



APRIL 2019 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 downstairs in room 018 which is located at the bottom of the staircase. 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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Alternate Assoc. Delegate: Chet McLaughlin and Deb Bryant

IN MEMORY OF SGT CHARLES "MURPHY" WELLS

The OGMS board Has voted to make a donation to the "Great Plains SPCA" in memory of Murphy Wells. Those members who also wish to contribute, may do so by making a check payable to "Great Plains SPCA". Bring your check to our treasurer, Barbara Crompton, at the April 2nd meeting. Great Plains will mail you a receipt or if you wish they can send an email receipt. All donations will be matched by the OGMS treasury up to a \$200 total.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Annual picnic this year will be June 1st from 3:30 pm to 10:00 pm at **Kill Creek Park – Shelter #3**. Please note the location has changed from previous years due to construction. We will have a sign-up sheet for picnic sides and how many will be attending. Members are encouraged to bring a side dish or dessert to share pot luck style. Members should bring donations of rocks, things they made, equipment, etc. for us to have a silent auction with. A form for the auction donations will be sent by email to be filled out for your items. The Club will provide meat (hamburgers & hotdogs), condiments, bread, drinks, ice, plastic ware, and charcoal. No alcohol is allowed in the park.

Members are encouraged to bring ideas to the table! If you have an idea for a meeting topic or field trip or presenter please share! We need everyone to participate if we are going to have a successful club!

Because the Club is growing in membership, we will be having 3 people, instead of two, bringing snacks in the future to make it more affordable. There are a couple spots left if you can help out

Please introduce yourself if you see a new face! Julie will be getting updates to the member directory soon!

VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Upcoming Programs

April - A representative from the Rocky Mountain Federation will be speaking at our April meeting.

May - Dana Cline will be demonstrating his sphere machine at our May meeting.

T-Shirts

If anyone did not receive a club T-shirt (free to members who have not yet received a shirt), we will be placing an additional order. We will pass out a request form at the April meeting.

If you need additional shirts, they will be available for a fee. I will confirm the fee (and whether additional colors are available) before the April meeting.

FIELD TRIPS

Finally, the sun is shining and the weather is warmer. Here is a list of possible upcoming fields trips: 1) Troy KS, 2) Mozarkite site, 3) Louisburg, KS/APAC, 4) Whetstine Rock Quarries in Nebraska, and 5) a few others I am looking into. One side note, many of the Olathe board members mentioned going to MT Ida in October. Keep this location in mind and watch for updates. If the weather can stay nice and dry for April then we can start Olathe off with Whetstine Rock Quarries. So, watch for emails and Facebook for the date and time of these field trips.

Anyone with suggestions please contact Leslie Hartman to get it scheduled!
hartman.12345@hotmail.com or 785-380-6016.

CLUB LIBRARIAN, NORM'S MESSAGE: Members are reminded that the club library is being maintained, and the holdings are listed on the club website. As requests for items are made they are brought to the next club event. Club members who have materials checked out are requested to return these items and/or re-new their interest in keeping them for an extended time. For more information call Norm at (816) 645-1333.

Thanks to Sandy Daum for the donation of the "ASARCO Mineral Discovery Center" booklet following her visit to this "Mission Mine". Known as the ASARCO Mission Complex, this is one of the largest open pit copper mines in the country. Tours of this facility are a popular event to those visiting the Tucson area. Sandy participated in this tour and highly recommends it (believed the cost is \$8). (A side note: Those visiting this mine should take the opportunity to visit the San Xavier Mission cathedral — about half way between Tucson and the mine which is actually adjacent to Sahuarita, AZ).

Thanks also to Mike Purduski who obtained/saved numerous gem and mineral books, magazines and documents from the estate of Kym Brown. These will soon be cataloged and available.

SKILLS & INTEREST DIRECTORY:

To keep your directories current you can plan on receiving future updates via email. For changes, and directory updates contact Julie Robinson at (816) 797-4602, or jukay11@gmail.com. New members will receive a directory as they join.

SHOW & TELL:

Members interested in doing a Show & Tell should contact Deborah Bryant, President, to get scheduled. Deborah's contact info is MotoChef1@outlook.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 23-24, 2019 Cedar Rapids, Iowa annual show. This event, considered to be one of the best in the region, will have a theme this year entitled "Celebrating Geodes - Iowa's Mysterious State Rock". Additionally, this will serve as the site for the Rocky Mountain Federation and the American Federation Conventions. (Our club, by membership/association with the Rocky Mountain Federation is also a member of the parent American Federation of Mineralogical Societies, who rotates their participation annually - this year landing in Cedar Rapids). Site of the show is 1830 30th Street Drive, Cedar Rapids, IA 52403. Website is Cedarvalleyrockclub.org.

March 22-24th – The Rock Hobby Club of Greater Saint Louis Show

Machinists Hall Auditorium

12365 St. Charles Rock Road (Bridgeton) St Louis County, MO I-270 at St. Charles Rock Rd. Exit

Fri 4:00 pm to 8:00pm Sat 10:00 am to 7:00 pm Sun 10:00 am to 5:00 pm

April 6th-7th – The Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club Annual Show

Lancaster Event Center – Lincoln Room

84th and Havelock, Lincoln, NE

April 12-14 - Colorado (Spring) Mineral & Fossil Show.

Crowne Plaza DIA, 15500 E. 40th Ave., Denver, CO 80239.

April 26-28 - 66th Wichita Gem & Mineral Show.

Cessna Activity Center, 2744 George Washington Blvd., Wichita, KS.

\$5 adults, \$1 youth 13-17. Discount coupons available. Information 316-742-3746.

May 3-5- McPherson Gem & Mineral Club 27th Annual Show/Sale

4-H Fairgrounds, 710 W. Woodside, McPherson, KS 67460. Free admission.

General Information Brett Whitenack 620 242 6003.

June 1 - Our annual summer picnic. Kill Creek Park, Shelter #3; from 3:30 pm

Sept. 6-14 - Colorado (Fall) Mineral & Fossil Show.

Crowne Plaza DIA, 15500 E. 40th Ave., Denver, CO 80239.

October 12-13 - "The Many Shades of Turquoise", Topeka Gem & Mineral Society 63rd Annual Show

KS Expocentre Agricultural Hall , 17th & Topeka, Topeka, KS.

\$5 adults, \$1 youth 13-17. Discount coupons available.

GROW YOUR OWN OPAL???????

In the book LAB GIRL, by Hope Jahren (winner of the National Book Critics Circle Award, published by Vintage Books, 2016), the geobiologist author reveals that she has discovered that hackberry (a tree) pits contain opal. Amazingly this revelation was confirmed microscopically and through X-ray diffraction. Now (tongue-in cheek) how to grow bigger hackberry trees in order to harvest enough opal to be meaningful to the gem and mineral world.

This book theme focuses on Ms. Jahren's journey into the male dominated scientific world and "how she found sanctuary in science.....and extends the mantle of scientist in observing and protecting our environment."

MR. BONES GOES TO WASHINGTON

Does this sound somewhat like the title of an old film???? Anyway, Mr. Bones (Tim Seeber of Louisville, CO) a popular fixture of our annual gem and mineral shows, has been invited by the Smithsonian Institute to be an active part of the opening later this year in D.C. opening of a new T rex exhibition. In addition to the pieces we see at our annual show, he is currently fabricating a couple of new Dinos — all of which will hit the road (too big and cumbersome to fly/ship) later this summer. We wish Tim, and his bones, a safe journey, and anticipate he/they will inspire and delight the inaugural crowds. We look forward to seeing the new dinos at our March 2020 show.

DINOSAURS REVEALED, JOURNEY ACROSS AMERICA

Notice that the highly acclaimed Dinosaurs Revealed exhibit at Kansas City's Union station will close after Sunday March 24, 2019. Make plans to see this major exhibit — before goes extinct. (Actually, reports are that the exhibit will move to Pittsburg, PA for an extended period of time.) I will report on final figures later this month, but it appears that it will have had near 200, 000 visitors during it's time here. (Thanks to our club members Vicki Ritter and Doug Bridwell for volunteering during this exhibit.)

Norm Onnen