

# The Living Stones

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Livingston Gem and Mineral Society

September 2022

## President's Message

"September! I never tire of turning it over and over in my mind. It has warmth, depth, and color. It glows like old amber." — *Patience Strong*

Locker Cleanup **Completed**. All lockers have been accounted for with the few left being donated to the club table for Fall show. Thank you to all who helped with this 8 month process! (Cinda Dawson, Linda Sheedy, Bill Magee, Jim Johnson, and Karen Holdren.)

Here is an important reminder regarding Covid exposures in the shop. There are procedures to follow so we as a board can notify members present that day. If you find yourself with a positive Covid result and you were at the shop, that day or 24 hours before, do the following:

1. **Immediately** notify a **LIVE** member of the Board and let them know. Please **do not** leave a voice recorded message, keep calling one of us until you reach someone! We have access to member's contact information at our fingertips.

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2. While YOU may share any or all of your own personal information... **WE (Board members) WILL NOT!**  
3. If you get a call that there was an exposure the day you were in the shop, know this: **Anyone in the shop that day should consider themselves to be compromised, no matter how far or close they were to patient zero.** These protocols were established in conjunction with the school in 2020.

4. **AND PLEASE sign in** regardless if you are just visiting or working on rocks or silver. There is a new sign-in sheet with columns to fill in regarding this. You may also hear someone in the shop, loudly reminding everyone of this. Please, silversmiths sign in also, on the shop sheet.

\*\*Forgot to mention – Big Bob's Celebration of Life at Settlers Park had 40+ attendees! Bill Magee grilled up some great brats and the variety of side dishes was amazing. Bryant Hiiter read an article about Bob and Sharon's life together and how they ended up in our club! The article was submitted to our newsletter in 2018 by Chuck Amberger. Quite a few members gave heartfelt tales of their experiences with Bob. He was definitely an amazing man with many hidden jewels of wisdom and talents.



**\*\* Rockhound's Dream show reminders...all members are required to volunteer! Plenty of opportunities for all manners of abilities! We need your time to make this show a success! Our club depends on this income!**

**-Are you a great people person? – consider the admission table/silent auction table/ raffle sales/ membership table!**

**-Strong, stealthy, silent type? – consider a security position!**

**-A follow the leader type? - Lots of helpers needed to set up!**

**-At home in the kitchen? – Try Hospitality, setting up food/snacks for the vendors!**

**-Great with the youngsters? – Always welcome at the kids' table!**

Something for everyone! Check out the signup sheets at the shop and there is a SignUpGenius site open also. Earn \$10 LGMS Bucks for every 4 hours volunteering! (to be used at the club table only)

**\*\*Pre-Sale Passes (\$10 each, limited quantity) are now available for purchase. A private time has been set aside for the members who have pre-purchased the passes to have a sneak preview & purchase new club table items: Friday, September 16, 2022 from 6:00 pm-7:30 pm. Please seek out a board member, if interested in purchasing. Sale of passes ends at 9:00 pm, Thursday, September 15.**

**\*Dues for 2023 LGMS membership are \$65 (due December 31, 2022) with \$1 daily shop fee. Remember, please add the \$5 locked drawer fee and the drawer #, if you are using one. (One drawer per person) Locked drawers are now available.**

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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.

**September shop hours** - Tuesday thru Friday. Tues/Wed 9 am-9 pm, Thurs 9 am-9 pm (silversmiths only), and Friday 10 am-4 pm. (If there are not 2 members in the shop on Fridays, the closer may choose to leave earlier than 4 so be aware.)

Next meeting at the shop, Tuesday, Sept. 13, 2022.

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

### **LGMS Board Meeting August 16, 2022 5:00 pm at the Shop**

**Call to Order** – 5:03 pm

**1. Roll Call:** a total of 7 Board Members attended the meeting: Cari Jacob, Cinda Dawson, Linda Sheedy, Lori Irvin, Jim Johnson, Jane Lerma, Janelle Gustafson.

#### **2. President**

**A. Pre-Sale at the Club Table:** An issue was brought up by members regarding Pre-Sale at the Club Table and it being fair.

1. In order for it to be fair for everyone: Motion 1st Cinda and 2nd by Jane - \$10 Pre-Sale Passes for members will be available for purchase in the shop from 8/17/22 through 9/15/22 at close of shop if it closes early, or by 9:00 pm, whichever comes first. Passes provide entrance to purchase club table items only on 9/16/22 from 6-7:30pm. The \$10 will be paid to LGMS and cannot be used as a credit at the Club Table. Vote taken - 6 yeas/1 abstention. Motion passed and will be presented at the General Membership Meeting.
2. Pre-Sale Passes give all members an opportunity to purchase items from the Club Table the day before the show on Friday 9/16/22 from 6-7:30 pm.
3. The \$10 to purchase the pass goes to LGMS and cannot be used as a credit at the Club Table.

**B. Volunteers:** Volunteers for the Rockhound's Dream Show will receive \$10 worth of Club Table Bucks for every 4 hours of volunteering. Bucks will be designed by Lori Irvin.

**C. Guests in the Shop:** Due to Covid, we have had a ban on allowing Guests/Friends to

come into the shop. At this time, we would like to allow members to bring a friend once a year, as we cautiously lift the ban.

**D. Swag Bags for Vendors:** An idea of having LGMS Swag Bags to give out to vendors was brought up. Due to the close date of the September 17-18, 2022 show, we will consider doing Swag Bags for our Midwest Federation 2023 Show!

### **3. Secretary**

#### **A. Show Status**

1. **Volunteers NEEDED!** Currently we need 59 volunteers to perform various tasks from Sept. 16-18 for the show to go smoothly. Please sign up on SignUpGenius or on the shop boards & spread the word.

3. A hand written sign-up is now available in the Shop for those that have a hard time with SignUpGenius. Lori Irvin will keep the manual and computer sign-ups up-to-date

4. **Adjournment :** 5:50 pm – Motion 1st to adjourn by Janelle, 2nd by Linda. Unanimous.



### **LGMS General Meeting August 16, 2022, 6:00 pm at the shop**

**Call to Order** – 6:06pm

**1. Roll Call:** a total of 24 Members including board members. Linda motioned to approve the previous minutes with no changes and Jim J. seconded. Motion passed.

#### **2. President & VP report**

**A. Locker Clean out** is down to 3 drawers. Cari was able to speak to one prior-member and they are donating the items to the club and will rejoin too! If we are unable to find the last few members, the items will become property of the club to be sold.

**B. Friday Shop Hours :** Fridays are slow. Hours are 10 am-4 pm only if 2 people are in the shop at the same time. Otherwise, the shop will close early. (2 people are always needed for safety concerns.)

**C. COVID Exposure Procedure:** If someone in the shop finds out they have Covid, they must immediately report it to a board member. Please call & TALK directly to one of the board members, do NOT just leave a message. Then the Board will call all the members who may have been exposed.

#### **D. Fall Show**

1. Food will be provided by the Senior Center & will be available in the hallway where 4-H used to work.

2. Hartland & Milford Libraries will allow LGMS to display rocks and items in their display cases!
3. Advertising for FALL SHOW: please take show postcards & flyers to display 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!
4. CHILDREN'S TABLE needs volunteers to help Isla make grab bags. Meet on Wednesday, August 31st at 1:00 pm at the Shop.

### 3. Vice President

- A. Membership is at 160 as of July.
- B. Please let new people who would like to join know that the fee to join, beginning September 1, 2022 will be half price, \$32.50.

### 4. Treasurer

- A. As of Last month (July) the club balance is positive due to a lot of vendors for the September Show paying up front.
- B. August rent went back up to \$600/month.
- C. Storage Unit will go up in September from \$85 to \$110!

5. **Shop Keeper:** We are ordering more saws 6,8,10" Blades can range from \$4-\$500! One blade we ordered cost \$55! Please be gentle with the blades & take care of them!

### 6. Silversmith Table – LaVonne

- A. Last month the balance was \$501. We brought \$446 in and spent \$144.5 leaving a positive balance!
- B. We are looking for volunteers to help LaVonne teach silversmithing. Please let her know. LaVonne will be making a schedule for teaching others 9-3, & 3-9.
- C. Susan Dudas' silversmithing classes will be starting up again.

### 7. Old Business

- A. Please go to SignUpGenius to VOLUNTEER for our annual Rockhound's Dream Show! There is also a typed signup sheet in the shop & the secretary will try to keep the manual and computer one the same.
- B. **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. Overall, **WE NEED TO KNOW WHO IS IN THE SHOP AT ALL TIMES** in case of fire, Covid, or other type of emergency. Therefore all:
  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 who are 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.
- C. By-Laws – The By-Laws Committee met to revise the wording and add wording needed to update our By-Laws. It was 1st motioned by Cinda and 2nd by Linda, that the new changes in the by-laws be accepted and changed. The vote was taken and the changes were passed. Details of these changes are on pages 6 and 7 of this newsletter.

### 8. New Business

- A. Ed will allow the silversmith that received the highest bid on their cabbed item will be able to pick another free cabochon from his private collection. Thank you Ed! The Silversmiths will have to keep track of their own item to see if they qualify for this prize.
- B. Lampwork - Beads may be available for teaching to members.
- C. Security Orientation: A new procedure needs to be established and taught to all of the Security Personnel for our Shows. They will be given more structure and be taught what to look out for.

9. **Adjournment 7:04 pm:** 1st Motioned by Janelle to adjourn and 2nd by Cinda. Motion passed.

10. **Next General Meeting 9/13/22** at the shop 6:00 pm (This is the Tuesday before our Fall Show!)

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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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



***The Rockhound's Dream Show will have a drawing for participants to win lapidary items. There will be beautiful 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place items, plus a display case full of smaller pieces. Tickets cost \$1 each, or 6 for \$5. No pre-sales this year so you must buy them at the show (or send a friend or relative to buy them for you). Drawing will be Sunday at 4 pm. You need not be present to win.***

## Upcoming Events

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

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September 17-18, 2022

### **OUR VERY OWN "ROCKHOUND'S DREAM SHOW" SPREAD THE WORD! VOLUNTEER! SUPPORT OUR CLUB!**

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September 24-25, 2022

### **Grand Traverse Area Rock & Mineral Club Annual Show**

3400 Veterans Dr, Traverse City, MI 49684

Contact: Lauren Vaughn, (231) 276-6150; maple2b@aol.com; gtarmc@trockhounds.com

October 1-2, 2022

### **Midwest Mineralogical & Lapidary Society Super Swap**

Wayne County Fairgrounds, 10871 Quirk Rd., Belleville, MI

Contact: Bill Barr, (505) 803-4888; wbarr@wmich.edu

October 7-9, 2022

### **Michigan Mineralogical Society Annual Show**

Macomb Sports & Expo Center, Bldg P, 14500 E. 12 Mile Rd., Warren, MI

Contact: John Peters, (313) 255-7774; joopett13@hotmail.com; [www.michmin.org/shows](http://www.michmin.org/shows)

October 15-16, 2022

### **Flint Rock & Gem Club Annual Show**

Carter Middle School, 301 Rogers Lodge Dr, Clio, MI 48420

Contact: Bill Wendling, (810) 638-5796; [www.flintrockandgem.org](http://www.flintrockandgem.org)

October 21-23, 2022

### **Central Michigan's 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Gem, Mineral, Fossil, Lapidary and Jewelry Show**

Ingham County Fairgrounds, 700 E. Ash, Mason, MI

Info: 517-643-4406, Geacie48@gmail.com

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## September

John Updike

The breezes taste  
Of apple peel.  
The air is full  
Of smells to feel-  
Ripe fruit, old footballs,  
Burning brush,  
New books, erasers  
Chalk, and such.

The bee, his hive,  
Well-honeyed hum,  
And Mother cuts  
Chrysanthemums.  
Like plates washed clean  
With suds, the days  
Are polished with  
A morning haze.

## 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  
Tuesday, September 13, 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.*