

# The Living Stones

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Livingston Gem and Mineral Society July 2024

## President's Message

"July is hollyhocks and hammocks, fireworks and vacations, hot and steamy weather, cool and refreshing swims, beach picnics, and vegetables all out of the garden."  
*Jean Hersey.*

Hello Members!

Thank you to Jim Hanson, Bryant Hiiter and other members who helped move oil trim saws around in the shop on Tuesday, June 11 @ 11 am. Unfortunately, the pizza arrived at 1 pm, so a few folks get a free slice at the next meeting.

Friday Opener Needed. (10 am) Please reach out to Cinda Wilson if this is something you could do starting August.

Thank you, Jim Johnson and Mark Ridenour, for helping teach new members, Linda & Jason, what it takes to clean and maintain one of the 10" oil saws. Terri Ridenour posted the photos of the messy muck on our private Facebook page.

Cinda Wilson is taking names of trainers available for the next session. Trainers – please get her your 2 available dates. After this training, we will freeze membership until the fall show.

**Summer Safety reminders - NO hair, jewelry, necklaces, or loose clothing hanging forward when working with any machine, saw, grinder or torch. Hair bands will be provided free for any of those needing one, near the sign-in sheet.**

*(Please do not put used hair bands back)*

\*\*\*Air conditioning at the shop is being repaired....the school is waiting on a sensor. Fans are being run but take into consideration how hot it might get and plan accordingly.

**Shop hours 4th of July holiday**  
**Closing by 4 pm on Wednesday, July 3,**  
**Closed on Thursday, July 4**  
**& Friday, July 5**

**Foot protection – NO exposed skin on the feet, in case something sharp falls or drops or burning embers fall. (flip flops, sandals etc.) You will be asked to get the proper footwear or leave the shop. Please wear footwear that is comfortable, not slippery and can get dirty or wet.**

## **JULY Meeting – at Settlers Park Pavilion**

5:30 fall show planning and 6:00 pm general meeting. Bring a snack if you would like to share. Pizza provided. Bring your own chair, non-alcoholic beverage if you want.

**SPECIAL RAFFLE.** Purchase tickets at the end of the meeting. Tickets will be sold in a raffle and the winner will be drawn. Must be present to buy tickets. Everyone would get a chance if they purchase a ticket. \$2-one ticket, \$5-three tickets, \$10-six tickets and \$20-fourteen tickets. One purchase per member. One win per person. (Photos posted on LGMS private FB page.)

#1- 1 piece of beautiful Rhodochrosite

#2- 7 piece set of rough Opal

#3- *Multiple pieces of good quality Amazonite*

(President's message cont.)

\*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.

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

**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) 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*



#### 2024 Officers and Chairpersons

**President:** Cari Jacob 248-931-5999

**Vice President:** Cinda Wilson 810-423-0464

**Secretary:** Terri Ridenour 517-376-2191

**Treasurer:** Linda Sheedy 248-425-9686

**Shop Chair:** Bill Magee 734-981-6117

#### **Second year Directors:**

Lori Irvin 810-820-0494

Sandra Wrestler 248-875-5921

#### **First year Directors:**

Jim Johnson 810-923-6113

AnnMarie McFadden 248-884-8126

**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, 248-472-8481

**Webmaster:** John Myer, www.livingstongems

Email: [LGMSMich@gmail.com](mailto:LGMSMich@gmail.com)

show website: lgmsrockshow.com

Instagram: livingstongems

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 Minutes**

June 18, 2024, Location: LGMS Shop

### **Call to Order- 6:00pm**

**Roll Call:** Board members present- Lori Irvin, Cari Jacobs, Jim Johnson, Bill Magee, AnnMarie Mc Fadden, Terri Ridenour, Linda Sheedy, Cinda Wilson, Sandy Wrestler. Present-9 Absent-0 Quorum-9 Club Attendance- 26

**Approval of Minutes:** Lori Irvin made a motion to approve the May 21, 2024 minutes, 2nd by Jim Johnson. All in favor. Motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Linda Sheedy did not have time to prepare the report.

### **President's Report:**

1. Health Concerns- If you are in the shop you need to sign in even if you are just visiting. We need to be able to contact you in case you are exposed to something/someone in the shop.
2. If you break a piece of equipment in the shop or see something that is not working correctly, please notify a board member or whoever is in charge at the shop. Bill Magee's contact information is on the office window. Put a note on the equipment that it is out of order.
3. The drains in the shop are plugged along with other drains in part of the school.
4. Please do not wash rocks off in the kitchen sink. Empty water into the correct pails or drains.
5. The school raised our monthly rent to \$648.00.
6. Mark Ridenour asked about getting our own building, Cinda Wilson replied that it was investigated a few years back and it was very costly.

### **Vice President's Report:**

1. We have 27 on the wait list. 17 are from March and April 2024 .
2. July training only will be offered on SignUpGenius. Trainers need to let Cinda know their availability.

### **Shop Report:**

1. If there is an issue with the equipment not working correctly or broken, Bill's information is on the office window. If you leave him a note, say which piece of equipment is broken, your name and contact info, what happened, the date and put an out of order sign on it.
2. Let the person in charge of the shop know that a piece of equipment is broken.
3. DO NOT ATTEMPT TO FIX THE EQUIPMENT YOURSELF. Even if you think you know the problem and how to fix it, do not touch it.

### **Silversmith's Report:**

1. There are 14 on the list to be trained.
2. LaVonne is having issues with members on the training list getting back with her.

**Old Business:** Fall show Sept .21/22, 2024. We had a show meeting on June 18, 2024, 5:00-6:00pm.

### **New Business:**

1. Victoria stone special drawing. AnnMarie Mc Fadden won the Victoria stone.
2. Max Runnels shared his ideas for getting information out to all members. We have new members that did not know that we put on the Dream Show or that we have a "member only" FB page, etc.

**Adjournment:** AnnMarie Mc Fadden made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:32 pm, 2nd by Cinda Wilson. All in favor. Motion Passed.



## **LGMS Board Meeting**

June 18, 2024 Location: LGMS Shop

### **Call to Order: 5:00pm**

**Roll Call:** Present- Lori Irvin, Cari Jacobs, Jim Johnson, Bill Magee, Terri Ridenour, Linda Sheedy, Cinda Wilson. Absent: AnnMarie McFadden, Sandy Wrestler. Present, 7; Absent 2; Quorum 7.

### **Other Business:**

1. Safety concerns in the shop and how to handle them.
2. If members are not wearing closed toe shoes they will be asked to leave the shop.
3. Hair ties have been provided for those who might need one.
4. Safety glasses are provided if you do not have a pair.
5. Complaint forms
6. Policy for misuse of equipment and safety violation.
7. Discipline process:
  - 1st warning - 2 board members will give a verbal warning in person or by phone call.
  - 2nd warning- 2 board members will give a written warning.
  - 3rd warning- person will no longer be a member of the club.

### **Nominating committee for new Officers and Directors for 2025:**

Jim Johnson and Terri Ridenour

### **Water Saw:**

Cinda Wilson will make a sign for what type and size of rock can be used on the water saw. Bill Magee will have the sign laminated.

**Adjournment:** Adjourned at 5:25

Respectfully Submitted, Terri Ridenour, Secretary



**September 13-15, 2024**

**Tulip City Gem and Mineral Club Annual Show**

Soccer Stop Sportsplex, 5 River Hills Dr., Holland MI 49424

Info: CJ Proos 616-335-0045, [charliejohnproos@gmail.com](mailto:charliejohnproos@gmail.com)., [www.tulipcity.org](http://www.tulipcity.org)

**September 21-22, 2024**

**Livingston Gem and Mineral Society's Annual Show**

**Hartland Educational Support Services Center, 9525 E. Highland Rd, Howell, MI 48843**

**Attend! Volunteer! Support your club!**

**September 28-29, 2024**

**Flint Rock and Gem Club Annual Show**

Crossroads Village and Hucklebery Railroad, 6140 N. Bray Rd, Flint, MI 48505

Info: Bill Wendling 810-638-5796, [www.flintrockandgem.org](http://www.flintrockandgem.org)

**September 28-29, 2024**

**Grand Traverse Area Rock and Mineral Club Annual Show**

Cherryland VFW, 34 Veterans Dr., Traverse City, MI

Info: Lauren Vaughn 231-276-6150, [maple28@aol.com](mailto:maple28@aol.com)



**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.

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

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
6	6/18	6 pm	General Membership	LGMS shop	Shop shut down at 5:45
7	7/16	6 pm 5:30 show planning	<b>General Membership</b>	<b>Settlers Park</b>	<b>Shop shut down at 5:45</b>
8	8/20	6 pm	General Membership	Settlers Park	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



**2024 Dream Show planning meeting** June 18, 2024, 5:30pm

**Admissions-** Autumn Kennedy made a motion to raise our admission fee to \$7.00 for adults, \$1.00 for 12-17, free under 12. The majority voted yes. 2 opposed. Motion carried.

**Committees-**We need someone to chair the show.

1. **Silent Auction-** AnnMarie Mc Fadden
  - a. Lori Keefer
  - b. Marianna Ziegler
  - c. Jim Glassbrook
2. **Kids Table-** Isla Mitchell
  - a. Cathy Linegear
3. **Hospitality** - Ask if Sue Wilkinson and Sheila York are willing to head up the kitchen.
4. Children's dig-?
5. Children's Science Tables-?
6. **Admissions-** will have a sign-up later
7. **Advertisement-** Terri Ridenour & Cinda Wilson
8. **4H** serving food need to check with Judy and school for food safety rules.
9. **Shop Demonstrators**
  - a. Ed Oller
  - b. Brent Huber(2023) need to ask for 2024
  - c. Lavonne Foldenauer
  - d. Dave Grimes (2023) need to ask for 2024
10. **Shop Clean Up-** Shop closes at 12 on Sept. 17 & 18 The more the merrier so please sign up.  
Sept.17 - Autumn Kennedy, AnnMarie Mc Fadden, Lori Irvin  
Sept. 18 – Max Runnels, Autumn Kennedy, Jim Johnson
11. **Storage unit** to get rocks for show- Sept. 11  
Dieter Burrell, Autumn can bring her trailer

### Children's Table Needs

Please place any contributions on top of the "Children's Table" cabinet

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| * egg cartons, styrofoam one dozen size | * assorted small to medium colorful stones for grab bags      |
| * small to medium size Petoskey stones  | * collections of identified stones for egg carton collections |
| * grab bag seamstresses                 |   |
| (sample bag attached to cabinet door)   |   |

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**General Membership Meeting on  
Tuesday, July 16, 2024  
at Settlers Park**

**5:30 pm fall show planning.      6 pm General Meeting**

*Pizza served!      Snacks welcome!      Special Raffle!*

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.*

The Livingston Gem and Mineral Society  
49th Annual

# ROCKHOUND'S DREAM SHOW

Sat. Sept 21 & Sun. Sept 22, 2024  
Sat. 10-6 Sun. 10-4

LAPIDARY DISPLAYS  
FLUORESCENT ROCKS  
FACETING  
SILVERSMITHING



ROCKS - FOSSILS  
-CRYSTALS-  
UNIQUE JEWELRY  
BEADS

GEM AND MINERAL DEALERS



Hartland Educational Support Service Center  
(On M59 just west of US23)  
9525 E. Highland Rd.

Admission: Adults \$7.00,  
12-17 years \$1.00, under 12 years free

Concessions Available



[lgmsrockshow.com](http://lgmsrockshow.com)



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