



# OLATHE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY

## MONTHLY BULLETIN

October 3, 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 at the Indian Creek Community Church, 12480 Blackbob Road in Olathe, Kansas from 6:30 to 9 pm. We will be meeting downstairs in room 018 which is located at the bottom of the staircase.

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.

### **DUES:**

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

*(Due by May meeting, and delinquent by Sept. meeting.)*

### **OFFICERS 2017 – 2018:**

President:	Larry Wells	(913) 787-5138
Vice President:	Deborah Bryant	(816) 337-1527
Secretary:	Spring Wittmeier	(913) 945-0878
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Website Editor:	To Be Determined	( )
Membership Chairman	M John Robinson	(913) 669-8284

### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:**

**September guests were: Jacob Gough, Vince Martini and Ted Koehler. Thanks for coming!!!!**

\*\*\*\***Louisburg APAC Quarry field trip this Saturday 9/30/17 at 8 AM** for fossils, flint/chert nodules, and calcite/quartz crystals (the crystals within some brachiopods).!!! If interested call Norm Onnen ASAP; cell (816) 645-1333, email; [onnenne@kc.rr.com](mailto:onnenne@kc.rr.com). The quarry is at 8811 W. 247th St., Louisburg, KS 66053 and we will meet at the building just inside the front gate at 8am to be escorted into the quarry so don't be late. Norm needs replies for those intending to participate via email by Thursday (that's tomorrow!).

\*\*\*\* **The T-rex he talked to us about will be on display this Sunday at KU!** Dr. Dave Burnham, KU paleontologist gave a presentation to our club earlier this year about the Tyrannosaurus rex fossilized skeleton dig. The University of Kansas is now home to a Tyrannosaurus rex skeleton thanks to a team who helped dig up the specimen and bring it to Lawrence. The crew spent the past four summers in Montana excavating the skeleton little by little. University paleontologist David Burnham says he and his crew of students and volunteers have nicknamed the female dinosaur Lucy. The team unearthed about 25 percent of Lucy's skull, about 60 percent of her hip bones and 45 percent of her leg bones. Burnham estimated she lived to about 15 years and that she was likely pregnant right before she died. "That's the sad part of the story," Burnham said. "She probably died right before she could lay her eggs." (Some of our Club members donated to this worthy cause.)

\*\*\*\***The Topeka Gem and Mineral 61st annual Show is October 14-15.** Gem and mineral vendors and collectors will display their collections and jewelry for show and sale in Ag Hall.

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info@ksexpo.com Event Hotline: 785-235-EXPO Order Tickets: 800-745-3000 Administrative Office: 785-235-1986

The Lincoln, MO Mozarkite Society Show was Sept. 15-17, 2017.

The Joplin, MO Trip-State Gem & Mineral Show was Sept. 22-24, 2017.

Thr Geode Fest Show was Sept. 22-24 in Hamilton, IL along the Mississippi River.

In the future Club members will be given a name tag to wear when they sign in.

#### **Presentations last month:**

Tom Tivol was the guest speaker at our September 5th meeting. He presented Part One of, "The Evolution of Jewelry Design". **Tom will present Part Two at our October 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting.** Tom's presentations are outstanding. This is one of the classes Tom teaches at KU over a 4 semester time frame. If anyone is able to video tape Tom's presentations for the club please let me know.

Also, Sandy Daum and Alison Betts went to digsite in Canada. Sandy did a show and tell at the September meeting displaying her gemstones and talked about the Canadian dig sites they visited and handed out some brochures. She asked if anyone would be interested in a future club field trip to Canada.

Mike McClurg went to the Louisberg, KS Quarry and talked about his croinoid finds. He also displayed the large rutilated quartz gemstone he recently finished faceting. It was 130 carats to start and ended up 95 carats when he finished.

Keith Shaw displayed a natural quartz gemstone which he recently faceted in August to enter into a judged competition sponsored by the US Faceters Guild. Judging has not been finalized as of this newsletter. Good luck Keith!

**Help Needed:**

We are looking for a volunteer to operate the overhead projector during Club presentations. The club recently purchased a projector but does not have a computer. It would be ideal if the volunteer owned or has access to a laptop computer. For example Tom Tivol has provided a USB Flash Drive with pictures for his presentations.

We need a volunteer webmaster to upload meeting minutes and update website.

☺ FYI during the October meeting we are taking pictures for the Club Talent/Skills Directory so you may want to dress up a little, COMB YOUR HAIR, AND PLUCK THOSE NOSE HAIRS! Or, If you already have a picture you want to use you can forward your picture to Julie Robinson. We are going to make a talent/skills directory for the club members. It will include a picture of the club member, and the skills or talents he or she has to offer to the club i.e. teaching classes on making jewelry, rock tumbling, wire wrapping, cabbing, appraising jewelry, etc. More discussion on this topic at the next meeting.

It looks like we are going to have a **BIG TURN OUT** for the December Holiday Party!!! The Club is paying for the majority of the dinner so take advantage of it! We will pass the sign up sheet around again at the October meeting. Reservations are complete for the OGMS Christmas event on Saturday Dec. 2, 2017 at HyVee, 18101 W. 119th St. Olathe, KS 66061. (west of 119<sup>th</sup> and I-35) We will have the room starting at 5:30 p.m. (until 10 p.m.) with the catered meal beginning at 7 p.m. The cost is \$5.00 per person. If you want to participate in the gift exchange bring a present of \$10.00 or less.

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. We decided at the end of the raffle anyone who purchased tickets - and did not win anything - can go take one item from the table.

The Kansas City Greater Gem and Mineral Show will be the first weekend in November. More information to come with the November Bulletin.

Finally... **A BIG THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO BRING TREATS TO THE MEETINGS!**

**VICE PRESIDENT AND PROGRAM CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE:**

To maximize your experience and information we would like Club Members interested in doing a "Show and Tell" to contact V.P. Deborah Bryant to get scheduled. Please email Deborah at MotoChef1@outlook.com, or Deborah may also be reached on her cell 816-337-1527. Please include how much time you will need for your presentation. Also, if you have suggestions/request for types of club presentations please let her know.

**CLUB WEBSITE:**

The website is in the process of being updated. It is still in creation mode, but a rudimentary version is available and will be continually updated as we go forward using a new web site software package.

[www.olathegemclub.com](http://www.olathegemclub.com)

**COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS FOR 2017-2018:**

Refreshments: To be determined.

Raffle: Keith Shaw and Brian Simmons

Association Delegates: Tom Lorenz & Norman Onnen

Alternate Association Delegates: Larry Wells

Field Trips: Various

Librarian and Historian: Norman Onnen

Programs: Deborah Bryant  
Membership: M John Robinson  
Bulletin Editor: M John Robinson  
Show Chairman: Tom Lorenz  
Webmasters: To Be Determined

**MEMBERSHIP LIST:**

The current membership list/information is contained on a separate attachment. We now have 50 members but only 30 paid members. Please note your dues will be delinquent after the September meeting and if not paid then you will be dropped from the membership list. Contact Treasurer Barbara Crompton (913) 492-6783 to get current.

Please provide the Membership Chairman M John Robinson with any updates or corrections.