

# The Living Stones

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Livingston Gem and Mineral Society

February 2022

## President's Message

Spring Cleaning Time!

The theme for our club going forward the next couple of months is cleaning up. It's out with the old, broken/unused and creating a more organized space in the shop, where all members can find what they need and there is no questioning the function of an object. Lockers are getting organized and re-assigned & repaired. Please note: Locked drawers in our shop are a privilege, as there are not enough for everyone and due to the cost of repairing the majority of them, a \$5 per year fee will be added to your yearly dues for a locked drawer. Starting THIS year! Since we are still assessing and repairing, if you are currently using a drawer, you might not get a notice right away. Membership MUST be current so please take notice, **AS OF 4/1/2022 ALL unclaimed drawers will become the property of the Club.** If you would like a locked drawer, please add your name to the list in the office. Assignments will be made by seniority when at all possible.

We are in the process of sorting out Big Bob's equipment and tools, trying to decide how to separate his personal items from the club's tools. He was such a generous spirit; many times he would cover the cost or donate an item that we needed. Thank you, LaVonne for your valuable input regarding this. Also for accepting the board's invitation to attend meetings as a silversmith representative and update everyone with financials and happenings!

Please note the times/dates for ALL this year's Club meetings are posted in this newsletter. Please attend and support your club, so your voice may be heard! Remember, the shop will be closed at 5:45 pm on general membership meeting days.

**Big plans for this year as we start organizing a POP-UP Show in Waterford which will happen on Saturday, May 21, 2022 (date is pending) at Christ Lutheran**

**Church & 2022 Rockhound Dream Show September 17-18, 2022 inside the school! We will need ALL hands on deck to make the most of these to opportunities for our club.**

Please keep Zac Palmieri (Past LGMS club president) and his family in your thoughts and prayers as he recovers from his illness. While Zac was recovering and making strides, his father, Dominic lost his own battle and recently passed away. Any contributions for the family may be left at the shop and will be passed directly to the family.

Big Bob's family is recovering from the loss of their father/husband and will let us all know when we may join them and celebrate his life.

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. February shop hours ---Tuesday thru Friday. Tues/Wed 10 am-9 pm, Thurs 10 am-9 pm (silversmiths only), and Friday 9 am-4 pm.

**\*Dues for 2022 LGMS membership are \$65 with \$1 daily shop fee. They are considered late now; if you haven't paid, please add the \$5 locked drawer fee if you are using one. (One drawer per person)**

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, February 15 at the LGMS shop @1:00 pm. 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 Board Meeting January 25, 2022, 1:00 pm

Call to Order – 1:02 pm

1. **Roll Call:** a total of 7 Members including 6 board members. Cinda motioned to approve the minutes with no changes and Bill 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Motion passed.

### 2. President & VP Report

- A. Update on donations for Zach: Cari just dropped off another \$75 to Zach's Mom.
- B. Update on Bob's Donations: there is an envelope at the shop to add additional dollars. Sharon is upholding Bob's wishes not to have a funeral.

1. LGMS would like to have a Celebration of Life Party for Bob. We were thinking about having the party when the weather clears and warms and when it would be a better time for Sharon to attend.

2. We will speak with Sharon regarding possibly having a sale of Bob's slabs.

- C. Silversmith Report: Cari wants to start having a monthly silversmith report, so members are aware of the financial status.

- D. Bylaws: Bylaws will be reviewed by committee: Cari, Bryant, Bill, Cinda, and Janelle will examine it for any updates or changes needed and propose revisions to the general membership.

### 3. Treasurer's Report

- A. Please Pay your 2022 Dues: Thank you to the 95 Members that have paid.
- B. The Club's 2021 balance was a negative \$250.

### 4. Silversmith Report

- A. LaVonne reported that this month started with \$507. With daily fees, silver sheets purchased, and petty cash, the end of month balance was \$530 with \$41.90 of it as petty cash.
- B. Silversmithing includes jewelry making, drill press, casting, and lampwork (bead making).

### 5. Chairperson's Shop Report

- A. Motion by Cinda and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Janelle: Due to COVID and 31 people on a waiting list for shop training, requests for member guests to come in the shop will be on hold until April 5, 2022. Vote taken: 5 approved 1 opposed. Motion Passed.
- B. A vax-only-day was requested again. We

had tried the vax-only-day last year and found it was not successful. This item will be tabled until the general membership meeting in March.

### 6. Old Business

- A. **POP-UP Show** in Waterford will happen on May 21, 2022 at Christ Lutheran. We need volunteers for the show to do:

1. Go to storage unit and sort out for show.
2. Bring storage unit items to show.
3. Bring 4-6 sticks for signs – Lori Irvin.

### B. 2022 Rockhound's Dream Show

September 17-18, 2022 inside the school!

- C. WE NEED VOLUNTEERS for the September show. Last time, the following people volunteered for the positions below. If your name is listed, please confirm whether you will be willing to do this work again. Also, please indicate whether you need a co chair for your position.

1. Vendors/Director - Ed Oller
2. Setup/Tables –Lori Irvin
3. Admissions – Sheila York, Jill Allen
4. Clean Shop before Show – Bill M., Jim Hansen, Jim Parker
5. Kids Table – Isla
6. Silent Auction – Ann Marie
7. Membership Table – Bill
8. Club Table – Bryant
9. Marketing – Janelle
10. Chance Auction (tickets into a bag in front of item)- Janelle
11. Money – Linda Sheedy
12. Security – Bill Brandon
13. The shop will be shut down 3 days before the Dreamshow on 9/14, 9/15, and 9/16.

### 7. New Business

- A. Facebook Posts- Private Posts: An administrator will monitor the private LGMS site for approval of Go-Fund-Me sites, etc.
- B. Office Administration: The code on the safe will be changed and only 5 core members will have access to the safe. If you have money for the safe, please see a board member, or just place the money in the small wooden box on the desk across from the computer and it will be locked in the office. It will then be transferred into the safe by one of the core key holding members.

### 1. **Shop Drawers** are a privilege.

Motion by Janelle, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim J. We are investing in cleaning, organizing, refurbishing and providing locks for the drawers. The cost of a lock alone is \$5.00. Therefore, **the cost to have a drawer at the club is \$5 per year in addition to your dues.** If keys are lost, you are responsible for paying for a new key. Only a member in good standing (meaning their dues are paid up to date and on time) is allowed to be considered as a potential candidate to be assigned a drawer, as there are not enough for every member. Vote taken. Passed unanimously.

### 2. **NOTICE 1 OF 2 TO ALL regarding Drawers:**

A. Because the Club is spring cleaning & reassigning Drawers:

1. You must identify your drawer with your first and last name on masking tape on the drawer.
2. You must have your dues paid up to date.
3. You must have a key. Do you have access to your drawer? If you have lost your key, please tell a board member.

B. As of 4/1/2022 all unclaimed drawers will become the property of the Club.

8. PLEASE PAY YOUR 2022 DUES – In the Shop or mail to Linda Sheedy.

9. Adjournment 4:02 pm Motion 1<sup>st</sup> by Linda, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim J. Motion passed.

Next Board Meeting 2/15/22 at the shop at 1:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lori Irvin, Secretary

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

**Available at the shop!**

## 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

**Second year Directors:**

Bill Magee 734-981-6117

Jane Lerma 517-438-6476

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Janelle Gustafsen 248-420-1741

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Bill Magee 734-981-6117

**Newsletter:** Isla Mitchell, 248-685-7804,  
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**Membership:** Cinda Dawson, 810- 423-0464

**Historian:** Chuck Amberger, 248-787-6586

**Library:** Bryant Hiiter, 248-210-6138

**Webmaster:** John Myer, [www.livingstongems.com](http://www.livingstongems.com)

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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.*

### **Upcoming Events**

March 5 and 6, 2022

#### **The Roamin' Club's Auction**

Schoolcraft College, VistaTech Center  
18600 Haggerty Rd, Livonia, MI 48152

Info: <http://roaminrockclub.weebly.com>

March 18, 19, 20, 2022

#### **Michigan Gem and Mineral Society's Annual Show**

Keeley Park, 200 W. Ganson, Jackson, MI 49202

Info: [info@www.mgmsrockclub.com](mailto:info@www.mgmsrockclub.com)

or 517-522-3396

**2022 LGMS BOARD AND GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING DATES**

**Please be aware that during membership meetings  
the shop will be totally shut down.**

Month	2022 date	Time	Meeting type	Location	
1	1/25	1 pm	Board Meeting	LGMS shop	
2	2/15	1 pm	Board Meeting	LGMS shop	
3	3/15	6 pm	General Membership	LGMS shop	Shop shut down at 5:45
4	4/19	6 pm	General Membership	LGMS shop	Shop shut down at 5:45
5	5/17	6 pm	General Membership	LGMS shop	Shop shut down at 5:45
6	6/21	6 pm	General Membership	Hartland Park	
7	7/19	6 pm	General Membership	Hartland Park	
8	8/16	6 pm	General Membership	Hartland Park	
9	9/13	6 pm	General Membership	LGMS shop	Shop shut down at 5:45
10	10/18	6 pm	General Membership	LGMS shop	Shop shut down at 5:45
11	11/15	6 pm	General Membership	LGMS shop	Shop shut down at 5:45
12	12/12, 12/13, or 12/14	6 pm	General Membership and Holiday Party	Senior Center	Shop shut down at 5:45

**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 when you volunteer. In fact the club really cannot function without volunteer help. Please mark the categories where you would like to contribute.

\_\_\_ Shop/Machine Maintenance \_\_\_ Field Trips \_\_\_ Membership  
\_\_\_ Publication/printing \_\_\_ Board position \_\_\_ Presenter  
\_\_\_ Website/internet \_\_\_ Newsletter \_\_\_ Education/4H  
\_\_\_ Auctions \_\_\_ Media/marketing \_\_\_ Hospitality



Photo by AnnMarie McFadden

Robert Krautheim 6/13/46 – 1/1/22  
R.I.P.

“Big Bob” and Sharon Krautheim joined LGMS in 2005. They were introduced in this article from the November 2005 edition of *The Living Stones* newsletter:

*We would like to welcome Robert Krautheim, who, having recently retired from Ford Motor, has agreed to make jewelry with all interested persons. He studied under Joe Stine and Derlick, New Mexico artists and teachers. He studied design from Ms. Phillips at Robertson High School in Las Vegas, New Mexico. He went on to study lost wax casting under professor Lipki at New Mexico Highlands University. He has been trained in traditional Native American styles of the Southwest, including freeform, metal clays, as well as the lost wax casting method. His wife, Sharon, was an Earth Science Minor at New Mexico Highlands University. She encouraged him to do his own stone cabs. The bulk of his work has been “singles”; each small part soldered on and designed with one person in mind. He does most work in silver, turquoise and coral in the Southwest styles, including a squash blossom necklace with each silver bead hand made. Zuni inlay is the most requested. A thunderbird man’s watchband is his most impressive work.*

During the past years, Big Bob has contributed to LGMS immeasurably. Cari and Cinda have tried to express his significance:

Cinda said: *Big Bob has been a wonderful teacher, silversmithing guru, and friend for over a decade at LGMS. We are all saddened by his passing. His contributions over the years have helped our club become what it is today. Dozens of metalsmiths, and scores more lapidary artists, have learned great skills from his wise tutelage. All thanks to the many hours, and tools he provided week, after week.*

Cari said: *May he rest in peace with us remembering his beautiful smile, generous heart, incredible talent and time spent instructing all our members. His upbeat and warm personality is instilled in our hearts forever.*

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*No General Membership Meeting  
Board will meet at the shop on  
February 15, 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.