

The Living Stones

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Livingston Gem and Mineral Society

January 2023

President's Message

Welcome January – a time of quiet and new beginnings – the perfect time to reflect on how you want to live your life. ~Charles Lamb

Happy New Year everyone. I am hoping all of our club members and families had a very healthy and happy Christmas and will continue on to a very safe and prosperous New Year! What a GREAT and well attended Christmas party! Everyone had a super time meeting up with members whom we don't see on a regular basis. Red Olive food was excellent and plentiful, the desserts and hors d'oeuvres so delicious! Thanks to Santa, Bill Magee who welcomed the role of gift monitor.

The Silent Auction made a whopping \$615 and the 4 rock competition winners were: Best polished cab – Cinda Dawson, Best handmade jewelry- Marianna Ziegler, Best Picture in a stone – Jim Hanson and Anything lapidary – Sharon Parker. They all won a cash prize of \$50! There are some extremely talented artists in our club!

We welcomed in new board members, Laura Brock/secretary, Bill Magee/Shop Chair, Sandy Wrestler/1st year director, and Lori Irvin, also 1st year director.

For their amazing contributions to our club, the Max Shultz winners were Bill Magee (2nd time winner), Ed Oller (2nd time winner) and an incredible 4th time winner – Bryant Hiiter. You guys are a part of the amazing backbone of our shop...thank you for all your blood sweat and tears (literally)!

Winter Reminders!

During inclement weather, please check Facebook/hartlandcommunityed.com for school/event closures before you make the trip to the shop.

Midwest Federation Committee formation and planning on Tuesday, January 24th, 1-3 with Wednesday, Jan 25th 1-3 an optional day in case Tuesday is bad weather.



***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. You can mail your dues to: Linda Sheedy, 1582 Forest Bay Ct., Wixom, MI 48393.

***For members currently using locked drawers - \$5 is due for 2023.**

Remember to get your club 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).

January 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 leave earlier than 4 - be aware).

Board only meeting for January – Wednesday, January 18 at the shop from 1-3.

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 December 13, 2022

Hartland Senior Center during Christmas Party

Call to Order – 6:55 pm

1. Roll Call: a total of 72 members including board members. Ted Vosberg moved to approve the November minutes with no changes and Teri Dittman 2nd. Motion passed with the majority. (Guest Secretary/Laura Brock)
2. President's Report - Cari Jacob
 - A. In January, at the board meeting, date TBD, (now scheduled for 1/18) a planning meeting will start for the Midwest Federation Show. A committee will be formed, and volunteers will be needed.
Cinda has some information for the planning that started pre-covid but she would like to discuss changing the event from Howell to Brighton. She would like to set up a spotlight for the show at all the surrounding city libraries and is asking that members reach out to see if the libraries would be interested.
 - B. The big saw is down again. Please call ahead to a board member or another member in the shop before you make the trip in to use it. Bill Magee will be working on it.
 - C. Holiday Shop Hours- Open December 20th through the 22nd and closing at 4pm the 22nd. December 28th and 29th (silversmiths only) open from 9 am to 4 pm. The Shop will then reopen on January 3, 2023.
Have a great Holiday!
3. Vice President's Report - Cinda Dawson
 - A. We are around 200 members and have trained 70 this year. In 2019 there were 300 members, we are almost back to that.
 - B. A huge thanks to all the trainers!
4. Treasurer's Report - Linda Sheedy
 - A. The checking and savings is in good standing.
5. Secretary's Report - Lori Irvin
 - A. Laura Brock, the new secretary, stood in for Lori who was out sick. Feel better!
6. Shop Chair Report - Bill Magee
 - A. Big Saw is down. Bill will be adjusting a pulley and nut/screw? And will be replacing the belt.
 - B. Bill changed the oil on 10 inch saw.
- C. Be mindful and careful when using equipment. There are phone numbers for the appropriate people to call if a machine is not sounding/working correctly.
7. Silversmith Report – LaVonne Foldenhour
 - A. Everything is good.
8. Old Business
None
9. New Business
 - A. Swearing in of the new officers by Cari, Club President: Sandy Wrestler-1st year Director, Bill McGee-Shop Chair - new position created on the board, Laura Brock-new Secretary.
 - B. Max Schultz Award presented by President for Outstanding Club Members of the Year. This award is for outstanding contributions to the club. This year's recipients were: Ed Oller, Bill Magee, and Bryant Hiiter. Thank you for all you do, gentlemen!
9. Adjournment 7:06 pm. Motion 1st by Linda Sheedy. 2nd by everyone in attendance unanimously.
10. Meeting in January for Board members only. Date TBD. (now scheduled for 1/18)

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Brock, Secretary
(edited by Cari Jacob)



Rock of the Month is BACK!

Led by Jim Hansen and Bryant Hiiter,
the meetings are scheduled for the
first Wednesday of each month at 1 pm
in the hall outside the shop.
First meeting will be on **January 4, 2023 at 1 pm.**

Rock of the month is

OPAL

The discussion will be led by Benny Gray
who will share his collection.

Bring your own specimens! Share! Learn!



A Good Year

A brand new year is given us.
It could be likened to a stone.
It can be polished and enhanced,
Or it can be left alone.

We can sit and watch it pass,
And wish we had our youth,
Or we can use the years we have
In search of love and truth.

This year can be a better year,
We can shine it to a glow.
No year is bad, no year is good,
Just people make it so.

Let's plan this year to be our best
By sharing love with others,
For peace will never thrive on earth
Until we live as brothers.

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Serpentine: a youthful snake
Marcascite: to stake a claim
Rockhounds: Down to earth people
Fossils: Old rockhounds

by Louis Atlee, Marin Mineral Society

2023 Officers and Chairpersons

President: Cari Jacob 248-931-5999

Vice President: Cinda Dawson 810-423-0464

Secretary: Laura Brock 248-467-9100

Treasurer: Linda Sheedy 248-425-9686

Shop Chair: Bill Magee 734-981-6117

Second year Directors:

Janelle Gustafsen 248-420-1741

Jim Johnson 810-923-6113

First year Directors:

Lori Irvin 810-820-0494

Sandra Wrestler 248-875-5921

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.)

2023 Dues are overdue!

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

How Man Came to Love Rocks

In the dimness of the past far reach of time,
with man, there came his need for weapons, tools,
And there were – ROCKS.

A weapon, small enough to throw or hold to strike,
Using hand and arm as catapult or handle.
What better than – ROCKS

A place to hide and eat his food and sleep,
Secure from searching beast or other men from other tribes.
A cave among the – ROCKS

By then, conceived, a use for just a simple axe,
That would endure while cleaving hide and bone.
For axe heads – ROCKS

While chipping stone to make his axe, a spark! And fire!
And man could cook his food and warm himself on winter nights.
Life sustaining heat, derived from – ROCKS

A grinder for the seeds that dried so hard
When picked and stored for winter food supply
To grind real fine he used two – ROCKS

To build himself a cave by yonder stream and safe,
Where game and fish and roots and seeds abound.
There were many – ROCKS

Soon, (just a million years or so) castles, temples, pyramids,
Those massive works around the world, man built,
Still using – ROCKS

Then he learned to mine and quarry, grind and crush and smelt,
To extract precious metals, to cast and fuse and forge
Tortured – ROCKS

Precious gems and jewels, jade, emeralds and topaz,
Sapphires, opals, rubies and diamonds beyond compare
Beautiful – ROCKS

But that small thing that first man used to kill that longtoothed cat
To him worth more than all the other things could ever be.
A plain, dull, common – ROCK!

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



*There will be no general membership meeting in January.
The Board will meet on Wednesday, January 18, 2023
at the shop from 1-3 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

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.