



ROCK SOLID

NOVEMBER 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.

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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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OGMS November Meeting

OGMS MEETING ALERT — NOTICE — NOTICE — NOTICE

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Program, NOV. 18, 2021 OGMS Meeting

We are pleased to announce that the program for November 18th will be by Dr. Rolfe Mandel, Director and State Geologist of the Kansas Geological Survey. His presentation will entail KS geological highlights, as well as Paleo Indians, of which he is a recognized expert having investigated among other locations the Spring Creek site in southwest Nebraska. Below is his bio -

ROLFE DAVID MANDEL

Research Centers - Anthropology, Kansas Geological Survey
University Distinguished Professor

Senior Scientist, Geoarchaeology/Quaternary Geology
Director and State Geologist, Kansas Geological Survey
Executive Director, Odyssey Geoarchaeology Research, U. of KS

Expertise and Current Research Activity

Mandel's published works span a wide range of topics including paleopedology, late-Quaternary landscape evolution, isotope geochemistry, and paleoenvironmental reconstruction. He has spent over 30 years working with archaeologists on projects throughout the United States and eastern Mediterranean, focusing on the effects of geologic processes on the archaeological record. During the past 10 years much of his research has involved the use of geoscientific methods to search for the earliest evidence of humans in the Central Great Plains and Midwest. Dr. Mandel founded and chaired the Society for American Archaeology's Geoarchaeology Interest Group (1997-2001), served as Chair of the Geological Society of America's Archaeological Geology Division (1997-1998), and was President of the American Quaternary Association (2009-2010). In 2012 he was appointed Chair of the U.S. National Committee for Quaternary Research/INQUA. Presently he is an Associate Editor for Current Research in the Pleistocene, Geoarchaeology: An International Journal, and the Encyclopedia of Geoarchaeology. He has received many awards and distinctions, including Fellow of the Geological Society of America, the 2011 University of Kansas (KU) Center for Teaching Excellence Award, the KU College of Liberal Arts and Sciences 2009 John C. Wright Graduate Mentor Award, and the 2012 Kansas Board of Regents' Haguchi/Irvin E. Youngberg Research Achievement Award. The Geological Society of America recognized his achievements with two prestigious awards: the George Rapp Award for outstanding contributions to the interdisciplinary field of archaeological geology, and the 2010 Kirk Bryan Award for Excellence.

Education

Ph.D., Special Studies Quaternary Research Program, University of Kansas
M.A., Geography, University of Kansas
B. A., Geography, U. of Texas

Nov. 5-7, 2021 Gem and Mineral Show

After having to cancel the Nov. 2020 Gem, Mineral, Jewelry & Bead Show due to virus concerns, the 2021 event by Shows of Integrity will occur as scheduled. OGMS is being provided approximately 4 tables and space for members to display and sell their wares.

Club members will need to share the tables we are given, however, as in the past, individuals may supplement this with their own tables as space permits. Also, and as in the past, participating individuals are to share 10% of their sales with their specific clubs. Access to the space for set up may occur after lunch on Thursday, November 4th and name badges will need to be worn at all times by participants. Show times are 10am-6pm on Friday and Sat. (Nov. 5 and 6) and 10am-5pm Sunday (Nov. 7). The Wholesale area will close one hour earlier each day.

Holiday Party

The Olathe Gem and Mineral Society will hold it's annual (except for 2020) holiday party at HyVee, 119th and Ridgeview, Olathe, KS beginning at 5:30pm on Saturday, Dec. 4, 2021. This event will be catered and I must provide a number of participants to Hy-Vee no later than Nov. 20. As such, those intending to participate are asked to provide me with names (members, spouse, children) no later than our Thursday, Nov. 18 club meeting. As in the past the cost per attendee is a \$5 donation, and the club will supplement the remainder of the expense. We will also do the gift exchange (I'm told this is sometimes referred to as a "white elephant exchange) in which wrapped presents are selected by a raffle ticket drawing (gifts are requested to be in the \$5-\$10 range).

Bulletin Naming Contest

At the October club meeting the contest for the name of our Bulletin was finalized with a vote by the attendees. The winning entry was "Rock Solid" submitted by Dale Wycoff. (See the first page of the bulletin) Other entries included Four Trails Crossing; Onward From Olathe; The Conglomerate; The Kaw River Cobble; The Sedimentologist; We Rock Monthly; Earthly Delight; Chalk Talk; and Crystal Ball Monthly. Thanks to all who took interest and participated, and congratulations Dale. Your prize, Dale (a piece of Montana jade from the Sig Ross collection) is forthcoming.

Mini-Miner Monthly Publication

It has recently been recognized that our subscription to the popular Mini-Miners Monthly publication had inadvertently lapsed. We have been in contact with the publisher, the subscription is being renewed, and distribution to all club members will resume soon. Thank you for your patience in anticipation of new issues being available.

FIELD TRIPS

Field Trip Report: Hamilton Quarry was an interesting area to hunt. The quarries were filled in years ago and overgrown with weeds making it difficult to hunt for fossils. We didn't have the true quarry experience. I found some leaves and stems, crinoids, fusulinids, etc. It was good to see some of the members that I haven't seen in a while. Now for the next field trip will either be outside or inside depending on the weather. More pictures are available on the OGMS Facebook Page.



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

ODDS 'N ENDS. People to know more about

Many familiar names have passed through our Midwest, and some are almost forgotten or overlooked. Examples are —

Loren Eisely (bn 1907 in Nebraska; d 1977); famous nature writer, educator, philosopher, BA English and BS Geology/Anthropology at KU. Taught at KU from 1937 - 1944. Author of *The Immense Journey* and *The Unexpected Universe*, etc. Gravestone inscription “We loved the earth but could not stay”

Aldo Leopold (bn 1906; d 1947); famous environmentalist, author of “*The Sand County Almanac*”; Associated with the U. of Missouri in 1930 on the Ashland Wildlife Research Area which was followed by a speech entitled “Natural History - The Forgotten Science”.

Clyde Tombaugh (bn 1906; d 1997; astronomer, discovered Pluto, stated in a version of his bio “Not many undergraduates enter the University of Kansas having already achieved worldwide fame. And, to date, only one has entered KU after discovering a planet.” In recognition of his achievements and in his honor, on Lindley Hall at KU was constructed the Tombaugh Observatory, which a few years ago was removed and given (actually the mirror is “on permanent loan”) to a group who installed it west of Topeka. That group is the NE Amateur Astronomer’s League (NEKAAL) and the site (known as the Farpoint Observatory) is on the grounds of the Mission Valley High School at Eskridge, KS. This site is just north of the Admire meteorite strewn field - and these meteorites have been featured by a vendor the last two years at the KC gem and mineral shows. (I knew Mr. Tombaugh and his family and can relate further information to those who might be interested in his life/career. Norm Onnen).

Norm’s New Throne Room

When you know your rock collecting has gone way too far.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Note that in-lieu of a regular meeting in December, we instead hold our annual Holiday Party (see information above). Our regular meetings will resume in January and we are presently working with Hope Chapel on the calendar for 2022. That schedule will be posted as soon as it is confirmed. Presently we do not anticipate any changes to our Thursday evening meetings, however this will be verified when the new schedule is posted.

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.

~~Nov 4, 2021~~ (Thursday) – **NOTE** – Meeting moved to Nov 18th. OGMS Club meeting. 6:45 - 8:45pm.

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

Nov 11, 2021 - Association Board meeting

Nov 16, 2021 - OGMS Board meeting

Nov 18, 2021 (Thursday) - OGMS Club meeting. 6:45 - 8:45pm **in ROOM 20**, Hope Chapel, Olathe, KS

Nov (Date/location TBD) OGMS Field Trip

Dec 4, 2021 – OGMS Club Holiday Party

Feb 2022 - Tucson Gem and Mineral Show, Early Feb - Feb. 13, 2022. Theme will be fluorescents.

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