed.
- C. T-Shirts are available and for sale today during our Holiday Party. They will also be available to purchase in the shop.
- D. Decals are still in the works
- E. Thank you to Jim Hansen for bringing rocks for entertainment.
- F. Thank you to Bryant and Ann Marie for the Silent Auction.

3. Treasurer's Report: PLEASE PAY YOUR 2022 DUES by DECEMBER 31, 2021. Use the form on page 4 of this newsletter and mail with your money to Linda Sheedy.

4. Chairperson's Shop Report

- A. Per Bill, he COMPLETED refurbishing ALL of the sanding and polishing machines over the past two years! YAY! Thank you Bill we could not have this club without you! Also, thanks so much to Ed, Jim, Gayland, Greyson and all those who have helped keep our machines running! We appreciate you!
- B. Bill will take the flat lap home to refurbish that next.

5. Old Business

- A. 2022 (3-Day) Rockhound Dream Show discussion. A general vote was taken regarding interest in having the 2022 Rockhound Dreamshow inside the school again. 7 voted yes, and 3 voted no. 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.
- C. We will be hosting the 2023 Midwest Federation.

6. New Business

- A. Announced the new board members: for 2 open positions of 1st year Director, both Janelle Gustafsen and Jim Johnson ran unopposed.
- B. Max Schultz Awards given to: Cinda Dawson, Lori Irvin, and Linda Sheedy. Congratulations!
- c. Adjournment at 7:08 pm. Motion by Linda, 2nd by Ted. Motion passed. All then continued to enjoy the food, gift exchange and the silent auction. Next Board Meeting 1/18/21 at 1 pm at the shop.

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Irvin, Secretary



2022 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

Scnd year Directors:

Bill Magee 734-981-6117

Jane Lerma 517-438-6476

First year Directors:

Janelle Gustafsen 248-420-1741

Jim Johnson 810-923-6113

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

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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.)

**Get your New LGMS T Shirts
Heartbeat design!
Turquoise color!**

Available at 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.

2022 Dues are overdue 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



We Look With Uncertainty

We look with uncertainty
beyond the old choices for
clear -cut answers
to a softer, more permeable aliveness
which is every moment
at the brink of death;
for something new is being born in us
if we but let it.
We stand at a new doorway,
awaiting that which comes...
daring to be human creatures,
vulnerable to the beauty of existence
Learning to love.

-Anne Hillman

A report from our Membership Chairperson, Cinda Dawson

As of December 15, 2021 our membership is 155 people, 4 of whom are under 18. At the beginning of the year we had 90. These totals are down from past years. At the end of 2019, we had 293 members and at the end of 2018, we had 266 members.

During Covid we did not accept new members but established a “waiting list” of people interested in joining LGMS. This fall we brought in about 15 new members from the waiting list of 48 people. However, not everyone on the list responded when we reached out. We plan on training more new members in January and February, adding about 8 per month. At that rate we expect that it will take until March to get to everyone on the list.

Experienced members are reminded to welcome newcomers and politely help them with machines and clean up procedures.

Facebook

Our private Facebook group had 105 members before the pandemic. After removing people who did not renew their membership in early spring, we went down to 80.

Happily, we are back up to 94 now; however, only 46 people view posts regularly. Marianna Ziegler does a great job of inviting new members once a month via email.

Please remember to like and follow, if you want to see LGMS posts in your news feed.

Our public page has 641 members! We gained over 100 this year! A reminder: if you post something that is meant for all to see, post to the public page first, then share it to the private page. You cannot easily do it in reverse. Events and garage sales are only posted to the private group.

Special shout out to the shop openers, shop closers and members who train the newcomers!

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*No General Membership Meeting
Board will meet at the shop on
January 18, 2022 at 1 pm*

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.