

The Living Stones

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Livingston Gem and Mineral Society

November 2022

President's Message

“Fear not November’s challenge bold. We’ve books and friends, and hearths that never can grow cold. These make amends.” – Alexander L. Fraser

At our recent member meeting, communication in the shop was discussed, in other words...how to make it work better us. Members are coming and going, board members are here and there, machines need repairs, something has broken, or another part needs to be ordered and not everyone knows who to report that info to. I am thinking it would be a great idea to have some of the board's phone numbers posted on the shop office window, very plain to see for just those issues. Sometimes, Shop Chair Bill Magee requires a certain tool to make a repair, and if he has advance notice of the issue, that will only make our shop a better place to work. Please call him for any shop repairs, or parts that need ordering. For any other issues please call Cinda Dawson or me.

Nominations for 2023 board positions are as follows:

To be voted on, in person only, at our next general meeting, Tuesday, November, 15 at the shop.

Incumbents – Cari Jacob/President, Cinda Dawson/Vice President, Linda Sheedy/Treasurer.

****The secretary position is open. Please consider volunteering for this opening...we need you! Please contact either me or Cinda Dawson if you are interested. (If that position is not filled, then we will require a guest secretary to write at meetings.)**

1st year Director – Lori Irvin, Sandy Wrestler

2nd year Directors – Janelle Gustafson, Jim Johnson

New board members/directors will be sworn in at the Christmas Banquet in December.

Again...Due to lack of time and busy schedules, the Vendor/Volunteer banquet typically held in October will be combined with the Christmas Party in December.

***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.

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.

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

Next meeting at the shop...Tuesday, November 15, 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 General Meeting October 18, 2022, 6:00 pm at the shop

Call to Order – 6:00 pm

1. Roll Call: a total of 19 Members including board members. Ed O. motioned to approve the previous minutes with no changes and Janelle 2nd. Motion passed with the majority.

2. President & VP report

- A. We need a list of jobs around the shop.
 - 1. Like emptying run-off buckets.
 - 2. Daily Water Saw needs to be emptied and vacuumed out.
 - 3. How oil is reused/recycled.
 - 4. We need communication for things that need to be done around the shop.
 - 5. We want to add a railing at the front door of the shop for safety
 - 6. If an accident occurs in the shop, see a senior member and a form will have to be filled out.

3. Vice President Report

- A. Membership
 - 1. We went from 90 Members to 182. Training 61 members
- B. Secretary is needed for Next Year
 - 1. Includes taking notes at each board and general meeting to type up and send in for the newsletter.
 - 2. The Secretary has voting power.
- C. Monday CAN BE another shop day
 - 1. We must have an opener and closer dedicated for Mondays.
 - 2. LaVonne may use Mondays as jewelry training day.

4. Treasurer

A. 2022 Rockhound's Dream Show:

1. Vendor Fees	\$3,635
2. Kids Table	\$359
3. Admission	\$2,211
4. Prize Drawing	\$958
5. Silent Auction	\$4,442
6. Pre-Sale Club Table	\$632
7. Pre-Sale Passes	\$60
8. Club Table	\$2,115
9. total	\$15,705
10. Spent	\$6,079

Club Net (Made) \$9,626

- B. Also, we gave out about \$1,200 in volunteer bucks. It was a hit for all the new and current members! Everyone liked to receive a little something for their time and we were able to purchase from the Kids Table, Club

Table, and the Club-Specimen Table.

- C. We purchased The Riggs Collection for \$2,000 and we still have 4-5 flats left for the 2023 Show. We definitely made our money back on that purchase.

D. Check and Savings are in good standing.

5. Shop Keeper

- A. New Saw is leaking out the back due to the table angle and the stopper.
- B. Longer hoses for machine runoff are needed.

6. Silversmith Table - LaVonne

- A. Added \$300 in fees and silver bringing the current balance to \$574.
- B. May use Mondays to train new members in silversmithing 3-4 at a time.

7. Old Business

- A. Dues are Due! Please fill out the form in this newsletter and pay your annual \$65 fee.
- B. Also renew your lock box fee.

8. New Business

- A. Voting will be for:
 - 1. Incumbents: Cari Jacob, President; Cinda Dawson, Vice President; Linda Sheedy, Treasurer.
 - 2. 1st Year Directors: Sandy Wrestler & Lori Irvin.
 - 3. 2nd Year Directors: Janelle Gustafsen & Jim Johnson.
 - 4. Secretary position is open. Guest secretary will be needed if no one takes this position.
 - 5. MUST BE PRESENT TO VOTE.
 - 6. Will be sworn in at Christmas Party.

9. Adjournment 6:52 pm

- A. 1st Motioned to adjourn by Ed and 2nd by Cinda. Motion passed.

10. Next GENERAL Meeting 11/15/22 at the shop 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Irvin, Secretary



Upcoming Events

November 5, 2022

Midwest Mineralogical and Lapidary Society Annual Auction

First Assembly of God, 5650 Telegraph Rd,
Dearborn Heights, MI

Info: Dwayne Ferguson 313-550-9809;

shelby0671111@yahoo.com

November 5-6, 2022

Mid Michigan Rock Club Annual Show

Chippewa Nature Center, 400 S. Badour Rd,
Midland, MI 48640

Info: Debra Young, 989-245-0343,

debiyoung@yahoo.com;

www.midmichrockclub.com

November 14, 2022

Michigan Mineralogical Society Annual Auction

Cranbrook Institute of Science, 39221 Woodward Ave, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304

Monday, 11/14 at 7 pm; Info: Brad Zylman, 612-600-9484; brad.zylman@mrm.com



Nominations for 2023 Officers

President: Cari Jacob (incumbent)

Vice President: Cinda Dawson (incumbent)

Treasurer: Linda Sheedy (incumbent)

Secretary: OPEN

Second year directors:

Janelle Gustafsen (incumbent)

Jim Johnson (incumbent)

First year directors:

Lori Irvin

Sandy Wrestler

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 Chairperson:

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.)

The Historian's History.....Chuck Amberger

Born April ninth 1935... the fourth child of an immigrant family of six... fleeing Hitler's Germany. Raised on a farm in Farmington Mi. where I attended a one-room schoolhouse that taught K through 6. The school always had an attendance of less than 30 children. For a while I was the smartest kid in the fourth grade...I was the only kid in the fourth grade.

We moved to Detroit in 1948 where I attended Catholic schools and I graduated from St. Mary of Redford in 1953. I joined the U.S. Navy in 1954 to 1958 and then attended the University of Detroit for three years. I joined the Ford Motor Company Scientific Lab in Dearborn Michigan in 1961 as a Technician and earned an Associate Degree in Metalurgy in 1974. I moved to the Ford Motor company Glass Division Laboratory as an Engineer in 1985 and retired in 1991.

I joined the Livingston Gem and Mineral Society in 1992 when Johnny Johnson was president. I became Vice President in 1994 under Ken Bendik who moved up north in 1995. I finished out his term and served as President for the next two years as well. In 2006 I took the presidency again for two years because no one else would take the job... that's the way it was in those days and I certainly didn't want the club to fold. No President wants to see the club collapse on his or her watch which is why this club is going to be around for a long, long time. Members of this society should know that this club could never have started without the kindness and generosity of people like Max Schultz who donated all the original rocks, minerals and lapidary equipment from his rock shop in Cohochta. Michigan. It was Clarence and Hazel Morgan and Bill Horton who brought all the lapidary equipment back to the school in old Hartland.

I joined this society back in the time when the founding fathers and mothers were still active members of this club. I had the honor of working close with Johnny Johnson, Nelson and Marian Short and Bill Horton. Nelson Short was a fine silversmith and Marian gave me most of Nelson's silver equipment when he died. I was lucky enough to learn silversmithing from Bob Krautheim... probably the most talented and creative artisan who ever graced our doorstep. I also had the honor of holding every position and office that this society offers except for editor...but, fortunately, someone else is handling that job!



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

2023 Dues are due 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 2023

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 = _____

Drawer charge \$5.00= _____

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.

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

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



General Membership Meeting (including election of officers)
at the shop
Tuesday, November 15, 2022
at 6 pm (shop shutdown 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.