

The Living Stones

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Livingston Gem and Mineral Society

August 2022

President's Message

Our president is vacationing! While she's away, here are some thoughts she might have shared:

- * Remember Covid is still spreading among us! Masking is encouraged in the shop. All people in the shop are required to sign in.
- * Show preparations are underway! Please contribute to the silent auction and volunteer to help before, during and/or after the show. All members are needed!

Show publicity is essential! Your help is needed to spread the word by sharing flyers and/or postcards which are available in the shop. Post and share on any of your social media groups.

* Our next general meeting will be on August 16 at 6 pm at the shop. Machines will be shut down at 5:45. This is an important meeting since we will vote on the proposed bylaw changes.

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

Then, as usual, she would say "Please stay well, my fellow members! You are all treasures!"
Contact info: caricatures@comcast.net or cell phone 248-931-5999.

You Know You're A Rockhound If:

- You prefer barite roses to real ones.
- Your dream holiday destination is Coober Pedy or Far North Queensland.
- Your garage is so full of rocks that the car won't fit in.
- You collect interesting specimens, including the brown unknown ones, just in case they might turn out to be something special.
- You've ever sorted through a mullock heap.
- You've ever dumpster-dived at a marble warehouse.
- You color co-ordinate your clothes and shoes to match your gemstone pendants.
- The sign on the side of the road says "Falling Rock", and you pull over to wait.
- You like to examine the rocks in your driveway.
- You treasure ancient, fossilized animal dung.



Sincerely yours,
Cari Jacob /President

General Membership Meeting July 18, 2022, Settlers Park

Call to Order – 5:58pm

1. **Roll Call:** a total of 42 members including board minutes. Janelle motioned to approve the minutes with no changes and Ted 2nd. Motion passed.

2. **President's and Vice President's Report:**

- A. **Silent Auction #3** of locker liquidation is to be held in the shop 1-3 pm 7/20/22.

- B. **Friday Shop Hours** are 10 am-4 pm only if 2 people are in the shop at the same time. Otherwise, the shop will be closed. (2 people are always needed for safety reasons.)

- C. **Membership** is at 156 members.

- D. Please go to SignUpGenius to **VOLUNTEER** for our annual Rockhound's Dream Show!

- E. **COVID Exposure** last week in the shop, and the Board did not find out until 2 days later. Please know that the proper procedure is to notify a Board Member, and they are to call the members on the list and they will follow HIPPA laws.

F. **DAILY SIGN IN SHEET IN FRONT OF THE OFFICE – ALL MUST SIGN!!**

For safety during a fire and safety during COVID exposures, the club is changing the sign-in procedure. All people in the shop must be listed on the sign-in sheet in front of the office. Therefore:

1. People signing up for working on rocks will continue to sign there and pay \$1.
2. People signing up for working on jewelry will now sign in two places: one in front of the office with the letter J or Jewelry written in the \$ Column. Silversmiths will not pay the \$1 but will pay the \$2 to LaVonne and also sign in on LaVonne's list.
3. Visitors need to sign-in on the daily sheet in front of the office and do not have to pay the \$1 fee.
4. People in the shop not working on rocks or jewelry, but on organizing or office work, etc.... STILL need to sign in on the daily sheet in front of the office and do not have to pay the \$1 fee.
5. Overall, **WE NEED TO KNOW WHO IS IN THE SHOP AT ALL TIMES** in case of fire, COVID, or other type of emergency.

3. **Treasurer's Report:** We currently have a positive balance as of June 3, 2022.

4. **Shop Keeper Report:** The middle trim saw will be replaced soon.

5. **Silversmith Report:** Per LaVonne, balance is in good standing.

6. **Old Business:**

- A. **Advertising for FALL SHOW** – please take post cards about the show and place in your local area, shopping areas, restaurants, libraries. Give them to friends. **PLEASE share and POST on your Social Media** about our INSIDE awesome Rockhound's Dream Show. September 17-18, 2022!

- B. **September Show** will be held in the school on **September 17 & 18.**

1. **We need DONATIONS ASAP** for the Show Prizes and the Silent Auction Table to make money for the Club! IT IS NOT TOO EARLY TO START. DONATIONS INCLUDE: Rocks, Rock Books, Cabs, and anything rock related.

2. **Silversmiths** – Ed is providing 1 cab to anyone who will make it into jewelry for the auction table. Then you will get 2 cabs for your own personal use! Wow, thanks again, Ed!

- C. **Bylaws** – The Bylaws Committee met to revise the wording and add wording needed in our Bylaws. **They are to review Bylaws every FIVE years.** The changes are submitted to the board, then are in the Newsletter for voting in August. The change categories include the following:

1. Officers - Shop Chair will be added as a new board member.
2. Publishing & Media - social media wording to be added.
3. Hardship - The Treasurer will handle this privately with the member.
4. Membership - Mail, email, call, for delinquent fee.
5. Award – name Max Schultz.
6. Discipline - Complaints and arguments between 2 parties will be documented.
7. Social Media - No Negative talk is allowed.
8. Treasurer - Treasurer can approve up to \$200-\$499, and a quorum will meet to review anything \$500 or more and it will be put to a vote.
9. Virtual Options – Will be added such as virtual meetings.
10. Board of Directors – is custodian of all.
11. Field Trip Liaison is optional.

7. New Business

- A. 4H will NOT have a concession stand this year. We will need a FOOD CHAIR.
- B. We need small **Rocks** for the Children's table to put in bags. Please place rocks on top of the Children's table Cabinet.
- C. From 4-6 pm today, we had a Celebration of Big Bob's life. It was well attended, and many memories & jewelry were shared! Thank you Big Bob, we miss you!

- 8. **Adjournment 6:37 pm.** Motion 1st by Janelle, 2nd by Mark R. Motion passed.
- 9. Next General Meeting 8/16/22 **at the shop** at 6:00 pm.

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

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 Beckett 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.)



A note from the Vice President

Hi Everyone,

Thank you so much to all of our trainers for teaching the 20 new members we've gained over the summer. We still have a few more appointments coming up.

We hope our new members visit often, and ask plenty of questions to improve their lapidary skills, and rock identification knowledge.

We also hope that our long-time members can pop in frequently to see if anyone needs help, and can lend a helping hand just as they were taught by previous members. This will help support our mission, and generate new board members for the future.

Cinda Dawson



Thank you, silversmiths!!

The donations of jewelry for the silent auction table are FABULOUS! Ed Oller, who donated the cabochons, is so pleased with the high quality of silversmithing! It's truly the best ever!!

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 19-21, 2022

Michiana Gem and Mineral Society's Michiana Rock, Gem and Mineral Show 2022

5117 S. Ironwood Rd. South Bend, IN 46614

August 20, 2022

Michigan Gem and Mineral Society's Second Annual Swap

At the park by the Center Lake boat launch

506- 5th St., Michigan Center, MI

Info: saltoosal2@yahoo.com, 517-522-3396

September 9-11, 2022

Toledo Gem and Rockhound Club's Annual Show

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

Contact: Diane Bieber Phone: 419.377.0110 Email: dndzona@frontier.com

September 17-18, 2022

OUR VERY OWN "ROCKHOUND'S DREAM SHOW"

SPREAD THE WORD! VOLUNTEER! SUPPORT OUR CLUB!

**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.**

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

Page 5 Section III MEMBERSHIP

h) reword 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* reword 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. Reword to add: **However, Global pandemic enforced quarantines or government type restrictions, which will allow virtual options of voting.**

Page 7 Section V Meetings

a) *Reword 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) reword 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.

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*General Membership Meeting
at the shop*

August 16, 2022 at 6 pm (shop shut down at 5:45)

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

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.