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Oklahoma Mineral & Gem Society Purpose

The purpose shall be an educational relationship among the members for the study of rocks, gems, minerals, fossils, and lapidary techniques, and for the exchange of the results of such studies and classifications with similar societies and the public. (We have fun, too!)

Membership & Meetings

General Membership meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. (with the exception of June and December when we celebrate with an anniversary picnic in June and a December Christmas party in lieu of regular meetings). Guests are welcome!

On the first Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. (except on holidays), we meet for a Demonstration & Work Night to give members an opportunity to share information and teach each other and assist each other with various personal projects.

Meetings and work nights are held at the Will Rogers Garden Exhibition Building, 3400 N.W. 36th Street in Oklahoma City. Annual dues are \$10.00 for a single membership and \$15.00 for husband and wife (children also). A \$1.00 per person initiation fee applies to new members, subject to application and approval.

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OMGS GENERAL MEETING MINUTES January 17, 2008

John Bode, President, called the meeting to order.

Wanda Manderscheid introduced our guests: Janice Mobley, Roger Frech, Jerry Whiten, and Roger Baldwin.

The minutes of the last meeting were read; Lou Dorton made a motion to accept the minutes, Joyce McBryde seconded, passed.

Displays: Diana Whitehead brought some birds carved from rocks. Karen Nelson brought some slabs that she would like identified. Reba Gibson brought a specimen which she would like identified.

Committee Report: John reported that when Paul accepted the position of Vice President, it left a vacancy on the Board. We asked Tom Manners to fill the vacant position. It was approved by the Board. The members voted to accept him.

Old Business: John went by the Elsing Museum and visited with Roger Bush and Nathan Wheeling and got a letter of agreement between OMGS and the Elsing Museum concerning Golda's Mill. The mill will be kept in a prominent place at the museum.

New Business: The new Officers and Board members were installed—President Vern Dorton; Vice President Paul Cinnamon; Treasurer Joyce McBryde; Secretary Dottie Smith. Two-year Board members are Wanda Manderscheid, Doyle McBryde, Joann Carroll. One-year Board members are Les Jones, Tom Manners, Arlene Burkhalter, Mike Holmes, Bob Welch and John Bode. A plaque and traveling gavel were presented to John as outgoing President for two years. Vern took over as President. He stated that the Chairpersons as printed in the 2007 directory will be the same for this year. Sue Smith volunteered to become Editor.

Correspondence: A flyer for a Rock Show in North Carolina in March. Ron

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2008 Elected Officers

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Board of Directors

Two year term:

Wanda Manderscheid

Doyle McBryde

Joanne Carroll

One year term:

Les Jones

Tom Manners

Arlene Burkhalter

Mike Holmes

Bob Welch

John Bode

Appointed Officers & Committee Chairpersons

Anniversary Picnic Donna Davis

Audio/Video: Mark Brickmann

Christmas Party **OPEN**

Property Custodians John Bode

Paul Cinnamon

Education: Mark Brickmann

Federation Activities Max &

Arlene Burkhalter

Field Trips Paul Cinnamon

Larry Shearer

Historian **OPEN**

Hospitality Ambrosia Geffre

Librarian: Norma Cinnamon

Meeting Display Doyle McCown

Billie Marie Nedd

Mmbership Wanda Manderscheid

Omniplex Chet Hazelwood

Arlene Burkhalter

Programs **OPEN**

Parliamentarian Joyce McBryde

Publicity **OPEN**

Newsletter Editor Sue Smith

Carman sent an e-mail reminding us of the two-day Exhibitors and Judges Seminar March 8 and 9 in Austin, Texas. A letter was received from Melba Dodrill (Dodrill's Museum) about a recent break-in and a list of items taken from the museum, including Richard's electric wheelchair. She wants members to be aware so if you happen to see anything unusual, to please notify the Cushing police. John informed us that Richard is looking for someone to take over the museum—the Elsing Museum and another museum are interested in it. John also informed us that an individual has donated some equipment to our club. Some of the equipment will be on display next month at our meeting, and then the following month it will be put in the Silent Auction.

Doyle McCown won the door prize.

Cookie volunteers for next month are Sue Smith and Doyle McCown. Kitchen help are Jeanie Manners and Doyle McCown.

Golda's Mill will probably be moved in the next two weeks.

A field trip to the gravel pit will probably be in April/May.

A Silent Auction at our regular meeting will be in May. **If you have any materials to donate for our auction, please be sure to do so!**

The next work night is February 4 (the first Monday of the month).

Meeting adjourned.

Dottie Smith, Secretary

TONGUE TWISTINGS TO TRY...

Tim, the thin twin tinsmith.

Repeat "Rubber baby buggy bumpers" 10 times REAL FAST without errors.

Two tree toads tied together tried to trot to town twice.

HOW SOME EXERCISES CAN HURT YOUR HEALTH...

Running down others.

Beating your head against a wall.

Adding fuel to the fire.

Flying off the handle.

Carrying things too far.

Throwing your weight around.

Shifting the blame.

Flirting with disaster.

Scholarship	Max & Arlene Burkhalter
Show 2008	OPEN
Sunshine	Donna Davis
Telephone	Oveta Vermillion
Ways & Means	Dean & Wanda Manderscheid
	Doyle McCown
Workshop	Mark Brickmann

Quotes...

Aspire to inspire before you expire. (Author unknown)

The best substitute for experience is being sixteen. (Author unknown...again)

Things you might ponder in your spare time...

Can you be a closet claustrophobic?

Why is there an expiration date on sour cream containers?

If progress means to move forward, what does congress mean?

All December meetings, including the Monday Work Night, will be replaced by our annual Holiday Party the first Friday in December.

OMGS CALENDAR UPDATE

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Editor's Note: *Please submit your contributions no later than the first of each month.* Your submissions may be edited for punctuation, clarity and space. If you have an announcement or a trip report to share, please e-mail me or give it to me at the monthly meetings. E-mail attachments in MS Word are appreciated so as to prevent retyping the information. Unless otherwise noted, articles are written and/or contributed by the Editor. **Thanks to all of you who contributed to this issue!**

FEB. 4: WORK NIGHT

FEB. 14: BOARD MEETING THURSDAY

FEB. 21: GENERAL MEETING

MAR. 3: WORK NIGHT

MAR 8-9: EXHIBITORS & JUDGES SEMINAR IN AUSTIN, TX

MAR. 13: BOARD MEETING

MAR. 20: GENERAL MEETING

MAR. 28-30: ADA SHOW

APR. 11-12: ENID SWAP AT POND CREEK

APR. 18-20: WE ARE HOSTING THE STATE COUNCIL RED ROCK SWAP MEET IN RED ROCK CANYON ON THE SOUTH EDGE OF HINTON, OKLAHOMA

APR. 25-27: WICHITA SHOW

APR: FIELD TRIP TO GRAVEL PIT FOR FOSSILS. WE ARE HOPING TO DO THIS THE FIRST SATURDAY MORNING IN APRIL.

MAY 2-4: McPHERSON, KANSAS 16TH ANNUAL ROCK SALE AND SWAP MEET

MAY 16-17: ELLINWOOD, KANSAS 35TH ANNUAL ROCK SWAP

MAY 15: BIG SILENT AUCTION IN CONJUNCTION WITH CLUB MEETING - DONATIONS NEEDED FROM

PLEASE

**REMEMBER
DUES ARE
DUE BY THE
END OF
EACH YEAR.**

**Don't delay!
PAY YOUR
MEMBERSHIP
DUES
TODAY!**

**If you can't
make it to the
March 2008
meeting, please
mail your
check in **ASAP****

to:

**Dottie Smith
612 Mark Drive
Del City, OK 73115**

Thanks!

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**NOTE: We would like to
get input from each and
every one of our members
on what type of teaching
and learning you would
like to see happening
during our Monday night**

CLUB MEMBERS!

**UPCOMING ADA SHOW DETAILS FOR MARCH 28-30;
ADMISSION IS FREE! The show is being held at the PONTOTOC
COUNTY AGRI-PLEX BUILDING (the main building). They will have
gem digs for children, demonstrations, Silent Auctions, and about 14
dealers from Arkansas, Texas, and Oklahoma. Ada is about 70 miles
southeast of Oklahoma City.**

**There will be items of interest for all ages. Their Saturday night auction
will be open to the public. They are also going to have a raffle this year of
three items they have purchased which they feel will be of interest to the
general public. The raffle will be drawn Sunday afternoon, and you do
not need to be present to win!**

**The show schedule is as follows: FRIDAY from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.,
SATURDAY from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (with the public auction on Saturday
night beginning at 7 p.m.). On SUNDAY they are open from 10 a.m. to 5
p.m.**

**The address is the northeast intersection of State Highway 99 (also called
U.S. 377) at the intersection of State Highway 1 and 3 east off the
Richardson Loop around Ada. "It's real easy to find" per Ed Vermillion.
Some directions will be posted on flyers around Ada. If you would like
further information, please feel free to call Ed Vermillion at 405-527-
6431.**

Again, this is free of charge and open to the public!

BIRTHSTONE FOR FEBRUARY: Amethyst.

**SOME INTERESTING INFORMATION TO KNOW
ABOUT AMETHYST (QUARTZ)**

**The amethyst is the birthstone for February and is made from quartz. Quartz
occurs in many rocks and is the most common mineral found in the earth's
crust (the top layer of the earth). When pressure is applied to quartz crystals,
this produces an electric charge known as piezoelectricity, which gives quartz
many uses and adds to its value. Usually the quartz crystal specimens you will
find have six (sometimes eight) sides and a pyramidal shaped top.**

**The hardness of quartz on the Mohs scale is listed as a "7" (a diamond is 10),
which means it is more hard-wearing than some other types of gemstones.
The quartz crystal can be transparent to translucent and typically has a glossy
luster. The purple color of quartz is derived from tiny quantities of iron.
When an amethyst is heated slowly, it changes to citrine, a variety of quartz
that has colors in various shades of yellow.**

work nights. Next month (March) we have tentatively scheduled cabochon making. February 4 we studied cabochon making. We also need to get input from our members on what each of your talents are (you all have them!) so that we can give instruction and hold teachings in your specific areas of expertise if you care to do that. That would really create some interest, I am sure!

FROM THE EDITOR:

If you have articles of interest that you would like to see printed in *The Sooner Rockologist*, please be sure to contact me either by e-mail or by phone (listed above). Thank you!

If you have complaints, please be gentle!

Remember Madam and Pierre Curie? Well, Pierre Curie along with his brother Jacques discovered the property of piezoelectricity in quartz crystals. From that discovery, the record player was invented! The piezoelectricity turned vibrations caused by the stylus running through record grooves into an electric charge, after which speakers converted the electric charge into sound that people could hear. How awesome was that discovery?

Quartz many times can be found in mineral veins because of its tendency to form in cracks or faults in rocks into which mineral-rich, hot water flows. As the water cools down, the quartz crystals develop. Golden beach sand is also made of quartz, and glass is made from sand.

So, not only is quartz beautiful, it is functional. Not only is it used to create beautiful things for we women to wear, it is also used for practical functional things as we go about our daily lives. Where would we be without music (albeit some of it lately is not very desirable)? Where would we be without windows to look out of and bottles in which to store food and other things? Where would we be without all the wonderful colors of quartz? Where would the jewelers be if they had no materials with which to work? We have many, many wonderful materials on this earth with which to enrich our lives, and for that we all can be grateful.

(The above article was written by Sue Smith, but the scientific and technical information was abstracted from Pockets Rocks & Minerals written by Sue Fuller. Please note, the opinions of the Editor do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the OMGS group as a whole.)

STATE COUNCIL SWAP MEET AT RED ROCK CANYON (WE ARE THE HOSTS!)

We will be having a fluorescent display at the Red Rock Canyon Swap Meet after dark on Friday and Saturday. Chet Hazelwood will be providing the information and will handle display. We will have a potluck dinner on Saturday night at 6:30 or 7:00 p.m. We will have 4 full hook-ups for RVs and probably 10 or 12 areas with electrical and water supply. We will get a group discount for all campers with our group. There will be waste disposal containers nearby. They will have a silent auction for the State Council Saturday afternoon and a State Council meeting Saturday afternoon. If you would like further information, please feel free to contact Arlene Burkhalter (732-0808), Chet Hazelwood, (427-1439) or George Finley (769-5060).

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