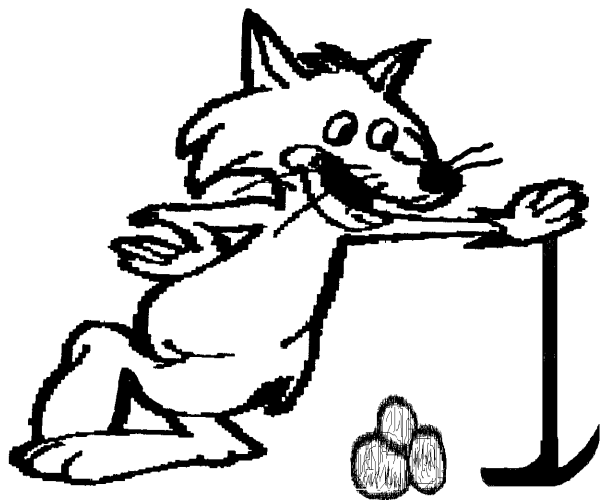


ORCUTT MINERAL SOCIETY, Inc.



Our Mascot - The Foxy Rockhound



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The Orcutt Mineral Society meets at 7 PM on the second Tuesday of each month in the Luis Oasis Senior Center, 420 Soares Ave., Orcutt, CA. 93455 All are welcome.

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PURPOSE

The collection and lapidary treatment of and to stimulate interest in rocks and minerals. To gain knowledge of the methods and procedures for collecting, identification, classification, cutting, polishing and mounting of rocks and minerals for display. To promote good fellowship and proper ethics in the pursuit of the lapidary arts.

Thumbnail History

Founded: August 8, 1958
Joined CFMS November 4, 1958
Incorporated October 27, 1959

The Name: **ORCUTT MINERAL SOCIETY**

Established with the articles of Incorporation on October 27, 1959.

Society Logo: A rock saw cutting a piece of stone was selected when the first bulletin, The ORECUTTS, was published in 1966. Member Helen Azevedo was the first editor.

Society Colors: Red, White & Blue were chosen in 1963.

Society Pin: A copy of the Society logo was first issued in 1976.

Lapidary Classes: Instituted in February 1973 by Barney Miller. Club members built the workshop and the OMS Honorary member Bert McIntosh furnished the initial equipment. Classes began in March 1974. Equipment was donated to the Senior Citizens Organization at that time. Instructors were Barney Miller and Charles Azevedo. The classes were terminated by the city of Santa Maria in 2000.

Some of Our Good Deeds

Scholarships - For many years, the Orcutt Mineral Society has given college scholarships to students in the Geology or Earth Sciences field. Many have been given to Allan Hancock College in Santa Maria and to Cuesta College in San Luis Obispo. The current amounts are \$300.00 plus 10% of the

proceeds from the annual Rainbow of Gems Show. Scholarships are given on the basis of need, as determined by the Scholarship Committee. The student must have a grade point average of at least 2.5 and demonstrate an interest in Geology or Earth Science. The scholarship committee works with the local colleges to determine the winning students and provides progress reports as available.

Abused Children Fund - Department of Social Services

A fund is available each year to be used for the purchase of new clothing for the abused children in the care of the Santa Barbara County Social Services Department. Funds provide underwear, socks and general apparel for the children. It is seldom when the donation of "undies" occur which makes our donation very useful. The clothing must be new and for children in the 2 to 8 year old category to be accepted. Donations should be to the Orcutt Mineral Society with the stipulation for the Abused Children Fund. Please contact the Chairperson of the Abused Children Committee for additional information.

WILLIAM W. ORCUTT

In 1898 the Union Oil Company hired a young geologist and civil engineer named Bill Orcutt as a district Manager. He toured the area in a springboard wagon carrying food for his mules or horses as well as himself, blankets, water and necessary tools. He would camp with the Basque shepherders and question them on the locations of tar oozing from the hillsides. His insatiable curiosity drew him to investigate further the 1899 wildcat oil well drilled by Stewart & McFarland in the LaBrea Tar Pits. No oil was found but Orcutt discovered skeletons of many prehistoric animals embedded in the tar. One of the greatest paleontological finds in history.

THE STORY OF THE RAINBOW

In every bright rainbow God's story is told,
And our hearts remember its message of old.
So we can be certain that each rain filled day,
Will leave behind sunshine to brighten our way.

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