



MARCH 2019 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 in June which includes a silent auction. 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. 6:30 to 7 PM is not structured, as member's fellowship and have 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 7 PM followed by the guest speaker. 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)

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Coalition Field Trip – I have talked to Larry Henderson with the NEKan Rock and Fossil Club, and we are invited to fossil hunt with their club at a well-known NE Topeka spot on March 16th. If anyone is interested, please email Deb at MotoChef1@outlook.com to get the meet up time and location.

Members are encouraged to bring ideas to the table! If you have an idea for a meeting topic or field trip or presenter please share! We need everyone to participate if we are going to have a successful club!

Because the Club is growing in membership we will be having 3 people, instead of two, bringing snacks in the future to make it more affordable. There are just a couple spots left if you can help out

Please introduce yourself if you see a new face! Julie will be getting updates to the member directory soon!

We have invited our RMFMS Kansas Representative to visit our club in April 2019!

March is our Clubs Gem show! We participate with other area clubs to put on the spring show at KCI. More info on this at the meeting! Be ready to volunteer with us to make it the best show yet!

If you were not able to get the size of shirt needed at the meeting please email Tammy or Deb and we will work on getting it done!

FIELD TRIPS

Another month goes by and the weather is **still** very unpredictable, we will still need to wait for a field trip. The Nebraska trip will need to wait until the snow and rain is done and the sun wants to stay.

I do have a closer location we can go to in Parkville, MO. This location has many fossils like nautiloids, worthenia, and others. This location is near Park University and would be great for a field trip on a Sunday. Send me a message if this area would be good for you and which Sunday is best 1st, 2nd, 3rd, or

4th and I will try to pick a Sunday that would be warm and dry. Also this would be after 12noon for all who go to church. hartman.12345@hotmail.com or 785-380-6016.

Anyone with suggestions please contact Lesilee Hartman to get it scheduled!

CLUB LIBRARIAN, NORM'S MESSAGE: Members are reminded that the club library is being maintained, and the holdings are listed on the club website. As requests for items are made they are brought to the next club event. Club members who have materials checked out are requested to return these items and/or re-new their interest in keeping them for an extended time. For more information call Norm at (816) 645-1333.

Please note that the listing of documents held in the club library has been updated and posted to our club website effective 11/12/18. It includes all items recently donated by several club members. That being said, there's still room in the library if others wish to provide and/or donate to the library. Also if there are documents you feel should be in the library for the benefit of our members, please let me know of them.

An audit of the club library holdings will be accomplished by the end of January. If you have borrowed documents from the library over the past year please reconfirm with me that you have those items, and either re-establish that you continue to need them and/or return them so that others may have access. Also, if you have documents that you wish to donate to the library, please let me know. Finally, if you are aware of items that should be obtained for our library, please make that request (including title, author, anticipated cost, etc.) for consideration.

Association Notes - Related to our March 8-10, 2019 KC show:

OGMS is the second largest and active club (only IGAMS is larger) participating in the show. We need to volunteer and help commiserate with our size, activities and anticipated benefit. To that end a sign-up sheet is to be sent around (email and at our next club meeting) for those able and intending to help, some on a hour-by-hour basis.

Tom Lorenz and Mike Purduski have indicated they have a couple of display cases available if someone needs to borrow any.

Show hours will be Friday 10-8, Sat. 10-7 (with the live auction following), and Sunday 10-5.

Much help is needed on Wed. March 6 from 10am until mid-afternoon setting up and preparing tables. Also on Thur. morning to finish setting up, placing signs, putting skirts on tables, etc.

Please go the Association Website <http://kcgemshow.org/> to increase the hits on the website. In addition, please go the Association Facebook page to add your likes.

There will be someone at the Information Booth to identify minerals and specimens that anyone wants to bring in.

Volunteers are needed to work at the faceting and cabochon table. Equipment will be there to use. Robert Smith will ID your mystery fossils at the Demonstration tables.

Additionally, the sign-up sheet is asking for volunteers for -

Admissions (Fri., Sat., Sun.)

Demonstrations table (will need to identify what you will demonstrate, and it will be scheduled per you time/availability)

Fluorescent display (a limited number of hours will be identified, and 1-2 people are needed to assist).

Silent Auction

Live Auction (Collect items from vendors, and the auction will occur Sat. Night)

Info Booth (PA announcements, directions, questions and answers on a hour-by hour basis Fri., Sat., and Sunday)

Association Booth (all three days on a hour-by-hour basis, plus Thur. afternoon set up)(Our club member Chet McLaughlin will run this this year, but needs help as he cannot be there all the time).

Story Book Room (all three days on an hour-by-hour basis)

Swap Area. (Will be run by Don Smith and a couple of volunteers. OGMS club members participating in the SWAP will need to set up their own items, man their table space, and coordinate with Don).

Set Up (see above for Wed. and Thur. times)

Food (Volunteers are welcome to participate in a Thursday evening meal. Meat and drink items by the Association. Requesting side dishes, etc. Time to be determined.)

Finally, need a couple of strong backs to help load a display Sunday evening at show closure for return to Washburn University

Club display cases are to be set up after 1pm on Thursday. The Association is stressing each case needs to include the club identification, the name of the participant, accurate labels and any support information/educational data on items displayed.

Badges. All club volunteers (and those assisting in any manner) will need to wear badges starting Thursday throughout the show. (No badges for Wed. set up). I will need a list of all such volunteers (so badges can be made in time) by NLT Monday evening, March 4. Note that club membership cards will also gain admission to the show, but the badges also need to be worn by the volunteers, etc. a

Looking forward to another great show.

Norm Onnen

SKILLS & INTEREST DIRECTORY: To keep your directories current you can plan on receiving future updates via email. For changes, and directory updates contact Julie Robinson at (816) 797-4602, or jukay11@gmail.com. New members will receive a directory as they join.

SHOW & TELL: Members interested in doing a Show & Tell should contact Deborah Bryant, President, to get scheduled. Deborah's contact info is MotoChef1@outlook.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 8th, 9th, 10th! Gem Show at KCI Expo Center!

March 23rd – 24th MWF-AFMS Gem, Mineral and Fossil Show & Convention

March 23-24, 2019 Cedar Rapids, Iowa annual show. This event, considered to be one of the best in the region, will have a theme this year entitled "Celebrating Geodes - Iowa's Mysterious State Rock". Additionally, this will serve as the site for the Rocky Mountain Federation and the American Federation Conventions. (Our club, by membership/association with the Rocky Mountain Federation is also a member of the parent American Federation of Mineralogical Societies, who rotates their participation annually - this year landing in Cedar Rapids). Site of the show is 1830 30th Street Drive, Cedar Rapids, IA 52403. Website is Cedarvalleyrockclub.org.

Miscellaneous

How to make a Cheap Pressure Sprayer to Clean Your Rocks

Don't have a hundred dollars to spend on a pressure sprayer? Me neither. This information came from the website <http://tomaszewski.net/Kreigh/Minerals/Homemade.shtml> along with my experience on making and using this sprayer.

This sprayer will hook up to the end of a garden hose. You will need a brass end cap (\$2.22 at Home Depot), a 1/32 drill bit, and a 1/16 drill bit.

Drill a hole using the 1/32 drill bit thru the center of the brass end cap. From the **inside** of the brass end cap, drill a hole using the 1/16 drill bit half way thru the end cap to bevel the existing hole. Do not go more than ½ way thru. Install the cap on the end of a hose and turn the water on (make sure a washer is installed in the end cap). A very fine stream of water will be expelled through the end cap.

The pressure from this sprayer will not cut your skin, but it is a little uncomfortable. I have had very good success in cleaning out vugs and cavities in rocks after they have been soaked in some soap and water overnight.

Dan McDaniel