

The Living Stones

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Livingston Gem and Mineral Society

February 2023

President's Message

Welcome February – “You may never know what results come of your actions, but if you do nothing, there will be no results.” — Mahatma Gandhi

Lots of exciting events happening! Midwest Federation Committee formation and planning was held on Tuesday, January 24th 1-3 with 20+ member turnout! Thank you to all members who participated with ideas and committed to a chair position. This is an especially exciting time for our club with the recognition from MWF, which we are a member of. Every year a club in the Midwest regions is selected to host this event at their main show. Then, an informative packet is mailed out to all MWF members inviting them to send 1 or 2 of their club members (delegates) to tour our show. We will offer them information about places to stay, a meeting place and a banquet venue. Our group will not be asked to financially support all of this. We will, however, support refreshments at various meetings and a swag gift bag.

*We need every member to commit to a 4 hour time slot in September for the show or be able to help in another way beforehand.

*We would like every member to donate a rock related or jewelry item for the Silent Auction/Raffle. It takes a long time to sort & categorize the items donated, so please start now. Small information forms to fill out with your donation can be found on top of the small black cases by the shop office. Smaller items can be locked up also.

PS. The Spring (May) popup show was canceled for this year only in order to concentrate our energies on the BIG fall show. However, if someone would be interested in chairing this and organizing it without a club table: advertising/vendors/location/etc.....the board is not opposed!

ROCK ON! Rock of the Month Club is back! Every 1st Wednesday of each month, from 1 pm to 2:30 pm, an informative, mostly hands-on meeting is held to teach our members about the different types of rocks that are out there. This group is lead by Jim Hansen and Bryant Hiiter. They and others present different materials from their private collections. The topic for February is Artificial Rock. (January's topic was Opal!) Anyone can also bring in pieces from their collections at their own risk. *On a side Note: the school has required us to either rent a room for this or hold the meeting inside the shop. The board has approved renting a room (room#33) for Feb 1, March 1, April 5, (May was not available at all -so shop will be shut down May 3 for 1 ½ hr on that day) and June 7. The cost to rent is \$30 per hour.*

Our club was invited to attend the Michigan Mineral Society's annual banquet presentation on January 14. Thank you to Cinda Dawson, Bryant Hiiter and Ed Oller who attended and had a very nice meal with great company while learning about Mammoth & Mastodons.



We would like to start having some small member taught classes in the shop again. You may have received email requesting information about what classes you'd like to see offered in the shop and possibly what classes you could teach. Please take some time to think about this and respond. With the unique talent diversity in our shop there are some fantastic things to share.

Please remember to pay for the locked drawers you have (\$5 per year) as another locker cleanup will start March 1. If you are interested in a locked drawer, please contact a board member with the \$5 and the number of the drawer. There are some available.

There are 20 new members to get shop trained in February. A huge thanks to the current trainers: Lori Irvin, Sandy Wrestler, Bill Magee, Cinda Dawson, Ed Oller, Jim Johnson, AnnMarie McFadden, and Marv Martin. Lavonne Foldenauer (Silversmith) has been working overtime to get her list of trainees in the shop. We proposed that she train additional new silversmiths on Mondays 9-4 if needed to catch up. This is a quiet day for now... as long as all day Friday and other weekday evening attendance is low.

Winter Reminders!

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

***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)

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.

February 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 4:00. Be aware.)

Board only meeting for February – Tuesday, 21st at Red Olive 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

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

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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 only board meetings are held.)

Rock of the Month

Led by Jim Hansen and Bryant Hiiter, the meetings are scheduled for the first Wednesday of each month at 1 pm in room #33 of the HESSC.

The next meeting will be **February 1, 2023** at 1 pm.

February's topic is:

Manmade Stones

The discussion will be led by Dave Grimes, Ed Oller, Jim Hansen and Bryant Hiiter. Bring your own specimens! Share! Learn!

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### *In Memorium*

### *Corleen "Corky" Whitman*

After many years of success creating raku pottery, Corky "found" lapidary in 2015, following her move to Michigan. At LGMS she quickly began learning new skills and participating in shows. She died on January 16, 2023 at age 89. We will miss her curiosity, energy and friendship.

## Board Meeting January 18, 2023 Red Olive, Hartland

Call to order 1:01 pm

**1. Roll Call:** a total of 7 Board members present. Cari Jacob, Bill Magee, Sandy Wrestler, Linda Sheedy, Cinda Dawson, Lori Irvin, and Laura Brock. Linda Sheedy voted to approve last month's minutes with Bill Magee seconding. Minutes passed unanimously.

### 2. President's Report

**A.** Cari Jacob spoke about the Rock of the Month Club. Jim Hansen and Bryant Hiiter are in charge. They will be getting a list to Cari of future months "ROTM" (rock of the month) topics. Due to the inability to hold meetings in the hallway anymore, the club could rent a room at the school. It would be \$30 per hour and \$15 per half hour. It would be \$450 to rent the room for the rest of the year, with no meeting in December. Lori Irvin moved to do a trial run in room 33 from February to May with a rent of \$45 for 1.5 hours. Cinda Dawson seconded. The vote was 6-0 to approve. *UPDATE: 1/24/2023, room #33 has been rented on a trial basis for Feb/March/April and June. May's date is not available because the school uses the room for student testing. The Rock of the Month meeting for May will be held in the shop/machines off.*

**B.** June, July, and August General Meetings will be held in Settlers Park. (Cinda Dawson will reserve).

**C.** Spring Show. Cari Jacob suggested dropping the spring show just for this year due to the planning for the big Midwest Show. A lot more planning and volunteers are needed to make this show a success. There was some discussion about the possibility of someone else chairing this spring popup show on a smaller scale. This decision could go back to the table if needed. Sandy Wrestler made a motion to drop the spring show for 2023 and Cinda Dawson seconded. The motion passed with 5 for and 1 abstention.

**D.** Cari would like to see classes taught at the shop again. For example: glass beads with Dawn Sakatchee and Robin Moore. We will have John Myer send out a survey to membership to see what classes they'd envision at our shop. We will also be asking members if they have a particular lapidary/jewelry skill and would be able to teach it. Cari will create a "Teach A Class" request form, and when approved by board, a signup sheet for that class would be posted in the shop. Sandy Wrestler offered to get a board to post the classes.

**E.** A member requested Cari present the idea of HEPA filters for the shop for the air quality. Since we rent our space, we are unable to make structural changes to the shop. No HEPA filter fan will be installed because of costs. We will be

replacing the broken fan in the corner.

**F.** The \$5 fee for a locked drawer is due. Cari will be notifying members about that and another locker cleanup will start March 1.

### 3. Vice President's Report - Cinda Dawson

**A.** Waiting lists for faceting and silversmithing are filled. New member requests are being replied to and added to a waiting list. We are looking at scheduling trainers for the next batch of new members to take place middle of February. Cinda will be adding a new SignUpGenius for February new member training. There are 20 new members to get trained in February. Current trainers are Lori Irvin, Sandy Wrestler, Bill Magee, Cinda Dawson, Ed Oller, AnnMarie McFadden, and Marv Martin.

**B.** Cari will be helping by responding to membership request emails. Lori Irvin will be taking over membership data entry.

### 4. Bill Magee - Shop Report

**A.** The big saw pulley was replaced and the white metal was replaced with steel.

**B.** Time for a new blade on the big saw. Cinda Dawson made a motion to buy a new blade and Lori Irvin seconded. It was passed and pointed out that per the new bylaws up to \$500 can be spent without a board vote.

**C.** Bill will be replacing 2 electrical switches and parts.

### 5. Treasurer Report - Linda Sheedy

**A.** Linda provided an income/expense sheet showing the 2022 year ended with a profit. Linda Sheedy will look into the listed 2023 vendor fees for a corrected amount.

### 6. New Business

**A.** Cinda brought up the "Train the Trainer" program. Lavonne has requested attending again this year. Cinda Dawson made a motion to agree Lavonne's request. Linda Sheedy seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**B.** Isla Mitchell brought in a friend's collection of turquoise and opal for the club to look at. Dave Grimes, Bryant Hiiter, Ed Oller, and Dan Goodwin were all present. All were impressed. Cari called Isla to see what was available and said that the club was very interested in making an offer. Isla will enquire with her friend if this is a possibility.

**C.** Midwest Federation Meeting next Tuesday, January 24, 2023. All hands on deck, volunteers are needed!

**7. Motion made to adjourn** 3:00 pm, 1st by Linda Sheedy, 2nd by everyone in attendance unanimously.

Respectfully submitted, Laura Brock, Secretary

## Upcoming Events

**March 4 - 5, 2023**

### **The Roamin Club's Rock, Mineral and Fossil Auction**

Vista Tech Center, Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty Rd, Livonia, MI

Info: RoaminRockClub@weebly.com

**March 3-5, 2023**

### **Eastern Indiana Gem and Geological Society Gem, Mineral, Fossil and Jewelry Sale and Show**

Kuhlman Center, Wayne County Fairgrounds, 861 Salisbury Road N., Richmond, IN

**March 17-19, 2023**

### **Michigan Gem and Mineral Society Show Annual Rock, Mineral and Fossil Show**

Keeley Park (formerly Jackson County Fairgrounds), 200 W. Ganson St, Jackson, MI 49202

Info: <http://mgmsrockclub.com>, Sally 517-522-3396



### **2023 Dues are overdue!**

Please complete this form, tear off, and mail to Linda Sheedy, Treasurer, LGMS  
1582 Forest Bay Court., Wixom, MI 48393;

Call 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

### 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     | 1/18              | 1 pm | Board Meeting                              | Red Olive     |                        |
| 2     | 2/21              | 1 pm | Board Meeting                              | Red Olive     |                        |
| 3     | 3/21              | 6 pm | General Membership                         | LGMS shop     | Shop shut down at 5:45 |
| 4     | 4/18              | 6 pm | General Membership                         | LGMS shop     | Shop shut down at 5:45 |
| 5     | 5/16              | 6 pm | General Membership                         | LGMS shop     | Shop shut down at 5:45 |
| 6     | 6/20              | 6 pm | General Membership                         | Settlers Park | Shop shut down at 5:45 |
| 7     | 7/18              | 6 pm | General Membership                         | Settlers Park | Shop shut down at 5:45 |
| 8     | 8/15              | 6 pm | General Membership                         | Settlers Park | Shop shut down at 5:45 |
| 9     | 9/12              | 6 pm | General<br>Membership/before fall<br>show  | LGMS shop     | Shop shut down at 5:45 |
| 10    | 10/17             | 6 pm | General Membership                         | LGMS shop     | Shop shut down at 5:45 |
| 11    | 11/21             | 6 pm | General Membership                         | LGMS shop     | Shop shut down at 5:45 |
| 12    | 12/12 or<br>12/13 | 6 pm | General Membership<br>during Holiday Party | Senior Center | Shop shut down at 5:45 |



#### **A fascinating read:**

#### **New minerals discovered in massive meteorite may reveal clues to asteroid formation**

A team of researchers has discovered at least two new minerals that have never before been seen on Earth in a 15 tonne meteorite found in Somalia — the ninth largest meteorite ever found.

**<https://www.ualberta.ca/folio/2022/11/new-minerals-discovered-in-massive-meteorite-may-reveal-clues-to-asteroid-formation.html>**

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*There will be no general membership meeting in February.  
The Board will meet on Tuesday, February 21, 2023  
at the Red Olive 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.*