



Ore-Cutts

Collecting on the Central Coast

Join us on January 9, 2007 at the Mussel Center for Wayne Mills highly acclaimed (at least by the San Luis Obispo Gem & Mineral Society members, who were treated to it last fall,) guide to collecting in our own area. This talk covers sites in Monterey, San Bonito, San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara counties. So come and get ideas for your own local collecting trips this year!

The Display for this month is, of course, *Rocks of the Central Coast*. Bring and display your favorite specimens from the above-mentioned counties.

The refreshments for this month are Donuts, compliments of the club.

In Memoriam

Sadly we have to report the death of our member Frank Sausa. Frank passed away after a long illness. He will be interred with full Military Honors at Arlington National Cemetery. Locally the family will hold a private Mass to celebrate his life. There will be no local services due to Mary's continuing health problems. He is survived by Mary, his wife of 63 years, and his daughter, Sylvia Nasholm and her husband, Don, all of whom are also members of OMS; as well as other children and relatives. Frank was a member of the OMS since 1983 and was a member of The Gemcutters of America.

Board Profiles

This section is intended to introduce our members to the 2007 OMS Board of Directors. The Board consists of 5 Board members and 5 Officers. The Officers include President, President Elect, Secretary, Orcutt Mineral Society

Treasurer, and Federation Director. It is important to remember that these positions are voluntary, the pay is terrible (nonexistent!) but the rewards are immeasurable. The officer's duties are as follows:

President

—*Chairperson for all board and general meetings. Responsible for establishing the agenda and appointing committees. Indoor chairperson for the annual show. Makes recommendations for special recognition at the society's annual meeting.*

Deborah Hood—(President for 2007). Deborah has been a member of OMS since 1989. She has served as OMS president two previous times, was Membership Chairman for 3 years, and is the current Editor of Ore-Cutts, our club newsletter.



In 2004, Deb and her husband Bill were awarded the *Golden Bear Award*, the highest honor the society can bestow. Deb never met a bead she didn't like, and has pioneered beading classes among some of our bead-oriented members. She is also quite proficient with wire wrapping, lapidary and faceting. As a retired nurse, she shows her concern for others as chairperson of our Abused Children Fund, and Sunshine committees. She also attends to some of our ailing members with advice, admonishment and TLC.

President Elect

—*Responsible for acting in the President's absence. Has the responsibility for planning and introducing all general meeting programs.*

Wayne Mills— (President Elect for 2007). Wayne has been in the society since 1994. He has served on the Board of Directors in one capacity or the other

since 1995. Currently the Clark Kent to Deborah's Perry White on the Ore-Cutts staff (though Deb says it is more like Jimmy Olsen), he is also two times past President, past Secretary, and current board member, Scholarship Chair, Adopt-A-Highway Coordinator, and a member of the education and publicity committees. Since 2005 Wayne has conducted the meeting raffle. Wayne was honored with the *Golden Bear Award* in 2005, and has portrayed "The Old Prospector" at past gem shows. Wayne's interests range from Japanese Suseki to Fossils, and from collecting minerals to lapidary.



Immediate Past President

The third year of a President's term, is this position on the board as support for the new President.

Bob Bullock—(Immediate Past President). Bob has been an OMS member since 2002 and jumped right in last year when we had a sudden vacancy in the president's position. Despite an ongoing battle with cancer, Bob is always willing to jump right in and help out when needed. Bob was profiled in the August 2006 edition of Ore-Cutts (Hail to the Chief).



Secretary

—Records the minutes at each board and general meeting, types and forwards the minutes to the Bulletin Editor for publication. Types other society correspondence as needed. Keeps a record of all minutes and other society correspondence.



Elaine Von Achen—(Secretary) has been in OMS since 2003.

Elaine, her husband John and grandson Joseph were profiled in the November 2006 edition of Ore-Cutts. An original member of the OMS beading group, she now has a nice business making and selling original wire and bead jewelry in addition to her manicurist business.

Treasurer

—Keeps track of all the Society's finances. Provides an accounting of the Society's financial balances at each board and general meeting. Pays and receives all of the society's expenses and income.

& Federation Director—

Attends all CFMS meetings, acts as the liaison for the club's interests, presents the society with pertinent information from the CFMS Newsletter, and Board Meetings

Wes Lingerfelt—(Treasurer and Federation

Director). The heart of OMS, Wes has served as President of the society 3 times since joining the society in 1983. He received Life membership status in 2003 (after paying dues for 20 years), and was awarded the society's highest award, the *Golden Bear* in 1996. In 2002, Wes was inducted into the National Lapidary Hall of Fame for his accomplishments in jewelry (Metal Craft). (Well, his Dad was a jeweler) And Wes is also a rocket scientist, having worked at Vandenberg AFB for 30 years as a Systems designer/Analyst. Wes was picked to explain US rocket performance data to the Russians during implementation of the START talks in 1991. Wes operates his own lapidary business, C & G Gemcrafts, out of his Nipomo residence. His main interest in the hobby (besides his lovely wife Jeannie, who is a *real gem!*) is sphere making, as you can easily discern from his website at Sphereheaven.com. Wes has also innovated a hard diamond abrasive approach to sphere making that is increasing his "sphere of influence" in the hobby.



Board Members

—Attends monthly board meetings to hear society business, and to discuss and vote on issues that affect the society's well being.

Sandy Berthelot—(Board Member). One of our newest board members, Sandy has been in the Society since 1998. She and her husband Paul have provided much needed help at our annual shows since that date, and she is a big supporter of Richard Sittinger (of Mineral of the Month Club fame), buying lots of his lovely minerals and finished goods. She won the People's Choice award for best



heart-shaped rocks at one of our competitions last year with a dozen hearts of various semi-precious lapidary materials. Now, if we can just get Sandy to put a display in our next show...perhaps that will be a new board requirement



Mike Henson—(Board Member). Mike and his wife Margaret joined the society in 2004. Along with Sandy Berthelot, Mike is the newest member of the OMS Board. He and Margaret have rapidly made themselves invaluable to the society by their eager

participation in many of our activities, including our last two shows. Mike and Margaret have also contributed articles to our bulletin about their rock collecting adventures in Arizona, and entered lovely entries in our recent (1 x 1—foot) display contest. Mike is a retired engineer who has been collecting rocks for about 60 years, and has no favorites in the rock world— he likes them all!

DeeDee Magri (Board Member). DeeDee and her husband, Aldo joined OMS in 2002 when they moved here from Tucson, Arizona where DeeDee was active in a club there. DeeDee is a charter member of the OMS beading group and has gone on to sell her creations. She has been a



greeter and hostess at our meetings and at our gem show, has presided over the refreshments for the last 2 years, as well as being in charge of the Treasure Chest donations for the last 4 years. Dee Dee is one of the “Girls Gone Wild”(see Ore-Cutts May 2005.) Dee Dee discovered the Avila Beach rhyolite chalcedony, which was named after her.

Sylvia Nasholm—(Board Member). Sylvia has been an OMS member since 1983. Bolstered by the skills she acquired as an airline flight attendant, she has been in charge of our Show snack bar for the last 23 delicious years. She has also ramrodded the Thursday Night Dinners at our Show for the last 10 years as well as organizing the Saturday BBQs. Her



leadership in the snack bar has contributed heavily to our successes in past shows. Sylvia now works at Zaca Mesa Vineyards and her interests’ run to Ceramics as well as designing jewelry, stone cutting and Silversmithing. But her greatest thrill is hunting for and capturing those great rocks.



Geary Scheffer—(Board Member). Gary, an OMS member since 2001, has been a board member for 4 years, Property chairman for 3 years, and Club Librarian for the last year. His experience as a home appliance repairman for Wards has made him good with

machines. His main interest is in Sphere making, with forays into cutting cabs and wire wrapping. Geary is always there when there is something that needs doing.

OMS Annual Meeting December 9, 2006 at Maria Del Sol Retirement Center, Santa Maria

By Debbie Hood



It was a beautiful, warm Saturday as Bill and I picked up Kay Vollmer and my mother, Betty Gunn for the annual meeting. We arrived a bit early to make sure that all was as it was supposed to be, and it was nearly so. We found a small portable dance floor set up in the middle of the room, for another event latter the same day. Oh well, no problem. The room looked lovely with Poinsettias on every table and around the podium on the stage.

The meeting began with some social time and it was really nice to see folks who do not often get to meetings anymore like Kay Vollmer, Pat Nuernberg, Charlie Azevedo and his son, Joe, Peter Dettelis and

his wife and children, and Christine Clason who has made a great recovery from back surgery.

We had a really great buffet style dinner, which was arranged by Bill Hood (all pats on the back and complaints/suggestions should go to him.) Debbie Hood provided the floorshow when she took her annual tumble...this time on the dance floor rather than the stage, and wore Boston cream pie for the rest of the meeting.

Outgoing President, Bob Bullock opened the meeting and Debbie Hood gave a report on the Abused Children's Fund activities for 2006 while the can was passed to collect for 2007, which brought in \$161.50. Wes Lingerfelt passed around a proposed budget for 2007 and it was accepted unanimously. A motion to remove the outgoing president and add the new president's name to the checking account was passed unanimously. The summary of our accomplishments for 2006 was given by Debbie Hood, followed by her plan for 2007 and some new goals such as the For Sale area on our website where anyone may donate items (preferably lapidary items) to be sold for the club's benefit. Check it out by going to: <http://www.omsinc.org> and clicking on "To Shop For Donated Goodies". Check it out! Also, Debbie wants to get the committees operating more efficiently, and plans to start by getting a short list of duties and timing for those duties made up for each position.



The Tri-Cities Sound singers gave a wonderful performance of Christmas Carols and secular songs of the season. These ladies have been entertaining at our annual dinners for many years now, and they just get better every year.



incoming officers were sworn in.

The centerpieces were raffled off to nine lucky folks.

It was a wonderful afternoon of fellowship with just a bit of slapstick thrown in for leaven we accomplished necessary club business.

Sunshine

by Debbie Hood Sunshine Chairperson

Mary Sausa has had a recurrence of cancer and is undergoing chemotherapy. Sylvia Nasholm injured her knee at work and had surgery to repair it that has not been an unmitigated success. Jeannie Lingerfelt's leg is better but continues to be swollen. Nevertheless she is up and about again. Virginia Roger's arm is healing nicely and she is due to have the external fixation device removed at the end of this month. We wish you all Well!

Rock Breakfast

By Wes Lingerfelt

I went to the breakfast, along with Jeannie, Marty, Al Wilcox and Don Nasholm. That's a total of 5 souls that sat down to a nice breakfast and some friendly conversation. We enjoyed it! What more can I say?

The Joy of Sex III

Wayne Mills, Ore-Cutts Staff with apologies to Alex Comfort. All pictures by, or property of the author.

I have a friend who has, on numerous occasions, said that this or that rock is better than sex. Of course he has been married (and divorced) twice, and his memory might be getting a little hazy, but I have to somewhat agree. To me, collecting rocks is (to quote some other famous person), as about as much fun as one can have standing up. Finding what you are looking for is even a few levels above that. A large part of the thrill is just being where the rocks are—open, uninhabited land in a National Forest, private creek bed, mountains, lake or desert. Well, maybe not the desert—I am not partial to rattlesnakes and scorpions. But I do enjoy looking up at the billions of stars that can be seen when one is far away from city lights.



I have been doing it since I was in my teens. Collecting rocks, looking forward to my Dads' return from his trips in the Southwest when he might bring

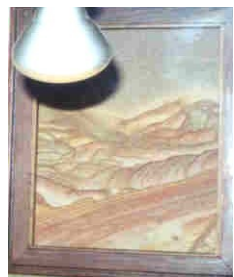
me a cool rock. A turquoise bolo, a crystal lined chunk of petrified wood, a specimen of petrified Mojave Ironwood. Fossil coral from near the Grand Canyon. Look at the lovely colors! Marvel over the incredibly old, gnarled, and knotted wood, possess a 300-million year old horn coral that was once at the bottom of an ocean in Ohio!

When I was about 15, I got to go to the Grand Canyon with my Dad on one of his sales trips. All those layers of sediment that were deposited in oceans that once covered the land, stacked on top of the seventeen hundred million-(plus) year-old Vishnu Schist. That was one magnificent hole, over a mile deep, and carved by the Colorado River in a relative twinkling of a geologic eye between about 5 and 1.2 million years ago.

Wayne at the Grand Canyon in 1956

The extreme antiquity of rocks, and indeed of the earth and the universe provide a stabilizing influence on me. I tend not to be too worried over minor inconveniences, because I know that in the “big picture” they are trivial. I don’t worry about the fact that in another 50-million years, Los Angeles and San Francisco will be neighbors, or that the world will end in 2012 (according Aztec Calendar). I think they just ran out of room on the rock.

Ralph and Helen Smith, deceased members of Orcutt Mineral Society had one of my all-time favorite displays. Helen would pick out the pictures, and Ralph would painstakingly frame the miniature



masterpieces in petrified wood frames. The art was from Natures’ own galleries in Dechutes and Biggs, Oregon; Owyhee and Bruneau, Idaho; the Yellowstone River of Montana; and several other places where Mother Nature has done a remarkable job of imitating herself in rock form.



I get a great deal of pleasure passing on my enjoyment of rocks to others, especially children, and to adults who have not lost the wonderment of youth. I must be good at it, because (to my eternal shame), I once traded a piece of gutter granite to my cousin for a neat, dense, shiny sample of zinc she had. (Her Dad was chief geologist for Kaiser Aluminum at the time). I think she had some of the same awe I did for how those four minerals-quartz, feldspar, biotite (mica), and hornblende could appear so artistically in one rock, and how the parent-rock could be as big as a whole mountain.



As the Old Prospector at our annual gem and mineral show, I get as much enjoyment from seeing the youngsters excitedly discover 1/8 oz “nuggets” of gold casting metal in their gold pans as I do finding 2 flakes of real gold in my pan. Of course, I might be more excited over a real 1/8-ounce gold nugget, but I am not holding my breath.

If you have seen City Slickers, you probably remember Curly’s admonition to Billy Crystal’s character that “what really matters in life is ‘one thing’, our passion”. For the time being, my passion is appreciating the beauty, wonder, mystery, and magic of the

Earth’s natural treasures.

This picture was taken at the Pasadena Gem and Mineral show in 1973. The emerald crystals were supposedly the largest ever found in North America. They are about 4.5 inches long! (The Imperial Topaz crystal, from Brazil, is no slouch either!



President’s Gems

By Debbie Hood

The New Year always means new beginnings. It is time once more time to begin planning for our show. If you have an idea to improve the show or how we do things, now is the time to let me know. You can call or email me at home, or you can step up and take the chairmanship for that area. Either way now is the time to put your 2 cents worth in.

For the show I will be needing chairmen, and I may ask you to take one of the jobs...don’t worry, you will get lots of advice and help, so go ahead and say

“yes!” Also when you do your spring-cleaning, you can donate stuff to the Country Store, we will even store it for you in the locker as long as we have space to do so. When you do your spring pruning, start some little plants for the plant sale. Begin planning a case display...everyone in the club has something that would be interesting to the public to see. Begin planning and making your contribution to the Treasure Chest, we will be having a prize for the best contribution again this year. We also need some folks to man a Florescence Booth in classroom 4. This was always popular, and we have the equipment and many specimens to display, but it does need someone there to answer questions. And we'll make sure you have the answers.

Also this year we have our new spot on the website for the sale of items donated to the club to raise money for our activities...proceeds can be earmarked to go to a certain fund or activity, so look around and see if you have anything that could boost our resources. Handmade lapidary items would be ideal, as well as specimens, slabs or rough. And you should go and check it out often; to see what is there that might be just what you need! Go to: <http://www.omsinc.org> and click on “To Shop For Donated Goodies”. Check it out!

This year I would like to get a written guide for each committee chair done so that it will be easy enough to see what needs to be done. That will make these positions less intimidating. Also the same for officers, none of the jobs in our club are overwhelming; so I want to make it clear what is involved in each position. So when I call on you for a summary of what you do or have done in the past, know that I will not be critical. I want to make it as easy as possible for someone who has never held the job before, to figure out what they need to do. This will help everyone to understand just what a specific job entails.

I have not forgotten the goal of finding a place to have a shop for members. I was not successful last term, but the goal is still there. If you learn of a opportunity, please let us know. Now, go out there and have fun!

Exciting New Show On Discovery Channel

By Debbie Hood

There is a new show on the discovery channel called **The Best Places To Find Cash & Treasures** with Becky Worley. Becky has gone hunting for diamonds at Crater of Diamonds State Park,

sunstones in Oregon, sapphires, aquamarines, sharks teeth, bottles, gold, opals, sunken treasure and truffles. For times and dates see your local TV listings, or go to <http://travel.discovery.com/>, and click on the Travel Channel and look for the show's name. The website has a treasure hunt tool kit which tells you what you need to take to hunt at a particular site, there are blogs for each site telling all about the conditions etc. and there is a google earth map showing where the sites are. When they find a stone, they take it for appraisal, have it cut/faceted and reappraise it. This is a very well done show and Becky doesn't mind getting down and dirty to bag that prize stone!

Gem Shorts - Amethyst

By Debbie Hood

The origin of the name “amethyst,” and explanations for some of its reputed properties are rooted in the mythology of the Greeks. According to the Greek story, Amethyst originated when Dionysus, (the god of wine, intoxication, celebration, and joviality,) became insulted by a mortal who had refused to acknowledge him. In a fury, Dionysus swore to unleash his rage upon all mortals who did not partake in his gifts of wine and drunkenness. He immediately spotted a young maiden named Amethyst who was pure and had never been intoxicated. The unsuspecting young woman was on her way to pay homage to the goddess Diana, but was detained by the wrathful god. Dionysus summoned a pair of fierce, hungry tigers to devour the youth and sat back with his wine to watch. Amethyst cried out to Diana for aid and when Diana saw what was about to happen, she quickly transformed the maiden into a glimmering pure white stone (quartz) to protect her from the vicious wrath of Dionysus. Moved with pity at the purity shown by the woman's transformation, Dionysus saw the ruthlessness of his actions and began to weep with sorrow. As the tears dripped into his wine goblet, Dionysus collapsed in remorse and the tear-tainted wine ran out onto the stone from the dropped cup. The white stone absorbed the color from the wine, creating the stone now called amethyst - reputed to stand both for purity and against drunkenness.

The Romans, who took many of their beliefs from the Greeks, believed that drinking from a cup cut from amethyst would prevent them from becoming drunk. Even wearing an amethyst ring would protect

against the effects of alcohol, and keep one sober in business dealings and decision-making.

In ancient Egypt amethyst was considered to have powers to keep one's heart from becoming heavy with sins, an important point as the heart was weighted in a balance against a feather in the judgment of whether a person entered the afterlife or not. In the middle ages an amethyst with an image of a bear engraved on it was reputed to protect one from demons. Amethysts in general were believed to have the power to control evil thoughts and to preserve the wearer from contagion by illness, or injury on the battlefield, as well as to bring success at hunting. Amethyst was also quite important in astronomy and alchemy and was considered a very powerful force. We see a left over of that in our Birthstones, with each different stone having been believed to have the power to influence for good the events that occurred to a person born in a certain month. Many vessels and utensils used in alchemy had to be formed from amethyst, a "pure" stone.

In the bible, amethyst figures in the breastplate of Aaron in Exodus, and as the twelfth foundation of the city of god in Revelations. Amethyst was the stone representing the tribe of Dan.

Generally throughout history and across cultures the amethyst seems to have been associated with innocence and purity and have the power to preserve the individual with those characteristics against all sorts of evils. Amethyst continues to hold its association with purity and is often found in Catholic ornaments. It is also known as the stone of Bishops and many of them wear rings set with amethysts. St Valentine, a Bishop, was reputed to have worn an old Roman ring with an amethyst that was engraved with cupid's portrait on it.

We know today that wearing any stone will not prevent drunkenness, but if you aren't spending your money on booze, you can afford a very nice amethyst, as this is a plentiful as well as beautiful stone.

Orcutt Mineral Society Board Meeting Mussell Sr. Center, Santa Maria, CA December 5, 2006

President Bob Bullock called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m.

Board members present were: Bob Bullock, Sylvia Nasholm, Gary Sheffer, Dee Dee Magri, Bill Hood, Debbie Hood, Wayne Mills, Elaine Von Achen and

Wes Lingerfelt. Guests were Sandy Berthelot and Mike Henson.

Minutes of the previous board meeting were approved as published in the December 2006 newsletter.

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

Correspondence: Elaine Von Achen reported receiving newsletters from San Geronio Mineral & Gem Society, Santa Cruz Mineral & Gem Society, Capistrano Valley Rock & Mineral Club and Native American Ministries. There was also a letter from Lew Helfrich, San Joaquin Valley Lapidary Society including a flyer for the 5th annual Rock & Mineral Rendezvous March 23-25, 2007 at the Kern County Fair Grounds.

Committee Reports:

Sunshine: Sylvia Nasholm reported that both of her parents were very ill. Wes said that Jeannie is much improved and has been shopping.

Abused Children: Debbie Hood read a letter from the Department of Children's Services of Santa Barbara County thanking the club for their donation of \$500.00 in Wal-Mart gift cards to be used for children in foster care for necessities when brought into care as well as rewards for school work achievements, birthday and Christmas gifts.

Raffle: Wayne mills passed around an accounting of the last year's income and expenses.

Adopt-a-Highway: Bob Bullock announced a successful clean up by Wes and Marty Lingerfelt, John Von Achen, Ralph Bishop, Don Nasholm, Geary Sheffer and Wayne and Todd Mills. One of these individuals will be the lucky winner of a raffle to be awarded at the December general meeting.

Field Trips: Bob Bullock reported that everything is still a go for December's trip to Big Sandy Creek Saturday, December 16th.

Old Business:

Bill Hood announced that 49 people signed up for the December Business meeting and luncheon to be held at Maria Del Sol on the 9th. Wes said the poinsettias have been purchased for the table decorations.

New Business:

Wes Lingerfelt asked if anyone had been into the Club's website and seen the new link for club donations? He said that he had just listed a Rhyolite sphere donated by Lucky Virgin and encouraged everyone to view it, as it was a real beauty.

There was some discussion on the possibility of the club purchasing an Infocus projector to be used for programs at our general meetings. A motion was made by Bob Bullock to look into the purchase of an in focus projector not to exceed \$1,200 and was seconded by Wayne Mills. Wes Lingerfelt agreed to see what he could find.

Wes announced that Mid State Bank requires us to have a resolution to remove Robert Bullock from the Mid State Bank account and to add Deborah Hood. This will be done at the December meeting.

President Bob Bullock adjourned the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Elaine Von Achen, Secretary OMS

Orcutt Mineral Society, General Meeting, Maria Del Sol, Santa Maria, CA. December 9, 2006

President Bob Bullock called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Debbie Hood gave the President's annual report with highlights as follows:

The abused children's fund is a valued part of our community. It helps children in need with the little extras they might not otherwise have. Jan Ferguson has agreed to head the committee in 2007.

Sunshine – Sylvia Nasholm injured her knee and had surgery. Frank Sausa, Sylvia's dad, has not been well and Mary Sausa, her mother, is ill as well. Jeannie Lingerfelt had a blood clot and Virginia Rogers broke her arm. Christine Clason, Helen Bishop and Alexis Van Natta all had surgery and are all on the mend.

Charlie Azevedo, Pat Nuernberg and Peter Dettelis were welcomed back as they had not been at meetings for a while.

Review 2006 – The club is in the black. Scholarships given out totaled \$850.00. Thanks to Bob Bullock as President and to Wes Lingerfelt for all of their work.

The abused children's fund has increased by \$50.00 this year.

Wes Lingerfelt has continued donating time for education and we again participated in educational scholarship awards that increased by \$50.00 for the year. Wayne Mills and displays in local libraries. The club participated in Santa Maria History Week at the Town Center Mall. Highway Clean up continued through the year. We had new editors for the newsletter "Ore-Cutts" and many of our members

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won bulletin awards. We once again donated food items for the hungry. The beading group has another year behind them. The weather kind of interfered with the field trips, but we still managed to get quite a few trips in. We lost three members in 2006: Chuck Ferguson, Helen Smith and Jill Nelson.

Goals for 2007 – We hope to get the various committees running more smoothly. We would like to see new donations for the web site to generate funds for the club. We plan to get the historical society archives on the web site.

In conclusion we wish everyone a wonderful New Year.

Election of Board Members: Sandy Berthelot, Mike Henson, Dee Dee Magri, Gary Sheffer and Sylvia Nasholm. Wes Lingerfelt made a motion that we approve the slate of candidates for the board. Bob Bullock seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Election of Officers: President – Deborah Hood, ice President Elect– Wayne Mills, Secretary - Elaine Von Achen, Treasurer – Wes Lingerfelt. Bob Bullock made a motion that we accept the slate of officers. Margaret Henson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Wes Lingerfelt gave an eloquent talk on the fact that he was grateful for each and every member and that it was brought home to him, through Jeannie's recent illness, how things can change in an instant and a person can be here today and gone tomorrow. He just reminded us to treasure each and every moment we have with our loved ones and friends.

As treasurer Wes Lingerfelt read the proposed budget for 2007. Bob Bullock made a motion to accept the budget. Mike Henson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Elaine Von Achen read the December 5, 2006 board minutes. Minutes were accepted as read.

Wayne Mills made a motion that we have a resolution to remove Robert Bullock from the Mid State Bank account and to add Deborah Hood. Wes Lingerfelt seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Our Christmas program was Christmas carols sung by the "Sweet Adeline's". They belong to the Tri City Sounds Chorus.

We had the installation of officers followed by awards and recognition.

Meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Elaine Von Achen, Secretary OMS

Earth Notes:

AB 32 – The *California Global Warming Solutions Act* of 2006 requires the California Air Resources Board to publish a list of discrete, early action measures by June 30th, 2007, and to adopt regulations that are enforceable by January 1st, 2010.

The ARB has scheduled a symposium for March 5, 6, and 7, 2007 to discuss their draft regulations. Please visit their website below for more information. The website will soon be updated with a draft agenda.

<http://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/cc.htm#030507symp>



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

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

January 2007 Calendar

Tuesday January 2, 2007 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.	OMS Board Meeting-Elwin Mussell Senior Center. All members are welcome at this business meeting.
	Field Trip To Be Announced
Tuesday January 9, 2007 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.	OMS General Meeting-Elwin Mussell Senior Center. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program- Collecting On The Central Coast by Wayne Mills • Display-Rocks of the Central Coast • Refreshments-Do-Nuts

Saturday January 20, 2007 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.	Roadside Clean up After the cleanup, coffee and pastry at "Francisco's Country Kitchen" in Santa Maria.
Saturday January 27, 2007 8:15 a.m. to 9:15 a.m.	OMS Monthly Breakfast-Francisco's Country Kitchen in Santa Maria.

February 2007 Calendar

Tuesday February 6, 2007 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	OMS Board Meeting Mussell Senior Center. All members are welcome at this business meeting.
Tuesday February 13, 2007 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.	OMS General Meeting Elwin Mussell Senior Center. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program- CFMS Program • Display- Pink & Heart Shaped Rocks • Refreshments Cake
Saturday, February 24,2007 8:15 a.m. to 9:15 a.m.	OMS Monthly Breakfast-Francisco's Country Kitchen in Santa Maria.
	Field Trip To Be Announced

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Dues Are Due

Poor lackadaisical Lou!

Waited too long to pay dues

She was struck off the roster

Didn't realize that it'd cost her:

The Ore-Cutts news, don't let it happen to you!

All dues are due by the March meeting if you are to be included in the 2007 Redbook. *Don't put it off!*



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2007 Shows

January 20-21 2007, Exeter, CA

Tule Gem & Mineral Society
Exeter Veteran's Memorial Bldg. Hwy 65
Hours: Sat. 10 - 5; Sun. 10 - 4
Steve Hayward (559) 734-3843
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January 20-28 2007, Redlands, CA

The Mineralogical Society of Southern CA
42nd. Pacific Micromount Conference
San Bernardino County Museum
2024 Orange Tree Lane (exit North on California St. from I-10)
Hours: Fri. 7 - 10; Sat. 10 - 10; Sun. 9 - 12

February 16 - 25, 2007, 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

February 24 - 25, 2007, Antioch, CA

Antioch Lapidary Club
Contra Costa County Fairgrounds
Flower Building at West 10th & L t's
Hours: 10 - 5 both days
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