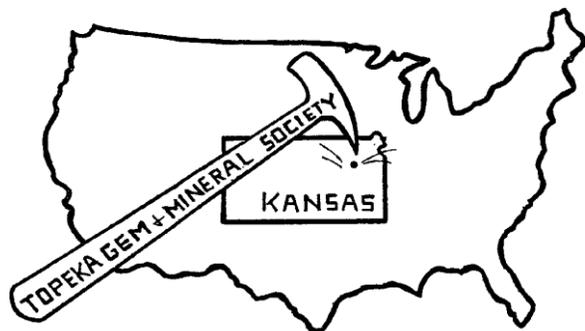


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Meetings: 4th Friday of each month, September to May, 7:15 pm, First Congregational Church, 1701 SW Collins Ave, Topeka, KS 66604. No meeting in December unless notified of a change. Picnic meetings are held, June, July and August.

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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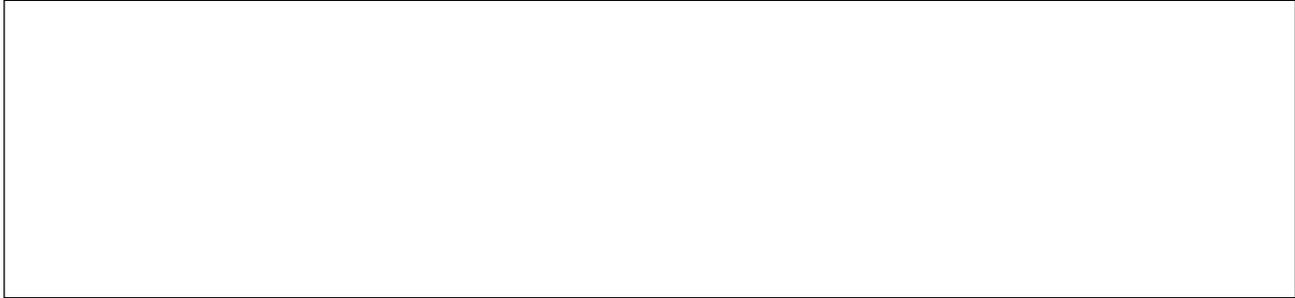
2025 OFFICERS AND CHAIRS

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Web Master	Chad Skinner	640-6617			

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EXCHANGE BULLETINS WELCOME

For exchange newsletters contact the club via mailing address listed above or email at rock2plate@aol.com.
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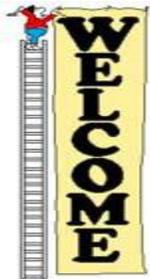


November 2025 Program

The program for the monthly meeting on 11/21/25 will be “Great American Minerals” presented by TGMS member Jason Schulz. We will also be voting for club officers during this meeting.

-Desiree, 2nd Vice President TGMS

OUR NEW MEMBERS



Mitchin, Lucinda
Mitchin, Jacob



For the 2026 Year the only Elected Office that is changing is that of a director.

Jacob Gardner has volunteered to take that position, and voting will take place next month.

Greeting Fellow Field Trippers,
Your Club will be having a Field Trip on Saturday, November 22nd to the Midwest Concrete Materials sand pit located between Perry and Lecompton. We will gather at the sand pit at 9:00 am for Sign-in and Group Photo. Hope to see you all there!

Chuck Curtis, Field Trip Coordinator

TTGMS Event Calendar

NOV 2025			DEC 2025		
1	S		1	M	
2	S		2	T	Shop Classes are open 6-10pm at Brad's
3	M		3	W	
4	T		4	T	Jr RHD's Gather at 6 Meeting at 6:30p and Wire Wrap Class at Millie's 6:30 pm
5	W		5	F	TTGMS Christmas Dinner at FC Church gather at 6, eat at 6:30pm
6	T		6	S	
7	F		7	S	
8	S		8	M	
9	S		9	T	Shop Classes are open 6-10pm at Brad's
10	M		10	W	
11	T	Shop Classes are open 6-10pm at Brad's Veteran's Day	11	T	Wire Wrap Class at Millie's 6:30p weather permitting
12	W		12	F	Board Meeting at FFC 7pm Jr RHD Mtg afterwards in the parlor.
13	T	Wire Wrap Class at Millie's 6:30p	13	S	
14	F		14	S	
15	S		15	M	
16	S		16	T	Shop Classes are open 6-10pm at Brad's
17	M		17	W	
18	T	Shop Classes are open 6-10pm at Brad's	18	T	NO-Wire Wrap Class at Millie's 6:30p
19	W		19	F	
20	T	NO-Wire Wrap Class at Millie's 6:30p	20	S	
21	F	Regular Mtg - Mtg. Gather 7:15 p.m. Meeting at 7:30 pm FC Church 1701 SW Collins	21	S	
22	S	Field Trip to Midwest Concrete	22	M	
23	S		23	T	Shop Classes are open 6-10pm at Brad's
24	M		24	W	
25	T	Shop Classes are open 6-10pm at Brad's	25	T	Christmas Day NO Classes
26	W		26	F	
27	T	Thanksgiving Day	27	S	
28	F		28	S	
29	S		29	M	
30	S		30	T	Shop Classes are open 6-10pm at Brad's

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 4, 2025 Earth Processes, Brad Davenport

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

It is time to create next year's calendar for Junior rockhounds classes.

We will have a meeting of teachers and anyone interested in teaching, on Dec.12th after our regular board meeting in the parlor of the church. Changing up teachers and classes can add a fresh view to our youth program.

No one will be offended if you would like to take over someone's class.

Brad

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

The TTGMS Library

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.



TTGMS Christmas Dinner - December 5, 2025 6 p.m.

See Desiree Gardner for the sign-up sheet of what to bring. The club will furnish the meat as well as the Gardner's. **If you would like to attend, please email (please only email, they are easier to keep track of than texts/calls) Desiree at 107dmj@gmail.com to be added to the sign up sheet.**

The Topeka Gem and Mineral Society
General Meeting, September 26, 2025 at 7:30 p.m.

Call to Order: President Cinda Kunkler calls the meeting to order at 7:43 p.m. Harold Merrifield reports there are 47 members present tonight. Five door prizes are given out.

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

Treasurer's Report: Millie Mowry reports the club account balance. She paid the second half of the fee to the Stormont Vail Event Center in the amount of \$2744.13. No bills are presented

Old Business: Desiree Gardner has sign-up sheets for the show here tonight and encourages people to sign up to help.

Junior Rockhounds: Dennis Hippe reports the next class will meet on October 2nd. The class will be "Collections" taught by Doria Skinner. Doors open at 6:00 p.m., class starts at 6:30 p.m. Any kids who have a written list of collections they have should bring them to class.

Shop: Brad reports everything is functioning. Some nights have had a great turnout. If anyone wants to learn silversmithing, please let Jim or Dave know. Clean-up Day is scheduled for October 18th at 10:00 a.m.

Publicity: Donna Hedge reports members have been passing out flyers and coupons and will continue to do so for the next week. There have not yet been any arrangements made to do t.v. spots, but Brad and Dave are interested in doing these. Donna posted a notice on Topeka Patch. Donna Stockton reports the club appeared in the electric cooperative magazine this month. There are three billboards up around Topeka and one in Lawrence.

Show: Dave Dillon reports we have 13 vendors signed up for the show. Millie and Dave have talked to 3 others who are planning on coming; contracts have been sent to them. One of the regular vendors is not able to make it this year because she had a heart ablation. After all is said and done, we should have 17 vendors. Dave would like class members to volunteer to do demos. We still need people to help at the show. Friday set-up and Sunday take-down times are pretty full.

Webmaster: Nothing new to report.

Communications: Will Gilliland mentions there was an announcement in The Drifter regarding materials stolen from the 4-Hers at the State Fair. He reports an update that between 13 and 16 4-Hers had materials stolen out of their lapidary and display boxes. Quite a few of the stolen items were recovered by the Highway Patrol from pawn shops and other places. This was one of the first times this has happened at the State Fair and hopefully all remaining materials will be recovered. With this in mind, Will has not pushed to put out information about the show except for in the local/regional area.

New Business: Brad reports that the Board voted to part ways with Stormont Vail due to increasing fees and undesirable contract conditions. We will be looking for a different facility to hold the show next year which we can obtain for 3 days for under \$7000. Some desirable amenities would include: location somewhat close to lodging, camping, and food; available restroom facilities; kitchen facilities would be nice. If anyone has ideas, please let Cinda know. The current floor space at the Ag Hall is 17,800 square feet. Cinda sent an email to the Woodshed to inquire about their facility. The Moose Ballroom at the Woodshed is 6000 sq feet and the lounge area is 3000+ sq feet; both rooms could be used at the same time. Will suggests Union Station. Jason says he has a contact at Union Station and will contact them to get information. One member suggests the VFW building at 17th and Oakley.

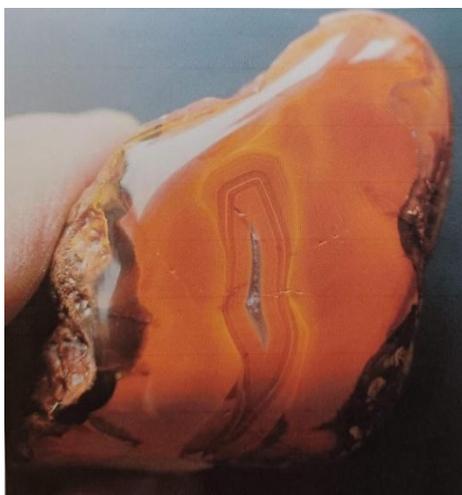
Donna Stockton reports she has been learning about fundraising and writing grants. She wants the club to eventually have a home where we can do everything. She has called 3 places for metal building quotes for a 15,000 sq ft building which ranged from \$133,000 - \$137,000. This cost does not include land or finishing the inside. The goal is to prove to the grantors that this is a good investment for our club.

Desiree asks if anyone in the group has access to free standing lockers or something we could put personal belongings in at the show. Cinda says we can put them in the locked area under the raffle counter.

Riley & Dawn speak of events at the library. The library is interested in putting together craft kits for people to check out & currently has 4 birding kits containing backpacks, binoculars, bird ID guides, etc. donated by the Audubon Society. They would like to have a kit put together for rockhounds and ask if the club would be interested in pursuing this; consensus is favorable. We need to come up with a list of items that could be put into the kit. Check with them if you have ideas or items to put in.

Adjournment: With no further business to discuss, the meeting is adjourned at 8:21 p.m. to the silent auction. Submitted by: Stacy Haug, TTGMS Secretary

September 2025 Cab of the Month Contest



The winner of cab of the month was Brad Davenport for his Lucin Variscite and he also had a win for his Specimen which is the gorgeous Lake Superior Agate. The Member Jewelry was won by Matt Filby with his Amethyst white Sword; The Class Jewelry was won by Renee Rippetoe with her Buffalo with Turquoise in Sterling Silver.

Cab of the month for October 2025



Jewelry the selected favorite was won by Matthew Filby for his Murray Mountain Moss Jasper. The Specimen submitted by Donna Hedge was a Demantoid from Russia. AKA green garnet Doria Skinner entered one of her cabs of a Crazy Lace Agate Butterfly

KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY

2025-2026

Topeka Gem & Mineral Society, Inc. Scholarship

Dear Millie,

Hello, my name is Teagen Daerr. I am from the small town of Garden Plain, Kansas. I have a love for the outdoors and for the past few years have gone on one or more trips to the Rocky Mountains to hike. It is my love for the outdoors that inspired me to major in geology. I do not like the idea of being cooped up in a building for the rest of my life repeating the same tasks over and over again. Geology is a dynamic field that enables people to see the world and many of its wonders. That is why I want to be a geologist.

I chose KSU for two reasons: the excellent geology program and the experience. I researched many different universities and KSU offered the most detailed geology program. As you may know, the "college experience" here at K-State is unlike any other school. I want to be a part of that experience. Personally, I aspire to be the best me I can be. I want to be a learner, be open minded, be there for people, communicate ideas and feelings, and brighten the world of everyone I see. As a professional, I aim to advance the field of geology. Specifically, in either volcanology or igneous petrology, I aim to bring in a new generation of ideas and technology to assist in the development of more efficient techniques.

In my mind, a scholarship is synonymous with an opportunity. A scholarship is an opportunity to further your education, an opportunity to become a learner, and an opportunity to make connections. Scholarships have given me the opportunity to seek a higher education, develop myself to be a learner rather than a student, and connect with people in my area of studies. These opportunities have enabled me to succeed as well. They take some of the stress away from working more to pay for classes, which allows me more time to focus on the thoroughness of my education. This of course will help me achieve my goal of graduating from KSU with a bachelors in geology.

Your generosity is funding the next generation of higher education. It is because of you that so many people with such different characteristics have the opportunity to become something greater. You have given us the chance to better ourselves through education and learning. You have given us the chance to grow as people and you have helped boost us towards reaching our goals. What I want to say, is thank you. Thank you for these amazing opportunities you have given us. Rest assured, these opportunities will not be wasted.

Sincerely,

Teagen Daerr

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'".

If you have any other questions email DCR@dillonstores.com
(You do not lose your fuel points).

<u>1st Quarter 2025</u>	<u>14 households</u>	<u>TTGMS Rebate</u>	<u>\$39.40</u>
<u>2nd Quarter 2025</u>	<u>13 households</u>	<u>TTGMS Rebate</u>	<u>\$33.78</u>
<u>3rd Quarter 2025</u>	<u>15 households</u>	<u>TTGMS Rebate</u>	<u>\$30.77</u>

The Topeka Gem & Mineral Society
General Meeting, October 24, 2025 at 7:30 p.m.

Call To Order: President Cinda Kunkler calls the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m. Harold Merrifield reports that there are 19 members and 4 visitors present. Four door prizes are given out.

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

Treasurer's Report: Millie Mowry reports the club balance. There are still a few bills due to come in from the show. She still needs to send payments to the insurance and the state sales tax.

Old Business: None

Communications: A thank you card was sent to Pat and Will Gilliland from the Crouch family from Wichita who brought 17 4-H display boxes to the show. This card was passed around for everyone to read.

Show: Nothing new to report.

Publicity: Nothing new to report.

Field Trips: Chuck reports there is no field trip scheduled for this month due to a funeral scheduled for tomorrow. He will try to get another one scheduled soon.

Junior Rockhounds: Dennis Hippe is not here tonight, but sent a report to Cinda to share. The next meeting will be on Thursday, November 6th at 6:30 p.m. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. This class will be "Leadership and Citizenship" taught by Jason Schulz.

Webmaster: Nothing new to report. There are pictures from the shop clean-up day posted on the Facebook page.

Shop: The shop will not be open next week on the 28th. It will be open on November 4th.

New Business: Next month we will be voting on officers for the upcoming year. All current officers are willing to keep their positions. Jacob Gardner will take on the office of Director.

Riley and Dawn are going to start working on the flyer for the information of what will go into the rock hound kit for the library and will bring the list to the next meeting. They would also like to include some of the club flyers in the kit.

The Christmas Dinner will be on Friday, December 5th at the church. It will be a potluck style meal. We will start gathering at 6:00 p.m. and eat at 6:30 p.m. Desiree has a sign-up sheet here tonight for those who want to attend and which dish they plan to bring. The club will provide turkey and ham for the meal. Cinda welcomes anyone who wants to show up earlier and help get set up.

Millie reports there have been 14 new members sign up from the show.

Cinda states there has been some discussions about having a club sale at some point.

The Board meeting is on November 14th and will be held in the upper parlor of the church. We will hopefully have the report from the show at that point.

Desiree reports the program for the evening will be "Assembling and Using a Mineral ID Kit" presented by Will Gilliland.

Adjournment: With no further business to discuss, Chuck moves to adjourn the meeting; Riley seconds. Motion carries and the meeting is adjourned at 8:03 p.m. and turned over to Will & Pat Gilliland.

Submitted by: Stacy Haug, TTGMS Secretary



Save The Date
December 5th, 2025
Meeting at the First Congregational Church
1701 SW Collins Topeka
Gathering at 6, eating at 6:30pm

It's going to be a party!