

The Living Stones

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Livingston Gem and Mineral Society

October 2024

President's Message

"October is the treasure of the year."

by Nellah Bailey McGough

Hello Members!

Ladies and Gentlemen! Members of our club! Give yourselves a big pat on the back! This year's Rockhound's Dream show was a great success! We hope to get a final total from Linda Sheedy/Treasurer as the rest of the monies/bills roll in. So many members deserve our thanks:

- * Jim Hanson for his awesome cleaning checklist, and the members present to check off the list- Jim Johnson, Bill Magee, Autumn Kennedy, Cinda Wilson, and a few more of the cleaning crew for making the shop sparkle.
- * Demonstrators – Lavonne, Dave Grimes, Chuck Amberger, Andrew, Geri Schnekenburger, and Ed Oller for showing the public and future members their wares and demonstrating the how-to's.
- * Electrical Set Up – Bill Magee for the new box, Alan Lahrng, and Marv Martin.
- * The haulers of rocks! Autumn Kennedy, Cinda Wilson, Jason Rock, Mark Ridenour, and a few other strong members!
- * Science crew – Cinda Wilson, Debbie Runnels, Marcello, Sue Weircioch, Mary Pat Chynoweth, Hannah, Ralph Conti, Elijah C., Cathy Linegar and Karen.
- * Bill Magee for taking in about 36 new members. Special shout to Joe and James Musolf for their very fun shop tours!
- * Our Silent Auction Team, Anne Marie McFadden, Marianna Ziegler, Lori Keefer, Jim Glassbrook (the voice), Jan Roth, Mel Swartz, Brad Foucher and crew for getting all the donated creations priced and organized and sold!
- * Elisa for the behind the scenes sign making and the crew putting up/taking down signs-Kendra Belz, Elisabeth Austin, Callie Hayes, Ashley Baize.
- * Great job, set up/takedown crew. A large task made easy with many hands. Tom Sulkowski, Chris Adams, Doug Hickey, Calley Hayes, Jim Parker, Ashley Baize.
- * Isla Mitchell and Cathy Linegar, Terri Ridenour, Peggy Petito, Emma & Jim Hirt, Mary Pat Chenoweth and Kim Cooper working the children's table...many happy young faces headed that way.
- * Bryant Hiiter, Sue Matlock, Mark Ridenour, Mark David, Stephanie Meisel, Doug Hickey, Mark KOZLOW and the crew helping with the club table/specimen table.
- * Lots of yummy treats in the Hospitality area – thank you, Sue Wilkinson, Lavonne, Jenny, Sheila York.
- * Kudos to the Security team-Autumn Kennedy, Brinton Butler, Fred O'Neil, Sue Weircioch, Dennis Gougherty, Jason Roch, August Meyers, Wendy Malinasky, Jim Parker, Jim Hanson, Christina Counts, Ray Noble, Grace Marlow, Mary Schafer, Judith Van Meter, Murray Howkins, Dieter Burrell, and Chris Adams.
- * Admissions – Sandy Wrestler for Geode winner monitoring, John Myer, Elizabeth Austin, Kendra Belz, Kathleen Kaiser, Pat Christian, Monica Howkins, Linda Sheedy, Beth Ferreyra and Geri Schnekenburger. Thank you all!
- * We noticed you helping! Merle Smith, Deiter Burrell, Bill Cole and Steven Miller. Monte Searle, Gayland Allen and Jim Johnson.
- * 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!
- * A big shout out to Sandy Wrestler/Friday night & Jim Johnson/Saturday night for volunteering to guard the gym under the guise of a sleepover.

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* Jane Richard-Lerma for keeping our Instagram updated with the beautiful creations for the Silent Auction table! It is so important, the social media aspect of having a show...getting the word out there!

* Sandy Wrestler for creating our show web page and updating the geode contest information. We have a winner!

(Please forgive me if I inadvertently forgot to name a member who volunteered their precious time.)

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 it, near the sign in sheet.

(Please do not put used hair bands back)

Kitchen sinks are repaired....be gentle with what goes down the drain, liquids only!

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

ROCK OF THE MONTH – October 2, Wednesday, in room 33, 1-2:30 pm, featuring “Treasures from the Sea” (coral & pearls).

General Membership Meeting on October 15 at the shop 6:00 pm. Bring a snack if you would like to share. Meeting will include a 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.)

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Large piece of Sodalite 2. Large piece of Blue & Gold Tiger Eye 3. Large piece of Snowflake Obsidian 4. Large piece of Petrified wood 5. Large piece of Gem Silica on Black matrix |
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* Dues for 2025 LGMS membership are \$65 (due December 31, 2024 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!
S-2X- \$15; 3X-4X - \$18.



Reminder: ALL board positions are open to be filled for 2025. Thank you to the nominating committee, AnnMarie McFadden and Jim Johnson. Candidates are posted in October and November newsletters and voting for officers takes place (in person voting only) at November general meeting. See candidates as follows:

President: **Terri Ridenour**
Vice President: **Joe Musolf**
Secretary: **Cinda Wilson**
Treasurer: **Linda Sheedy**, incumbent (pending), and **Natasha Graham** (pending availability)
Incoming 1st year Directors: **Bryant Hiiter, Max Runnels**
2nd year Directors: **AnnMarie McFadden, Jim Johnson**

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 always 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*
President

Show & General Meeting Minutes, 9-10-24

Show Planning Minutes

- * 16 People Present
- * “LGMS Bucks”: The “LGMS Bucks” have been printed. Volunteers can earn \$10 for every 4 hours worked. * There will be a Sign-In sheet for volunteers to sign when they show up for their shift. * The coupons can be used at the Club Table, Children’s Table or in the “Buy It Now’ section. * There is no cash back for unused portions of a coupon. * Cannot be split between tables. * Vendors receive them for free.
- * Friday and Saturday night time security: Jim Johnson and Sandy Wrestler will each spend a night.
- * Pre-sale: There will be no lapidary equipment at the Pre-sale.
- * Phone Calls for more volunteers: * Board members are calling everyone. * Cari will call the batch of people intended for Bill Magee. * Cinda will take the batch of people intended for Linda Sheedy. * There are shortages in Security and the Science Table.
- * Flags: * Locations have been pre-approved by Carol. * Must be 50 ft from the road. * Not too close to the entrance or exit. * The new replacement poles fit the 2 most recent flags we purchased.
- * Fire Dept examination: * The electrical hookups and booth spacing will be examined between 5:30 and 6pm.
- * New Lapidary Equipment: * Machines from “The Tara Collection” for sale at the show will be put in the storage unit. * Equipment for sale later can be stored in Autumn’s enclosed trailer.
- * Vendor Map: * Locations have been determined and they will be printed.
- * Facebook Boosts: * \$40 was spent on Facebook Marketplace to advertise the show.
- * Geode Cache: * One geode has been found. Need a treasure chest for the Grand Prize.
- * Display Cases: * Please reserve them.
- * 4H: * Cari followed up with Judy. * Menu is pop, chips, nachos, chili, and hot dogs
- * Breakfast for vendors: * Lavonne will get biscuits and gravy from Gordon’s Food. * Will Jan bring egg bites? * Fruit and veggie trays are good items to bring. * Desserts, chips and dip, cheese and crackers are all good snacks. * Need coolers for pop. * Will set up cubicle walls.
- * Wristbands: * 2 colors. 1 for each day. No hand stamps.

- * Need to pay to get in if not volunteering.
- * Club Table: * Booth has been expanded and has 1 more table.
- * T-shirts: * No smalls or mediums left
- * Cleaning: * Next week on Wednesday. No machines afterwards.
- * Duct Tape: * Has been ordered.
- * Speakers: * From Marianna. Where are they? In the storage unit?
- * 2nd Tablet: * Buy one? Wireless reader didn't work last year.
- * Opal Vendor: * He wants a corner booth.

General Meeting Minutes

- * 18 Members present. A quorum of 5 was present.
- * Motion to approve August minutes: Autumn Kennedy - 1st motion, Joe Luesse - 2nd motion.
- * President’s Report - Cari Jacob
- * Sinks: The kitchen sink is still not working. The manual snake did not fix it. * When will maintenance return with a power snake? * Gravel was found in the sink near the wash bowl. * Please scrape plates before washing dishes.
- * 2025 Board: * All positions are open. * The names need to be posted in the October newsletter. * The vote will be held in November with a paper ballot - not a show of hands. * Swearing in of new officers takes place in December. * Effective January 1st.
- * Membership Packets: * Need to print more for Bill to use at the show. * No limits on number to sign up at the show.
- * VP Report - Cinda Wilson
- * Phone calls for volunteers: * The board members who have been making phone calls usually get 20 more helpers out of 250 members.
- * Waiting List: * There are 20-30 people on the waiting list.
- * Training: * We will need to train about 50 people before the end of the year. * Training will take place throughout October and the 1st two weeks of November. * That will be the end of training for 2024. * Trainers, please give Cinda dates that you are available.
- * Treasurer’s Report - Linda Sheedy * Linda reported that both accounts are in good standing.
- * Shop Report - Bill Magee * Big Saw: pulley has been replaced. * It isn’t working now. * Mark or Ralph might know what needs to be replaced next.

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- *Polishers: * Covers have been replaced on two machines. * Compression fittings don't work with plumber's tape. * Cerium wheel has been trimmed up. * Speak up about large rocks slipping:
- * Don't polish baseball sized rocks if you cannot hold onto them. * Tell people they cannot do it if it happens repeatedly.
- * Silversmith Report - Lavonne Foldenauer * Lavonne & Autumn are catching up on trainees. * Training of new people was paused to make items for the show. * Thursday silversmiths will help clean on 9/19.
- * Lavonne has requested that people help slice large rocks for the 2025 show. * Tara's Collection:
- * Lavonne requested that some of the large rocks from Tara are sliced so that more people can get a slice; particularly the rhodochrosite. * The equipment was very clean.
- * Motions to end meeting: * Linda Sheedy 1st, Marianna Z. 2nd.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cinda Wilson, Guest Secretary



October 5-6, 2024

Midwest Mineralogical and Lapidary Society Rock Swap

Wayne County Fairgrounds and RV Park, 10871 Quirk Rd, Belleville, MI 48111

Info: Bill Barr 505-803-4888 wbarr@umich.edu, www.mmls.us

October 11-13, 2024

Michigan Mineralogical Society Annual Show

Macomb Sports and Expo Center, Bldg P 14500 E. 12 Mile Rd, Warren, MI

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

October 18-20, 2024

Central Michigan Lapidary and Mineral Society Annual Show

Ingham County Fairgrounds, 700 E. Ash St, Mason, MI 48854

Info: Robin Smith rsmith@radssmith.com, www.michrocks.org

November 2-3, 2024

Mid Michigan Rock Club Annual Show

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

Info: Laura Foster 989-513-7259, pop345corn@sbcglobal.net

November 2, 2024, 6-8 pm

Midwest Mineralogical and lapidary Society Annual Auction

Democratic Club of Taylor, 23400 Wick Rd, Taylor, MI 48180

Info: Dwayne Ferguson 313-550-9809, shelby066111@yahoo.com

November 8, 9, and 10, 2024

Phyllis Keene's Rock Sale – crystal, copper, opal and antiques

1305 Applewood St., White Lake, MI

(details in November newsletter)

Rock of the Month is Back!
Wednesday, October, 2, 2024, 1:00 to 2:30 pm, Room 33
Treasures from the Sea (coral and pearls)
coming in November: Birthstones for October, November and December



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
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	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 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

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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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Howell, Michigan 48843-9098



**General Membership Meeting on
Tuesday, October 15, 2024
6 pm at the shop**

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.