



Birthdays

Jeannie Beattie
January 2

Pat Nuernberg
January 11

Virginia Rogers
January 21

Kathy Holtz
January 23

Elizabeth Nybo
January 27

Sir Paul Howard
January 28

Elaine Von Achen
January 30

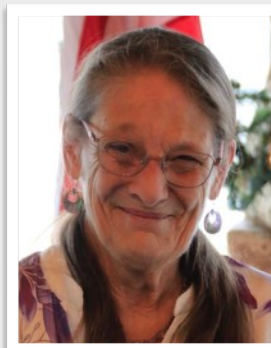
Anniversaries

Don and Silva Nashholm
January 10

Thank You!

The OMS donated \$750 to CASA to help children in our area! Please continue your support in 2023.

The Prez Box - January 2023



Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a healthy and happy holiday season!

Before I start 2023, I would like to apologize to all who attended the Annual Awards Banquet. I guess my brain took an early vacation! The speeches I had intended to give didn't come out the way that I intended, I froze. The one thing that I wanted to get out of my mouth was

my praise and thanks to my Officers and Board! Everyone put a great deal into making this year a success! I especially wish to mention Wayne's contribution to my position as President. Wayne went far beyond his position as Immediate Past President! He helped not only to guide me, he was also there to fill in for me when I was in over my head. Whether it was a serious argument with my computer or just ran out of hours in a day, he was always there to pick up the pieces I left behind. Thank you, Wayne! You and Wes really kept my hind quarters out of the fire!

Other than the malfunctioning of your President, the Awards banquet went well. There was a little problem with the service and to the horror of some, they ran out of Black Forest Cake before everyone was served! To some, that is the highlight of their meal! In addition to the President's gifts to the Officers and Directors for their assistance in making 2022 a success, the Board presented Wes and Jeannie Lingerfelt with a thank you card and a gift certificate to a restaurant around the corner from their house. We wanted to thank them for

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January 2023

January 2 at 7:00 pm - Board Meeting in Wes Lingerfelt's garden.

January 10 at 7:00 pm - OMS General Meeting at the Oasis Senior Center in Orcutt.

January 14 at 8:00am - Highway cleanup at the southwest corner of highway 101 and 166.

January 21- FIELD TRIP

Jalama Beach Trip. We will meet at the Home Depot in Lompoc and carpool. We will meet at 10 am.

February 2023

February 6 at 7:00 pm - Board Meeting in Wes Lingerfelt's garden.

February 14 at 7:00 pm - OMS General Meeting at the Oasis Senior Center in Orcutt.

**February 18 - FIELD TRIP
TBD**

Who's Bringing Snacks

The Club will provide the traditional yearly donuts at our January General Meeting. Don't forget to sign up to bring refreshments in 2023. Thank you!

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hosting our Board meetings this year. Wes received a trophy awarding his service as Presidential Advisor. Wayne gave me a live Spruce tree to symbolize the Life of OMS. I am to plant it and watch it grow big and strong as we hope Orcutt Mineral Society will continue to do. The gift exchange went well. We lowered the number of times a gift could be stolen from 3 to 2 this year which helped with the tight timeline. Joey did an excellent job as gift exchange coordinator! Having been thrown in to the position, nearly blind, she did great! She even added a touch of her own to the traditions. Another addition this year was tracking who got what gift. Wayne charted each person and the gift they chose, or re-chose. All in all, we had a good time and enjoyed the afternoon! We now bid 2022 a fond farewell!! It's time to greet the new year!

Hello 2023! We all hope our successes this year will allow you to shine bright enough to stand out among the crowd of yesteryears! Not much to say about 2023 yet. We will be passing out some sign up sheets during our next couple meetings. One will be a sign up sheet for Monthly Refreshments. Lisa Azevedo has volunteered to be chairperson for refreshments but she needs a helper or two. Usually it requires about 30 minutes before the meeting and 30 minutes after. If anyone would be willing to give Lisa a hand it would be greatly appreciated! Just let Lisa and/or I know if you are willing to give her a hand. The second sign up sheet will be for anyone who would like to present a program for our monthly meetings. Please be thinking about your interests and if there is something you would like to learn or tell us about. It doesn't have to be fancy. Wes has a lot of videos he can show but I really enjoy the home brewed programs! I will try to have displays for the month reflect the topic of our programs. Even though I may request related displays, as always, we never limit what is displayed! You are always welcome to bring anything you would like!!

January's Program is a mystery. Wes is presenting the program and hasn't quite decided what it will be. It may be a summary of his trip to Quartzite or one of his many educational videos.

Weather permitting, Joey Nichols is planning our first 2023 field trip to Jalama Beach on Saturday, January 21st. At our January General Meeting she intends to bring a selection

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Orcutt Mineral Society Board Meeting - December 5, 2022

Called to Order: at 7:14 pm by Sally Griffith

Members Present: Sally Griffith, Wayne Mills, Betty Campbell, Renea Sutcliffe, Tara Machin, Jeanne Walkins, and Jan Ferguson. Guests: Wes Lingerfelt, Joey Nichols, Joe Goetz

Previous Minutes: No corrections

Treasurer's Report: No updates

Correspondence: Santa Lucia Rockhound newsletter, AFMS newsletter, and Salvation Army requests for money.

Committee Reports:

1. **Bulletin-** No Updates
2. **CFMS/AFMS-** Wayne read the notes from the AFMS December newsletter. There was no November AFMS newsletter and the December AFMS newsletter was too late for the OMS newsletter. All of the notes will be published in the January addition of the OMS newsletter.
3. **Membership-** Sally motioned to suspend the rules for one time to allow Joey Nichols and Joe Goetz to be on the board in 2023. The motion was seconded and the board voted to approve. Joey Nichols was also installed as the Assistant Secretary to help Tara Machin in her duties.
4. **Field Trip-** The January field trip will be to Jalama Beach on January 21st. The time is TBD based on low tide. The meeting time will be available by the printing of the January OMS newsletter. The current plan is to meet at the Home Depot in Lompoc and then car pool down to Jalama Beach. Bring money for a burger at the cafe.
5. **Adopt-a-Highway-** The next Highway cleanup will be on January 14, 2023 at 8:00 am. We meet at the southwest corner of highway 101 and 166.

6. **Annual Awards Banquet-** The meals are paid for. The agenda is done, but we don't think that there will be enough time for the gift exchange since we have 20 more people than before. Sally said that she will try to be as quick as possible with the meeting so we can start the gift exchange by 2:00 pm. Lunch will be served at 12:30 pm. Renea will buy Poinsettias for the tables if the price is right. Abused Children fund will be \$750. We raised about \$650 over the year and the club will bump it up to \$750. We will start off the next year with a collection for the abused children's fund and a canned good drive for the Salvation Army.

7. **Education-** No report

8. **Library-** No report

9. **Sunshine-** No report

10. **Scholarship-** No report

Show: Wes is going to Quartzite in January and will bring back polished rocks for the Kids booth and geodes to break. Wayne to ask Santa Lucia if he can borrow their geode cracker.

Old Business: Old business will carry over to January

New Business: Sally requested that all board members and officers have copies of OMS standing rules and regulations as well as a copy of the OMS Bylaws at each board meeting so that we can update them throughout 2023.

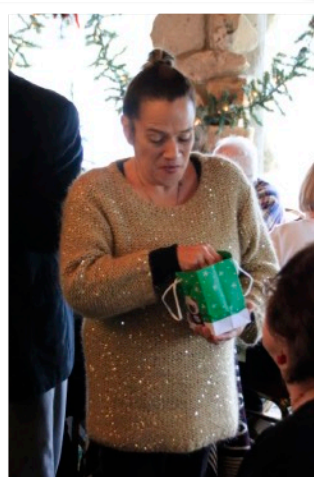
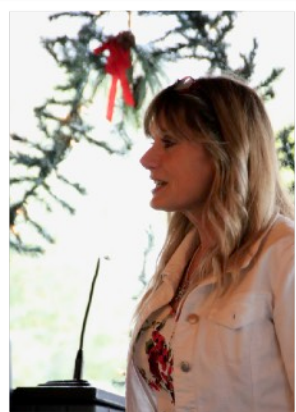
General Meeting Program: Awards, gifts, new officers will be sworn in and HAVE FUN!

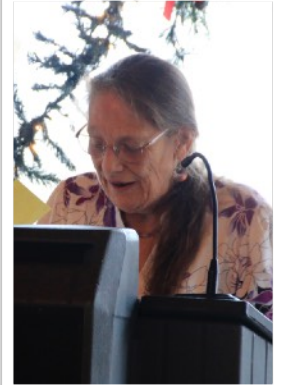
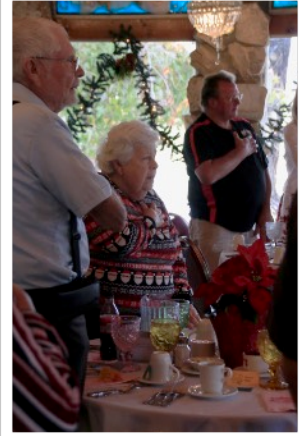
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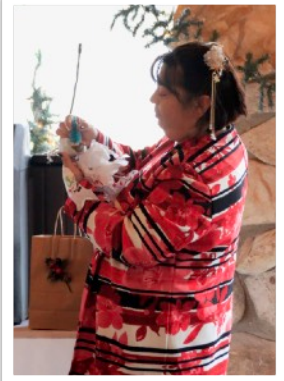
Meeting Adjourned at 8:03 pm

Respectfully submitted by Tara Machin, OMS Secretary

Photos from the Annual Meeting







More photos are on the website at www.omsinc.org

January Field Trip Information

By Joey Nichols, OMS Field Trip Coordinator

Where: Jalama Beach (9999 Jalama Rd Lompoc, CA 93436-9523)

Please Note: The road from Hwy 1 in Lompoc to Jalama Beach includes about 15 miles of a winding road with changing elevation.

When: Saturday, January 21, 2023 @ 10:00 A.M.

Meet-up / Car Pool Location: Home Depot in Lompoc (1701 E. Ocean Ave, Lompoc, CA 93436)

Fees and Parking: Parking is \$10 per vehicle and dogs are an additional \$3. Be advised that on sunny days and days when the surf is good, the parking lot can fill up early in the morning, especially on the weekends. The fewer vehicles we take, the better. Also, the Jalama Grill is open until 4:30 P.M.

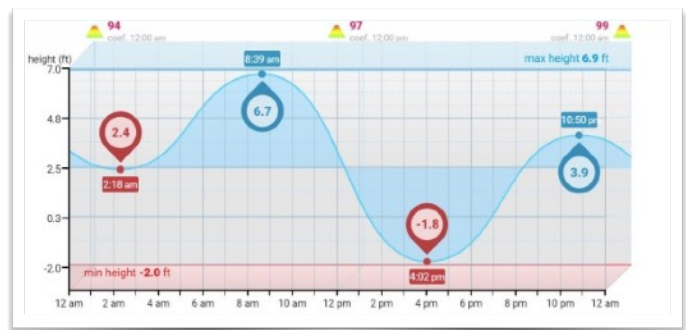
Note to Dog Owners: Dogs must be on a leash inside the campground and when on the center part of the beach in front of the campground. Most people let them run free once past this area, but if you do see a leashed dog in this area, it is recommended that you hold or leash yours until they have passed.

Tide and Terrain: The tide will drop from 6.7 ft to -1.8 ft between approximately 8:30 A.M. and 4:00 P.M., and sunset is around 5:15 P.M. I recommend beginning our hike no later than 12:00 P.M., especially for those interested in walking the **North route*** which is about a mile up the beach and can require climbing when the tides are higher. The trails are a bit gnarly in a few places, so the **South route**** may be preferable for those who have difficulty climbing (or don't want to risk getting their feet wet if they stay on the beach rather than climb. ☺)

* The **North route** leads to a source of Travertine Onyx where the rocks are mostly larger (1/2lb to 20lbs and up), and includes a variety of crystals, agates and fossils.

The **South route has a large variety of mostly smaller rocks (1-3oz), including agates, chert, jasper, fossils, chalcedony, etc. While I have spent over 200 hours at Jalama over the past few years, I am not an expert on the types of rock found there. I look forward to learning from others! Our January 10 general meeting will include a display of polished and unpolished rocks found at Jalama Beach. If you have any rocks from this area you would like to display, please bring them on the 10th and maybe we can collectively identify them. ☺

Thank you for allowing me to step into this role! I'm excited to coordinate our first 2023 OMS field trip, (and even more excited to be able to share my favorite rock hounding spot with you!) - Joey



Orcutt Mineral Society Annual Meeting - December 10, 2022

Called to Order: at 12:00 by Sally Griffith

Members Present: We had 39 participants at the dinner.

Please note the special agenda for the annual meeting

Welcome and socializing - 12:00 pm to 12:20 pm

Invocation by Debbie Hood, Pledge of

Allegiance by Sally Griffith, and welcoming of guests at 12:20 pm

Dinner at 12:30 pm

President's Annual Address: Sally Griffith had some closing statements for the year.

- Sally was President Elect and President this year. She was learning how to be the President while still being the President. It was a little overwhelming for her, but she wanted to thank Wayne and Wes for helping her to navigate the President requirements.
- Sally noted that we had a successful show in 2022 even though there were many hurdles. We had less time to prepare than normal, we had board members and dealers out with illnesses, we had food vendors cancelling at the last minute, and fewer board members to help. However, she wanted to thank everyone for coming together and making the show a success.
- Sally wanted to thank Tara Machin and Brian Pearson for doing exceptional programs in 2022 to complement the programs that Wayne Mills and Wes Lingerfelt did. She requested that more members do programs in 2023. Please let her know if you are interested. Hopefully the calendar will be filling up fast with program ideas.

- January's program will be a video or the annual "Amazing Agates" presented by Wes Lingerfelt. May's program will be short as we are hosting the head of the Geology department of Cuesta College who will be speaking of the scholarship selection process.
- The highway clean up kept many of our members out of trouble on Saturday mornings. It was a success and we hope to get more participants.
- Sally introduced Joey Nichols as our new field trip organizer. She already has great ideas and will be leading the group to Jalama Beach in January. Our field trips will be held on the third Saturday of each month.
- Sally announced that the board will be reviewing the OMS standing rules and regulations as well as the governing bi-laws in 2023. The board wants to try to streamline the rules to allow more leeway as membership numbers change over time.
- Sally set a goal of improving and being more productive with our annual gem show. We had a great deal of progress in 2022 with new members and new elected officials. We are ready to put what we learned into action in 2023.
- Sally wanted to extend a personal thank you to Renea Sutcliffe for all her help organizing the vendors for the 2022 show and for continuing that help in 2023.

Treasurer's Report:

Jeanne Walkins presented the budget numbers for 2022 so far. She will present the end of year budget reports in January after the fiscal year has ended on December 31st. She

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has copies of the reports if requested. We were able to earn enough profit at the 2022 Rock Show to offset the club's expenses over the last two years that we did not have a show. 2023 is looking to be a great year once we have our 2023 Show.

Awards and Recognition of 2022 Board Members and Elected Officers:

- Wayne Mills acknowledged Sally Griffith for saving the OMS Club. Without a President, the club would have ceased to exist.
- Wayne gave out badges / pins for their service in 2022.
- Sally gave out special thank you gifts to the board members and elected officers.
- Sally also gave out a special gift to Wes Lingerfelt for allowing us to use his garden for the board meetings. Wes even got a trophy.
- Sally and Wayne announced our newest members: Joey Nichols, Kathy Holtz, Gary Holtz, Sarah Farrell, Nancy Knapp, and Joe Goetz.

- Renea Sutcliffe presented Sally with a new easel to be used at the 2023 Rock Show

Introduction of the 2023 Board Members and Elected Officers:

- President - Sally Griffith
- President Elect - Jeanne Brown
- Immediate Past President - Wayne Mills
- Secretary - Tara Machin
- Assistant Secretary - Joey Nichols (not a sworn office)
- Treasurer - Jeanne Walkins
- Board Member - Jan Ferguson
- Board Member - Betty Campbell
- Board Member - Wes Lingerfelt
- Board Member - Renea Sutcliffe
- Board Member - Joe Goetz
- All were sworn in by Wes Lingerfelt

Gift Exchange at 2:00 pm - It was a great success and changing the rules from 3 steals to 2 helped to make the gift exchange go a lot faster. We hope to continue seeing a large turn out for the annual dinner.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:00 pm

Respectfully submitted by Tara Machin, OMS Secretary

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of rocks she has collected at Jalama. She has investigated the tide schedule for the month and timing is right to allow beach access to the collecting area rather than hiking over the mountain. Hope you will be able to join us!

We are planning to host our 55th Annual Rock and Gems Show August 4, 5, and 6, 2023. The school has been contacted, they will get back to us on availability of Nipomo High school for that weekend. The school has construction planned for this summer but do not know whether or not it will interfere with the weekend we have chosen. We will stay in contact.

The Board will begin reviewing OMS Standing Rules and Regulation of Operation as well as our Bylaws. If necessary, we will make revision and submit the changes to CFMS for approval.

I look forward to seeing you all at our General meetings and hope you will be able to join in on our various activities throughout the year.

Happy New Year to one and all!
Sally G. (Returning President)

Upcoming Rock and Mineral Shows

January 21-22, 2023 - Exeter, CA
Tule Gem and Mineral Society
Contact: (559) 799-6034,
margaretbu03@gmail.com
Website: <http://www.tulegem.com>

February 25-26, 2023 - Vallejo, CA
Vallejo Gem and Mineral Society
Contact: (415) 254-1506,
ddahonvgms@gmail.com
Website: <http://vjgems.co/>

February 18-19, 2023 - Antioch, CA
Antioch Lapidary Club
Contact: (925) 301-6957,
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More information can be found on the CFMS website at cfmsinc.org

CFMS / AFMS News

Notes by Wayne Mills SLR CFMS Rep

CFMS Website - cfmsinc.org

[Click here for the CFMS January Newsletter](#)

AFMS Website- amfed.org

AFMS Notes - December 2022 and January 2023

The new President of AFMS is Cheryl Neary from Long Island, New York. The 120 mile long island has 4 rock clubs! Cheryl joined the Island Rockhounds there, and has since been widely involved with the Eastern Federation of Mineralogical Societies.

Historian (Jennifer Haley) has an article on being a club or Federation Historian.

In Memoriam for Barbara Sky of the Midwestern Federation. Barbara passed away at age 92 after a career of being a show judge and organizing training for other federation judges in the Midwestern Federation.

PLAC-Public Lands Advisory Committee (John Martin) notes that a Lifetime pass to public lands is available US Armed Forces Veterans and Gold Star Families through the Department of the Interior. (No explanation of what a Gold Star Family is).

BEAC-Bulletin Editors Advisory Chair (Linda Jaeger) has an article containing "quick tips" for Bulletin Editors.

2022 Bulletin Contest results are posted. Of local note, Ted Gray of Santa Lucia Rockhounds won 2nd place in Original Adult Articles with his article on "Fossil Hunting"

Amy Phillips of Santa Lucia Rockhounds won 6th place in Large Bulletins.

All American Club Awards - California winners are Ventura Gem and Mineral Society (First Place) and Vallejo Gem and Mineral Society (3rd Place).

Website Contest - The 1st Place winner is Robert E. Johnson of Denver Gem and Mineral Guild.

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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.

