



MAY 2021 MONTHLY BULLETIN

A non-profit 501(c)3 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 Thursday 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**. 6:45 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

As noted in a recent email to all club members, we will once more have our normal meetings after the 14-month virus recess. This next meeting will occur where we have been meeting, that being in room 018 at Hope Chapel (formerly the Indian Creek Community Church) 12480 Black Bob Road, Olathe, KS. This will be on Thursday, May 6, 2021 at 6:45 – 8:45 pm. NOTE THE **THURSDAY** DATE RATHER THAN THE TUESDAYS WE HAD BEEN MEETING IN THE PAST, AND NOTE THE NEW TIME, **6:45 – 8:45 pm**. Our program will include a presentation about the Nevada opal limb cast collecting trip taken by four of our members last summer, a Larry Wells exhibit and discussion of a carved ivory piece, a demonstration on concave faceting, and resumption of the raffle. As refreshments will not be provided at this first meeting, those attending are urged to bring their own drinks and snacks if desired. We look forward to seeing all of our members once more after the long absence. Note that masking and social distancing will be practiced for this meeting while the county reviews and adjusts virus restrictions.

OGMS Board Meeting/Activities

In preparation for resumption of normal club activities, the OGMS Board met on April 21. At this meeting (minutes will be posted on our web site) it was established that our club meetings for the remainder of the year will be on the following **Thursdays** - - - **May 6, Sept. 2, Oct. 7 and Nov. 4**. While other functions will be scheduled during the year, we normally do not have club meetings in June, July, August and Dec. (Dec. being the holiday party).

Other discussions and decisions - - -

During the virus recess the club Bylaws were suspended as normal meetings and actions could not occur. The Bylaws will now be resumed.

Also, during the virus recess, annual membership dues were cancelled/suspended. These will now be resumed and are due going forward effective at our May 2021 meeting. New members gained during this past year will have their membership dues extended through this next period (until May 2022).

Officers/Committee Chairs for the 2021-2022 operating period (Sep. 2021 - Aug. 2022) will be Norm Onnen (President.), Barbara Crompton (Treasurer), Alison Betts (Secretary), Dan McDaniel (Bulletin/Web Site), Lesliee Hartman (Field Trip Coordinator).

Vacancies identified at the meeting are for Vice President, Membership Chair, and Directory coordinator. Those interested in these positions are urged to contact the Board.

The summer picnic will occur Saturday afternoon, June 5th at Kill Creek Park, Olathe, KS. Planning for this event will take place at the May Board meeting.

The December holiday party planning will continue pending venue determination and availability.

A Mozarkite collecting trip will occur in September. (This will be the last at this site as building will occur there in the near future).

We will continue to subscribe to and distribute the Mini-miner to club members.

A policy decision was made to include a classified section in our Bulletin in the future.

OGMS Author/Explorer

In the May 2021 Rock & Gem magazine, an article by OGMS member Gary Monroe appears in which he describes "A Rookie Prospector's Tale" involving he and three other OGMS members (Barbara Crompton, Allison Betts and Mike Purduski) "Senior Adventure at Royal Peacock Opal Mines, Inc" in Nevada in Sept. 2020. The 23-hour 1,550-mile (each way) drive was accomplished in one day and was rewarded by a visit to and collecting at a premier opal site. Part of the adventure (in which all found opals, of which we expect to hear more of later), was accompanied by rental car misadventure which can be touted as a learning experience when planning for such a trip to a remote area. In all, the article describes the satisfaction of the trip and experience, and suggests a return visit is in the planning stages. We look forward to seeing the opals this group returned with.

Rocky Mountain Federation News

The Rocky Mountain Federation of Mineralogical Societies (of which OGMS is a member) will hold its annual Congress/Convention in Big Piney, WY on June 17-20, 2021 (in conjunction with the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies Convention and the Sublette County Rock Hounds Annual Gem and Mineral Show). While the OGMS will be represented at the Congress by Norman Onnen as Delegate, it should be noted that the gem and mineral show will be open to all, including a number of field trips that are normally scheduled as a part of these meetings.

Association News

The Association of Earth Science Clubs of Greater Kansas City, Inc. (of which the Olathe Gem and Mineral Society is a member, along with six other area clubs) held its annual election of new officers in April (for the period of May 2020 - April 2021). The new officers are Bruce Stinemetz (President), Norman Onnen (Vice President), Lesliee Hartman (Secretary) and Molly Stinemetz (Treasurer).

The Association will host its annual picnic at Antioch Park, Overland Park, KS on Sunday, August 29th. If that date is unavailable the event will occur on Sunday, August 15. This event typically features a shop

and swap, followed by the picnic, which is then followed by a live auction (the proceeds which go to the Association education fund).

The new Association T-shirts are now available. (Small, Medium and Large are \$12, while X-Large and XX-Large are \$15). Some of these will be available at the OGMS meetings.



OGMS Club Library

Members are reminded that the OGMS maintains a club library which is available as a link on the club website. [OGMS Club Library](#)

Also, the Rocky Mountain Federation (of which OGMS is a member) maintains a library which is accessible to all of our members. This listing is on the Rocky Mountain web site and any items requested for loan are sent to a member club, the only expense being shipping costs each way.

Fluorescent Rocks on Local TV

As mentioned in a previous Bulletin, Dan Snow (who presents his fluorescent minerals at the March gem and mineral shows, and who gave a program to our OGMS meeting) was asked to assist with a related "Kids Pillar" piece to be aired on local TV. That has been accomplished and can be viewed at the following link - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1miH9n5pZ6A>

FIELD TRIPS

The April 24, 2021 field trip was to the HAMM quarry in Louisburg, KS. We had 19 adults and children on this field trip from OGMS, KMPS, Show-Me, and IGMS. Pictures are available on the OGMS Facebook page of the group and some of my findings. Many of the adults and children I was able to talk to were having a great time. The children were asking many questions about the fossils they were finding. I was happy to see a group of young kids wanting to learn, and maybe, one day, they will be able to serve in the rock club, and lead the field trips. Every time I go to the Louisburg quarry, it seems to get larger and more surprising. I tend to find something new each time I go.

As for a May field trip, please watch for emails because there are a few places being considered. Thank you all for your patience on the places and timing of the trips as they are mostly out of our hands.

If you have any ideas for a field trip, please let me know by email or text hartman.12345@hotmail.com or 785-380-6016. Lesliee

NEWS, VIEWS AND REVIEWS

Jurassic Park (-like) humor – Part 3 (and the end)

Morrison, CO, the namesake of the Morrison formation (site of the first discovery of three types of dinosaurs) is the home of a punster. The following represent some of his/her (?) more recent postings.
N. Onnen





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.

May 7-9, 2021 – McPherson Gem and Mineral Club Rock Sale - **CANCELLED**

County 4-H Building 710 West Woodside
McPherson, KS [mcpersongemandmineral](http://mcpersongemandmineral.com)

May 21-23, 2021 – Colorado Mineral and Fossil Spring Show

Crowne Plaza Dia Hotel / Convention Center
15500 E 40th Ave Denver, CO 80239

June 5, 2021

OGMS Picnic – Kill Creek Park

July 17-18, 2021 –TRMS Annual Gem Mineral and Jewelry Show

Tulsa Country Fairgrounds-Exchange Center

4145 E. 21st St.-Tulsa, OK [tulsarockandmineralsociety](http://tulsarockandmineralsociety.com)