

The Living Stones

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Livingston Gem and Mineral Society

March 2025

President's Message

Rocks are records of events that took place at the time they formed. They are books. They have a different vocabulary, a different alphabet, but you learn how to read them.

-John McPhee

Hello Members!

We had our 2nd board meeting of the year on Feb.19. We are working on solutions to help with the misuse of club's equipment that causes it to break down constantly. We have started to plan for our 2 shows that we host each year. Our annual Pop-Up Rock and Jewelry Show in Waterford will be on May 31, 2025. Information on Pop-Up show will be posted on the bulletin board in shop and FB pages.

Nancy Bartel has put together an Upper Peninsula field trip on May 9,10,11, 2025. Information is on the bulletin board in the shop and FB members-only page. She will present the trip after the March General Meeting.

We will continue the clean up and cleanout at the shop that we started in 2024. I will start on the kitchen area next.

Terri Ridenour, President

March shop hours

Monday 10 am-9 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 early. Be aware.) There must be at least 2 people in the shop "any day" to use the machines for safety reasons.



**A Show Chairperson
for our Fall Show
if interested, contact
Terri Ridenaur or Joe Musolf**

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

Newsletter: Isla Mitchell, 248-685-7804,

imvm.1@netzero.com

Membership:

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.)

Rock of the Month

March 18, 2025

Following the General Meeting

Nancy Bartel

presenting on

Rockhounding in the Upper Peninsula

February Board Meeting Minutes

Date: 02/19/25, at 6 pm; location: Red Olive.

Meeting called to order at 6:04 pm.

Roll Call: 8 Members were present: Terri

Ridenour, AnnMarie McFadden, Joe Musolf, Bryant Hiiter, Linda Sheedy, Max Runnels, Cinda Wilson, Cari Jacob.

Approve Agenda: Cinda Wilson made a motion to approve the February 19th agenda, 2nd by Cari Jacob. All in favor, motion passed.

Approve January Minutes: Joe Musolf made a motion to approve the January 21st minutes, 2nd by Linda Sheedy. All in favor, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report - Linda Sheedy

- We are currently in good standing.
- Most of our income in January was from new members' dues or renewals.
- About 1/2 of the 300 members have renewed their dues as of the meeting date.

President's Report - Terri Ridenour

- We want to have a continuous cleaning process and not leave junk on the tables.
- We need to clean and better organize the rooms between the Big Saw and the Library.
- Pop isn't being rotated and some has expired.
- The back corner of the kitchen is full of clutter and we need more room for faceting equipment.
- There was a mouse in the shop so we should put snacks in rubbermaid containers.
- Old bottles of salad dressing need to be thrown away.
- We should downsize the amount of items in the kitchen cupboards, and we can ask Sue W if she would like to help because she did a great job cleaning before the show.
- The Midwest Federation meeting will be held in Lincoln, Nebraska on April 4th-5th.

○ It is the president's discretion who is picked to attend as a delegate from LGMS.

○ Being a delegate should be considered a reward for doing a good job.

○ The delegate should give a presentation or report on news from the meeting.

○ It is a 12 hour drive. The board will consider giving gas money and some money for meals.

Vice President's Report - Joe Musolf

- The Middle Trim Saw blade bent after one week and then again after 3 weeks.
- We want to limit people's use of cutting buckets of field stones.
- Joe has been training people to clean the oil in the trims saws, so oil has been better.
- Perhaps we can reduce noise in the shop by putting the 10" auto feed saw in with the Big Saw, and move the other 10" saws into the adjacent room.
- We can add the 14" saw with a heavy duty blade and use that one for field stone.
- Ann Marie suggested eliminating the 8" oil saw and obtaining another 6" water saw.
- The only limitation on cutting shells is not to cut large ones. People should wear a mask and use plenty of water for small ones. This should be added to the New Member Training Procedure.
- We should start certifying people to use the Big Saw, and only allow people on a published list to use it.
- We spent \$530 on saw blades in 2024.

Old Business

- Cari made 30 membership packages.
- She gets deals for making 500 to 1000 copies.
- The locker sheet is color coded, and she will see who has not paid for 2025.
- What do we do if a member does not renew and they have lost their drawer key?
- Settlers Park still needs to be reserved for summer meetings. Cari will follow up.

New Business: Field Trip

- Nancy Bartel is planning a field trip to the Upper Peninsula.
- At the March General Meeting, Nancy would like to give a presentation on 3 different blacklights. Members will want the best and brightest kind for the field trip.
- Nancy also had a good idea for modifying a golf bag to haul rocks.

May Pop-up Show:

- There was an informal agreement to move the Spring show to May 31st.
- The show should end at 4 pm instead of 5 pm.
- The show time (with set-up and tear-down) will be 7am to 6pm.
- Put Terri's contact information on the flyer.
- Still \$50 for dealers and \$25 for members.
- Encourage members to share booths.
- There are usually 15 spots available.
- We cannot spread onto the grass.
- We do not usually invite big dealers because there is not much profit.
- We usually invite the Waterford club members to sell.
- Inviting the Flint Club will be dependent on how many spaces are left.
- No booths down the middle of the parking lot because then people cannot drive in their cars to load up after the show.
- We need to update the dealer and member forms for the spring show.

Chuck Bruce's Class:

- We are very fortunate to have Chuck Bruce agree to teach a jewelry inlay class in May, and a lapidary knife class in the future.
- He sells at the Ann Arbor art fair, and teaches at William Holland.
- The class cost is pricey but in line with other instructors.
- The minimum number of students is 8? And there is a waiting list.
- The cost is \$350 to Chuck, plus \$50 which goes to LGMS for material and acetylene use.
- The shop will be shut down for the class on May 29th and 30th, a Thursday and Friday.
- LGMS will notify members about the shutdown thru signs in the shop, May newsletter, and email.
- We may have to disturb Chuck's class to get flags for the Spring Pop-up Show.
- Cinda Wilson made a motion to approve Chuck Bruce's class on May 29th and 30th as proposed by Lori Hart's email description. 2nd by AnnMarie McFadden. All in favor, and motion passed.

4-H Classes in April:

- We will teach 10 kids for the first 4 Mondays in April.
- There will be 2 groups and the classes run from 6-8 pm.
- Many of the kids want to do silversmithing as they've done lapidary for many years.
- We need to think of projects that take 4 hours.

New Show Chair Needed:

- We need to advertise the opening on Facebook and in the newsletter.
- We need new postcards and flyers printed to post at spring shows people attend. Cari will have them made.
- Ed can still recruit vendors and bring postcards to shows.
- Cari can teach Terri most of the show- running details.
- The advertising committee to start sooner this year.

Monday Closer Needed:

- We need a Monday closer for March.
 - Ann Marie will talk to Jim Glassbrook.
 - Joe Musolf is available for 3 Mondays that month.

Website Needs Updated:

- The Main Website needs to be updated with board photos and show dates.
- Motion to adjourn made by AnnMarie McFadden, 2nd by Bryant Hiiter. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:34 pm.

Respectfully submitted
Cinda Wilson, Secretary



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

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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.

## 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; tripodfrommars@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

**March 29, 2025, 7 am – 4 pm**

### The North American Great Lakes Artifact Show

Augusta Creek Wedding and Event Venue, 1805 W. Leinaar Rd, Delton, MI 49046

Austin Wright 269-858-9656, Adubwright@gmail.com, Zach Smith 317-270-7623, Yellowwolf96@yahoo.com

**April 10-12, 2025**

### Indian Mounds Rock and Mineral Club Show

Rogers Plaza Town Center, 972-28th St SW, Wyoming, MI 49509

Info: <http://www.indianmoundsrockclub.com>

**May 2-4, 2025**

### Kalamazoo Geological and Mineral Society's

64<sup>th</sup> Rock, Gem, Fossil and Mineral Show

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



### 2025 LGMS 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 | 2025 date               | Time | Meeting type                                           | Location      |                        |
|-------|-------------------------|------|--------------------------------------------------------|---------------|------------------------|
| 3     | 3/18                    | 6 pm | General Membership                                     | LGMS shop     | Shop shut down at 5:45 |
| 4     | 4/15                    | 6 pm | General Membership                                     | LGMS shop     | Shop shut down at 5:45 |
| 5     | 5/20                    | 6 pm | General Membership                                     | LGMS shop     | Shop shut down at 5:45 |
| 6     | 6/17                    | 6 pm | General Membership                                     | LGMS shop     | Shop shut down at 5:45 |
| 7     | 7/15                    | 6 pm | General Membership                                     | Settlers Park | Shop shut down at 5:45 |
| 8     | 8/19                    | 6 pm | General Membership                                     | Settlers Park | Shop shut down at 5:45 |
| 9     | 9/9<br>(one week early) | 6 pm | General Membership<br>before fall show on<br>9/20-9/21 | LGMS shop     | Shop shut down at 5:45 |
| 10    | 10/21                   | 6 pm | General Membership                                     | LGMS shop     | Shop shut down at 5:45 |
| 11    | 11/18                   | 6 pm | General Membership                                     | LGMS shop     | Shop shut down at 5:45 |
| 12    | 12/16                   | 6 pm | General Membership<br>during Holiday Party             | Senior Center | Shop shut down at 5:45 |

## Upper Peninsula Field Trip Yooperstone/Agate Weekend

May 9, 10, & 11, 2025

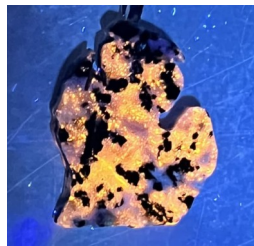
**Where:** Lake Superior State Forest Campground will be the central meetup location. Located six miles west of Muskallonge Lake State Park, 12 miles east of Grand Marais, and 34 miles northwest of Newberry via M-123 and County Road 407. This campground is in a great location for a weekend of adventure. Amenities include vault toilets and potable water from a hand-pump well.

**Accommodations:** There are many hotels and restaurants in Newberry, and on Hwy 407.

**Activities:** Rock Hounding focusing on Agates and Yooperstones. Areas of interest will be the Two Hearted River, Muskalounge Lake, Grand Marais, and Lake Superior State Forest Campground. Campfires, weather permitting.

This trip details will be presented to the club members after the **March general meeting**.

**Contact Person:** Nancy Bartel, text only – (810) 923-5567



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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 _____

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



General Membership Meeting
Tuesday, March 18, 2025
6 pm in the shop
Snacks are welcome!

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. 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.