



OLATHE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY

April 2018 MONTHLY BULLETIN

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

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 meet downstairs in room 018 which is located at the bottom of the staircase. The time from 6:30 to 7 PM is not structured, as member's fellowship and has a raffle. At the end of the raffle anyone who purchased tickets - and did not win anything - can go take one item from the table. The meeting starts at approximately 7 PM followed by the guest speaker. More information is available at our website: olathegemclub.com.

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 September meeting)

OFFICERS and CHAIRPERSONS 2017 – 2018:

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Gem Show Chairman:	Norman Onnen	
Raffle:	Keith Shaw and Brian Simmons	
Association Delegates:	Norman Onnen & Larry Wells	
Alternate Assoc. Delegate:	Currently vacant	

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: Just prior to the Saturday auction, our seven Clubs "The Association" presented \$7,000.00 in scholarships to Jr. & Sr. college students majoring in the earth science fields. Just imagine what a blessing this scholarship was to those smart young boys and girls! Our future will be in their hands soon. It's simply amazing that this was "OUR" Gem Show, and all the work was done by unpaid volunteers.

On two separate occurrences I was talking with someone at the show and discovered they were juniors and qualified for our scholarship and they weren't even aware we had one! I have attached the scholarship criteria and application at the end of this bulletin for everyone to review and keep in mind. For Assoc. scholarship info, and more, go to: kcgemshow.org

During our next Club meeting - Tuesday April 3rd - a committee will identify Executive Officer candidates to be elected during the May meeting. Members are to be polled to express interest to the named positions.

The March 9-11 Greater KC Gem Show was a tremendous success, attendance was exceptionally high. Thanks to all who helped! Our Club exceeded our goal of 20 display cases, we had 21 cases!!! Our Club will receive a set amount of money (TBD) for each case.

On a different subject Bev and I have several beautiful rescued cats that are looking for a good home with lots of love.

VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: Thanks to Kirby Marker for his entertaining and educational March presentation on Lake Superior agate collecting.

Our April presentation will be a show and tell from several club members. Also, Larry Wells will complete his Ultraviolet Gem Identification presentation by showing a few slides he has left over from our February meeting.

Norm Onnen has contacted Dave Burnham to give a presentation/update on the KU T Rex dig and preparation. There is tentative agreement that he could do this at our May meeting.

JUNE 2, 2018 SATURDAY - OUR CLUB'S PICNIC AT LONE ELM PARK: from 3 to 9 PM, at the same location as last year. I will pass around a sign-up sheet during the April and May meetings. Members are to bring a side dish and donations of rocks, fossils, minerals, and whatever will sell ☺ for the picnic auction. The Club will provide meat (hamburgers & hotdogs), condiments, bread, drinks, ice, plastic ware, and charcoal. No alcohol is allowed in the park.

SKILLS & INTEREST DIRECTORY: Julie Robinson distributed the new Skills and Interest Directory in a 3 ring binder at our March meeting. Since then several new members have joined our Club, so you can plan on receiving future directory updates via email to keep your directories current. Julie can be reached at (816) 797-4602, or jukay11@gmail.com for comments, questions, and directory updates. Thank you to Julie Robinson, and others who have worked very hard on this project! The feedback has been overwhelmingly positive.

SHOW & TELL: Members interested in doing a Show & 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, cell (816) 337-1527.

CLUB LIBRARY: Mike Purduski has donated 1970s and 1980s **Lapidary Journals** to our library, with some duplicates included. These duplicates will be brought to our next meeting to be sold for .25 cents each. Also, we are missing some months and would like to fill them if anyone can help. Members are reminded that the club library is being maintained, and the holdings are listed on the club website. Donated items to the library

are gratefully accepted. Thank you Mike! As requests for items are made they are brought to the next club event. For more information contact Norm Onnen.

Sandy Daum recently donated Gem Trails of Texas, and an "author autographed" copy of Roadside Geology of Missouri.

******UPCOMING EVENTS******

NOW THROUGH April 1st - Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art: Two Exhibitions, One Price! Admission to *Dreams of the Kings: A Jade Suit for Eternity* will include an additional ticket to view *Through the Eyes of Picasso* good for one visit through April 1, 2018.

Treasures of the Han Dynasty from Xuzhou. Featured objects include exquisite vessels fashioned from solid jade, a full suit of iron armor, a spectacular solid gold belt buckle and a magnificent, 2,000-year-old, life-sized jade and gold burial suit that is the finest to have survived from ancient China. The objects were excavated from a group of monumental tombs of the Kings of Chu that were carved into rocky hillsides in an area midway between Beijing and Shanghai.

In adjacent galleries will be displayed a selection of 90 pieces from the museum's celebrated collection of early Chinese art from the Shang (16th century—ca. 1046 B.C.E.) to the Han (206 B.C.E.—220 C.E.) dynasties. The display will include the world-famous jade bi ritual disc and many other exceptional pieces.

Comment from our past President Norm Onnen: My wife and I viewed the "Dream of Kings" exhibit and were greatly impressed by the quality and comprehensive nature of this splendid collection of jade, bronze and pottery artifacts of the Chu kings (Han dynasty) from over 2,000 years ago. Of primary interest were the numerous jade items, all hand carved/sculpted and polished by court artisans. The precise design and fabrication of the individual pieces had to have taken many years given the exceptional hardness of jade. This exhibit will be at the Nelson-Atkins Gallery through April 1, 2018 and will then be disassembled and items returned to their respective venues. Please consider visiting this exceptional exhibit prior to closure.

NOW THROUGH MAY 28th "MODERN DINOSAURS?" Prairiefire Museum 5801 W. 135th St. OPKS 66223 (913) 333-3500. Modern Dinosaurs? explores how mysterious beasts became familiar icons. Encounter full-size dinosaur skeletons, scientific instruments, original letters and works that fueled a scientific revolution. Discover natural selection in the age of the dinosaurs as you consider the evidence indicating birds descended from dinosaurs and as a result, should be considered modern dinosaurs. Several interactive stations are also a part of the exhibit. While Prairiefire is affiliated with the American Museum of Natural History in New York, this is the first exhibit that is an outside collaboration with Triebold Paleontology.

APRIL 1, 2018, Opening Day Selenite Dig/Collection; Salt Plains N.W.R., Jet, OK.

April; 7-8, 2018 Lincoln Gem & Mineral Clubs: 60th Annual Show; Diamond Festival. Lancaster Event Center; 84th and Navelock; Lincoln, NE. \$6 adult, 1 & under free.

April 20-22. Wichita Gem & Min. Show: "Unbelievable Rocks, Minerals & Fossils". Auctions Sat & Sun. Cessna Activity Center 2744 George Washington Blvd. Wichita, KS. Adults \$5, 13-17 \$1, 0-12 free.

May 4-6, 2018. McPherson Gem & Mineral Club: 24th Annual Sale. 4-H Fairgrounds, 710 W. Woodside; McPherson, KS. Free admission.

May 18-20, 2018. Trip-State Gem & Mineral Society: Twelfth Annual Spring Rock Show, Schifferdecker Park; Joplin, MO. Free admission.

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June 9, 2018. Mineral & Fossil Sale: 603 SE Green St., Lees Summit, MO. 9am-4pm. Email questions to lsdandj@att.net

July 20-22, 2018 Rocky Mountain Federation Gem and Mineral Societies Annual Convention; Rapid City, SD.

Oct. 13-14, 2018. Topeka Gem & Mineral Society: 62nd Annual Show. Opal It Is. Kansas ExpoCenter Agriculture Hall, 17th & Topeka, Topeka, KS. \$5 adult, student \$1, under 13 free.

Linda Hall Library, 5109 Cherry Street, Kansas City, MO 64110:

<http://www.lindahall.org/online-exhibitions/>

One of the "Online Exhibitions":

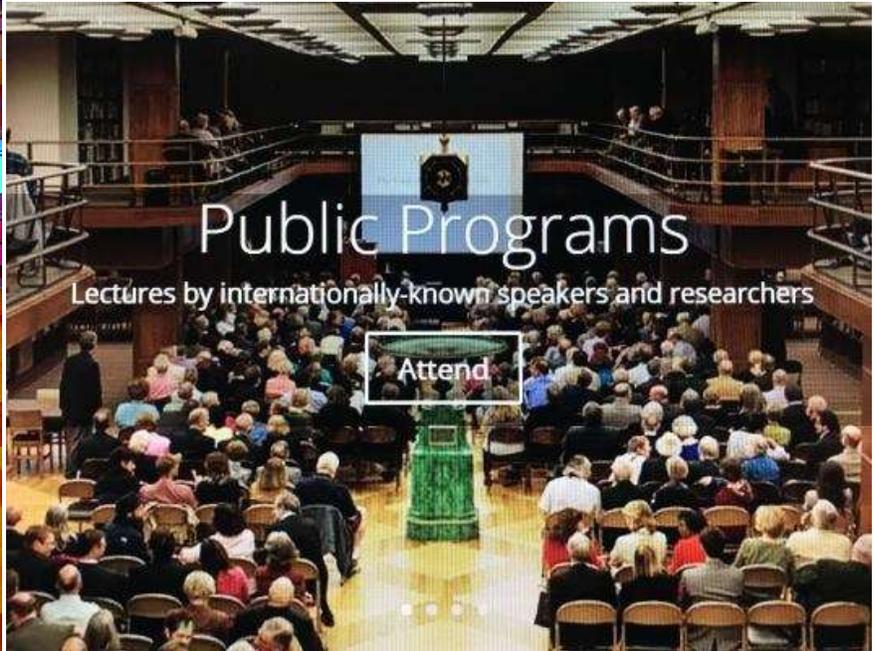
Blade and Bone: The Discovery of Human Antiquity



In 1800, it was generally believed that humans were a relatively recent addition to the earth, dating back some 6000 years. By 1920, it was commonly understood that humans had been on earth for a very long time, had lived in rock shelters and used tools fashioned from flint, and had expressed themselves artistically in bone carvings and cave paintings. This exhibition documents the discovery of human antiquity as presented in the original books and journals.

"The Tazza": "The [Tazza](#)", one of the largest pieces of [malachite](#) in North America. Czar Nicholas II presented the gift of a great malachite tazza to the American Ambassador to Russia, August Heckscher, in 1910. The tazza became part of the Heckscher Museum of Art collection, where it resided for many years. The tazza was rediscovered in the art and antiques marketplace and purchased for the Linda Hall Library near the UMKC campus by Mrs. Kenneth Spencer in 1972.

Malachite, a mineral often found in oxidized zones of copper ore deposits, was found abundantly in the Ural Mountains of Russia. Other significant deposits have been found in France, Israel, Mexico, and Arizona. It often occurs with azurite. The Linda Hall tazza is considered to be one of the four most important pieces of green malachite in the world, according to art historians, and the largest in the U.S. The remarkable piece measures 6 feet, 6 inches from its base to its rim. The saucer measures nearly 5 feet in diameter.



Note: The Membership List is separate.

Scholarship Application

AWARDS: The Association shall provide several scholarships annually. These awards ranging from \$250.00 to \$1,000.00 each can be applied toward tuition or loans at an accredited college or university in Kansas or Missouri.

PROCEDURES: The Scholarship Committee will select finalists from applications received by **the end of February each year**. Applicants are asked to provide the following:

1. Fully complete attached application (including the six requirements listed on the application)
2. Recommendation from a Professor
3. Submission of all college transcripts

Finalists will be notified by and will be requested to attend the Saturday Night auction at 7:15 P.M. to receive their scholarship.

ELIGIBILITY: College students who have completed at least their sophomore year and are legal residents of the United States and studying for a degree in Earth Science related fields may compete. Finalists will be eligible to compete in the following year's program.

RETURN VIA MAIL TO:

Molly Stinemetz
Scholarship Chairman
2706 S. Cherokee St
Independence, MO 64057

**INSTRUCTIONS: All sections must be completed. Please type or print clearly.
 Attach supplemental materials to this application as needed.**

STUDENT INFORMATION

Student Name	School Name
Permanent Address	School Address
City State Zip	City State Zip
Phone	E mail

ACADEMICS

Current Year in College	Current Degree Program
Junior	Bachelors
Senior	Masters
Graduate/Professional	Ph/D
	Other

FACULTY ADVISOR _____

CONTACT INFO PHONE # _____ EMAIL _____

ON SEPARATE SHEETS ADDRESS THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

1. SPECIAL HONORS OR AWARDS
2. SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES
3. LISTING OF CLUBS AND OFFICES HELD IF APPLICABLE
4. WORK EXPERIENCE
5. CURRENT FINANCIAL SUPPORT
6. FUTURE CAREER GOALS

All information provided must be accurate and complete.

 Student's Signature DATE

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