

The Living Stones

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Livingston Gem and Mineral Society July 2025

President's Message



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Gentoo Penguins are known for giving pebbles as gifts during courtship. Male penguins will present carefully chosen, smooth pebbles to females as a way of showing affection and building nests. This behavior is a form of courtship and a way to establish a strong bond for raising a family.



Hello Rockhounds,

I would like to thank the all the club members who helped with the Spring Pop Up Show: Ted Vosburgh, Mark Ridenour, Sue Matlock, Jason Roch, Cathy Linegear, Tony & Beth Ferreyra, Nolan Rav, Joe Musolf, James Musolf, Bryant Hiiter, Cari Jacob. You are all appreciated for the hard work and dedication you show for the club.

Our Fall Show is coming up in September and the preparations have started. It will be our 50th show anniversary. I would like to have a 50th anniversary T-shirt design contest. More information on this will follow shortly.

We had 24 members attend the general meeting this month and stay for "Rock of the Month". The topic was on yellow rocks, gems and minerals. 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.

Terri Ridenour, President

July 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 at all times to use the machines for safety reasons.

General Meeting Minutes

Date: June 17, 2025

Location: LGMS Workshop

I. Meeting called to Order: 6:03 pm

II. Roll Call: Bryant Hiiter, Cari Jacob, Jim Johnson, Ann Marie McFadden, Joe Musolf, Terri Ridenour, Max Runnels, Linda Sheedy. Absent: Bill Magee, Cinda Wilson. Club Members: 24.

III. Approval of Agenda: Max Runnels made a motion to approve the agenda, 2nd by Cari Jacob. All in Favor. Motion carried.

IV. Approval of Minutes: Cari made a motion to approve the May 20, 2025, minutes. 2nd by Max Runnels. All in favor. Motion carried.

V. President's Report: Terri Ridenour Thank you to everyone who helped with the spring pop up show. Many, many people were a part of this and wonderfully helpful.

VI. Vice President's Report: Joe Musolf There have been some issues with the acetylene tanks. Discussion generally went towards getting someone in to check out the system setup including the use of Teflon tape on compression fittings and spark arrestors. Jim Glassbrook will contact the fire dept. or a business to get a safety inspection.

*Joe Musolf made a motion to have a third-party contractor to assess each acetylene/oxygen tank to make sure the setup is safe. Jim Glassbrook and Lavonne will be present with Bill Magee, if available. Approved amount of \$400.00 or less; if more, needs board approval. 2nd by Bryant Hiiter. All in favor. Motion carried.

*Joe Musolf made a motion to purchase 1 or 2 Agate Eater blades for the 10-inch saws up to \$300.00. 2nd by Linda Sheedy. All in favor. Motion carried.

Joe is looking into a new venue for our spring pop up show.

VII. Treasurer's Report- Linda Sheedy All is in good standing

VIII. Old Business

ByLaws- Jim Glassbrook made a motion to approve the By Law changes as read by Cari Jacob, 2nd by Bryant Hiiter. All in favor. Motion carried.

IX. New Business

A. Kids Table- Isla Mitchell is resigning from managing the kids' table. This is a job opportunity to work with kids and come up with some creative ideas and activities that will put a new energy into what we have to offer. Ruth Musolf accepted this new chair position.

B. Leah Williams donated her father-in-law's lapidary equipment, slabs, books, rough faceting material to the club at the pop up show. It is in the storage unit.

C. Dream Show- We had a meeting prior to the general meeting to get prepared for the show in Sept. Terri and Cari are co-chairing the show. We discussed vendors, gym, tables, concessions and advertisement.

Linda Sheedy made a motion to keep the vendor price at \$300.00 for 5 tables. 2nd by Bryant Hiiter. All in favor. Motion passed.

X. Membership: 258

XI. Shop Foreman-: Bill Magee- absent Jim Johnson relayed a message from Bill: if there is any issue with a machine, let someone know. The info sheet is on the office window with contact phone numbers. Jim Johnson asked if we could cut more stock for the show. He is willing to help Mark and Joe cut slabs for the show. Joe said he would show him what can be cut.

XII. Silversmith report: Lavonne Foldenour
The price of silver keeps going up and she has not added the price hike yet but intends to do so soon. Will be starting new student training shortly. A discussion was raised by Ann Marie McFadden to increase the price of the 8week class to \$80.00 instead of \$50.00 to help cover cost. Tabled for now.

XIII. 1st and 2nd year Directors

Rock of the Month is suspended during the outdoor meetings in July and August. We may have some trunk sales at the meeting. Notice will be sent out if we decide to have one.

XIV. Adjournment: Cari Jacob made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:25pm, 2nd by Max Runnels. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Max Runnels recording secretary
Terri Ridenour guest secretary

PS: The snacks were very tasty!

Out of consideration for those with allergies, in the future, please note if your contribution includes nuts.



2025 Officers and Chairpersons

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

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First year Directors:

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Max Runnels: 810-869-0740

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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.)

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

July 12, 2025

Flint Rock and Gem Club's Rock Swap

Parking Lot of Mott Community College, 4082 W. Vienna Rd, Clio, MI
Info: Bill Wendling 810-638-5796

August 2, 2025

Ishpeming Rock and Mineral Club's Annual Show

Ishpeming Elks Lodge #447, 597 Lakeshore Dr., Ishpeming, MI 49849
Info: krmaki75@gmail.com, www.ishpeming.org

August 8, 9, 10, 2025

Copper Country Rock & Mineral Club Annual Show

Houghton Elementary School, 203 W. Jacker Ave, Houghton, MI 49931
Info: George Schriver, george.schriver@gmail.com; www.ccrmc.info

September 5, 6, 7, 2025

Toledo Gem & Rockhound Club Annual Show

[Wood County Fairgrounds Jr. Fair Building, 13800 W Poe Rd, Bowling Green, OH 43402](http://www.rockyreader.com)

Info: Jerri Heer, (419) 344-9999; jheerx6@aol.com; www.rockyreader.com

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	
7	7/15	6 pm	General Membership fall show planning meeting at 5:15	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

Ode to the Rock Enthusiasts
(For the ones who carry mountains in their hearts)

They roam where granite whispers low,
Where fault lines tell the tales below -
With hammers, packs, and maps in hand,
They seek the bones that built the land.

Their eyes see more than hills and clay,
They see the Earth in disarray -
The folds of time, the pressure's scar,
The stardust locked in feldspar.

They kneel where others merely pass,
And cradle shards of ancient mass.
To them, a pebble in the dirt
Is history's voice in quartz and dirt.

They speak in tongues of slate and shale,
Of dolomite and flint's grey veil.
They praise the layers deep and wide
That held the oceans, turned the tide.

At night they dream of basalt flows,
Of magma's heat and glacier's throes -
The slow ballet of crust and core,
A patience mortals can't ignore.

To some, a stone is just a stone,
But rock enthusiasts have known -
Each mineral, each grain of sand,
Was shaped by time's relentless hand.

So raise a toast with dusty boots,
To those who chase Earth's ancient roots -
For in their hearts, the planet spins,
And every rock a tale begins.

Thanks, Chat GPT

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General Membership Meeting
Tuesday, July 15, 2025
Potluck



6 pm at Settlers Park
fall show planning meeting at 5:15 pm

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.