



OCTOBER 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 **023** 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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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE:

Welcome to a new year in the life of the Olathe Gem and Mineral Society. While our annual election occurs in May, the club new year realistically begins after the summer break with the installation of the incoming officers at the Sept. club meeting. Thank you to retiring officers Deb Bryant (President), Tammy Shaw (Vice President) and Vicky Ritter (Secretary) for their service and direction this past club year. We continue to be a vibrant growing club presently with over 60 members of very broad interests and levels of expertise in gem, mineral and fossil fields.

GENERAL MEETING ROOM CHANGE:

Please note that our General Meetings at Indian Creek Community Church have moved from room 018 to room 023 for October and November.

NEW HOME NEEDED:

This the 4th year since the passing of our club founder Sig Ross, and marks a challenge and opportunity for our club to establish a new home base for our functions. Having previously met in the Ross's Olathe home, we have most recently been fortunate to meet in the Indian Creek Community Church. With the church now needing to schedule one of their internal groups in the space we have been using, the time has arrived for us to research/identify our needs and find a new more permanent home. That being said, the Board is seeking club members help/suggestions in finding a new location. Per an email distributed by M. John Robinson last week, please assist/help the Board with any and all ideas to consider. We would like/need to be able to discuss options at our Oct. 8, 2019 Board meeting. Thank you in advance for your help in this important matter, and in keeping our Society viable.

SEPT. THANKS:

Our Sept. meeting program featured Kirby Marker with his display and presentation of beautiful Lake Superior Agates, mostly collected in and around the Topeka area where the last glacier dumped it's terminal load across NE Kansas. Kirby, while declaring to be a novice, clearly shows a passion about his

collecting activities and learning about agate formation, types and distribution. His self-taught initiative is a positive incentive for beginning rockhounds. We thank Kirby for this, his second, presentation to our club.

NOV. 1-3. GEM & MINERAL SHOW:

As in the past, our club will be provided a limited number of tables at the Nov. gem and mineral show to exhibit and sell their items. Association requirements are that 10% of the sales be given to the respective clubs. If you are interested in participating, please contact one of the club officers or Larry Wells prior to Oct. 8. This show, the 41st annual Shows of Integrity event, is set for Nov. 1-3, 2019 in the KCI Exhibit Hall, 11730 NW Ambassador Drive, Kansas City, MO 64153 www.showsofintegrity.com.

STONEHENGE:

Anyone like big rocks? Take note that the Stonehenge exhibit in Kansas City's Union Station will definitely close Sunday, September 29, 2019. This display of over 300 objects (half of which have never traveled outside of Europe) is a must see. Included in this North American premiere are an astonishing collection of finely napped flint weaponry related pieces, utensils and tools, as well as jewelry of gold, amber, jade, jet, chalcedony, etc. The display and explanation of this World Heritage site is a comprehensive learning experience that should not be missed. (For your calendar, coming to Union Station Oct. 24 will be a traveling exhibit of Genghis Khan and life in 13th century Mongolia. Several hundred items will be a part of this presentation revealing the life and plunder of the Mongols when they ruled the Asian Steppes).

HOLIDAY PARTY:

Recognizing how quickly calendars fill up around the holiday season, please reserve the evening of Sat., Dec. 7 2019 for our annual holiday party, again to be held at the Olathe 119th Street HyVee. Once more this will be a catered event with gift exchanges. The cost will be \$5.00 per person. Please watch for further details as the date approaches.

MOZARKITE - - & A PORTMANTEAU WORD(?)

First, M. John Robinson, with Leslie Hartman, are organizing the long-requested Mozarkite field trip (to occur Sat., Oct 19, 2019) and has sent to club members an email request of interest and driving instructions. Please let them know ASAP if you intend to participate.

What then is a "Portmanteau word"? Webster indicates it to be "a compact blend of two or more words", and in this case Wikipedia reveals Mozarkite to be a combination of "Mo" (Missouri), "zark" (Ozark) and "ite" (rock). Records indicate Mozarkite was made the Missouri state rock in 1967, but what is not revealed is how and when the word Mozarkite was recognized. As recent as a reference in the Sept.-Oct. 1964 Rocks and Minerals magazine, the rock being collected near Lincoln, MO was still being referred to as "Ozarkite".

VICE PRESIDENTS MESSAGE:

OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING:

Our guest speaker for our October General Meeting will be Tom Tivol. As always, Tom will present our club with valuable information about jewelry, gemstones and appraisal techniques.

RAFFLE AND REFRESHMENTS:

For those that may not know, the money we take in from our monthly raffle is being used to buy refreshments for the following months meeting. We will not be signing up for refreshments, but feel free to bring something if you feel so inclined.

MEMBERSHIP DUES:

If you have still not paid your membership dues for this year please do so immediately. We are woefully behind in collecting for this year and it's very important to have our memberships paid up.

LIBRARY

Our club library continues to accept donations of materials and publications, and the listing which can be viewed on the club website is periodically updated to reflect new acquisitions. Suggestions for items of interest that the club might obtain are always welcome for consideration.

Also, our club is a member of the Rocky Mountain Federation of Mineralogical Societies (RMFMS or RMF). The RMF has its own library, and has a vast holding of items available for member clubs (and club individuals) to borrow. Norm has, in the OGMS library, a hard copy of the RMF listings (this also may be viewed on the RMF website). These holdings include DVD's (124 listings); CD Rom's (10 listings); VHS (103 listings); slide presentations/programs (188 listings). These are great for specific club programs and/or specific individual interest. Should OGMS members wish to borrow any of these (there is only a minimal shipping/handling charge), please contact Norm for assistance, or feel free to directly contact the RMF librarian. Norm Onnen

FIELD TRIPS

October 19TH - Mozarkite Trip

OGMS will have a field trip on October 19th to collect Mozarkite. Please let Leslie Hartman know if you intend to go so your name can be added to the list and that M John can notify Bob Harms by October 14th of the number of people to expect. M John has sent out a photo of the route from KC to the location near Cole Camp, MO. to the membership.

If you plan on attending, it would be helpful to car pool with others. Prepare to leave the KC area by 6:30 am to arrive at the collecting site between 8:00 am and 8:30 am. There will not be a charge for a back hoe this trip, but you will need to pay for the rock you collect. More information to follow.

November 2019

Norm is pursuing a possible field trip to a quarry in Grantville, KS for this November.

Spring 2020

Norm is pursuing another trip to the Hamm quarry in Louisburg, KS this Spring.

NEWS, VIEWS AND REVIEWS

GEODE FEST

The 15th Annual Geode Fest will be held Sept. 27, 28, & 29, 2019 headquartered at Chaney Creek Boat Access, Hamilton, Illinois. Officially hosted by the Keokuk (Iowa) Area Convention and Tourism Bureau, the event straddles the Mississippi River and focuses on nearby sites in Iowa, Illinois and Missouri. Registration is \$15 per adult (16 years old and older, and \$5 for 15 and under). Each registration allows the participant to 1 morning guided hunt (on Fri., Sat. and Sunday), and 1 guided hunt the afternoon of Fri. and Sat. As in the past, participants select (from a menu of sites identified as “Easy”, “Medium” and “Hard”) prior to each session, and convoy behind the guide to their selected site. There is an additional charge of \$25 per 5-gallon bucket of collected geodes payable to the site property owner or guide. (The fee at the St. Francisville site is \$.55/pound). Hamilton, Ill. is a small community with minimal service, however Keokuk, Iowa is immediately across the Mississippi River via an adjacent bridge, and has numerous hotels, motels and restaurants. Registration is available upon arrival at the event. Please review the registration form which may be accessed by using the following link. [Registration Form and Info](#) .

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept 27-29 - TriState Gem & Mineral Society; Joplin Historical & Mineral Museum

504 S. Schifferdecker Ave.

Friday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Saturday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Sunday 9:00am - 3:00 pm

free admission

contact Chris Wiseman, 504 S. Schifferdecker Ave., Joplin, MO 64801, (417) 623-1180; Email:

joplinmuseum@sbcglobal.net

Sept 27-29 - Geode Fest – 15th Annual Geode Fest and Rock Show

The Keokuk Area Convention & Tourism Bureau

Chaney Creek Boat Access, 1404 IL-96, Hamilton Illinois 62341

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

November 1- 3 – KC Gem, Mineral, Jewelry, & Bead Show,

Friday 10:00 am - 6:00 pm

Saturday 10:00 am - 6:00 pm

Sunday 10:00am - 5:00 pm

The KCI Expo

11730 NW Ambassador Dr., KCMO 64153

December 7 – OGMS Holiday Party

5:30 pm

HyVee, 18101 West 119th St.,

Olathe, KS 66061