

The Living Stones

Page 1

Livingston Gem and Mineral Society May 2025

President's Message

Otters have a pocket in their skin to keep their favorite rock in. Some keep the same rock their entire lives.

Hello Rockhounds,

We had 35 members attend the general meeting this month and stay for "Rock of the Month". The topic was on pink rocks, gems and minerals. Tony West, a former member, was a special guest. He talked about some of the "Pink Limb Cast that he had found. We had a lot of beautiful specimens that members brought in to show off. It was very educational and interesting. Thank You, Bryant Hiiter, for putting this together every month.

It is getting close to Rockhounding season, so make sure you check on rules and regulations for the areas that you are collecting from. Isla posted the AFMS Code of Ethics in April's Newsletter.

When you come into the shop the FIRST thing you should do is SIGN IN and PAY your daily fees. Silversmiths: if you use any of the equipment at the shop you are required to pay the fee to the shop and sign in on that sheet also.

We are getting ready for our Spring Pop Up Show the end of May and will start planning our Fall Dream Rock Show at which all club members are expected to help and work a shift at the show.

Terri Ridenour, President

May 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.

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

Historian: Chuck Amberger, 248-787-6586

Library: Bryant Hiiter, 248-472-8481

Webmaster: John Myer, www.livingstongems.com

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.)

General Meeting Minutes

Date: 04/15/25, at 6pm

Location: LGMS Workshop

Meeting Called to Order at 6:03pm

Roll Call: 35 Members were present

Terri Ridenour	Bryant Hiiter
Joe Musolf	Cari Jacob
Linda Sheedy	Cinda Wilson

Approve Agenda: Joe Musolf made a motion to approve the April 15th agenda, 2nd by Jim Glassbrook. All in favor, motion passed.

Approve March Minutes: Cari Jacob made a motion to approve the March 18th minutes, 2nd by Linda Sheedy. All in favor, motion passed.

President's Report - Terri Ridenour

- * The storage unit was cleaned and organized for 7 hours. It needs 2 more days to make it really organized.

Vice President's Report - Joe Musolf

- * Middle trim saw blade is warped but it can still be used to cut beach rock.
- * Joe changed the filter sock, he will look for a better filter.
- * Joe will host Cliff Fordman, a member of the Jackson and Mason rock clubs, and his wife on Thursday, April 17th. He is very interested in teaching an evening faceting class at our club. He thinks it is a dying art.

Treasurer's Report - Linda Sheedy

- * We are currently in good standing.
- * We have approximately 230 members.

Old Business:

Geiger Counter - Bryant Hiiter

- * The society purchased a geiger counter.
- * It will be located in a white box in the office.
- * Members may NOT take it home.
- * It is simple to use. Hold the "on" button for 3 seconds.
- * There are 3-4 holes on the back.
- * USB cord plugs into a computer.
- * Comes with a guide.
- * 5-50 is background noise.

- * Bring known radioactive materials into the shop in a "pig".
- * A pig is a thick walled lead container.
- * Bryant demonstrated ticking vs. beeping on a few samples.

"Plan your own UP Trip": - Nancy Bartel

- * The Home Base for the trip will be her campsite.
- * She won't know the site number until a couple of days before the trip begins.
- * There is bad cellular service up there.
- * Nancy will create a phone list of the participants to distribute the first day.
- * Nancy will drive up early to determine which roads are accessible.
- * Nancy will go over safety precautions the first night.
- * Marianna brought up an instance of quicksand at Van's Beach.

New Business:

Slabs for Sale

- * Joe and Mark have been cutting up large rough rocks from the storage unit.
- * They will be for sale in the shop and priced by Bryant.
- * The club made \$220 in one week from the sales.
- * Joe Musolf thinks the club should have the first pick of lapidary slabs from our storage (as opposed to selling at shows).

Pay your \$1 Please

- * Sign-in and pay your \$1 right away.
- * People have been forgetting.
- * Metalsmiths need to pay for grinding rocks if they use the machines. (Some people on Mondays have been forgetting.)

4H Update - Bryant Hiiter

- * The training is half way through.
- * They will need trainers for the next 2 weeks. 3 teachers are needed.
- * Silversmithing is covered.
- * They have been making Petoskey Stone mushrooms.

Replace 8' Tables - Jim Hansen

- * Jim would like to replace the 2 beaten up 8' tables near the kitchen.
- * They need to be heavy duty to take the weight of faceting machines.
- * Perhaps the school has some that they can provide.
- * MSU has a surplus store, or there is Facebook Marketplace.

Membership

- * The Sign-Up Genius will go out next week.
- * Training will happen thru the end of May.
- * There are about 25 people waiting, but not everyone will sign up.

Shop Report

- * The 80 grit wheel was replaced.
- * The 600 grit belts have finally arrived.

Silversmith's Report - Lavonne Foldenaur

- * The club has ordered more silver sheets, they will arrive in about 3 days.
- * The silversmiths buy the sheets from the club.
- * The scrap silver will not be sold because the metal can be used for casting.

Casting Discussion

- * The metalsmiths would like to learn casting.
- * The club has a centrifugal casting machine, but there are concerns about using it, such as height of the walls and bad odor.
- * The club has a vacuum caster which is easy to use.
- * The club owns material, investment, and molds to make castings.
- * Lavonne wants to get a lesson then teach the others.
- * The club also owns an electric furnace which is easy to use. The directions are in the office. Bryant, Brent, and Doug know how to use it.

Advertise for the Spring Pop-Up Show

- * Please help promote our show in your communities.

Motion to adjourn was made by Ed Oller, 2nd by Mark Schneckenburger

All in favor, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Cinda Wilson, Secretary

Rock of the Month
May 20, 2025
following the General Meeting
Topic: BLUE ROCKS
Bring something unusual!

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



Upcoming Events

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](https://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](https://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!

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.

~~~~~ **2025 LGMS GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING DATES**

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

**Here are the proposed bylaw changes which will be voted
on at the next general membership meeting in May.**

*Proposed by Bylaws Committee revised Nov 2024 **and April 2025***

Note: This supplement is presented by Bylaw Chairperson, Cari Jacob, proposing changes to the by-laws to reflect the recommendations of the bylaws committee to become effective **when approved by next General meeting members.**

Bold type indicates suggested changes; Italics indicate our comments. Red indicates changes from last meeting.

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 1 ARTICLE V MEETINGS

Add/reword

Section I This Society shall hold ten membership meetings (**February thru November**) and ~~two~~ **one** board meeting (**January**) each year in so far as possible.

Page 3 Section III MEMBERSHIP

Add/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 31st.

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.

Page 5 Section IV OFFICERS

- 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 Presidents 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 becomes 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 2nd 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 becomes 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).**

Reword/change ~~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

Reword/change a) A Regular Meeting shall be held on the third Tuesday of all months except January **and February**. In January **and February** the Board of Directors Meeting only will be held in a location and time at the discretion and availability of the Board.

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.

Adding **e) The December Holiday party will be held in lieu of the December general meeting. Club news and business may be discussed briefly but there will be no call to order or voting.**

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**

The Livingston Gem and Mineral Society
SPRING POP UP
Rock & Jewelry Show

**2025
Spring**



Saturday, May 31, 2025*

9:00 am to 4:00 pm

**Cabochons, Crystals, Fossils, Gems
Jewelry & Slabs for sale**

**Club table with specimens
and a ton of rock!**

Outdoor Event

Rain or Shine

Christ Lutheran Church - 5987 Williams Lk. Rd,
Waterford, MI 48329

Questions?

Contact us on our email:

lgms.mich@gmail.com

Indoor restroom on site

*No concessions available

Chairperson: Terri R. - TEXT 517-376-2190

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



General Membership Meeting
Tuesday, May 20, 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.