

The Living Stones

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Livingston Gem and Mineral Society April 2025



President's Message

"WISHING STONES"

Folklore says a stone with a white stripe going all the way around it is considered a wishing stone.

Hello Rockhounds,

We had 34 members attend our first general meeting and "Rock of the Month". Nancy Bartel talked about the upcoming field trip to the UP and what to expect. She brought the equipment that she uses along with samples of Agates and Yooper stones that she has found. Thank You! Nancy for a great presentation.

The 2025 schedule is set for the year, our general meetings in the shop and at the park, Spring Pop Up Show and Fall Show, Xmas party. The schedule is in this newsletter so mark your calendars.

This year will be our 50th Anniversary of the "Dream Rock Show". If you have any ideas on how to make this show special from the rest, please get ahold of me, I would love to hear any ideas from our members.

I cleaned out the refrigerator at the shop and it was not pretty. The top shelf is for members to bring in food for the day only!!!! Please take your food home with you so others will have room for theirs. If you would like to leave salad dressings, condiments in the frig they must go on the door.

We are letting the soda at the shop run down, we had a lot of it expire. We will try to keep a variety of soda once we start buying again, but it will not be as many as we have now. I apologize if your favorite is no longer there right now, so you might want to bring in your own.

Our SPRING POP UP Show will be Sat. May 31. Spots are available to club members for \$25.00. Forms are in the shop or can be emailed.

Terri Ridenour, President

April 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.

Special Notice:

Shop will be CLOSED May 29 and 30, 2025.

(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.

Rock of the Month

April 15, 2025

following the General Meeting

Topic:

PINK MINERALS

2025 Officers and Chairpersons

President: Terri Ridenour 517-376-2190

Vice President: Joe Musolf: 906-231-7632

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General Membership Meetings are held monthly on the 3rd Tuesday at 6 pm. (Except in January and February, when only the board meets.)

General Meeting Minutes

03/18/25, at 6 pm at the LGMS workshop
Meeting Called to Order at 6:02 pm

Roll Call: 34 Members were present

Terri Ridenaur Ann Marie McFadden

Joe Musolf Jim Johnson

Linda Sheedy Bill Magee

Cinda Wilson Cari Jacob

Approve Agenda: Joe Musolf made a motion to approve the March 18th agenda, 2nd by Cari Jacob. All in favor; motion passed.

Approve Minutes: Cari Jacob made a motion to approve the February 19th minutes, 2nd by Linda Sheedy. All in favor; motion passed.

President's Report - Terri Ridenour

- * A schedule for meetings will appear in the newsletter.
- * July & August meetings will be at Settlers Park.
- * Rock shows are posted in the newsletter and will appear on the bulletin board.
- * Pop - less will be purchased in the near term because it is going bad.

- * We will cut back on snacks except chips and nuts.
- * The refrigerator will be cleaned out this week. We need room for lunches.

Vice President's Report - Joe Musolf

- * Thank you to the trainers who trained in February.
- * We could use more trainers.
- * We need to monitor the trim saws for cleanliness, and people using them.
- * We will leave the slightly warped blade on the middle trim saw for now.
- * Joe Musolf knows a volunteer for evening faceting classes. We need to know how many machines are available. And start a waiting list.
- * Suggestion: We should use a paper sign-up sheet for the big saw so that we can refer back to it.

Treasurer's Report - Linda Sheedy

- * We are currently in good standing.
- * Linda is collecting contracts for the Spring Pop-Up Show.
- * We have approximately 198 paid members, and 94 will be removed from the membership list, private Facebook group, and email list. This is a normal amount and we get 100 new members every year.

Old Business

- * Chuck Bruce will be teaching an inlay class on May 29th and 30th. The shop will be closed to everyone except those registered for the class.
- * Chuck will teach a lapidary knife class at a later date.
- * The Spring Pop Up Show will be held on May 31st. We need more vendors.
- * We need to buy a tent for the club table. Terri is looking into prices. Linda can help.
- * Marianna has a large tent for sale but it is heavy and takes 2 people to set up.
- * The By-Laws committee proposed revisions to the document last year. They will be posted in the office for people to review before a vote in April.

New Business

Facebook:

- * There are over 1,400 members on our public page, and 160 on the private one. People from anywhere in the world can see the public page.
- * You can share a post from public to private, but not the reverse.
- * We need more posts to the public page. It should not contain personal information such as addresses.

- * Selling on the public page is limited to paid vendors for our shows (who should post still photos for our upcoming shows. Videos of merchandise are discouraged.)
- * Marianna can send emailed invitations to join facebook from LGMS, instead of her personal account.
- * We need to add the information about joining Facebook to our training procedure.
- * We can add information to the bulletin board.
- * There is free advertising for our spring show on NextDoor. We are asking all members to join for their particular neighborhood and PLEASE POST OUR FLYER.

Spring Training:

- * Cari checks emails for new membership requests.
- * There are currently 15 people on the waiting list. In 2024 35 people who requested to join never responded.
- * The next training session will start in mid-April and go thru May.

Shop Report:

- * The sanding belt drawer is full. It cost \$500 to replenish. 600 grit is on backorder.
- * Please use the ENTIRE BELT when you are shaping and polishing.
- * Bill Magee is making a block to clamp to the workbench to hold ring mandrels.
- * Amazon sent the wrong sized filters, So Bill had to follow up.
- * The 10" autofeed saw has a design flaw. Bill has ordered new bearings for the 3rd time.
- * A new Covington autofeed saw costs about \$1400.
- * We need to get the 14" autofeed saw out of the storage unit and see how it works. We could put it in the middle room. Rocks for the 14" should be glued to a block to save blades and the vise.
- * Cinda Wilson made a motion to sell the left autofeed saw contingent upon getting a replacement. Joe Musolf 2nd the motion. All in favor, and motion passed.

Future Rock Sales:

- * We should sort the large storage unit and have a rock sale just for members. We need to determine a location to hold it.
- * We can create a committee with a few people to help and stock the "Free Bin".

Silversmith's Report: Lavonne Foldenaur

- * There is a new jump ring maker and we can remove the old one.
- * Lavonne wants to teach on Mondays, not Tuesdays. She can open on Tuesdays but can no longer close.
- * Lavonne has recently started 8 silversmithing students, and is almost caught up on her waiting list.

- * Please replace water bottles in the refrigerator every time you take one out.
- * Paper towels - the janitors have not been checking if we are out, and do not replace them during the day, only at night.

Safety Talk: Jim Glassbrook

- * Do not loosen the chain on acetylene tanks. Check flash arrestors on the hoses. We need new hoses every 10-15 years.
- * We need 2 new fire extinguishers. One of ours is expired. There is a \$20 fee to refill and we need to replace the cap. The school supplies the one near the door. We need a new one for the kitchen, and one by the saws. ABC is the standard kind and costs \$48-\$60. They should be wall mounted.
- * The handrail at the steps has not been installed by the school for 2 years.

4-H Classes in April:

- * We will teach 10 kids for the first 4 Mondays in April, starting April 7th.
- * There will be 2 groups and the classes run from 6-8 pm.
- * The kids will get priority to use machines on Monday night.
- * We need 3 lapidary trainers AND 3 SILVERSMITHS TO HELP STUDENTS.

April Rock of the Month:

- * Meeting will be held immediately following the General Meeting on April 15th.
- * The topic is pink minerals. Examples are Kunzite, Morganite, Tourmaline, Rhodochrosite, Rose Quartz, etc.
- * It is informal and anyone can talk or bring samples to show.

Geiger Counter:

- * Bryant would like the club to buy one and has done some research on pricing.
- * They cost anywhere from \$20 to \$1000+
- * Bryant found 3 good brands. The most popular one costs \$139. It is simple to use and ranked #1.
- * Bryant recommended the GMC-800 which costs \$99 on Amazon, but was on sale for \$79.
- * Most do Beta, Gamma, and x-ray. But it costs \$200 more to do Alpha.
- * You can buy one from an army surplus store but would need to recalibrate it.

Field Trip to Cranbrook?:

- * First Fridays of the month are free from 5-10 pm, but it would be crowded then.

Motion to adjourn made by Jim Hansen, 2nd by Linda Sheedy. All in favor, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:34 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Cinda Wilson, Secretary
Rock of the Month followed. Nancy Bartel had a wonderful presentation on tools she uses to rockhound, for the upcoming May Field Trip in the Upper Peninsula.

Upcoming Events

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>

April 26 and 27, 2025

Geo Fair by Cincinnati Mineral Society and Cincinnati Dry Dredgers

Butler County Fairgrounds, 1715 Fairgrove Ave, Hamilton, Ohio

Info: www.GeoFair.Com

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](http://www.kalamazooexpo.com)

May 9, 10 and 11, 2025

Upper Peninsula Field Trip, led by Nancy Bartel, text only – (810) 923-5567

May 17, 2025

White River Rock, Gem and Mineral Club's Tailgate sale

Artisan Market Village, 8660 Water St, Montague, MI; Info: whiteriverrockclub092@gmail.com

May 30 – June 1, 2025

State Line Gem & Mineral Society Annual Show

Fulton County Fairgrounds, [8514 OH-108, Wauseon, OH 43567](http://www.fultoncountyfairgrounds.com)

Contact: Sherman Kardatzke, (517) 673-5487; skardatzke@gmail.com; statelinegms.com

May 31, 2025

Spring Pop Up, Livingston Gem and Mineral Society

Christ Lutheran Church, 5987 Williams Lake Road, Waterford, MI 48329

Participate! Volunteer! Enjoy!

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Please be aware that during membership meetings the shop will be totally shut down.

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 (one week early)	6 pm	General Membership before fall show on 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 during Holiday Party	Senior Center	Shop shut down at 5:45

AFMS Code of Ethics

I will respect both private and public property and will do no collecting on privately owned land without the owner’s permission.

I will keep informed on all laws, regulations or rules governing collecting on public lands and will observe them.

I will, to the best of my ability, ascertain the boundary lines of property on which I plan to collect.

I will use no firearms or blasting material in collecting areas.

I will cause no willful damage to property of any kind—fences, signs, buildings.

I will leave all gates as found.

I will build fires in designated or safe places only and will be certain they are completely extinguished before leaving the area.

I will discard no burning material—matches, cigarettes, etc.

I will fill all excavation holes, which may be dangerous to livestock.

I will not contaminate wells, creeks or other water supply.

I will cause no willful damage to collecting material and will take home only what I can reasonably use.

I will practice conservation and undertake to utilize fully and well the materials I have collected and will recycle my surplus for the pleasure and benefit of others.

I will support the rockhound project H.E.L.P. (Help Eliminate Litter Please) and will leave all collecting areas devoid of litter, regardless of how found.

I will cooperate with field trip leaders and those in designated authority in all collecting areas.

I will report to my club or Federation officers, Bureau of Land Management, or other authorities, any deposit of petrified wood or other materials on public lands which should be protected for the enjoyment of future generations for public educational and scientific purposes.

I will appreciate and protect our heritage of natural resources.

I will observe the “Golden Rule,” will use “Good Outdoor Manners” and will at all times conduct myself in a manner which will add to the stature and public image of rockhounds everywhere.

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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.

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



General Membership Meeting
Tuesday, April 15, 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.

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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.