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THE PREZ BOX—DECEMBER 2019

Wayne Mills, OMS President



It has been an honor to serve as your president again in 2019. Thank you to all who have given me encouragement and support this year.

Our November meeting was well attended. We had 24 members and 3 guests. Six folks participated in the 1 x 1 contest. Betty Campbell came out on top with her display of banded agates from various locations. Quite a feat getting 24 specimens in a 12 x 13 space! For her efforts, she was awarded a neat Rhodonite Sphere from Porterville. The sphere was provided by Wes Lingerfelt. Wes also screened a great presentation on Geologic Mini-Wonders from the World's Greatest Geological Wonders Lecture Series that the Browns donated to us a couple of years ago, During the break, we had some tasty cookies for dessert.

Eight folks showed-up for our November Highway Clean-up. Many thanks to Wes and Marty Lingerfelt, Sally Griffith, Robert Bischoff and his daughters Erin and Jocelyn, Stan Ferguson and Geary Sheffer for their dedication. Erin won a lovely 29 Carat Ametrine donated by Wes Lingerfelt.

December 3 is our joint Board Meeting of the 2019 and 2020 Boards. Many of the faces will be the same. December 14 is our Annual Meeting at the Madonna Inn at noon. PLEASE get your tickets from Dyanna Cridelich by December 1 for this event. Remember your cans for the food drive and a \$10 rock-related gift for the gift exchange (if you choose to participate). It should be fun!

There will be no Club Field trip (Grandma's House?) or (Club) Breakfast in December.

Have yourself a very Merry Christmas/Holiday Season, and a joy-filled New Year. We are looking forward to seeing you all in January!

Be safe out there!

Wayne Mills

OMS President, 2019

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS GIFT EXCHANGE RULES

Sylvia Nasholm, OMS

It is time for our Annual Christmas gift exchange during our Luncheon at the Madonna Inn. As a reminder, participation is voluntary. If you wish to participate, bring a wrapped ROCK related \$10.00 gift. You pick a number when you enter. First up chooses a gift and opens it for all to see. Second person called can choose a gift and open it OR steal the first gift chosen, which sends that person back



to the pile. And so it goes down through the list. The strategy comes in play when you understand a gift may only be stolen twice before it is out of play.

Whether you choose to participate or not, watching it all play out is a lot fun. See you at the Madonna on December 14th!



UNAKITE MEETS JADE— MY “TWO FACED” CABOCHON (DON’T TAKE IT FOR GRANITE)

Story and Pictures by Wayne Mills, OMS

In late October 2019, I met an artist on the Open Art Studios Tours sponsored by the San Luis Obispo Arts Council. This artist, Tracy Paz, was quite interesting because she avowed her love of granite to me. Of all the rocks out there, Granite would not be my choice, but I asked her if she knew about Unakite and Graphic Granite. She had heard of Unakite, but did not have any, so I made it part of my mission to get her some.

A couple of weeks later, there was a sale of the collection of long-time members of the Santa Lucia Rockhounds, Bea and Sherm Grizzelle. So I went. I asked the folks who showed-up on Sunday to let me know if any of the boxes had Unakite in it and sure enough, one box of slabs did. So I got it. I managed to find a nice piece of jade that sort of matched the green in the Unakite and cut the Unakite to fit.

I sanded the surfaces of both stones then glued them together with 330 Epoxy. When the glue had hardened (overnight), I ground the matched stones into the shape



Unakite



Jade

of a rounded triangular cabochon, angling them toward the top of both sides and leaving the glue joint prominent. Satisfied with the result, I bought a “swinging bail” from a friend who is the son of a jeweler, and a member of the National Lapidary Hall of Fame. I paid to have him drill holes near the apex of the triangle and crimp the bail in place.

Satisfied with the result, I took the finished piece and presented it to Tracy along with a piece of Graphic Granite. I had previously given her a piece of Pegmatite with black schorl, a piece of granite countertop and the rest of the Unakite specimen. She seemed pleased with her new rock treasures. I was surprised to learn, after a little research, that Unakite often billed as “pink and green granite” is not actually granite, but granite that has undergone metamorphosis, so is it is actually a meta-granite. And you can take THAT fact for granted.



NOTES FROM DIRECTORS MEETING VISALIA 11/9/2019 Wayne Mills, SLR

43 of ~100 societies were represented.

Society members who had passed in 2019 were recognized.

The **2020 CFMS Show** is in Lodi—June. The **2021 CFMS Show** will be in Antelope Valley probably one of the last two weeks in April.

Slate of Officers for 2020 was elected: Juanita Pardun (President), Jim Barton (2nd Vice President), Kimberly Fiala (Secretary), Bob Rush (Treasurer). An election committee for 2021 officers was elected.

All-American Club—Societies were encouraged to submit entries for 2019. The 2018 Entry from Santa Lucia Rockhounds will be automatically resubmitted per Tony Fender.

OMS is in the Central Region for **Club Cases**. Contact is Bob Papac to get a CFMS Case at our show. Cases North has a working volcano exhibit!

Pay 2020 insurance based on membership on 12/31/2019.

Junior Activities—Jim Brace Thompson announced that he had awarded 15,040 badges in this program including 20 Jr. Rockhounds who have earned 10 or more badges to become “Rock Stars”.

There is a **Judges Seminar** in Houston Texas in April CFMS wants 15 folks from Calif to attend—anyone interested?

Membership—recommended to have a show table manned through-out the show. A small club got 30 new members this way. Also recommended that the Bulletin Editor forward the CFMS newsletter (electronically) to all members.

The Paradise Club is back up and running after a horrible fire. They thanked CFMS for their generous assistance in their recovery.

Collecting—CFMS has a MOU with BLM Barstow (?) to keep Wiley Wells Clean in exchange for keeping the area open to Rockhounds. This has been going on for 2-3 years. Jason Barniske has reopened Opal Hill and is charging \$10/person/day to mine Fire Agate there jbarniske@yahoo.com.



OMS CALENDAR DECEMBER 2019

Tue, Dec 3 7 to 9 p.m.	OMS Board Meeting, Nipomo Chamber of Commerce 239 W Tefft St, Nipomo Joint meeting with incoming and outgoing Board members.
Sat, Dec 14 Noon	Annual Meeting at Madonna Inn 100 Madonna Rd, San Luis Obispo, CA Fabulous Lunch, Annual Awards, Installation of New Officers and Board, and Gift Exchange. Gift exchange participation is optional. If you wish to participate, bring a wrapped gem, mineral, or rock related \$10 gift, and a spirit of adventure and humor. Even if you chose not to participate, watching the gift exchange play out is a lot of fun.
OMS CALENDAR JANUARY 2020	
Tue, Jan 7 7 to 9 p.m.	OMS Board Meeting, Nipomo Chamber of Commerce 239 W Tefft St, Nipomo All members are welcome.
Tue, Jan 14 7 to 9 p.m.	General Meeting: Oasis Senior Center 420 Soares Av, Santa Maria, CA Program: Agates Display: Agates Refreshments: Donuts provided by the Club
Sat, Jan 11 8 a.m.	Highway Clean-up Southeast Corner Hwy101/166 East
Sat, Jan 25 8:30 a.m.	OMS Monthly Breakfast Country Kitchen Santa Maria 1701 N Broadway, Santa Maria, CA



DECEMBER OMS MEMBERS

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Greetings and Congratulations go out to our members who are having birthdays or anniversaries this month:

BIRTHDAYS

Jeanie Brown	12/1
Truman Burgess	12/6
Renea Sutcliffe	12/15
Karen Dry	12/22
Jeannie Nybo	12/23

ANNIVERSARIES

Robert Bullock	12/9
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OMS Membership: \$24 for Individual, \$34 per couple, \$5 Each Additional Family Member, \$5 for Juniors under age of 18. One-time \$10 initiation fee for new members.

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**ORCUTT MINERAL SOCIETY BOARD MEETING
NIPOMO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
NIPOMO, CA
NOVEMBER 5, 2019**

Meeting opened at 7:00pm.

Members present: Wayne Mills, Bill Brown, Debbie Hood, Jeanne Brown, Sylvia Nasholm, Dick Bazell, Jan Ferguson, Alexis Van Natta, Dyana Credilich and Renea Suttcliffe.

Minutes were accepted as read

Treasurer's Report: Jeanne Brown's report accepted as read.

Correspondence: AFMS November Newsletter, two Salvation Army request for donations.

Committee Reports:

- **Bulletin:** Wayne reported the draft looks good. All articles must be to Elisabeth by November 20th. Elisabeth will not be doing the newsletter next year, we thank her for two years of great newsletters.
- **CFMS:** Meeting will be in Visalia this month, bring any concerns to Renea.
- **Membership:** Debbie reported nothing new.
- **Field Trips:** November 23rd at Cliff Brewen's from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- **Adopt-A-Highway:** Saturday, November 9th.
- **Annual Awards Banquet:** at Madonna Inn on December 14, 2019. Price will be \$15.00/person.
- **Breakfast:** November 23, 8:30 a.m. at Denny's in Santa Maria.
- **Education:** No Report.
- **Library:** Alexis will be bringing tapes to meetings to check out.
- **Sunshine:** Lisa Azevedo was in a second car accident but was not badly injured.
- **Scholarship:** Jeanne Brown made a motion to round up the amount for the Scholarship to \$1000.00, Jan Ferguson seconded, passed unanimously.
- **Show:** We need to put in application to Lucia Mar School District in January. Dates are August 7-9 2020.

Old Business: Election Committee is seeking volunteers for Secretary, Treasurer. Slate: President—Bill Brown; President Elect—Jeanine Brown; Treasurer—? Betty Campbell; Secretary—Wayne Mills, in addition to Bulletin editor; Board—Dick Bazell, Jan Ferguson, Debbie Hood, Renea Suttcliffe, and Sally Griffin.

New Business: Program in November is Geologic Mini-Wonders of the World with Wes Lingerfelt. Display is best 1' x 1' display.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Hood
Secretary, OMS

**ORCUTT MINERAL SOCIETY GENERAL MEETING
LUIS OASIS SENIOR CENTER
ORCUTT, CA
NOVEMBER 10, 2019**

Meeting opened at 7:05pm.

Invocation: Debbie Hood.

Flag Salute: Wayne Mills.

Members Present: 23 members present and 3 guests: Richard Koker, Joycelynn Bischoff, and Fred Campbell.

Minutes read by Debbie Hood and accepted as read.

Correspondence: none.

Treasurer's Report: Jeanne Brown's report accepted as read.

Committees:

- **Annual Meeting:** Dec 14, \$15.00 per person, see Dyanna Credilich. Remember money for Abused Children's Fund, canned goods for Salvation Army, and if you want to participate in the gift exchange bring a rock-related item, valued about \$10.00.
- **Bulletin:** Elisabeth has decided not to continue doing the bulletin, we thank you for your service!
- **CFMS:** Wayne Mills gave report on the meeting. Sylvia Nasholm received the Member of the Year Award for 2018 from AFMS, congratulations, Sylvia!
- **Membership:** Nothing to Report.
- **Sunshine:** Margaret Hensen had surgery on her neck and is doing ok. Jeanne Brown is back and recovering from her broken hip. Lisa Azevedo is recovering from being in a second auto accident, gratefully she wasn't badly hurt. Truman Burgess is back and looking better.
- **Field Trip:** Grizzelles' Sale.
- **Refreshments:** Cookies brought by Bill Brown, Truman Burgess, Don Nasholm, Geary Scheffer, and Debbie Hood.
- **Adopt-A-Highway:** was November 9th, present were Robert Bischoff and his daughters, Joycelynn and Erin, Geary Scheffer, Stan Ferguson, Sally Griffith, and Wes and Marty Lingerfelt. The prize was a 29 carat Ametrine won by Erin Bischoff.
- **Education:** Nothing to report.
- **Scholarships:** We raised \$750.00 from the Show. The Board voted to round it up to \$1000.00.
- **Property:** Nothing to report.
- **Library:** Updated List is on our website.
- **Door Prize:** Items donated by Wes Lingerfelt and Debbie Hood.
- **Breakfast:** Nov 23 at Denny's in Santa Maria. Bill Hood set the 2020 schedule the same as 2019.

Old Business:

Elections: Wayne Mills called twice for nominations, and moved that the slate be accepted by unanimous consent. Seconded by Wes Lingerfelt. Passed by unanimous consent.

New Business: Program is A Montage of Geologic Mini-Wonders. Display is best 1'x1' display.

Sale of donated kit of jewelry making tools by silent auction with proceeds to go to the Oasis Center.

Break, Program, Door Prize, Meeting closed at 9:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Hood
Secretary, OMS