



APRIL 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:

ALL OGMS MEMBERS: Due to the evolving virus concerns, the Board has cancelled the March 24 Board meeting, and the April 7 club meeting. Additionally, the church has cancelled all meetings by outside groups in their facility at this time for the next 8 weeks. We will also not schedule any club organized and sponsored field trips at this time, but will re-assess the situation about mid-April and report to the membership in the next Bulletin, and/or via club-wide emails as needed.

Below, please find events of interest developed before these current cancellations and announcements. They are annotated in red as to present understanding of status. Where known, contact information is provided.

Thank you. Please keep yourselves, families and acquaintances safe and healthy. Hopefully we will be back to normal schedule by the May timeframe.

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KC Gem and Mineral Show

Our annual gem and mineral show was a significant success in spite of the virus concerns. Attendance numbers were down somewhat due to uncertainty regarding officials allowing the event to proceed, however with established numbers of attendees being determined, we were able to proceed throughout the weekend. Special show sightings -- On Friday Tom Lorenz, along with Ann and Mandy were seen walking throughout the exhibit floor, and he was without his walker. It was good to see him out and about, and to talk with him as he regains strength and some weight. Also, Sandy Daum attended the show all the way from Florida, and she plans to come back for the November show.

Thanks to the following OGMS club members who volunteered, placed display cases, manned sales tables, etc. and helped make the show function in the best possible way. (Apologies if anyone is missed).

Alison Betts

Doug Birdwell

Kristin Christ

Dana Cline

Barbara Crompton

Sandy Daum

Josh Foster

Ed Hartl

Isaac Hartman

Kaitlynn Hartman

Leslie Hartman

Makayla Hartman

Mandy Lorenz

Dan McDaniel

Chet McLaughlin (Iron Man Award. Chet was there Wed. for set up, and all day Fri., Sat., and Sunday for the Association booth).

Norm Onnen

Mike Purduski

Vicky Ritter

Tom Tivol

Larry Wells

Cele Wood

It is believed our club placed 18 display cases.

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A special event will be held Thursday, March 19 at the KU Natural History Museum (6-9 pm) in Lawrence entitled Bones of the Kaw. This event hosted by museum staff and Friends of the Kaw will present fossils found along the river, and ID items for attendees. Listed for Friends of the Museum and Friends of the Kaw, it will probably be open to all interested individuals. (This event is likely cancelled as the University has issued self-quarantine direction for staff, and closure of dorms. Contact # 785 864 4450).

Also, on March 19 Linda Hall Library (adjacent to UMKC) will host the first of three lectures exploring our planet's past, present and future with a talk by Dr. Isabel Montanez, Distinguished Professor of Geology at the U. of California, Davis. This first lecture is entitled "Deep-time (Geologic) Insight into Earth's Future". The dates of the two follow-on lectures is yet to be announced. The event is free and open to the public; however e-tickets are required, and if you are unable to attend in-person, you may watch a live broadcast on Facebook or via [Livestream.com](https://www.livestream.com) And, as in the past, lectures will be available on the Library website at a later time. (This event will apparently occur live-stream with realtime Q&A. Contact info [lindahall.org](https://www.lindahall.org))

And, again at Linda Hall Library - - somewhat late, but noteworthy, Dr. Richard J. Gentile, Professor Emeritus UMKC (and author of "Rocks and Fossils of the Central United States with Special Emphasis on the Greater Kansas City Area) presented a four part geologic lecture. The segments entitled "The

Geologic History of Kansas City - Every Rock Has A Story To Tell" (Feb. 11); The Traveling Geology Exhibit - Bringing Geology To The People" (Feb. 18); "The Rock Ledge Along The Missouri That Gave Birth To Kansas City, Missouri" (Mar. 10); and " Hunting For Fossils In The Beautiful But Forbidding Badlands of South Dakota" (Mar. 17). It is anticipated that these sessions will be available on the Library website at a later date. (The March 19 session is postponed. Contact info lindahall.org)

Regarding Dr. Gentile, he is offering to host an April or May field trip to tour the on campus UMKC Geoscience museum. Pending interest, and Dr. Gentile's availability, this is tentatively planned for a Saturday. We will be polling the membership to establish interest in this event. (We will address this at a later time).

Presently at PrairieFire. "Permian Monsters: Life before the Dinosaurs". Step back in time 290 million years when bizarre-looking animals dominated life on land and sea, and find out about the greatest extinction the world has ever seen. (PrairieFire has closed and reportedly plans at this time to re-open March 31. Contact # 913 333 3500).

From the placed literature at the gem and mineral show, the following upcoming events - - (Check on status in each case before traveling to attend).

LaVista, NE. Rock Swap. LaVista Community Center. March 21, 2020.

Lincoln, NE. Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club's 62nd Annual Show. "Agates Around the World". Lancaster Event Center. April 4 and 5, 2020. (www.lincolngemmineralclub.org)

Iowa City, Iowa. National Fossil Exposition XLII. Sharpless Auctions Facility. April 17-19, 2020. (# 815 228 5083, Tom Williams).

~~Wichita, KS. 67th Wichita Gem & Mineral Show. "Earth's Hidden Treasures". Cessna Activity Center. April 24-26, 2020. (Officially cancelled. #620 660 1837).~~

Memphis, TN. Memphis Mineral, Fossil and Jewelry Show. 'The Earth Wide Open'. Agricenter International. April 25 and 26, 2020. (# 901 692 7518 / 901 490 3575).

Columbia, MO. Rock, Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show. Knights of Columbus Hall. May 8-10, 2020. (<http://cmrlc.org>)

Park Hills, MO. Missouri Mines Rock Swap. MO Mines State Historic Site. June 12-14, 2020.

Victor, CO. Victor Gem and Mineral Show. June 19-21, 2020.

Eldon, MO. Osage, MO Gem, Jewelry, Rock, Mineral, & Fossil Show. Eldon Community Center. June 26-28, 2020.

Tulsa, OK. Gem, Mineral & Jewelry Show. Exchange Center-Tulsa County Fairgrounds. July 11 and 12, 2020.

Omaha, NE Omaha Gem and Mineral Show. Ramada Plaza. Sept. 26 and 27, 2020.

Topeka, KS. Topeka Gem & Mineral Society 64th Annual Show. "Green with Envy". Agricultural Center. Oct. 10 and 11, 2020.

Des Moines, Iowa. 2020 Gem, Jewelry, Mineral & Fossil Show. Iowa State Fairgrounds. Oct 17 and 18, 2020.

Kansas City Gem and Mineral Show. KC Expo Center. Nov. 6-8, 2020.

VICE PRESIDENTS MESSAGE:

April Presentation has been cancelled.

FIELD TRIPS

All club sanctioned field trips are on hold at this time.

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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