

# The Living Stones

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Livingston Gem and Mineral Society January 2024

## President's Message

January is a time for looking forward and setting intentions for the year ahead. It is a month of new beginnings when we have the opportunity to start fresh and make positive changes in our lives. As we leave behind the old and embrace the new – Rock On! — *Author unknown*

Hello Members!

It's been a whirlwind month at the shop...with all the preparations for the holidays! I think we had a record attendance at the annual Christmas party! We were almost at capacity in the Sr. Ctr. I believe a total of 87 members made it out to celebrate together. All the wonderful presents to exchange kept "Santa" Bill Magee busy. Red Olive restaurant delivered its usual wonderful assortment of great and tasty food. Thanks to Bryant & AnnMarie who organized the annual contests. Membership voted and the results are:

Winners of the \$50:

\*\*Best Polished Cab & Best Handmade Jewelry –  
AnnMarie McFadden

\*\*Best Picture in a Stone – Mark Ridenour

\*\*Anything Goes – Ben Gray

A big applause goes also to Bryant & AnnMarie for organizing the Silent Auction table – This event brought in \$1200 for the club.

Thank you to our treasurer, Linda Sheedy who thought ahead to purchase lapidary gifts so we could have a free giveaway to our members at the Christmas Party. 20 lapidary gifts, 15 centerpieces and 2 club t-shirts were given away to members who attended the party.

While our club members contributed in many ways, a few always stand out and contribute in ways that were noticeable! This year, I had the

privilege of awarding 3 members the annual Max Shultz award plaque. **Winner - Jim Johnson** (not present) for his unlimited amount of spunk, always willing to lend a hand, good humor and of course, his full sized haulin' van! **Winner – Lavonne Foldenauer** for her untiring support of the club, taking on the position of Lead Silversmith and all the responsibilities of training the new jewelry members, and still having the energy to learn new ideas and lead us into the jewelry future! **Winner - Isla Mitchell** (not present) for her behind the scenes newsletter expertise and many years of support.

We are grateful for the board members who chose to stay in their position (Cinda Wilson/VP, Linda Sheedy/Treasurer and myself (really, what am I going to do with all my extra time-Love this club) and give a grand welcome to the new board members! Secretary-Terri Ridenour, Jim Johnson who is circling around as 1st year director again and welcome back to AnnMarie McFadden as a 1<sup>st</sup> year director. Welcome also to our 2<sup>nd</sup> year directors – Lori Irvin & Sandy Wrestler for their continued commitment.

T-Shirts are in! They are purple & green & fabulous! You may purchase the shirts  
S-2X - \$15 and 3X-4X - \$18

New member training will start again January 15....I am getting emails every day requesting to become a member! Please watch out for the new faces in the shop; some need a little more help in the beginning. The shop is getting busier and it could be overwhelming for them at first.

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Rock of the Month will be on January 3, room #33, 1-2:30: **JADE!**

**\*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.

**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 choose to leave earlier than 4:00. Be aware.) There must be at least 2 people in the shop "any day" 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. 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*



**Rock of the Month**  
first Wednesday of the month  
1-2:30 pm, room #33

**January 3, 2024 ... Jade**

upcoming date:  
February (2/7/24)..... **Feldspar**



### 2024 Officers and Chairpersons

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 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.)

**LGMS General Meeting****12-12-23, 6 pm****@Christmas Party/Senior Center****Call to Order** – 7:00 pm

**Roll Call:** a total of 87 Members including board members. Quorum: YES (6). Marianna Ziegler motioned & Gayland Allen 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve last month's minutes with no corrections.

**President Report's – 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.
2. Christmas Holiday hours are as follows: Normal hours Dec 19-21, Dec 22 10-4, Dec 28-29 9-1. Thursday is silversmith only. Opening as normal, Tuesday, Jan 2.
3. Remember as inclement weather times approach, check Hartland schools for school closing information.

**Vice President's Report – Cinda Wilson**

1. Cinda will be reaching out to all the trainers for their available times; there are currently people still on the waiting list.
2. Membership is currently at 250.

**Treasurer Report's – Linda Sheedy**

1. We currently are in good standing.
2. Dues and locker fees are DUE by December 31<sup>st</sup>. every year.

**Shop Keeper – Bill Magee**

When using the 20" saw, please monitor for sounds of the saw and smells also! If you smell burning rubber, **STOP** the saw and open the lid. The big pulley has been slipping and rubbing on the saw housing. Do not use, and text Bill Magee. His number is on shop office window.

**Silversmith's Report – Lavonne Foldenauer.**  
Nothing at this time to report.

**Old Business**

1. Swearing in new board members: Secretary-Terri Ridenour, 1<sup>st</sup> year director-AnnMarie McFadden and 1<sup>st</sup> year director-Jim Johnson (not present, he will swear in later).
2. A 2-part motion was presented to the membership by Cinda Wilson regarding the board's November discussion about charging fees for the

silversmith and faceting classes. Starting December 1, 2023 anyone starting classes will be required to pay for them. Any classes missed are on the member; no makeup classes unless special arrangements have been made with the instructor. (If classes are missed in faceting, machines are held up with a project and someone new cannot take over.) Motioned by Aubrey Monroe, 2<sup>nd</sup> – AnnMarie McFadden. Motion passed with majority.

- a. Charge \$50 for 8 weeks of silversmith lessons which will be collected by Lavonne and used for silversmithing tools & supplies.
- b. Charge \$25 for 5 weeks of faceting lessons, which will be collected by Cinda Wilson and used for faceting tools & supplies.

**New Business**

1. **2024 Max Shultz Awards** – Jim Johnson, Lavonne Foldenauer and Isla Mitchell! Congratulations!
2. **Rock of the Month** is scheduled for Wednesday, January 3, 2024, 1-2:30 in Room 33. Discussion will be about Jade. February's topic will be Feldspar.
3. In consideration for all the time Lavonne spends in the shop, the \$1 shop fee, the \$2 jewelry fee and bottled water are complimentary.
4. New member, Jason, presented an idea regarding offering the new members (not having enough rocks in their personal collection yet), a bag of rocks/slabs they could purchase from the club. Membership gave a variety of good opinions and the board will discuss at January meeting.
5. Purchasing a couple more of the flags for our show was discussed again. We would like to add in more categories example: Public Welcome, Beads etc. Recommendations were made to order this year as prices will go up in 2024.
6. Dependent on the church location's new pastor, we are planning for spring pop-up show on May 18, 2024.

**Adjournment** 7:36 pm. Motion to end meeting by Ed Oller, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lori Irvin. Motion passed with the majority.

**Respectfully submitted,**

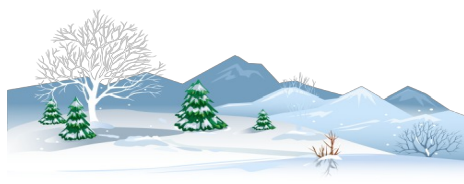
Lori Irvin, Guest Secretary  
C. Jacob, Content Review

**2024 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	2024 date	Time	Meeting type	Location	
1	Wed. 1/24	1 pm	Board Meeting		
2	Wed. 2/21	1 pm	Board Meeting		
3	3/19	6 pm	General Membership	LGMS shop	Shop shut down at 5:45
4	4/16	6 pm	General Membership	LGMS shop	Shop shut down at 5:45
5	5/21	6 pm	General Membership	LGMS shop	Shop shut down at 5:45
	Hoping to have	a pop up	show in the church parking	lot on 5/18 for	one day only!
6	6/18	6 pm	General Membership	Settlers Park	Shop shut down at 5:45
7	7/16	6 pm	General Membership	Settlers Park	Shop shut down at 5:45
8	8/20	6 pm	General Membership	LGMS shop	Shop shut down at 5:45
9	9/10 (one week early)	6 pm	General Membership/before fall show on 9/21-9/22	LGMS shop	Shop shut down at 5:45
10	10/15	6 pm	General Membership	LGMS shop	Shop shut down at 5:45
11	11/19	6 pm	General Membership	LGMS shop	Shop shut down at 5:45
12	12/17	6 pm	General Membership during Holiday Party	Senior Center	Shop shut down at 5:45

We will probably add in show meetings starting in May at 4:30-5:30 same day as general meetings.

**LGMS Membership Renewal 2024 – Dues are Overdue!**

Complete this tear-off form and mail to:

Linda Sheedy, LGMS Treasurer  
1582 Forest Bay Court, Wixom, MI 48393

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 enclosed \_\_\_\_\_



Jadeite jade, often cut as a cabochon, is one of the most valuable and culturally significant gemstones. - Courtesy Mason-Kay Fine Jade Jewelry

## Jade

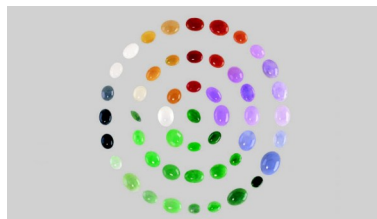
Jade Description (gia.edu)

Among gemologists, jadeite and nephrite have long been considered the materials that may be referred to as jade. More recently some green omphacite has also been included in the definition. These are actually metamorphic rocks made up of tiny interlocking mineral crystals which make the gems exceptionally tough.

Jadeite can be semi-transparent to opaque and comes in a wide range of attractive colors: many shades of green, yellow, and reddish orange, plus white, gray, black, brown, and lavender (often a light purple or light grayish violet). The coloration is often unevenly distributed, giving jadeite an interesting visual texture carvers use to create imaginative and intriguing effects.

Nephrite ranges from translucent to opaque and can be light to dark green, yellow, brown, black, gray, or white. Its colors tend to be more muted than jadeite.

Jadeite jade comes in a variety of colors. Green is the most valuable. - Courtesy Mason-Kay Fine Jade Jewelry



Omphacite has typically been thought of as dark green to black. However, some green omphacite has been seen in the GIA (Gemological Institute of America) laboratory that not only has a similar color to fine green jadeite but also has the same gemological properties as jadeite. Omphacite can be identified by its Raman spectra, which requires advanced testing techniques.

Modern gemologists use the word “jade” as a generic term for nephrite, jadeite, and under certain conditions green omphacite. “Fei Cui” is a traditional Chinese term for jadeite jade but is not universally accepted. Today the term is used in many places in Asia to refer to several materials including jadeite, kosmochlor and omphacite.

Rough jadeite jade often takes the form of boulders. This one from Myanmar weighs 23 metric tons.



These gems have been linked throughout history. In fact, the term jade has sometimes been erroneously applied to a number of gems and ornamental materials resembling jade, and even some manmade equivalents.

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*Howell, Michigan 48843-9098*



**No General Meeting in January**  
**Board Meeting Only**

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 December 31 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.*