



JUNE 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

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

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

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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 pay them at the picnic.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Annual Picnic:

The Annual picnic this year will be June 1st from 3:30 pm to 10:00 pm at **Kill Creek Park – Shelter #3**.

NOTE: The location has changed from previous years due to construction.

Please bring your side dishes to share pot luck style.

Members should bring donations of rocks, things they made, equipment, etc. for the silent auction. You may print off a silent auction form from our website :

<http://olathegemclub.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/OGMS-Silent-Auction-Forms.pdf> . Auction forms will also be available at picnic.

The Club will provide meat (hamburgers & hotdogs), condiments, bread, drinks, ice, plastic ware, and charcoal. No alcohol is allowed in the park.

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 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!

FIELD TRIPS

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

DATE: Saturday, ~~May 25, 2019~~ – June 8th

TIME: For those meeting with Larry Wells at the Skate City will meet at 7:00AM – CAR POOL map for those around Olathe and surrounding areas—meet at Skate City 9800 W. 62nd Terr. Merriam, KS 66203

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 Leslie Hartman 785-380-6016

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

For those interested in Western Kansas -

On July 10-July 12, 2019 there will be a "three-day excursion to Kansas' western frontier that includes a two-night stay in Colby, with visits to the Prairie Museum, Monument Rocks, the El Quarteljo Pueblo Ruins, the Duff Buffalo Ranch, Keystone Gallery, Lon Frahm Farm and Nicodemus National Historic Site." Guiding the trip will be well known Rex Buchanan, director emeritus of the KS Geological Survey (author of Roadside Kansas (with John R. Charlton), and editor of Kansas Geology). The coach for the trip on July 10 leaves KU Edwards Campus, then Osher Institute, Lawrence, then Manhattan Junction. Interested? Look at "osher.ku.edu", call 913 897 8530, or contact me for further information.

Norm Onnen

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 1 - Our annual summer picnic. Kill Creek Park, Shelter #3; from 3:30 pm

June 14-16 – Missouri Mines Rock Swap

For more information, call - Missouri Mines State Historic site: 575-431-6226

Friday and Saturday 9:00 am – 6 pm

Sunday 9:00 am -4:00 pm

Historic Site on south side of HWY 32, 1.5 miles west of US HWY 67.

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 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.

Excellent Read

Interested in Rocks, Fossils, Geography, Natural History?

Published/copyrighted in 2016, [House of Lost Worlds, Dinosaurs, Dynasties, and the Story of Life on Earth](#) is available at the area 1/2-priced book stores. Cited as “A Gripping tale of 150 years of scientific adventure, research, and discovery at the Yale Peabody Museum”, this book is full of the people and events which established this museum as world class. From Othniel Charles Marsh (of the Marsh/Cope fossil wars, and nephew of George Peabody, the \$ behind the establishment of the museum, and the mid-1800’s American interest in all things natural and scientific), James Dwight Dana (mineralogist)/volcano explorer), Benjamin Silliman (mineralogist/patriarch of American science), and other well known drivers of American scientific advancement and recognition, this book captures that development and energy. An interesting sidebar, is that while researching material for this book, author Richard Connie, reveals that a curator a few years ago discovered in the museum botanical collection an unrecognized (until then) a specimen that had been collected and tagged by Charles Darwin during his travels aboard HMS Beagle.

Like big rocks?

Opening on May 25, 2019 at Union Station/Science City is the North American Premier of “Stonehenge”. This exhibit contains items never before brought from Britain, and will remain in Kansas City only 3-months prior to its limited U.S. tour and return to the U.K.

Norm Onnen

