



FEBRUARY 2021 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 Hope Chapel (formerly 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:

OGMS Club Meetings

The COVID -19 virus concerns continue to influence our decision regarding resumption of our monthly meetings. As such, we remain in recess until such time a more significant and positive measure of health concern is assured. Please watch our bulletin and website for announcements as to when we will resume our normal activities. In the interim we encourage everyone to continue to practice safe health measures.

March 2021 KC Gem and Mineral Show

It is with regret that we've learned that the March 2021 Kansas City Gem and Mineral Show has had to be cancelled due to virus concerns. This determination is a result of the assessment by the Kansas City Dept. of Health who issues the permits for these events. There was to be a re-assessment in mid-February, however the potential that conditions might not improve sufficiently by then, coupled with the late time frame, rendered it unrealistic to keep the event on the calendar for the Association. Vendors are being given the option of rolling their registration fees to 2022 or requesting a refund. (Not to feel slighted, the KC Dept. of Health is cancelling all events which would include large groups of participants in an environment that could not be social distancing controlled, and the popular gun show was one of these).

November 2021 KC Gem and Mineral Show

While it is still very early, it is anticipated that the November gem and mineral show (by Shows of Integrity) will still occur, again pending virus impact and concerns. The KC Health Dept. will also have permit oversight of this event as the time nears.

OGMS 2021 Summer Picnic

Being optimistic, we have scheduled and reserved our club summer picnic for Saturday, June 5, 2021 at Kill Creek Park – Shelter #3 in Olathe. The shelter (which we have used before) is isolated and large

enough for us to spread out and practice social distancing, if still prudent then. We look forward to once more being together.

OGMS Field Trip

An attempt to hold the first club field trip of 2021 is being penciled in either for the third or fourth Sat. of March at the Hamm Quarry in Louisburg, KS. Please watch for more details as the date approaches.

Rocky Mountain Federation (RMF) Annual Congress

The RMF (or which OGMS is a member) was the only Federation, including the parent American Federation, to hold their Congress in 2020. This occurred in Big Piney, Utah. Now (and this is from the RMF website, as official correspondence has yet to be received on the subject) it appears that the 2021 will no longer happen as originally scheduled in Sandy, Utah, but is going back to Big Piney, WY on June 17-20, 2021 and will occur in conjunction with the American Federation Congress. These Congress events are typically held with the local gem and mineral club annual show. For anyone wishing to attend this show, please be aware that Big Piney is a small community in SW WY and lodging is limited. As such, and considering the joint RMF and AMF Congress, accommodations should be arranged for well in advance. A positive for visitors is that Jackson Hole, WY (and the Grand Tetons) is only about 100 miles north of Big Piney, and Yellowstone National Park is just further north. (Yellowstone had been closed for lodging in 2020 but is currently taking 2021 reservations).

Association T-Shirt Contest

The contest for the design of the new Association T-shirts came to a close on Jan. 13. There were 7 entries from the various Association clubs and a first and second place designs were selected. The first-place went to the daughter of a Paleo Group member. The reason a second-place entry was voted on is in the event that the first-place winner might be too complex color-wise for the fabricator to process. The second-place entry was by the granddaughter of a IGAMS member. One of the requirements of the entries was that in recognition of the potential that the March 2021 might not occur, the design would not include the actual date of the 60th anniversary show, which, in hindsight, appears to have been appropriate.

Publication Contest Results.

Dan and Connie Snow (who presented their fluorescent minerals at the 2019 and 2020 KC shows) developed a flyer describing the fluorescent minerals. This entry was submitted to the Midwest Federation to be judged in the special publication category, where it was awarded first-place. The entry was then submitted to the American Federation where it was awarded third-place nationwide. Congratulations Dan and Connie. (Dan and Connie also presented at our club meeting last year and introduced a new NW Nebraska fluorescent find which was named Watermelon Calcite citing the vibrant colors exhibited under short wave UV light).

FIELD TRIPS

For the next few months, we will be taking a break for the holidays and the cool/cold weather. In the meantime, I will be working on the next set of field trips for next year when the weather permits. If anyone has any location to visit, let me know and I will check it out for a field trip possibility. Contact Lesliee at hartman.12345@hotmail.com or text me at 785-380-6016.

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NEWS, VIEWS AND REVIEWS

One of our club members, Mike McClurg, received the following agate for Christmas.



Per Mike, “Look closely to see how intricate the interlocking pieces are. It made for a very challenging puzzle.”

I would suggest Mike assemble the puzzle again, but turn the pieces over to have a totally different perspective and challenge. (And keep it away from the Rock Saw!!!)

Virus Idle Time Facts

Gold is the most ductile of all metals, allowing it to be drawn out into tiny wires or threads without breaking. As a result, a single ounce of gold can be drawn into a wire five miles long (26,400 feet). As of Jan. 2021, gold on the market sells for \$1,865 an ounce, making our five-mile-long gold thread worth about \$14.16 per foot. Also, about gold, there are current industry attempts to develop technology that would extract suspended gold from sea water. To date it has been ineffective and unprofitable, however the interest continues. (Source: National Energy Foundation). N. Onnen

American Consumption

The average American now consumes 37 million pounds of minerals, metals and fuel over a course of a lifetime. This includes 2,000 pounds of copper, 6,000 pounds of aluminum, 1,000 pounds of lead, 1,000 pounds of zinc, and 1.8 oz of gold per person, (Statistics: 2010) N. Onnen

Cookies Anyone?



Mike Bowers/Facebook

The following link <https://www.goodnewsnetwork.org/geologist-finds-cookie-monster-rock/> describes the find of this nodule in Brazil.

My wife, Sandra, found the following “heart” in Southwestern NM. It appears to be a rhyolitic conglomerate. D McDaniel



UPCOMING EVENTS

Upcoming Shows

While many shows are being cancelled across the country due to the virus, there are a few still being tentatively scheduled. Interested individuals are cautioned to periodically check the status of shows and promoter notices. To that end, we are aware that many of the Quartzite, AZ vendors are open (OGMS member Bear Carpenter was on site in mid-Jan.). As a follow-on, the JOGS International Exhibits in Tucson is still scheduled for Jan. 27-Feb. 8, however most of the other Tucson shows have been postponed and/or re-scheduled.

The major Tucson Gem and Mineral Show at the convention center has been re-scheduled for Feb. 2022. Thanks to Barbara Crompton for the following information provided from a California club she also belongs to:

Because of the current COVID situation major Tucson shows were postponed to April. Below is the list of

some of them, that will be open 7-25th April (but there is many more!).

The Mineral City Show 2021 (April 8-18) ; Sun Gems Show (April 7-25); Pueblo Gem & Mineral Show (April 8-20); The Big Gem Show (formerly HTTC, Inn Suites) (April 10-24)

Miners Co-op Rock Show (April 8-25); 22nd Street Show (April 8-25); Kino Gem & Mineral Show (April 8-25); 1820 Oracle Wholesale Show (April 7-25); 1801 Oracle – Mineral Village Show (April 7-25)

Mineral & Fossil Marketplace (April 9-24); G&LW Tucson Gem Show (April 10-18); GIGM Shows (April 9-24); JOGS Tucson Gem & Jewelry Show (April 7-19)

[Note: The TGMS Show remains cancelled and is not included in this April reschedule.]

March 12-14, 2021 – KC Gem and Mineral Show -CANCELLED