

The Living Stones

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Livingston Gem and Mineral Society April 2024

President's Message

"Spring will come and so will happiness.
Hold on. Life will get warmer." – Anita Krizzan

Hello Members!

We had our first general meeting at the shop. We had some good feedback from the 20 members that attended.

Cinda Wilson has been organizing all the available shop trainers for a new training session to start beginning of April. Many thanks to the members that take the time to come and train our new members!

Ship, Shape Up the Shop has started! Thank you to Bryant Hiiter, Mark & Terri Ridenour who made some great progress labeling & re-organizing the specimen area on the far wall. You all ROCK!

We will welcome possibly 14 students coming back to the shop soon! Thank you Bryant Hiiter for organizing this again and all your helpers who will work with the kids!

**Rock of the Month will be on April 3,
room #33, 1-2:30
Topic – Jan., Feb. and March Birthstones**

*****Please be very careful with all machines you are using! We are finding belts overused and broken pieces of equipment. The big saw has had some problems which may be due to members needing more training? New signage will be posted near machines having issues.**

Our club is offering a Knapping Class. This is a 4-hour beginner class to be held in the LGMS Shop for \$65 - (\$66.95 with 3%fee) (includes a \$35 knapper kit, a stone, use of some personal protective equipment & fees). The class size has been limited to 7 people in each session to ensure that focused-instruction and safety are achieved.

**Dates – Both Dates are the SAME
Beginner Class. You may only sign up
for 1 date at this time:
Thurs., March 28th 3-7:30 pm with clean-up
from 7:30-8 pm**

Next Flint Knapping class is: Thurs., April 25th 4-8:00 Information will be posted.

There are still some spots open for our May POP UP rock/jewelry show! Members \$25, Non Members \$50. You will need your own tables/chairs & tent. Rain or Shine. Please check envelope in the shop office and pre-pay or text AnnMarie McFadden @ 248-884-8126.

***Dues for 2024 LGMS membership are \$65 (due December 31, 2023)** with \$1 daily shop fee. **Remember;** please add the \$5 locked drawer fee and the drawer #, if you are using one. (One drawer per person) Some locked drawers are now available. You can mail your dues to: Linda Sheedy, 1582 Forest Bay Ct., Wixom, MI 48393.

T Shirts are in! They are purple and green and fabulous!

You may purchase the shirts S-2X- \$15 and 3X-4X - \$18.

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April shop hours - Tuesday thru Friday. Tues/Wed 9 am-9 pm, Thurs 9 am-9 pm (silversmiths only), and Friday 10 am-4 pm. (If there are not 2 members in the shop on Fridays, the closer may choose to leave earlier than 4:00. Be aware) There must be at least 2 people in the shop "any day" to use the machines for safety reasons.

Please note the times/dates for ALL this year's Club meetings are posted in this newsletter. Please attend and support your club, so your voice may be heard! Remember, the shop will be closed at 5:30 pm on general membership meeting days. Machines will shut down at 4:30 if fall show meeting is held in the shop.

Please stay well, my fellow members! You are all treasures! Contact info: caricatures@comcast.net or cell phone 248-931-5999.

Sincerely yours,
Cari Jacob



Rock of the Month
first Wednesday of the month
1-2:30 pm, room #33

April 3, 2024 ... Birthstones !
January, February, March

upcoming ROM:
May 1, 2024
Birthstones
April, May, June



2024 Officers and Chairpersons

President: Cari Jacob 248-931-5999
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General Membership Meetings are held monthly on the 3rd Tuesday at 6 pm. (Except in January and February when only board meetings are held.)

LGMS General Meeting Minutes

March 19, 2024, location: LGMS Shop
Call to Order- 6:01

Roll Call: Board members present - Cari Jacob, Jim Johnson, Bill Magee, AnnMarie Mc Fadden, Terri Ridenour, Linda Sheedy, Cinda Wilson, Sandy Wrestler. Absent, Lori Irvin. Present, 8. Absent, 1. Quorum, 5. Club attendance 20.

Approval of Minutes: Bryant Hiiter made a motion to approve the Feb. 21, 2024 minutes , 2nd by Jim Hansen. All in favor. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: All is in good standing.

President's Report:

- Hours at the shop for spring break:
Monday: March 25th close at 4:00 pm.
Tuesday-Thursday: March 26-28, close at 8:00 pm.
Friday: March 29th closed.
- Kalamazoo is asking for demonstrators to help with their rock show, see Cinda for more info.

Vice President's Report:

- We still have a long list of people waiting to join the club. If we can get 12 trainers, we can get them through faster. There will be a Signup Genius for those qualified to help train.
- Cinda Wilson is waiting for help from Holly to get the Google sheets up to date.

Shop Report:

- Bill Magee replaced the old 6 inch water saw with a new one.
- Mark Ridenour is checking on getting the shaft for water saw rebuilt.
- New filters on the fan were replaced.
- Max Runnels, Bill Magee and Cari Jacobs changed the oil on the big saw and disposed of oil in buckets.
- Need to order more grinding wheels.
- Mark Ridenour will look for mats to put in the big saw room.

Silversmith's Report:

- There are 28 people on the wait list.

Old Business:

- May Spring Show - we still have spots available for vendors. Club members are welcome to get their own spot for the show. It is \$25.00 for members. Please text AnnMarie if you would like a spot.
- Cari Jacob will make flyers for the show to send out to other rock clubs.
- Cinda Wilson will send out emails about spring show to other rock clubs.

New Business:

- The price of the pop at the shop had to be increased to \$.75 due to our cost.
- Board members are planning on making a few changes at the shop "Ship Shape the Shop" declutter, clean up and clean out.
- Bryant Hiiter has talked with a 4H leader and he will be setting up times to train the 4Hkids. We will have about 14 kids this year. Let Bryant know if you can help out.
- Bryant Hiiter explained how to use the large flat lap that most club members didn't even know that we had in the shop.
- AnnMarie McFadden said she would look for someone to teach some of the members how to use the equipment and supplies that are set up for making glass beads.
- A suggestion box was talked about so club members can put in their ideas.

Club Classes:

- Flint Knapping Class set for March 28 had to change the time of class from 4-8:30 pm to 3-7:30 pm due to spring break hours. Lori Irvin sent out emails to members that are taking the class.
- Flint Knapping class for set for April 25th. Max of 7 students per class. The cost of class and materials is \$65.00 per person. The class will be at the shop from 4-8:30. Signup available.
- Rock of the month class is held on the first Wednesday of the month. The April 3rd class will be about Jan. and Feb. and March birthstones in room #33 from 1-2:30.

Adjournment: Cinda Wilson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 pm. 2nd by Jim Hansen. All in favor. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted by
Terri Ridenour, Secretary

2024 LGMS BOARD AND GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING DATES

Please be aware that during membership meetings the shop will be totally shut down at 5:45 pm.

Month	2024 date	Time	Meeting type	Location	
1	Wed. 1/24	1 pm	Board Meeting		
2	Wed. 2/21	1 pm	Board Meeting		
3	3/19	6 pm	General Membership	LGMS shop	Shop shut down at 5:45
4	4/16	6 pm	General Membership	LGMS shop	Shop shut down at 5:45
	5/18	one day	Popup Show	church parking lot	
5	5/21	6 pm	General Membership	LGMS shop	Shop shut down at 5:45
6	6/18	6 pm	General Membership	Settlers Park	Shop shut down at 5:45
7	7/16	6 pm	General Membership	Settlers Park	Shop shut down at 5:45
8	8/20	6 pm	General Membership	LGMS shop	Shop shut down at 5:45
9	9/10 (one week early)	6 pm	General Membership/before fall show on 9/21-9/22	LGMS shop	Shop shut down at 5:45
10	10/15	6 pm	General Membership	LGMS shop	Shop shut down at 5:45
11	11/19	6 pm	General Membership	LGMS shop	Shop shut down at 5:45
12	12/17	6 pm	General Membership during Holiday Party	Senior Center	Shop shut down at 5:45

We will probably add in show meetings starting in May at 4:30-5:30 same day as general meetings.

Upcoming Events

April 4-6, 2024

Indian Mounds Rock and Mineral Club's 47th Annual Gem and Mineral Show

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

Info: <http://www.indianmoundsrockclub.com>

April 27-28, 2024

North West Ohio Rockhound Club's Show

St James Lutheran Church, 4727 W. Sylvania Ave, Toledo, OH

Info: Suzanne Shimatzki, sshimatzki@gmail.com

May 3-5, 2024

Kalamazoo Geological and Mineral Society's Show

Kalamazoo Expo Center, 2900 Lake Street, Kalamazoo, MI

Info: Dave Haas, stonehouserrock@cs.com

May 31, June 1-2, 2024

State Line Gem and Mineral Society's Show

Junior Fair Building, County Fairgrounds, 8514 State Route 108, Wauseon, OH

Info: Sherman Kardatzke, sakardatzke@gmail.com

AFMS Code of Ethics

(American Federation of Mineralogical Societies)

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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Howell, Michigan 48843-9098*



**General Membership Meeting on
Tuesday, April 16, 2024
6 pm in the shop**

Snacks 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. Newsletter deadline is the 20th of each month. Articles or correspondence can be sent to LGMS, Hartland Consolidated Schools, 9525 E. Highland Rd. Howell, Michigan 48843-9098.

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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.