

The Living Stones

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Livingston Gem and Mineral Society April 2026

President's Message

“Wisdom comes from experience.
Experience is often a result of lack of
wisdom.”

– Terry Pratchett

Hello Members!

Thank you to all in attendance for March's meeting. March's meeting had less in attendance; however, our email system was briefly down. We established a show committee for the fall show. Please see the meeting minutes for more details. Our April meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 21st at 6 pm. Please attend the meeting if you can!

Our Second monthly cleaning was focused on tidying up and bringing equipment to and from the club. We now have two 10" auto feed saws up and running. Please ask for assistance if you do not know how to operate them. Thanks to Jim, Jim, Lind and Chad for all the help! The first Thursday of the month maintenance day will have occurred prior to this message, so thanks to attendees yet to be named!

New member training has almost concluded. Thank you to Cinda for all the help setting up the training and wrangling trainer and trainee alike!

Our popup show will be in the same location in Waterford this year. The date is May 9th. If you wish to reserve a spot please contact Carrie Jacob. Space is \$25 for members and \$50 for non-members.

Thank you to all that make the club fun!

Cheers!

Joe Musolf, President



April shop hours

Monday 10 am - 8:30 pm
Tues and Wed 9 am - 9 pm
Thurs 9 am-9 pm - silversmiths
and quiet activities 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 for safety while using the machines.

First Thursday of the month is maintenance day. Join us at 5 pm.

Note: Shop is CLOSED on Friday, April 3, 2026

March General Meeting Minutes

Date: 03/17/2026, at 6pm

Location: LGMS Workshop

Meeting started 6:07pm

Roll Call: Officers present:

Joe Musolf, Bryant Hiiter, Cari Jacob, Max Runnels, Cinda Wilson, Jim Glassbrook, Lavonne Foldenauer, Chad Brendel, Don Pentico.

Max Runnels made a motion to approve the January and February minutes. 2nd by Bryant Hiiter.

President's Report - Joe Musolf

* Mail Chimp (per John Myer and Cari Jacob) now costs \$65 per month which is too expensive. One more month was purchased while alternatives are considered.

* "Maintenance Day" is the 1st Thursday of the month.

- Only a handful of people showed up, about 5 minutes late.
- The faceting machine area was cleaned.
- 2 lapidary saws in the storage unit will be fixed. One will be dedicated for slabs in hopes that the blade does not warp. One needs a guard for the belt.

* Openers and Closers Calendar

- Located on chalkboard in the shop.
- It was filled up pretty well for March.

* Show Committee

- Volunteers are needed.
- Joe talked about the different categories of help that are required to run the show.
- The 1st meeting to organize the fall show will be held right after the May 19th meeting.

Vice President's Report - Bryant Hiiter

* 4H Training will start soon on Monday nights.

- Each person aged 9-18 will have 2 days of two hour sessions.
- Time is from 6-8pm.
- It will take 2-4 weeks depending on the number of students.
- 4 experienced students want to learn silversmithing.
- Parents will be informed of silver cost, or the kids can use alternatives such as copper.

Treasurer's Report - Cari Jacob

* The remaining funds at PNC bank will be moved to Huntington soon.

* The Spring Pop Up show still has openings. Only 3 members have paid for their booth.

New Member Training - Cinda Wilson

* 30 people for the waiting list were invited to join.

* 16 people signed up for training.

* Another half dozen invitations were emailed on 3/17.

* Another week of training in April would be helpful.

Shop Report - Chad Brendel

* Chad thanks everyone who has helped clean and fix items in the shop. He encourages people to chip in.

* Chad would like feedback about the new spigots installed on some oil buckets.

* Please use the new repair tags if a machine has a problem. use them and make notes on them. They will be kept outside the office door.

* Chad appreciates other members fixing machines if they know how.

* It was suggested that flyers promoting the next "Maintenance Day" could be placed near the sign-in sheet.

Silversmith's Report- Lavonne Foldenauer

- * Lavonne has just started teaching 2 new students.
- * The \$50 class fee goes to the club and can be used to buy new tools.

Directors' Comments

- * Max reminded people to wear hearing protection.
- * Jim Glassbrook can replenish the hearing plugs and masks for the PPE drawers.
- * Jim's May chainmail class will be posted in April. The class is 3 days and is 1st come, 1st serve.

Old Business:**Spring Popup Show**

- * May 9th. Can start setting up at 7am. Show is from 9am to 4pm
- * 1-2 parking spots per vendor but cars cannot be left in the lot where the show is held.
- * Rain or Shine. Must bring your own tables and chairs.
- * No Concessions

New Business:**Midwest Federation Delegate volunteer**

- * Bryant volunteered to attend the show in Chicago May 23rd-24th.
- * Delegates must pre-register and attend meetings.
- * Delegate can give a report from the MWF Show at an LGMS meeting.

Sunshine Committee

- * The club used to have one.
- * Someone to provide sympathy or Get Well cards and collect signatures.
- * \$200 a year budget, to buy plaques at a florist.
- * Chad volunteered and Linda LaChance can help also.

Advertising Cards

- * Need 1/4 page ads for our fall show to leave at door of other rock shows.
- * Could take to the Jackson and Taylor shows which happen in early spring.
- * Max suggested using a Board at our show to advertise other ones in the MI area.

Max made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
1st - Dan Goodwin; 2nd - Jim Glassbrook.
All in favor; the motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cinda Wilson, Secretary

**2026 Officers and Chairpersons**

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General Membership Meetings are held monthly on the 3rd Tuesday at 6 pm from February through November. Only the board meets in January.

Upcoming Events

April 9-11, 2026

Indian Mounds Rock & Mineral Club Annual Show

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

Contact: Kreigh Tomaszewski, (616) 243-5851

kreigh@gmail.com, indianmoundsrockclub.com

May 1-3, 2026

Kalamazoo Rock Club Rock Show

Kalamazoo County Expo Center, 2900 Lake St, Kalamazoo, MI 49048, USA

Contact: Sheila Atherton, (269) 303-6853



Saturday, Rain or Shine, May 9, 2026

Livingston Gem and Mineral Society's Spring Popup Show

Volunteer!

Participate!

May 23-24, 2026

Chicagoland Gem & Minerals 49th Annual Show and MWF Convention

Prairie Arts Center at Kane County Fairgrounds, 525 S. Randall, St Charles, IL

May 27-31, 2026

State Line Gem and Mineral Society's Annual Show

Fulton County Fairgrounds, Junior Fair Building, 8514 SR 108, Wauseon, Ohio 43567

Info: Sherman Kardatzke, sakardatzke@gmail.com



Safety Reminders:

NO hair, jewelry, necklaces, loose clothing, etc. hanging forward when working with any machine, saw, grinder or torch. Hair band will be provided near the sign in sheet free for anyone needing it. (Please do not put used hair bands back)

Foot protection – NO open-toed footwear at all (flip flops, sandals etc.). Unfortunately you will be asked to get the proper footwear or leave the shop.

2026 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	2026 date	Time	Meeting type	Location	
4	4/21	6 pm	General Membership	LGMS shop	Shop shut down at 5:45
5	5/19	6 pm	General Membership	LGMS shop	Shop shut down at 5:45
6	6/16	6 pm	General Membership	Settlers Park	Shop shut down at 5:45
7	7/21	6 pm	General Membership	Settlers Park	Shop shut down at 5:45
8	8/18	6 pm	General Membership	LGMS Shop	Shop shut down at 5:45
9	9/8 (one week early)	6 pm	General Membership before show on 9/19 - 9/20	LGMS shop	Shop shut down at 5:45
10	10/20	6 pm	General Membership	LGMS shop	Shop shut down at 5:45
11	11/17	6 pm	General Membership	LGMS shop	Shop shut down at 5:45
12	12/16 (Wed.)	6 pm	Holiday Party	Commons area	Shop shut down at 5:45

I want to age like sea glass.
Smoothed by tides,
but not broken.
I want my hard edges to soften.
I want to ride the waves
and go with the flow.
I want to catch a wave
and let it carry me
to where I belong.
I want to be picked up
and held gently by
those who delight in my
well earned patina and
appreciate the changes I went
through to achieve that beauty.
I want to enjoy the journey
and always remember that if
you give the ocean something
breakable it will turn it into
something beautiful.
I want to age like sea glass.

~Bernadette Noll

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General Membership Meeting on Tuesday, April 21, 2026
At 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.