



The Cutting Edge

Monthly Newsletter of the Ottawa Lapsmith and Mineral Club

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President's Message

There is a new mineral club in town called the Ottawa Valley Mineral Club. It is a corporate reincarnation of the old MIG group. It is conducting field trips and will be holding mineral talks at the Museum of Nature. After 40 years of leading field trips I am passing all field trip responsibilities on to them. You can contact them by e-mail at montgomeryjr50@gmail.com.

Kerry Day

OLMC President

Thanks to the Demo Volunteers

Thank you to everyone who volunteered at the demonstration tables. Sébastien English did an excellent job at the Fish Pond all weekend. The club was very lucky to have him there. Kat Schroeder performed wire wrapping work both days. John Lavoie was faceting all day Saturday and answering questions from people. On the Titan grinder, I greatly appreciated having Tanya Chandra, Jennifer Abrams, Anna Greal, and Judy Courteau there. After the show, Judy went the extra mile and cleaned up the Titan so that it was nearly spotless. Plus during the show, the team helped two people repair damaged statuettes, re-polished a small amethyst in an heirloom ring and some other stones, carefully wire wrapped a thin ammolite, drilled holes with the Dremel tool, and plenty of other help. Your efforts showcase what the club has to offer to all.

Eric Clara, Demo Table Organizer

All members are invited to submit articles, proposals, and thoughts that could be included in the newsletters. Also, feel free to send your Classified ads by e-mail to: news@olmc.ca

New! Ottawa Valley Mineral Club

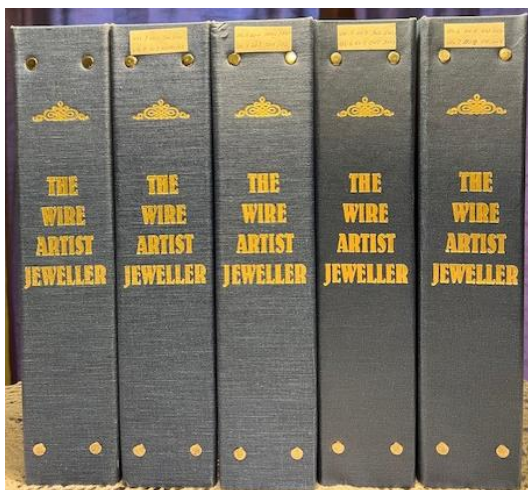
The former Mineral Interest Group (MIG) has been re-launched as the Ottawa Valley Mineral Club. Now they have about 100 members, and new members are always welcome. Activities include:

- Mineral collection field trips and museum trips
- Presentations about minerals, localities, shows and collections
- Show and tell
- Mineral Identification
- Auctions
- Outreach



OVMC Member John Biczok

Contact John Montgomery at ovmineralclub@gmail.com or by phone at 613-899-1905.



Coming Soon to the Library

The club is privileged to have acquired from André Ruest of Pargem Designs a nearly complete, pristine, loving bound set of “The Wire Artist Jeweller” magazine. The collection goes from the “New Beginning” first issue dated September, 1998, to the final print version of the magazine dated December 2004, people will find a trove of design ideas and professional techniques. The entire set will be available to club members in the club’s studio library in the Reference section.

Studio Search Continues...

The executive was pursuing 136E Billings (behind the Riverside hospital) as a new club studio/workshop, but another applicant got it first. The complex owner has another unit, currently 1800 ft² of office space, which is too expensive. Fortunately, he is willing to subdivide and/or convert part of that space into industrial space, among other accommodations for how the club works. At the same time, it seems this landlord are now charging for services that used to be free or included, such as garbage collection.

There have been discussions with the landlord about the lease, but the results are not known as of the time of publication.

Billings Bridge Shopping Centre is about 1.6 km away from this location. The nearest bus stops to this location are on Pleasant Park Road.

The Last Field Trips of 2024

Fishscale Peristerite and UV Minerals

Saturday, Sept. 28, Perth & Parham, Ontario

Fishscale Peristerite is rare and it can be an incredibly gemmy Feldspar. This trip does have a nominal booking fee of \$5 per Rock Hound plus entrance fees for each location: \$10 & \$40

This trip is now open to CCFMS members for booking at:

<https://www.thebrantfordlapandmin.com/non-member-field-trips>

Herkimer Mountain Mine

October 12-13, Fonda, New York

This trip has a nominal booking fee of \$5 per Rock Hound, plus a daily \$100 USD entrance fee (cash only). The location is a fairly new mine with excellent reported results.

This trip will be open for CCFMS members to book very soon.

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The Brantford Lapidary and Mineral Society (BLMS) has been hosting 6+ field trips each year. Once the minimum number of BLMS club member registrants is reached, they can open up their trips to all CCFMS club members. This way people do not need to join their club to participate in their field trips. While they like to have a strong membership, they also want other clubs to be more active.



Above: The Bismarck Sapphire Necklace; photograph by the National Museum of Natural History, Smithsonian Institution in Washington, DC.

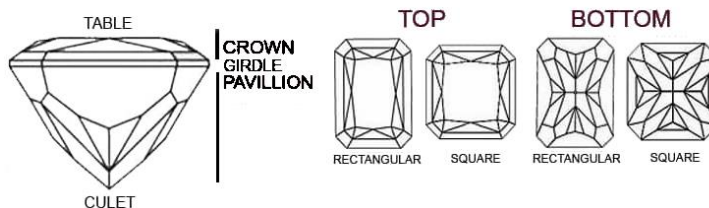
Bismarck Sapphire Necklace

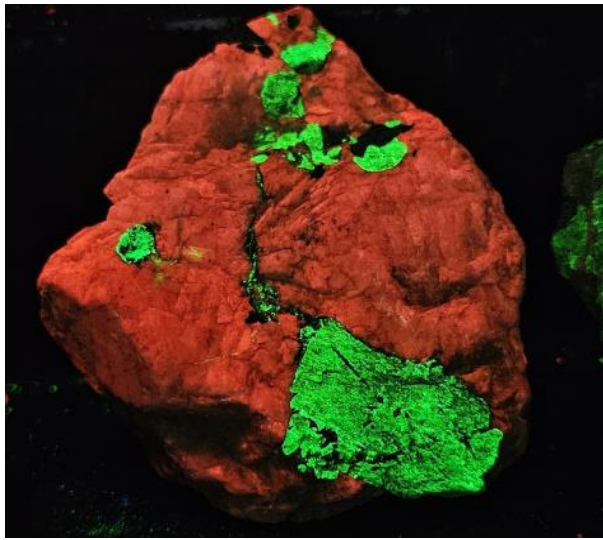
The Bismarck Sapphire Necklace is an Art Deco style necklace featuring a central 98.56 carat (19.712 grams) cushion-cut cornflower blue sapphire, surrounding by smaller blue sapphires and diamonds of various cuts on a chain of platinum links.

The central stone comes from a Burmese (Sri Lankan) mine in 1926. The necklace was made for American tycoon Harrison Williams for his wife, the actress and socialite Countess Mona von Bismarck, from where the jewellery gets its name.

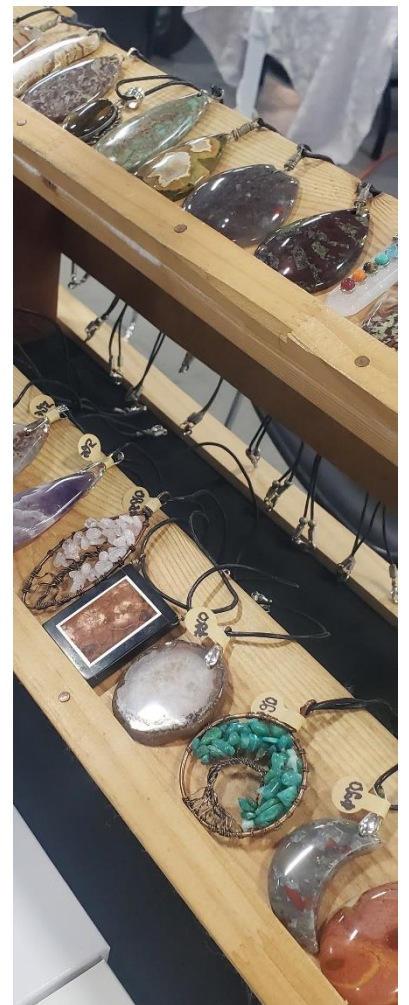
The necklace is featured in paintings and photographs of social events featuring Countess von Bismarck. She donated the necklace to the Smithsonian Institution in 1967, where it is displayed beside the Logan Sapphire and the Hall Sapphire and Diamond Necklace.

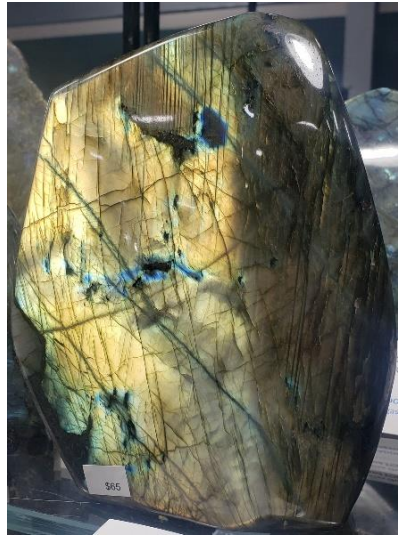
Cushion Cut Pattern





Clockwise from left: Bob Boisvert's fluorescent stone; Simplement Minéraux; Ron St. Martin pendants; National Treasures stone terrarium; Grenville Minerals display



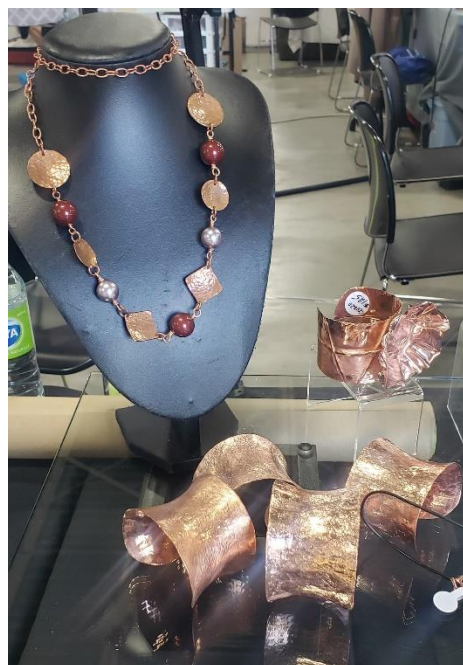


Clockwise from top left: World Stone Arts display; Gneiss Guy labradorite; Star Gemstone chess board; EZ Jewel Box earrings; Osain Imports display; Joy McDonnell bracelets; Superior Gems & Jewelry carvings.





Clockwise from top left: James Gregory stone carvings; Gem Identification; Twilight Jewelry critter; Collection Jacques Chabot display; Bijouterie Sudha display; La Boîte Secrète display





Clockwise from top left: Canadian Micro Mineral Association; Russel Black display; Collection Jane Lagacé display; Rainbow Minerals display; Museum of Nature Mineral ID; Canada Beading Supply display; Peggys Passion pendant



Saturday & Sunday

It was a sunny and hot weekend for the 56th OLMC Gem, Mineral & Jewellery Show and Sale. Once again, the staff at the Nepean Sportsplex were excellent and generously accommodating.

Many thanks go out to our academic partner who volunteered their time to provide their services and vast expertise to anyone who asked.

Weekend Attendance (not including children)			
	Saturday	Sunday	Total
2024	1347	797	2144
2023	1341	950	2291
2022	1246	974	2220

Hello to New and Renewed Members

The Memberships table reported 32 existing club members chose to renew, and 20 people signed up for new memberships. Welcome to the club, everyone!

**Thank
you!**

from the OLMC Show Committee

Again, this year, we had a great OLMC Gem Show! Saturday, we had our usual great attendance; however, Sunday was a bit quieter than usual. We were competing with a great outdoor day, with many other activities in the city, so this may have been an influencing factor.

Nevertheless, we had over 2,100 paid entrances, making it around 2,500 when we include the children, which is near the number of people we usually get. We had many very good comments from many vendors, partners, and visitors. One of our goal is to make this an enjoyable moment to most people, and we did it once more!

We are also doing this Gem Show out of our common interest toward mining, stones, gems, jewelry, and anything that branches with what we like! As usual, we



OLMC Makers Market: Vicki Jasperse, Mary Laurenzio



OLMC Membership Table: Nathalie Bourget, Mike and Pam Bergen

had ups and downs, as we can expect. It is not always easy, and some of us got especially exhausted through the five intensive days that the Gem Show requires. Nevertheless, we made it through once more!

Our other common goal is to get enough profit to rent a local to set a workshop, so we can work on our stones, do some silversmithing, and just exchange knowledge of interest to most of us. Through this Gem Show, we took another step towards having a workshop!

Thanks to all! I wish all of you a beautiful Fall season! And, to next year! :-)

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Classifieds: For Sale!

Katie Elizabeth (katie.m0331@gmail.com) has two cathedral amethyst geodes for sale. Feel free to contact her for information.



Classifieds: Help Wanted!

Andrea Cordonier is a local artist in Burritt's Rapids, Ontario, who needs someone to drill double holes in 1.5-inch diameter flat stones for her. The stones will end up looking like oversized, organically-shaped buttons. She is willing to pay whoever does it. If you can help, please contact her at andrea@habicurious.com.


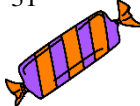
And check out the web site:

<https://habicurious.com/>



Calendar

October 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5 Ancaster Gem Show
6 Ancaster Gem Show	7	8	9	10	11	12 Herkimer Mountain Field Trip
13 Herkimer Mountain Field Trip	14 	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 Kingston Gem Storm!	26 Kingston Gem Storm!
27 Kingston Gem Storm!	28	29	30	31 		

OLMC Membership Application

☐ New Membership

☐ Membership Renewal

☐ Individual **\$20**

☐ Family (2+ persons in the same residence) **\$30**

Benefits:

☒ Monthly Newsletter

☐ Newsletter advertisement: \$25 per year for members or \$55 for businesses

(Ten quarter pages per year over ten newsletters).

☒ OLMC online auctions

☒ OLMC field trips

More information can be found at <http://www.olmc.ca>

You can also go on our Facebook page: [OttawaLapsmithandmineralclub](#)

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Address: _____

City: _____ Province: _____

Postal Code: _____ Telephone: _____

Please specify your e-mail address to receive OLMC's newsletter:

Do you require a receipt? ☐

Yes

Payments are payable by **cash, cheque** to Ottawa Lapsmith and Mineral Club, or
E Transfer at treasurer@olmc.ca with the application form

Please mail your membership form and fees to:

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P. O. Box 36042 Wellington, Ottawa, On K1Y

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Please note that all membership information is used only for administrative purposes.

Administration use only

Card provided: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Supervisor signed: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Date: _____