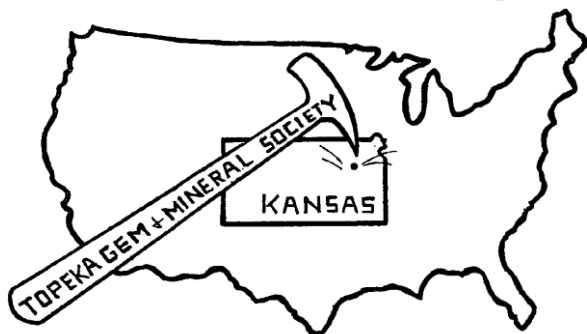


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The Purpose of The Topeka Gem & Mineral Society shall be exclusively educational and scientific: (1) to promote interest in geology and the lapidary arts; (2) to encourage the collection and display of rocks, gems, and minerals; (3) to encourage field trips and excursions of a geological, or lapidary nature; and (4) to encourage greater public interest and education in gems and minerals, cooperating with the established institutions in such matters.

Meetings: 4th Friday of each month, September to May, 7:15 pm, First Congregational Church, 1701 SW Collins Ave, Topeka, KS 66604. No meeting in December unless notified of a change. Picnic meetings are held, June, July and August.

Dues: Individual, \$15.00; Couple, \$20.00; Junior (under 18 years of age), \$5.00. Dues are collected in December for the following year. Send dues to: **Millie Mowry, Treasurer, 1934 SW 30th St, Topeka, KS 66611.**
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Howdy all.

This will be my last installment under the heading of Fodder from your president. In a couple of weeks you will be voting in your new president along with a few other positions.

It has been an interesting run. From one of my first official decisions to cancel our show during the Covid epidemic to hoping for your support for your new leadership. Keep up the good work and get more involved in your club. It seems that the same couple of dozen people are the heavy lifters here. If this organization is important to you, get more involved. There are many committees that need your help and leadership. First off, we need someone to lead our publicity committee. Plus many more of you to jump in with your help and ideas. I want to thank Donna Hedge and Donna Stockton for their diligence and dedication in a year that was very difficult for them both.

We have around 170 members on our books. Where are you? We will be sending out another survey about your skills, experience, time and commitment. Five years ago we did this for the first time. Frankly, I was very disappointed and a bit angered. I found it amazing that so few of you had any talents, history helping the club, skills or willingness to step up to the plate and help. Please rethink why you continue to be members of this club and find ways to help it progress.

I have also been disappointed that we have not been able to grow our Junior Rockhounds program. For this, I do not have any answers.

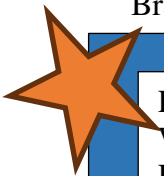
We pull off our yearly show well enough. Chuck Curtis has been getting us out on field trips regularly with great participation from members. He could use help with ideas and logistics. Millie, Cinda, Dennis, Stacy, Doria plus others have been doing great work but their loads are too heavy. We need your help.

Don't forget our elections on Nov. 22 at our next general meeting and our x-mas dinner on the 6th of Dec at Johnny's Tavern. The dinner is scheduled to start at 6:00 with the dinner set out at 6:30. Dinner will be followed by the installation of new officers.

While I won't be your leader any longer, I ain't going anywhere. I am still going to be around to nag and bitch. The Shop and Juniors will be my focused activities. And YES I can use more help too.

It's been a pleasure trying to do a good job leading this group.

Brad



For this month's meeting Friday:11/22/24:

We have lots of business to discuss, so we hope all of you can make it!
Field trip information, (The last one for 2024) Christmas Dinner will be our December meeting on 12/06, Dues are due, and 2025 Elections! The program will be two video's that I think we shall all enjoy. I tried to do [this](#) before, and think it will happen this time, One is on Jaspers and the other on Jade, If you have any slabs or chunks of either to show, please bring them with you. Fall has arrived, time has changed, holidays are starting to occupy our thoughts and plans. Hoping your dreams will come true! Best wishes to all in 2025!!

Cinda Kunkler, 2nd VP, Historian, Librarian, et al.

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Your Dues Are Due!

If in question, contact Millie at rock2plate or call 785-267-2849 and leave a message.

TTGMS Event Calendar

NOV 2024			DEC 2024		
1	F		1	S	
2	S		2	M	
3	S		3	T	Brad's Shop Open 6-10 pm
4	M		4	W	
5	T		5	T	
6	W		6	F	TTGMS Christmas Dinner- Johnny's Tavern 29 th & Fairlawn gather at 6 p.m.
7	T		7	S	
8	F		8	S	
9	S		9	M	
10	S		10	T	Brad's Shop Open 6-10 pm
11	M		11	W	
12	T	Brad's Shop Open 6-10 pm	12	T	
13	W		13	F	NO Board MTG
14	T		14	S	
15	F		15	S	
16	S		16	M	
17	S		17	T	Brad's Shop Open 6-10 pm
18	M		18	W	
19	T	SHOP CLOSED	19	T	
20	W		20	F	
21	T		21	S	
22	F	Regular Mtg - Mtg. Gather 7:15 p.m. Mtg at 7:30 pm FC Church 1701 SW Collins	22	S	
23	S	Field Trip—Lecompton Quarry	23	M	
24	S		24	T	Brad's Shop Open 6-10 pm ???
25	M		25	W	Christmas Day
26	T	Brad's Shop Open 6-10 pm	26	T	
27	W		27	F	
28	T	THANKSGIVING	28	S	
29	F		29	S	
30	S		30	M	
			31	T	Brad's Shop Open 6-10 pm ???

No General Meeting in December

As A Reminder!

If you are wanting to take a class in Silversmithing or wire wrapping you are to call either Jim Baer at 785-256-2432 or email him at jimbaer73@gmail.com, the Monday before class to let Jim know you will be there. For wire wrapping contact Millie Mowry at 785-267-2849 or email rock2plate@aol.com, as she holds class at her house.

JR ROCKHOUND Classes & Reminders

Here are reminders of the next months of classes: **First Congregational Church, 1701 SW Collins Ave., Topeka, KS.** Sign in starting at 6:00 pm and classes starting at 6:30 pm. 1st Thursday of each month.

<https://www.facebook.com/TopekaGMSJuniorRockhounds>

To register for the Junior Rockhounds or any of the classes, email:

Dennis Hippe at: go.purple@hotmail.com



Next Class: December 5, 2024 Fluorescent Minerals – Will Gilliland

Reminder: If you want to earn the patches from the classes that you have attended you need to turn in your homework assignments.

Rocks for Juniors

Reminder to bring any extra rocks you might have that you would like to donate to the Junior Rockhound Club. We are trying to let the kids go on a "field trip" after class. Some of them really don't have much of a chance to add to their collection. We will have a table set up at the back of the room that they can come to and let them each pick out four rocks that you have graciously donated. This way they can add to their collection. Thank you so much for your contributions. This wouldn't be possible without you.

Dennis Hippe

Dillons Community Reward Program

The Topeka Gem & Mineral Society has enrolled with the Community Rewards with Dillon's Store. You can enroll your shopper's card at: www.dillons.com/communityrewards once you sign up it will take about 7 to 10 days to be activated and our Club to start earning the rewards. At the bottom of your Kroger receipt, you will notice "At your request, Kroger is donating to 'your organization name'".

1. You will have to re-register each year.

If you have any other questions email DCR@dillonstores.com

[1st quarter's rebate amounted to \\$50.64.](#)

[2nd quarter's rebate amounted to \\$57.98 Thank you 12 people](#)

[3rd Quarter's rebate amounted to \\$53.06](#)

[4th Quarter's rebate amounted to \\$51.76](#)



The Library has moved.

In the TTGMS Library there are well over 100 books to choose from That cover a vast array of subjects of lapidary art and geology.

The library has currently moved to the church storage area, contact Cinda if interested in checking out a book.

We are still in need of a lot of UPC labels
From Best Choice products. Bring them in to Cinda
So, we can get our rebate.



*To Our New Member
Abby Williams*

Howdy Fellow Rock Hounds,

We will be having a Field Trip the Saturday, Nov 23rd, following the regularly scheduled General Meeting. So, Saturday morning we will meet at the Midwest Concrete Materials quarry north of the Kaw River between Lecompton and Perry on the East side of the road. We will meet at 9:00am. We plan to leave the parking area at 9:30 so please show up early for Sign-In and Group Photo.
Chuck Curtis

TTGMS Christmas Dinner



Johnny's Tavern
29th & Fairlawn

December 6, 2024

Gather at 6 p.m. eat at 6:30 p.m.

BBQ Buffet \$18 per person
Includes dessert

A good time will be had by all! And we will be announcing the annual **Member of the Year** Award! It'll be fun!!!

Howdy Fellow Rock Hounds,

If anyone is interested in running for an Executive Committee position, please let us know! This is YOUR Club and it can go any which way you wish to help steer it. Unfortunately for the Club, the main movers and shakers are now senior citizens and have been hoping that younger more talented folks - WITH MORE ENERGY - will step up and request to be involved. If this idea appeals to you please speak up. *It'll be Fun!!!!*

That being said, November is the month that we vote on the Officers for 2025. So please be sure to make it to the meeting and vote. Nominations from the floor are always accepted.

Chuck Curtis, Nomination Committee Chairman

The Topeka Gem & Mineral Society
General Meeting
October 18, 2024 at 7:30 p.m.

Call to Order: President Brad Davenport is not here this evening, so 2nd Vice President Cinda Kunkler calls the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. There are 24 members present. Three door prizes are given out.

Treasurer's Report: Millie Mowry reports the club balance. This balance includes proceeds from the show.

Correspondence: None

Show: Attendance totals for the show were: 388 adults and 15 students on Saturday, and 231 adults and 20 students on Sunday, for a total of 654 attendees. The cost of the Ag Hall was \$7523.25; there will be a \$100 refund for the kitchen. Total money brought in from the dealers was \$7175. Some dealers bought extra tables this year. The profit from the dealers was \$610.75. Other totals include: Scholarship table - \$325.35, Admission at door - \$572.72, Silent auction table - \$572.75, Raffle table - \$663, and Wheel - \$45.45. Although attendance was down this year, the dealers all seemed to be happy and plan to return next year.

Cinda reports the club is looking into getting a larger storage unit so everything can be kept in one spot instead of in several places as it is currently. Some storage facilities are being researched. We may be able to get a larger unit at our current storage facility if they will give a discount for paying for the whole year.

Shop: Cinda reminds members that Dave will begin talking about casting on October 22nd. At this time, members will also pick out the waxes they choose to use. The shop will be closed on Tuesday, October 29th. Classes on November 5th & 6th is when the casting will actually be done.

Field Trip: There is not a field trip scheduled for October.

Junior Rockhounds: The next meeting is on November 7th. It will be "Communications" taught by Jason Shulz. There were two new members to the Junior Rockhounds last month. Several members brought displays and helped out at the show.

Reminder that the Kansas City Show is November 1st-3rd.

Election of club officers will take place at the November General Meeting. Induction of officers will be in December. Chuck has printouts available tonight listing the current ballot nominees for anyone who would like to take one. If anyone is interested in getting their name on the ballot, please let Chuck know ASAP.

Any member interested in wire-wrapping classes at Millie's house, please contact Millie. She has room for 6 people.

With no further business to discuss, Matt Filby moves to adjourn the meeting, Dennis Hippe seconds. Motion carries and the meeting is adjourned to the evening's program discussing volcanoes in Kansas with Will Gilliland.

Submitted by: Stacy Haug, TTGMS Secretary

Topeka Gem & Mineral Society
General Meeting
September 27, 2024 at 7:30 p.m.

Call to Order: President Brad Davenport calls the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. There are 35 members and 2 guests present. Four door prizes are given out.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the previous meeting were printed in The Drifter. Jason Schulz moves to approve the minutes as they were written, Chuck Curtis seconds. Motion carries.

Treasurer's Report: Millie Mowry reports the club account balance. She does have t-shirts tonight for anyone who hasn't picked theirs up yet.

Communications: Cinda Kunkler reads a letter from RMFMS thanking us for our club donation of \$365.80 to the FMS scholarship which brings our total to \$16779.32 or 16500% which is equivalent to \$1 per member for 165 years.

Publicity: Donna Hedge reports the billboards are up around town. Most things have been taken care of at this point. Coupons and flyers can be picked up tonight from Millie to hand out. Donna Stockton has a T-Rex outfit if someone wants to volunteer to wear it to promote the show.

Field Trips: Chuck Curtis reports there is a field trip to the river bank scheduled for tomorrow. Members are to meet at the entrance of the Tecumseh Park. Departure from the park will be at 9:30 a.m. Members are asked to get there early to get signed up.

Junior Rockhounds: The next meeting is on October 3rd. This class will be "Earth in Space" taught by Jason Schulz. Dennis Hippe gives thanks to members who brought rocks to donate during the months of June & July. Reminder that if all members could bring 1 or 2 specimens it would help keep up the field trips for the Juniors. Andrew Newman has completed all 20 badges of the Junior Rockhounds program. By completing these, he will be listed on the AFMS page as a "Rock Star". He is presented with a certificate tonight for completing the program. Only about 130 people nationwide have completed the program. He is our club's 5th Junior Rockhound to complete the program.

Webmaster: Nothing new to report. The club may be getting a new t.v. to be used for presentations depending on the condition of the current t.v. available from the church.

Shop: A lot of machines have been sitting unused. There are a lot of really cool rocks available that can be cut & polished. Dave Dillon is back, so there are now 2 silversmiths and there is no waiting if members want to take classes; contact Dave or Jim if interested. Wire wrapping has been slow at the shop, so Millie will now be having classes at her house tentatively on Tuesday nights, or another night if it would work better. She has room enough for 6 people and would like people to sign up and indicate which night would work best.

Historian: Cinda is trying to locate the hard-drive. Jason has a copy, but does not have the original drive.

Show: Sign-up sheets are available tonight with lots of areas to sign up for. Friday, October 11th is set-up. Any amount of time people can work would be appreciated. There are 14-15 dealers signed up. We could still use a dealer or two if anyone knows of anybody who would be interested. Members are encouraged to bring in collections for display. There will be demonstration tables for a Diamond Genie, a small saw, a sphere making machine, and some silversmithing. Brad asks members who go out to the shop and are familiar with working with these tools to take some time at the demonstration table to help demonstrate them. There will be a separate table set up for rock ID to send people to. Members working at the gate are asked to not throw anything away because the Publicity Committee needs to be able to track which things are working. Coupons presented on phones need to be tracked, as well. Security for the show will be provided through the Sheriff's Department.

New Business: None

Old Business: None

Elections - Chuck makes a request for new people to step up for officer roles. If members have any desire to be involved to help the club improve, please let Chuck know ASAP to be added to the ballot. Ballots will be ready by the October 18th meeting. Voting will take place at the November meeting and the installation of officers will take place in December.

The RMFMS convention in Oklahoma City is October 25th-27th. There are 3 to 4 field trips available for attendees. Because of the date of the convention, the date of the October meeting will be on the 14th instead of the 25th. There will be no field trip in October because of the date changes.

At the October meeting, Will Gilliland will be doing a presentation on ancient volcanoes in Kansas.

Adjournment: With no further business to discuss, Jason Schulz moves to adjourn the meeting, a second is made and the motion carries. The meeting is adjourned at 8:11 p.m. to a silent auction.

Submitted by: Stacy Haug, TTGMS Secretary

Cab of the Month Sept 2024





Doria Skinner - Won Class Cab for Mescalero Jasper.
Doria Skinner - Won Member Cab for Kansas Moss Opal.
Shirley Schulz - (New Category) Won Lapidary Art for her Wire Wrap Tree with Aventurine Beads.
Matt Filby - Member Jewelry - Won with his White Agate Beaded Pendant.
Renee Ripptoe - Won Class Jewelry for a Sterling Silver Bracelet Cuff with Jade Stones.
Larry Hardesty - Won Member Specimen for his Arrowhead Collection

Cab OF the Month for Oct 2024



Doria Skinner - Won Member Cab for a Feather Ridge Plume Agate Heart.
Shirley Schulz - Won the Lapidary Art Category for a Wire Wrap Garnett Aventurine Agate Tree.
Shirley Schulz Won Member Jewelry for her Wire Wrapped Aventurine Pendant.
Larry Hardesty - Won for his Golden Dendritic Stone Specimen.