

The Living Stones

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Livingston Gem and Mineral Society

October 2023

“Hello, October! Let the colors fall begin.”

— Author unknown

Hello Members!

WOW...What an amazing turnout from all the volunteer members! Lots of hands-on helpers! Total numbers are not all in, but we expect some great results! All the work the marketing/advertising team did paid off! We learned a lot thru the experience. Please share your ideas for next year at the end of this month's general meeting. (Please forgive me if I inadvertently forgot to name a member who volunteered their precious time.)

All the planning for the MWF show this year was a little overwhelming at first, and with all the support from members it went off without a hitch. MWF members were all super impressed with our shop and our enthusiastic members. Thank you to all of you involved with the planning for this.

I would like to thank Jim Hanson and his cleaning crew for making the shop sparkle, and Demonstrators – Lavonne, Dave Grimes, Brent Huber, Mel Swartz, Ed Oller for showing the public and future members the fine arts of silversmithing and faceting.

Thanks! To the crew that went to the public libraries and filled display cases with treasures to advertise our show – Lori Irvi, Jan Toth, Cinda Dawson, Mark and Terri Ridenour, Autumn Kennedy, Ted Vosburgh and Ed Oller. They all contributed their own collections of rocks for these displays.

Thanks to all the brawny lads/lasses with trucks that helped load and unload all the heavy stuff in storage! You know who they are....watch for those members with the muscular builds.

Thank you to the advertising/marketing team – Lori Irvin, Sandy Wrestler, Holly Ingram, and Sue Fisher for the amazing deal on the flags. Special Thanks to Sandy Wrestler who came up with the Geode Cache hunt idea! That was a super great fun idea!

Thank you to Cinda Dawson for keeping all the volunteers organized thru Signupgenius and throughout both days. A lot to keep track of.

Thanks to Bill Magee for taking in about 27 new members. We held a “train the trainer” session

recently so that everyone is on the same page when training new members. They will be trained in October during the week when the trainers are available including Monday's 4-9 opening just for training new members. (Waiting on approval from school for the additional time on Monday)

Thank you to our Silent Auction Team, Anne Marie McFadden, Marianna Ziegler, Lori Keefer and crew for getting all the donated creations priced and organized and sold! Thank you to Elisa for the behind the scenes sign making.

Great job setup/takedown crew, a large task made easy with many hands. Thank you, Isla and her crew working the children's table...many happy young faces headed that way.

Thank you, Bryant Hiiter and the crew helping with the club table/specimen table. Thank you to the wonderful Judy Paulson and her 4H members that ran the concession for our show!

Thanks to Cathy Wormsbacher of the Meals on Wheels program that made the very nice lunchboxes for the MWF delegates.

Lots of yummy treats in the Hospitality area – thank you, Sue Wilkinson, Lavonne and Jenny. Kudos to the Security team!

A big thank you to Lori Irvin and Ed Oller who were co-chairpersons for this BIG event AND getting most of the vendors to commit to joining us at our 2024 Rockhound's Dream Show! Great job, admission table crew! A big shout out to Jim Johnson for volunteering to guard the gym Friday overnight.

★**By the October meeting we will have created a nominating committee for a November vote of the board/director positions. Anyone interested in running for a position may apply to the nominating committee and upon their approval a nomination would appear in the November newsletter, to be voted on at the November general meeting. Positions are: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and 2-1st year directors. (1st year directors graduate to 2nd year directors)

(President's message cont.)

T Shirts are in! They are purple & green & fabulous! Thank you Marianna Z for organizing this! You may purchase the shirts S-2X- \$15 and 3X-4X - \$18.

We are going to open the up the club to guests again. Another waiver form will be created for any guests, a member might want to bring in. Per the bylaws...

Section III Membership d) 4) Members ages 9 through their 17th year must be supervised by a parent, guardian, or someone older than 21, (any exception must be approved by a vote of the board), designated by the parent or guardian, that is familiar with the use and function of the pieces of equipment.

Section III Membership d) 5) All guests must be accompanied by a member of the club. Guests may visit a maximum of two (2) times per calendar year and sign the waiver and pay the current daily shop usage fee per visit. For their first visit, they must be supervised by the sponsoring member or another experienced member of the club, in the manner described in section III d) 4) above. If they desire to use the facilities more times than the two visits per year, they must apply for membership and pay the appropriate dues and fees.

Rock of the Month will be Southwest Rocks October 4, room #33, 1-2:30 with guest hostess Autumn Kennedy.

***Dues for 2024 LGMS membership are \$65 (due December 31, 2023)** 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.

October 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) There must be at least 2 people in the shop to use the machines for safety reasons.

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.

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



2023 Officers and Chairpersons

President: Cari Jacob 248-931-5999

Vice President: Cinda Dawson 810-423-0464

Secretary:

Treasurer: Linda Sheedy 248-425-9686

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Jim Johnson 810-923-6113

First year Directors:

Lori Irvin 810-820-0494

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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.)

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LGMS General Meeting**September 12, 2023, 6:00 pm at the shop****Call to Order – 6:01pm**

Roll Call a total of 40 members including board members. Quorum: YES (7). Jane Lerma motioned & Bryant Hiiter 2nd to approve last month's minutes with a date correction for the swag bag stuffing party.

President Report – Cari Jacob

1. T-shirts available in Heather Purple in sizes small-2XL (\$15) 3X-4X (\$18). Heather green shirts will be available for purchase at the show. Please wear a LGMS shirt of any color when volunteering. Marianna Z. was able to get the lower pricing so we could also offer the 2x for \$15.
2. The shop will be closed for machine work starting Wed, 9/13 at noon. Cleaning help is greatly appreciated and volunteers are needed for this. The silversmiths may work in their area (no machines) until Thurs. They will be responsible for their jewelry area. Thank you, John Myer, for sending out an email blast to update members.
3. We will try to get ahold of Marchello to see if he can replace the filters on the Hepa Filter fan he created for our shop. It's been doing a great job as the filters are already grey!
4. There are 36 delegates coming who consist of MWF board members and other club delegates.
5. We have a new Square and a donated iPad to use for the show. Reminder to anyone using it to make sales in the club; please write down what the sales were for. Treasurer, Linda Sheedy needs to put amounts in the right category.

Vice President Report – Cinda Dawson

1. She divvied up the pages of membership info and had board members and a few others make calls to all members requesting help for the show. She reported there was a 33% better response when a message was left on the member's phone.
2. Cinda reports that there still cases available for members to use for displaying their personal collections at the show. Add a sticker with your name on it to the case of your choice. This is a great addition to our show, where members can showcase their lapidary passions for the public to view. Members may fill these when the cases are taken down on the Friday before the show.

Treasurer's Report – Linda Sheedy

1. We are currently in good standing with extra expenses due to our increased advertising budget for our show.

Shop Keeper – Bill Magee

1. PVC parts for the machines drains were finally obtained, and were installed on 9/11. It was installed quickly and looks all clean and functional. Thank you to Bill Magee, Ed Oller, Jim Hansen, Autumn & Mark Kennedy and Mark. Cari and Autumn were also on hand to empty 2 trips worth of bucket muck water and run outside to mark positions for the flag signs. Right trim saw is down and needs some belt adjusting. Thanks to Cinda Dawson and Jim Hansen for noticing a problem and Bill Magee for working on this.

Silversmith Report – Lavonne Foldenauer

1. Lavonne is considering putting a time frame on her silversmith training to 8 weeks. There is no charge currently and this time frame could ensure a better turnover of new silversmiths. No makeup days if time is missed. (There will be considerations due to medical circumstance).

Rockhound's Dream Show Status Report

1. \$10 Pre Sale passes for a private preview sale (4-5:30) at the club table only, September 15, Friday night before show are on sale until Thursday, Sept. 14. To purchase please see Cari Jacob, Cinda Dawson, or Linda Sheedy.
2. Outdoor Show Flags were ordered (under budget)-12 ft, both sides printed, different colors, stakes and storage bags included. The flags location was approved by school. Thank you Lori Irvin and Susan Fisher!
3. **Geode Cache** – Sandy Wrestler presented her plan for the geode finder winners. Each found geode gives 2 free admissions. #10 geode is the grand prize winner of a treasure box created by Sandy and contains some rock specimens and a silver Michigan pendant and a silver ring. If #10 prize is not claimed, the other geode finders will be entered into a drawing and will have a chance to win the treasure chest.
4. Delegates will more than likely wear their own identifying lanyards/name tags. Volunteers are required to wear a name tag which will be available when checking in for their shift at the shop. There are lanyards for security volunteers.
5. Cari Jacob and AnnMarie McFadden explained how the Super Silent Auction was going to work. This special auction will be in addition to the normal hourly and all-day auctions taking place. This auction ensures a profit for the club that is more equal to the actual value of the high end donation.
 - a. Silent auction team has chosen 16 donated items that have a high end value. 8 items on Saturday and 8 items on Sunday.
 - b. Saturday's items will have their maximum bid price (pre bid from private texts to AnnMarie from the Facebook post) placed on the bid sheet at 4 pm, which will allow the public 1 hour to outbid that price. Winners notified at 5 pm Saturday.
 - c. Sunday's items' maximum bids price (pre bid from private texts to AnnMarie from the Facebook post) will be placed on sheet by 2 pm, allowing the public 1 hour to outbid and winners notified by 3 pm.
 - d. Those items have been photographed and have a designated number.
 - e. Starting Sept 12 on Facebook, photos of the items will be posted and you must text AnnMarie your silent auction bid. Please provide the item #, your maximum bid/and contact info for items you choose.
6. Regarding our members who signed up for security at the show – Autumn Kennedy went over our boundaries/limitations/liabilities. She has a wealth of knowledge which will be shared with the members working the aisles. Security volunteers will be wearing security badges.

(minutes, cont.)

7. Vendors will have their hands stamped to allow for hassle-free admittance and re-entering.
8. Tours of the shop & new membership are being handled by Bill Magee. We will be limiting the signup to 25-30 with the hopes of getting them all trained in October. We need more members to train to accomplish this. We will try to organize a "train the trainer" day so that everyone is on the same page. We will look at 4 training sessions per week for October.
9. Volunteer Coordinator for show is Cinda Dawson. Volunteers will meet in the shop, check in and get a name tag. Volunteers will get their LGMS bucks from Lori Irvin after their shifts. One LGMS buck (\$10 value at the club table/kids table only) can be earned for 4 hrs volunteering. The end of Sunday workers may get theirs early so they can shop before the show closes.
10. Marketing volunteers will be canvassing the public by the drawing ticket fill-out table. A limited amount of mini keychain UV lights will be given to the first 400 to give their email address. 1 per family or group.
11. On Friday/setup day-the gym has a class going on until 11:30, custodians will put down tarps 11:30-12:30-then we can get into tape at 1:00 or slightly sooner. Tables should be there 1-1:15. Thank you to Jim Johnson for spending the night in the gym-guarding!
12. Our Club Table **NEEDS** to be set up by 4 pm for the pre sale.
13. All members are invited to the meet & greet at the shop with the delegates 5:30-7:30 on Friday, Sept 15. Snacks provided.
14. 4H will be providing concessions – please support them! There will be menu signs posted with items and prices.
15. There will be a geode cracker and a flint knapper! Hooray!
16. **Kids Table** – Isla requests more medium sized rocks she can give as prizes with the spinning wheel. Terri Ridenour donated gold & silver rock candy sticks that could be sold as a fun thing at the kids table.
17. Electrical needs to be looked at this week. Marv will check it out. Electrical Inspection is scheduled at 4:00 Friday, 9/15.
18. Schedule for the show MWF delegates as follows:
 - * Saturday – open at 8 am. In Senior Center-Coffee & Doughnuts, *Breakfast offered in the shop also.*
 - * Senior Ctr 8:30 MWF board meeting
 - * LGMS 11:30 pick up lunch boxes
 - * Senior Ctr. 12:00 MWF lunch
 - * Senior Ctr. 12:30 delegate registration
 - * Senior Ctr. 1:00-2:45 delegate meeting
 - * Senior Ctr. 2:45 - ? Presentation from Joan Stoker, JR. Rock club info, public invited.
 - * Senior Ctr. Clean up and out by 4
 - * Cari to set up banquet tables @ Block Brewery at 5:00 (31 attending)
 - * MWF delegates happy hour 6-7, dinner/ presentations 7-9:30

* We are hiring the school's night supervisor, Debbie, to guard the gym until Cari can get back from the banquet to the school to guard the gym overnight.

Old Business - NA

New Business - NA

Adjournment 7:13 Motion to end the meeting - 1st by Lori Irvin, 2nd by Jim Hansen. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted, Lori Irvin

Guest Secretary

C. Jacob, Content Review

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2024 LGMS Membership Dues are Due!

\$65 (plus \$5 locked drawer fee)

mail to:

Linda Sheedy

1582 Forest Bay Court

Wixom, MI 48393

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"Anyone who thinks fall leaves are dead
has never watched them dancing
on a windy day."

-Shira Tamir

Upcoming Events

October 7-8, 2023

Midwest Mineralogical & Lapidary Society Rock SuperSwap

Wayne County Fairgrounds, 10871 Quirk Rd, Belleville, MI; Info: wbarr@umich.edu, www.mmls.us

October 13- 15, 2023

Michigan Mineralogical Society Annual Show

Macomb Community College Sports and Expo Center, 14500 Twelve Mile Rd, Warren, MI

Info: John Peters 313-255-7774, joopett13@hotmail.com, www.michmin.org/show-info

October 20-22, 2023

Central Michigan Lapidary and Mineral Society

County Fair Grounds, 700 Ash St., Mason, MI; Info: Robin Smith 517-290-4891

October 28-29, 2023

Akron Mineral and Summit Lapidary Semi-Annual Show

Emidio and Sons Banquet Center, 48 Bath Rd, Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44223

Info: Evelyn Tryon 330-673-9664; gemboreelead@gmail.com; summitlapidaryclub.com

November 4-5, 2023

Mid Michigan Rock Club Annual Show

Chippewa Nature Center, 400 S. Badour Rd, Midland, MI 48640

Info: Laura Foster 989-513-7254, pop345corn@sbcglobal.net

November 13, 2023, 8-10 pm

Michigan Mineralogical Society Annual Auction

Cranbrook Institute of Science, 39221 Woodward Ave, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304

Info: Brad Zylman 612-600-9484, brad.zylman@mrm.com; www.michmin.org



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	
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	Membership mtg /Holiday Party	Senior Center	Shop shut down at 5:45

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



*General Membership Meeting
Tuesday, October 17, 2023
6 pm at the shop
(bring food to share, if you like)*

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.