

The Living Stones

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Livingston Gem and Mineral Society

July 2023

President's Message

Everything good, everything magical happens between the months of June and August.

Jenny Han

Hello members,

Check out the locked cabinet by the office in the shop! It's starting to fill with amazing jewelry work. Thank you to the members who have donated so far and are continuing to make treasures for our show.

Please check out our show website:

lgmsrockshow.com. Sandy Wrestler created this beautiful web page and has been updating information about the show on there. **Also follow our group on Instagram: livingstongems**. **Sam Ackerman has created this and is monitoring posts!**

♥ We are currently trying to fill the secretary position. Please consider this small commitment to the club. Contact any board member with questions or if you are interested!

Thanks to all who attended the first general meeting at Settlers Park and either shopped or sold at our 1st trunk show of the year! It was a pretty good turnout and there were definitely some deals to be had.

We will train new members starting July 11 and then freeze new membership until after the show. This summer has been pretty busy for us all in & out of the shop. We appreciate the trainers who give up their personal time to train the new members. Thank you, Cinda Dawson, Lori Irvin, Bill Magee, Sandy Wrestler, Ed Oller, Bryant Hiiter, Jim Johnson and new member Max!

SHOP WILL BE CLOSED Monday, July 3 and Tuesday, July 4 and open as usual on Wednesday, July 5.

ROCK ON! The topic for Wednesday, July 5 is North American Agate from 1-2:30 pm in Room #33!

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 rock are out there. This group is lead by Bryant Hiiter, Jim Hansen, with Dave Grimes, Ben Gray and Ed Oller contributing. Before meeting, please coordinate with Bryant or Jim on the time agenda so that if others wish to, they may have time to make a presentation.

➔ Plumbing party in the works! Ed Oller & Gayland Allen are trying to find the pvc sizes we need and then we will put out a help request. Need not be a plumber to help.

General Member meeting for July– Tuesday, 18th @ Settlers Park 6-8 pm (Fall show planning meeting 4:30-5:30 pm at the shop/machines turned off at 4:30 and shop closed at 5:30) ** Pizza will be provided. Bring your own non-alcoholic beverage and a chair if you would like. Bring a dish to pass if you want to.

***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!**

***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.**

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July 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.)

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 5:30 pm on general membership meeting days.
Machines will shut down at 4:30 if Fall show
meeting is held in the shop.

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



Reminder

No open-toed shoes,
flip flops
or sandals
are permitted in the shop!

2023 Officers and Chairpersons

President: Cari Jacob 248-931-5999

Vice President: Cinda Dawson 810-423-0464

Secretary:

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: Lori Irvin 810-820-0494

Historian: Chuck Amberger, 248-787-6586

Library: Bryant Hiiter, 248-210-6138

Webmaster: John Myer, www.livingstongems

Email: LGMSMich@gmail.com

show website: lgmsrockshow.com

Instagram: livingstongems

General Membership Meetings are held monthly on
the 3rd Tuesday at 6 pm. (Except in January and
February when only board meetings are held.)



LGMS General Meeting, 6.20.23 at Settlers Park

Call to order 6:17 pm

Roll Call: 26 LGMS members present. Linda Sheedy voted to approve last month's minutes, Ed Oller 2nd. Motion passed with no changes. Quorum: 6 officers. Guest Secretary: Lori Irvin.

President's Report – Cari Jacob

A. The position of Secretary is open and we are searching for a replacement. Anyone interested please contact any board member.

B. Updated information on Tshirts. Marianna Ziegler-Hickey will bring an order sheet to the shop with colors, styles and sizes offered to order.

C. The Tulip City Gem and Mineral club is hosting a tailgate sale on Sat., 7/22 9-2 in Zeeland High school/outside venue. We are invited as sellers or buyers. \$15 per space. Contact if interested, Mary Johnson ...email mary.johnson299@gmail.com.

D. Please watch what waste water is poured in the oil wash sink. Lots of stone chips have been noted in the strainer, and this will not be great for the plumbing.

E. A reminder to wear the proper footwear in the shop! NO open toed shoes! Safety reasons, of course!

F. Several emails have come in from the general public asking for help cutting a stone or identifying. Information was given to the membership to see if any could help.

Vice President Report – (Cinda Dawson out of town)

Cari Jacob reads Cinda's report

A. Membership: Cinda reports approx. 260 members. 1 more training session will happen in July for the people still on the waitlist requesting membership. Then we will freeze new members until after the show. Fall show is approaching and there is still much to do.

B. Cinda will be setting up the sign-up genius for the show volunteers soon along with a list of members to call for volunteering.

Treasurer Report- Linda Sheedy

A. The checking and savings are both in good standing. 14 vendors have paid fully for our fall show. NO delegates have paid yet & confirmed they are coming.

Show Report - Lori Irvin/Ed Oller

Reviewed the information from the rock show planning meeting held earlier. Here is the current rundown:

A. Advertising committee – Lori Irvin, Sandy Wrestler and Holly Ingram discussed 3 options for media advertising and had an informal vote after answering questions/concerns from members present. Vote was tabled for presenting at the general meeting following.

B. Instagram – Sam Ackerman is working on the social media sites. She will link our Instagram & Facebook accounts. She will also help monitor both sites for spam.

C. Susan Fisher is working with us on getting our logo printed on aprons for our delegate gift swag bag. She is also going to be getting signage for us.

D. Swag Bag – Sandy Wrestler, Bill Magee and Ed Oller have been collaborating on the Petoskey key

chain for the swag bag. A small yooperlite and a small uv light will also be included. We discussed also adding in local restaurant info. Cathy Linegear agreed to pack the swag bags.

E. Grand Prizes – We still need to find #1 and a #2 prizes. #3 prize is a beautiful hand carved Fluorite butterfly on a stand.

F. Next Fall show meeting is on Tuesday, 7/18 @ the club 4:30-5:30. Then immediately after, head for Settlers Park where the general meeting will be held.

Shop Report- Bill Magee

We will be replacing the trough drain system. Bill and Gayland Allen are searching for the right size pvc pipe. As soon as all pieces are acquired, a notice for a plumbing party at the shop will be posted. It will happen on a Monday or a Thursday. We will need helpers!

Silversmith Report – Lavonne Foldenhour

Lavonne went to take silversmithing classes for a week at William Holland School of Lapidary Arts in Georgia, starting May 27. Our club has a "Train the Trainer" grant program that makes it possible for her to do this. She sent photos and shared her experience at the meeting.

Old Business

A. Rock of The Month Club: Wednesday, June 5, 1-2:30 meeting will be held in room #33. The topic will be North American Jasper!

B. Member Marcello Marchesini has installed an economical but highly efficient way to clean the air recently and we asked the members present at the meeting to report on how it is doing! Marcello received several rounds of applause and most members told of noting a difference in the air quality!

C. Advertising proposal for Fall Show – The total budget for advertising is \$4,000. If we used all 3 media proposals in addition to the other media we had planned (magazines etc.) we would go over budget by \$1,300. These 3 media proposals were presented to the general membership by Sandy Wrestler;

a. Advertise on 96.3 Radio with recorded board approved 15 sec. voice advertisement/20 spots per day, 3 days before our show in September. Cost=\$1,500.

b. Advertise on a split Facebook/Instagram media from radio stations WWJ & WOMC, we pick the ratio, 80,000 impressions to targeted location/ages. Cost=\$1500.

c. Advertise on screen at MJR Brighton 20. (cost \$1300) A 30 sec. video clip ad would be produced (cost \$750) and shown before every movie/every day for 6.5 weeks. Total approx. Cost=\$2050

Members voted 12 in favor of a, 8 in favor of b and 5 in favor of c. Proposal a passes with majority of votes.

New Business

Gayland Allen shared information of several rock & gem shows that are coming up and has placed the flyers in the shop.

Adjournment 7:20 pm. Motion to adjourn Linda Sheedy 1st and Lori Irvin 2nd with everyone in attendance unanimously agreeing.

Respectfully submitted by,
Lori Irvin, Guest Secretary
C Jacob, Content Review

Upcoming Events

July 8 and 9, 2023

Flint Rock and Gem Club's 19th Annual Rock, Rummage & Craft Sale

4082 West Vienna Road, Clio, MI 48420

August 5, 2023

Ishpeming Gem and Mineral Club's Upper Peninsula Gem and Mineral Show

Ispeming Elks Club, 597 Lakeshore Drive, Ispeming, MI

Info: showinfo@ishpemingrocks.org or www.ishpemingrocks.org

(field trips Friday and Sunday)

August 9, 2023

Quincy Mine Hoist Annual Rock Swap

Quincy Mine Hoist, 49750 US Hwy 41, Hancock, MI

Info: Derek Ellis, derekdogg1@gmail.com

August 11-13, 2023

Copper Country Gem and Mineral Show

Houghton Elementary School, 203 W. Jacker Street, Houghton, MI 49931

Info: George Schriver, pres@ccrmc.info

September 8-10, 2023

Toledo Gem and Rockhound Club

Pratt Pavilion, County Fairgrounds, 13800 W. Poe, Bowling Green, Ohio

Info: Jerri Heer, jheerx6@gmail.com

September 9-10, 2023

Grand Marais Rock and Mineral Show

Burt Township Community Center, E21738 Brazel St., Grand Marais, MI 49839



September 16 and 17, 2023

Our Own LGMS Rockhound's Dream Show

Hosting the Midwest Federation

How will you contribute?

Donate a prize? Volunteer your time at the show? Set up? Shut down?

September 23-24, 2023

Grand Traverse Area Rock and Mineral Club Annual Show

Cherryland VFW Post, 3400 Veterans Dr., Traverse City, MI 49684



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	
July	7/18	6 pm	General Membership	Settlers Park	Shop shut down at 5:45
August	8/15	6 pm	General Membership	LGMS shop	Shop shut down at 5:45
September	9/12	6 pm	General Membership (before fall show)	LGMS shop	Shop shut down at 5:45
October	10/17	6 pm	General Membership	LGMS shop	Shop shut down at 5:45
November	11/21	6 pm	General Membership	LGMS shop	Shop shut down at 5:45
December	12/12 or 12/13	6 pm	General Membership during Holiday Party	Senior Center	Shop shut down at 5:45

Rock Story

a poem by Sigrid Stewart
2022 AFMS Adult Poetry Winner

Inside every rock is a story of how it came to be
And on the outside is another, of its journey to the sea
For everything was born to die, to be made and then undone
To serve as the stuff of making, because creation isn't done

When you stand on the top of a mountain, look around and you will see
The mountains wear a skirt of rocks eroded from the peaks
Ice and snow and the rain that falls carry them to merry streams
Ever smoother as they tumble into sand for the waiting seas

Sand forms rocks deep underground that rise as mountains high
Until the waters wear them down again and bare their roots unto the sky
The heat of the sun and the cold of night, and the grinding of the ice
Combine to carve this land we see into an earthly paradise

Life does her part, for she has learned some cunning tricks
Silica and calcium build shells and bones like bricks
When her creatures die the hard parts pass into the deeps
Pressure will form limestone while Mother Earth sleeps

Heat from our planet's burning heart drives currents through the earth
Magma rises from below and to volcanoes it gives birth
The sea floor spreads from giant faults, carries islands on its back
Then dives beneath the continents on an ever-moving track

Mountain ranges rise and fall, mighty oceans form and close
New lands are born and waste away or fall to nature's blows
Ephemeral are we who live upon the surface of this earth
Everything that falls repeats itself and will surely find new birth

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9525 E. Highland Road
Howell, Michigan 48843-9098



General membership meeting on Tuesday, July 18, 2023
at Settlers Park at 6 pm
(MWF Dream Show Planning 4:30 – 5:30 in the shop)
Pizza is provided. A dish to share is appreciated!

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.