



## **APRIL 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](http://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 for announcements as to when we will resume our normal activities. In the interim we encourage everyone to continue to practice safe health measures. **It appears it is highly likely we will be able to have our next club meeting the first week of May. Please watch for details. WE ARE GETTING CLOSE!!!!!!**

### **OGMS 2021 Summer Picnic**

Being optimistic, we have made reservations and scheduled our club summer picnic for Sat., June 5, 2021 at Kill Creek Park 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. The county has in the past week issued statements relaxing assembly numbers, etc. so it appears we are on the way to having a successful picnic date. Keep watching for notices on this.

### **Field Trip - - Finally**

After the winter layoff, and a cancellation of the March 13 trip due to weather, 18 individuals (and three dogs) got to enjoy the day at the Hamm company Lone Elm quarry in Olathe on Sat., March 27. While the quarry bed was wet and muddy, collectors had no problem accessing the quarried materials and face walls, and lots of brachiopods, cephalopods, calcite and dolomite crystals, plant fossils, etc. were collected. The original plan to collect at the Louisburg, KS quarry had to be cancelled due to the operations schedule at that site, however we will include that site later this spring or summer as well as other nearby sites.

Also, per our understanding from last year, we will be attempting to have another organized Mozarkite collecting trip soon.

**NOTICE** For those who attended the Sat., Mar. 27 field trip to Lone Elm quarry, a piece of equipment

was found and turned in. If you are missing an item, please contact me and identify what you are missing. If it matches the item turned in, it will be returned to you.

Also, some number of Hamm Company safety vests were not returned. Please contact me so that I can reclaim and return them. N. Onnen

### **Driveway Swap/Sale**

Thanks to Barbara Crompton (with suggestions from Vicky Ritter), we used Barbara's Overland Park driveway on Sunday, March 21, 2021 to hold a club swap/sale event. The weather was breezy, but otherwise cooperated, and the IGAMs and Show Me clubs were invited. While this first attempt was small, the consensus was that it was successful and we should do this again. An unexpected plus was that Vicky posted signs along 95th street, and we actually had some walk in-drive in participants.

### **Association T shirts**

In spite of the March 2021 KC Gem and Mineral Show being cancelled, the new Association T shirts have been produced and are available — well in advance of the Nov. 2021 show. Prices are \$12 (and \$15 for XX and XXX) sizes. Order yours today and they will be delivered. N. Onnen



### November 2021 KC Gem and Mineral Show

While it is still very early, it is anticipated that the November 2021 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. Checking their website, Shows of Integrity still posts the event as going to occur which is a very positive sign.

### Fluorescent Update

In a previous Bulletin it was discussed that Dan Snow (a presenter at the annual gem and mineral show) had received awards for his developed flyer discussing fluorescent minerals. Below is a picture of the first-place award received from the Midwest Federation of Gem and Mineral Societies, and a third-place award from the American Federation of Gem and Mineral Societies. As a follow-up, Dan was contacted by a local TV station and asked to do a bit on fluorescents. A session was taped, and it will be aired in April. Details to follow.



### **Rocky Mountain Federation (RMF) News**

The annual RMF Congress, previously planned for Sandy, Utah this year, has instead been moved back to Big Piney, WY (the site of the 2020 Congress). This year's Congress will occur June 18-20 and will be held in conjunction with the American Mineralogical Federation (AMF) of Society Congress and the Sublette County (WY) gem and mineral show. The AMF (the parent organization of the seven Federations) rotates their participation with the other Federations, so their addition to this RMF Congress will enlarge the participation and interest in this year's Congress.

The RMF state coordinating representative for Kansas was for many years Bill Smith. Bill (who visited our club a year ago and presented his gemstone butterflies) has had to resign due to health considerations. The RMF has now named Brad Davenport as the new state director, and he will be in place for the June Congress. Brad is also the current President of the Topeka Gem and Mineral Society. He intends to visit the Kansas clubs during this next year, and at this moment has our June picnic under consideration for his calendar. We wish Bill Smith our best wishes for his health situation.

Our (the OGMS) insurance renewal has been accomplished through the RMF and the certificate is held by our club Treasurer, Barbara Crompton, for record.

### **Lapidary Equipment**

While our club has not established the general practice of selling items on/in our Bulletin, Barbara Crompton and I are assisting an out-of-town family (closing an estate) selling some lapidary equipment prior to an open sale after March. If anyone is interested in any of these items, please contact us. (N. Onnen)

Available is -

A two wheel Crown Lap Equipment arbor and motor (wheels 8" diameter x 3")(motor is Bell & Grossett 1/6 hp). One wheel needs to be replaced.

A two wheel Prairie arbor and motor (wheels 8" diameter x 1-1/2")(motor 1/3 hp). This unit has an elevated water tank for lubrication.

A Frantom 10' trim saw with table top vises (not screw driven). The diamond blade appears to have reasonable life remaining.

A Raytech Tumble-Vibe 5

A Foredom (believed to be the "General Kit")

### **FIELD TRIPS**

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

## NEWS, VIEWS AND REVIEWS

### **Concave Faceting**

This is a concave Faceting machine built by Larry Wells and Mike McClurg with parts from a Facetron and a vintage Lee faceting machine. We decided to initially facet a glass marble to work the bugs out. The machine is polishing a row of concave facets in the video. (Link to video download)

[FacetVideo](#) The cylinder is rotating slowly so it doesn't throw off the polishing paste. Our experiment was successful! We now have a beautifully concave faceted glass marble valued at \$1.00. 😊.

The entire pavilion is spherical placement of concave facets and the crown is Standard Round Brilliant (SRB). L. Wells and M McClurg



### **Westport Gold Panning**

Did you ever think about panning for gold in Westport? Long story, short reveals that while mention of gold being found in what is now Colorado occurred in 1758, it was not until 1858 that a significant discovery of gold was made near SW Denver (thought to be the present Cherry Creek shopping center location/South Platte River). Promoters and newspapers heralded the strike, and to generate interest (which took very little doing), brought bags of concentrate to Westport to be panned “before a wide-eyed audience”. This account is cited by Steve Voyick in the January 2021 Rock & Gem magazine article entitled “The Saga of Colorado Gold”. As no references were given, the author has been contacted to provide sources of this information. It might be interesting to understand the KC historical figures who were involved in this effort. N. Onnen

### **Didjano?**

Stony and metallic meteorites have been found, but no sedimentary meteorites have ever been found. Many individuals have spent their time searching the earth for a sedimentary meteorite and tracking the night skies waiting for such an arrival. Should one be found, it is believed that it will hold fossil evidence of life on other planets. (Loren Eiseley; “The Fifth Planet”).

Note: Be sure to read about meteorites in the current "Mini Miners" distributed monthly to our club members via email). N. Onnen

### **Jurassic Park (-like) humor – Part 2**

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. (More to come later). 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. 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.]*

**May 7-9, 2021** – McPherson Gem and Mineral Club Rock Sale - **TENTATIVE**  
County 4-H Building 710 West Woodside  
McPherson, KS [mcpthersongemandmineral](#)

**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](#)