



ROCK SOLID

NOVEMBER 2022 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.

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.org

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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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE:

November OGMS Club Meeting —AND MORE

Note, this reminder, that WE WILL NOT have a Thursday, Nov. 3, 2022 club meeting - - this due to our involvement and participation in the Friday - Sunday (Nov. 4-6, 2022) gem and mineral show at the KCI Expo Center. (See details below).

Also, our regular Dec. holiday party has been rescheduled for Thursday, Nov. 17, 2022 (see details below).

Our next regular club meeting will be Thursday, Jan. 5, 2023. Hope Chapel, 12480 Black Bob Road, Olathe, KS. Room 018 from 6:45 - 8:45 PM. (Program TBA).

November 4-6, 2022 Gem and Mineral Show

OGMS will attend and participate in the Nov. 4-6, 2022 (Shows of Integrity) Gem and Mineral Show at the KCI Expo Center. Some members will have sales tables (those are identified prior to this Bulletin distribution) and are subject to Shows of Integrity instructions. There will be an Association booth which is coordinated by OGMS member Chet McLaughlin. As in the past, he will need volunteers to assist him (Thursday, Nov. 3 afternoon set up, and Friday-Sunday at all hours of the show). Please contact Chet and/or me (Norm Onnen) to schedule assistance. (Chet at mclaughlin1944@gmail.com; 913 963 7187; Norm at onnenne@kc.rr.com; 816 645 1333).

March 10-12, 2023 61st Annual Gem and Mineral Show

OGMS, as an Association of Earth Science Clubs of Greater Kansas City member, is a significant part of the annual March Gem & Mineral Show. As in the past, we are helping plan and organize this show, which is our major event each year. Part of this show includes our club's placing individual display cases, and we will again have sales tables. Our volunteer assistance is a significant part of the success of this show. It's not too early to be planning and working on your individual displays to enter in the show. And, again we need to volunteer and help with the Association booth, as well as the overall set ups and function of the show. For those new members, and some who have not participated before, there are some display club cases that can be borrowed for the show. (Plan ahead). More to be discussed soon.

Coupons for this March show are already available for distribution. They will be on hand in Nov. for OGMS members to place around the community.

Dr. Rolfe D. Mandel

We were fortunate, and very honored, to have Dr. Rolfe Mandel present "Searching for the First Man in the Americas: Geoaerchological Perspective" at our Oct. 6, 2022 club meeting. This was a highly anticipated, and acclaimed presentation attended by a standing room audience (including 27 visitors/guests - from the Show Me Rockhounds, IGAMS the MOKan Paleo group, and others from outside the immediate area). Such was the affirmative response, that inquiries were received and Dr.

Mandel has already been contacted for other presentations. (We are especially appreciative of Dr. Mandel coming back, as he was here in May and we could not project his presentation at that time due to equipment problems on our end).

For further interest, the Discovery channel will broadcast a program by Dr. Mandel in late Nov., 2022 believed to be entitled "In the footsteps of Man." (More specific details as they become available).

UFO - - - or UF (Oh's)

Unintentional Forensics

Not intended, or scripted, our Oct. 2022 speaker (Dr. Rolfe Mandel), in his presentation "Searching for the First Man in the Americas: Geoarcheological Perspective", briefly explained the find of human fossil footprints at White Sands National Park in New Mexico. Unrelated, but in response to the topic for our Oct. club meeting, OGMS member Dale Wycoff brought several magazines to share. (These are now in the club library). By chance the first magazine had an article entitled "Lost footprints of our ancestors", which included, along with other instances, information on the footprints being found at White Sands National Park. (Ref.: New Scientist, Autumn 2022).

Holiday Party

While not December, we have decided to hold our annual holiday party just before Thanksgiving this year. This a result of our previous location (Olathe Hy-Vee) proving to be too small for our ever-growing membership party.

So, our party this year will occur Thursday evening, November, 17, 2022 at Hope Chapel (in the large rotunda just outside of room 018 where we meet monthly). We will begin meeting at 5:30 P.M. and plan to eat (catered food arranged by our Barbara Crompton from Joe's BBQ) about 6:30 PM, to be followed by opening of gifts. Cost per adult is \$10 (children \$5) and, as in the past, the club will pick up the remainder of the expenses.

As in the past the gift exchange will be what some call a roulette. Each person is asked to bring a wrapped gift (about \$10 value). Each guest will have a number, and when called in turn will select and unwrap a gift. As this proceeds, individuals can maintain that gift (maybe temporarily), or select/trade that item for a previously unwrapped gift from someone else. (Maximum capture for any one gift is three times). As the first three individuals will not have previous gifts to consider, at the end of the process they may capture gifts from others. (This may sound more complicated than it really is, however it has in the past proven to be fun).

OGMS Passing

Sadly, we have learned of, and report the passing of OGMS member Julie Kay Robinson. Julie, an accomplished designer and wire wrapper, was an active club member, and along with Bev Wells were instrumental in the development of our club directory. Her memorial service was held at Johnson County Memorial Gardens Friday, Oct. 21, 2022. Her enthusiasm, energy and great smile are truly

missed. (More information as it becomes available).

Hurricane Ina Report

OGMS members Sandy Daum (in Sarasota, FL) and Magnolia Moran (in Ft. Meyers, FL) have been contacted regarding their well-being following the hurricane. Sandy reports that her prior experiences with such storms greatly prepared her for this event. Apparently, she had little damage (as the hurricane entered the state south of her location) and her son who also lives in Florida had some water damage from a leak around a skylight. Great news concerning the Daum connection.

The Moran family in Ft. Meyer, where the storm actually made landfall experienced the full force of the hurricane. Luckily the Moran home is on a slightly elevated area and while they escaped the surge, they lost all but one tree and were without power and water for an extended period of time - - and Magnolia's school (as were all the others) was closed. So, what is a young rockhound to do under such circumstances? The family fortunately was able to exercise a pre-planned trip and went to Boston and Maine, during which Magnolia excitedly visited the Harvard Natural History Museum.



Magnolia

FIELD TRIPS:

Nothing at this time.

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

The Crown Jewels

With the passing of Queen Elizabeth there has been renewed interest in the Crown Jewels. Those watching the funeral ceremonies saw the Imperial State Crown, the Sovereign's Scepter with Cross, and the Royal Orb atop the casket as the services were moved from place to place. (These items, and many others are most always kept at the Tower of London and are on display (while at other times some items are kept at Westminster Abby depending upon current events)).

While the Imperial State Crown is of considerable interest, the Sovereign's Scepter with Cross commands significant mention as it is set with the Great Star of Africa which weighs 530.4 carats and consists of 74 facets. It is the largest cut diamond (from the largest gem-quality rough diamond

(3,106.75 carats) ever discovered in the world) and is from the Cullinan Diamond, discovered in 1905, from the Premier Mine in Cullinan, Pretoria, South Africa. From the same stone, the Second Star of Africa (at 317.4 carats and having 66 facets) is at the front of the Imperial State Crown along with 2,868 diamonds. The Cullinan diamond was given to Queen Elizabeth's great-grandfather in 1907, which was then cut and faceted for the Queen's father's coronation in 1937. Interestingly, the rough diamond, while found in 1905, was put on sale in London for two years, and while there was much interest, it went unsold. In 1907 the Transvaal Colony government (S. Africa) bought it and the Prime Minister, Louis Botha, presented it as birthday gift to U.K. King Edward VII (who then had it cut by Joseph Asscher & Co. in Amsterdam).

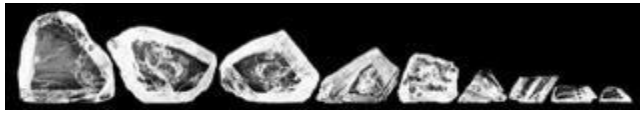
The Royal Orb consists of a cross mounted on a globe, and has three sections made of bands of jewels - supposedly representing the three continents known from medieval times. The globe jewels are clusters of emeralds, rubies and sapphires with rose-cut diamonds and a row of pearls. The cross is set with rose-cut diamonds, with a sapphire centered on one side with an emerald on the other, with pearls at the ends of the cross arms.

Below is an image of the funeral of King George - with the same royal items on the casket as in Queen Elizabeth's funeral. Also, an image of the largest cuts of the Cullinan diamond, and of Frederick Wells, mine manager, with the uncut Cullinan diamond at his right.





The Nine Major Stones



Interesting bits concerning Queen Elizabeth's funeral -

— Planning for the funeral, at her insistence, had been in the works for several years - - under the code name of "London Bridge". Upon her passing the code name was changed to "London Bridge is Down".

— Only 7% of the world's population was alive when she became Queen in 1952.

— Her private collection (not including the Crown jewels) is estimated to be the largest private jewelry collection in the world, valued a several million pounds.

— At the funeral, guests wore white (silver, pearls, etc.) jewelry in honor of the Queen. Many of these were gifts to the individuals by the Queen, while many had been "loaned" specifically to individuals for the event.

Sources of information: express.co.uk; royal collection trust; Wikipedia; "The Tower of London" published 1990, and Josie Goodbody. [I did not make up this name!!!!]

P.S. Since the funeral of Queen Elizabeth, there are calls for the Great Star of Africa, and other diamonds to be "repatriated" to South Africa as many view Britain's acquisition of the jewels to be illegitimate. (Stating that the purchase by the Transvaal Colony (run by British rule) government and then gifting the property was illegal, further indicating that "colonial transactions are illegitimate and immoral).

P.S.S. On a personal note, while in the Navy, I had the honor of serving on an Honor Guard for Queen Elizabeth in the early 1960's when she visited Naples, Italy on the H.M.S. Britanica. Also, concerning U. K. royalty, my Great-great Aunt Sarah personally served Queen Victoria in Buckingham Palace in the 1890's and prepared well-to-do young ladies to be presented formally to the Queen. N. Onnen

UPCOMING EVENTS

Upcoming Events and Shows

If you have interest in any of the shows listed here, please check the status of shows and promoter notices.

Now thru Jan 31, 2023 - MAYA: The Great Jaguar Rises – Union Station



Nov. 4 - 6, 2022 – KC G&M Show; KCI Expo Hall

Nov. 10, 2022 – 54th Geotechnical Conference at KU;
ceae.ku.edu/geotechnical-engineering-conference

Nov. 12 - 13, 2022 – Omaha G&M Show; UNO Scott Conference Center

Nov 17, 2022 – OGMS HOLIDAY PARTY: 5:30PM - 8:30 PM

Jan 5, 2023 – OGMS monthly club meeting: 6:45 - 8:45 PM

Mar. 10 - 12, 2023; – KC G&M Show; KCI Expo Hall