



# OLATHE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY

## March 2018 MONTHLY BULLETIN

A non-profit group, organized to educate the general public and members' knowledge of Mineralogy, Gems, Jewelry Making, Fossils and related earth sciences.

Founded March 1956

**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 during the summer. 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. The time from 6:30 to 7 PM is not structured, as members 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 approximately 7 PM followed by the guest speaker. More 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)

### **OFFICERS and CHAIRPERSONS 2017 – 2018:**

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March Refreshments:	Bev Wells and Tammy Shaw	
Association Delegates:	Norman Onnen & Larry Wells	

Alternate Assoc. Delegate: Currently vacant

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:** Our next club meeting is Tuesday March 6, 2018, followed by the Greater KC Gem Show March 9-11, 2018. Please review the UPCOMING EVENTS information listed below carefully. To view the website go to: <http://kcgemshow.org>.

Mike Purduski is our new Field Trip Coordinator. Mike will review the new Directory to be distributed at the March 6<sup>th</sup> meeting to see what field trips members are interested in, and start planning. Contact Mike with your suggestions.

Thanks to Leslie Hartman and Jeannie Feimster for the wonderful refreshments at the Feb. meeting!

Also, Bev and I have several beautiful rescued cats that are looking for a good home with lots of love! I'll be happy to text or email you pictures.

**VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:** The March presentation will be from Kirby Marker who is a friend of the late Bill Boltz. Kirby is a local enthusiast from Topeka, KS. He will talk about his Lake Superior agate collecting in Kansas, of which he has had great success. (A portion of the Bill Boltz spectacular Lake Superior agate collection will be displayed at our March 9-11, 2018 Gem Show.)

Also, Larry Wells will complete his Part 2 UV s/w l/w Gem Identification presentation by showing a few slides he has left over from our last meeting.

**SKILLS & INTEREST DIRECTORY:** Julie Robinson will be distributing the new SKILLS & INTEREST DIRECTORY at our March meeting. If you have any last minute changes she can be reached at (816) 797-4602, or email her at [jukay11@gmail.com](mailto:jukay11@gmail.com) please include your name in the email. Thank you to Julie Robinson, and others who have worked very hard on this project!

**SHOW & TELL:** Members interested in doing a Show & Tell should contact Deborah Bryant, VP to get scheduled. Please include how much time you will need for your presentation. Deborah's contact info is [MotoChef1@outlook.com](mailto:MotoChef1@outlook.com), cell (816) 337-1527.

**CLUB LIBRARY:** Members are reminded that the club library is being maintained, and the holdings are listed on the club website. Donate items to the library are gratefully accepted. As requests for items are made they are brought to the next club event. For more information contact Norm Onnen.

## **\*\*\*\*UPCOMING EVENTS\*\*\*\***

**\*\*\*March 9-11, 2018 KANSAS CITY GEM AND MINERAL SHOW:** Website: <http://kcgemshow.org>.

The Olathe Gem and Mineral Society is a member of the Association of Earth Science Clubs of Greater Kansas City, Inc. Therefore, we are partly responsible for the annual March KC Gem and Mineral Show. Admission is free if you wear your OGMS Membership card. We will be displaying our Club Banner and Club cases for public viewing. Norm Onnen (816) 645-1333 is the point of contact for questions, and Larry Wells (913) 787-5138 is the point of contact for Club members interested in selling items at the show for "Swap Dollars".

**\*\*\*WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW!!!:** If you are working the Show, or setting up a display case(s) we **MUST** have your **Name** on our list so you can pick up your official Gem Show name tag **Thursday** 3/10/18 at the information booth! Members working Wednesday will need to wear their Olathe Club Membership as a badge until you can get your official Gem Show badge on Thursday. You can probably find a badge holder somewhere at the show if needed. I suggest everyone wear their Club Membership on their shirt just in case your badge doesn't get printed. Enter through the **BACK ENTRANCE** and park away from the building loading docks, unless you are unloading your display cases.

Thursday is the **POT LUCK DINNER** at 4-4:30 PM for us in the hospitality room, all is provided by the Association, but bring a side dish ie. dessert, veggie, chips, cookies, etc. Food is strictly NOT ALLOWED IN THE SHOW AREA!!! You could be fined! Food that is left over will be available the following days until all gone – **same room & time.**

**SWAP DOLLAR TABLES:** Sandy D., Alison B., Larry W., Dana C., Mike P.

**DISPLAY CASES:** **Our Club is to set up cases at noon on Thursday if possible.**

1 CASE: Alison, Barb, Sandy, Josh, Michelle, Jeremiah, Tom, Mike McClurg, Norm, Larry, Jane.

2 CASES: Deb, Mike Purduski, M John, Dana

**Total = 19**

**GEM SHOW WORKERS:** This list will be reviewed at the March 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.

It's not too late help with the show or display your Club case: contact M John Robinson.

Or do a swap dollar table: contact Larry Wells.

Wed Setup / Thurs Setup / Fri 9am – 8pm / Sat: 10am – 7pm / Sun: 10am – 5pm

**AD = Admissions** - sell tickets (handle money) or stamp hands, and give program books

**DM = Demonstrations** - sit in demo area working on a project of your choice

**SU = Set Up – Wednesday 10-2PM (set up tables, cover tables), Thursday (covering tables, placing signs, serving pot-luck dinner, hang signs & Banners, set up displays)**

**SA = Silent Auction** - collect & display auction items, keep track of hourly deadlines

**LA = Live Auction** - this is on Saturday night only, after show closes. Need runners to move items from display to projector, then to high bidder. Or help treasurer keep track of bids.

**IB = Info Booth** - Make announcements on loudspeaker system. Direct people as needed.

**AB = Association Booth** - sell mineral samples and answer questions as needed

**LIVE AUCTION:** Saturday 7 PM live auction, finger food and cash bar.

**BILL BOLTZ LAKE SUPERIOR AGATE COLLECTION:**

A portion of the Bill Boltz spectacular and extensive Lake Superior agate collection will be displayed at the March 9-11, 2018 show in Kansas City? Now deceased, Bill Boltz was a Topeka

contractor involved in construction of many homes in and around Topeka from which he found numerous (some quite large) Lake Superior agates, deposited in the terminus margin of the

Pleistocene era Kansan glacier. Upon Mr. Boltz passing, approximately 1/3 of his collection is maintained at Washburn University. This collection is to be displayed at our March 2018 show.

As a side note, the Moose Lake collection is on permanent display in the state park facility - this being on I-35 between Minneapolis and Duluth, MN. The community of Moose Lake hosts Lake Superior Agate Days one weekend each July. This is a huge event with truckloads of glacial gravel containing agates, etc. spread along the main street for a kids scramble, and public access to numerous collecting sites normally not accessible. For those interested in glaciers, the Kansan glacier was the most recent of four and extended further south than the preceding Pleistocene glaciers (the Nebraskan, Illinoian and Wisconsin glaciers). In addition to the Lake Superior agates, the Kansan glacier carried and deposited metamorphosed volcanics (greenstone, from the Canadian Shield), Sioux quartzite (from SW MN/eastern SD), hematite iron ore (from the iron ranges of MN and the Keewanawan volcanics of MN, WI, and MI), and fossils.

### **NOW THROUGH April 1st - Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art:**

**Two Exhibitions, One Price!** Admission to *Dreams of the Kings: A Jade Suit for Eternity* will include an additional ticket to view *Through the Eyes of Picasso* good for one visit through April 1, 2018.

Treasures of the Han Dynasty from Xuzhou. Featured objects include exquisite vessels fashioned from solid jade, a full suit of iron armor, a spectacular solid gold belt buckle and a magnificent, 2,000-year-old, life-sized jade and gold burial suit that is the finest to have survived from ancient China. The objects were excavated from a group of monumental tombs of the Kings of Chu that were carved into rocky hillsides in an area midway between Beijing and Shanghai.

In adjacent galleries will be displayed a selection of 90 pieces from the museum's celebrated collection of early Chinese art from the Shang (16th century—ca. 1046 B.C.E.) to the Han (206 B.C.E.—220 C.E.) dynasties. The display will include the world-famous jade bi ritual disc and many other exceptional pieces.

Comment from our past President Norm Onnen: My wife and I viewed the "Dream of Kings" exhibit last week and were greatly impressed by the quality and comprehensive nature of this splendid collection of jade, bronze and pottery artifacts of the Chu kings (Han dynasty) from over 2,000 years ago. Of primary interest were the numerous jade items, all hand carved/sculpted and polished by court artisans. The precise design and fabrication of the individual pieces had to have taken many years given the exceptional hardness of jade. This exhibit will be at the Nelson-Atkins Gallery through April 1, 2018 and will then be disassembled and items returned to their respective venues. Please consider visiting this exceptional exhibit prior to closure.

**\*\*\*MINER'S CO-OP ROCK SHOW JAN 26 - FEB 11, 2018:**



**Smokeys 5th Annual FREE Parking**  
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**\*\*\*Linda Hall Library, 5109 Cherry Street, Kansas City, MO 64110:**

<http://www.lindahall.org/online-exhibitions/>

One of the "Online Exhibitions":

**Blade and Bone: The Discovery of Human Antiquity**



In 1800, it was generally believed that humans were a relatively recent addition to the earth, dating back some 6000 years. By 1920, it was commonly understood that humans had been on earth for a very long time, had lived in rock shelters and used tools fashioned from flint, and had expressed themselves artistically in bone carvings and cave paintings. This exhibition documents the discovery of human antiquity as presented in the original books and journals.

**"The Tazza":** "The Tazza", one of the largest pieces of malachite in North America. Czar Nicholas II presented the gift of a great malachite tazza to the American Ambassador to Russia,

August Heckscher, in 1910. The tazza became part of the Heckscher Museum of Art collection, where it resided for many years. The tazza was rediscovered in the art and antiques marketplace and purchased for the Linda Hall Library near the UMKC campus by Mrs. Kenneth Spencer in 1972.

Malachite, a mineral often found in oxidized zones of copper ore deposits, was found abundantly in the Ural Mountains of Russia. Other significant deposits have been found in France, Israel, Mexico, and Arizona. It often occurs with azurite. The Linda Hall tazza is considered to be one of the four most important pieces of green malachite in the world, according to art historians, and the largest in the U.S. The remarkable piece measures 6 feet, 6 inches from its base to its rim. The saucer measures nearly 5 feet in diameter.



**\*\*\* APRIL 1, 2018, Sunday, Opening Day Selenite Dig/Collection; Salt Plains N.W.R., Jet, OK.**

**\*\*\* APRIL 20-22, 2018, 65th Wichita Gem & Mineral Show; Theme Unbelievable Rocks, Minerals & Fossils; Cessna Activity Center.**

**\*\*\* JUNE 2, 2018 Saturday - OUR CLUB'S PICNIC AT LONE ELM PARK.**

**\*\*\* July 20-22, 2018 Rocky Mountain Federation Gem and Mineral Societies Annual Convention; Rapid City, SD.**

Note: The Membership List is separate.

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