

# The Living Stones

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Livingston Gem and Mineral Society

December 2024

## President's Message

"December: A month of lights, snow, coziness, and feasts; time to make amends and tie up loose ends; finish what you started and make your wishes come true." *Unknown Author*

Hello Members!



We had a good turnout for the last general meeting, some new member faces as well. Congratulations to our new Board members for 2025! Welcome!

President: Terri Ridenour  
Vice President: Joe Musolf  
Secretary: Cinda Wilson  
Treasurer: Incumbent – Linda Sheedy  
Shop Forman – Bill Magee  
Incoming 1<sup>st</sup> year Directors:  
Bryant Hiiter  
Max Runnels  
2<sup>nd</sup> year Directors:  
AnnMarie McFadden  
Jim Johnson

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. **See attached Christmas Party flyer.** The Christmas Party will include the last general meeting for the year. We will quickly hold a meeting when everyone is sitting and eating. The recently revised/updated bylaws will be presented to the membership for a vote. Please see the attached changes.

(Note: Only the parts of the bylaws with a change will be presented to save time and paper copies.) *Thank you to Bylaw committee, Cinda Wilson, Terri Ridenour, Bryant Hiiter, Bill Magee, AnnMarie McFadden and Jim Johnson. We kept our noses to the grindstone until it was finished.*

ROCK OF THE MONTH – December 4, Wednesday in room 33 from 1-2:30, featuring “It Came From Beyond” (Meteorites, Tektites, Moldavites, Libyan Glass, etc.)

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.)

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.

President's message (cont.)

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

**December shop hours** – Monday 10 am-4 pm, Tues and 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.

**Holiday Hours at the shop!** Unfortunately, school and shop will be closed from Tuesday, December 23 - January 3. Shop opens back up on Tuesday, January 6. (Normal hours)

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



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**Rock of the Month**  
**Wednesday, December 4 2024**  
**1:00 to 2:30 pm, Room 33**  
**It Came From Beyond**

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

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

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

General Membership Meetings are held monthly on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 6 pm.

(Except in January and February when only the board meets.)

## **LGMS General Meeting Minutes**

November 19, 2024, LGMS Shop

Call To Order: 6:00 pm

Roll Call: Present- Cari Jacob, Jim Johnson, Ann Marie McFadden, Bill Magee, Terri Ridenour, Linda Sheedy, Cinda Wilson. Absent: Lori Irvin, Sandy Wrestler. Present: 7, Absent: 2, Quorum: 7, Club Members: 28.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Jim Glassbrook to approve the Oct. 15, 2024 minutes, 2nd by AnnMarie McFadden. All in favor. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Lindy Sheedy gave a report, accounts are in good standing. Some leftover bills from show were paid.

### President's Report:

1. The holidays are coming up and the shop closings will be posted on the door and social media.
2. The By-law Committee will be finishing up the proposed changes.
3. When training new members make sure you fill out the paperwork properly, initial with date and collect dues the day of training.

### Vice President's Report:

1. We have 286 current members.
2. All 28 new members that signed up at the show are now trained.

### Shop Report:

1. Spent over \$846.00 to fix big saw.
2. The big saw is now bowing out in the back which needs to be repaired.
3. We have a 14 inch saw in storage that needs to come into the shop.
4. The saws need to be cleaned more often.
5. We need to start keeping track of hours put on the saw.

### Silversmith's Report:

1. AnnMarie McFadden will help with opening and closing of the shop beginning Jan. 2025 and Jim Glassbrook will take over for the month of Feb 2025.

Rock of the Month Club: Rock of the Month is held on the first Weds. of the month in room #33 from 1-2:30. December's topic will be meteorites, moldavites, Tektites, Libyan glass etc.

### Old Business:

1. The food for the Christmas Party has been ordered.
2. We will have our annual lapidary competition, silent auction, gift exchange, raffle.
3. You have to bring a gift to get a gift for the exchange. It should be over \$10.00 value and ROCK RELATED.
4. Please bring a dessert or appetizer to share.

### New Business:

1. 4H sent a thank you card that is posted on the bulletin board.
2. Jim Glassbrook is going through shop to what equipment might be needed or updated.
3. Bryant Hiiter mentioned that the club should look into getting a Geiger counter to check some of the rocks and glass that members bring in.
4. Bryant Hiiter made a motion to purchase a Geiger counter for not more than \$ 300.00. Jason Roch 2nd the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

## **Election of New Board Members for 2025**

All candidates for the 2025 board were voted on by a show of hands.

President - Terri Ridenour

Vice President- Joe Musolf

Secretary – Cinda Wilson

Treasurer – Linda Sheedy

1st Year Directors- Bryant Hiiter and Max Runnels

2nd Year Directors - AnnMarie Mc Fadden and Jim Johnson

Adjournment: Ed Oller made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45. 2nd by Jim Hansen. All in favor. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted by

Terri Ridenour, Secretary

# '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**



Proposed by Bylaws Committee revised Nov 2024

Note: This supplement is presented by Cari Jacob, proposing changes to the by-laws to reflect the recommendations of the bylaws committee to become effective January 1, 2025. **Bold type indicates suggested changes**; *Italics indicate our comments*.

Page 1 Article IV OFFICERS Section 1 **Strike Shop Chair from list**

Add/reword

Page 2 Article VI Section 1

The Board of Directors for this Organization shall consist of ten members (effective January ~~2023~~ **2025**): ~~Five~~ **Four** Officers, Four Directors, (*Shop Chair title has been changed to*) **Shop Foreman** and the immediate Past President. ~~The Chairperson of each standing Committee shall be a non-voting Member of the Board of Directors.~~

Page 3 Section III MEMBERSHIP

Change

a) Active Members shall be divided into:

- 1) Regular Members – Regular members will be defined as those whose dues are currently paid in full and are ~~24~~ **18** years old or older.
- 2) Honorary Members – see item g) below.

**3) Existing Life Members**

Adding

d) 1) One half of the current dues rate will apply for current **members renewing dues or those who have been members within the previous 3 years**, initiated any time after September 1st and until December 31<sup>st</sup>.

Adding

**d) 3) Special new membership dues from the September show will be allowed 3 months free when purchasing membership**

Page 4 Section III MEMBERSHIP

Adding/reword

d) 5) ..... If they desire to use the facilities more ~~times~~ **times** than ~~the~~ two visits per year, they must apply for membership, **pay the appropriate dues, and fees and complete an introductory shop tour. The tour shall be given by a senior member.** ~~and pay the appropriate dues and fees.~~

Adding

f) ....not paid ~~his~~ **their** dues by March 1st shall lose the membership, **and locked drawer privileges. All attempts will be made to contact said member regarding contents. After 3 months, unless other arrangements have been made, the contents become property of the club.**

Reword

g) Honorary Membership in the Society may be ~~conferred~~ **awarded to upon** any individual by a majority vote of a quorum of the Board of Directors, subject to the approval of a majority vote of the qualified Active Members present at the next succeeding regular meeting of the Society, for outstanding contributions to the Mineralogical, Paleontological or Lapidary fields. An Honorary Member shall have all the rights and privileges of the Society (**except** the right to vote and to hold office ~~excepted~~), ~~but~~ **and** such designated Members shall ~~be required to~~ pay no dues, and this Honorary Membership shall remain in effect unless rescinded by a vote as outlined above.

- Change/Add c) Term of office for all officers shall be limited to two (2) consecutive **1 year** terms and that of directors **and shop foreman** to a single two (2) year term, unless voted on by a majority of membership in attendance at the ~~November~~ **October** meeting, to extend the length of term of office for present officers. **Immediate Past President's term of office is one (1) year immediately following end of term and election of new president. If no other candidates step forward for a board position, the current officer may continue beyond their normal term.**
- Adding 1.) **In event of Conflict of Interest, to the detriment of the club arising between related Board members/directors, the entire Board of Directors may take action to resolve an issue by warning or an immediate decision.**
- Adding d) *(Regarding President's duties)*... He or she or other elected member at the discretion of the President shall issue notices to Members or the Society by monthly newsletter **or email notices.**
- Re-word f) *(Treasurer duties)* .... At the discretion of the President, all checks over \$100.00 may be signed by the Treasurer and countersigned by ~~the President or~~ one of the duly designated Directors. Any charge **of** \$200 to \$499 shall be approved by the President or one of the executive officers. Any larger purchase, \$500 or more must have approval by quorum of Executive Board and Directors.....
- Adding **1) The incoming Treasurer candidate must be able to submit a level 2 background check to the President/Vice President, which will be paid for by the club and filed privately in the club locked file cabinet. The Nominating committee will then be informed if the nominee will be allowed to run.**
- Adding **2) Current Treasurer must submit a level 2 background check, (in the manner listed above: Section IV Officers f) 1) every two years.**
- Adding **3) For any large events with incoming totals of \$500 or more, it is required that the total count be signed off by the treasurer and one other board member on site.**
- Adding **4) A financial audit will be performed two (2) times per year with a board chosen auditing committee consisting of three (3) members. Preferable months would be April and November.**
- Adding **g) Shop Foreman will develop an inventory of equipment, budget and preventative maintenance plan to be presented to the Board of Directors annually or in special circumstances. The Shop Foreman will maintain the equipment in good working order.**

Change/Re word ~~g h) The election of the Officers of the Society of the four (4) Society Directors, and Shop Foreman, two (2) Directors, of whom shall serve two (2) years on staggered terms so the two (2) Directors are elected each year for a two (2) year term.~~ **Two (2) directors shall be elected every year for a two (2) year term. The first year being served as a First Year Director, and then automatically moving to 2<sup>nd</sup> Year director for the remainder of the term.** Any other elective positions shall be held at the Annual Meeting. (see Section IV OFFICERS c)

Change ~~h i) At the September~~ **August** Meeting the President shall appoint a Nominating Committee. Nominations .....

Change/Add ~~i becomes~~ **j) The Nominating Committee shall prepare a slate of nominees for the use of Members at the election. This slate shall also be delivered to the Secretary with a copy to the Editor for publication in the October and November issues of the Society Bulletin. Incumbents' names may appear in the October newsletter if there are no other volunteers for a board position before the October meeting. (See Page 5 Section IV OFFICERS section c).**

Remove ~~j k) Members can be nominated for one office only. Officers serving their second consecutive term are also ineligible for that office.~~

Change ~~k becomes~~ **l) no other change**

#### Page 7 Section V Meetings

Adding/remove c ) Special **Board** Meetings can be **called by text, phone or email** at the discretion of **any member of** the Board of Directors ~~or any Member thereof~~ **or by a quorum of the Society. Special General membership meetings can be called** providing a two (2) week notice **is given to the general membership by email, posted in the LGMS workshop, and placed on social media** indicating the urgency and subject matter for discussion and such stated subject only shall be discussed and acted upon at such Special Meetings.

#### Page 8 Section VI Board of Directors

Change a) Personnel of the Board of Directors shall be as follows:  
1) President  
2) Vice President  
3) Secretary  
4) Treasurer  
5) Shop Chair **Foreman** (effective 1/2025)  
6) Immediate Past President **(for one (1) year term)**  
7) Four (4) Club Directors

Change b) A quorum of the Board of Directors shall consist of **six (6)** Office holders and or Directors **if an Immediate Past President is in office, otherwise quorum is five (5).**

#### Page 9 SECTION VII COMMITTEES

Change 6) Shop **The Chairperson of this committee will help perform preventative maintenance, repairs under the guidance of the Shop Foreman**



**Livingston Gem and Mineral Society**  
**9525 E. Highland Road**  
**Howell, Michigan 48843-9098**



**Christmas Party and General Membership Meeting on**  
**Tuesday, December 17, 2024**  
**6 pm at the Senior Center**

*Gift Exchange \* Silent Auction \* Delicious Meal \* Lapidary Competition*

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.*