

The Living Stones

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Livingston Gem and Mineral Society

January 2025

President's Message

January is a time for looking forward and setting intentions for the year ahead. It is a month of new beginnings when we have the opportunity to start fresh and make positive changes in our lives.

Hello Members!

So long, Farewell....see you soon! Looking forward to a fresh new year and spending more time with rocks in the shop. The past 4 years have been filled with some amazing experiences and I am so happy to be working with the new board in the next chapter of the club! Please stay well, my fellow members! You are all treasures! Sincerely yours,

Cari Jacob

Hello Members!

Our annual Christmas Party was awesome as usual. We had 94 members attend the party, it was nice to see a lot of new members participate. I want to thank all of the club members who put this event together and also the members who choose to spend an evening with their fellow rockhounds. Along with the great food, silent auction, and gift exchange, we had several contests.

Our contest winners:

Most Beautiful Polished Cab

- 1st- Lavonne Foldenauer- Copper Mojave Turquoise
- 2nd- Ed Oller-Brazil Agate
- 3rd- Cinda Wilson- Pietersite

Best Handmade Jewelry:

- 1st- Lori Hart
- 2nd- Jim Glassbrook
- 2nd-AnnMarie McFadden
- 3rd-Lavonne Foldenauer

Best Picture in a Rock:

- 1st- Marv Martin- Sunrise
- 2nd- Jim Johnson-Screaming Face
- 3rd- Max Runnels- Roadrunner

Anything Goes:

- 3 Way tie- Lori Hart, Cinda Wilson, Cormick Scallen

Best Polished Cab:

- 1st- Ed Oller
- 2nd- Joe Musolf
- 3rd- Max Runnels

I look forward to working with the new board and all club members to make 2025 a good year at the club. We will have board members only meetings in Jan. and Feb. and resume our general meetings at the shop starting in March.

Terri Ridenour



2025 Officers and Chairpersons

President: Terri Ridenour 517-376-2190
Vice President: Joe Musolf: 906-231-7632
Secretary: Cinda Wilson 810-423-0464
Treasurer: Linda Sheedy 248-425-9686
Immediate Past President: Cari Jacob
 248-931-5999

Shop Chair: Bill Magee 734-981-6117

First year Directors:

Bryant Hiiter: 248-472-8481

Max Runnels: 810-869-0740

Second year Directors:

Jim Johnson 810-923-6113

AnnMarie McFadden 248-884-8126

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Historian: Chuck Amberger, 248-787-6586

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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.)

Rock of the Month

has been rescheduled to the third Tuesday of the
 month, following the General Meeting.

Next ROM will be on

March 18 after the General Meeting.



January shop hours

Monday 10 am-4 pm

Tues and Wed 9 am-9 pm

Thurs 9 am-9 pm (silversmiths only)

Friday 10 am-4 pm.

(If there are not 2 members in the shop on Mondays
 and 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.

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

LGMS General Meeting Minutes**Location:** Hartland Senior Center**Call To Order:** 6:25 p.m

Roll Call: Present- Lori Irvin, Cari Jacob, Jim Johnson, AnnMarie McFadden, Bill Magee, Terri Ridenour, Linda Sheedy, Cinda Wilson. Absent- Sandy Wrestler. Present-8, Absent-1, Quorum-7.

Approval of Minutes: AnnMarie McFadden made a motion to approve the November 19, 2024 minutes as submitted. 2nd by Lori Irvin. All in favor. Motion passed.

President's Report: Cari Jacob- "I will be stepping down as president next year and will stay on the board as immediate past president for one year. I am looking forward to playing with rocks again."

Vice President's Report: Read by Cari Jacob- New member training will resume in mid Jan. 2025. Anyone willing to help train, contact Cinda with their availabilities.

Treasurers Report: Read by Cari Jacob- All is in good standing.

Shop Foreman's Report: Bill Magee- "It has taken 3 months and over \$800.00 to fix the big saw. I made a gauge that you will use to see if your rock can be cut on the big saw. I will also make gauges for the other saws so that rocks that are too big will not be destroying our equipment."

Silversmith Report: No Report

Rock of the Month: Bryant Hiiter- Bryant is moving the "Rock of the Month" from the first Wed. of the month to the 3rd Tuesday of the month. It will be an educational program held after the general meeting. The program will start in March 2025 after our first general meeting of the year.

By Law Changes: Cari Jacob asked members if they wanted to read the by-law changes or if she should read them, she did a quick read on all 24 changes. She asked for a show of hands for a yes vote which was 37. A show of hands for a no vote 3. We had 53 members who chose not to vote. A motion was not made to approve the changes before the vote. The changes will be voted on at the next general meeting in March 2025.

Swearing in of the new Officers and Directors for 2025 Board.

President- Terri Ridenour
Vice President- Joe Musolf
Treasurer- Linda Sheedy
Secretary- Cinda Wilson
1st year director -Bryant Hiiter
1st year director- Max Runnels

2024 Awards**Appreciation Award**

James Musolf received a Youth Appreciation Award for all that he does at the club.

Max Shultz 2024 Award

1. Sandy Wrestler
2. Autumn Kennedy
3. Sue Matlock

Adjournment: Bryant Hiiter made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:35, 2nd by Jim Glassbrook. All in favor. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,
Terri Ridenour, Secretary

Upcoming Events

March 1-2, 2025

Roamin Club Annual Auction

Vista Tech Center, Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty Rd, Livonia, MI 48152

Contact: Clarence Sterling, (248) 884-0431; tripodsfrommars@gmail.com www.roaminrockclub.weebly.com

March 14-16, 2025

Michigan Gem and Mineral Society's

Annual Show

Keeley Park, 200 W. Ganson St., Jackson, MI 49202

May 2-4, 2025

Kalamazoo Geological and Mineral Society's

64th Rock, Gem, Fossil and Mineral Show

Kalamazoo Expo Center, [2900 Lake St, Kalamazoo, MI 49048](#)



LGMS Membership Renewal 2025 – Dues are Due!

Complete this tear-off form and mail to:

Linda Sheedy, LGMS Treasurer
1582 Forest Bay Court, Wixom, MI 48393

Last name _____ First name _____ (please print)

Address (City, State, Zip code) _____

Phone number (Area code) _____ Email address _____

Hartland School District resident ___yes___no

Adult membership(s) _____ x \$65.00 = _____

Youth membership(s) (ages 13-17) _____ x \$25.00 = _____

Drawer charge \$5.00= _____

Total payment enclosed _____

Winter Reminder!

When the Hartland Schools are closed, the shop is closed.
During inclement weather, please check Facebook/hartlandcommunityed.com
for school/event closures before you make the trip to the shop.

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 comfortable shoes without slippery soles that can get dirty or wet.



To our outgoing officer and Board Members.
Lori Irvin, Sandy Wrestler, and Cari Jacob,
you have each contributed immeasurably to our club. We are grateful!

Garnet – January Birthstone



The word “garnet” comes from the 14th century Middle English word *gernet*, meaning “dark red.” The word is derived from Latin *granatum*, which means “seed,” and is called so because of the gemstone’s resemblance to the beautifully red seeds of the pomegranate.

Garnet is the name of a group of minerals that come in a rainbow of colors, from the deep red of the pyrope garnet to the vibrant green of tsavorite. Some rare garnets are even blue, colorless, or—most rare of all—change colors in different lights. But the most common garnet color is a beautiful range of reds, from rust colored to deep violet-red.

The garnet is a very durable gemstone, ranking 6.5-7.5 on the Mohs scale. It is found all over the world, including Wyoming, Czech Republic, Greece, Russia, Tanzania, Madagascar, Sri Lanka, and India. Mandarin Spessartite Garnets, also known as Mandarin garnets, are considered to be the most rare and expensive of all garnet gemstones.

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No General Membership Meeting
Only the Board meets in January

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.