



OLATHE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY

MONTHLY BULLETIN

November 7, 2017

**A non-profit group, organized to educate the general public and members' knowledge of Mineralogy, Gems, Jewelry Making, Fossils and related earth sciences.
Founded March 1956**

MEETINGS: The meetings are the first Tuesday of each month except June, July, August and December. The Clubs annual holiday party is in December, and the annual picnic is during the summer. Visitors are always welcome.

The meetings are at the Indian Creek Community Church, 12480 Black Bob Road in Olathe, Kansas. We will be meeting downstairs in room 018 which is located at the bottom of the staircase, 6:30 to 7 PM is not structured as members fellowship and have a raffle. The meeting officially starts at approximately 7 PM followed by guest speaker.

DUES: \$10.00 per year for individuals / \$5.00 per year for minors / children under the age of 12 are free.

(Note we just have 5 non paid members so far this year.)

OFFICERS 2017 – 2018:

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VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: The guest speaker at our November 7th meeting will be Carli Atkinson who will be speaking about legality and preservation of artifacts and sites. Carli graduated with a BA in anthropology from KU and went on to earn an MSc degree in *Archaeology of the North* from the University of Aberdeen in Scotland. Her field work includes surveying in Kansas, soil typing and site morphology near Aberdeen (The Granite City) Scotland, and excavation at the James Madison estate in Virginia. She is passionate about people experiencing history for themselves, and cares deeply about site preservation, and protecting our natural and heritage sites for the future. If time allows she may also talk about stones that were used specifically in history, and highlighting information she has found in her studies. I think it will be an exciting meeting!

DECEMBER HOLIDAY PARTY: Reservations are complete for the OGMS Christmas event on Saturday Dec. 2, 2017 at HyVee, 18101 W. 119th St. (west of 119th and I-35) Olathe, KS 66061. The HyVee party room is located on the 2nd floor. The staircase is just inside the very east set of doors. If you don't see it just ask an employee. Our party starts at 5:30 p.m. with the gift exchange followed by our catered meal at 7 p.m., and ends at 10 p.m. The cost is \$5.00 per person, the Club picks up the remaining tab. The signup sheet will be passed around again at the November meeting. If you want to participate in the gift exchange bring a present of \$10.00 or less. So far 45 have signed up. The deadline to sign up is approximately Nov. 24th. HyVee needs our headcount one week in advance.

SKILLS & INTEREST DIRECTORY: If we don't have your picture already, please text your picture to Julie Robinson's cell phone **(816) 797-4602**, and be sure to include your name in the text! Or, email your picture to Julie at: jukay11@gmail.com.

We need your picture for the Talents/Skills and Interest Directory. Please forward your picture ASAP, **or** we can take your picture at the November 7th club meeting. We want to have every ones picture asap so Bev Wells and Julie Robinson can finish the Directory before the December holiday party. You can have a friend take your picture on a smart phone, and then text it.

We have added another topic in the Directory; "Interested in Learning", which will be very helpful in setting up the programs for future meetings. Thank you all so much for getting all the information to Julie Robinson at the number or email listed above. I think you will all really appreciate the Directory when it is finished. If you have a personal request or need help, please feel free to call Julie directly and she will be happy to assist you. Let's make this happen so we can all benefit from the Directory. Julie & Bev will be at the November 7th meeting to finalize all the information that's been collected.

KANSAS CITY GEM AND MINERAL SHOW, November 3rd, 4th, and 5th: Help is needed after lunch on Thursday, Nov. 2nd to set up tables/booths (I think this is only for Association and Club tables as this is not the Association show). Also, help is needed to man the Association tables, and to take down Sunday evening at the end of the show. Anyone interested should contact Norm Onnen at: **Cell (816) 645-1333, Home (816)331-4862, onnenne@kc.rr.com**.

Larry Wells is the point of contact for Club members interested in selling items at the show, and Norm Onnen is the point of contact for all other questions. People manning the booths will get a badge permitting free access. Badges will be prepared and available the afternoon of Thursday, Nov 2nd. To date eight members have expressed interest. Larry Wells cell **(913) 787-5138**. Norm Onnen cell **(816) 645-1333**, home **(816) 331-4862**.

LAKE SUPERIOR AGATES TO BE DISPLAYED: From Norm Onnen, Past President.

As the Olathe Gem and Mineral Society is a member of the Association of Earth Science Clubs of Greater Kansas City (the Assoc. responsible for the annual March KC Gem and Mineral Show), we are pleased to announce the tentative agreement that a portion of the Bill Boltz spectacular and extensive Lake Superior agate collection will be displayed at the March 9-11, 2018 show in Kansas City.

Now deceased, Bill Boltz was a Topeka contractor involved in construction of many homes in and around Topeka from which he found numerous (some quite large) Lake Superior agates, deposited in the terminus margin of the Pleistocene era Kansan glacier. Upon Mr. Boltz passing, approximately 1/3 of his collection was retained by the family, 1/3 went to the Moose Lake Agate and Geological Interpretation Center (in Moose Lake State Park, Moose Lake, MN), and 1/3 is maintained at Washburn University. This later collection is the source of the items to be displayed at our March 2018 show (and were exhibited at the recently completed Topeka Gem and Mineral show).

As a side note, the Moose Lake collection is on permanent display in the state park facility - this being on I-35 between Minneapolis and Duluth, MN. The community of Moose Lake hosts Lake Superior Agate Days one weekend each July. (This is a huge event with truckloads of glacial gravel containing agates, etc. spread along the main street for a kids scramble, and public access to numerous collecting sites normally not accessible). Also,

presently an individual has been selected to cut and face polish a massive 16 pound agate from the Boltz collection. It will be of great interest to see the end result of this effort (hopefully in time for our March show?).

For those interested in glaciers, the Kansan glacier was the most recent of four and extended further south than the preceding Pleistocene glaciers (the Nebraskan, Illinoian and Wisconsin glaciers). In addition to the Lake Superior agates, the Kansan glacier carried and deposited metamorphosed volcanics (greenstone, from the Canadian Shield), Sioux quartzite (from SW MN/eastern SD), hematite iron ore (from the iron ranges of MN and the Keewawanawan volcanics of MN, WI, and MI), and fossils.

SHOW & TELL: Club Members interested in doing a Show and Tell should contact Deborah Bryant, VP to get scheduled. Please include how much time you will need for your presentation. Deborah's contact info is: **MotoChef1@outlook.com**, or her cell **(816) 337-1527**.

CLUB WEBSITE: Join me in welcoming Dan McDaniel as our new web-master. We are very fortunate to have Dan onboard because he has an extensive professional background in both computer programming and main frames. Our website is still in creation mode: www.olathegemclub.com. However, with Dan's expertise we will have an attractive web site with links to other important sites which will increase our Club's exposure and membership.

OUTINGS MASTER WANTED: We are in need of one or more individuals to plan and coordinate Club outings for rock digs, fossil hunting, gold panning, etc. This may involve attending monthly executive board meetings (only when necessary), writing announcements for the monthly bulletin, and emailing information and updates to the members.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: Thanks to our guest speaker Tom Tivol who presented "The Evolution of Jewelry Design" at our September and October meetings. Tom's presentations are outstanding.

Show and tell and purchasing raffle tickets starts at 6:30 PM. The meeting starts at 7 PM. \$\$\$ Bring extra money because raffle items will be plentiful due to donated rocks our club received. At the end of the raffle anyone who purchased tickets - and did not win anything - can go take one item from the table.

Bev and I have several beautiful rescued cats that are looking for a good home with lots of love!!!

MEMBERSHIP LIST: The current membership information is contained on a separate attachment

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS FOR 2017-2018:

Refreshments: Per sign up sheet

Raffle: Keith Shaw and Brian Symons

Association Delegates: Tom Lorenz & Norman Onnen

Alternate Association Delegates: Larry Wells, President

Field Trips: Various

Librarian and Historian: Norman Onnen

Programs: Deborah Bryant, VP

Membership: M John Robinson

Bulletin Editor: M John Robinson

Show Chairman: Tom Lorenz

Website: Dan McDaniel