



**OLATHE
GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY
MONTHLY BULLETIN
September 5, 2017**

**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 meetings will be at the Indian Creek Community Church, 12480 Blackbob Road in Olathe.

We will have a meeting room from 6:30 to 9 pm. We will be meeting downstairs in room 018.

VISITORS ALWAYS WELCOME

DUES: \$10.00 per year for individuals / \$5.00 per year for minors.

(Due by May meeting, and delinquent by Sept. meeting.)

Officers for 2017-2018

President:	Larry Wells - (913) 787-5138
Vice President:	Deborah Bryant – (816) 337-1527
Secretary:	Spring Wittmeier – (913) 945-0878
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Website Editor:	M John Robinson – (913) 669-8284 & Spring Wittmeier – (913) 945-0878
Membership Chairman	M John Robinson– (913) 669-8284

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Field trips are popular with our members as evidenced by approximately 10 outings so far this year.

We had a fun filled club picnic Saturday June 3rd accompanied by outstanding weather, and our traditional silent auction. Thanks for all who participated and made it another positive event. Also, Dale Wycoff passed around rock samples and shared his interesting and educational experience touring the Strataca underground salt mine in Hutchinson, KS. I encourage everyone to look at the amazing pictures of this mine on the internet!

Club Members interested in doing a "Show and Tell" of their field trips are asked to get scheduled by emailing our new V.P. Deborah Bryant at MotoChef1@outlook.com - or calling her at 816-337-1527. Please include how much time you will need for your presentation. Also, if you have suggestions or requests for types of club presentations please let Deborah know.

If you haven't paid your \$10.00 dues by September you are delinquent, so bring your ten dollars \$\$\$.

Show and tell and purchasing raffle tickets starts at 6:30 PM .
The meeting starts at 7 PM.

\$\$\$ Bring extra money because raffle items will be plentiful due to donated rocks our club received recently. If needed, we can allow members to win more than two items per person.

The Greater Kansas City Association of Earth Science Clubs - to which we belong - as a part of the annual March G&M show - is having their annual picnic tomorrow Sunday, Aug. 27 at Antioch Park in OP, KS. If you can attend please do so. Details below:

Association pot luck picnic, swap-n-shop, and auction is Sunday, August 27, 6501 Antioch Road, Antioch Park, Merriam, KS, in Shelter House #3. Swap-n-shop, will begin setting up any time after 8:00 AM. Lunch will be around 12:00 or 12:30 PM. Meat, drinks, condiments, and service provided. Please bring a vegetable or salad, dessert, a chair, and an auction item. The auction will take place after lunch. Proceeds will go to the scholarship fund of the Association to be presented to students in March at the Gem & Mineral Show. It is a great time to get to know members from other clubs that help put on the Gem & Mineral Show in March.

Our Club is a member of the Rocky Mountain Federation of Mineralogical Societies (RMFMS). The RMFMS 2018 annual conference is tentatively planned to be held in Fairplay, CO in August or September. More on this later.

Thank you to Norm Onnen for serving as past president, and agreeing to mentor me as I follow in his footsteps. Also all the other OGMS worker bees! You know who you are!

Thank you to Leslie Hartman for organizing several field trips recently.

If you purchased special glasses to view the total solar eclipse August 21st and plan to use them in the future it may damage your eyes. I have been told that they are only good for 3 years.

**FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT AND PROGRAM
CHAIRMAN**

To maximize your experience and information we would like Club Members interested in doing a "Show and Tell" of their summer 2017 outings at the September meeting. To get scheduled please email our new V.P. Deborah Bryant at: MotoChef1@outlook.com Please include how much time you will need for your presentation. She may also be reached on her cell 816-337-1527. Also, if you have suggestions/request for types of club presentations please let Deborah know.

Tom Tivol will be the guest speaker at our September 5th and October 3rd meetings so you won't want to miss them! Tom's presentations are outstanding. He will have an overhead slide presentation covering "The Evolution of Jewelry Design Part One and Part Two". This is one of the classes Tom teaches at KU over a 4 semester time frame.

CLUB WEBSITE

The website is in the process of being updated. It is still in creation mode, but a rudimentary version is available and will be continually updated as we go forward using a new web site software package.

www.olathegemclub.com

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS FOR 2017-2018:

Refreshments: To be determined.

Raffle: Keith Shaw and Brian Simmons

Association Delegates: Tom Lorenz & Norman Onnen

Alternate Association Delegates: Larry Wells

Field Trips: Various

Librarian and Historian: Norman Onnen

Programs: Deborah Bryant

Membership: M John Robinson

Bulletin Editor: M John Robinson

Show Chairman: Tom Lorenz
Webmasters: M John Robinson and Spring Wittmeir

MEMBERSHIP LIST

The current membership information is contained on a separate attachment. We now have 50 members but only 30 paid members. Please note your dues will be delinquent after the September meeting and if not paid then you will be dropped from the membership list. Please provide the membership chairman with any updates or corrections. Please welcome Nate Brame who joined the club during our April meeting!