



MARCH 2020 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 on the lower level in room **018**. 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:

Thanks to all who participated in the shop and swap session at our Feb. club meeting. Weather threats obviously played a part in our attendance and numbers were down from the session we had last year (and it is recognized that some members were at the Tucson Gem and Mineral Show). There are ideas being discussed as to how to boost participation in this event (including changing the date) in the future, as it has been touted as being one of our most popular sessions. Thoughts and comments are welcome as we consider and plan for this.

My Tucson Trip

(Bad News/Good News). First the bad news. For a rock collector, the disgrace is to be attacked by a rock (obviously a "leaverite"). Actually, my car was attacked by a large rock thrown from the rear of a rock hauling dual gondola truck. As luck would have it, the boulder went under the car (rather than through the windshield), which resulted in significant oil pan and emissions damage. Fortunately, Phoenix was nearby and after limping into the dealer, was provided exceptional over the weekend service. The good news here was that this allowed me to spend a couple of un-scheduled days in Phoenix, one of which allowed me to leisurely re-visit the Heard Museum which has long been on my bucket list. For those traveling to/through Phoenix I strongly suggest taking the time to visit the Heard Museum, which is nationally known as being the premier Native American Indian museum, but also exhibiting the most outstanding and extensive collection of historical and hand fabricated turquoise and silver jewelry in the country. (It also has most of the Fred Harvey collection of basketry).

A little collateral and trivia information realized from the museum visit is that 28% of Arizona is tribal land, that there are 22 sovereign tribal nations here, and that the Navajo (Dine') is the largest nation (over 275,000 enrolled members) on the largest reservation which is larger than 10 of the 50 U.S. states. (Actually, the Navajo reservation, while being primarily in AZ also includes parts of adjacent Utah and NM).

As for Tucson, the annual show continues to be the world's draw for the gem and mineral population, and the four-day exhibition at the convention center is unsurpassed for bringing together the best specimens, presentations, vendors, etc. This year's theme was "World Class Minerals" and featured displays from the Smithsonian Institute, the Natural History Museum of Vienna, GIA, Harvard, American Museum of Natural History, Carnegie, Geological Museum of China, National Museum of Scotland, the Perot Museum of Nature and Science, Royal Ontario Museum, Yale, and many others. Also, there were 45 expert speakers/presentations over the four-day event, and throughout the city (the first two weeks of Feb.) were vendors at 47 different venues. In all over 20,000 visitors were expected this year. (In 2021 the theme will be around "the 50th anniversary of the Fluorescent Mineral Society with the most spectacular exhibition of minerals that glow under ultraviolet light").

Can't get enough of Tucson? (or is it too big)? Patrons might consider visiting Quartzite, AZ during Jan. of each year where it is estimated that over a million "snowbirds" visit all of the vendors (prior to them moving to Tucson for the annual show). Some of our club members participate in this instead of the Tucson main attraction. And, if that is insufficient, individuals might consider the Denver show(s) which is evolving/building to challenge the tradition of Tucson. This year the Colorado Mineral and Fossil Shows are (spring) April 10-12, 2020, and (fall) Sept. 11-19, 2020.

Queen Nefertari (For Whom the Sun Shines) is in town.

Recognize that the Queen Nefertari exhibit is at the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art through only March 29, 2020. This exhibit, accompanied by 230 works of historic art, features the Queen (the Great Royal Spouse of Ramesses II during the 19th Dynasty) and items from the Egyptian tomb, as well as from around the historic region. As the tomb had been looted, as so many where, many of the artifacts have been assembled from worldwide collections through the organization of Museo Egizio, Turin, and StArt in collaboration with The Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art, Pointe-a-Calliere, Montreal Archaeology and History Complex, and National Geographic Society.

In the dark of night.

Regrettably, a police report revealed that the Hawthorne Plaza Overland Park Tivol jewelry store was burglarized before 4 am Thursday, Jan. 23, 2020. Burglars apparently forced entry through a side window and escaped while scattering jewelry across the parking lot in their haste. It has not been established or revealed how much was stolen, and to date no further information is available. (In 2001, four men were convicted of robbing and fencing more than \$2.5 million in jewelry taken from the Tivol store on the Country Club Plaza in 1997). (Source: KC Star; 1/24/20).

Lastly

In the Feb. 2020 Rock & Gem magazine, the article on "Fruita: The Real Jurassic Park" cites early 1900's icon (and KU educated) paleontologist Elmer Riggs. Two of Mr. Riggs mounted fossils (from western KS, reside in the KC Union Station Dino Lab.

KC Gem and Mineral Show - March 13-15, 2020

At the last Association Board meeting, the following were identified as needs:

Volunteers to help set up on Wed., March 11, 2020

Placement of club display cases on the afternoon of Thur., Mar. 12, 2020

Contributions (side dishes) to and participation in the Thur., Mar. 12, 2020 evening Pot Luck

Volunteers for the following during the actual show (on Friday through Sunday, March 13-15.

Registration/admission booth

Help with the Association booth

Help with the fluorescent room display/presentations

Help with the auctions

These volunteer functions are desperately needed to be filled (in hourly increments). As a part of the Association, the OGMS needs to do their part to make the event successful. If you are intending to visit the show, please identify the time(s) you plan to be there, and volunteer some time either before or after that you can schedule assistance. Please contact myself, and/or the club representatives Vicki Ritter, Chet McClaughlin and Mandy Lorenz to coordinate with the schedule of the individual functions. Thank you.

Note that the hours for the show are - -

Friday, March 13 - - 10 am to 8 pm

Sat., March 14 - - 10 am to 7 pm The auction is at 7 pm

Sunday, Mar. 15 - - 10 am to 5 pm

Norm Onnen

VICE PRESIDENTS MESSAGE:

March Presentation

For our March meeting we will have Dan Snow come speak about Fairburn agates which come from SD and NE and are rare to the degree that they are superior to Lake Superior agates according to collectors. This should be a fun and informative event and we hope to see you all there. Please feel free to invite anyone you think might be interested.

FIELD TRIPS

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

Lesliee has identified the following potential fieldtrips for the coming year:

Whetrock Quarry, Troy, KS

Mozarkite Trip

NELSON QUARRY WAVERLY, KS

HAMM Nebraska

Fluorescents in Nebraska

Kansas Dendrites

Watch for future updates.

NEWS, VIEWS AND REVIEWS

Meteorite Doorstop

Not everybody has one of these.

[https://apnews.com/606bce62545742fbafa7a2eeb89c6429/Rock-used-as-doorstop-is-actually-a-meteorite-worth-\\$100K](https://apnews.com/606bce62545742fbafa7a2eeb89c6429/Rock-used-as-doorstop-is-actually-a-meteorite-worth-$100K)

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute - items of interest

Nicodemus, KS and Sternberg Museum; bus tour and meals; April 3, 2020 (leaves and returns to Lawrence and Manhattan, KS)

Conquistadors in Kansas; lecture; Mar., 4, 11 & 18, 2020; Lawrence, KS

Deep Time: Stories from the Rocks; lecture; April 21, 28 & May 5, 2020; Lawrence, KS

(Note: The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Kansas provides “enrichment short courses & special events” for adults. Special events are at various locations, while courses occur in Kansas (Lawrence, Eudora, Manhattan, Topeka, Overland Park, Lenexa, Gardner, Olathe, Roeland Park, Mission, Fairway, KCK, Prairie Village, and Leavenworth), and in MO (Clay County). For additional information, schedules, spring catalog, please contact me. Norm Onnen).

(Source: Osher Spring 2020 catalog)

Mineral Trivia

What is the first mineral to be named for a person?

(Answer: **Prehnite**. Named for Colonel Hendrick Prehn (who called himself von Hendrik). In S. Africa, he discovered a new silicate and aluminum mineral, since named Prehnite in 1788. It was the first to be named and described from S. Africa, and also the first to be named for a person. Prehnite can be found in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan and on Isle Royale in Lake Superior.) (Source: Rocks and Minerals by Frederick H. Pough)

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 13, 14, 15, 2020

The 59th Annual KC GEM & MINERAL SHOW

11730 NW Ambassador Dr., KCMO 64153

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Sat., March 14 - - 10 AM to 7 PM

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April 10, 11, 12, 2020

Colorado Mineral and Fossil Shows
Crowne Plaza Dia Hotel / Convention Center
15500 E 40th Ave Denver, CO 80239

May 8, 9, 10, 2020

Central Missouri Rock and Lapidary Club

<https://cmrlc.org/>

Friday 12:00PM – 7:00PM

Saturday 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Sunday 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Knights of Columbus Hall

2525 N. Stadium Blvd. (Route E)

Columbia, MO 65202

June 6, 2020

OGMS Picnic – Kill Creek Park