Olathe Gem and Mineral Society club Meeting-April 4,2024

Place: Hope Chapel

Attendance: 40 members plus 9 new members

Due to our program for this meeting there is no raffle or refreshments provided to allow more time for the gold panning.

Meeting was called to order by President Norman Onnen at 7:00pm

Norm issued a welcome to all new members and any visitors

Announcements:

OGMS Yard/Garage sale - Our club has received donations from 4 estates that are to be sold and proceeds are to be used to benefit our club.   The sale will be held on May 18th and 19th at Barbara Crompton home located at 6912 Reeder St. Shawnee, KS.   Sale to be open 10:00AM TO 4:00PM.   Item are to be delivered on 5/17 with set up to start at 7:30am.   A sign-up sheet was passed around to allow members to sign up to help with both the set up and to work the sale.   Coffee and pastries will be provided to volunteers who help with set up.

Norm notified members that the club has arranged with Hope Chapel to extend access to the building. Our access will be 6:00pm to 9:00pm.

The board presented a proposal to club members to raise our yearly dues for adults from $10.00 to $15.00.   A vote was requested of members present and the proposal passed. Youth and children dues will remain to same with no change.

May 2nd program will be presented by Quinton Mindrup - subject: copper

OGMS club picnic will be June 1st.   Sign-up sheets were provided members to sign up indicating number of people coming, and what side dish they will be bringing to the picnic. Information will be post in the newsletter and will be provided to members who did not get the opportunity to sign up at the meeting

Introduction to tonight's program was given by Larry Wells. He provided an informative presentation on tools of gold panning both now and in the past. He also explained the use of the items provided to assist in the panning process.

The gold panning concentrate was provided by Larry Wells and Vince Martini as well as concentrate from Wyoming provided by Norm Onnen. Panning was suspended about 8:20 to allow for time to clean up and be out of the building by 9:00.

Below in a list of upcoming events that might be of interest to members:

Upcoming events

April 6-7, 2024 Lincoln G&M Club 64th Annual G&M Show, Sandhills Global Event Center, Lincoln, NE

(lincolngemmineralclub.org) Admission $6 adult, 11 & under free. Theme "Nebraska's Geologic Treasures".

April 26-28, 2024 70th Wichita G&M Show; Cessna Activity Center, Wichita, KS

(wichitagemandmineralsciety.org)

Admission $5 adults, $1 youth/under 12 free. Theme "Earth's Hidden Treasurers".

May 4, 2024 **OGMS CLUB MEETING**

May 5-7, 2024 2024 McPherson G&M Club Annual May Sale/Swap; McPherson County 4-H building; McPherson, KS

(MgmcSwap@gmail.com; On FB @ McPherson Gem and Mineral Club). Free admission. Geologic

May 18-19, 2024 **Olathe Gem and Mineral Society "Giant" rock and jewelry sale. 10am-4pm each day.**

6912 Reeder St., Shawnee, KS (Barbara Crompton's home)

May 19, 2024 Topeka Treasure Hunters Open National Hunt; Hoyt, KS City Park

(402 890 3307 or 402 429 3323). Hunt fees apply.

June 1, 2024 **OGMS ANNUAL SUMMER PICNIC**

June 22-23, 2024   Lincoln (NE) G&M Club "Summer Gem Festival"; Beer Family Farm, 18701 Ashland Road, Ashland, NE

(russellbroxterman@yahoo.com; 785 256 2925). Admission fee $3 adults.

June 28-30, 2024 Osage Gem Jewelry, Rock, Mineral, & Fossil Show; Eldon MO) Community Center; Eldon, MO

(ormc2024show@gmail.com). Free admission. "Calcite" theme.

July 27-28, 2024 Western Dakota G&M Society 41st Annual G&M Show; Central States Fairgrounds, Rapid City, SD

(WestDakota.Rocks@gmail.com).

Aug./Sept TBD Association picnic

Oct. 5-6, 2024 Omaha G&M Show, Liberty First Credit Union Arena, Ralston, NE

(nerockgem.org) Admission $6 adult, seniors & 12-18 $4, under 12 free.

Oct. 25-27, 2024 Oklahoma M&G Society 2024 Annual M&G Show; OKC Fairgrounds

(orgs-minerals.org) Admission fee $8/day adults.

(NOTE: This event combines the Rocky Mountain Federation of Mineralogical Societies Convention this year)