

The Living Stones

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Livingston Gem and Mineral Society

November 2024

President's Message

"November comes, and November goes. With the last red berries and the first white snows."

By Clyde Watson

Hello Members!

Some of our members have been vigorously training the new members who signed up at our recent show. Thank you to Cinda Wilson, Joe Musolf, Autumn Kennedy, Jim Johnson, AnnMarie McFadden, Sandy Wrestler and Bill Magee. Way to Hustle! Our next training session will start mid January after the holidays.

Thank you Cinda Wilson and Dave Grimes for the help with our recent club purchase of faceting machine and parts. After a few minor repairs, we will be able to replenish our coffers for those expenses by reselling some the equipment.

Nice jewelry techniques were shown off at our last meeting by LaVonne F, Autumn K and Wendy M. from their recent trip to William Holland. They expect to begin to train some students on those methods.

Signup for the Christmas Party is well under way. Please sign up and pay asap. Limited capacity in the Senior Ctr where the party is held.

ROCK OF THE MONTH – November 6, Wednesday in room 33 / 1-2:30 / featuring October, November and December birthstones.



Reminder: ALL board positions are open to be filled for 2025. Thank you to the nominating committee, AnnMarie McFadden &

Jim Johnson. Candidates are posted in October/November newsletter 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: incumbent – Linda Sheedy

Incoming 1st year Directors: Bryant Hiiter
Max Runnels

2nd year Directors: AnnMarie McFadden
Jim Johnson

The November General Meeting will be at the shop, 6:00 pm. Bring a snack if you would like to share. **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 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. (Photos posted on LGMS private FB page before meeting.)

1. Large piece of Agate
 2. A pretty agate slice/felt bottom coaster
- And some mystery items.

Safety reminders – Avoid any hair, jewelry, necklaces, loose clothing, etc hanging forward when working with any machine, saw, grinder or torch. Hair bands, if needed, will be provided free near the sign in sheet.

(Please do not put used hair bands back.)

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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 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.

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!
You may purchase the shirts S-2X- \$15 and 3X-4X - \$18.

November shop hours – Monday 10 am-4 pm, 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 Mondays & 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.

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

Rock of the Month

Wednesday, November 6, 2024

1:00 to 2:30 pm, Room 33

Topic: Birthstones

October, November and December

coming in December:

It Came From Beyond

Meteorites, tektites, also things created from things falling like modavite, libyan glass, and fulgarites



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

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 the board meets.)

LGMS Board Meeting, Oct. 15, 2024

5:00 pm Room 33, Hartland

Call to Order – 5:00 pm.

Roll call- Present: Lori Irvin, Cari Jacob, Jim Johnson, Bill MaGee, AnnMarie McFadden, Terri Ridenour, Linda Sheedy, Cinda Wilson. Absent: Sandy Wrestler.

Agenda- LGMS By-Laws Article IV Officers Section 1

New Business:

1. There are concerns over the wording used in Article IV Section 1.
2. Moving forward the board would like to amend the By- Laws in this section to add safeguards for the Treasurer, incoming & outgoing funds, etc.
3. Discussion on term of office limit, training a new treasurer.
4. A By-Laws committee was formed by Cari Jacob and will meet on Tuesday Oct. 22,2024 at 1:00 pm. Cari will email a copy of the By-Laws for the committee to review all of the content from Article 1- Article XV. Committee is to write down possible changes and bring to meeting for consideration.
5. Committee members: Cari Jacob, Terri Ridenour, Bryant Hiiter, Cinda Wison, Jim Johnson, Bill Magee, AnnMarie McFadden.
6. Cinda Wilson made a motion to change Shop Chair to Shop Foreman, 2nd by AnnMarie Mc Fadden. All in Favor. Motion passed.

Adjournment: Terri Ridenour made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:55, 2nd by Lori Irvin. All in favor. Motion passed.

LGMS General Meeting, October 15, 2024

6:00 pm at the LGMS Shop

Call to Order: 6:02pm

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

Members in attendance: 29

Approval of Minutes: Jim Johnson made a motion to approve the September minutes as written,2nd by Lori Irvin. All in favor. Motion passed.

President's Report: Cari Jacob

1. Ballot for Officers will be posted in the Newsletter.
2. Voting for new Officers will be at the November Meeting, in person voting only.

Vice President's Report: Cinda Wilson

1. 37 new members joined at our annual show.
2. 60 need training from now till mid-November.
3. Trainers can train up to 3 students at one time.
4. New members will get an email about how to sign up for their training. They have 2 chances and then go to the bottom of the list if they do not respond.
5. Cinda set up a purchase for another faceting machine for the club to use; the purchase was \$600.00. The board voted by text to purchase the used equipment, there was a quorum vote of 5 –yes 1-no.

Shop Report: Bill Magee

1. The big saw was \$615.00 to repair.
2. Bill Magee is making up boxes to gauge the size of your rock before you can cut it on any of the saws. There will be a box for each saw.
3. Action will be taken according to our By-Laws for abuse to any of the shop equipment.
4. If you are cutting a bucket full of rocks, please check the oil before you leave it will most likely need to be changed.
5. Get someone who has experience with changing the oil in the saws to show you how to change it properly. Make sure you do not lose the screws, bolts, etc. While changing the oil.
6. Observe new members and, when necessary, gently tell them what they are doing wrong.

Silversmith's Report: Lavonne Foldenauer

1. Training is almost caught up.
2. Passed around some of the work that Lavonne F., Autumn K., Wendy M., did when they went to William Holland in Georgia. Lavonne F. and Autumn K. had a great instructor. Wendy's instructor was not very good.
3. Willing to hold a class on Fridays for making a knife.

Treasurer's Report: Linda Sheedy

1. Linda Sheedy gave a report on the show.
2. Cinda made a motion to move funds from checking to savings. 2nd by Jim Hanson. All in favor. Motion passed.

Rock of the Month: Nov. 6, 2024 at 1-2:30 in room 33. Topic will be on Birthstones for Oct., Nov., and Dec.

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New Business:

1. The shop will be open to all members on Monday from 10-4. Starting now. We will let the school know when we will be staying open till later in the day on Mondays. We need to have openers and closers. AnnMarie will start opening in Jan. 2025, 10-4.
2. Sign Up for X-Mas party will be in the shop. Red Olive. \$10 per person. Bring a dessert or appetizer.
3. Pay when you sign up, limited to the first 90 members who sign up.
4. Thank you to Ed Oller for all of the cabs that he donated to silversmiths for the show.
5. Jim Hanson asked about replacing one of our big tables.

Old Business

1. Please help keep the shop clean. Clean up after yourself.
2. If you are at the shop at closing, help clean and shut down the shop. Do not leave 15-30 minutes early and leave it to others to do the work.
3. No matter what time you leave the shop, take 15 minutes and clean up oil bowls, equipment, floor, etc.

Adjournment: Terri Ridenour made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 ,2nd by Ed Oller. All in Favor. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted, Terri Ridenour, Secretary



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, shelby0661111@yahoo.com

November 8, 9, and 10, 2024

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

1305 Applewood St., White Lake, MI

(Friday 1-8, Saturday 10-8, Sunday 10-6)

2024 LGMS BOARD AND GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING DATES

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	6 pm	General Membership/before fall show	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

'TIS THE SEASON TO ROCK LGMS HOLIDAY PARTY

Tuesday, December 17, 2024

@ Senior Center

6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Set up 5 pm

Good Times
Good Friends
Good Food

\$10 per person

Due Friday, Dec.6th in shop
Sign Up & Pay in shop office
(limited seating)

Gift Exchange

Bring a \$10+ wrapped rock related gift - receive a
\$10+ wrapped rock related gift

Raffle

**Silent
Auction**

**Rock
Competitions**

Dinner & Beverages Provided

Please bring a
dessert or appetizer



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**General Membership Meeting on
Tuesday, November 19, 2024
6 pm at the shop**

Snacks welcome! Election of Officers! 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.

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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.