

The Living Stones

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Livingston Gem and Mineral Society January 2026

President's Message

Hello Fellow Rockhounds,

As 2025 is coming to an end, I think our club has had a pretty good year. We had 2 successful rock shows, we brought in a lot of new members, we had a t-shirt design contest, we offered a cuff class and we bought a nice collection that has allowed our club members to be able to shop every time they come into the shop with new items being brought out every few weeks. We have cleaned the shop and kitchen. It looks a lot nicer. We have a wonderful display of Michigan rocks that belongs to Jim Hansen. He set them up in the showcase outside of the shop's back door.

Our annual Christmas party had a record turnout; it was nice to see so many club members attend the party. The room was larger than the senior center we usually use and allowed the club members to move around more freely; we were able to bring more rocks for the silent auction and "buy it now". There was plenty of room for the club competitions. We had lots of room for the great food we had catered and all the great food our members brought in. Our Elf had his own spot for the Christmas present exchange and was able to greet the club members as they came through the door. I had a lot of positive feedback on our party.

We had some great entries for our competitions. I know I had a hard time deciding on my votes.

Here are the categories and winners:

1. Best polished natural cab - **Don Pentico**
2. Best handmade jewelry - **Lori Hart**
3. Best picture in a stone - **Sue Matlock**
4. Anything goes lapidary - **Ann Marie Mc Fadden**
5. Best faceted stone - **Don Pentico**

I look forward to polishing a rock, completing a jewelry piece, and just hanging out in the shop with fellow rockhounds and silversmiths in 2026! See ya in the shop.

Signing out of 2025,

Terri Ridenour,
now immediate past President



Max Schultz Awards

We have so many wonderful club members who contribute their time and dedication to our club. It was hard to pick the club members who stood out this year. I picked a few members who have been consistently helping for years, generously giving their time for the betterment of the club.

1. * She works weeks before our Dream Show helping to get items ready for the silent auction.

* She works from opening to closing every day of the show.

* She works behind the scenes all year long to help new and existing club members with our Facebook pages.

* She helps with getting our t-shirt design to the printers and making sure all goes well.

I want to personally thank

Marianna Hickey

for her dedication to the club by presenting her with the Max Schulz Award.

2. * This person is at our Dream Show before everyone else arrives, setting up for the day, and one of the last to leave, cleaning up after everyone.

* She makes sure that all the food looks nice and is well displayed so our club members can take a break while volunteering at the show.

* She cleans and organizes our shop kitchen all year long, which is a never-ending job.

I want to personally thank

Sue Wilkinson

for her dedication to the club by presenting her with the Max Shultz Award.

3. * This person does so much behind the scenes that keeps this club running smoothly.

* She is selfless and has a true dedication to doing what is in the best interest of our club.

* She has served on the board for 5 years and is getting ready for her 6th year in a new position, which will suit her as she absolutely loves doing paperwork.

* I couldn't have gotten through this past year without her.

I want to personally thank

Cari Jacob

for her dedication to the club by presenting her with the Max Shultz award.

Max Schultz Awards for 2025

Marianna Hickey

Sue Wilkinson

Cari Jacob

January shop hours

Monday 10 am-9 pm

Tues and Wed 9 am-9 pm

Thurs 9 am-6 pm - silversmiths only!

(till 9 by prior arrangement)

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 for safety while using the machines.

2026 Officers and Chairpersons

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.)



Winter Reminder!

When the Hartland Schools are closed,
the shop is closed.

During inclement weather,
please check

[Facebook/hartlandcommunityed.com](https://www.facebook.com/hartlandcommunityed.com)
for school/event closures before you
make the trip to the shop.





**Our outgoing board members have offered countless hours of work on behalf of the club.
Many, many thanks to each of these people!**

*Linda Sheedy
Bill Magee
Ann Marie Mc Fadden
Jim Johnson*

To pay the 2026 membership dues, complete this tear-off form and mail to:

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

Last name _____ **First name** _____
(please print)

Address (City, State, Zip code)

Phone #(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 =** _____

optional drawer charge \$5.00= _____

Total payment enclosed _____

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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Board Meeting only in January
No General Meeting

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.