

# The Living Stones

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Livingston Gem and Mineral Society

April 2023

## President's Message

No winter lasts forever; no spring skips its turn. April is a promise that May is bound to keep, and we know it. – Hal Borland

**ROCK ON! The topic for April 5 is Quartz Rock from 1-2:30pm.** Every 1<sup>st</sup> 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 out there. This group is lead by Jim Hansen, Bryant Hiiter with Dave Grimes, Ben Gray and Ed Oller contributing. The guys present different materials from their private collections. The cost to rent the meeting room is \$30 per hour. Anyone can also bring in pieces from their collections at their own risk. Before meeting, please coordinate with Jim or Bryant on the time agenda so that if others wish to, may have time to make a presentation. **\*\*May 3 meeting in shop (machines turned off) due to room #33 being unavailable for that day.**

**A big thanks to Shopkeeper, Bill Magee and Ed Oller for changing out about 8 grinding and polishing wheels at the shop! And...that autofeed saw, so quiet now!**

**MWF & Fall Show** planning date for next meeting is Tuesday, April 18 right before the April general meeting. Show planning 4:30-5:30 with general meeting starting at 6:00.

A generous previous member, Scott Reinhart, gave rock donations to the shop which will greatly enhance the fall show & childrens table! Thanks to Bryant Hiiter & Ed Oller for examining the collection and determining the values.

★ Thank you to Cinda Dawson, Marianna Ziegler-Hickey, Lori Irvin and John Myer for

helping with the membership. It's is a large task shared by a few. Cinda/membership inquiries, SignUpGenius schedules/ training. Marianna daily monitors both Facebook sites we have for spam. Lori helps monitor emails. John handles everything for the web site & bulk emails for the club. These behind-the-scenes members volunteer their time to make our club GREAT!

\*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. Mark the date in your personal calendars now!

\*We would like every member to donate a rock-related or jewelry item for the Silent Auction/Raffle. This 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.

## 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) Some 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 (Purging of unpaid drawers starts SOON!)**

(President's message cont.)

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.

**April 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)

**General Member meeting for April – Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> at the shop, 6-8pm (Fall MWF and Dream show planning meeting 4:30-5:30pm)**

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

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**Webmaster:** John Myer, www.livingstongems.com Email: [LGMSMich@gmail.com](mailto: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 only board meetings are held.)

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### 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 **April 5, 2023** at 1 pm. The April topic is:

### Quartz

Bring your own specimens!  
Share! Learn!

## LGMS General Meeting, 3.21.23 at the shop

**Roll Call:** 22 LGMS members present. Linda Sheedy voted to approve last month's minutes, Lori 2<sup>nd</sup>. Minutes passed with no changes.

### President's Report – Cari Jacob

- 1. Shop housekeeping:** Clean up after yourself, use mops and sponges after each use. Do not put oil sludge water in the sink. Please do not pull out the sink strainers. Traps under sinks need to be cleaned. Bill Magee will show Matt Brock how to clean the traps.
- 2. Locked Drawers:** Yearly \$5 fee has been due and unpaid lockers will have their final purges this month. Drawers are available.
- 3. Rock of The Month Club:** The April meeting will held on Wednesday, April 5, 2023 from 1 to 2:30 pm in room #33. Quartz is the feature. May meeting will be held in the shop due to school testing. (Machines will be turned off during this time.)
- 4. Class Survey:** The survey was emailed to all members. Few responded with only one member offering to host a class. We will look further into this.

### Vice President Report - Cinda Dawson

- 1. Membership:** Currently at 175-178 members. Emails were sent out to the next group of people on the wait list to become LGMS members. Not all people invited respond to their training emails. There were 53 non renewals from 2022. There will be a 4-week break and training will start again with next 20 people on the wait list. While trainers are training, please consider their movement around the shop and try not to hold them up by using a machine they need. Please consider our past unwritten rule to work on no more than 3 cabs at a time.
- 2. Estate Purchase:** The club purchased an estate collection of beautiful Turquoise and Opals. These will be a great addition to our fall show. A previous member, Corky, donated some cabochons to the club and they are currently on display in the shop for purchase. (See Lavonne for purchases.)

### Treasurer's Report- Linda Sheedy

The checking and savings are both in good standing.

### Show Report - Lori Irvin

Discussed the advertising budget for the show. The Ozark club, who hosted MWF show last year, has only 52 members and had a

much larger budget for advertising than we do. Currently booths for the show are \$300.00 and we have 12 vendors signed up. Geode cracker and flint knapper are booked for our fall show.

### Shop Report- Bill Magee

Bill Magee and Ed Oller fixed the auto feed saw, again. Both 80 grinding wheels were replaced as well as the 100/220 and 240. Belts are getting worn out too fast. It is important to use the entire belt side to side. Senior members, kindly speak up if you see something happening that needs correcting.

### Silversmith Report – Lavonne Foldenhaur

The silversmiths will put in another order for silver sheets soon. Lavonne will be going to William Holland School for Lapidary Arts in Georgia during the week of May 28<sup>th</sup>. She is going with several of her students and Lavonne will bring back knowledge to teach here at the club. She receives a grant as part of our club's Train the Trainer program.

### New Business

1. A group discussion on the air quality, cleaning floors and additional machine signage needed in the shop occurred. The plan could be to rent a floor cleaner and clean the shop before the show. Bill Magee volunteered to wax the floors. They will need to be stripped, mopped, waxed, and buffed. The week before the show, from the Monday forward, the shop will possibly be shut down for cleaning. All Hands On Deck!
2. Isla Mitchell is organizing the kids' table for the show. She is hoping to put together Petoskey polishing kits as well as donations for egg carton collections.
3. Bryant Hiiter will have the 4H club coming in for 4 sessions from 6 to 8 pm in mid-April on Monday or Tuesday nights.
4. Discussion surrounding an advertising budget for the fall show. After discussion, Bryant Hiiter made a motion to set the advertising budget at \$4k with it noted that if more is needed, the advertising committee will request additional funds. Bill Magee 2<sup>nd</sup> and all approved.
5. An advertisement for the show went in *Rock and Gem* magazine and their web site. It will be in every month until the show.

**Adjournment** 7:14 pm. Motion 1st by Jim Hansen and Sandy Wrestler 2<sup>nd</sup> with everyone in attendance unanimously agreeing.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Laura Brock, Secretary

## Upcoming Events

**April 6-8, 2023**

### **Indian Mounds Rock and Mineral Club's 46<sup>th</sup> Rock and Mineral Show**

Rogers Plaza Mall, 972-28th St, Wyoming, MI 49509

Info: [www.indianmoundsrockclub.com](http://www.indianmoundsrockclub.com)

**May 5, 6, 7, 2023**

### **Kalamazoo Geological & Mineral Society Show**

Kalamazoo Expo Center, 2900 Lake, Kalamazoo, MI

Info: David Haas, [Stonehouserock@cs.com](mailto:Stonehouserock@cs.com)

**June 10, 2023**

### **Indian Mounds Rock Club Rock Swap**

Woodland Drive-In Church, 2600 Breton SE, Grand Rapids, MI

Info: Kreigh Tomaszewski, [kreigh@gmail.com](mailto:kreigh@gmail.com)



## **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 Membership/before fall 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 12/13	6 pm	General Membership during Holiday Party	Senior Center	Shop shut down at 5:45



American Federation of Mineralogical Society  
**Code of Ethics**

I will respect both private and public property and will do no collecting on privately owned land without the owner's permission.

I will keep informed on all laws, regulations or rules governing collecting on public lands and will observe them.

I will, to the best of my ability, ascertain the boundary lines of property on which I plan to collect.

I will use no firearms or blasting material in collecting areas.

I will cause no willful damage to property of any kind— fences, signs, buildings.

I will leave all gates as found.

I will build fires in designated or safe places only and will be certain they are completely extinguished before leaving the area.

I will discard no burning material—matches, cigarettes, etc.

I will fill all excavation holes, which may be dangerous to livestock.

I will not contaminate wells, creeks or other water supply.

I will cause no willful damage to collecting material and will take home only what I can reasonably use.

I will practice conservation and undertake to utilize fully and well the materials I have collected and will recycle my surplus for the pleasure and benefit of others.

I will support the rockhound project H.E.L.P. (Help Eliminate Litter Please) and will leave all collecting areas devoid of litter, regardless of how found.

I will cooperate with field trip leaders and those in designated authority in all collecting areas.

I will report to my club or Federation officers, Bureau of Land Management, or other authorities, any deposit of petrified wood or other materials on public lands which should be protected for the enjoyment of future generations for public educational and scientific purposes.

I will appreciate and protect our heritage of natural resources.

I will observe the "Golden Rule," will use "Good Outdoor Manners" and will at all times conduct myself in a manner which will add to the stature and public image of rockhounds everywhere.

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*9525 E. Highland Road*  
*Howell, Michigan 48843-9098*



*General membership meeting*  
*on Tuesday, April 18, 2023*  
*in the shop at 6 pm*  
*(MWF Dream Show Planning 4:30-5:30)*

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.*