



# The Sooner Rockologist

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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 and Christmas party, in lieu of regular meetings. Guests are welcome.

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

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

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## **OMGS Centennial Mineral & Gem Show a great success!**

Judging from my conversations with members, as well as many of our vendors, our Biannual Show was a great success. We were not able to get a head count at the end of the show from the Fair Park authorities in charge of selling tickets, but we had a nearly constant stream of visitors show up to enjoy all the show had to offer both Saturday and Sunday. Mike Holmes deserves special thanks for bringing in such a well-rounded group of vendors.

We had over twenty submissions in the Competitive and Non-Competitive Displays, and four junior displays were submitted by the Parker family. Dottie Smith and Billie Marie Nedd received first place ribbons and trophy for their case submissions, and Darla Wood won a 1<sup>st</sup> place ribbon in the Novice category.

The florescent room (a dark tent), seemed to be the star attraction of the show, displaying many mineral specimens that glow in the dark, and display neon colors when lit by short and long wave lighting. The vastness of the project was very impressive.

Special thanks to The Dorrill Museum (Cushing, OK) and The Elsing Museum (Tulsa, OK) for their support and participation. Both museums brought many awesome specimens for our viewing pleasure. Please support these museums when in their areas.

Thanks to all the members who showed up Friday to set up, and another round of thanks to those who stayed late to tear down Sunday night. It was a very long day!

We were also honored by the attendance and support of many of our sister clubs, including Enid, Ada, Tulsa, Shawnee, Stillwater, Wichita, KS, and Siloam Springs, AR. Thanks everyone!

## **2007 Elected Officers**

### **President**

John Bode 580-336-2996

### **Vice President**

Vernon Dorton 405-324-7664

### **Secretary**

Dottie Smith 405-672-2510

### **Treasurer**

Vi Holmes 405-943-4028

## **Board of Directors**

### **Two year term:**

Arlene Burkhalter

J.C. Brown

Mike Holmes

Joyce McBryde

Bob Welch

### **One year term:**

Sebastian Geffre

Les Jones

Mark Brickman

Billie Marie Nedd

Oscar Carroll

Paul Cinnamon

## **Appointed Officers & Committee Chairpersons**

Anniversary Picnic Donna Davis

Audio/Video: J.C. Brown

Christmas Party Dottie Smith

Property Custodians John Bode

Paul Cinnamon

Education: Mark Brickmann

Federation Activities Max and

Arlene Burkhalter

Field Trips Paul Cinnamon

Larry Shearer

Historian **OPEN**

Hospitality Ambrosia Geffre

Librarian: Norma Cinnamon

Meeting Display Doyle McCown

Billie Marie Nedd

Membership Wanda Manderscheid

Omniplex Chet Hazelwood

Arlene Burkhalter

Programs Vernon Dorton

Parliamentarian Joyce McBryde

Publicity **OPEN**

Newsletter Editor Coleen Lumly

Scholarship Arlene and Max

Burkhalter

Show 2007 Arlene Burkhalter

Vi Holmes

Stamps Dottie Smith

Sunshine Donna Davis

Telephone Oveta Vermillion

Ways & Means Wanda & Dean

Manderscheid

Doyle McCown

Workshop Mark Brickmann

## **OMGS BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**October 11, 2007**

Members Present: John Bode, Mark Brickman, Oscar Carroll, Paul Cinnamon, Mike Holmes, Vi Holmes, Les Jones, Joyce McBryde, Billie Marie Nedd, and Dottie Smith. Guests were Joan Carroll, Norma Cinnamon, Karen Holmes, Coleen Lumly, and Henry Nedd.

Les Jones called the meeting to order. Vern Dorton asked Les to conduct the meeting in his absence. Oscar made a motion to approve the minutes as printed in The Rockologist, Joyce seconded, motion carried.

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

Correspondence: None

Old Business: Mark got in touch with Chet by E-mail and he said that we can demonstrate at the Omniplex next May.

New Business: The rent for our meeting room for 2008 is due December 1. The new contract shows an increase in the hourly rate. John will check on this before the regular meeting.

Nominating Committee: Joyce reported that they do not have a candidate for vice president. Other candidates: President—Vernon Dorton; Secretary—Dottie Smith; Treasurer—Joyce McBryde; Paul will fill the remaining year of J. C. Brown's term; Les will fill the remaining year of Joyce's term; two-year director—Joann Carroll. We will need two more candidates for two-year directors. The slate will be presented at the general meeting.

Vi brought up that we need to check on filling out a tax form even though we are a non-profit organization. More information is needed to make sure we are in compliance with the law.

Coleen Lumly handed in her letter of resignation as club Editor.

Meeting adjourned.

Dottie Smith, Secretary

## **OMGS GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

**October 18, 2007**

President John Bode called the meeting to order. Wanda Manderscheid introduced our guests: George Finley and Sarah Lehner and daughter, Sommer. Autumn Robards brought some young people. A motion was made by Oscar to approve the minutes as read, Ovetta seconded, motion passed.

Vi Holmes gave the treasurer's report which will be filed for future audit.

**All December meetings will be replaced by our annual Holiday Party, Dec. 7th, including Mon. Work Night.**

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### CHRISTMAS PARTY

There will only be one general meeting before the event so we will need HELP. It will be the first Friday in December, the 7<sup>th</sup>. So keep that date open. It will be held at our regular meeting place and will be pot-luck, the same as the last couple years. The meat and drinks will be furnished by the club and everyone else brings a dish—vegetable, salad or dessert. Hopefully the tables will be set up and we can eat about 6:30. Bring your dish and come a little early if possible. Let's make this a real nice party!!! Remember, we need your help.

Dottie Smith, Chairman

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### Secret of Success

"Sir, what is the secret of your success?" a reporter asked a bank president.

"Two words"

"And, Sir, what are they?"

"Right decisions."

"And how do you make right decisions?"

"One word."

"And, Sir, what is that?"

"Experience."

"And how do you get experience?"

"Two words"

"And, Sir, what are they?"

"Wrong decisions."

Author Unknown

Correspondence: E-mail flyer for 2008 Calendar from Australia with an order form if anyone is interested. A postcard received from Cleo and Lacy Merriman who are selling their rocks at 50 cents a pound, phone 918 245-6114, 112 N. Garfield, Sand Springs.

Displays: Billie Marie brought carved opal (October birthstone), also some rough and polished jade.

Committee Reports: Chet gave report on the Omniplex. They have had flooding so have had to do some reorganization. Our equipment and supplies were not damaged. We will be able to do our demonstrations there next May.

Show Committee: Tonight will be a work night to fill grab bags for the show.

Old Business: Joyce McBryde, nominating committee, presented the final two-year board members: Wanda Manderscheid and Doyle McCown. We still need a Vice-President for next month's election. There were no nominations from the floor.

New Business: The rental agreement for the building was received and the new rate has been changed from \$15 an hour to \$25 an hour. This has to be filled out and paid in advance. Vi Holmes made the motion to increase the funding to cover this rate change. Ovetta Vermillion seconded, motion carried.

Cookie volunteers for November: Sue Smith, Darla Wood, and Ovetta Vermillion; Kitchen volunteers: Doyle and Darla.

Meeting adjourned.

Dottie Smith, Secretary

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### New Dinosaur Records -

**The most teeth:** A duck-billed dinosaur, *Gryposaurus monumentensis*, discovered in southern Utah, had hundreds of teeth packed inside its giant beak. This herbivore, described in the *Zoological Journal of the Linnean Society*, lived in the Cretaceous forests 65-80 million years ago. It had 300 teeth inside its beak, with an additional 500 teeth in its jaw ready to grow as replacements. The animal was described by researchers of the Utah Museum of Natural History.

**The largest:** Scientists from Argentina and Brazil have described a new dinosaur, a 105-foot plant-eater that is among the largest dinosaurs ever found. *Futalognkosaurus dukei* lived 88 million years ago during the late Cretaceous period. The neck was about 56 feet long, and the tail is estimated at 49 feet, based on the vertebrae unearthed. The dinosaur would have been over 43 feet tall. Two other Patagonian dinosaurs are as big or bigger than this latest find, with *Argentinosaurus* estimated at about 115 feet long and *Puertasaurus reuili* at 115 to 131 feet long. It is difficult to decide which is the largest, as many bones of these species have not been found.

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**Editor's Note:** Submit your contributions no later than the first of each month please! Submissions may be edited for punctuation, clarity and space. If you have an announcement or a trip report to share, email or give it to me at the meetings. Email attachments in MSWord are preferred, so I don't have to retype it. Unless otherwise noted, articles are written or contributed by the Editor. **Thanks to all of you who contributed to this issue!**



*Don't delay!*

**PAY YOUR  
MEMBERSHIP  
DUES  
TODAY!**

If you can't  
make it to the  
Nov. meeting,  
mail your  
check ASAP

*Thanks!*

## OMGS CALENDAR UPDATE

- Nov 2-4**    **BiAnnual Gem & Mineral Show**
- Nov 5**     **Workshop Night** 7:00 – Education Comm. Meeting @ 6:00
- Nov 8**     **Board Meeting** 7:00 (dinner @ 6 - Denney's, 63<sup>rd</sup> & May)
- Nov 15**    **General Membership Meeting** 7:00
- Nov 21**    **Bead Group Meeting** at Alouette's, Midwest City
- Dec 7**     **OMGS Holiday Celebration**



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