



October 2018 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 Blackbob 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)

OFFICERS and CHAIRPERSONS 2018 – 2019:

President: Deborah Bryant (816)337-1527

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Gem Show Chairman: Norman Onnen

Raffle: **Open Position**

Association Delegates: Norman Onnen & Larry Wells

Alternate Assoc. Delegate: Deb Bryant, **one open position**

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Lesliee was recently voted by the Board to assume position as Field Trip Coordinator. We welcome her to the team!

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. A sign-up sheet will be passed around at the meeting. Everyone is encouraged to please pick at least one night to help out. There are multiple slots still available. Also, our **Holiday Party will be Sat., Dec. 1**. We will be passing around a sign-up sheet to get a feel for how many will attend. We have 37 signed up for our Holiday Party so far and will be at HyVee on 119th and Ridgeview again this year.

The Rocky Mountain Federation of Mineralogical Society is in search of a new webmaster and assistant webmaster. They do not need to be from the same club. They are looking for someone with extensive knowledge of design, maintaining and working a website. They also want an assistant in case the webmaster needs help or can't take care of a need.

Go see the Dino Exhibit at Union station, or even volunteer.... They contacted us and asked OGMS club members to volunteer.

NOVEMBER GEM SHOW: Shows Of Integrity

Our club shares a couple tables at this gem show to sell our products. Cost to use the club tables 10% of your sales going to our own club treasury.

We had 9 people join our club at the last meeting! What a great turnout! I'm excited for this next year with everyone!

VICE PRESIDENTS MESSAGE /Programs

A reconnaissance trip was made to Lathrop, MO to take samples for possible gold. Though all the samples have not yet been panned, only a few tiny garnets have been found (no gold). Therefore, no club prospecting trip to this location will be planned.

The October meeting will be Tuesday, October 2. This meeting will focus on gem, mineral, and stone identification. There will be stations containing various testing methods, and highlights will be discussed during the latter portion of the meeting. Members are encouraged to bring any gem/mineral testing equipment they have, as well as any items they would like help identifying.

The November meeting will be Tuesday, November 6, and will feature Mark Ellis presenting about fossils.

The December meeting will be our annual gift exchange and dinner. If you have not yet signed up for the December dinner, please do so at the October meeting or contact a board member.

FIELD TRIPS

For those who signed up for Thursday, September 20th field trip to KU Museum, we are to meet inside by the front doors between 5:30pm-5:45pm. Dr Burnham will meet with the group and start our tour from 6pm-7pm. We will see fossils Dr Burnham is currently working with and he will answer any questions you may have.

For those who signed up for Sunday, October 28th at KU Museum, we are to meet inside by the front doors between 11:30am-11:45am. Dr Burnham will meet with the group and start our tour from 12noon-1pm. We will see fossils Dr Burnham is currently working with and he will answer any questions you may have.

Also, Sunday, October 28th from 1pm-3pm, KU Museum will be sponsoring a National Fossil Day ID day which Dr Burnham a

Larry Wells is currently planning an outing to two more Whetstine quarries. First, an active Whetstine quarry in Atchison, Kansas, which is very close to KC, closer than the Troy Kansas quarry. This would be a very convenient short trip. And, secondly the Whetstine quarry in Nebraska City, Nebraska, much further away, however possibly better glacial drift, etc. Larry said this quarry was just recently purchased by Mr. Whetstine. It is an old quarry that has not been worked for a long time. Mr. Whetstine told Larry it has several very large piles of old crushed rock sorted by various sizes and types that would be easy to explore. It is currently being made into an active working limestone quarry.

CLUB LIBRARIAN, NORM'S MESSAGE: Members are reminded that the club library is being maintained, and the holdings are listed on the club website. Donated items to the library are gratefully accepted. 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.

Library New additions -

Rocks and Minerals of the Central United States, with Special Emphasis on the Greater Kansas City Area (Second Edition), by Richard Gentile. (Donated by Sandy Daum)

Gem Trails of New Mexico (Expanded, Revised Edition), by James R. Mitchell. (Donated by Larry Wells).

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.

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

September 20, 6pm to 7pm, KU Museum Field Trip W/ Dr. Burnham.

September 21-23, The Mozarkite Society Gem Show: Lincoln City Park, 205 Timberline Drive, Lincoln, MO 65338.

September 21-23 Tri-State Gem and Mineral Show, Joplin Mo

September 28-30, Geode Fest Hamilton, Illinois Chaney Creek Boat access, 1404 IL-96 Hamilton Illinois 62341 \$20 per person/\$30per family for the whole weekend.

October 6-7th, Omaha Gem & Mineral Show: Adults \$5.00, seniors and years 12-18 cost \$3.00.

Oct. 13-14, 2018. Topeka Gem & Mineral Society: 62nd Annual Show. Opal It Is. Kansas Expo Center Agriculture Hall, 17th & Topeka, Topeka, KS. \$5 adult, student \$1, under 13 free.

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Scholarship Application

AWARDS: The Association shall provide several scholarships annually. These awards ranging from \$250.00 to \$1,000.00 each can be applied toward tuition or loans at an accredited college or university in Kansas or Missouri.

PROCEDURES: The Scholarship Committee will select finalists from applications received by **the end of February each year.** Applicants are asked to provide the following:

1. Fully complete attached application (including the six requirements listed on the application)
2. Recommendation from a Professor
3. Submission of all college transcripts

Finalists will be notified by and will be requested to attend the Saturday Night auction at 7:15 P.M. to receive their scholarship. **ELIGIBILITY:** College students who have completed at least their sophomore year and are legal residents of the United States and studying for a degree in Earth Science related fields may compete. Finalists will be eligible to compete in the following year's program.

RETURN VIA MAIL TO: Molly Stinemetz Scholarship Chairman 2706 S. Cherokee
St Independence, MO 64057

(For more information go to: kcgemshow.org)