

The Living Stones

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Livingston Gem and Mineral Society August 2024

President's Message

"Less than a month ago, all of August still stretched before us – long and golden and reassuring, like an endless period of delicious sleep." – Lauren Oliver

Hello Members!

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

We are finishing up with the last training session. Thank you, Cinda Wilson, Max Runnels, Jim Johnson, Sandy Wrestler, AnnMarie McFadden and Autumn Kennedy. After this training, we will freeze membership until the after the Fall show.

Summer Safety reminders - Any hair, jewelry, necklaces, loose clothing, etc. must not be hanging forward when working with any machine-saw, grinder or torch. Hair bands will be provided free for anyone needing them. They are near the sign-in sheet. (Please do not put used hair bands back)

****Air conditioning at the shop has been repaired.... Lavonne! You are a trouper for continuing to open up the shop and stay for most of those horribly hot days!
Kitchen sinks are still NOT to be used.

Foot protection – NO exposed skin on the feet, in case something sharp falls or drops or burning embers fall. (flip-flops, sandals etc) If not proper, 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.

AUGUST 20 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 and/or non alcoholic beverage, if you want.

Special Raffle - Purchase tickets at the end of the meeting. The raffle winner will be drawn. Must be present to buy tickets. Everyone will 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.

Prizes:

1. large piece of high quality chrysoprase.
2. small rough piece of blue lace agate and a slab of blue chalcedony.
3. small rough piece of rainbow obsidian and a large slab of peanut obsidian.

(Photos posted on LGMS private FB page.)

***Dues for 2025 LGMS membership are \$65 (due December 31, 2024** with \$1 daily shop fee. Remember to 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
S-2X- \$15 and 3X-4X - \$18.

(President's message cont.)

August 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 5:00 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:

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AnnMarie McFadden 248-884-8126

Newsletter: Isla Mitchell, 248-685-7804,

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show website: lgmsrockshow.com

Instagram: [livingstongems](https://www.instagram.com/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.)

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)

**Join us to stuff the grab bags
at 10 am on September 6.**

LGMS General Meeting Minutes

July 16, 2024, Settlers Park

Call to Order: 6:02pm

Roll Call: Present- Lori Irvin, Cari Jacob, Jim Johnson, Bill Magee, Terri Ridenour, Linda Sheedy, Cinda Wilson, Sandy Wrestler. Absent: AnnMarie McFadden. Present-8 Absent-1 Quorum-5, Member Attendance -26.

Approval of Minutes: Lori Irvin made a motion to approve the June 18,2024 minutes. 2nd by Cinda Wilson. All in favor. Motion passed.

President's Report:

1. The kitchen sink is still plugged. We are not sure when they will get it fixed. There was some confusion with the school office personnel about what we do at the shop with the way we clean the rocks and equipment.
2. Rent is going up due to our electrical usage.

Vice President's Report:

1. Checked on using Google forms instead of SignUpGenius. SignUpGenius is free so we will continue to use it.
2. Training is going well. Half of the people on the list are trained.
3. Evening is the most popular time for training.
4. 20 new members.

Treasurer's Report: All in good standing.

Shop Report: Bill Magee

1. Air Conditioning is still not working.
2. The plumbing situation is still not fixed.
3. Bill bought surplus because of rising prices.
4. Making 9 new buckets with a drain system.
5. Built an updated electrical box for the fall show.

Silversmith's Report – Lavonne Foldenauer

1. The shop has been hot. She has been moving the fans around to get air circulation.
2. Bought a personal fan to go in front of her.

Old Business:

1. **Fall Show update (earlier meeting)**–
Call to order: 5:30
2. Sandy still has stuff for the Geocache hunt if anyone would like to hide the rocks. Bill Magee, Terri Ridenour, Marianna Ziegler offered to hide the rocks.
3. Cinda checked on advertising on FB. She will look more into what will work best for the club.
4. Lori Irvin made a motion to spend up to \$1,500 for FB advertising. 2nd by Linda Sheedy. 11 in favor- 6 not in favor. Motion passed.
5. We have 16 vendors; one slot is still open.
6. Skip Library showcases.
7. SignUpGenius will be ready by the 20th for volunteer sign up.
8. Bryant Hiiter suggested that we still put sign up sheets for the show at the shop for those who do not use the computer.
9. Bryant Hiiter said the 4H will provide the food.
10. We need sewn grab bags for the children's table.

Adjournment: Terri Ridenour made a motion to adjourn the show meeting at 6:00pm. 2nd by Lori Irvin. All in favor. Motion passed.

Rock of The Month: Oct. 2, 2024, Treasures of the Sea- Pearls and Coral.

Trips: Mowhawk Valley trip _ Herkimer Diamonds Mineral Mine, July 26-28, Hampton Inn, Utica NY 2 nights, digging on Saturday. Get ahold of Ted Vosburgh.

New Business:

1. Egg cartons are needed for the children's table (not cardboard).
2. Need more lights over saws.

Adjournment: Sandy Wrestler made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:44. 2nd by Linda Sheedy. All in favor. Motion Passed.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Terri Ridenour, Secretary



August 3, 2024

Upper Peninsula Gem and Mineral Show

Ishpeming Elks Club, 597 Lake Shore Dr., Ishpeming, MI 49849
Info: Ishpeming Rock and Mineral Club

August 7, 2024

Quincy Mine Hoist Rock Swap

49750 US Hwy 41, Hancock, MI 49750
Info: <http://quincymine.com>

August 9-11, 2024

Copper Country Gem and Mineral Club's Annual Show

Houghton Elementary School, Bridge St., Houghton, MI
Info: pres@ccrmc.info

August 10, 2024

Copper Country Masonic Rock Swap

Masonic Lodge, 51340 US 41, Hancock, MI 49750

August 16-18, 2024

Michiana Gem and Mineral Show

St. Joseph Fairgrounds, 5117 South Ironwood Rd, South Bend, IN 46614
Info: www.MichianaGMS.org

September 6-8, 2024

Toledo Gem and Rockhound Club

Pratt Pavilion Wood County Fairgrounds, 13800 W. Poe Rd, Bowling Green, OH 43402
Info: Rockyreader.com

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, 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

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

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	General Membership	Settlers Park	Shop shut down at 5:45
8	8/20	6 pm 5:30 show planning	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



One of August's birthstones: Sardonyx

Sardonyx combines alternating layers of sard and onyx—two types of the layered mineral chalcedony—to create a reddish zebra-striped gemstone with white bands. Its name, similarly, combines *sard* (referencing the ancient Persian city, Sardis—in present-day Turkey—where the red stone was found) with *onyx* (from the Greek word of the same spelling, which meant “nail or claw.”) Sard ranges in color from yellowish-red to reddish-brown, depending on how much iron oxide is present. Sard is easily confused with carnelian, another type of chalcedony that is slightly softer and lighter in color.

Sardonyx, like onyx, shows layers of parallel bands—instead of the chaotic, curved bands that compose agate, another type of chalcedony. The finest examples of sardonyx, which display sharp contrasts between layers, are found in India. Other sources include Brazil, Germany, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Madagascar, Uruguay, and the United States. Measuring 6.5 on the Mohs hardness scale, sardonyx is widely available and relatively inexpensive as gems, beads, and jewelry. It is often carved into cameos, intaglios, and brooches to show the color contrast between layers.

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Howell, Michigan 48843-9098



**General Membership Meeting on
Tuesday, August 20, 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.