

The Living Stones

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Livingston Gem and Mineral Society

July 2022

President's Message

"A perfect summer day is when the sun is shining, the breeze is blowing, the birds are singing, and the lawnmower is broken."
– James Dent

Locker Cleanup Phase 1 - New locks on all drawers with open holes. Completed.

Phase 2 - Lockers with old members' names on them from years past, emptied and locks replaced. Completed.

Phase 3 - Replacing locks on drawers with no keys or missing keys. Items in the drawers will remain under new lock & key until members make decisions regarding yearly fee or removing their items. April 1st was the deadline. Completed.

Phase 4 - All attempts at notifying/contacting old members has been made. Unclaimed lockers are being categorized for club silent auction and for sale at shows. In progress -

#1 Silent Auction Total \$149, #2 Silent Auction Total \$96.50, #3 Silent Auction Wednesday, July 20, 2022, 1:00 to 3:00pm at the shop.

Bylaws committee has been meeting and has submitted revisions to the board for approval. The board approved the revisions. They are then posted in the newsletter so that we may vote on the revisions at the August general meeting. The bylaws should be reviewed at every 5 years, and changes made to correct out-of-date terminology and trends. See pages 6 & 7 in the newsletter for the changes suggested by the bylaws committee.

Thank you to all the members (Cinda Dawson, Bryant Hiiter, Ed Oller, Jim Hanson, Lavonne Foldenaur, and Dan Goodwin) who have helped with the 4H group. The students are just getting caught up from a long hiatus during Covid.

Look for some great incentives for volunteering at the Fall show! We will need YOU!

General Membership meeting Tuesday, July 19 at Settlers Park @ 6:00 pm. There will be a celebration of Life for Big Bob at the park from 4:00 to 6:00 with the meeting held immediately after. LGMS will supply the brats/buns/water. Thanks, Bill Magee, for offering to grill. Please bring a dish to pass, a NA beverage and maybe a chair.

*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 and the drawer #, 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)

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.

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

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 Membership Meeting June 21, 2022, Settlers Park

Call to Order – 5:58pm

1. **Roll Call:** a total of 20 Members including board members. Lori Irvin reported an error needs to be corrected from 18/20 yea vs nay, should be 18/2 yea/nays. Once change is made, minutes are approved! Bryant motioned to approve the minutes with those changes and Cinda 2nd. Motion passed.

2. President Report

- A. **We are still clearing out the last drawers** AND making every attempt to contact the past owners of the drawers so far without a response. A few more attempts will be made. If still no response, contents of the drawer is owned by the club and will be auctioned off.
- B. **Rent Increasing** – Rent will go back up to \$600/month without Mondays and we will keep Fridays.
- C. **By-Laws Committee** met today, and 2.5 pages of language changes will be sent to the board for approval. If approved, the changes will be posted to the Membership, emailed and put in the newsletter with the General membership vote in the August meeting.

3. VP Report

- A. **Membership** – Is estimated around 141 members. 36 people that signed up interested in joining during COVID, were invited to sign up to be trained on the equipment. Of those 36, Only 12 people responded to be trained.
- B. **Estate Sale** – the \$1,550 purchase of the Estate has been picked up.
 1. Each item was painstakingly wrapped up and placed into boxes taking over 2 hours to complete. Thank you, Cinda et al. !!!
 2. ALSO thank you to Bill M. & Mark R. for taking apart the commercial polisher, so there was room to place the new estate items easily.

C. Donation from Tree Town – Thank YOU!

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| 1. Aluminum Dop Sticks | \$ 50 |
| 2. Pre-former Sapphire | \$200 |
| 3. Crystalite Faceting Lap | \$125 |

4. Treasurer Report

- A. \$96.50 was made from today's silent auction from 4:30-5:30 pm.
- B. There are 141 members with potentially 5 more to be verified!

C. Pop-Up Show Results:

1. LGMS Club Table made \$990 + Vendor Fee of \$550+ T-Shirt sales of \$77..... Totaling \$1,617 for the May income.
2. Spending \$4,500 for May equals **\$2883 in the red** for May due to paying May and June rent in May, a saw purchase of \$2,500, and Silver Table purchases of \$1,500.

- D. 501(c)3 or Tax Exempt Status to be looked into by Bill Magee.

5. Shop Report – Bill Magee

- A. The Center Saw stopped working!! – Please **STOP PUSHING** rock through the saws, **LET THE MACHINE DO THE WORK!!! AND CLEAN UP AFTER YOURSELF EACH TIME ON EACH MACHINE!!!!** This keeps the machines in good working order!!! Take care of our shop & machines.
- B. **Purchased a new saw with 10" blade** from a friend of Ed's got a good deal.

6. Silversmith Report – LaVonne

- A. June began with \$498, added \$220 in fees and purchases by members totaling \$718. Then a magnetic tumbler was purchased (due to one being broken), a spinner ring tool and supplies purchased with final total being \$450.
- B. Donation from Pat Christian to LGMS – A ring bender – Thank you Pat!
- C. Learning to cast in wax from Dave Grimes, then LaVonne will teach others.

7. Old Business

A. 4H –

1. Per Bryant, 5 members of 4H age 9-18 were taught lapidary skills by our awesome volunteers: Bryant Hiiter, LaVonne Foldenauer, Cinda Dawson, Jim Hansen, Ed Oller, and Dan Goodwin.
2. Another skill building for 4H will be held next Wednesday.
3. THEN hopefully, the 4H will provide Concessions at our Fall Show! That is usually payment for teaching them lapidary skills.

B. Rockport Trip -

1. Per Jim Hansen – there were 12-14 people that came to Rockport.
2. They then went to the gravel pit and found a lot of specimens.
3. Fun was had by all and Bill Magee cooks a mean bratwurst and beans! Thanks, Bill!

8. New Business


- A. Rock Sale** - Bryant reported that Chuck Amberger, Club Historian, will have a garage sale on June 30, July 1st, & 2nd. He is located in South Lyon north of 8 mile & about 1 mile west of Pontiac Trail:
20815 Dixboro, South Lyon.
- B. 2022 Dream Show - Volunteer Incentives** - Isla brought up that Kalamazoo Shows have incentives for people to be volunteers & they have a lot of volunteers!
1. Discussed ideas to increase LGMS volunteers for the September Show. Many ideas including providing volunteer with: Membership Fee, Paper-Money Vouchers to spend at the Club table, Raffle Tickets for every 2 hours of work, give T-Shirts. A motion was made based upon the above discussion to increase volunteers by offering Club Table Vouchers. (see below).
 2. MOTION by Bryant and 2nd by Jim J. – for members volunteering, LGMS will offer one \$10 voucher for each 4-hour-block of time worked, including set up and take down, to be spent at the Club Table.
 - a. VOTE taken: 13 YEAS / 2 NAYS
Majority rules; passed.
 - b. Lori Irvin will make the vouchers
 3. Advertising for the Show:
 - a. FB Ads \$750
 - b. Email
 - c. Rock and Gem Magazine
 - d. Photos
 - e. Post Cards
 - f. Social Media Committee
 - g. Mom to Mom Groups
 - h. Library Postings
 - i. Members put up fliers around their area
 - j. Also, Paid Vendors can post weekly to our Public Facebook timeline
 4. Use of the room next to the big saw
 - a. Discussed using that room for centrifugal casting with a kiln and machine next to each other.
 - b. Or use it for a 16" saw.
- C. Celebration of Big Bob's Life**
-Tues/July19th 4-6 pm at Settlers Park
2835 Clark Rd., Hartland, MI. Please bring your Big Bob stories to share, a dish to pass, a chair if needed, and Non-Alcoholic

Beverage. LGMS will provide Bratwurst, buns & water, with Bill Magee on the Grill!!!.

9. **Adjournment** 7:32 pm – Motioned by Isla and 2nd by Peggy with unanimous vote taken & carried to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Irvin, Secretary

Celebration of Life



Robert "Big Bob" Krautheim
Tuesday, July 19, 2022
4:00 pm to 6:00 pm
(general meeting after)

Settlers Park Outside Pavilion
 2835 Clark Rd., Hartland, MI 48353

We will be gathering to share a meal amongst family, friends and re-living our "Big Bob" stories to celebrate, laugh and remember a wonderful person who will be greatly missed.

LGMS will provide Brats/Buns/Water. Please bring a dish to pass, a NA beverage and maybe a chair. Please RSVP on sign-up genius or 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
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
 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.)

2022 LGMS BOARD AND GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING DATES

**Please be aware that during membership meetings
the shop will be totally shut down at 5:45 pm.**

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	Settlers Park	Shop shut down at 5:45
7	7/19	6 pm	General Membership	Settlers Park	Shop shut down at 5:45
8	8/16	6 pm	General Membership	LGMS shop	Shop shut down at 5:45
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

Upcoming Events

August 8-11, 2022

Keweenaw Copper Mine Piles

Info: George Schriver, pres@ccrmc.info

August 12-14, 2022

Copper Country Rock and Mineral Club Annual Rock and Mineral Show Houghton

Elementary School, 203 W. Jacker Ave, Houghton, MI

Contact: George Schriver, (906) 236-4716; pres@ccrmc.info

August 9-11, 2022

Toledo Gem & Rockhound Club Annual Show

Wood County Fairgrounds, 13800 W Poe Rd, Bowling Green, OH 43402, USA

Contact: Jerri Heer, (419) 344-0000

**Members please add "lgms@livingstongems.com" to
your contacts list to ensure that club notices do not go into your
spam or junk folder!**

**To receive your newsletter, you must click on the link to
download the newsletter from our site.**

LGMS has been invited to join MMS (the Cranbrook Club) at their July picnic!

The Summer Picnic...at Drayton Plains Nature Center!!!



Where: Drayton Plains is located at 2125 Denby Dr,
Waterford Twp, MI 48329

When: Sunday, July 24 th, 2022 – 10 am to 6 pm.

For the summer, let's all get together to have a good time! We will plan on a fun day under the pavilion,
on the nature trails, and hanging out with nature.

What the Club is providing:

MMS will be providing the main entrée of grilled hamburgers and hotdogs, and
MMS will be bringing drinks for everyone to enjoy.
We are all set to use the pavilion and the areas around it. We are renting it for the day
from 10 am to 6 pm. Lunch usually starts around 1:30.
The nature center building may be open.

What we would like from YOU:

FIRST and foremost, please come and enjoy one of the few opportunities to get to see each other and
share our time. SECOND, bring a side dish to pass. And THIRD, If you want to sell some of your
collection or swap rocks, just bring your stuff and we will check it out. There will be many things for
sale, so bring your checkbook or some cash to purchase something new.
We will also have a club-sponsored summer auction after lunch for more collecting opportunities.

Website: <https://www.waterfordmi.gov/Facilities/Facility/Details/Drayton-Plains-NatureCenter-1>.
Any Questions??? Call Brad Zylman at 612-600-9484.

RSVP is required so they know how many hotdogs and burgers to buy!

Yes, there is an accessible bathroom Port-a-Potty there!
There are outlets for electricity.
This is a non-smoking and no alcohol facility.

Proposed by Bylaws Committee revised 4/2022

Note: This supplement is presented by Cari Jacob, proposing changes to the bylaws to reflect the recommendations of the bylaws committee to become effective January 1, 2023. **Bold type indicates suggested changes**; *Italics indicate our comments*.

Page 1 Article IV OFFICERS Section 1 **Add sub section e) Shop Chair**

Page 2 Article VII Section 1 Standing Committees shall consist of...

1- Publication/**Media** *to cover newsletters, emails, marketing and social media.*

g) Liaison *adding term* **(Optional)**

and remove h) Hardship *Treasurer will handle this privately*

Page 4 Section III MEMBERSHIP

f) re word to include: The club shall mail, **email a statement or call** any delinquent member...etc

Page 5 Section III MEMBERSHIP

h) re word to add: **Max Shultz Award- At the discretion of the President of the club** an outstanding member **or members** may be recognized each year with a token of appreciation for outstanding contributions to our club or the lapidary field **which may be given at the October or December Banquet**. The dues status shall remain the same as a regular member.

i) Discipline – reword to add When a complaint is presented to the Board of Directors by any club member, the board of Directors can act on the complaint, first by trying to resolve the issue. **It is recommended that for an argument between two parties, an individual interview takes place and it is documented for future reference for up to 1 year.** And then, if necessary...etc

i) Discipline add Section 6 – **No Social Media shaming on any platform or app. Including the club's private or public Facebook pages. No purposefully embarrassing a member and no name use in a derogatory manner. The post will be removed immediately and persons involved will be addressed by phone, text or email.**

Page 6 Section IV Officers

d) *President's duties* re word to include: He or she **or other elected member at the discretion of the President** shall issue notices to members or the society **by monthly newsletter.**

f) *Treasurer duties* reword **At the discretion of the President**, all checks over \$100 **may** be signed by Treasurer and countersigned by the President or one of the duly designated Directors. Any charge **\$200 to \$499** shall be approved by the President or one of the executive officers. **Any larger purchase, \$500 or more must have approval by quorum of Executive Board and Directors....**

Page 7 Section IV Officers

k) *Regarding general officer voting in November* - section 2) There will be no absentee ballots. Re word to add: **However, Global pandemic enforced quarantines or government type restrictions, which will allow virtual options of voting.**

Page 7 Section V Meetings

a) *Re word to add:* In January and February the Board of Directors Meeting **will be held in a location and time at the discretion and availability of the Board.**

Page 8 Section V Meetings

add d) *regarding meetings:* **Virtual Meetings may be used as a substitute for most meetings. Virtual voting would count as an in-person vote. Under normal circumstances, the November meeting for new board members, the attendees would have to be physically present. An exception is listed above in Section IV, k)**

Page 8 Section VI Board of Directors

section c) re word to: The Board of Directors shall direct all activities of the Society as defined in Article II as well as **act as** custodian of all physical assets of the Club.

Page 8 Section VII Committees

b) *add categories to:* Publications/**Media- Newsletters, emails, marketing and social media.** This committee...etc

Page 9 Section VII Committees

4) Field Trips **(Optional)** and 5) Display **(Optional)** and 7) Liaison **(Optional)**

6) Shop *Remove:* **This committee is to oversee the club lapidary and classroom activities. The chairperson of this committee will be responsible for having the workroom open on a regular basis. To collect the annual and daily fees and transfer same to the club treasurer.** *And add ...* **The Chairperson of this committee will** develop an **inventory and budget** to be presented to the Board of Directors, **and** maintain the equipment in **clean**, good working order.

Replace section 8) Hardship with **section 8) Special Committees: A temporary special committee may be formed and members designated at the discretion of the Board.** *Example: Bylaws Committee, which may possibly be formed at 5 year intervals or when deemed necessary.*

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



General Membership Meeting
July 19, 2022 at 6 pm (shop shutdown at 5:45)
Settlers Park
Memorial for "Big Bob" from 4 pm to 6 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.

Our Mission

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