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The Pres Box—January 2015

Dyana Cridelich



I hope that every one of you had a wonderful Christmas, filled with all the love and joy of the season. Now it is January—a time of hope and new beginnings. Here's wishing a happy,

healthy and prosperous New Year to all.

I'm looking forward to our first general meeting on January 13th. Due to the fact that several Board members are traveling to Quartzite, the Board meeting has been postponed until January 13th. It will take place a half hour before the general meeting. Anyone who would like to attend is heartily welcomed.

To help our society grow and be viable during these shaky economic times, we need to make our meetings interesting and programs informative. Let me know if you have gone on a field trip that you thought was awesome. I'm sure someone else would like to go as well.

We already have several excellent programs lined up for this year. Richard Wade has agreed to return in March with a masterful talk on Astronomy. I'm sure he will not disappoint.

To get our programs off to a flying start, this month we will be showing an award-

winning video on Kentucky Agates. For your display, please bring your favorite agates OR your favorite holiday acquisition.

At our meeting, I will be passing around suggestion sheets for future programs that you would like to see given and field trips that you would like to take. I will also be passing around a sign-up sheet for refreshments for 2015. I encourage all of you to sign up.

At the meeting, I will also be filling positions for chairman for all our committees and hope you will volunteer to work with me. Is there a committee you have always wanted to work on? Let me know and I'm sure we can fulfill your wishes.

As most of you already know, we are in need of someone to fill the opening of "**Refreshments**". Alexis Van Natta has agreed to do it temporarily but since she can't lift heavy objects, she will need some help getting it set up and taken down. If anyone would like to take on this very important committee chair, please contact me and I can give you the specifics of the job.

Speaking of refreshments, Elaine Von Achen has volunteered to bring us lots of yummy donuts at our January meeting. That sounds like a sweet note on which to end this.

Again, I am excited to get started in this New Year, 2015. I know it's going to be fun. Let's all work together to make it the best one yet.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



Birthday greetings go out to those folks who are having birthdays and Anniversaries in January. **Ore-Cutts regrets the omission of Renea Sutcliffe's**

December 15 birthday from the December Ore-Cutts. Sorry Renea!

January Birthdays

Berthelot, Paul	1/10
Nuernberg, Pat	1/11
Limon, Daniel	1/21
Howard, Sir Paul	1/28
Von Achen, Elaine	1/30

January Anniversaries

Don and Sylvia Nasholm	1/10
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Congratulations!

*If you don't see your name here when you should, then the information is not in **The Red Book**. Please write your important dates down and give them to Wes Lingerfelt so they will be included in the next edition (2015).*

SUNSHINE

Jeannie Lingerfelt

We wish Debra Hood well on her recent Hip surgery. We heard she is doing well.

FEBRUARY FIELD TRIP (Save the Date!!)

Wayne Mills, Field Trip Coordinator

Here is a belated Christmas present, make that Valentine's Day present. I have been informed that Ralph Bishop's Rock Room is ready to be toured, and have secured a date for us to view it. Anyone who has seen it will tell you that it is well worth the trip. I will tell you that it is the largest and finest private rock and fossil collection that I have ever seen. If you want to see the best of what is available for local rock collecting, Ralph has it, plus a whole lot more (he used to OWN the Dryhead Agate mine in Montana).

We will meet at Ralph's Place at 10:00 am on Saturday, February 21 and plan to be there from 10-11:30 am or 12 noon. Please carpool if possible as we do not want to crowd Ralph's quiet street. Ralph's address is: 618 E. Cook Street, Santa Maria, CA.

LETTERS

Jan Ferguson, Abused Children Fund Coordinator

We received the following note dated December 8, 2014 from the County of Santa Barbara Social Services Department:

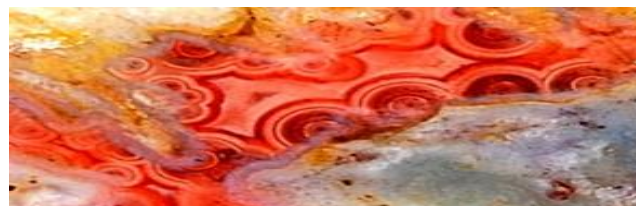
"Dear Orcutt Mineral Society,

I wanted to personally thank you for your generous gift of \$700 to the foster children in Santa Barbara County. Every Christmas we have to scramble to make sure that every child in our care has a nice Christmas. Many of the children are placed with relatives on a fixed income or with others who have limited means. Your generosity will ensure that each child in placement, over 500, have a nice Christmas.

Thank you again, Selene Lariba, MA, Social Services Supervisor, Child Welfare Services"

Ken Kreh Memorial Service

The memorial service for Ken Kreh, member of the Orcutt Gem and Mineral Club for many years, will be on Saturday, January 10th, 2015 at the Blacklake golf course banquet room beginning at 2pm. There will be a Masonic service followed by a Celebration of life after which coffee, tea and wine along with appetizers will be served. Everyone in the club who knew Ken is invited to attend and remember and celebrate his time among us.



Don't miss the OMS January Program on Kentucky Agates!

EVER WISH YOU HAD A GENIE ©?

(Used lapidary equipment for sale)

Here is your chance!

Wayne is selling his used (Diamond Pacific) **Genie** lapidary machine. It has 2 metal and 4 cloth wheels (80-220-280-600-1800-3000 grit). Most of the wheels have about 25% wear left, a couple have less. It is pretty clean and still runs well. Wayne is asking \$850 as is. New, the machines go for about \$2200. Call 805-481-3495 if interested.

Diamond Pacific Corp - **Genie**
In excellent condition - \$1000.00
Contact Amy McDaniel @ 805-929-8969.
Local pickup in Nipomo, CA. only

A Diamond Pacific Corp **Big Foot** w/Trim Saw. In Excellent condition - \$900.00,
Contact Wes Lingerfelt @ 805-929-3788.
You pay shipping if required.

A Diamond Pacific Corp - **X-pert**
In Excellent condition - \$1500.00
Contact Jeannie Lingerfelt @ 805-929-3788.
You pay shipping if required.

BALLS OF JOLLY—Cayucos, June 2010
Hand blown ornaments—quite lovely!
Picture by Wayne Mills



WHAT YOU WANT (MAYBE I GOT IT) Member Poll

One of the most onerous tasks in the society is planning the programs for the coming year. That is 10 programs per year that will hopefully meet the expectations of most members at each meeting. To assist us with this task, please check all the items in the following list that appeal to you. When complete, please hand a copy to Alexis Van Nata at our January meeting.

X	Member Program Poll—2015
	Rocks
	Fossils
	Minerals
	Silver work
	Wire wrapping
	Gem Trees
	Beading
	Prospecting
	Geodes
	Local collecting locations
	Displaying
	Sphere making
	Rock identification workshop
	Member collecting stories
	Agates
	Jaspers
	Other (list)?

WATCH THIS SPACE—It might remain blank unless someone writes a story (submits an article) to help fill it!!



KID'S CORNER

The World's 6 most Famous Rocks

Can you guess what they are? (Hint: a couple are pretty large, people try to kiss two of them and people worship a couple of them. Make a list of what you think, and **we will publish the answers in February.**

Volcanoes

How many extrusive volcanic rocks (formed from lava) can you name*?

B _ _ _ _ _
A _ _ _ _ _
D _ _ _ _ _
S _ _ _ _ _
P _ _ _ _ _
O _ _ _ _ _
R _ _ _ _ _
T _ _ _ _

Don't look yet...

Deep "C"

What element forms both the hardest and one of the softest naturally formed substances on Earth?

Hint: The element's soft form is called Graphite, and its hard form is called Diamond. **

* (Basalt, Andesite, Dacite, Scoria, Pumice, Obsidian, Rhyolite, Tuff)

** Carbon (C)—Element #6



INCOMING PRESIDENT'S PEP TALK

Hello everyone. It is so nice to see all of you here this afternoon in this beautiful place. I must admit that I get a bit nervous speaking in front of groups of people, so I will try to keep this short and sweet but from the heart.

First, I want to thank all of you for your vote of confidence by electing me to the office of President for the coming year. I am really looking forward to taking the helm and helping to create a great year for the OMS.

For over 20 years, the Orcutt Mineral Society has given me so many good times and promoted lasting friendships. It has educated and enlightened me on a myriad of fascinating and interesting topics that I would not have been introduced to otherwise. Because of this, it only seemed right that I give something back to the society. My way of doing that was to become more involved. You have given me the chance to do this and I thank you very much.

My hope for the OMS in 2015 is to continue to learn more about our hobby by uncovering new and exciting programs and offering field trips that are fun for children of all ages. We have all gone on field trips, researched a new stone or tumbled rocks. Let's share these experiences with each other. There are many ways in which one can become involved.

All of you have years of experience in this wonderful hobby. I'm calling on your many years of combined experience to help me be the best President I can be in 2015. If any of you have suggestions or guidance for me, please don't hesitate to let me know. All your opinions are valuable to me and even the smallest idea or suggestion may have a profound impact. With your help and support, I look forward to an exciting, fun-filled year.

Here's wishing you a joy-filled Holiday season and a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

*Thank you,
Dyanna*

PICTURES FROM THE ANNUAL MEETING

Pictures by Wayne Mills, Wes Lingerfelt and Bill Hood





Many thanks to Elaine Von Achen for arranging this beautiful venue (The Madonna Inn—Round Room) for our Annual Meeting. We came, we ate, we did our business, and a good time was had by all!

**ORCUTT MINERAL SOCIETY—
Board Meeting
Nipomo Chamber of Commerce, Nipomo, CA
December 2, 2014**

President Elaine Von Achen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Board members present were Wes Lingerfelt, Jeannie Lingerfelt, Elaine Von Achen, Dyanna Cridelich, Sandy Berthelot, Wayne Mills, Jan Ferguson and John Von Achen. Paul Berthelot and Alexis Van Natta were guests.

Minutes: Minutes of the November general meeting were approved as printed in the December OMS Bulletin with one correction, changing the date of our board meeting from November 14th to November 4th.

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

Correspondence: None

Committee Reports:

Abused Children: None

Annual December Luncheon Meeting: Everything has been set for the Madonna Inn on December 13th at 12:00 noon. We have 45 persons attending.

Annual Gem Show:

Breakfast: There is no breakfast in December.

Bulletin: On the web and mailed.

CFMS: Wes said he ordered the pins and bars for outgoing board and officers.

Education: None

Field Trip: None

Highway Clean-up: None

Library: None

Membership: None

Refreshments: Elaine will bring donuts for the January meeting.

Scholarship: None

Sunshine: Jeannie Lingerfelt had nothing to report and that was a good thing.

Old Business: None

New Business:

As so many of the board members will be in Quartzsite at the January board meeting it was decided that we hold a short meeting a half hour before our general meeting on the 13th.

Jan Ferguson requested a check from the abused children fund so she could get gift cards. We were able to donate \$700.00 this year.

Elaine made a motion that we send a check for \$100 to the CFMS as a memorial to Ken Kreh. Wayne seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned by President Elaine Von Achen at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Elaine Von Achen, Secretary, OMS

**ORCUTT MINERAL SOCIETY—
General Meeting
Madonna inn, San Luis Obispo, Ca, CA
December 13, 2014**

President Elaine Von Achen called the meeting to order at 12:20 a.m.

Mike Henson gave the invocation.

Mariah Martinez led the flag salute.

Elaine asked each member who had brought a guest to introduce their guest. Truman Burgess introduced Velvedeen Elder. Joe Azevedo introduced Michelle Patino and Krystal Patino. Sharon Duncan introduced Kathy Burkhart. Virginia Rogers introduced Mary Rafferty. Mike Schmidt introduced his wife, Susana Schmidt and Samantha Schmidt introduced her date, Ben Saadna. All guest were welcomed.

Dinner was served following the introduction of guests.

At 1:25 p.m. the business part of our meeting started with the following:

Elaine Von Achen gave the President's Annual Report (The Year in Review). She gave an overview of the field trips in 2014 and asked for more member support. She noted that the annual Gem Show was a success and most members turned out to help in one way or another. She listed

the 2014 programs and commented on the quality of the programs as well as member participation. She also mentioned that as membership chairman for the past 8 years this was the first time we did not have any new members join our organization. She said that we had some ups and some downs, but that the ups quite outnumbered the downs and it was a good year. She thanked everyone for their help and participation.

Elaine Von Achen read the minutes from the December 2, 2014 board meeting. Minutes were approved as read.

Wes Lingerfelt gave the treasurer's report. It was accepted as given. Wes also handed out copies of the proposed budget for 2015. Wayne Mills made a motion to accept the proposed budget. Jan Ferguson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Wayne Mills asked for approval to have Richard Wade do a program in 2015. Mr. Wade's fee is \$275.00 (*plus gas-- Ed.*) per program. Mike Henson made the motion to have Mr. Wade at \$275.00. Renea Sutcliff seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Wes Lingerfelt swore in the following officers and board members for the coming 2015 year: Dyanna Cridelich - President, Alexis Van Natta - President Elect, Elaine Von Achen - Secretary, Wes Lingerfelt - Treasurer and board members John Von Achen, Jeannie Lingerfelt, Sandy Berthelot, Mike Henson and Jan Ferguson.

Elaine acknowledged five members who had really been a help to her and to the club. First was Lisa and Joe Azevedo for their outstanding help as hospitality chairmen. They received a "DeeDeeite" sphere for their service.

Next was Jeannie Lingerfelt for her dedication in providing coffee and treats for the board meeting for the entire year. Jeannie received a basket of baking supplies.

Her next presentation was to Wayne Mills for always being willing to help in whatever way is asked of him. Wayne received a poster of himself playing the piano at the Children's Museum.

And lastly, she acknowledged Sylvia Nasholm for just being there for her, not just last year but for the past years as well. Sylvia is always there to lend a hand, or an ear. She was given some old fashioned ribbon Christmas candy and a hand turned bottle stopper.

Wayne Mills asked to come up to the front and he presented Elaine with a beautiful, handmade gavel and stand which included a horned toad on the stand. Elaine has always like horned toads since she played with them as a child. (*The attached plaque recognized Elaine's year of service as President, and her 10 years of service as Secretary of OMS. Ed.*)

Our new President, Dyanna Cridelich gave a short speech and thanked everyone for electing her and said she is looking forward to a good year.

We had our gift exchange hosted by Sylvia Nasholm and assisted by Joseph and Mariah Martinez and the meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m. by President Dyanna Cridelich.

Elaine Von Achen
Secretary, OMS

OMS CALENDAR

JANUARY 2015

Tuesday, January 6 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. Moved to January 13th at 6:30PM Luis Oasis	All members are welcome at this meeting
Saturday, January 10 8:00 a.m.	Highway Clean-up-SE corner Rtes. 101/166 East
Tuesday, January 13 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.	OMS General Meeting— Luis Oasis Senior Center. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program-Kentucky Agates • Display- Agates • Refreshments- Doughnuts
Saturday, January 24 8:30 a.m.	OMS Monthly Breakfast- The Girls, Arroyo Grande

FEBRUARY 2015

Tuesday, February 6 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.	OMS Board Meeting, Nipomo Chamber of Commerce meeting room, All members are welcome at this meeting
Tuesday, February 13 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.	OMS General Meeting— Luis Oasis Senior Center. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program-TBD • Display- Agates • Refreshments-Cakes

Saturday, February 21 10:00 a.m.	Field Trip to Ralph's museum
Saturday, February 28 8:30 a.m.	OMS Monthly Breakfast- The Sunset Grill

CFMS SHOWS

JANUARY 2015

January 17 - 18: EXETER, CA

Tule Gem & Mineral Society, Visalia
Exeter Veterans Memorial Building
324 N Kaweah Avenue, Hwy 65
Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4
Contact: Bill Bingaman, (559) 741-6381
Email: bandgbing@aol.com
Website: www.tulegem.com

FEBRUARY 2015

February 13 - 22: INDIO, CA

San Geronio Mineral & Gem Society,
Cabazon
Riverside Co. Fair & National Date Festival
82-503 Highway 11
Hours: 10 am - 10 pm daily
Contact: Bert Grisham, (915) 849-1674
Email: bert67@verizon.net

February 27 - March 8, IMPERIAL, CA

Imperial Valley Gem & Mineral Society
Imperial Valley Expo
200 East 2nd Street
Hours: Sat-Sun: 12-10 pm; Mon-Fri 4 pm -
10 pm
John Pyle, Jr. (760) 562-3453
Email: jcwus@sbcglobal.net
Website: www.IVGMS.org

February 28 - March 1: VALLEJO, CA

Vallejo Gem & Mineral Society
Solano County Fairgrounds, Mc Cormack
Hall
900 Fairgrounds Drive
Hours: 10:00 am - 5:00 pm daily
Contact: Dan Wolke, 707 334-2950
Email: dncwolke@sbcglobal.net
Website: www.vjgems.org

2015 - OMS Officers

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Imm. Past Pres.	Elaine Von Achen	(805) 929-1488
Federation Rep.	Wes Lingerfelt	(805) 929-3788

2015 - OMS Board Members

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Jan Ferguson	(805) 474-9977
Mike Henson	(805) 934-1308
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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

The ORE CUTTS (named after, William Orcutt) was first published in 1966. Member Helen Azevedo was the first editor. The Orcutt Mineral Society was founded in 1958, and was also named after Orcutt who was a geologist and civil engineer who worked in the Santa Maria Valley as a District Manager for Union Oil Company in 1888. In 1889, William Orcutt discovered the mineral and fossil wealth of the La Brea Tar Pits on the property of Captain Alan Hancock in Los Angeles. The La Brea Tar Pits are one of the most significant fossil finds in paleontological history.

OMS is a non-profit organization 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 the 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.

