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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.

NEW OMGS OFFICERS INSTALLED

By Tom Manners

The new officers for 2009 were installed at the January general meeting of the Oklahoma Mineral and Gem Society. John Bode, club parliamentarian, administered the pledge of office to both the elected and appointed officers.

Paul Cinnamon is the new president. Paul has been a member of OMGS for over 20 years. Paul has a vast knowledge of rocks and lapidary techniques. He has been instrumental in helping new club members obtain equipment to advance their abilities and enjoyment of our hobby.

Our new Vice-President is Donna Davis. Donna has been a life long rockhound. She also enjoys beading and collecting jewelry.

Other elected officers include Jeannie Manners as our new secretary and David Read the new club treasurer.

For a complete list of all office holders please check the Meeting Minutes later in this issue of the Rockologist.

AKS GEM SHOW GOOD FOR OMGS

By Tom Manners

It wasn't a big show but it was good for the Oklahoma Mineral and Gem Society and according to the AKS Gem Show web site, www.aksshow.com, they had a great show also.

On Friday, David Read, Paul and Norma Cinnamon and myself manned the tables in the foyer. Despite a minor problem with the heat we had several people stop to chat and learn about OMGS. Paul had cabbing display along with his Diamond Genie. Norma showed off her skills beading. David had a very nice display of fossilized bones that he found in the central Oklahoma area. I had a display of wire wrapped jewelry with some of the rocks that the stones in the jewelry were made from.

On Saturday there was a steady flow of people at the OMGS booth. Jeannie Manners and Dottie Smith joined us in manning the displays. Many other members stopped by to check in and take turns answering questions.

The show ended Sunday with John Bode, Dottie Smith, and the Cinnamons manning the booth.

During the show many people took the provided flyers and expressed an interest in visiting OMGS meetings. A total of eight applications for were received during the show.

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Vice President

Donna Davis 405-760-6566

Secretary

Jeannie Manners 405-577-2029

Treasurer

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Two year term:

Wanda Manderscheid

Doyle McBryde

Joanne Carroll

One year term:

Darla Wood

Elaine Welch

John Bode

Appointed Officers & Committee Chairpersons

Anniversary Picnic: Donna Davis

Audio/Video: Tom Manners

Christmas Party: Dottie Smith

Property Custodians: John Bodie & Paul Cinnamon

Education: Mark Brickmann

Federation Activities: Arlene Burkhalter

Field Trips: Ed Vermillion

Historian: Joann Carroll

Hospitality: Ambrosia Geffre

Librarian: Norma Cinnamon

**Meeting Display: Doyle McCown
Billie Marie Nedd**

Membership: Wanda Manderscheid

Programs: Vernon Dorton

Parliamentarian: John Bode

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Greetings from Your President

As you read this, we are well started into the year 2009, and I wish each of you great happiness, good health, and a prosperous year. The beginning of each year prompts each of us to reflect upon the events of the past and our plans for the future.

I wish to congratulate and thank the OMGS officers, members of the board of directors, and committee chairpersons who so willingly and competently served our organization in 2008. I hope and trust that I, and the other officers chosen to serve in 2009, can do as well.

As most of you know, we have a show scheduled for this coming November, and it will require the cooperation, suggestions, and diligent labor of each of you to make this show possible and successful.

It is my desire to assist the board of directors in guiding our organization in directions that will encourage you to increase your participation in our club activities. I believe our club workshops play a vital role in leading guests toward joining our organization, as well as encouraging our new members to become active participants through our sharing of knowledge and skills.

Recently, our club's booth at the AKS Gem, Mineral, and Bead show, January 23, 24, and 25, was a lot of fun and quite successful. Those of us who manned the booth met many individuals who expressed interest in our organization. As a result, we received 8 new applications for membership. Additionally, I expect several others to visit our February workshop and/or meeting. We need to reach out to these new members and guests, making them feel welcome, and at the same time ascertaining what their interests are and guiding them toward those in our club who can assist them toward obtaining the skills and knowledge they may desire. We need to continue to remind them of upcoming meetings and events until our club activities become a routine part of their lives.

I welcome your ideas and suggestions, and encourage you to communicate with me, the members of the board of directors, and the various committee chairpersons whenever you have ideas or information that may be useful to the club. I look forward to seeing you at our functions. Let's work together and make our club activities interesting, informative, and fun in 2009.

Paul

OMGS BOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 8, 2009

Members present: John Bode, Joann Carroll, Paul Cinnamon, Tom Manners, Joyce McBryde, Doyle McCown, Wanda Manderscheid, and Dottie Smith.

Guests: Oscar Carroll, Norma Cinnamon, Donna Davis, Robert Davis, Jeannie Manners, Dean Manderscheid, David Read and Darla Wood.

Scholarship: Arlene Burkhalter
Show 2009: Vernon Dorton
Sunshine: Donna Davis
Telephone: Oveta Vermillion
Ways & Means: Dean & Wanda Manderscheid
Doyle McCown
Workshop: Mark Brickmann

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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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Paul Cinnamon, vice-president, called the meeting to order. We have a quorum. There were no minutes as the secretary neglected to bring copies of the last meeting. Joyce gave the treasurer's report which will be filed for future audit.

Correspondence: Several newsletters from other clubs were received which were given to our editor. Several members sent their 2009 dues.

Old Business: When 15 of our cases were loaned to Tulsa for their show, it was observed that several of our cases need to be repaired. A work day will be scheduled in April or May. Donna will be working on the 2009 directory.

There were no new member applications.

Jerry Cannedy and Paul Cinnamon were approached at the Tulsa Show about the Red Rock Canyon Swap. Our club does not seem to have enough interest to host this swap.

New Business: Paul received an E-mail about a Gem Show January 23-25 and they asked our club to have a booth at the show. Paul will have a sign-up at the General Meeting. Also, a letter was received about a gem show (Shows of Integrity) June 12-14. Our club could have complimentary space for demonstrations and some selling, also free admission.

John made a motion to approve a temporary budget for 2009; Joyce seconded; motion passed.

Our members have been invited to participate in the Enid Club field trips. A trip to hunt for fossils in January was planned. General Materials has their equipment up and running now and a tentative date for a field trip has been set for March 14.

David Read has the number that we need to use for the tax form. The signatures need to be changed reflecting the new officers and the items in the lock box need to be inventoried.

The next meeting is February 12 at Braums in Moore.

Meeting adjourned.

Dottie Smith

OMGS GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

January 15, 2009

Vernon Dorton, president, called the meeting to order. Dottie Smith read the minutes from the November meeting. Ed Vermillion moved to accept the minutes as read; Donna Davis 2nd; motion carried. Paul Cinnamon gave the treasurer's report in Joyce McBryde's absence.

Correspondence: A postcard was received about the McPherson rock swap in May. An email was received about the Tulsa Rock & Mineral Society's annual potluck, auction and swap on March 14th.

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!

Old Business: All club members need to pay their dues for 2009. The directory is currently being worked on.

New Business: The new president, Paul Cinnamon, was installed and received the gavel. A plaque and gavel were presented to Vernon as outgoing president. The new committee chairs, officers and board members were inducted by John Bode, Parliamentarian: Anniversary Picnic – Donna Davis; Audio/Video – Tom Manners; Christmas party – Dottie Smith; Club property custodian & assistant – John Bode & Paul Cinnamon; Federation activities – Arlene Burkhalter; Field trips – Ed Vermillion; Historian – Joann Carroll; Hospitality – Ambrosia Geffre; Librarian & assistant – Norma Cinnamon & Vi Holmes; Meeting display – Doyle McCown & Billie Marie Nedd; Membership – Wanda Manderscheid; Programs – Vernon Dorton; Parliamentarian – John Bode; Rockologist editor – Tom Manners; Scholarship – Arlene Burkhalter; Show chairman – Vernon Dorton; Sunshine – Donna Davis; Telephone – Oveta Vermillion; Ways & means – Wanda & Dean Manderscheid & Doyle McCown; Vice president – Donna Davis; Secretary – Jeannie Manners; Treasurer – David Read; Board of Directors – Elaine Welch, Darla Wood, and John Bode.

Committee Reports: Donna, Sunshine Committee, reported that Norma Cinnamon's birthday was celebrated at the last OMGS board meeting; Oscar and Joann Carroll are celebrating 55 years of marriage; and Les Jones is doing better.

Ed, Field Trips, asked for everyone's input as to possible field trips. His email address has changed. The General Materials pit field trip will take place Saturday, March 14, 8am – noon. Tom Manners brought copies of the Enid field trips planned for 2009.

Vernon announced the Show Committee will be meeting the 1st Thursday of February at Jim's Restaurant at 6:30.

Vi, Library, displayed 3 new books in the library – 2 donations and 1 new purchase. Books can be borrowed by club members; magazines are available for sale to help purchase new books.

Wanda introduced our guests: Amber Blocker, Donald Whitney, Carol Perry, Teresa G., Barbara Kuter, Abe Cochran, Nina Brown.

Tom, Rockologist, said this month's issue is running late, but is available online.

The silent auction is currently going on, through the break. The door prize will be given away after the break.

We have a work night every month on the first Monday night at 6 pm. There is a beading class at Alouette's on the 3rd Wednesday morning of every month. The AKS Gem Shows are putting on a show in OKC Jan. 23-25; the OMGS is invited to have a free booth, with demonstrators – please sign up. Shows of Integrity are putting on a show in OKC June 12-14; the OMGS is invited to participate.

February cookie volunteers – Dottie Smith and Oveta Vermillion; kitchen help – Donna Davis.

The meeting adjourned for refreshments and the program – a dvd about Exotic and Phenomenal Gemstones.

Jeannie Manners, Secretary

Enid Gem and Mineral Society Field Trips for 2009

The Enid Gem and Mineral Society has invited any member of OMGS that would like to, to accompany their club on field trips this year. The following is a list of the field trips that they have planned for 2009. Remember these field trips are subject to change. If you would like to go on any of these trips with the Enid club please contact Stan Nowak at 580-234-3126.

February 14	Camargo	Jasper, Aragonite, Petrified Wood, Quartzite
March 15	Billings	Malachite, Petrified Wood (need count to attend)
April 11	Salt Plains	Selenite Crystals
May 11	Prague	Fossils, Quartz, Jasper
June 13	Hardtner	Bill White's Museum
July 11	Avard-Waynoka	Holey Rocke, Eisenglas
August 8	Noble-OKC	Rose Rocks
September 12	Idabel-Mt. Ida	Quartz, Diamonds
October 10	Orion-Fairview	Dolomite Pyramids
November 14	Sand Springs-Tulsa	Gold Panning
December 12	Orlando	Mud Balls

LIBRARY ADDS FOUR BOOKS

BY Norma Cinnamon

I am pleased to announce the addition of four new books to the OMGS library.

The first is a book entitled "The Mineral Gods Must Be Laughing!" written by Roy D. Lee. The author himself donated the book to our club library. It contains a series of stories spanning many years of gem and mineral collecting trips and adventures that began in the 1960's when the author was a youngster growing up in Arizona. It is entertaining reading, even if one is not a rockhound, and much more for those of us who are.

The second book is entitled "Making Metal Jewelry", and is authored by Joanna Gollberg. It features methods of making elegant, imaginative jewelry by learning easy ways of joining metal that don't require soldering or a torch. The book was donated to the library by Bob and Donna Davis. Thank you Bob and Donna.

The third book is "The Beader's Handbook" by Juvu Vail. This book covers many beading techniques and is very well illustrated with many color pictures and diagrams, not only teaching the processes, but also the tools used. This excellent beading book was purchased from our library funds, but was discovered by , and came highly recommended by our club member, Joyce McBryde. Thanks Joyce for assisting me in obtaining a copy.

The fourth book is entitled, "Agates Treasures of the Earth". It is authored by internationally recognized agate expert and scholar Roger Pabian with Brian Jackson, Peter Tandy and John Cromartie. It contains many beautiful photographs of agates along with text regarding their formation sources, uses, and a world of information on collecting. Anyone interested in geology, or the collecting, cutting and polishing of agate will enjoy this book.

Petrified Wood

Should be cut lengthwise of the grain. This produces a more varied pattern. Sometimes cutting crosswise will give good patterns, but this is not usually the case. Limb sections are rather on the scarce side as they tend to disintegrate before they petrify. If they are cut diagonally and polished to one end, it adds to their beauty.

Did You Know The Bola Tie.

The bola (not bolo) tie though known in much of the world is most prevalent in the Southwestern U. S. There are many stories as to the origin of the bola tie, but the one that is normally accepted started in 1949 with Victor E. Cedarstaff of Wickenburg, Arizona.

Cedarstaff was riding horseback when the wind blew his hat off; the band had come loose. Instead of putting it back on the hat, he put the band around his neck. A friend saw this and remarked, Nice tie you're wearing!

That gave Vic an idea. He was a silversmith and had taught leather craft, so he made a tie from leather lacings and attached silver balls at the ends. Then he made a silver slide with a piece of turquoise on it and slipped it on the lacings. This attracted attention and he began to get orders to make them. He was unable to get a patent on the tie because such a slide arrangement was already in existence.

One problem was to make the slide so it would slip but not damage the leather. Eventually, he designed a yoke which held the leather properly and eliminated the necessity of having to slip the tie over the head. Now he had something new and on this modification he was issued a patent.

He needed a name for the tie which would help popularize it and first called it a Piggin Necklet after the piggin string that cowboys used. Sometime later, a friend who had been to Argentina showed Vic a device he had brought back called a bola. This was used in Argentina for catching cattle and it reminded Vic of what he had made. The initial name never caught on and Vic decided to call his tie a bola. It is now the official neckwear of Arizona.

Original source unknown via The Nugget, 9/01.

Via THE RockCollector 11/01

Road Trip---Davis, Oklahoma

By Tom Manners

It was one of the nice days in December and Jeannie and I decided we needed to get out of the house, but where to go? I mentioned that I needed to go to Vernon and Lou's to pick up some pictures for the Rockologist and that I would like to go Davis, Oklahoma to visit Jantz Supply. So into the car and off we went..

The first stop was in Blanchard to pick up pictures for the Rockologist. We had a nice visit with Vernon and Lou, a little light refreshment and on to Davis. The pictures are a whole different story.

Davis is located 4 miles east of Interstate 35 on Oklahoma highway 7 (exit 55). Jantz supply is on your left at the western edge of town. It is not a fancy building but when you step in the door you know you are in the right place. I found a wide assortment of knife blanks, handle material and tools to make knives with. They also have kits for some of the folding knives.

You are probably asking yourself, "Why is he writing about knives?". Well it started at an OMGS club meeting when one of the guys showed me a knife he had made. When I asked about it, I was told about Jantz Supply. I knew then that I would need to know more.

To my amazement they carry an assortment of stone handle materials. I did not purchase any of their stone as I have a good selection of stone at home and the equipment to shape it. There is also a nice selection of fancy wood handle material.

The other things they carry are tools. I would not mention this except that some of the tools are also good when making things out of rock. They carry Dremel and Foredom equipment, jewelers saw and too many other things to mention in this short article.

Jeannie found a butcher's knife and an ulu blade that she wanted for the kitchen. Did I mention they have a nice selection of kitchen knives and dinnerware ready for you to add your own custom handles. You could have a set of matching Charoite flatware.

If you want to try something different with some of your slabs, check out Jantz supply on line at www.knifemaking.com.



Here are the two knives that I have completed to date. If you would like to see them in color please go to the OMGS website at www.omgs.org then click on [The Sooner Rockologist](#) then click on the February issue.

How to Cut Obsidian

Gold Sheen: Saw with the bands, as if they were a stack of plates and you wish to unstack them. Watch for "fire spots" in gold sheen. It is not plentiful, but opal-like colors do occur.

Rainbow: Cut parallel to the flow layers. These can be seen by looking at fractured surfaces using a single lamp directly overhead. Note the bands are not always straight, it may be necessary to turn the stone slightly between cuts. Examine each slab set with either water or saw oil to see if the correct angle has been obtained.

Iridescent: in cutting the two types of iridescent obsidian, orientation is important. One type is banded and the color lies in the bands. On the other type, the surface has to be chipped to find the color in the conchoidal fracture surface. Cut the banded material parallel to the bands. To get rainbow effects, cut the stone at about 15 degrees across the bands.

Midnight Lace: Lace-pattern obsidian should be cut across the surface pattern that you want to reproduce.

Sand out all scratches with grit and wet sanding (to reduce heat) before going to polish. For final polish, use felt with cerium oxide.

From The Tumbler 11/95, via Skagit Gems 6/98, Via Osage Hills Gems 11/99

History Lesson 101: When the white man discovered this country, Indians were running it... there were no taxes. No debts, and the women did most of the work. All the Indian men did was hunt and fish as much as they wanted, whenever they wanted!

Here's the real kicker. The white man was dumb enough to think that he could improve on a system like that!!!!

Via Golden Spike News 11/01

OMGS Calendar

February 12 - OMGS Board of Directors Meeting

February 14 - Enid club field trip, Camargo - Jasper, Aragonite, Petrified Wood, Quartzite

February 19 - General Meeting, Program - Exotic and Phenomenal Gemstones (Part II)

March 2 - OMGS work night

March 5 - Show Committee meeting

March 12 - OMGS Board of Directors Meeting

March 14 - OMGS Field trip to General Materials. (Tentative date)

March 15 - Enid club field trip, Billings - Malachite, Petrified Wood (need count to attend)

March 19 - General Meeting, Program - TBA

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.

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