



MAY 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)

OFFICERS and CHAIRPERSONS 2019 – 2020:

President: Norman Onnen (816)645-1333

Vice President: Lisa Hulbert (913)223-1028

Secretary: Vacant

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

Gem Show Chairman: Norman Onnen

Raffle: Lisa Hulbert

Association Delegates: Norman Onnen & Chet McLaughlin

Alternate Assoc. Delegates: Vicky Ritter & Mandy Lorenz

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE:

ALL OGMS MEMBERS: Due to the evolving, and continuing, virus concerns, and the fact that the church has cancelled all meetings by outside groups in their facility through May 11, we will not have a club meeting Tuesday, May 5, 2020. We will also not schedule any club organized and sponsored field trips at this time, but will re-assess the situation about mid-May and report to the membership in the next Bulletin, and/or via club-wide emails as needed. Additionally, the Tuesday, May 12, 2020 Board meeting is cancelled/postponed until further notice.

The next scheduled event is our Sat., June 6, 2020 picnic at Kill Creek Park, Olathe, KS. Presently the city is indicating all park and recreation programs are cancelled until further notice, however their web site indicates the park is open (presumably only for individual exercise and/or pet walking). We will carefully monitor the situation and hopefully have a clear determination on our use by mid-May.

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KC Gem and Mineral Show and Association News

Thanks to all the participants, the March G&M show was accomplished this year even though attendance was reduced primarily due to corona virus impact uncertainty and some marginal weather. While final figures are incomplete, due to the virus (again) and the Association Board being unable to meet, yet it is projected that the event lost some money this year. That being said, there is general agreement to proceed with the planning for the 2021 show and going forward. Good news for the clubs is that each club apparently will be awarded \$20/club case that was displayed. While less than last year, this is welcome news considering the situation.

The Association, in April of each year, elects' officers for the following year. As the Board has not been able to meet, by consensus, the Bylaws relating to election of officers has been suspended, and present officers have been individually asked to serve again. All have agreed and this will be confirmed via an email vote this week.

As for Association representatives, the delegates will remain N. Onnen and Chet McLaughlin; and the alternates will remain Vicky Ritter and Mandy Lorenz.

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OGMS Officers

Virtually on the same schedule as the Association, the OGMS is to elect officers at the May meeting each year. Per Bylaws, a nominating committee was named for the April meeting (Barbara Crompton, M. John Robinson and N. Onnen), however there was no meeting. As we have been unable to meet and function, with the agreement of the committee, I have taken the Association pattern and asked OGMS existing elected officers if they will extend their positions for the next year. In each case an affirmative answer was obtained (with the exception of the Secretary position which was being vacated).

As such officers for next year will remain N. Onnen, President; Lisa Hulbert, VP; and Barbara Crompton, Treasurer. The Past President will remain vacant.

The OGMS Secretary position is currently vacant. Barbara Crompton has been working on finding a candidate for Secretary. Tentative understanding is that Makayla Hartman, one of our club youth, would be willing to take on the Secretary position (with the help of her mother). To that end, at our next meeting, Leslie will nominate Makayla for consideration to this position.

Membership Dues

Club Bylaws indicate member dues are to be collected by our May meeting each year. As we are not meeting this May, we will suspend the collection of dues until (hopefully) at the June picnic and/or at our September 1st club meeting.

Library news

Dan McDaniel has posted the updated OGMS Library listing from Norm to the club website (dated Feb. 1, 2020). Note that many (many, many...) magazines have been donated to the library - - too numerous to list presently. They will be sorted and compared to those already listed. Duplicates will be brought to club meetings free to a new good home. Also, Barbara Crompton donated a packet of materials related to the Thunder bay Canada trip she and Alison and Sandy took a year ago. This packet, while not yet listed, will be provided/loaned as one piece to anyone interested.

Good Morning America - - to Rockhounds

Good Morning America's Robin Roberts, broadcasting on Wed. morning March 25 (and continuing), in initial self-quarantine from her Mississippi home, is seen with a large creamy white sedimentary geode (appears to be Moroccan displayed on a side table over her right shoulder). Over time it disappears, and then re-appears, in different locations, but is always nearby.

Pink Amethyst?????

Related to a rather recent (2018 at Tucson) introduction, pink amethyst geodes were seen at the KC March 2020 gem and mineral show. These ping pong sized geodes were noticed in the Hagar's Fossils & Minerals booth, as well as in at least two other vendors areas. Discovered in 2013 near El Choique Argentina, these rather small (usually 4 cm to 12 cm; rare exceptional ones reaching 50 cm) geodes were placed on the market in 2017 in S. America, and presented at Tucson in 2018, and at Denver in 2019. While the pink amethyst is of particular interest to collectors, these geodes typically also contain analcime, barite, calcite, celestine, gypsum, lithiophorite, and quartz. Now, the just received March-April 2020 "The Mineralogical Record" features an article on these geodes, and reveals that while amethyst is normally of the purple variety (colored by the presence of iron, activated by exposure to natural radiation), this pink amethyst "owes its color to an iron chromophore, and is not equivalent to rose quartz, which derives its color from sub-microscopic inclusions of a fibrous dumortierite mineral." While I did not purchase one of these at this show, I will be watching for them in Nov., and at other shows. (On line they range from \$40 and up depending upon size and color).

Comfort Bands

Check out on Tammy Shaw's Facebook page the comfort bands for medical masks being prepared by OGMS member Tammy in her Spring Hill, KS home. She will place these on her front porch to be picked up by those interested. Way to go TAMMY. Stay home and be well.

Things you find yourself doing while quarantined - -

In the 1990's, during the government's BRAC (Base Realignment and Closures) I was involved in a closure effort at the Anniston Army Ammunition base, during which time I visited a most amazing museum in Anniston, AL. Now, while I'm cleaning out old files, I find a brochure for the Berman Museum which houses the private collection of the late Col. Farley L. Berman and his wife Germaine which was donated to the city. Anticipating normal travel, etc. returns in the near future, if rockhounds, jewelry and history buffs find themselves passing near/through Anniston, AL, a visit to this museum would be highly recommended. The holdings include, among other important items - -

The 1587 sword of Abba the Great which has a jewel-encrusted scabbard boasting 1,295 rose-cut diamonds, several rubies and a large emerald,

Numerous exquisite Oriental cloisonné' and netsukes,

Napoleon Bonaparte's personal good luck charm,

Napoleon's shotgun,

Adolph Hitler's silver tea service,

The crown of Korea,

Frederick Remington's western bronze sculptures (21 of the 23 Remington produced)

Alexander the Great's ram's head helmet,

Works of art by Rodin, Renoir, Rembrandt, Daumier, Toulouse-Lautrec, etc.

Internet Correspondence via Email messages/addresses

Attention/concern has been received concerning email messages sent to entire membership lists and/or large groups of individuals. The concern is that there are unscrupulous individuals who "mine" such email address lists and use such contact information illegally and/or sell these without permission (often to off shore interests). To eliminate this potential, it is suggested that such mass emails be addressed in the to "Bcc" line (rather than in the "To" line).

Also, it is suggested that if one wishes to reply to a mass email message, they reply only to the individual(s) of interest rather than the entire group. Again, this can be done by using the to "Bcc" line.

Another situation needing attention is an unexpected email from a distant relative, long past acquaintance or friend that you were not expecting, and which states something such as "I should have sent this to you sooner" and then exhibits a link to click on. **DO NOT CLICK ON THE LINK** unless you trust the source, were expecting the message, and/or recognize what the link is about.

VICE PRESIDENTS MESSAGE:

May Presentation has been cancelled.

FIELD TRIPS

All club sanctioned field trips are on hold at this time. Watch for future updates.

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

NEWS, VIEWS AND REVIEWS

How many types of agates are there?

What a tough question. Let's see, how about banded and fortification for a start. Oh wait, are they the same thing? I have seen numbers ranging up to over 20. No matter how many, we can enjoy them all.

Included is a link to a website of Pat McMahan's called <http://agateswithinclusions.com/> . On this website are descriptions of many types of agates as well as some fantastic photographs of his collection

and where he collected them. As you can see, he really likes agates with inclusions. Makes you want to go out in the field and find some yourself.

Does anyone know who this Club Member is????

Hint, this is a selfie that hung in the Nelson Art Gallery!



Making Money in Kansas City — Mike McClurg

At our last club meeting in March, Norm asked if anyone else besides Dan Snow (Our Presenter) had ever had anything displayed at the Nelson Art Gallery, and he was very surprised when Mike McClurg held up his hand. (or maybe he was just holding out his hand!) Thank you, Mike, for the contribution to the Bulletin.

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 8, 9, 10, 2020 - Cancelled

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

June 12-14, 2020

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

June 19-21, 2020

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

June 26-28, 2020 - Cancelled

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

July 11-12, 2020

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

September 26-27, 2020

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

October 10-11, 2020

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

October 17-18, 2020

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

November 6-8, 2020

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

