



# Ore-Cutts

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Come join us on April 10<sup>th</sup> at the Mussel Senior Center for a program on **Silversmithing** that will be given by Wes Lingerfelt, who is an accomplished jeweler and teacher.

Display for April will be Calcite in all it's incarnations: crystals, travertine, cave onyx, aragonite, etc.

Refreshments will be cookies provided to us by Gary Sheffer, Virginia Rogers, Don Nasholm and DeeDee Magri.

## Rock Breakfast

By Debbie Hood

**The breakfast for April will be on April 28 at 9:00 a.m. at CJ's Restaurant in Arroyo Grande at 611 E Grand Ave. (This used to be Corcoran's Restaurant for you "Oldtimers.")**

The March breakfast at Shirley's was well attended and I believe everyone had a great time. Bob Bullock brought his wife, Rose, and she is a charming lady. Gloria Dana again donated handmade items for a raffle this month: a knife in a leather scabbard with a beaded cabochon won by Debbie Hood (I traded it to Bill for the necklace he won last month.) and a lovely necklace was won by Stan Ferguson who gave it to his daughter, Brenna. The food was good and the company better! Don't miss the April breakfast!

## Adventure to Ventura

Wayne Mills, Ore Cutts staff, & Debbie Hood, Editor.

Deb Hood and I headed to Ventura on a lovely, sunny Sunday morning. Had a pleasant drive down 101 to 154, until just past the Santa Ynez River Bridge when the SUV in front of us hit a deer that had bounded into the road from the north shoulder.

*Slow motion of pieces of grill flying through the air, and large deer rolling to the right shoulder. That was a sobering experience, and we had only been sipping coffee!*

**Actually Wayne has underplayed this scenario a bit. There was a car next to the SUV that the deer also fell on, startling that driver who began to swerve, dodging the flying debris, not really knowing what had hit him. We were right behind them, all going at a good clip. When I saw the deer I grabbed Wayne's arm to get his attention...the bruises should be starting to fade by now.**

The rest of the trip was pretty routine and with light traffic we made our way to the Ventura Fairgrounds, after a slight detour. The show was jumping by about 11 when we showed up. Lots of people, and the dealers we talked to seemed pleased. The Ventura club had done lots of advertising it appears. Our first stop was the plant and country store building. We both got some nice succulents, but didn't find much we needed in the Country Store.

The rest of the show filled the big fairgrounds building (about the size of a blimp hangar) pretty well. There were several activities for kids-make a fossil, grab bags with a polished stone prize for identifying 5 of the rocks in your grab bag, and Wheel of "Fortune", among others. They had some nice prizes in their Raffle, including several that I wanted, but did not win (I was hoping to take Ben Franklin home with me, but he wanted to stay in Ventura...). They also had some really nice cases, several of which were in a row. The pictures included with this story are only a sample, and may show some prejudice on the photographer's part. Jim Brace-Thompson's fossils are amazing.

Most of the echinoderms in his case put mine to shame. And that is what I was hoping to display at our show this year!

Anyway, there was something for everyone. Kay Hara's bolo ties proved that the ladies are not the only ones that can wear beautiful stones.



One of her bolos was the pinkest piece of Rhodonite I think I have ever seen! And Cheri George, one of our show

demonstrators (in a good way), displayed some of her silverwork, as well as demonstrating her lampwork bead technique. Word is, she may demo silverwork at our upcoming show, and hubby Don may be showing his faceting techniques.

**There were also some very lovely cases of wirewrapping, as well as silver work, and a booth with florescent minerals displayed**



Attending the show from OMS, we saw Wes, Jeannie and Jeannie's sister Loretta (Wes was one of the dealers), Sharon Duncan and

Christine Clason. Other OMS members attended on Saturday.

*Prez Deb Hood and Cheri George share some Bead-related patter*

**There were lots and lots of lovely beads and I collected a few, as well as helping Sharon Duncan**



**pick beads to match some cloth swatches she had... I can't wait to see what she makes from them! Also to be seen were several dealers with**

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**very clever and well-executed carvings, ask Elaine Von Achen about the beauty she got.**

As the show was winding down, they were blowing out their silent auction rocks. I scored a 10-inch by 7-inch piece of Sterling Hill, New Jersey (I think) red and green fluorescent calcite and willemite, and one of the biggest pieces of turrutella agate I have seen, for a buck apiece. I was happy! (I'll be happier when I get the finished sphere from John Von Achen— I understand it is cut!)

On our homeward journey, Deb and I agreed that the show was fun, and that we had enjoyed a good day. The poor old deer did not have a good day, and had been removed by the time we re-crossed the Santa Ynez River on our homeward journey. **Very likely, someone was having venison for dinner, the lucky stiffs!** We learn to be thankful for our blessings.

## Tucson "The First Time"

By Wes Lingerfelt

It was time Jeannie and I fulfilled a longtime dream and make the journey to Tucson, Arizona. We had a huge incentive for this trip, as the theme of the show was Australian Minerals. In addition, we were going to be joined by our friends from Australia. They come from both coasts of the big "Down-under" country. Ms. Barbara Donati from Perth on the West coast and Sir Paul Howard from Elanora (Not too far from Brisbane on the East coast) began planning several months in advance to join us. I too planned early by reserving rooms for all of us at least 10 months in advance. This is necessary as the rooms in most hotels/motels are full of dealers from all over the world.

We left Nipomo, Ca real early in the morning on the 7<sup>th</sup> of February 2007. We made the long trip with no problems in our brand new Hyundai, which was purchased specifically for the trip. It was a good thing too as the storage capacity was just right for all the treasure waiting for us at Tucson. We checked in to the Motel6 and found our room to be very comfortable. The only drawback was the lack of Internet access. I found that by standing outside on the balcony I could log in via the hotels downtown some 4 miles away using my wireless laptop computer (isn't technology just wonderful?). We spent the next 5 days enjoying the company of our friends and visiting the displays and the staggering array of dealers in every nook and cranny of the



town. It is so overwhelming that it's difficult to describe. I swear there wasn't an empty lot, hotel room or carport, for that matter, that

wasn't used to set up a jewelry or rock selling booth. After four days our eyes began to glaze over from seeing so much and quite a bit of it all the same stuff. We found bargains! Lots of Bargains! Our little car was stuffed. The variety of material is stupendous and at the same time much of it is identical. The big difference we noticed was that the outlying dealers were quite a bit cheaper than those at the big Convention Center. We reconnected with several long lost friends we haven't seen in years including the tour operator from Australia by the name of Brian Beauchamp and his friend Marcie. We even ran into a former member of the Orcutt Mineral Society by the name of Herb Dick. We were all sitting in the restaurant next to the motel one morning having a very fine breakfast at the Country Folk eatery when a fellow in the next booth asked, "Are you folks from Santa Maria?" We answered, "Well, yes, sort of, Nipomo is next door". He said, "I'm the person who came up with the name of "Rainbow of Gems" for the gem show many years back". "Do you know a fellow by the name of Ralph Bishop?" You could have knocked me over with a feather. I could hardly believe it. What are the odds of being that far from home and sitting down to eat next to a fellow who is a former rockhound from the same club you belong to? We had a very nice chat and even got a picture or two. I'm still trying to sort out the gray matter over this one.

We had wonderful weather the entire time in Tucson. It was mostly 80° every day with warm to cool nights. I mention this, as the rest of our journey wasn't so nice.

We put Sir Paul at the airport on the morning of the 12<sup>th</sup> and proceeded eastward to Killeen, Texas. Sir Paul had



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arranged to give a program to the Houston GMS club about his agates and shows he had attended in Munich, Germany on his way to America. He would then fly to San Luis Obispo for a two weeks stay in Nipomo.

Our trip to Killeen was uneventful except for one thing. Jeannie was looking at the views and objects along Interstate-10 as we were traveling. She began to count the carcasses of wild deer along the road. In southern Texas there must be a huge deer population explosion as we counted over 50 of them dead along the road in the distance of about 30 miles. Later that night we had to swerve several times to avoid a collision with the small deer. Especially between Menard, Texas and Brady, Texas they were all over the road. We noticed as we checked into the motel in Killeen that the weather was much cooler. The next day we finished our business in Killeen and headed North on I-35 toward Oklahoma City. It was overcast and the wind was getting much colder.

We arrived in our hometown of Guthrie, Oklahoma to a wind chill of -16° and a forecast of snow and rain for the next week. We were reminded everyday why we left and went to California in the first place. Not having this kind of weather to acclimate us we were really cold and miserable. The biggest drawback was the lack of any rocks to dig or even look at due to snow. We spent some time with my and Jeannie's family and after 4 days we were done with the cold. It was off to New Mexico to visit Jeannie's sister. We were somewhat concerned about getting "Blizardized" if we stayed any longer. We talked Jeannie's sister into coming to California for a few weeks to visit. Arrangements were made for her son to come out and transport her back home in a few weeks. We are surely blessed by having family that is able to spend time with us.

After arriving home we sorted through all the treasure acquired in Tucson. The two weeks on the road were tiring but very worthwhile in our minds. If I had to summarize our adventure it would go like this: Tucson is a good place to visit...once! We both agree that Quartzsite is more fun than Tucson for the following reasons: At Quartzsite there is many places to go out and dig. Also, we always stay at the Bluewater Resort Casino in Parker, Arizona where the food is great and the entertainment is first class. Finally, just about anything you can find in Tucson you can find in Quartzsite. A whole lot of the dealers

from Quartzsite wind up in Tucson. Overall Tucson is a wonderful place to visit but we would rather leave it to the “High Rollers” as that is an ideal place for them. We prefer to be down in the dirt with the common folk and rockhounds at good ol’ Quartzsite. We are starting to plan for next year’s adventure there. Won’t you join us?

## Porter Ranch Field Trip

Wayne Mills, Ore Cutts Staff

Saturday March 19, under an oppressive marine layer, Field Trip Chairperson Bob Bullock led the OMS group on their first field trip of the year.



We headed north off Route 166 just after crossing an arm of Twitchell Reservoir. We drove a couple of miles through large, ghostly live oaks, draped with Spanish Moss, and were greeted by cows and horses grazing in the morning mist.

The picnic area of the ranch is well planned with an open-sided cookhouse, floodlights, benches and benches. A dry stream lies to the left of the cookhouse, and tall oaks shade the area in the summer.

Breakfast was awesome! The main course was frittatas mixed in freezer (zip lock) bags, and cooked in boiling water for 15 minutes. Then we placed the eggs in a tortilla covered them with salsa, and chowed down. We had sausages and juice to round out the meal. Once we had our fill, we headed out to the collecting area in Rail Pin Canyon. According to the Geologic Map of the Nipomo Quadrangle, the canyon exposes several hundred feet of the Middle Miocene aged

Monterey formation. In the canyon, note the 5-foot diameter split apart concretion in the creek bottom.

At Lake Lopez, the scallop *Pecten discus* is a common fossil found in this formation. This location was no different, though the fossils seemed less numerous. As we



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approached the canyon, the sun came out and stayed out for the rest of our time on the ranch.

A couple of good finds were made here though. John von Achen wandered up the hill about a half-mile, and found a broken concretion in a small dry creek. It appears to expose the back of the skull of a marine mammal; Keith McKay found one that appears to have part of the fossilized snout of a porpoise (but that’s just a guess.) About noon, we headed for a separate location on the ranch where Contractor AJ Diani had made a couple of piles of local rocks that were to be used for road base material. We happily pawed through these piles for a couple more hours. Seems like Wes Lingerfelt got the best rock from this pile. He slabbed it the day of the field trip, and put the pictures on the I-net that night! It has a fine-grained, green matrix with round vesicles filled with a variety of materials, perhaps zeolites, and occasionally, a tiny stringer of... gold! I don’t think it is enough to pay one of Wes’s electricity bills, but it is kind a cool!

Folks drifted home about 3 PM, and as I headed back to Santa Maria, I drove back into the marine layer, and realized that those who stayed home did not get to enjoy the sunshine, camaraderie, fun collecting, and great food that those of us who attended the field trip had.

Our sincere thanks go out to the Porters who made their ranch available, and to Bob Bullock, his wife Rose, and daughters Jennifer and Corrine who arranged the food and the visit to the ranch. This is a trip we hope to repeat. **Job well done Bob!**



### *You May Be a Rock-hound If...*

You happily risk \$1000 damage to your car (or yourself) for \$10.00 worth of rocks. (*No comment, Ed.*)

## Sunshine

Kay Vollmer was hospitalized overnight with a TIA (Transient Ischemic Attack-sometimes the precursor to a stroke,) and is back home on appropriate medical therapy and doing well

## Let it Be(ad)

Wayne Mills, Ore-Cutts "stringer"

Before the advent of glass trade beads, our Native Americans made their own beads. Some of these were used for personal adornment, but some were used as a basis for trade. These became known as "wampum". The value of the bead or string of beads was based on how long it took to make the bead, or how scarce was the material from which the bead was manufactured. An example is the beads made from the quahog clam by east coast Native Americans. The colors obtained were white and purple, but only a small portion of the shell was purple, so those were worth twice as much as the white ones.

Many Native American beads required a lot of work to produce. The olivella beads of our native Chumash had to be broken and ground to shape, and then drilled. Only one or two beads were obtained from a shell. If you have seen some of the shell beads with incised edges, think how long THAT would take. Serpentine beads were even more labor intensive (the material is more than ten times harder than shell!). I don't even want to think about trying to catch and de-quill a porcupine (well, maybe these are not technically beads, but they have holes in the middle, and are used for ornamentation.)

Perhaps the easiest to collect, and most consistently round beads used by Native Americans are the individual plates of the **crinoid**. This member of the Echinoderm Family has been around since the Ordovician, about 500 million years ago. (That makes them the oldest beads I can think of...). Because of their nerve cord, they have a natural hole in their middle, and often only take the effort to collect, sort to size, and string. They come in a variety of diameters, and even have a variety that is star-shaped (*Pentacrinus sp.*) Crinoids are found worldwide, so it is not unlikely that they have been used for beads in other countries as well. In fact, off the northeast coast of England is Lindisfarne (The Holy Island).

*This string of crinoids and turquoise beads is from the collection of Kay Vollmer.* Here crinoid plates are called St. Cuthbert's



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Beads after much revered cleric who lived there between 685 and 686 BC.

Refer to

[http://www.findarticles.com/p/articles/mi\\_m2386/is\\_1\\_112/ai\\_74483684](http://www.findarticles.com/p/articles/mi_m2386/is_1_112/ai_74483684)

## A ROCK QUIZ???

Nobody called Deb or Wayne with the correct answer to the March Quiz. Sandy Berthelot knew the answer, but didn't call. Virginia Rogers called during the last meeting and left a message on Debs answer machine just a few hours too late.

Remember, your first impression is (supposed to be) right 60% of the time! Anyhow, the answer is **North Carolina**.

*The question for April is: **What element is found in both the hardest and softest of minerals?***

Who will be the first to call Deborah or Wayne with the correct answer?

## Bytes and Pieces

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☞ Speaking of **North Carolina**, our own Laura Kasteal is headed there the first and possibly the second week in April. She made the offer to bring back 5-gallon boxes of mine gravel from Gem Mountain, if you get the \$45 (4 gallons)-\$120 (5 gallons + tickets for two free facet jobs) cost to her before she and Gary leave.

☞ The dog ate Ralph's homework? Ralph doesn't HAVE a dog! [Ed.'s Note: Ralph *is* working on some new stories for us, but has been having some technical difficulties. His excuses are as original as his stories!]

☞ Laura K. has been cleaning up in the "free rocks bucket" at the last few meetings. Look closer folks!

☞ The [Australian & New Zealand Mineral Collector Magazine](#) is a full color publication aimed at providing mineral collectors with information about minerals and mineral locations in Australia, New Zealand, and elsewhere. The first issue is now available via [crocoite.com](http://crocoite.com) for US \$10.00.

## Raffle Thanks

Wayne Mills, Raffle Chair

Thanks to Dee Dee Magri for her recent donations to the raffle. We will have a few more "free rocks", some crystals, a thunder egg, samples of petrified wood, fossil oysters, brecciated jasper, and other

materials at future raffles, courtesy of Dee Dee. And we still have some of the slabs and dino bone Ralph Bishop donated to double up with our other prizes.

## Lee Reyburn Jr.: 50-years on the old rock-pile

Wayne Mills, Ore Cutts Staff

Lee, who joined the society in 2004, went on his first field trip with the club last weekend, to the Porter Ranch. There, under blue skies, and sturdy oaks, he picked up a few more rocks for his rock-pile.



Lee was born two days before Christmas in Oklahoma, during the Great Depression. His family moved to Monterey California in 1948, and he and his future wife graduated from Monterey High School in 1950. Lee went to Monterey Peninsula College for a year before being called to active duty in the US Navy in 1952 (he had joined the Naval Reserves in 1949 while still in high school. Lee proudly served as a Radarman on the destroyer USS John R. Craig, until his discharge in January 1954, and two months later married Betty Gann who he had gone to high school with. Coincidentally, Betty's family also moved to Monterey from Oklahoma in 1948, the same year Lee moved there.

Lee worked for the Bank of America in Seaside, near Monterey, from 1954 to 1960, and then transferred to the Branch in Santa Maria in July 1960. Two years later, Lee went to work for the Santa Barbara County Assessor's Office. For the first 5 years of his employment with the county, Lee also took classes at Hancock earning a degree in Business Administration in 1968. He retired from his position with the Assessors Office in 1995 after a 32-year career. During his employment with the county, Lee also worked as a reserve police officer for the City of Santa Maria after attending the police academy at Hancock College.

Lee and Betty have collected rocks on their many trips over the years, and they have been married 53 years. That is a lot of rocks! They have collected

rocks in Mexico, Canada, the Caribbean, Alaska, Egypt, Israel's Sea of Galilee, Eastern Europe, Hawaii, and other parts of the United States. When they bring their rocks home, they go in the old rock-pile. (I hope we get a chance to see *that* one of these days...) but the sacrilege is that there is no way to know what rock came from where! The lesson here is labels folks (or a number keyed to a readily accessible list!)

Like other members of OMS, Lee likes all rocks, but agates are his favorites. He is currently into silverwork, and attends the silverwork class at Oasis Senior Center in Orcutt. He is also a member of the Masonic Lodge in Arroyo Grande, the John R. Craig (DD885) Association, and the Grace Baptist Church in Santa Maria. Lee is an easygoing, quiet spoken gentleman who happily pitches in to help OMS with our annual show and other activities. We are fortunate to have him as a member.

## Orcutt Mineral Society Board Meeting 636 Cherokee Pl., Nipomo, CA March 6, 2007

The meeting was called to order at 7:09 p.m. by President Debbie Hood.

Board Members present were Dee Dee Magri, Bob Bullock, Wayne Mills, Sylvia Nasholm, Debbie Hood, Wes Lingerfelt, Sandy Berthelot, Gary Sheffer, Mike Henson and Elaine Von Achen. Guests included Sir Paul Howard, Bill Hood and Paul Berthelot.

**Minutes** were approved as published in the February newsletter.

**Treasurer's** report was given by Wes Lingerfelt and accepted as read.

**Correspondence:** Elaine Von Achen reported receiving newsletters from Capistrano Valley Rock and Mineral Club and the San Geronio Mineral and Gem Society. We also received checks for dues from two individuals requesting membership in the OMS. A letter was read from a gem and mineral club in Madras, Oregon. They will be having their 58<sup>th</sup> annual gem show June 27<sup>th</sup> through July 1, 2007 and sent us an invitation. The Kern County Mineral Society will be holding their 48<sup>th</sup> annual show at the Kern County Fair Grounds on May 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>. They extended an invitation to anyone who would like to exhibit a display along with an application.

## **Committee's:**

**Field Trips:** Bob Bullock announced a field trip for the 17<sup>th</sup> of March to take place at the Porter Ranch. We will meet at 7:30 a.m. at the Mussell Senior Center. After a wonderful breakfast at the ranch, put on by Bob Bullock and family, we will look for fossil shells in Rail Pin Canyon.

**Newsletter:** Debbie Hood announced that the March newsletter was on the web on Friday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> and snail mail was sent on Saturday the 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Education:** Wayne Mills gave a talk to students at Dana Elementary on February 22, which he says was very well received. Each student received a polished stone. Wayne said they were especially fascinated by the black light.

**Federation:** Wayne Mills read a paragraph out of the CFMS newsletter saying that the golden bear with gavel emblem is no longer available. It was noted that we need to be thinking about an alternative.

**Political Action Committee:** Don Dana has agreed to assume chairmanship of this committee.

**Library:** Gary Sheffer requested that he be able to buy plastic containers to house the library book, tapes, etc. as the cardboard cartons currently in use are hard to manage and not very stable. He was told that he could spend up to \$50.00 without board approval.

**Refreshments:** None

**Scholarship:** Wayne Mills announced that Hancock College's annual awards presentation would be held in May.

**Gem Show:** Wes Lingerfelt said the dealer applications are pouring in and everything is on schedule.

**Sunshine:** Debbie Hood announced that her mother would be having surgery on the 15<sup>th</sup> of March. Jan Ferguson is over her cold and Christine Clason is doing real well. Hans Borm is moving to Texas.

**Roadside Cleanup:** Roadside cleanup for March has been moved to the March 31, meeting at Highway 101 and 166.

**Abused Children's Fund:** Debbie Hood thanked Bob Bullock for kindly donating a mineral specimen at our February general meeting as Jan Ferguson was not present.

**Program Committee:** Wayne Mills ordered 2 programs for future meetings; one of them being Sedimentary and Vein Agates.

**Old Business:**

Debbie Hood requests that members heading committees, or holding board positions, please work on their job descriptions for the manual.

Bill Hood brought up the question of entertainment for the Christmas luncheon and general meeting.

Elaine Von Achen volunteered to look into it.

Three members have recently passed away. They were Paul Patrick, Frank Sausa and Jill Nelson.

Elaine Von Achen made a motion that a donation of \$100.00 for each member be sent to the CFMS endowment fund in memoriam. Bob Bullock seconded the motion. Motion passed.

## **New Business:**

The March general meeting program will be given by Sir Paul Howard on the Munich Agate Show. We are very fortunate as it will be the story of his adventure in Munich, Germany.

Sir Paul Howard donated his book on agates to our treasurer chest and also presented us with a beautiful box of agates. He left it up to our President as to what she will do with it. She is thinking of a possible raffle.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Elaine Von Achen, Secretary, OMS

## **Orcutt Mineral Society General Meeting Mussell Sr. Center, Santa Maria CA March 13, 2007**

President Debbie Hood called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Mike Henson gave the invocation.

Joseph Martinez led the flag salute.

We had 31 members and 5 guests. Guests included Donna Lehman, Michael Sheffer, Ralph Lawless, Bud Burgess and Joe Martines.

**Minutes:** Elaine Von Achen read the minutes of the March 6, 2007 board meeting. Minutes were approved as read.

**Treasurer's Report** was given by Wes Lingerfelt and accepted as read.

**Sheriff,** Bill Hood, reported no fines as everyone had a nametag.

**Correspondence:** Elaine Von Achen reported newsletters from Capistrano Valley Rock & Mineral Club, Conejo Gem & Mineral Club and the Santa Cruz Mineral & Gem Society. She also read a letter notifying our members of the 58<sup>th</sup> Annual Gem & Mineral Show on June 27, 2007 at the Jefferson Co. Fairgrounds in Madras, Oregon.

## Committee Reports:

**Newsletter:** Roger Lehman said he hadn't received the March newsletter. He was given an extra copy from Wes Lingerfelt and his name has been added to the list to receive future mailings.

**Gem Show:** None

**Refreshments:** Dee Dee Magri said that the evening's refreshment would be pie donated by Sandy Berthelot, Sharon Duncan, Jan Ferguson, Jeannie Lingerfelt, Dee Dee Magri and Linda Kolasinski.

**Abused Children's Fund:** Jan Ferguson reported the raffle for the evening would include a quartz crystal from Mt. Ida, AR as well as three mineral specimens.

**Sunshine:** Happily there was nothing to report.

**Annual December Dinner Meeting:** Elaine Von Achen said she was waiting to hear back from someone who put on magic shows as possible entertainment at the dinner.

**Scholarship:** Cuesta College has put in their request for a scholarship for this year.

**Publicity:** None

**Field Trips:** Bob Bullock announced a field trip for the 17<sup>th</sup> of March to take place at the Porter Ranch. We will meet at 7:30 a.m. at the Mussell Sr. Center. After a wonderful breakfast at the ranch, put on by Bob Bullock and family, we will look for fossil shells in Rail Pin Canyon.

**Library:** Gary Sheffer showed off the new plastic tubs he purchased to house our library books, tapes, etc.

**Education:** None

**Highway Cleanup:** Wayne Mills reported that the highway cleanup had been moved forward to March 31, 2007.

**Monthly Breakfast:** Gloria Dana said the March breakfast would be held on the 24<sup>th</sup> at Shirley's Café in Grover Beach.

**Raffle:** Wayne Mills listed lots of neat things for the night's raffle including a rainforest jasper sphere, a golden calcite sphere, some magnets, selenite, coral beads and turquoise crackle beads from Nevada and much more.

**CFMS:** The California Federation of Mineralogical Societies 68<sup>th</sup> annual Tri-State Convention and Show, hosted by the Palmdale Gem & Mineral Club, will be June 15 through June 17, 2007 and will be held at the Antelope Valley Fair Grounds.

Wes Lingerfelt said that he had received an application to be a Lapidary Judge at the Kern Co. State Fair next September.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** It has been noted that the CFMS newsletter reported that the golden bear with gavel emblem would no longer be available for outgoing President's. All dues must be paid by the close of tonight's meeting in order to be included in the Red Book and to be an active member. Elaine Von Achen will be announcing a get together soon so that we might make-up some grab bags for the annual gem show. Sir Paul Howard donated his book on agates to our treasure chest and also presented us with a beautiful box of agates. Debbie Hood thanked him for his generous donation.

The program for the evening is being presented by Sir Paul Howard and is a slide show on the Munich Agate Show.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Elaine Von Achen, Secretary, OMS



A saw cutting a piece of stone was selected when the first bulletin, ORE-CUTTS (namesake, William Orcutt) was first published in 1966. Member Helen Azevedo was the first editor.

Orcutt Mineral Society was founded in 1958, and was named after William Orcutt, a geologist and Civil engineer who worked in the Santa Maria Valley as a District manager for Union oil Company in 1888. In 1989, William Orcutt discovered the mineral and fossil wealth of the La Brea Tar Pits on the property of Captain Alan Hancock. The La Brea Tar Pits are one of the most significant fossil finds in paleontological history. The OMS is a non-profit club dedicated to stimulating an interest in the earth sciences. The club offers educational programs, field trips, scholarships, and other opportunities for families and individuals to pursue an interest in collecting and treatment of lapidary materials, fossils, gems, minerals, and other facets of the Earth Sciences. In addition, another goal of this Society is to promote good fellowship, and proper ethics in pursuit of the Society's endeavors. Operating Rules have been set forth to guide the Officers and members of the Society in accomplishing these aims. Affiliations of the OMS include American Federation of Mineral Societies, and California Federation of Mineral Societies



### April 2007 Calendar

Tuesday April 3, 2007 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	OMS Board Meeting Mussell Senior Center. All members are welcome at this business meeting.
Tuesday April 10, 2007 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.	OMS General Meeting Elwin Mussell Senior Center. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Program- Wes Lingerfelt on “Silversmithing”</li> <li>• Display-Forms of Calcite-crystals, travertine, cave onyx, aragonite</li> <li>• Refreshments-Cookies</li> </ul>
Saturday April 14 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	<b>Field Trip to Figueroa Mountain-</b> The field trip has been cancelled.  Meet at the club locker at 9AM to help with the annual locker cleanup
Saturday April 28, 2007 9:00 a.m. –10:00 a.m.	“CJ’s” Restaurant, 611 E. Grand Ave. Arroyo Grande



### May 2007 Calendar

Tuesday May 1, 2007 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.	OMS Board Meeting-Elwin Mussell Senior Center. All members are welcome at this business meeting.
Saturday May	Field Trip To Be Announced
Tuesday May 8, 2007 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.	OMS General Meeting-Elwin Mussell Senior Center. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Program-Stump the Experts with Your Weird Rocks</li> <li>• Display: Mystery Rocks</li> <li>• Refreshments-Cakes</li> </ul>
Saturday May 19, 2007 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.	Roadside Clean up After the cleanup, coffee and pastry at "Francisco's Country Kitchen" in Santa Maria.
Saturday May 26, 2007 8:15 a.m. to 9:15 a.m.	OMS Monthly Breakfast To Be Announced

### 2007-OMS Officers

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### 2007 Shows

#### April 14 - 15 2007, Mariposa, CA

Mariposa Gem & Mineral Club  
Mariposa County Fairgrounds  
Hours: 10 - 5 both days  
Peggy Ronning (209) 742-7625  
Email: [mineralmuseum@sti.net](mailto:mineralmuseum@sti.net)

#### April 14 - 15 2007, San Jose, CA

Santa Clara Valley Gem & Mineral Society  
Santa Clara County Fairgrounds  
334 Tully Road  
Hours: 10 - 5 both days  
Marc Mullaney (408) 691-1584  
Email: [geologistm@aol.com](mailto:geologistm@aol.com)  
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#### April 28 - 29 2007, Santa Cruz, CA

Santa Cruz Mineral & Gem Society  
Civic Auditorium at Corner of Center & Church Streets  
Hours: 10 - 5 both days

Eleanor & Hubert Drake (831-8086)  
Email: [hmdrake@pacbell.net](mailto:hmdrake@pacbell.net)

**May 12-13 2006, Reno, NV**

Reno Gem & Mineral Society  
"Jackpot of Gems"  
Reno Livestock Events Center  
Exhibit Hall 1350 N. wells Ave.  
Hours: Sat. 10 - 5; Sun. 10 - 4  
Call: (775) 356-8820  
Website: [renorockclub.com](http://renorockclub.com)

**June 2-3 2007, Glendora, CA**

Glendora Gems  
859 E. Sierra Madre  
Hours: Sat. 10 - 5; Sun. 10 - 4  
Bonnie Bidwell (626) 963-4638  
Email: [YBidwell2@aol.com](mailto:YBidwell2@aol.com)

**June 2-3 2007, La Habra, CA**

North Orange County Gem & Mineral Society  
La Habra Community Center  
101 W. La Habra Blvd.  
Hours: 9 - 5 both days  
Don Warthen

**June 15-17 2007, Lancaster, CA**

Palmdale Gem & Mineral Club (CFMS Show)  
Antelope Valley Fairgrounds  
Hours: 9-5 Daily  
Email: [pgmc@antelecom.net](mailto:pgmc@antelecom.net)  
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