



JULY 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. Meeting times are from **6:45 to 8:45** and we must be out of the building by 9:00. 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 Picnic



Our club held its annual summer picnic on Saturday, June 5, 2021 at Kill Creek Park in Olathe, KS. About 40 club members, family members and guests attended on an almost perfect afternoon - not too hot and with a slight cooling breeze. The event was a pot luck with the club furnishing the hamburgers and hot dogs, condiments, etc. Following the meal, a silent auction was held and the proceeds benefited the club operating fund. Thank you to all that participated, and to those who donated items to the auction. (The 2020 summer picnic had been cancelled due to the virus restrictions.)

Additional pictures are available on the OGMS Facebook page. [Facebook OGMS](#)

OGMS Club Meetings

Following our May re-start meeting following the "virus recess", please remember that our next scheduled meetings will occur on the first Thursday of each month (rather than the previously structured Tuesday evenings). As such, and since we do not meet June, July and August, our next meetings are set for Thur., Sept. 2, Thur., Oct. 7. and Thur., Nov. 4, 2021 in room 018 at Hope Chapel (formerly named Indian Creek Community Church) 12480 Black Bob Road, Olathe, KS. Each meeting will now begin at 6:45 pm and end at 8:45 pm.

Note: In December we hold a holiday party instead of a club meeting, and intend to do so again this year. Presently we are monitoring the re-opening of facilities and hope to return to the previous location this year for the party. Information on this will be provided as it becomes available.

Rocky Mountain Federation News

The annual Rocky Mountain Federation of Mineralogical Societies Congress (of which the OGMS is a member) was held in Big Piney, WY June 18-20, 2021 and was attended by OGMS delegate Norm Onnen. A quorum was recognized (a quorum being recognition of a majority of the 80 member clubs via delegates and proxies) and the official business of the Federation was accomplished for the first time in two years. (The Congress was unable to establish a quorum in 2020 due to the virus). Of the Kansas clubs, Olathe, McPherson, Topeka, and Wichita were represented by in person delegates. Official minutes of the meeting(s) will be posted and distributed soon to member clubs. In general, the official business of this Congress elected and/or confirmed new officers (occurs on an annual basis), acted on Bylaws and Operating Procedures (OP's) changes, discussed/approved several motions (one of which will help underwrite partial expenses for clubs hosting a future Congress), and held the annual awards session (which recognizes club websites, contributions to publications, editors, etc).

The AMF business meetings were held as separate sessions; however, the installation of new AMF officers was accomplished during the joint Congress banquet. (A side note - Judy Beck a prior President of the RMF and the McPherson, KS club is now the AMF President).

This particular Congress was a joint session with the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies (AMF, the parent organization of the seven national regional Federations, — those being the California, Eastern, Midwest, Northwest, Rocky Mountain, South Central and Southeast Federations). The AMF rotates their joint sessions on a seven-year cycle with the RM Federations.

As in the past, the annual Congress is held in conjunction with a RMF club gem and mineral show. This year the session was held in Big Piney, WY as a part of the host Sublette County (WY) Rock Hounds club annual gem and mineral show. In Kansas, the past RMF sessions have been held in Wichita (1959, 1965, 1992, 2004, 2010 and 2016) and in Topeka (1971 and 1980).

For those considering future vacations, this was the Sublette County Rock Hounds sixth gem and mineral show. This is a relatively new club and under the guidance of President Jim Grey it is a very vibrant and growing organization - and well worth returning to. The very successful show itself is about 1/3 -1/2 the

size of the Kansas City show and draws attendees (by a check of the license plates on the RV's, etc.) from as far away Washington state and Florida. While in a remote area, the draw (other than the actual show) is the relative proximity to Jackson Hole, the Grand Tetons and Yellowstone National Park, and the inclusion of several well guided field trips (as witnessed by caravans of 40+ vehicles to specific sites not otherwise accessed) which include Blue Forest and Eden petrified wood, fossil fish, WY jade, agates, etc. A caution is that the area is definitely remote (by Midwest standards) and services are minimal and far between. But to a determined rock hound that is not a deterrent, and is a challenge and positive attraction. (A side note - I was surprised to see/discover three KC Show Me club members, one who is a joint OGMS member, at this show).

The next RMF Congress is June 17-19, 2022 in Las Vegas, hosted by the Southern Nevada Gem and Mineral Society.

Association News

The Association of Greater Kansas City Earth Science Clubs (of which the OGMS is a member) will hold its annual summer picnic on Sunday, August 29 in shelter #2 of Antioch Park, Overland Park, KS. The day will begin about 9am with a swap/shop for participants, followed around noon with the meal, and this followed by a live auction. Proceeds of the auction will go to the Association scholarship fund. Participants are asked to bring a side dish to share, and contributions of auction items are graciously encouraged. All seven clubs in the Association are invited to participate.

OGMS Family News

Tom Lorenz

The memorial service for OGMS member Tom Lorenz was held Saturday, June 19, 2021 in Olathe, KS. He was a friend of many and is sorely missed. By unplanned irony, a memorial to Tom was presented, also on June 16, at the Rocky Mountain Federation of Mineralogical Societies Congress session being held in Bog Piney, WY. That presentation is as follows -

The Olathe (KS) Gem and Mineral Society wishes to acknowledge the passing at the Olathe, Kansas home of long time Olathe Gem and Mineral Society member Tom Lorenz at the age of 77 on April 25, 2020 after a 19-year battle with renal cell cancer. Tom served the club in numerous positions over time, including as President, as well as several decades being involved in the annual Kansas City Gem and Mineral show. Due to virus restrictions, memorial services were deferred and burial occurred in Utah in April 2020. Now, formal live and virtual memorial services will be held in Olathe, KS on Saturday, June 19, 2021. Tom was a friend of everyone, always had a story to tell, was a pillar of the club and is sorely missed. He is survived by his wife and a daughter of the home, as well as grandchildren, and other relatives throughout the Midwest.

Julie Robinson

We continue to keep Julie, and her husband M. John, in our thoughts and prayers as she recovers from her stroke and fall last month. She is reportedly improving in her walking and balance therapy.

Additional information will be provided as it becomes available. We trust her recovery will continue successfully and look for her to be with us again soon.

FIELD TRIPS

Please watch for emails as numerous sites are being considered at this time. In addition, I have located the Kansas yellow dendrite location. I will be trying to get us access to the site.

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

Footprints in Grand Canyon National Park

Fossil footprints are common in the Grand Canyon, but these recently discovered footprints are among the oldest discovered so far. Check out the following link for more information on these 313-million-year-old beauties. [Grand Canyon Fossils](#)



Manakacha Trackway - Stephen Rowland

Rock Humor

The Watched Tumbler Never Shines

Think About It

There's a line in the Pacific Ocean where, by crossing it, you can lose a day.

There's one on the highway where you can do better. (Lapidary Journal, Oct. 1972. (STAY SAFE OVER THIS JULY 4TH HOLIDAY)

Kansas Earthquakes

A very busy ten days in Kansas for earthquakes (11 earthquakes during this period). The two most recent (June 29) in Ellis County (along I-70 in central KS) at Mag. 2, and in Jewell County (mid-state along the Nebraska border at Mag. 3.3. Only four of these, in south central Kansas, have been potentially attributed to Fracking. (Kansas Geological Survey).

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.

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

Tulsa Country Fairgrounds-Exchange Center

4145 E. 21st St.-Tulsa, OK tulsarockandmineralsociety

August, 29, 2021 – Association of Greater Kansas City Science Clubs annual picnic. (See details above)

Sept. 2, 2021 (Thursday) – OGMS Club meeting. 6:45 - 8:45pm, Hope Chapel, Olathe, KS

Sept. 2021 – Mozarkite field trip. (Details, including exact date TBD)

Sept. 16 - 19, 2021 – Denver gem and mineral show; Colorado Convention Center

Oct. 7, 2021 (Thursday) – OGMS Club meeting. 6:45 - 8:45pm, Hope Chapel, Olathe, KS

Oct. 9-10, 2021 – Topeka Gem & Mineral Society 64th Annual Show "Green with Envy". Ag Hall, Stormont Vail Event Center

Nov. 4, 2021 (Thursday)– OGMS Club meeting. 6:45 - 8:45pm. Hope Chapel, Olathe, KS

Nov. 5 - 7, 2021– KC Gem and Mineral Show; KC Expo Center

Dec. 2021 – OGMS Club Holiday Party (TBD)

March 11 - 13, 2022 – 60th Anniversary KC Gem and mineral Show; KC Expo Center