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Please Read! New Meeting Times/Days!



The City of Santa Maria has decided to close the facility where we have our meetings. They have been allowing us to use the Elwin Mussel Senior Center from 7 to 9 pm for many years, at no charge. Suddenly, and without much notice, they now plan to close the facility at 4:30 pm due to budget or the lack thereof.

We have found a new place to have our meetings, at the St. Joseph's Church where we have our annual show. The time will be 7 to 9 pm on the Second Wednesday of each month starting on August 11th, 2010. I know this is short notice but it couldn't be helped.

So, please join us on August 11, 2010 in the Parish Hall at Saint Joseph's Catholic Church at 298 Thompson Ave., Nipomo, at 7:00 pm .

The program will be a review of the Show, and a video on the United States National Gem Collection from the CFMS.

The Display theme will be fossils.

The refreshments will be cookies brought to us by Debbie Hood, Truman Burgess, Don Nasholm & Pat McKay.

Please mark your calendars with the new meeting dates: the second Wednesday of each month, at least for the rest of this year.

August 6-8, 2010 43rd Rainbow Of Gems Show

Wednesday,
August 4, 2010
9:00 am to
completion

Measure, layout and mark the Show areas. We need help with this. Coffee and donuts will be there to reward the faithful. This is not strenuous.

Thursday, August 5,
2010,
8:00 am till complete

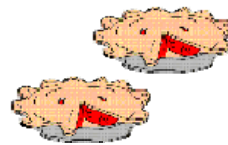


Thursday August 5,
2010
6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Show set up at St Joseph's Church 298 S. Thompson Ave. Nipomo. We need some strong folks to move tables and cases, and everyone else to skirt the tables. Coffee and donuts will be there to reward the faithful. All members are cordially invited!

Chicken Dinner for Vendors, Exhibitors and Club members who have helped to layout and set up the show.

Friday, August 6,
2010,
10:00 am to 5:00 pm



Opening of the 43rd annual **OMS Rainbow of Gems Show.** Each family is requested to bring 2 pies for the snack bar. Volunteer help is needed in the Snack Bar, & Hospitality Booth. *Everyone please wear red club vests to discourage the light-fingered. Look Alert!*

Saturday, August 7,
2010,
10:00 am to 5:00 pm

Enjoy the displays, demonstrations and the vendor's many rocks & minerals for sale. Enjoy the great food in the snack bar. Volunteer: help is needed in the Snack Bar, & Hospitality Booth and Treasure Chest.

<p>Saturday August 7, 2010, 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Best-darned BBQ on the Central Coast! Tickets are \$12.00 for Adults and \$6.00 for kids 12 and under. Don't miss it!</p>
<p>Sunday August 8, 2010 10:00 am to 5:00 pm</p>	<p>Enjoy the displays, demonstrations and the vendor's many rocks & minerals for sale. Enjoy the great food in the snack bar. Volunteer help is needed in the Snack Bar, Hospitality Booth & Treasure Chest.</p>
<p>Sunday August 8, 2010, 5:00 to 7:00 pm</p>	<p>Show takedown and clean up. We need <i>everybody</i> to help with this. Many hands make light work.</p>
<p>Sunday August 8, 2010, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Post show victory dinner 7:00 p.m. at the Golden Dragon Restaurant, 151 Dana St. Nipomo</p>
<p>Monday August 9, 2010, 9:00 a.m. till Completed</p>	<p>Final clean up at St Joseph's: take up booth markers, sweeping, mopping, etc. We want to be good neighbors and to be welcomed back next year again, and we don't want to leave it all up to the Lingerfelts.</p>



THE PREZ SAYS, AUGUST 2010

By Sylvia Nasholm, President, OMS

For those of you not attending, we had a very busy meeting on July 13th. Huge on the agenda: The Rainbow of Gems the first weekend of August and we found ourselves out of a meeting place, starting with the August meeting. The City of Santa Maria is closing the Elwin Mussel Senior Center at 4:30pm Mon-Fri beginning next month. They had another facility in town for us only available on the first and third Tuesdays. More than half of those present could not attend our meeting on those days. The Church hall was available to us on Mondays and Wednesdays and the fewest number of members had other commitments on the second Wednesday of each month. So for Aug, Sep, Oct, and Nov, our new meeting place will be the *Rec Hall of St Joseph's Church in Nipomo* (where we hold the gem show) **on**

the second Wednesday of each month. I am working diligently to find a facility for us next year, hopefully on the second Tues of the month.

The Show: Wes will need as many hands as possible Wednesday Aug 4th at 9:00a.m. to lay out the dealer sites outdoors. Coffee and donuts will be provided. We need ALL hands on deck Thursday Aug 5th at 8:00 a.m. to lay out the building interiors and skirt the tables. We need to get this done by noon as the dealers and exhibitors expect to begin setup for the show at that time. The Club for all participants provides a baked chicken dinner at 5:30 p.m. Thursday the 5th. As I mentioned last month, it is a great way to meet the dealers and supporters of the event before it begins.

Signup sheets were sent around for the snack bar, hospitality table, and the treasure chest table. For those of you offering to work the snack bar, duties include taking orders, handing out drinks, and collecting money. Others will be needed to make the sandwiches and dish up other items, cut pies and cakes, and any other duties Joe Martines needs you to do. It's a fun place to work and you meet a lot of nice people. On the hospitality table you will be required to sell the club's logo items, tickets for the BBQ Saturday night, and the treasure chest tickets as well when needed. The money collected for the BBQ and treasure chest **MUST** be kept separate from the logo item monies. When working the treasure chest table, you will be required to receive prizes, maintain the record of what the items are and who donated them, and sell as many tickets as possible. They come in books of 7. They are \$1 apiece, or all 7 for \$5. The more we sell, the bigger the scholarship we can award so let's go all out this year! Please wear your club vest when attending the show. It is a huge deterrent to theft and identifies you as a person the public can get answers from. Refer all injuries to the hospitality table. Our first aid kit will be stored there and Debbie Hood will handle all injuries. We have a wheelchair that will be available for anyone who needs to borrow it. Be sure to see identification before letting it go. When you are strolling through, if you see someone can use a hand, stop and volunteer for a shift or even an hour or two. It will make a huge difference. If you have any questions please call me or Wes, we will be happy to clear up what we can. After the show, we clean up the hall and classrooms after the dealers and exhibitors have removed their belongings. We like to wrap by 7:00

p.m. We meet at the Chinese restaurant on Burton a couple of blocks north of the Church for a celebration dinner. Let Wes or myself know if you can attend so we can let the restaurant know the numbers expected. We also need volunteers Monday morning to help make sure that everything at the church is cleaned up and ready to turn over to them. Let's not let Wes and his families have all the fun this year!

A reminder, we need a pie from each family donated to the snack bar. Thursday or the day you can attend is fine.

I look forward to seeing each of you at this event and I thank you in advance for all of your help.

THE HOOK AND THE WEDGE

By Ralph Bishop

Wes Lingerfelt and I spent a good deal of time on the Sur coast last century when the gettin' was good. We'd watch for good tides that on the southern coast were predictable but on the rugged Sur Coast were totally erratic. The tides looked good one day, so up the coast we traveled to hunt Rhodonite and pyrite laced red jasper on the cove just above Lime Kiln Creek. The Sur Coast, where God must go for a vacation, was glorious as usual, the winding road necessitating a slow pace that allowed one to enjoy the forested Lucia Range that juts upward from the sea green and white of the crashing waves.

We arrived at the turnout above the Lime Kiln cove that should have been strewn with rocks because of the extreme high-low tide sequence only to find the beach covered with sand. Oh well! But the ocean was so beautiful here where dissolved lime turns the usually blue ocean a lime green. There was no reason to trek down the near vertical trail to the beach so we headed back south on Hiway 1, and as we passed Jade Cove I asked Wes if he had ever seen the jade wall at the "Hook" on south Willow Creek beach. Well, no, he had not. "The tide is low so let's go," I suggested. We wound down the road from Hiway 1 and parked just above tide level, here the sweet water of Willow Creek empties into a large boulder strewn cove.

There along the side of the creek was a blanket spread populated by the local hip's that lived under the bridge and served the public by providing jade, soapstone pipes and the horticultural material to use in said pipes. I ambled over to the pleasant locals and found a few pieces of jade that were priced to accommodate their vegetarian pursuits: the price of a gallon of the fruit of the vine that, along with "skunk bud," was their normal sustenance. I'd known these folks for years; Jade Bob, Jade Ron, Jade Joe and I always felt compelled to make sure, at least when I visited, they didn't starve.

We loaded up our packs with hammers and chisels, not that I felt they'd do us much good, as the "Hook" had resisted jade getters for over 40 years. We rock hopped south down the beach until we came to the point where the bedrock cliff raised vertical above the mean high tide zone and sea stacks march into the sea. At the top of the cliff a noticeable hook shaped overhang existed thus giving the point its name. The massive promontory was triangular in shape, formed where 3 noticeable faults converged separating the hook from the rest of the serpentine bedrock Franciscan Formation. Turning the tide pool corner of the hook we approached it from the south side. There it was, ocean polished bright green and smooth as a babies butt. You could see it, you could touch it, you could kiss it, but try as mankind has tried for 40 years, and no one has taken any home. There were a few cracks; all of which bled rusted iron from the many chisel points broken off in man's attempt over decades to overcome the bedrock of Gaia (the Earth Goddess).

A few vain attempts to spread the cracks were attempted, but I gave the green wall a kiss and we left for a wonderful drive home empty handed. I was going to bid adio to my entrepreneurial friends, but they lay sprawled like elephant seals around their sales blanket along with several 1 gallon "Dead Solders," quite empty. It was a natural sight to behold, life sufficient unto the day for all those in executive corporate positions. On the other hand we more upwardly mobile of mindset were going home empty handed.

We decided to collect and sharpen some chisels and return at the next low tide.

On the appointed tide we again followed the mountainous road to the mouth of Willow Creek, to find the jade boys beside the creek looking a little more troll like after what one would assume was the result of a "vegetarian" corporate bridge party the night before. They asked what were we up to and I mentioned the "Hook" and they laughed but wished us well, exhibiting the openness of their uncluttered hearts. We made our way toward the "Hook" with guarded optimism and soon we were at the green wall. The jagged boulders made access to any cracks quite difficult and while lying on my side to get a good swing of the hammer; I got close enough to a large, couch-sized boulder to spot a few small green spots in the gray-green serpentine. Were these the tops of a mass of botryoidal jade hidden as they do in the serpentine? A quick knife test proved them to be jade. Our attention shifted from the green wall to the elongated serpentine boulder next to it. On the ocean side there was a crack 1/2 way down the mass but try as we might with our collection of chisels we couldn't spread it. After breaking off a number of points (as per usual with hard steel) there was only one area of the crack that would not start bleeding rust in a few days. There was only one point

undulled in the pack; an old battered soft steel, wood wedge. So I tapped our last hope into the open crack and it snugged in. I let the ten-pound hammer fly and the snug was tighter. To get a good swing I had to stand on 2 angled boulders covered with seaweed, so a stable stance was difficult and made good swings exhausting. The next three swings were telling. The first caused a deep baritone “doong!” The next a vibrant soprano “dooing!” The third a high pitched tenor “dooing!” Just like a bell. After three swings I was all in so I dropped the hammer and sat panting next to the wedged serpentine. As I rested, Wes took up the hammer and made 3 swings, getting the same tones as I did. A large “Beach Master” (humongous Bull Elephant Seal) bellowed a guttural grunt from a nearby stretch of sand. The waves crashed, and while getting my breath next to the rock, I heard a noticeable “Click” from the rock. In time I resumed my position and took another 3 swings, eliciting the same sequence of tuning fork type tones. Again, I was exhausted due to my difficult stance, and so I rested again, and again after a few minutes an audible “Click” came from the rock. The wedge was sinking into the crack inexorably slowly, but sinking nonetheless. Our conclusion was that the soft steel was following the crack and as long as we took only 3 swings that emanated the same tones – and – let the wedge “work” we might be successful, while not putting so much stress on the steel as to snap it off in the crack. Due to the exhaustive swing sets, it was easy to be patient, and the view of views before us where the sea swirled around the sea stacks added to an air of patient solace. After about three hours however, we were wondering if the steel wedge would be forever a part of the rock and we would return empty handed once more. The next three swings would tell the story, as the wedge was half buried in the crack. The first swing sung out as did the second, but the third was a hollow “thunk,” and the top 300 pounds of the triangle boulder popped up. A bar loosened and flopped the large triangle top on its face, and what a face! For years jade hounds had stood and sat on this rock trying to coax jade from the wall. The whole time high-grade green botryoidal jade was ¼ to 1” below its serpentine surface. Once removed the triangle was taken apart easily where the serpentine and jade came together.

Loading our packs with jade, we made our first trip to the truck without drawing attention to our success. On the second trip however the hips were scouring the gravel beach and noticed our load. We accommodated their curiosity saying that we had left at least 100 pounds thrown up on the high beach beyond the “Hook”. They thanked us and the sprint was on. We left that day not the least bit empty handed and just as importantly, the technique of using a soft steel wood wedge and the patient manner in which to drive it allowing its pressure to work before again driving it. Has it worked on other large rocks

composed of other materials since that time? You betcha! Every time! Ask Wes about the 300-pound block of Birds Eye Rhyolite from Arizona in Jeannie’s front yard. But don’t be surprised if the wedge is twisted and bent while following irregular fractures. One other tip for success; Always carry a knife to clean the inside of any crack of flakes and crushed rock, and take the time to do that job meticulously using water to flush the dross. Remember folks keep your crack clean.

Jade occurs in many places on every continent in massive forms, in some places by the mega ton. There are however, only a handful of locations that produce Botryoidal Jade that forms in grape-like structures in a serpentine matrix. This rare type formation leaves geologists scratching their heads as to the mechanism by which it is formed. One common denominator however is that it forms where 3 prominent faults collide (Triple juncture faults). The only deposits of this rare jade are along the pacific coastal region that includes Willow Creek, Covelo, Eel River and a newly discovered site in Washington state. To reveal this unusual jade structure, the surrounding matrix of serpentine must be removed in a meticulous manner with the use of air abrasives that are harder than the serpentine but softer than the jade. The normal materials used are glass beads (Hardness of 5). Often working “blind” to what exists below the matrix, much time can be spent and on occasion an unusually beautiful shaped botryoidal mass can be brought to light, all one of a kind and often worth thousands of dollars. I returned a number of times to work the balance of the triangle boulder. Between trips several people who became aware of the jade, had failed to extract the jade, but not having the knowledge of the wood wedge left their chisel points to rust in existing cracks. On one most memorable trip I was dropped off to camp out, to work a particularly difficult crack that would yield a especially beautiful jade area full of bright green “Chrome Spinach.” When I arrived, I found a sizeable redwood log had washed up on the beach, so I used my wood wedges for their normal duty and split the log into rails to use for a fire that night. I spent the morning clearing water worn cobbles wedged around the area of the target fracture, after which I had to widen the fracture opening using hard steel chisels and of course cleaning the crack constantly. This procedure was very time consuming, but eventually the opening was sufficient to snug in a wood wedge. The drill of patience began, and soon the wedge sung with vibrant tones, but the crack was tighter than usual, and I thought maybe as time went by, the wedge would become part of the rock until it rusted away over decades. As the sun set, the progress was still questionable, so I built a teepee of rails and lit it up with the help of a little gas I’d brought along. This lit the wedge head up and warmed the chill of the onshore wind. The tide was coming in slowly

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but steadily. As it began to wash the seaweed end of the triangle, I had to swing the hammer between the tidal surges. I built another fire, as the first one washed away. It blazed brightly and I stoked it heavily. This extra time it took to build the fire and move my tools to the higher beach was a telling factor, as when I dropped the hammer on the wedge head, amid swirling water, it rang once, twice and then “thunk!” The desired piece of the rock split, and with the help of the bar, came apart in 3 large pieces, each approximately 70 pounds. The full moon appeared over the darkened horizon of the Lucia Range that jutted straight up from the ocean. It helped illuminate the white foam that now chased me as I struggled to move the three pieces to the high gravel beach where the fire blazed brightly. By the time I got the third piece safely to the fire I was soaked with a mire of serpentine mud and crushed seaweed. As I huddled around the fire, the steam that came off my clothes mingled with the redwood smoke, it was quite an odor combination.

The full moon shown brightly on the waves breaking around the sea stacks at the 5-foot high tide, and as it descended on its nightly arc, I moved my camp to a flat area well above the upper gravel beach. I dropped my wet pants over a serpentine boulder and climbed into my sleeping bag for a peaceful sleep. I was awakened awash in the chilling water of a rogue wave that broke over the bench above the upper gravel beach. The substantial backwash filled my sleeping bag like a water balloon and sucked it (with me in it,) seaward down the upper gravel beach toward the cold wet doom of the dark Pacific Ocean. Somehow, I did the “back stroke” out of the sleeping bag, and there I lay stark naked on the gravel beach. This wave action took only seconds but I will say that I was totally awake and scrambling back up to the bench in an equal amount of time. The shock wore off quickly and I found myself *really- really* cold. Although I was apprehensive about further giant waves, none came, and instead they broke below the gravel beach that was strewn with some of my camp, but no clothes. So I found myself naked on the beach at approximately 4:00 AM, shivering with only the glint of the full moon after having cheated Beelzebub...again. I gathered up a few soaked rails, crushed them with the big hammer that hung up in the rocks and anointed them with a little gas from the gas can also found in the rocks. I was able to coax a small flame and a stupendous amount of smoke from the wood. It seemed a shivering eternity before a small bed of coals could maintain heat. I huddled over the little heat there was, and after hours of smoking like a salmon, the growing bed of coals quieted my chattering teeth. The dim light of the sun shadowed by the Lucia Range found me smoked and bare on the gravel beach, not quite a contestant for the centerfold of Playgirl magazine.

So what kind of psychodrama could this situation evolve into on a Saturday morning on a State Park beach? Mom was supposed to pick me up in the parking lot at exactly 11:00 AM, at a very popular destination for the California tourist trade. And Sgt. Stepford (of the CHP) patrolled this stretch of road, a big gal with a badge on her ample chest and a gun on her hip that I'd had an interesting run in with at Lime Kiln just a short 8 months before (see true story “Amazing Grace”; Ore-Cutts Aug/Sept 2007). At that time, she questioned my judgment when she found me completing a procedure that she construed as possibly illegal and definitely antisocial. That distinct possibility worried me in a profound way. After all it was the full moon. So I decided this naked ape should carry the jade to a hiding area near the parking lot before the rest of the world had their coffee. I suppose you could call this nude ambition, so I carried each of the three pieces of exceptional jade individually around the “Hook,” over the bolder beach and hid them in a poison oak patch near the empty parking lot, leaving on the third trip just before the first car showed up at the lower parking lot. Then there was the upper parking lot, the vista view where tourist could over look the beautiful Pacific and the 200-yard boulder patch beach, where they could possibly have the opportunity to see the “naked rock hopper,” that would be an endangered species if this rare view was reported to Sgt. Stepford.



Prepared Botryoidal Jade from South Willow Creek

As I slipped behind the Hook, the sun shone brightly, the vista view parking lot was full and I was 200 yards from my pick up spot with only my tools to carry. I didn't have much time to ponder my delicate situation and being a “modest” man the prospect of rock-hopping tools” 200 yards with my “tools” exposed made me ask what kind of questionable karma was I paying for? Then after the Jade Goddess

had led me to the point of mental despair, I caught a sight of redemption out of corner of my eye. There on the serpentine boulder were my wet pants from the day before. I quickly restored my modesty but boy did those warm tacky pants smell! Was the cerebral stress of the past several hours worth it? Well, the Jade Goddess really pushed the limit of my cerebral paranoia. No amount of money could buy those 3 pieces of jade. They are an embodiment of this extreme memory of my “interesting” life.



"Bots" peeking out of Serpentine matrix

At the appointed time, I was sitting at the appointed place in the parking lot with my 3 pieces of jade, with my pants on, one hammer and one bar. Mom had some inquiring questions for me and demanded that a blanket be put over the front seat, and by the way, roll down the window to accommodate fresh air. I evaded the questions, so as not to add to Mom's white hair follicles on her sweet head, all of which I am guilty of creating. Beelzebub, better luck next time. Jade Goddess; thank you for the last minute reprieve. I will burn sage in thanks. As of this writing, the “Hook” has fallen seaward due to earth movement and tidal action. The green wall is now face down, no longer washed by the ocean waves. But the serpentine bedrock that hides the botryoidal jade at the triple juncture fault is still there, and as wave and earth action continues, more may be exposed. Good Luck and hold onto your pants!



Bottom side of prepared “Bot” Jade showing slickenside created by one of the triple juncture faults

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Celebrating birthdays in August are Bill Brown, Debbie Hood, Wes Lingerfelt, Sylvia Nasholm, and Lucky Virgin. A very Happy Birthday! to you all. Celebrating Anniversaries for August are Geary Sheffer and his wife, and we wish you many more!



Welcome & Farewell

We are pleased to welcome Sally Griffith as a new member to OMS. Get involved, make friends and find lots of nice rocks and learn to work them! Welcome!

And sadly we are losing Steve Riegel to a new assignment in New Mexico. We hope it turns out to be a great job, and you will really be in a rockhound wonderland there! The lovely cake at the last meeting wasn't the end of all our good wishes for you. Please keep in touch and let us know how you are doing, Steve!

Orcutt Mineral Society Board Meeting Elwin Mussell Sr. Center, Santa Maria, Ca. 93454

July 6, 2010

President Sylvia Nasholm called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Members present were Wes Lingerfelt, Debbie Hood, Gloria Dana, Jan Ferguson, Sylvia Nasholm, Elaine Von Achen, Sandy Berthelot, Sharon Duncan and Don Dana.

Guests included Bill Hood, Paul Berthelot and Don Nasholm.

Minutes: Minutes from the June board meeting were printed in the July bulletin. Minutes were approved as printed.

Treasurer's report: Wes Lingerfelt gave the treasurer's report. It was accepted as given.

Correspondence: Elaine Von Achen noted that a letter with fliers was received announcing the Peninsula Gem and Geology Society's 3rd annual gem show on October 23rd and 24th at the Los Altos Civic Center. She also announced a certificate of liability insurance was received from McDaniel Insurance Services as well as a newsletter from Carmel Valley Gem and Mineral Society. A letter was read from the Salvation Army thanking us for our recent donation of canned goods. Sylvia Nasholm had a postcard from Mike and Margaret Henson who were rock hounding in Southern Idaho.

Committee Reports:

Abused Children: None.

Annual Gem Show: Wes said all outside spaces are full. We have one classroom that is still available. Elaine said she is still receiving requests for showcases and demonstrations. Members and guests will be able to buy barbeque tickets at the hospitality booth. Tickets will be \$12.00 for adults and \$6.00 for kids 12 and under. We

plan to have two lines again this year as it went so fast last year. Wes said the barbeque tickets have been printed and the raffle tickets are about half printed. We are planning to pass out fliers to guests as they come in with a map or listing of who is in each booth. Debbie Hood will be available for first aid in the hospitality booth.

Breakfast: July's OMS breakfast will be held at the Girl's Restaurant, 1237 E. Grand Avenue in Arroyo Grande on July 24. It will start at 9:00 a.m.

Bulletin: Debbie Hood said the bulletin had gone out in the mail and was on line as well.

CFMS: Wes attended the annual meeting and said he had written an article for the newsletter.

Education: None.

Field Trip: July's field trip will be held on the 17th and will be to the Santa Barbara Natural History Museum. Members will meet at the Elwin Mussell Senior Center at 8:00 a.m.

Highway Clean-up: The next clean-up will be held July 10th. Members will meet at Highway 101 and 166 on the South East corner at 8:00 a.m.

Library: None.

Membership: None.

Refreshments: Sylvia Nasholm is going to pick up a going away cake as the July meeting will be the last meeting for Steve Riegel who will be moving out of the area.

Scholarships: Elaine Von Achen reported that she had attended the awards banquet at Allan Hancock College where she presented Andrew Ritenour with an OMS scholarship in the amount of \$1,400. Andrew is from Nipomo and is studying Soil Science. Andrew plans to transfer to Cal Poly.

Sunshine: None.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Elaine Von Achen noted that we need to send a check to the CFMS endowment fund in memory of Al Wilcox. Debbie Hood made a motion to that effect. Jan Ferguson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Wes had some pictures of items donated to OMS by Charles "Chuck" Hammond. They included a Lortone flat lap with two plates, a grinding plate and a polishing plate, a Highland Park 10" slab saw and a Star Diamond grinder polisher w/o a motor. The board decided that we would sell these items with a closed bid with the item going to the highest bidder. There will be a minimum bid. The items will be on display at the show and bidding will close at the end of the show.

The meeting was adjourned by President, Sylvia Nasholm at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Elaine Von Achen, Secretary, OMS

Orcutt Mineral Society General Meeting,

Elwin Mussell Sr. Center, Santa Maria, Ca. July 13, 2010

President Sylvia Nasholm called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

Mike Henson gave the invocation.

Joseph Martinez led the flag salute.

Sheriff, Bill Hood, said everyone had badges.

Minutes: Elaine Von Achen read the minutes of the previous board meeting. Minutes were approved as read.

Treasurer's report: Wes Lingerfelt gave the treasurer's report. It was accepted as given.

Correspondence: None.

Hospitality: Jeannie Lingerfelt, filling in for Sharon Duncan, reported 34 members and 7 guests in attendance. Guests included Barbara Strasbaugh, Sally Griffith, Scott Lee, Austin Moore, Shasta Palmer, Samantha Schmidt and Michael Schmidt. Guests were greeted and thanked.

Refreshments: Member Steve Riegel will be leaving us to move to New Mexico. Sylvia Nasholm asked Steve up to the front and showed him the going away cake we had for him and presented him with a DeeDeeite Sphere and a mug as a remembrance. We also thanked Jeannie Lingerfelt for bringing fruit provided by Laura Gebhart and Margaret Henson for bringing a cake.

Committee Reports:

Abused Children: Jan Ferguson reported the evening's prizes for the May drawing as an Azurite Specimen won by Sylvia Nasholm, an Ammonite Shell w/Iron Pyrite won by Mike Henson, a Malachite specimen won by Lee Reyburn and a Fossil Fern won by Margaret Henson.

Breakfast: July's breakfast will be held at the Girl's Restaurant, 1237 E. Grand Avenue, Arroyo Grande, Ca. July 24, 2010 at 9:00 a.m.

Budget & Audit: None.

Bulletin: The Bulletin is out and everyone received his or her copy.

CFMS: None.

Door Prize: There are some great prizes for this evening plus a grand prize of a piece of a fluorite slab with an iron pyrite lining donated by Don and Sylvia Nasholm.

Education: None.

Gem Show: Wes Lingerfelt asked for help in laying out the parking lot on Wednesday morning, August 4 at 9:00 a.m. Members are also asked to be at the church by 8:00 a.m. on Thursday morning, August 5 to set-up the indoor show. Sylvia will be doing a baked chicken dinner for dealers and helpers on Thursday evening serving at 5:30 p.m.

Saturday's barbeque will start at 6:30 p.m. with tickets selling for \$12.00 for adults and \$6:00 for kids 12 and under. Tickets are also available for the treasure chest selling for \$1.00 each or a book of 7 for \$5.00.

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Wes said that he had talked with Emily Slater of the Times Press Recorder who has agreed to run two pieces on the show, one on July 30th and one on August 6th.

Historian: None.

Field Trip: The July field trip has been cancelled due to a lack of leadership.

Highway Clean up: We had a Highway Clean-up on the 10th of July. Those in attendance were Wes and Jeannie Lingerfelt, Stan and Brenna Ferguson, Wayne Mills, Lee Reyburn, Don and Sylvia Nasholm, Gary Sheffer and Sally Griffith. Brenna won the prize.

Library: None.

Locker Clean up: None.

Membership: Elaine Von Achen welcomed Sally Griffith as our newest member.

Political Action Committee: None.

Property: None.

Scholarships: Elaine Von Achen announced that she had attended a scholarship banquet held on June 3, 2010 at Allan Hancock College. She presented our OMS scholarship to Andrew Ritenour who is studying soil science and plans to transfer to Cal Poly. He is 24 years old and a resident of Nipomo.

Sunshine: None.

Old Business: Sylvia announced that due to budget constraints the City of Santa Maria has decided not to keep the Senior Center open and that tonight will be the last time we will be able to meet here. Wes listed three possibilities for future meeting places, one being the Edwards Center operated by the city of Santa Maria, one being the multi-purpose room at Nipomo high school and lastly the hall at Saint Joseph's church in Nipomo. He listed the pros and cons of each facility and members voted to use the church in Nipomo. They only have Wednesday nights available and so it was decided that we would meet the 2nd Wednesday of each month.

Sign-up sheets were passed around for help at the annual Gem Show in August. There were sheets to help in the kitchen as well as sheets to help with the hospitality booth and the raffle.

Wayne Mills thanked everyone who has donated items to the treasure chest and is open for more donations.

New Business: Wes Lingerfelt showed pictures of three items recently donated to OMS by Chuck Hammond. They included a Lortone flat lap with two plates, a Highland Park 10" slab saw and a Star Diamond grinder polisher w/o motor. He told a little about each item and said that the board had voted to sell these items with a closed bid with the item going to the highest bidder. Items will be on display at the show and bids will be open until the close of the show.

The program for this month will be given by Wes Lingerfelt and will be a CFMS video on Caves & Caverns.

The meeting was adjourned by President, Sylvia Nasholm at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Elaine Von Achen, Secretary, OMS

August 2010 Calendar	
Wednesday August 4, 2010 9:00 a.m. till Complete	Mark out show parameters. This is an easy job, so come on out and help!
Tuesday, August 3, 2010 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.	OMS Board Meeting-at John & Elaine Von Achen's home. All members are welcome at this business meeting. For directions, please call Elaine at 929-1488.
Thursday August 5, 2010 8:00 a.m. till complete	Show set up at St Joseph's Church 298 S. Thompson Ave. Nipomo. All members are cordially invited!
Friday, Saturday & Sunday August 6-8, 2010 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.	OMS Rainbow of Gems Show Invite all your friends, relations and neighbors! Have a wonderful time!
Sunday, August 8, 2010 7:00 p.m. to 9:00.	Post-show victory dinner. at the Golden Dragon Restaurant, 151 Dana St. Nipomo
Monday August 9, 2010 9:00 am to completion	Show cleanup at St Joseph's Church. All members are cordially invited!
Wednesday August 11, 2010 7:00 to 9:00 pm.	OMS General Meeting St. Joseph's Church 298 S Thompson in Nipomo. Program- Show Review, Display- Show off your treasures from the show! Refreshments-Cookies
Saturday, August 21, 2010 8:00 a.m. till?	Santa Barbara Museum of Natural Science. Meet up at Mussell Center. Bring your lunch, water and cameras. Contact Bob Bullock at 928-6372 for details.
Saturday, August 28, 2010 9:00 till 10:00 a.m.	OMS Breakfast-at Hometown Buffet in Santa Maria. For information call Sylvia Nasholm at 481-0923.
September 2010 Calendar	
Tuesday Sept. 7, 2010	OMS Board Meeting-Place to be announced. All members are

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7:00 to 8:00 p.m.	welcome at this business meeting. For information, call Sylvia Nasholm at 481-0923.
Wednesday Sept. 8, 2010 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.	OMS General Meeting-St Joseph's Catholic Church Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Display: Fossils or Fossil Fakes • Refreshments-Pie
Saturday Sept. 11, 2010 8:00 to 10:00 a.m.	Roadside Clean up. After the cleanup, coffee and pastry at "Francisco's Country Kitchen" in Santa Maria.
Saturday, Sept. 18, 2010 8:00 a.m. till/?	Field Trip – To be announced. For information call Bob Bullock, 928-6372.
Saturday Sept. 25 2010 9:00 to 10:15 a.m.	OMS Monthly Breakfast- Sunset Ridge Golf Course. For information call Sylvia Nasholm at 481-0923.

CFMS SHOWS 2010

August 6, 7 & 8 2010, Nipomo, CA

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St. Joseph's Church
298 S. Thompson Ave.
Hours: 9-5 daily
Wes Lingerfelt (805) 929-3788
Email: Rocks4u@prodigy.net
Website: www.omsinc.org

August 7 & 8 2010, San Francisco, CA
San Francisco Gem & Mineral Society

San Francisco Co. Fair Bldg. (Hall of Flowers)
9th Ave. & Lincoln Way, Golden Gate Park
Hours: Sat 10-6 Sun 10-5
Carleen Mont-Eton (415)564-4230
Email: publicity@show.sfgms.org
Website: www.sfgms.org

August 21-22 2010, Orangevale, CA
Treasure Trove of Gems

Orangevale Community Center
6826 Hazel Ave.
Hours: Sat 10-6 Sun 10-5
Admission: \$4 per day or \$6 for weekend -
Children under 12 yrs. free with adult
John Moulder (916) 290-3193
Email: info@treasuretroveofgems.com
Website: www.treasuretroveofgems.com

September 3-6 2010, Fort Bragg, CA
Mendocino Coast Gem & Mineral Society

Town Hall
Corner of Main & Laurel
Hours: Fri-Sun 10-6 -- Mon 10-4
Don McDonell (707) 964-3116

Email: ejwebb@mcn.org

September 11-12 2010, Downey, CA
Delvers Gem & Mineral Society

Woman's Club of Downey
9813 Paramount Blvd.
Hours: Sat 10-6; Sun 10-4
Nancy Bird (562) 697-0636
Email: nancybird@verizon.net
Website: <http://www.slogem.org/>

September 18-19 2010, Redwood City, CA
Sequoia Gem & Mineral Society

Community Activities Building
1400 Roosevelt Ave.
Carol Corden (650) 248-7155
Email: ccorden@comcast.net
Website: <http://sgms.driftmine.com>

September 18-19 2010, Paso Robles, CA

Santa Lucia Rockhounds
Pioneer Park
2010 Riverside Drive
Hours: 10-5 Daily
Kim Patrick Noyes (805) 610-0603
Email: kimnoyes@gmail.com
Website: <http://slrockounds.org>

September 18-19 2010, Stockton, CA

Stockton Lapidary & Mineral Club
Scottish Rite Masonic Center
33 W. Alpine Ave.
Hours: 10-5 Daily
(209) 946-0113
Email: footsey1@yahoo.com
Website: <http://www.stocktonlapidary.com>

September 25-26 2010, Monterey, CA

Carmel Valley Gem & Mineral Society
Monterey Fairgrounds
2004 Fairgrounds Road
Hours: Sat 10-6; Sun 10-5
Susie Harlow
Email: Susie@tghcpa.com
Website: <http://www.cvgms.org>

October 2-3 2010, Oroville, CA

Feather River Lapidary & Mineral Society
Oroville Municipal Auditorium
1200 Meyers Street
Hours: 10 - 5 Daily
Connie Rossetto (530) 589-1840
Email: crossetto@aol.com
Website: <http://www.Oroville.rocks.com>

October 3 2010, Fallbrook, CA

Fallbrook Gem & Mineral Society
Fallbrook Gem & Mineral Facility
123 West Alvarado Street
Hours: 10 - 4 Daily
Mary Fong-Walker (760) 728-1130

Dues are \$24.00 for Individual, \$34.00 Per Couple, \$ 5.00 Each Additional Family Member,\$5.00 Juniors under age of 18, \$10.00 one time initiation fee.

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