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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.

OMGS Picnic 2010 - Where Were You?



From the President's desk

The Silent Auction in May was a Big success. Many thanks to the Manderscheid's for all their hard work and to all who donated and purchased items and helped on the day of the auction.

Whew! June was HOT as well busy. We had a good turnout for the picnic. 28 tough rockhounds braved the 90+ degree heat. The next day at the workshop we had 31. Thanks to everyone who attended both. Those were the last times we saw Mr. Leon Neff. We'll miss him.

AKS Gem Shows are coming back to town next month and have invited us to demonstrate again. We'll need volunteers to man the booth. Please help out if you can.

In case you hadn't heard Robert & I were in the path of the May 10th hail storm. Our roof and gutters have been replaced. New garage doors are in the near future.

Donna

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Property Custodians: John Bode & Paul Cinnamon

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Publicity Open

Leon Neff (March 27, 1928-June 19, 2010)



Our beloved father, Leon Perry Neff, died in Integris Baptist Medical Center on Saturday, June 19, 2010, at the age of 82. He was born on March 27, 1928 in Ponca City and was raised by his dear aunt Elsie McQuaid, in Three Sands. Leon married Marilyn Elizabeth Downing on June 5, 1954, in Guthrie, Oklahoma. Marilyn died shortly before their fiftieth wedding anniversary. Leon retired from the United States Postal Service after working thirty-five years. He is survived by his four children, sons Stephen L. Neff and Christopher S. Neff of Yukon, and daughters Robyn L. Bolt and Beckie

A. Neff of Oklahoma City; four grandchildren Courtney and Lauren Bolt, and Vance and Rachel Neff; and his brother Robert E. Neff, Sr., of Tulsa and his sister Betty J. Abel of Oklahoma City. He was a kind and gentle man and a friend to many people, young and old. He dearly loved his children and grandchildren. The highlight of his days was spending time with them. Leon enjoyed metal detecting and collecting rocks and minerals. He will be greatly missed.

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Leon has been a member of the Oklahoma Gem and Mineral Society since November 2001. He always had a ready smile and a gentle manner. I first got to know Leon when we worked together on the hospitality committee for the 2007 rock show. He would often come to work nights with a new specimen or two in his pocket to share with other members of the club. If you did not know Leon then you missed knowing a true "Gem" of a man." You will be missed, my friend.

Tom Manners
Editor



New Members...

Norma Myers, Lezette Boutin and Scott Roberts received their new member packets.

Board Meeting

Thursday, May 13, 2010

Newsletter Editor: Tom Manners
Scholarship: John Bode
Show 2009: Open
Sunshine: Donna Davis
Telephone: Open
Ways & Means: Dean & Wanda Manderscheid
Doyle McCown
Workshop: Open
Web Master Open

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If you have articles of interest that you would like to see printed in The Sooner Rockologist, please be sure to contact the editor.

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.

If you owe membership dues, please mail your check to:

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Members present: Dale Moore, Donna Davis, Paul Cinnamon, Jeannie Manners, John Bode, Darla Wood, Bill Chaney, Elaine Welch, David Read, Joann Carroll, Donna Dove

Guests present: Robert Davis, Norma Cinnamon, Tom Manners, Oscar Carroll, Bill Dove, Doyle McCown, Brenda Hibbler

Chairman Moore brought the meeting to order.

The minutes are printed in the *Rockologist*. Paul moved, David seconded that the minutes be accepted as printed. Approved.

David gave the treasurer's report, which will be filed for future audit. The Bank of America account has been closed.

Correspondence – We have been receiving newsletters, etc.

New member applications – We have received applications for Alicia, William & Trinity Howell; Lezette Boutin; Norma Myers; Scott Roberts; and Maritel, Shawn & Gabie Shaefer. After discussion John moved, and Donna Davis seconded that we accept these new members; motion passed.

Committees – Sunshine committee – Mario H. had surgery; Sandy Combs is recovering from a car accident; John L. and Dar V. are having health issues.

Old Business – The Shows of Integrity will be June 11, 12 & 13; we will have a booth.

Our storage shed has holes in the floor. Paul, David, Tom and Robert will meet Monday at 9 am to fix the shed.

New Business – David has filed the 990.

David will set up a task force to contact the Oklahoma City Geological Foundation.

Bid sheets are available for the auction next week.

OMGS now has a business card designed by John Luna. We will have cards printed as soon as possible.

Our field trip chairman is working on planning a trip.

Nina Brown is our new telephone chairman. New members will be called and reminded about upcoming meetings.

Paul will work on setting up a GM field trip in the fall.

Meeting adjourned.
Jeannie Manners, Secretary

OMGS General Meeting Minutes

May 20, 2010

President Donna Davis called the meeting to order.

Dwight Trent made a motion to accept the April minutes as published in the *Rockologist*; Sebastian Geffre seconded, motion passed.

Correspondence: We have received newsletters from other clubs, information from Tinker Federal Credit Union regarding winning Buddy scooters, and flyers for the Tahlequah show.

NOTE: We would like to receive input from each and every one of our members on what you would like to see happening during our work night the first Monday of each month, so we can determine who will give instruction in those particular areas of interest. Thank you

A BIG THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THIS MONTH'S NEWSLETTER.

Regarding health issues, Donna Davis is on our sunshine committee. She said she hasn't been receiving any notifications lately of folks being ill or having difficulties. In that regard, no news is good news!

But if you don't know who to contact to tell about these things, she is the person. She asked that I be sure to remind everyone.

Her phone number is 760-6566, and her e-mail is

robertdavis3@cox.net.

Please be sure to keep her abreast of these issues so our club can help out if needed. Thanks!

Donna Davis gave the treasurer's report which will be filed for future audit.

The picnic is next month, Sunday, June 6. We will set up at 12:30, eat around 1.

We will have a work night on Monday, June 7.

New Members: Norma Myers, Scott Roberts, and Lezette Boutin received their new member packets.

Announcements: The Rocky Mountain Federation gave us a certificate for the scholarship donation.

The Shows of Integrity is June 11, 12 & 13, where we will have a booth. Debbi will take pictures that weekend for the *Rockologist*. Admission will be free for OMGS members.

Thanks to Lanny and Beverly for cookies tonight, and Darla and Dwight for helping in the kitchen. Volunteers for July: Kitchen help – Dale M. and Darla W.; Cookies – Doyle M. and Norma M.

The Gold Prospectors Assoc. of America's show will be next weekend.

Wanda explained the procedures for the auction.

The meeting adjourned for the auction.

Respectfully,
Jeannie Manners, secretary

ROAD TRIP - COLORADO

By Tom Manners

The trip planning began at the last Zurcher family get together about two years ago. e-mails and long distance phone calls back and forth about where to go, when to go and who could go. What started out as a family reunion soon turned into more. After a weekend at Golden Bell Ranch in Divide, Colorado, Jeannie and I and two of her sisters headed for Breckenridge, Colorado via Fairplay, Colorado.

We took the "scenic" route to Fairplay. Highway 67 and 285 make a beautiful drive over a couple of passes and through some valleys with rivers and streams. Andy, my sister-in-law's husband, suddenly pulled over in one of the small villages. When I pulled alongside of him to see what was



up, all he said was, "Wood". I understood immediately. You see Andy looks at wood the way Jeannie and I look at rocks. Maybe more so.

We stopped on Red Hill Pass to enjoy the view of the valley before going on into Fairplay. While looking at the view it began a light rain

that turned into a light snow. This was not the first snow on this trip.



Fairplay is a small town of only 600. The main street in town is worth walking with several buildings that date back to the late 1800's. Jeannie and I stopped in a small bead shop. It was free to go in but it cost me \$\$\$ to get out. Jeannie has some new beads to work with and I have several Cabochons to wrap. Fairplay has a unique museum at one end of the main street called South Park City. It is a collection of buildings that have been brought in from old mining towns in the area. Each building has been restored to the late 1800's condition, both inside and out. Included are a stamping mill, brewer, chapel, bank, and dentist office. I have only named a very few of the many buildings. If you are ever in the area it is worth stopping for a visit.

On Tuesday we drove over the pass to Breckenridge, Colorado. Between Fairplay and Breckenridge there are many old gold and silver mines. When a Rockhound is in mining country what does he do but find a

gold mine to visit. The Country Boy mine is just outside of town and that is the one we chose to visit and tour. After a very informative tour we were able to do a little panning for gold. What we panned out was a small vial of "fool's gold". Well so much for getting rich as a miner. Jeannie did pet the burros and I bought a couple of pieces of stick candy before heading back to town.



After spending eight days at over 9,000 feet above sea level it was time to come down out of the mountains and breathe again. Saturday morning we took Jeannie's sister and brother-in-law to the airport, dropping them off just before 10:00 a.m. Since we had plenty of daylight left we decided to head for a couple of museums.

Jeannie and I headed back across town to Colorado School of Mines Geology Museum. Although this is not a large museum, it does have a collection of minerals that made us ooh and aah. There were specimens from around the world with an emphasis on minerals from Colorado and the different mining districts in the state. I would have liked to fill my pockets but they must have known I was coming, because everything was in glass cases.

After lunch, our next stop was the Denver Museum of Nature and Science. To right is the "Alma King", the largest known rhodochrosite crystal, it is just a small part of the mining exhibit. This photo does not do justice to the size of this specimen. And it is just one of many. I came away with a new definition of what Jeannie would call, "A pretty rock." Again this is a world class exhibit. If you are in the Denver area I would recommend that you take the time to go to not just one, but both of these fine and educational museums.



GEM SHOW

July 17-18, 2010 EXPO SQUARE, Tulsa, OK

Central Park Hall

Tulsa Rock & Mineral Society

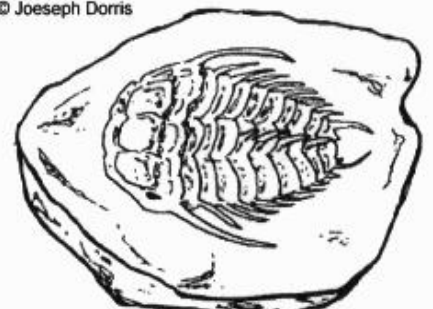
Things to enjoy at the show:

- Beads**
- Jewelry**
- Gems**
- Crystals**
- Fossils**
- Lapidary Work**
- Top National Dealers**
- Special & Judged Exhibits**
- Working Demonstrations**
- Slide Shows & Presentations**
- Special Area for Children**
- Silent Auction**
- Camping on Fairgrounds**
- Door Prizes**

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HOURS: Sat. 9am to 6pm; Sun. 10am to 5pm

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OMGS Calendar

July 5 - NO work night due to federal holiday.

July 8 - OMGS Board of Directors Meeting

July 15 - General Meeting - To Be Announced

July 17-18 - TULSA, OKLAHOMA: Show, "Treasures of the Earth"; Tulsa Rock & Mineral Society; Central Park Hall, Expo Square, Tulsa County Fairgrounds, 21st and Yale; Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-5; adults \$6, children under 12 and Scouts in uniform free Web site: www.ttownrockhound.org

August 2 - Work Night

August 12 - OMGS Board of Directors Meeting

August 19 - General Meeting - To Be Announced

August 20th–21st - Tahlequah 2010 Rock & Mineral Show, Swap & Sale Tahlequah Community Bldg., 300 W.1st St., Tahlequah, OK, Friday 9-6, Sat. 9-5. Free admission, Rocks, minerals, fossils, jewelry, demonstrations, education displays, children's area and snack bar. Contact Sara at 918-458-0801 or Don at (918-207-9733).

If you have changes, corrections or additions to the OMGS Calendar, please e-mail me at trmanners@sbcglobal.net or call me at (405) 577-2029.

For a complete listing of ALL the rock and gem shows around the nation please go to the web site: <http://www.rockngem.com/showdates.asp>

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