



ROCK SOLID

JANUARY 2023 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:

In the midst of the 2022-2023 transition, we wish all OGMS members and their families a most happy and peaceful holiday season. The minerals, rocks and fossils await our renewed efforts to collect and enjoy their creation and existence, and we eagerly look forward to putting the most recent severe weather behind and getting on with our respective important hobbies.

Holiday Party

It seems as if we have been absent and apart for a most extended period of time (with the change in schedule in having the holiday party before Thanksgiving, and no actual meetings since Oct. - - except for the November show). That being said, there have been numerous positive comments suggesting continuing the holiday party in November and thereby relieving everyone's congested end of year schedules. This is open for additional conversation, however if the apparent consensus remains, we will again schedule this event for some time in November 2023. Additional supporting comments (also open to further discussion) indicate a positive reaction to this year's change in venue and menu. Please let us know your thoughts.

Getting Back on Schedule/Club Meetings

Continuing our normal meeting schedule, our next club meeting is Thursday evening, Jan. 5, 2023 (from 6:45 - 8:45 PM at Hope Chapel, 12480 Black Bob Road, Olathe, KS; room 018). The first part of the program for this meeting will be a short presentation by the Geoscience Academy (Olathe North High School) explaining their impressive district-wide program. This will be followed by club member Mike McClurg discussing determining the specific density of minerals for identification purposes. (He most recently used this process for identifying jadeite and nephrite jades for the Robinson family estate sale).

At this meeting we also plan to discuss/schedule OGMS display cases for the March 2023 show, and solicit volunteer help/schedules for the show. Coupons for this March show are already available for distribution and will be on hand for OGMS members to place around the community.

The originally planned program on Hawaii by OGMS club member Kass Ulmer has been postponed as her work schedule has changed and she is presently unable to attend our Thursday evening meetings. As she maintains her membership, we will look for a future opportunity to hear her presentation.

We are formally on the calendar for the following club meetings (all on Thursday evenings at Hope Chapel)

Jan. 5, 2023

Feb. 2, 2023

Mar. 2, 2023

Apr. 6, 2023

May 4, 2023

(Yet not scheduled, but anticipated, will be the Sept. - Nov. meetings on the first Thursdays of these months also).

The Feb. 2 club meeting program will be by Tom Tivol and Larry Wells concerning gold and man-made diamonds (and substitutes).

OGMS Bulletin

There have been some comments indicating that various members look forward to, and read, the club Bulletin (as well as the Mini-Miner). To that end, our combination Webmaster/Bulletin Editor (Dan McDaniel) would welcome someone who would like to assist in pulling the Bulletin together, and soliciting content and periodic contributions by members and other individuals. With our broad membership base and experiences, there is a wealth of information that other members would be interested in, and hopefully contribute to and build on. Our Bulletin, in addition to providing club schedules and general information, has proven to be an opening to individuals in the area seeking a club and/or information. As additional potential incentive for Bulletin content, the Rocky Mountain Federation (to which the OGMS is a member) annually sponsors a Publications contest. Member clubs submit their newsletters and Bulletins as well as several categories of articles, etc. for consideration to be judged at the annual RMF Congress. Submissions of interest include pieces by adults as well as juniors (under 12) in categories including feature articles, humor, technical, historical, drawings, photo-story, and travel. Prizes for each are given and publicized - - AND, the top three of each category are submitted to the American Federation (the parent of all seven Regional Federations) for their annual contest consideration. Seems that our very active club should be a part of this.

March 10-12, 2023 61st Annual KC 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 volunteers to 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 at the January club meeting for OGMS members to place around the community.

Robinson Sale

On Wednesday, Dec. 14, and on Friday and Saturday Dec. 16 and 17, 2022, the OGMS was involved in the sale of items from the OGMS club member(s) M. John and Julie Robinson estate. OGMS had exclusive access to the sale on Wednesday and then also participated in the public element of the sale on Friday and Saturday. At the conclusion of the public sale, the remaining jewelry, gem and mineral

items were generously donated by the family to our club. An inventory will be made, and use of those items will be considered this coming spring. Thanks to the club members who donated considerable hours in sorting and organizing the G&M items for the sale, and to those OGMS members who participated in the event.

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

Lapidary Equipment Manufacturers

Do you have an old piece of equipment which requires a repair or you want some information on an old tumbler or saw, etc.? The following website has a list of lapidary equipment manufacturers, and who they were sold to or acquired by. The list is not complete, but it may get you the information you need. Scroll to the bottom of the website for the list of manufacturers.

<http://tomaszewski.net/Kreigh/Minerals/Homemade.shtml>

Also, this webpage has some interesting discussions on homemade lapidary equipment.

Thumbnail Minerals

A recent supplement (Nov.-Dec., 2022) to "The Mineralogical Record" featured a comprehensive discussion and extensive examples of "thumbnail" collecting. The Introduction properly stated "It's About Attitude, Not Size" in describing the attraction of collecting, organizing and exhibiting thumbnails - - which are described as specimens which fit into a 1" cube. Citing the distraction of novice individuals collecting some of everything [don't all rockhounds do this, not recognizing the concept of "leaverites"?], the explanation for collecting thumbnails entails concentrating and focusing on specimen sizes that easily satisfy most hobbyists economic and space considerations, and of the specimens being unique and of normally undamaged. (The extended consideration of this would be "micro-mounts" which necessarily requires expensive magnification equipment, etc., not usually desirable for early collectors albeit having more perfect crystal specimens).

An OGMS member who has collected and displayed thumbnails (and won Rocky Mountain Federation awards for such) is Barbara Crompton, our noted rockhound, club Treasurer, and Philatelist [new word for some?]. She has displayed her thumbnail gem and mineral specimens, coupled with the respective stamps at the KC G&M show as well as at two Rocky Mountain Federation Congress meetings (in which she won first place awards). We will ask her to display this collection at one of our meetings in the near future.

For those interested, the following represent specimen size definitions (with diagonal dimension in parenthesis) -

Thumbnail	1 inch (1.732 inches; 4.4 cm)
Large (Perky) Thumbnail	1.25 inches (5.5 cm)
Small Miniature (Toenail)	1.5 inches (6.6 cm)
Miniatures	2 inches (8.8 cm)
Small Cabinet	~4 inches (17.3 cm)
Cabinet	5 inches (22 cm)
Large Cabinet (Museum)	over 5 inches (22 cm)

All are recognized by the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies with the exception of Large Cabinet and Toenail size which are categories of the Tucson Gem and Mineral Society).

In defense of a random, opportunistic collector, the late collector and primarily a micro-mount specialist Neal Yedlin apparently declared “I collect minerals, not sizes”. End of story apparently!!! 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



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

Feb 2 – OGMS monthly club meeting: 6:45 - 8:45 PM

Feb 9 – 12 – (Main Show) Tucson Gem and Mineral Show

<https://www.tgms.org/show#:~:text=February%209%E2%80%9312%2C%202023>

Mar 2 – OGMS monthly club meeting: 6:45 - 8:45 PM

Mar 9 – KC Gem and Mineral Show – Set Up

Mar 10 – 12 – KC Gem and Mineral Show; KCI Expo Hall

Apr 1,2 – Lincoln Gem and Mineral Show <https://www.lincolngemmineralclub.org/happenings/annual-show>

Apr 6 – OGMS monthly club meeting: 6:45 - 8:45 PM

Apr 21 - 23 – Wichita Gem and Mineral Show, Cessna Activity Center

<https://wichitagemandmineralsociety.org/show/>

May 6 – OGMS monthly club meeting: 6:45 - 8:45 PM

June (TBD) – Annual OGMS summer picnic

Jun 1,2 – Ozarks Gem and Mineral, Springfield Rock & Gem Fair

<https://ogms.rocks/events/>

July 14 - 16 – Rocky Mountain Federation Congress, Casper, WY

Jul 15,16 – Tulsa Rock and Mineral Show

<https://tulsarockandmineralsociety.org/shows>