



JULY 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)

OFFICERS and CHAIRPERSONS 2018 – 2019:

President: Deborah Bryant (816)337-1527

Vice President: Tammy Shaw (816)674-1368

Secretary: Vikki Ritter (913)827-2724

Treasurer: Barbara Crompton (913)492-6783

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Membership Chairman: M John Robinson (913)669-8284

Field Trip Coordinator: Leslie Hartman (785)380-6016;

Field Trip Assistant: Larry Wells (913)787-5138

Programs: Tammy Shaw, VP

Librarian and Historian: Norman Onnen (816)645-1333

Gem Show Chairman: Norman Onnen

Raffle: Lisa Hulbert

Association Delegates: Norman Onnen & Larry Wells

Alternate Assoc. Delegate: Chet McLaughlin and Deb Bryant

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Officer elections were held in May at our general meeting. Officers Elect for the upcoming year are:

President	Norm Onnen
Vice President	Lisa Hulbert
Treasurer	Barbara Crompton
Secretary	Marsha Duby

DUES ARE DUE

Dues for 2019 – 2020 were due in May. If you have not paid your dues, please make your payment at the General Meeting in September to keep you on the membership list.

OGMS JUNE 1, 2019 PICNIC

Our OGMS club held it's annual summer picnic on Sat., June 1, 2019 at Kill Creek Park in Olathe, KS. (Thanks to Dan McDaniel for arranging this venue following the unavailability of the Lone Elm Park site used in the past.) While in excess of 40 had originally signed up for the picnic, the actual number of attendees was slightly decreased mostly due to a quick thunderstorm that passed through just before the picnic was to begin. That was only a temporary impedance however and the weather soon cleared and the event went on without any further impact. All agreed that the picnic was a success, the venue most satisfactory, and many suggested that we should consider returning here in future years.

Thanks to Leslie Hartman for obtaining the club provided food items, and to Lisa Hulbert's husband for performing the outstanding chef efforts. The picnic fare was excellent and fully appreciated, and the highlight item was a desert cake made in the image of a partially opened geode by Meghan. We appreciate her outstanding and very tasty creation. An image of her cake is on our website home page,

WWW.OLATHEGEMCLUB.COM . As in the past, a silent auction was held, and we appreciate M. John and Julie Robinson for once more organizing this activity (and to those who contributed items for the auction). This raised \$242.50 for our club.

Thanks to all who participated in this annual club event.

FIELD TRIPS

Whetrock Quarries: 4880 24th Ave. Murray, NE 68409

Following the inclement weather cancelation of the originally scheduled OGMS field trip to the Whetstine quarry in Murray, NE on May 25th, a group did visit the site on Sat., June 8, 2019. Lesliee Hartman led the trip and posted pictures of fossils and materials collected on Facebook.

Now a follow-on trip is scheduled for **Saturday, June 29.**

TIME: 10:30AM --We all will meet at the Whetrock Quarries: 4880 24th Ave. Murray, NE 68409.

DIRECTIONS: Take Hwy 75 North about 16 miles North of Nebraska City, turn East on Kenosha 2.5 miles East to 24th Ave., South one (1) mile to Splitt Drive. Quarry entrance is 100ft South of intersection.

AT QUARRY: We will fill out any papers needed before having fun!

NUMBERS TO CALL IF RUNNING LATE OR LOST: Larry Wells cell 913-787-5138 and Lesliee Hartman 785-380-6016.

Please help make this visit successful, and please respond to Lesliee's June 17 email asking for confirmation of your intent to participate.

APAC Quarries: Louisburg, KS

Several club members have asked for another field collecting trip to the APAC quarry in Louisburg, KS. This quarry has been sold to Hamm Companies and Norm has been successful in obtaining agreement that we will be allowed to collect there once more. As anticipated, we will be given a safety briefing, will be issued vests and hard hats to be worn while on site, and will be escorted on selected Sat. visits. Please watch for a message from Lesliee Hartman as to when the field trip will be scheduled. (Hamm Companies operate several quarries, including one North of Lawrence, KS, and it is hoped we can arrange to visit some of the others in the near future).

Anyone with suggestions for Field Trips, please contact Lesliee Hartman to get it scheduled!
hartman.12345@hotmail.com or 785-380-6016.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORIES

The updated Membership Directory pages were passed out at the picnic to current members. Any new members received the complete binder and directory. If you were not able to attend the picnic, the updates will be available at the September General Meeting.

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 16-18 – 27th Annual Treasures of the Earth

Friday 3:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Saturday 10:00 am - 6:00 pm

Sunday 11:00am - 5:00 pm

Machinists Hall Auditorium, 12365 St. Charles Rock Road, (Bridgeton) St Louis County, MO 63043

I-270 at St. Charles Rock Road

For more info, contact Robert Morse – Show Chairman at 636-462-4423

September 6-14 - Colorado (Fall) Mineral & Fossil Show.

Crowne Plaza DIA, 15500 E. 40th Ave., Denver, CO 80239.

October 5-6 - Omaha Gem and Mineral Show

Saturday 10:00 am - 6:00 pm

Sunday 10:00am - 4:00 pm

Westside Middle School

8601 Arbor St

Omaha, NE 68214

October 12-13 - “The Many Shades of Turquoise”, Topeka Gem & Mineral Society 63rd Annual Show

KS Expocentre Agricultural Hall , 17th & Topeka, Topeka, KS.

\$5 adults, \$1 youth 13-17. Discount coupons available.

October 26-27 - Oklahoma Mineral and Gem Show

Saturday 9:00 am - 6:00 pm

Sunday 10:00am - 4:00 pm

The Modern Living Bldg.

608 Kiamichi Pl.

Oklahoma State Fair Park

Oklahoma City, OK

INTERNATIONAL EXPOSITION OF AGATE

The International Exposition of Agate was held in Austin, Texas June 6-9, 2019 and attracted over 200 participants. This premier four day event hosted 16 internationally acclaimed speakers/authors, 42 agate specific vendors and 24 museum quality special exhibits (see lists below). Attendees and speakers came from throughout the U.S. as well as from Britain, Germany, Russia, Australia, Mexico, Africa and South America. I typically attend these sessions (my fourth of the five that have produced), which occur every four years, as they are some of the most educational and informative mineralogical offerings available, and expose participants one-on-one to the leaders in the field. Interestingly OGMS member Josh Foster was also seen at this event. It is unknown at this time where the next agate conference will occur, but it is very worth while planning for and attending.

Speakers/Topics

Joe Dehmel. Theories on agate genesis.

Rob Burns. Australian and Indonesian agates.

Al Celli and Roland McIntosh. Kentucky agates.

Steve Bussan,. Rare copper replacement agates and the Wolverine Mine.

Holger Quellmatz. Moroccan and Tizi n 'Tichka Pass agates.

Luis De Los Santos. Condor agates from Argentina.

Jason Brown. Moctezuma agates.

Alan Meltzer. Banded dino bone agates.

Dietrich Mayer. German agates. (Author of "Exquisite Agates" - which is in my library).

Larisa Shanaeva. Russian agates.

Pat McMahan. SW US agates. (Author of "Agates with Inclusions" - which is in my library).

John D. Marshall. Lake Superior agates. ("Author of The Other Lake Superior Agate" - which is in my library).

Philip Stephenson. Idaho agates and jasper.

Joshua LeCram Ritter. Mozambique and Malawi Africa agates.

Robert Cooper. Agate mining and collecting.

Special Exhibits. (Most museum quality pieces).

The Hooded Owl (owned by Brad Cross, and considered the most perfect Apache agate; Gem Fossil Bone; Australian agate; Chinese Fighting Blood Agate; New Mexico Thunder-eggs; Moctezuma Agate; River Crossing Condor Agate; Argentina Agate; Kentucky Agate; Petrified Wood Agate; Russian Agate; Union Road Agate; Hart Mountain Jasper, Pseudomorphs & Agate; Laguna Agate; Lake Superior Agate; Aibates Agate; Malawi and Moctezuma Agates; German Agates; Timor Agates.

Norm Onnen

