

# The Living Stones

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Livingston Gem and Mineral Society

December 2022

## President's Message

"Goodbye November, Hello December! It's December 1st, and my decision not to take down last year's Christmas lights is finally paying off!" -

*Author unknown*

As we head full steam into the holiday season, here are some things to remember: On bad weather days, if the Hartland Schools are closed, the shop is most likely closed as well. The exception might be when we've had several days in a row of closings. Then the Senior Center might be open, and the shop will be as well. Best to check our Facebook page if in doubt. We also follow the Hartland Schools holiday schedule as well. The shop will be closed Wednesday, December 23 through Wednesday, January 2.....We are able to be open for 2 days in that period.....December 28th, 29<sup>th</sup> from 9 am-4 pm. I hope you get all your projects done in plenty of time.

## December

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23 closed	24 closed
25 closed	26 closed	27 closed	28 9-4	29 9-4	30 closed	31 closed

## January

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 closed	2 closed	3	4	5	6	7
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29	30	31				

Our Annual Club Christmas Party is at 6 pm on Tuesday, December 13 in the Hartland Senior Center. Check below for details on our contests. Bring a dessert or hors d'oeuvres to pass. If you would like to participate in the gift exchange, you MUST bring a wrapped rock-related gift worth up to \$15 and give it to Bill Magee (Santa) for a ticket. You can ONLY GET a gift, ONLY if you GIVE a gift. Please do not take a gift if you did not donate a gift!!!

Max Shultz award will be presented to an outstanding member of the club and we will be having a Silent Auction (Thank you, Bryant Hiiter & Lori Irvin) and Lapidary Contests! 4 Winning Categories with \$50 Prize Each. (Thank you, AnnMarie McFadden.)

Also at our Party, the new LGMS Officers will be sworn in to their positions. I want to thank Jane Lerma and Bill Magee for serving as 2nd directors and Lori Irvin for her years of service as the Secretary. Lori will take a 1<sup>st</sup> year director position along with new member, Sandy Wrestler. Congratulations to brand new member, Laura Brock, for taking the position of Secretary.

The President, Cari Jacob, VP, Cinda Dawson & Treasurer, Linda Sheedy will remain. And, previous 1st year Directors, Jim Johnson and Janelle Gustafson will be moving to 2<sup>nd</sup> Directors. Bill Magee will be moving to new board position: Shop Chairperson! Thank you to everyone who volunteered for a position! Looking forward to the experience these members have to share with the club.

## Shop Reminders....To all members:

- 1. Please remember to keep wax off DOP pot / HOT plate. This creates a mess that is very difficult to clean up and may require the equipment being sent out to be cleaned, which means....we will be without a critical piece of cab creation. (They are pretty bad right now.)**

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## **LGMS General Meeting November 15, 2022, 6:00 pm At the Shop**

Call to Order – 6:00pm

**1. Roll Call:** a total of 25 members including board members. Ed motioned to approve the minutes with no changes and AnnMarie 2nd. Motion passed with the majority.

### **2. President Report**

- A. As a group, working together in the shop, and during all interactions, we must all be respectful, courteous, and understand if a member provides information or discusses a procedure with you, it is for the safety and care of ALL.
- B. Also, please be respectful to all Day Monitors, Board Members, and those who volunteer their time. Please be aware, these people do not have to volunteer, and then the shop may not even be open for use! Be KIND.
- C. Lost and Found items and rocks are usually turned into the shop office or placed in the “Found Bin” in front of the sign-up sheet.

### **3. Vice President Report**

- A. We added 61 new members as of last month! And as of Dec. 16th, we will add 11 more members and are scheduled to train up to 8 more!
  - 1. THANK YOU to the trainers who took the time to train the new members: Cinda Dawson, Lori Irvin, Jim Johnson, Ed Oller, Bill Magee, Bryant Hiiter, Marv Martin, and AnnMarie McFadden.

### **4. Treasurer’s Report**

- A. We currently have a positive balance in checking and savings.

### **5. Secretary’s Report**

- A. We would like to welcome new members here tonight! Please tell us a little about yourself:
  - 1. Matt Brock does Antique Automotive, AND will be working with the Shop Chair to maintain our machines! YAY and HE & BILL FIXED OUR BIG SAW TODAY! Whoo Hoo!
  - 2. Laura Brock – Does wire wrapping and wants to learn everything. SHE ALSO IS VOLUNTEERING TO BE OUR NEW SECRETARY! Thank you Laura!
  - 3. Max & Debby Runnels are a mother & son duo who LOVE rocks and are excited to work in the shop!
  - 4. Chrispus. He is the one with the cool blue & red lensed glasses, who has been making some awesome looking pieces! Welcome.
  - 5. PLEASE WELCOME & HELP ALL NEW FACES IN THE SHOP!

### **6. Shop Chair Report**

- A. Big Saw is down. Jim H., Bill M., & Matt Brock will look at on Tuesday. Matt & Bill were able to make it work today but may need to be looked at later to make sure the fix will stick.

### **7. Silversmith Report – Per LaVonne:**

- A. Balance is in good standing with \$568 in the account and \$53 in petty cash even after spending \$418 on silver.
- B. She does have 3 lamps for sale for less than \$8. One will be purchased by the shop to use by the flat lap. Dan will purchase another one. She has one more for sale.

### **8. Old Business**

- A. Elections for Board Positions
  - 1. The President, VP, & Treasurer positions will remain.
  - 2. The Secretary will be moving over to 1st year director along with Sandy Wrestler.
  - 3. Jim Johnson and Janelle will be moving to 2nd year directors.

### **9. New Business**

- A. Rock of the Month Club - 1st Wednesday of each month at 1 pm starting in February 2023! Jim and Bryant will be our hosts & members can bring samples of the rock being discussed that month. It is like a Rock Show-&-Tell-&-Learn!
- B. Jim Hansen will be donating a rotating display case with 48 slabs on each side with a corresponding identifying sheet for us to identify each slab. WOW, thank you Jim, that will be great!
- C. Max Schultz Award to be presented to Outstanding Club Member of the Year.
- D. Silent Auction to be organized by Bryant and Lori I. from items in the storage unit or donations.
- E. \$5 Dinner fee motioned by Matt Brock & 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim Hansen. The Christmas dinner will cost \$5 per head to help offset the cost of the catering. Each member can bring 1 other person or more family members.
- F. Motion 1st from Cinda 2nd by Ed: The Christmas Party Lapidary Competition will be free for all members to enter. Each member may enter 1 lapidary piece per category (see categories below). Vote taken and passed unanimously.
- G. Christmas Party at the Senior Center on 12/13/22 6-8pm (set up at 5 pm & the center must be cleaned up and empty by 9 pm.)
  - 1. \$5 per person attending to be paid by Wed. December 7<sup>th</sup>; please leave your \$5 per person in an envelope in the office. Catered by Red Olive.

- a. Set-up 5 pm.
- b. PLEASE BRING A DESSERT TO SHARE
- c. Dinner 6-8
- d. Voting from 5:30-7pm for Lapidary Competition
- e. Silent Auction Bidding 5:30-7 pm
- f. Clean-up 8-9 pm; MUST BE OUT BY 9!
2. Gift Exchange -If you would like to participate in the gift exchange you MUST bring a wrapped rock-related gift worth up to \$15 and give it to Bill Magee for a ticket. You can GET a gift, ONLY if you GIVE a gift. Please do not take a gift if you did not donate a gift!!!
3. Silent Auction – 5:30-7 pm - a silent auction will be set up for all!
4. Lapidary Competition - 4 winning categories with \$50 prize each. Members may enter 1 item in each category.
  - a. One - Best Polished Cab
  - b. Two - Best Handmade Jewelry
  - c. Three - Best Picture in a Stone (Cab, Slab, rough, jewelry item)
  - d. Four - Anything Else Lapidary (no cabs, no jewelry)
    - \* only one entry per member per category - free to enter.
    - \* Submissions are anonymous to be voted on by membership.
    - \* Cannot enter an item that has won in the past.
    - \* Submit ASAP and fill out a submission slip in the office. Place items in the envelopes/bags provided.
- H. Big board sign-up in the shop or on SignUp Genius.
10. **Adjournment** 6:55 pm Motion 1st by Bryant 2nd by Ed to adjourn. Motion passed with the majority.
11. **Next GENERAL Meeting** 12/13/22 at the Christmas Party!!!

Respectfully submitted,  
Lori Irvin, Secretary



### The Night After a Field Trip

Twas the night after a Field Trip and all through the house  
Not a creature was stirring; there wasn't room for a mouse.

With geodes and nodules under table and chairs,  
A wee little mouse can't squeeze in anywhere.

When out in the street there 'rose such a clatter  
I jumped out of bed as mad as a hatter,  
Stumbled down stairs, two at a time,  
Just as our clock tolled its 3 am chime.

I opened the door and took a long look,  
The sight that I saw there would make quite a book.  
For parking in front with a roar and a squeak  
Was our Field Trip Leader in a well-loaded Jeep.

He paused just a moment to check his long list  
And make double certain no one would be missed.  
There's agate, onyx, turquoise, and malachite,  
Carnelian, crystal, sapphire and rhodonite.

He named every stone I ever had heard,  
And my heart was so happy it sang like a bird.  
For rocks to a rockhound are really a must  
Right next to the stuff labeled, "In God We Trust."

It took quite a while to do this little chore,  
But as soon as he'd finished, he came straight for our door.  
And I can't understand, though I've honestly tried,  
But before I could turn, he was right there inside.

He spoke not a word but went straight to his work  
And I stood there and watched though I felt like a "jerk",  
For he knew, more than I, and from visits to faraway hills,  
He was wise beyond reason, this jolly "Old Bill."

The gifts he had brought were trips for next year,  
And the making of new friends from far and near.  
The singing of old songs around campfires bright  
And being with the gang every Rock Meeting Night.

He picked up his pack and prepared to depart  
And I gave him my thanks from the depth of my heart,  
For friendship we know is a wonderful gem,  
and the principal key to Peace Among Men.

He sprang to his Jeep, and stepped on the gas  
And left mid the snowflakes which sparkled like glass,  
But I heard him exclaim as he drove out of sight,  
"Happy Hunting Rockhounds and to all a Good Night!"

(Author unknown, from ESCOMO via Gemrock)

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2. **Please keep strainers in the sinks as they protect the plumbing from small rock chips that can plug it up.** *(Small rock chips have been reported in the sink.)*
3. **Remember to clean the wax off the DOP stick before putting back in the drawer.** *(We are finding unclean DOP sticks in the drawer daily.)*
4. **With more members in the shop, especially new ones, a gentle reminder or “show by example” would go a long way. Please mop up floors if wet and clean up after yourselves.**
5. *The shop monitors & board members are giving up their time and volunteering to make the shop a great and safe place to create. Please be courteous and respectful. Safety in the shop is a priority.*

**\*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 the next 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.

**December 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/ Be aware) \*\*Note Holiday hours at the shop as well.

Next meeting in January will be a board only meeting. Date TBD

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*



### **2023 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	2023 date	Time	Meeting type	Location	
1	TBD		Board Meeting	LGMS shop	
2	TBD		Board Meeting	LGMS shop	
3	3/21	6 pm	General Membership	LGMS shop	Shop shut down at 5:45

## 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  
**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 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 6 pm.  
 (Except in January and February  
 when board meetings are held in the shop.)

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## 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*



*at the Senior Center*

*Tuesday, December 13, 2022*

*from 6 to 9 pm (shop shutdown at 5:45)*

*\$5 per person, due by 12/7/22*

*Gift exchange! Annual Lapidary Competition! Great Food! Great Company!*

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.*