



Ore-Cutts

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Please join us on February 8, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at the **Luis Oasis Senior Center 420 Soares Ave. in OLD ORCUTT.**

The **program** will be on

Faceting given by **Don Dana.**

The **display** will be **Faceted Stones.** As always you are welcome to share anything "rocky" that you would like.

The **Desert** this month will be **Pies** brought by Jeannie Lingerfelt, Sandy Berthelot, Jan Ferguson, Lucky Virgin & Bonnie Ward.

Also, since we need a couple of more volunteers to bring cakes in March, can you help out? Please speak to Margaret Hensen if you can.



also supported the club with donations to the Country Store and Plant and Book Sales. Sympathy notes and words of support may be expressed at www.magnermaloney.ccm.

THE PREZ BOX

By Gloria Dana

Hello fellow club members. Our friends are back from quartzite!!!! Some new and interesting things will be talked about as well as shown at our next general meeting. Did you all see the pictures that were posted? Man that scenery is so beautiful! Well, all in all they all had a lot of fun.

Hey, I got an email about some kind of permission to go to clear creek and camp any time we want as long as we pay an admission fee. That will make quite a interesting conversation, I think, at our next general meeting, don't you think?

On the housekeeping side; dues are due; guess I better pay up huh? Hey, does the OMS president pay as much as Obama did for his inauguration? Just kidding.

Any way, there are so many things coming your way this year; I'll do my best at helping plan them. Bring some ideas on where to go for field trips. I can't wait to go on the next one!

And with that, I hope I've got you wondering and that's what the prez sez. See ya soon. Your prez,

Gloria

In Memoriam

–**Alma De Freitas (1919 -2011)**, 91, of Santa Maria died Monday, Jan. 17, 2011. She died peacefully at her home with her family at her side. She was born in Santa Maria, the daughter of James and Marie Ryzner, and was raised on her parents homestead farm in Tepusquet. She had a life full of gardening and being friends with all of God's feathered and furry animals that came her way.

Alma was one of the founding members of the Orcutt Mineral Society, the last of the original members, and still a member in good standing at her death. She and her husband, Luis, and her son Alfred and his wife, Marie, were all among the Charter members. She had not been able to attend club functions in a number of years, but avidly read her newsletters and corrected the editor when she found inaccuracies. Up until the last 8 years or so she

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Celebrating birthdays in January are, Jan Ferguson, Glenda Reeves, and Alexis Van Natta, and a very **Happy Birthday!** to you all.



I did not find any couples celebrating an Anniversary for February-seems odd, but there it is. If I missed anyone-*May you enjoy many more!*



I would like to apologize for missing Linda Kolasinski's anniversary in January. As you know, all errors are mine, but none are deliberate. I hope this anniversary was the first of many more!

*Poor lackadaisical Lou,
He's a great Rocky, but he hasn't a clue.*

He's paid his dues late,

Missed the Red Book print date,

Now no one can find him and he's awfully blue!

Ed.'s Note: If you want me to quit writing bad limericks...get those dues in!

Dues are due in January. Dues are \$24.00 for Individual, \$34.00 Per Couple, \$5.00 Each Additional Family Member, \$5.00 Juniors under age of 18. Please give your money to Elaine Von Achen. Remember dues *must* be paid by March for you to be included in the Redbook!

Highway 166 Comes Clean Again

Wayne Mills, Adopt-A-Highway Coordinator

A group of the OMS faithful met at the southeast corner of the Route 101/166 East Intersection at 8:00 am on Saturday, January 8 for the bi-monthly highway clean up. Members present were Wes, Jeannie and guest Marty Lingerfelt, Don and Sylvia Nasholm, Ralph Bishop, Lee Reyburn, Geary Scheffer, and Wayne and guest Todd Mills.

The parking lot was pretty dirty, with parts of a refrigerator and a bundle of irrigation tubing scattered among the other debris, but in about an hour and a half, the crew had the lot and the rest of the nearly 2-mile stretch of Route 166 east of Route 101 cleaned-up.

Don Nasholm noted that our Adopt-A-Highway sign on the east end of the project had rotted off, and was on the ground. That has been called-in to Caltrans, so (folks who drive by there) please let me know when the sign is back up.

After the clean-up, participants in the clean-up met at Francisco's Country Kitchen in Santa Maria for coffee and a snack (on the club). Names of all participants were drawn from at the general meeting, and Don Nasholm won a piece of Monterey jade.

Adopt-a-highway is a commitment made by OMS as one of our public benefit activities. It should be more widely participated in by our members. The

clean up is the second Saturday of odd-numbered months (Jan., Mar., May, Jul., Sept., and Nov.). It generally takes only an hour and a half to complete, is good exercise, and you never know what you might pick-up. This time, Wes found a state quarter, and Wayne found a soggy, folded-up, mud-encrusted dollar bill. Isn't that fun?



Sunshine

It was really nice to see Alexis Van Natta at the last meeting; she seems to be doing well after her surgery last summer, which would have been reported here if we'd known about it. A lot of folks with allergies have been having sinus problems, so if anyone is under the weather, we wish you well!



Mike Hensen had an episode of breathing problems and was treated at Marian Hospital. He is home now and doing better.

Benitoite

By Mark Nelson, Editor - Rockhound Ramblings, Pasadena Lapidary Society, Feb 2011.

Benitoite (beh-NEE-toe-ite) is a rare gem that was first discovered in 1906 along the headwaters of the San Benito River in San Benito County, California. This small region is the only source in the world for gem quality Benitoite. Because of its rarity and beauty, Benitoite was adopted as California's state gemstone in 1985.

Benitoites have often been mistaken for fine blue sapphires and spinels due to their rich blue-violet colors. Benitoites tend to be found in



smaller sizes with gems larger than one carat being the exception. Larger gems with rich color and exceptional quality are greatly prized by collectors. The one pictured here is described as a “Fancy Trillium” cut with rich blue-violet hue and dark tone of moderate saturation. It weighs 1.83 carats and is 6.9 millimeters in diameter. Scott Forrest of WSF Gems, who gave us the photo and permission to use it in this article, describes it as “very well cut with nice dispersion and high luster”.

W. Scott Forrest is a second-generation in the mining and gemstone business. His father and his father’s partner owned the "Benitoite Gem Mine". After faceting Benitoite and other precious stones for them Scott began to sell his own and opened WSF Gems in Old Town Clovis. He still facets most of them to maximize beauty and value. He invites jewelry and lapidary hobbyists to visit his store or to shop his web site. You can see this gem and others at www.wsfgems.com

A Rocky Morning at Wayne’s

Wayne Mills, Education Committee

Responding to a request on the Central Coast Rockhounds Internet site, I invited a group of parents and children from San Luis Coastal Unified School District’s adult schools “We are the Where in the County?” Field Trip Class (part of the Parent Participation Program) to my home, for a talk about rocks. I understood that there were kids from 11 families aged 8-12. When the group began to arrive about 11 am on (Monday) January 10, it turned out to be about 25 kids ages 3-12.

It is kind of hard to talk to any group with that age disparity without losing the top or bottom end, so while the older kids seemed to be getting most of what I was saying, many of the younger ones were wandering around the yard and in my living room. Fortunately, no one got impaled on any of my cacti (though one kid tried), and all seemed to be happy with the igneous, metamorphic and sedimentary rock samples that I gave them. The leader, Jennifer Henderson, sent gracious “thank you” e-mail afterwards.

When I presented talks in local elementary schools in the past, they were usually aimed at 5th and 6th grade students. So the takeaway from this is that when giving a presentation, be sure of the composition of



your audience.



Education Committee

By Moksha Badarayan

I wanted to let you know that I did an education event at the Boys and Girl's Club of Lompoc the afternoon of Wed. Oct. 20, 2010. I had been tutoring a little ELL girl in reading & writing twice a week for a class assignment. On the day of my last session, the volunteer coordinator (Rachel Wolpo) overheard the girl & I discussing our mutual interest in dinosaurs while reading a book about them. She knew I used to teach classes at the Endeavor Center, so she invited me to bring some of my fossils & other dinosaur-related items to share with all the after school kids. I mostly brought my own stuff, but there was one huge fossilized dinosaur bone in Wes' collection that the kids loved! When I arrived, I was amazed to find they had turned a portion of Rachel's office/reading area into a mini-museum complete with dinosaur books, dinosaur coloring pages for each kid, and three museum curators, including my former tutee, to assist me! Two of my curators (I told them what curators were and they liked that title) would round up about 10 kids at a time and tell them the rules before bringing them into the room to see the display. I had laid out a piece of fabric with a pebble pattern on it on which I laid out all the fossils as well as a big, well-illustrated dinosaur book, and my personal collection of plastic dinosaur toys (including a triceratops & a dimetrodon that I've had since I was 10!). I let them hold Wes' dinosaur bone and touch some of the less fragile specimens. I told them about each one and how they became fossilized. The kids that came to visit ranged in age from 5 to about 12. I estimate we had about 50 - 60 kids come through in about 2 hours. It was very informal - no "class", just sharing of knowledge. I

think I just might have instilled in some of the next generation that, "Geology ROCKS!"

EARTH SCIENCE STUDIES

By Marion Roberts, Chairman CFMS

Wow!! Here we are starting a new year again. It seems that they are coming closer together each year that goes by. A good thing with the New Year is we are back to our old schedule, which has been a much, more desirable time frame. The registration for Zzyzx is going well, however I would like to see more R.V. campers coming or we will be forced to do the one unpleasant part of our duties, and that will be to increase the fee to attend the camp. Remember, the camp starts on March 27, 2011 and we already have a confirmed date of April 1, for 2012.

Camp Paradise dates are now confirmed with a minor difference from our old schedule. Registration will be on Monday September 5, 2011, classes will be Tuesday September 6, through Saturday 10, and depart camp on Sunday the 11th. Second week starts with Registration Monday September 12; classes start on Tuesday September 13, through Saturday 17, and depart camp on Sunday the 18, 2011.

We look forward to seeing you at Camp. Please spread the word that these Camps are a great opportunity for people to see and try different disciplines in the Lapidary Arts. They are great chances to see how other artist techniques work for them and could be used by you. Our instructors are all very skilled and very helpful at many levels.

Applications for Camp Paradise will be accepted as of February 1, 2011.

Digging Tourmaline in San Diego Co.

Ellen Moe, Culver City Rock and Mineral Club

If you have gone to the Oceanview Mine website at www.digforgems.com lately and clicked on the link to their Facebook page, you've seen the really nice Kunzite and other pegmatite specimens that have been found lately in the tailings pile.

For new members, the Oceanview is a fee mine in Pala, CA. For \$60 you can sift and rinse through as many buckets of tailings as you want between 11 AM and 3 PM. They are open all Sundays and some Thursdays and Saturdays. They also have rough, specimens, finished stones and jewelry for sale in a trailer. I have bought several nice smoky quartz specimens and some facet grade green tourmaline from them. They provide all the equipment you need

except for a bucket and some zip lock bags to take home what you find. Any car can make the drive up to the screening area and you park close to the screening tables so there isn't much of a walk. They have a covered lunch area with picnic tables and full bathrooms. You do need a reservation which you make at their website - lately they have been booking up on some weekends.

If anyone is interested in carpooling on Saturday, 1/29, I usually try to leave around 8 AM to get there early to look around the edges of the road and the old tailings which they have been spreading on the ground to extend the work area. I always screen right up to the "last bucket" call just before 3 PM and end up getting home around 6 PM.

Contact me directly for more info or if you might want to set up a ride. I live just off the 405 and Sepulveda in Westchester.

You know you're a rock hound if...

If when driving a long distance you stop at every wash, just to see...

If you ever went to the Indy 500 and checked 20lbs. of Indiana shale on the plane ride home...

If you can't understand why your friends are not excited about the obsidian you just found on the ground when you opened your car door....

If you've ever stood in somebody's yard that has been newly landscaped with rock and just been fascinated...

If you have a mini Stonehenge and beach pebble towers in your own lawn and tend to them regularly...

If you have a 5 gallon bucket, plastic cat litter container filled with water, a pick axe, shovel, hand tools, screens, and dirty boots in your car trunk at all times...

If you ever went to a gem club meeting and coveted the 2mm. sapphire that your fellow member put 73 facets on...

Orcutt Mineral Society Board Meeting Rabobank, Nipomo, Ca. January 4, 2011

President Gloria Dana called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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



Henson. Guests included Bill Hood and Paul Berthelot.

Minutes: Elaine Von Achen read the minutes of the December general meeting. Sylvia Nasholm noted that the fact that Joseph Martinez led the flag salute had been left out. The minutes were approved as corrected.

Wes Lingerfelt swore in board members Sandy Berthelot and Don Dana who were unable to attend the installation of officers.

Treasurer's report: Wes Lingerfelt gave the treasurer's report. He noted that it was the final report for 2010. It was accepted as given.

Correspondence: Elaine Von Achen reported a notice from Jim Brace-Thompson regarding the Ventura show, which will be March 5th, and 6th, 2011 at the Ventura County Fair Grounds. We also received a newsletter from the Carmel Valley Prospector.

Committee Reports:

Abused Children: None.

Annual Gem Show: Wes has the contracts ready for 2011. He will pass one out to all vendors he meets up with at Quartzsite. The remaining vendors will receive theirs by mail when he returns.

Breakfast: January's breakfast will be held at the Girl's Restaurant, 1237 E. Grand Avenue, Arroyo Grande on the 22nd at 9:00 a.m.

Bulletin: The Bulletin is on line and will be in the mail tomorrow.

CFMS: None.

Education: None.

Field Trip: None.



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

Library: None.

Membership: None.

Refreshments: We will have donuts provided by OMS for our January meeting. Margaret Henson will pass around a sign-up sheet for refreshments for the coming year.

Scholarship: None.

Sunshine: None.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Sylvia Nasholm reported that she had a conversation with Pauline Herrmann, President

of the Luis Oasis Center, regarding the new facility they are planning to build. They would like input from OMS if OMS is interested in having a lapidary workshop in the new building. They would need to know what size of room we would require and any other needs for the future workshop. Sylvia asked Don Dana as chairman of the Building Committee if he would work up a proposal and she would deliver it to Pauline.

There was discussion regarding a donation from OMS to Luis Oasis Center for the use of their building for our General Meetings. Sylvia Nasholm made a motion that we send a check for \$200.00 for the coming year. That would be \$20.00 per month for 10 months. Jan Ferguson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Wes reported that he had talked with someone from St. Joseph's church and was told they are making changes in office personnel as well as a new priest. They are checking to see that we are still scheduled to use the facility for our August show. We will need to fill out an application and sign a contract, something we have not had to do in the past.

Wes is also checking to see if we have Pioneer Park reserved for June 4th for the annual picnic. He is going to try to find out if the old Union Oil Picnic Grounds is again available for rent.

Bill Hood said the date has been set for this year's December luncheon meeting. It will be held on Saturday the 10th.

January's program will be a CFMS program titled "Mineral Fakes, Frauds and Fantasies."

January's display will be anything that coordinates with the program.

The meeting was adjourned by President, Gloria Dana at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Elaine Von Achen, Secretary, OMS

**Orcutt Mineral Society General Meeting
Luis Oasis Senior Center Orcutt, CA
January 11, 2011**

President Gloria Dana called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

Mike Henson gave the invocation.

Bob Bullock led the flag salute.

Sylvia Nasholm read the minutes of the January 4th board meeting. Minutes were approved as read.

Sharon Duncan advised there were 29 members and 3 guests in attendance. Guests included Virginia Stone and husband, Austin Wilson and Mike O'Donnell.

Don Dana read the Treasurer's report and it was accepted as given.

Margaret announced the club had provided the donuts for refreshment and that she was passing sheets around for members to sign up for refreshments in the months ahead. She also advised that healthy treats would be welcomed by anyone wishing to donate them rather than the traditional cookies, cakes, and pies.

Debbie Hood mentioned there would be no drawing for the abused children's fund as it fell under the same rules as the door prize. When Jan Ferguson returns from Quartzsite, she will develop a new plan for raising funds and distributing specimens.

Sunshine: Stan Ferguson and Elaine Von Achen both recovered sufficiently from their ailments to attend Quartzsite, as did Joseph Martinez. Guest Ginny Stone advised us all that she heard of our group at a watch and clock repair shop and that a gentleman, Steve, that works there and whom some of us might know, was badly hurt in a bike accident.

Bob Bullock advised that there was no field trip scheduled for January but that we would be going up to Willow Creek in February on the 19th. The rendezvous site would be the Bob Jones Trail Head Lot near the Avila Beach off ramp at 8:00 am. Call with questions.

Wayne Mills mentioned that tables would be rented to a group in San Luis Obispo. The funds generated would be placed in the property fund.

Highway clean-up happened on January 8th with Wes and Jeannie Lingerfelt, Marty Lingerfelt, Ralph Bishop, Geary Sheffer, Lee Rayburn, Wayne and Todd Mills, and Don and Sylvia Nasholm in attendance. Don's name was chosen for the prize of a small piece of jade.

Sharon Duncan advised there were flyers for the gem show in Ventura in March.

Old Business: Don Dana called for input from everyone on ideas for outfitting a room at the new senior center in the planning stages in Orcutt. We have been offered an opportunity to have a workroom in the new facility pending our needs and

requirements. Comments may be emailed or phoned in to him. If we chose to go with the Oasis center rather than building our own facility, members of the center would be allowed access to the room.

New Business: Sylvia reminded everyone that dues are due.

Wayne asked for an explanation of the new door prize system.

President Gloria Dana told him three tickets would be given away to each person attending. An additional ticket would be given to anyone displaying at the meeting. We would have ten buckets filled with donated items, one for each of the ten meetings that have the door prize activity. A record of all donated items would be kept and published. A question from the floor asked about the possibility of having a silent auction at the meetings. President Dana said it was under discussion and that she felt it should be saved for meetings without a booked program.

After the refreshment break, the CFMS video "Fakes, Frauds & Fantasies" was shown but not finished, as it was longer than the 50 minutes allotted.

The drawing was held and the meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Sylvia Nasholm, Director OMS



Rockhounding is MORE than a hobby; it's a PASSION!

HELP NEEDED!!

By Shep Koss

Some of you may be aware that I've taken on the task of revising a rock guide. This guide is Rockhounding California by Gail A. Butler published by Falcon Press. Jesse Haberman, an editor, to see if I was willing to take on this task with help from CFMS, contacted me.

For those clubs that have this guide I still need help with sites: 4, 7, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 38, 39, 41, 45, 46, 47, 48, 55, 56, 57, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, & 75. These sites are mostly in northern California and extreme southeast California.

Classification of Cut Gems

Courtesy of "THE SEATTLE FACETING CLUB"

1. ROUND: Includes all truly round cross sections as well as those having more than 12 equal sides.



2. OVAL: Very narrow ovals are included in (36) NAVETTE OVAL. Other shapes which might be confused are (8) ANTIQUE CUSHION and (9) SQUARE ANTIQUE CUSHION.



3. NAVETTE: Also called MARQUIS or MARQUISE. Differs from the NAVETTE OVAL by having pointed ends. Other similar shapes are (29) LOZENGE (40) LONG HEXAGON, (41) LONG OCTAGON.



4. EMERALD: Also called CUT CORNER RECTANGLE. Similar to (8) ANTIQUE CUSHION except corners are cut flat rather than curved. Other related shapes (35) WINDOW and (6) RECTANGLE.



5. PEAR: Similar to (13) CUSHION TRIANGLE, (10) HEART, and (20) SEMINAVETTE. Large end is more rounded and small end less pointed than HEART.



6. RECTANGLE: Includes all rectangular shapes except the thin (12) BAGUETTE and the equal sided (11) SQUARE.



7. SQUARE EMERALD: Also called CUT CORNER SQUARE. Similar to (21) OCTAGON except corner facets are not as long as the sides.



8. ANTIQUE CUSHION: Also called REGENT. Similar to (4) EMERALD except corners are rounded. If sides are equal it is called (9) SQUARE ANTIQUE CUSHION.



9. SQUARE ANTIQUE CUSHION: Similar to 'almost square stones' which have straight segments on the side such as (15) OLD MINE.



10. HEART: Similar to (20) SEMINAVETTE or (5) PEAR.



11. SQUARE: Similar to (6) RECTANGLE except all sides are equal. Related also to (9) SQUARE ANTIQUE CUSHION, (7) SQUARE EMERALD,



12. BAGUETTE: Also includes TAPERED BAGUETTE (WEDGE) in which one of the short ends is smaller than the other.



13. CUSHION TRIANGLE: Similar to (14) TRIANGLE except the three sides are rounded. Also can appear similar to (20) SEMINAVETTE, (5) PEAR, or (32) FAN.



14. TRIANGLE: Similar to (32) FAN and (16) CUT CORNER TRIANGLE.



15. OLD MINE: Sometimes called SQUARE BRILLIANT. Also similar to (21) OCTAGON except the sides are not equal.



16. CUT CORNER TRIANGLE: Similar to (14) TRIANGLE except two of the three corners are not sharp. Can be similar to (26) CALF'S HEAD.



17. BARREL: Similar to (16) RECTANGLE except two of the four sides are curved. Can be similar to (8) ANTIQUE CUSHION.



18. KITE: Similar to (29) LOZENGES except two of the four sides are shorter than the other pair.



19. KEystone: Similar to TAPERED BAGUETTE or WEDGE except not so narrow.



20. SEMINAVETTE: Can be similar to (10) HEART or (25) TAPERED PENTAGON.



21. OCTAGON: Has eight equal sides. Similar to (15) OLD MINE and (41) LONG OCTAGON.



22. WHISTLE: Similar to (31) BULLET and (24) TRAPEZE.



23. SHIELD: Also called FLOR-ENTINE. Related to (26) CALF'S HEAD except has a pointed tip.



24. TRAPEZE: Can look similar to (22) WHISTLE or (31) BULLET. Has four sides only two equal to each other.



25. TAPERED PENTAGON: Also sometimes called SHIELD, but not to be confused with (23) SHIELD. Also, similar to (30) PENTAGON or (27) EPAULETTE.



26. CALF'S HEAD: Similar to (23) SHIELD.



27. EPAULETTE: Five sided shape. Similar to (30) PENTAGON except all sides are not equal.



28. HEXAGON: Six sided (equal) shape. Similar to (40) LONG HEXAGON.



29. LOZENGE: Also called DIAMOND. A four sided shape.



30. PENTAGON: Also sometimes called SHIELD. Has five equal sides.



31. BULLET: Five sided figure similar to (30) PENTAGON except all sides are not equal.



32. FAN: Similar to (18) KITE except end is rounded.



33. RHOMBROID: Four sided figure with two pairs of equal sides but no right angle corners.



34. STAR: (None)



35. WINDOW: Similar to (4) EMERALD, and (6) RECTANGLE. Also sometimes called CUT CORNER KEYSTONE.



36. NAVETTE OVAL: Similar to (2) OVAL except width is much less than the length. Similar to (29) LOZENGE or (3) NAVETTE except has more rounded ends.



37. HEPTAGON: Seven equal sided shape.



38. NONAGON: Nine equal sided shape.



39. UNDECAGON: Eleven equal sided shape.



40. LONG HEXAGON: Similar to (28) HEXAGON except width is less than the length. Includes both shapes with flat ends and pointed ends.



41. LONG OCTAGON: Similar to (21) OCTAGON except width is less than the length.



42. DECAGON: Ten equal sided shape.



43. FREEFORM, small: Designs which have irregular sides (3 to 6) and do not fit into one of the other regular categories.



44. FREEFORM, large: Designs which have irregular sides (more than 6) and do not fit into one of the other regular categories.



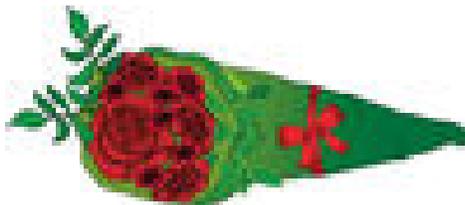
45. DODECAGON: Twelve equal sided shape. All regular polygons above 12 sides are considered (1) ROUND.



46. COFFIN: Similar to (23) SHIELD.



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Help Needed continued...

Published credit will be given to those individuals, Clubs & CFMS who assist. What is needed, using this guidebook as a source, are changes in collecting status, access, updates on sites. GPS if available.

Maps and directions need to be verified. All remaining updates should be in by end of February and emailed to me for inclusion in this field guide. Thank you to all CFMS members who assist.

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Bench Tips

By Brad Smith

BURNISHING BEZELS-A dapping ball can sometimes be used to burnish a bezel. I noticed this when setting some 8 x 10 cabs on a piece of filigree. It was difficult to get enough pressure with a regular burnisher, so I tried a dapping ball and found it much easier. Make sure the ball is well polished (hit it with the Zam wheel) and let it ride along the base of your piece. Select a ball big enough to hit the top of the bezel at the right angle to burnish it down onto the stone.

SUPER PICKLE-We've all made the mistake of putting some steel in the pickle pot. This can cause all your pieces to be coated with copper. Easiest way I've found to clean it off is to fill half a coffee cup with the pickle and put in an ounce or two of hydrogen peroxide from the drug store. Throw your pieces in and the coating is gone in about 10 minutes. When finished, pour the solution back into your pickle pot.

More BenchTips by Brad Smith are at

groups.yahoo.com/group/BenchTips/

or

facebook.com/BenchTips

February 2011 Calendar	
Tuesday February 1, 2011 7:00- 8:30 p.m.	OMS Board Meeting at the Rabobank at 615 West Tefft Street, Nipomo. All members are welcome at this business meeting
Tuesday February 8, 2011 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.	OMS General Meeting- This meeting will be held at Luis Oasis Senior Center 420 Soares Ave. in OLD ORCUTT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program – Faceting given by Don Dana. • Display- Anything Faceted • Refreshments- Pies
	

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Saturday, February 19, 2011 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.	OMS Field Trip- Willow Creek- Meet at the Bob Jones Trail Head Lot near the Avila Beach off ramp at 8:00 a.m. Observational trip to a classic location. Bring a Lunch and water. Some hiking required. Contact Bob Bullock at 928-6372 for details.
Saturday, February 26, 2011 9 to 10:15 a.m.	OMS Monthly Breakfast-Sunrise Café. For information call Sylvia Nasholm at 481-0923.
March 2011 Calendar	
Tuesday March 1, 2011 7:00 to 8:30 pm	OMS Board Meeting-at Rabobank at 615 West Tefft Street, Nipomo All members are welcome at this business meeting.
Tuesday March 8, 2011 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.	OMS General Meeting- This meeting will be held at Luis Oasis Senior Center 420 Soares Ave. in OLD ORCUTT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program- Intarsia • Display- Intarsias • Refreshments-Cake
Saturday March 12, 2011 8:00 to 10:00 a.m.	Roadside Clean up, meet at junction of Hwys 101 and 166. After the cleanup, coffee and pastry at "Francisco's Country Kitchen" in Santa Maria.
Saturday March 19, 2011 8:00 am to 5:00 pm	Field Trip to Coleson Canyon , off of Tepesquet Rd. Down into the camping area, good vehicles and USFS day pass required. Bring food water, bedding, survival gear, etc. Round up at The VA parking lot at Suey and East Main St. SM. All vehicles must be up to snuff that go and this isn't for the weak of heart neither. Folks should bring several days worth of food just in case
Saturday March 26, 2011 9 to 10:15 am	OMS Monthly Breakfast-Hometown Buffet 1431 S. Bradley Road, Santa Maria. . For information call Sylvia Nasholm at 481-0923

CFMS SHOWS 2011

February 18-27, 2011, Indio, CA

San Gorgonio Mineral & Gem Society
Riverside County Fair & National Date Festival
Gem & Mineral Building
Bldg #1
46-350 Arabia Street



Hours: 10 am - 10 pm
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February 25, 26,27, 2011, Newark, CA
 Mineral and Gem Society of Castro Valley
 Newaro Pavilion
 6430 Thornton Avenue
 Hours: Fri. and Sat. 10:00 am to 6:00 pm - Sun.
 10:00 am to 5:00 pm
 Larry Ham, show chair - (510) 887-9007
 Email: showchair@mgscv.org
 Website: [/www.mgscv.org](http://www.mgscv.org)

February 25-26, 2011, Northridge, CA
 Del-Air Rockhounds
 Northridge United Methodist Church
 9650 Reseda Blvd.
 Hours: Fri. 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm - Sat. 10:00 am to
 5:00 pm
 Chris S. Ward
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March 5-6 2011, Arcadia, CA
 Monrovia Rockhounds, Inc.
 Los Angeles Co. Arboretum & Botanic Gardens
 301 Baldwin Ave.
 Hours: Sat. & Sun. 9-4:30
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March 5-6 2011, 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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March 12-13 2011, Salinas, CA
 Salinas Valley Rock & Gem Club
 Veteran's Hall Spreckels, CA
 5th & Llano Streets
 Hours: Sat. 10-5 daily
 Karen Jones (831) 678-0337 /
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March 19-20 2011, Bakersfield, CA
 San Joaquin Valley Lapidary Society
 Kern County Shrine Club
 700 south P. Street (P & Bell Terrace)
 Hours: 9-5 daily
 Lewis Helfrich Home (661) 323-2663
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March 26-27 2011, Angels Camp, CA
 Calaveras Gem & Mineral Society
 Calaveras Co. Fairgrounds (Frog Town USA)
 Hwy 49 in Angels Camp
 Hours: Sat. 9-5 - Sun. 9-4
 Tak Iwata (209) 928-5579
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Speakers: (Check website for dates, times and additional info)
Bob Jones will talk about California Minerals.
Mike Kokinos will be talking about the benefits of
 501(c)(3) non-profit status.
Larry Martin will be discussing Mammoth and other fossils
 found in the Madera Land Fill.
Gregg Wilkerson from BLM will speak on Land Claims.
Richard Wade will present fossils and dinosaurs for
 children of all ages.

Turlock Fairgrounds 900 North Broadway Turlock CA
www.turlockgemshow.com
 Chairman: Bud & Terry McMillin 209-524-3494

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