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Come join us on December 12, 2009 at 12:00 Noon at the Santa Maria Terrace (that was the Maria del Sol Retirement Center,) at 1405 East Main Street, Santa Maria, for the OMS Annual Meeting Dinner and Installation of New Officers. This is always a great event. We take care of any outstanding Club business, install our new officers and have plenty of time to socialize at a really great dinner. Please bring a monetary donation for the Abused Children's Fund, Non-perishable food donation for the Salvation Army's food drive, a gift valued at no more that \$10.00 if you plan to participate in the gift exchange, and of course your good cheer! There is still time to sign up-just give Bill Hood at call at 481-6860.

Prez Box

By Debbie Hood

As 2009 draws to a close I would like to thank all of the members whose generosity with their time and talents have helped to make this another successful year for the club. I hope you all will support Sylvia Nasholm just as generously next year! Everyone, have a Merry Christmas and a Happy Year in 2010!

A November OMS Fieldtrip To See SEE Canyon, 11/14/09

By Wes Lingerfelt

As I sat contemplating the universe during the November OMS meeting I suddenly heard my name mentioned. It was Fearless Field Trip Leader, Bob Bullock stating "I have to skip the field trip next Saturday so Wes, you are leading it". I jerked out of my relaxed daydreaming and looked over at Bob, "Thanks a lot, Bob!" I said. Wow, I thought, nice heads up on that one. The only people I know that have been to SEE Canyon to collect rocks are the "Girls Gone Wild" group that includes the Mrs. I didn't have a clue where it was or what was there except by second hand information. On the way home from the meeting I asked

Jeannie, "Do you remember where this place is?" "NO!" She said, "That was too long ago!" I was in a whole lot of trouble and it

meant a scouting trip was in order.



Huge Boulder in Wes's Truck!

On Thursday morning Jeannie and I loaded into the SUV and journeyed up to SEE Canyon just north of Avila Bay. The road is a 13-mile loop-T-loop road that appears too narrow for two cars to pass each other. About 7 miles up the road it becomes a dirt road for about a ¼ mile. Lots of Apple farms dot the landscape in the canyon. As we entered the dirt track I turned to Jeannie and asked, "Does this look familiar?" "Not really", she said. I slowed down and tried to see the rocks along the road. I notice signs up on the banks of the road in the trees declaring "No Trespassing" or "POSTED". I also noticed that the banks were covered with Poison Oak. No worries, I thought. We'll just stay in the 60-foot easement on this County road where there isn't any danger from landowners or that itchy stuff.

I found a wide spot to park and decided to do a little walkabout up the road. There's jasper in the ditches I noticed as I picked up a sample here and there. Jeannie found a couple of nice pieces on the other side of the road as well. This must be the place I thought. We got back into the car drove on down the road where we soon hit pavement again. I asked Jeannie again, "Anything you recognize yet?" She said, "They've paved more of the road since me and the girls were here last". We drove for some time until we finally emerged at Los Osos Valley Road at a stop sign that said we were on Perfumo Canyon Road. Wow! I thought, so that is where it ends. It was a nice drive except on one curve where a red pickup almost

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creamed us coming around the curve on my side going way too fast. It's a good thing I was driving real slowly.

Saturday arrived and I picked up Ralph Bishop at his home and then went on down to the Senior Center to wait for the rest of the gang.

The group included guests Peter & Joy Van Hest, Joe Azevedo and member Dick Bazzell. We caravanned up US101 to the Avila Bay turnoff and parked in the Bob Jones Trail parking lot. Member John Von Achen was waiting for us there. After signing the required waiver/liability documents off we went to SEE Canyon. The drive was uneventful and the weather was more than perfect if that's possible. A great day it was, I could hear the Jasper calling us.

We parked in the spot Jeannie and I had scouted earlier and I explained to the group the boundaries and where to look for Jasper. There is lots of it in the ditches so no need to risk climbing the banks through the Poison Oak. I moved my truck down the road a slight distance to recover the huge boulder I had spotted earlier on the scouting trip. It was still there. But now I have help to get it into the truck. What joy!

By 9:30am everyone had found all the Jasper they could use. Peter & Joy had to leave for a family meeting and would not be able to finish the field trip to Avila Beach. We were sorry to see them go but family comes first.

We arrived at Avila Beach about 10:30am and there were no parking places left near the Southern most ladders down to the beach. We parked hoping to see the ocean tide had receded far enough to get around the rocky point. Sigh, it was still splashing against the rocks. We slowly walked down the beach to the rocky point to wait for the tide to go out. Low tide wasn't until 2:30pm. The splashing surf wasn't a problem for Ralph Bishop; he simply waded into the water and walked around the point in ankle deep surf. What a guy, I thought, no amount of water was going to slow him down. John Von Achen took off his shoes and rolled up his pant legs and walked around in the water shortly after Ralph did.

Dick Bazzell played footsie with the surf for about 45 minutes before it lowered enough for him to dash around the point. Another 20 minutes and I made the dash successfully.



Dick & John extracting DeeDeeite

There was rock everywhere. To our amazement the sand

was washed away exposing huge piles of rock. It was a good day indeed! Everyone took to the rock pile like crows at the city dump. Ralph asked me for the key to my truck saying, "We are going to need the little red wagon". He was very correct!

About 12:30p.m. Bill and Jeannie Brown came walking around the point. They had been guests at our last Tuesday meeting. They were very interested in what we were doing and wanted to learn all they could about how to find the good rocks. I told her the "Leverite" story, which gave them a good laugh.



Ralph Bishop with his DeeDeeite Boulder

Ralph found a big boulder with a crack in it and said, "That's going home with me". Two hours and a lot of chisel banging later, it did.

It took two trips with the wagon to get all the rock back to the truck. The wet sand had some pretty deep ruts from the heavy loads. By this time it was 2:30pm and the tide was returning.

By 3:30pm we were back at the Bob Jones Trail parking lot to transfer the rock load into the respective trucks. It was



Joe Azevedo helps load the rock.

a fun trip and we all enjoyed the great weather and I'm sure we will all enjoy the rocks we found. You can see the photos at: www.omsinc.org/archives/Fieldtrip11-14-09

Sunshine

Al Wilcox is recovering from a fall in which he hit his head and suffered some bleeding into the brain, which occurred in late August. He is recovering in a private care home in Santa Maria. Please contact his wife, Becky, for details regarding visiting Al.



Junior Shelly D. is recovering from an ankle injury- we hope it heals quickly!

Junior Daniel L. had the H1N1 flu and we are glad he is recovered, and sorry you were forced to miss the meeting, Daniel!



The Day I Discovered the Giant's Marbles

By Paul Berthelot

It happened while I was on holiday in New Zealand; ~ rather ~ on a "working sabbatical". The wife was shopping at some of Moeraki's more trendy Shoppe's and I was taking advantage of her absence ~ although I certainly would notice the repercussions of her excursion at a later date.

As I had some free time {& the wife otherwise was occupied} I hired a guide for an afternoon hike along some of the country's more rugged countryside. I must note that anybody who knows me realizes how "rugged" I actually am &, no doubt would find such a euphemism hilarious. Be that as it may, my guide & I set out to see what would turn up.

We were walking along New Zealand's Otago coastline when I observed some large round objects in the distance. As we drew near & I could more clearly see what I had glimpsed earlier I thought I was dreaming ~ or at least had lost what little common sense I had left.

"Look!" I said to my guide. "Middle Earth really existed. Don't you see the giant's marbles? Mr Tolkien was spot on."

Laughing quietly my guide assured me giants weren't found in New Zealand. And, he told me, the objects weren't "marbles", they were boulders. Since he was a Scotsman "born & bred" I've no doubt he found me a "wee bit daft". But, at least, he wasn't rude enough to say so.

"Well, if they aren't giant's marbles, what are they?" I tried humoring him as I was certain he wouldn't recognize a giant's marble if he fell over one, or was hit on the head with it. Scotsmen are so sensible ~~~~~

My guide began by telling me the "marbles" were much older than one would think possible. "Laddie," he said in his gentle burr, "these stone boulders are verrrry old. Aye, they're much older than your giants. And since they weigh several tons & some measure up to three metres in diameter, it would take a prodigious giant to lift them."

A cloud of doubt crossed my mind but I managed to keep my mouth from rambling. Oh," I muttered quietly. Obviously my guide was too practical to even believe in giants. To deny that giants existed was to court a fate worse than death ~ or so I'd been told when a youngster.

My guide continued his geology lesson. He said these were New Zealand's Moeraki Boulders which had been sketched by Mr Mantell in 1848 when they were more numerous than today. What's more, he said, scientists determined they were formed during the Paleocene some 60-65 million years ago on an ancient seabed. Calcium and carbonates crystallized in a process similar to a pearl and the boulders could have taken as long as four million years to form. The mudstones simply weathered out of that seabed along this stretch of the New Zealand coast beginning about 15 million years ago.

Needless to say I was impressed at my guide's knowledge. But, I also thought he probably was making it up. After all, my wife constantly made up stories to explain her obsession with sparklies. I'd seen the havoc an obsession could cause first hand ~ knowledge confirmed by my readings in the "Antiquarian's Olde Philosophie". Why couldn't my guide do the same? Seemed logical to me.

"One final point", my guide said. "You're not completely wrong about the Moeraki's connection with folklore. The Maori believe the boulders are the remains of calabashes, kumaras and eel baskets that washed ashore after the Araiteuru, a legendary canoe, wrecked at Shag Point."

Hmmmm," I thought out loud. "Seems like they're giant's marbles after all. Didn't the Maori's live there around the same time?"

CFMS Directors Report

By Wes Lingerfelt - Director since 1986

Jeannie and I woke up early on the morning of November 7, 2009 to travel the distance of about 150 miles to Visalia, CA. It was time for the Fall Business meeting of the CFMS. We've made this trip many times so we knew what to expect both enroute as well as when we arrived at the meeting. The good thing was that there was no Tulle Fog this time. The weather was the best we've seen ever for this trip.

I checked in at the meeting and picked up all the important papers and reports at the check in booth. Most of it is interesting to some degree but some isn't. I figure

people went to the trouble to write it so I should at least read it.

I found a table where friends had congregated including Gene Bilyeu from the Paso club. It was good to see him and Barbara once more. The meeting began a little late due to a snafu with the microphone system. The standard agenda and committee reports were followed taking up both sides of the 8 ½ by 11-letter paper. Here are the highlights:

1. There were 56 directors and 5 officers present for the meeting. Attendance seems to be dropping every year. I see fewer of my old and dear friends attend and this year there were several announcements of a few of them passing away.
2. The Bakersfield Mineral Mites were accepted as a new CFMS member club with 22 members
3. Only 64 CFMS societies advertised their show in the CFMS newsletter in 2009.
4. The deadline for entering the Bulletin Contest is December 10th. There are new categories for junior and adult poetry and for features. There is also a slight change in the number of pages in one category so take a good look at the rules. Sylvia Nasholm won the Adult Articles category with her story about the Kern County Mineral Mites.
5. The 2011 CFMS Show will be held in Anderson, CA on May 13 –15, 2011. That's a far away place up North. www.superiorcal.com
6. The Bay Area Searchers remain delinquent and the North Island GMS has disbanded.
7. The combined dues and insurance fee of \$8.00 per member as of 31 December remains in effect.
8. I received a 7-page document consisting of the 2010 CFMS Supplementary Rules. These are in addition to the AFMS Uniform Rules to cover classes not given there or for special CFMS only exhibits. Anyone that wants a copy please contact me.
9. The 2010 AFMS/CFMS show will be held in the City of La Habra, CA on June 16-20, 2010. The main show will be at the Southern California University of Health Sciences. Headquarters for the show will be the Anaheim Park Hotel in Fullerton, CA. The CFMS Cracker Barrel will be held at the Friendly Village, 1001 W Lambert Rd., La Habra, CA. The CFMS Directors meeting will be held at the La Habra Community Center, 101 W La Habra Blvd., in La Habra. The AFMS/CFMS editors breakfast will be held 6/20/10 at 7 am in the Anaheim Park Hotel. The cost is \$21.00 for the breakfast. I will be making up packets for the show for use by OMS members wishing to attend the show. Exhibit entry deadline is May 15, 2010
10. The CFMS has made a contract with Darryl Powell of Diamond Dan Publications for a two-year subscription of Mini Miners Monthly, a kid's magazine. The CFMS also decided to include those CFMS clubs who have declared they have a juniors program in effect. That means 72 clubs

will receive it at a cost of \$900.00. I have no idea as to when it will start.

So there you have it, the news from the CFMS. If you have any questions or comments please let me know. Jeannie and I really enjoyed the trip in her little Z3 beamer. Of course she was always telling me to slow it down! My response? What's a sports car for anyway?

Final 2009 Hiway Cleanup

By Wes Lingerfelt

It was right after a misty drizzle the night before that I awoke around 6:30am. Today we had to meet the gang at the 2-mile section of highway the OMS is obligated to cleanup every 2 months. I was somewhat concerned about the turnout due to the rain even though it was slight. There was a chance that insufficient numbers would be available to do the deed. Having loaded the car with all the necessary supplies the day before we noticed a couple of cars at the parking spot of CA166 and US101 intersection. There was a spike of hope in seeing them there. After a few minutes of standing around talking with Bob Bullock and Geary Sheffer in came Don and Sylvia Nasholm. AH! I thought, now we can "Get'er Done!" It was decided that Marty Lingerfelt would do the 3rd section, Don and Geary would do the 4th section, Wes & Jeannie Lingerfelt would do the 2nd section and Bob and Sylvia would do the 1st Section. Jeannie and I were well into the south side strip of our section when Joe Azevedo came along and wanted to help. I sent him back to my car for the required vest and utensils needed and told him to start on the North side of the road and we would meet in the middle. It was about 60 degrees and clear but the wind was blowing brisk and cold. My nose wouldn't quit running.

It is truly amazing what you can find along the Hiway, of things either lost or tossed from the passing cars. I remember once I found a \$20.00 bill; what joy that was! But today nothing like that was found, just the usual trash, empty beer cans and plastic water bottles. We only pick up the empties and not the ones with toxic waste we call "Trucker Bombs".

After everyone finished their assigned sections we traveled to the Country Kitchen on North Broadway for coffee and a snack. We really enjoy this time together and have lots of fun talking about our finds and on occasion our fellow club members (Friends). Are anyone's ears burning out there? Next year I hope to do a better job of enticing attendance by having really nice drawing prizes for the workers to win. I don't know what else to do to get more support for this activity. It fits our charter to perform this public service since we are a public benefit organization. We get some exercise and who knows what might turn up along side the road. It's really a lot fun. I hope that everyone who is able bodied (No Wheel chairs) turns out next January. Try it! You'll like it!

NEVADA MINERAL AND BOOK COMPANY

By Ken Rogers on Central Coast Rockhounds

Last Friday, at the urging of my friends, Fred Ward and Robyn Hawk, and since I was leaving Marty Zinn's, West Coast Gem & Mineral Show, in Costa Mesa (CA), I decided to check out the new NEVADA MINERAL AND BOOK COMPANY store, in near by, Orange, CA. It was "freeway close" and easy to find, except they did not have their sign up, yet. I was expecting a dark & dusty "Rock Shop" and was wonderfully surprised when I found this beautiful, bright, "UNIQUE EARTH SCIENCE BOOKSTORE & NATURAL HISTORY GALLERY".

The owners, Walt Lombardo (a retired Nevada State Geologist) and his wife, Sandy (a Biologist, Certified Gemologist, and Teacher), relocated back to Orange County, and moved their Las Vegas area "earth science bookstore & natural history gallery" to the city of Orange, CA. They say they are there for: professional and amateur Geologists; Gemologists; Prospectors; and Collectors; plus Teachers; Rockhounds; Libraries; Museums; Universities; and Mining & Engineering Companies.

There are actually, two stores, next to each other. The main store is "The Gallery", with the walls lined with books (old & new), magnificent mineral specimens, fossils, artifacts, etc., and photographs. In the center, there are beautiful dark wood cabinets, and glass display cases, stuffed with wonderful, reasonably priced, smaller specimens & fossils, meteorites, educational kits, and unique color stone jewelry. And then there is a large alcove for special exhibits and live events.

The second store, is filled with metal racks, stacked high with, what is probably the world's greatest collection of, publications devoted to Geology, Mining, Gemstones, Fossils, and other Geologic Sciences. There are books, magazines, publications, and maps (some relatively new, and some very old). There are over 100,000 publications in their "library", and they currently have over 2,000 publications listed on-line: <http://www.abebooks.com/bookseller/NEVADABOOKS>.

Walt & Sandy are planning an exciting list of events for the Gallery: - Book signings; Lectures; Classes; "Meet the Artist" with an exhibit of their work; Custom Jewelry, Gemstone & Mounting Events; Special Mineral exhibits; etc. They don't have a web site, yet, but they do have a neat, monthly e-newsletter,

and you can subscribe to by e-mailing Walt at:

minbooks@aol.com.

Oh, yeah, how to find them. Their address is: 342 S. Tustin Street, Orange, CA 92866 (3 blocks south of Chapman, and near the 55, 22, and 5 freeways). Their phone number is: 714-633-1549

Bits and Bytes

By Wayne Mills

Please put June 18-20 on your 2010 calendar. Those are the dates for the AFMS/CCFMS show in Whittier. This is a great time to put together an awesome display to bring credit to yourself and to our society. For more information, checkout: NetworkingWave.com/AFMS2010

Orcutt Mineral Society General Meeting Elwin Mussell Sr. Center, Santa Maria, Ca. November 10, 2009



President Debbie Hood called the meeting to order at 7:03 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 November 3, 2009 board meeting. Minutes were approved as read.

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

Correspondence:

A newsletter was received from Carmel Valley Gem & Mineral Society. We also received a flier from the Santa Clara Valley Gem & Mineral Society announcing their annual show to be held April 16 through the 18, 2009 at the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds.

Committee Reports:

Abused Children: Jan Ferguson reported the evening's prizes for the November drawing as a Brazilian Agate won by Alexis Van Natta, a fossil fish donated by Steve Riegel and won by Pat McKay and an Ammonite specimen from South Dakota which was won by Brenna Ferguson. She also announced that she had purchased \$500.00 worth of gift cards (100 \$5.00 cards) that were given to Social Services to help children in need.

Breakfast: November's breakfast is to be held at the Home Town Buffet in Santa Maria on the 28th at 9:00 a.m.

Budget & Audit: None.

Bulletin: The bulletin has been mailed and is on the web.

CFMS: Wes Lingerfelt attended the recent meeting and will write all about it in the coming newsletter.

Door Prize: Bob Bullock reported a pyrite sand dollar, a Brazilian agate, an onyx sphere donated by Lucky Virgin, a geode and much, much more for the evenings prizes.

Education: None.

Historian: None.

Hospitality: Sharon Duncan reported 38 members and 11 guests. Guests were Joe Azevedo, Connie Morris, Bonnie Ward, Doreen Page, Gregg Wilkerson, Dennis and Terri Winn, Peter Van Hest, Jane Kametori and Jeannie and Bill Brown. Guests were greeted and thanked.

Field Trip: Bob Bullock announced the November field trip will be held on the 14th and will be to Avila Beach for Rhyolite and possibly See Canyon for Jasper. Members will meet at 8:00 a.m. at Mussell Sr. Center or at the parking lot at Bob Jones Trail at 8:30 to 8:45.

Highway Clean-up: The next clean-up will be held on November 21st at 8:00 a.m. with members meeting on the East side of Highway 101 and Highway 66. Members were encouraged to attend.

Library: None.

Locker Clean up: None.

Membership: None.

Political Action Committee: None.

Property: None.

Refreshments: Margaret Henson has agreed to be our new refreshment chairman. Paulette Miereles was thanked for all of her work for the last year. Margaret thanked Elaine Von Achen, Don and Sylvia Nasholm, Paulette Miereles, Debbie Hood, Truman Burgess and Maida Williams for their donation of cookies for the evening's refreshment.

Scholarships: Wayne Mills reported that he has received a donation request from Allan Hancock College for the coming year.

Sunshine: Shelly Dana injured her ankle. Debbie Hood's mother is still ill and Daniel Limon has had the flu.

Old Business: Bill Hood has a sign-up sheet for the annual Christmas luncheon and meeting to be held December 12th at 12:00 noon at Santa Maria Terrace. He will pass the sheets around and you can sign-up and pay this evening. Sylvia Nasholm talked about the gift exchange and explained how it works and that if you

desire to participate you will need to bring a wrapped gift valued at \$10.00 or more that is rock related. Debbie Hood reminded members to bring canned goods for our annual Salvation Army donation.

Debbie Hood asked for a chairman for the committee to write a proposal for a lapidary workshop to be situated on land at Saint Joseph's Church in Nipomo.

It was noted that we are looking for a leader for the Jr. Badge Program.

Debbie Hood called for nominations for the following elected officers:

President: Sylvia Nasholm

President Elect: Gloria Dana

Secretary: Elaine Von Achen

Treasurer: Wes Lingerfelt

Board Members: Sandy Berthelot, Sharon Duncan, Jan Ferguson, Don Dana and Mike Henson.

Paul Berthelot made a motion that we accept the board as nominated. Lee Reyburn seconded the motion. By unanimous acclamation the board was accepted.

New Business: Wes Lingerfelt reported that he has sent a request to the Parks and Recreation Department requesting a reservation for June 5, 2010, at Pioneer Park, for our annual June Barbeque.

The program for the evening is a talk given by Dr. Gregg Wilkerson on "Mining Law and Mining Clubs".

The display is "any 1x1" display. This is a competition and we will vote on our favorite display.

The meeting was adjourned by President, Debbie Hood at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Elaine Von Achen, Secretary, OMS

Orcutt Mineral Society Board Meeting Elwin Mussell Sr. Center, Santa Maria, Ca. 93454 November 3, 2009

President Debbie Hood called the meeting to order at 6:55 p.m.

Members present were Wes Lingerfelt, Debbie Hood, Gloria Dana, Jan Ferguson, Sylvia Nasholm, Wayne Mills, Mike Henson, Elaine Von Achen, Sandy Berthelot and Sharon Duncan. Guests included Bill Hood, John Von Achen and Paul Berthelot.

Minutes: Minutes from the October Board Meeting were inadvertently omitted from the November 2009 bulletin. They were however, read at the general meeting and approved as read. Wayne Mills noted that Debbie Hood's name should not have been included with the nominated board members listed in the

October general meeting minutes as she is automatically a board member as Immediate Past President. Elaine will correct the October meeting minutes.

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

Correspondence: None.

Committee Reports:

Annual Gem Show: Wes Lingerfelt is up-dating the web site with the new show flyer for next year along with changes to the contract.

Breakfast: None.

Bulletin: The bulletin is out on the web and mailed bulletins have gone out.

CFMS: None.

Education: None.

Field Trip: Our next field trip will be to Avila Beach on the 14th of November. Members will meet at the Elwin Mussell Sr. Center at 8:00 a.m. or at the Bob Jones Trail parking lot at 8:30 a.m. Sylvia had a chart that showed low tide as being later in the day (about 2:30 p.m.) so there was some discussion as to possibly going up See Canyon to look for rock before heading to the beach.

Highway Clean-up: The next clean-up will be held November 21. Members will meet at Highway 101 and 166 at 8:00 a.m.

Library: Thanks went to Wes Lingerfelt for acquiring the book on Agates and Jaspers for the Library.

Membership: None.

Scholarships: Wayne Mills will be attending a reception put on by Allan Hancock College for Scholarship Donors on November 12th.

Sunshine: Debbie Hood's mother has been ill.

Old Business: The annual December luncheon meeting will be held December 12 with members paying \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for junior members with the club picking up the difference. There was discussion on the gift exchange.

Nominations for the 2010 slate of officers are as follows:

President: Sylvia Nasholm,

President Elect: Gloria Dana,

Secretary: Elaine Von Achen,

Treasurer: Wes Lingerfelt,

Board Members: Jan Ferguson, Sandy Berthelot,

Sharon Duncan, Don Dana and Mike Henson.

Wayne Mills asked that his name be removed from consideration for the Board.

Wes noted that we had received confirmation from McDaniel Insurance Services regarding the Directors and Officers insurance.

Wayne Mills received confirmation from Santa Maria Parks and Recreation regarding our meetings for 2010. We will have Silva 1 for all meetings with the exception of the November board meeting which will be held in the multi purpose room at Mussell Center.

There was discussion regarding the Junior Badge Program, and as we currently have just two junior members Sylvia thought that maybe they would be interested in just what it takes to earn badges.

Wayne Mills had some prices on "bare bones" metal buildings for the proposed lapidary shop. A 24 x 30 x 12 building was \$4,700 and a 30 x 30 x 12 building was \$5,300. He made clear that this is just the metal frame and covering and does not include the pad, doors or windows.

New Business:

Wes Lingerfelt submitted an application to the Santa Barbara County Parks and Recreation for the use of the Pioneer Park Bar-B-Que area for the June BBQ to be held June 5, 2010 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The program for November's general meeting will be "Mining Law and Mining Clubs" and will be presented by Dr. Gregg Wilkerson.

The display for November will be a 1x1 competition display.

Refreshments will be cookies and coffee.

The meeting was adjourned by President, Debbie Hood at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Elaine Von Achen, Secretary, OMS

December 2009 Calendar

Tuesday Dec. 1, 2009 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.	OMS Board Meeting-Elwin Mussell Senior Center. All members are welcome at this business meeting.
Saturday Dec 12, 2009 12:00 Noon to 3:00p.m.	OMS Annual Meeting At Santa Maria Terrace. Bring donations of Canned good for Salvation Army and \$ for Abused Children's Fund, as well as a wrapped gift (value about \$10.00) if you wish to participate in the gift exchange.
	Field Trip to be announced

January 2010 Calendar

Tuesday January 5, 2010 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.	OMS Board Meeting- All members are welcome at this business meeting.
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Tuesday January 12, 2010 7:00 p.m. to 9:00	OMS General Meeting-Elwin Mussell Senior Center. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program • - Display- • Refreshments-Do-Nuts
Saturday January 16, 2010 8:00 am to 5:00 pm	Field Trip To Be Announced, for information call Bob Bullock at 928-6372.
Saturday January 23, 2010 9:00 to 10:00 a.m.	OMS Monthly Breakfast-IHOP in Arroyo Grande For information call Gloria Dana at 929-6429.
Saturday January 31, 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.

CFMS Show Schedule 2009

December 5-6 2009, Barstow, CA

Mojave Gem & Mineral Society
Community Center
841 Barstow Road
Hours: 10-5 daily
Gene Haines (760) 256-0595
Email: janetwentz@earthlink.net
Website: www.mdgms.org

CFMS SHOWS 2010

January 16-17 2010, Exeter, CA

Tule Gem & Mineral Society
Exeter Memorial Bldg.
420 N Kaweah (Hwy 65), Exeter
Hours: Sat. 10 - 5, Sun. 10-4
Pepper Okada (559) 733-5842
Don Vieira (559) 733-7739
Webpage: tulegem.org

February 12-21, 2010, Indio, CA

San Gorgonio Mineral & Gem Society
Riverside County Fair & National Date Festival
Gem amp; Mineral Building Bldg #1
46-350 Arabia Street
Hours: 10 am - 10 pm
Bert Grisham: (915) 849-1674
Email: bert67@verizon.net

February 26-27 2010, Northridge, CA

Del Air Rockhounds Club
United Methodist Church
9650 Reseda Blvd. (at Superior St.)
Hours: Fri. 3 p.m. -9:30 p.m. - Sat. 10-5
Julie Marin (818) 886-7190
Website: <http://delairrockhounds.blogspot.com>

March 5-6-7 2010, Newark, CA

Mineral and Gem Society of Castro Valley

Newark Pavilion
6430 Thornton Avenue, Newark, CA 94560
Hours: Fri & Sat. 10-6; Sun. 10-5
Larry Ham (510) 887-9007
Email: showchair@mgscv.org
Website: www.mgscv.org

March 6-7 2010, Arcadia, CA

Monrovia Rockhounds, Inc.
Los Angeles Co. Arboretum & Botanic Gardens
301 Baldwin Ave.
Hours: Sat. & Sun. 9-4:30
Jo Anna Ritchey (626) 359-1624
Email: vgms_editor@roadrunner.com
Website: www.Moroks.com

March 6-7 2010, Ventura, CA

Ventura Gem & Mineral Society
Seaside Park, Ventura Co. Fairgrounds
10 W. harbor Blvd.
Hours: Sat. 10-5; Sun. 10-4
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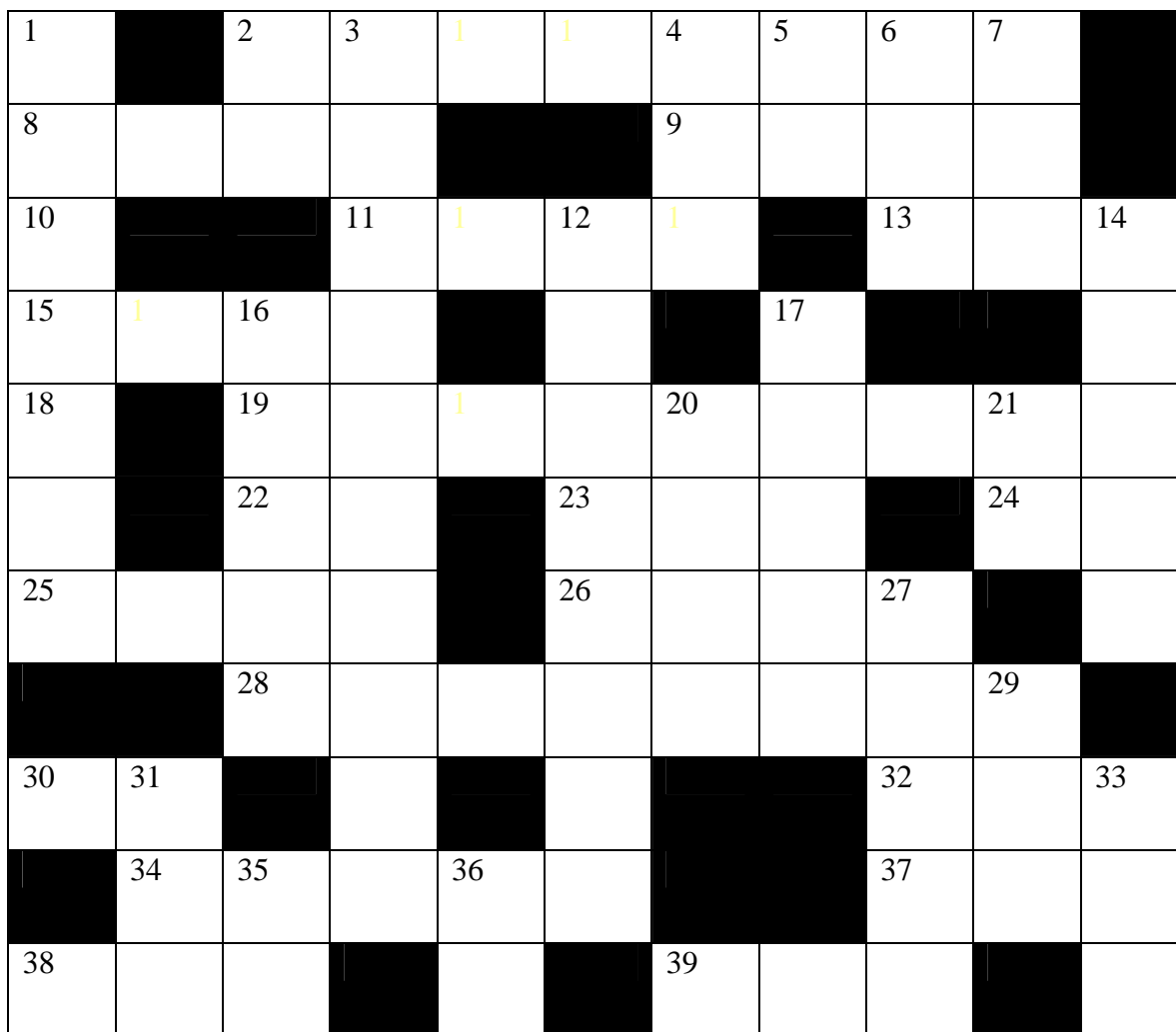
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Across

2. The star in star sapphire
8. I spent 4 lonely days in the brown L.A....
9. Fancy curves edging a granite counter
11. Color of pink SiO_4
13. Earthquake for a sot
15. Where African gold mines go
19. California State Gem
22. As opposed to any
23. Type of rabbit
24. What to say when the rabbit bites
25. Color of Variscite
26. Color full precious gem
28. Half of twelve squared
30. Where Stone Mountain is (abbr.)
32. Oath of office
34. What to call the silver in obsidian
37. A ram's sweetheart
38. How many book titles start
39. How "they" get the blue in Howlite

Down

1. Element used in plating
2. Where the Pet. Forest is
3. California State Rock (see #7)
4. Fought Wade over eggs
5. Rocks born from fire (abbr.)
6. Rocks created from other rocks (abbr.)
7. Rocks changed by heat and pressure (abbr.)
12. California State Fossil
14. What Mt. Etna does occasionally
16. Abba's immediate family
17. November birthstone
20. How to find what surrounds you
21. Addressee on a memo
27. What holds the floodwaters back
29. Feminist reply to when to hunt for rocks
31. What makes tuff rocks
33. Good place to find rare gems
35. Lightest element
36. Specialist in "current" events (abbr.)

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