



# Ore-Cutts

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**Come join us on Tuesday, July 13, 2010 at the Elwin Mussell Senior Center at 510 E. Park Street, Santa Maria** for a surprise program on Caves from the CFMS Library.

The display theme is **Things We Made**-Bring what you make with rocks, be it spheres, jewelry, display items, carvings, cabs, faceted stones, whatever it is that you do with you rocks (if it is too big to bring in, such as a rock garden, then bring us pictures; we want to inspire the new members and maybe even some of us Oldtimers could be encouraged to try something new!) but as always, you may display *any* mineral related items you like.

The refreshments will cakes brought to us by Laura Gebhart, Elaine Von Achen, Sharon Duncan and Sylvia Nasholm.

There are only 5 or so weeks to go for our annual Rainbow of Gems Show. We would like to see as many club members as possible at our July meeting. Committee heads will have sign up sheets. You can bring your donations for the Treasure Chest. We will be going over the schedule for show setup so it is a very important meeting. Please remember we encourage a pie from every family to be donated to the snack bar. You can bring it in on Thursday or Friday. For those of you helping with the setup outside on Wednesday or the interior setup and table skirting on Thursday morning, don't forget we have dinner for you Thursday evening. It's a good chance to meet with many of the dealers before the show opens and make new friends.

Once again, please attend the meeting on July 13th at 7pm to get all the show details and sign up to help share the load!

## Prez Box

Sylvia Nasholm, President OMS

WOW! We had the best BBQ this year. The meat was out of this world. The potluck dishes were wonderful. (With all the great cooks in this club how could they not be!) The silent auction made an impressive \$245. The pieces brought in were very nice including a large number of fluorescent samples from Steve Reigle's collection as he is in the process of downsizing the amount he has to move to Albuquerque. And a beautiful piece of black coral donated by the Lehman's just to mention a few. I myself wound up with a few beauties. The auction was very smooth this year. There was a lot of spirited bidding with no hovering. Just one reminder for next year; ***do not bid on a piece unless you intend to pay for it and take it with you.*** You need to keep track of the amount of money you are spending and stop when you reach your limit. It is bad form to toss back an item after the bidding has closed due to lack of funds.

## In Memoriam

**Al Wilcox**-Wes Lingerfelt received a call telling him that our member, Al Wilcox had died shortly before Christmas. There was no published obituary. Al had been a member since 1993, and a very solid member indeed. He was a quiet man with a great sense of humor and always there to help whenever it was needed. He made numerous donations to the Treasure Chest, and Door Prizes. Al loved to make cabochons and did a lovely job on them. In recent years he had suffered from balance problems, but never let them slow him down. He suffered a stroke shortly after our 2008 Rainbow of Gems Show, and had been living in a private care home. Our sincere condolences go out to his wife, Becky, and his family. He has been much missed here in the club!

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

Celebrating birthdays in July are Laura



Gebhart, Mike Henson, and Bert McIntosh. A very Happy Birthday! To you all.

I did not find any anniversaries for July, but if you have one, we wish you all the best!

## RETURN OF THE RED HEADED HUNTRESS

By Ralph Bishop

Years ago a fiery redhead arrived from Arizona to the heaven of Avila Beach, California and she was one of those rock nuts. On one of her morning walks on the pristine sands just one block from her house (eat your heart out, 1 block!) she came across an odd rock with agate veins in it. She came to the Orcutt Mineral Society (OMS) meeting one night where she met the Rockhound Hall of Famer, Wes Lingerfelt. Now this irrepressible gentleman is a rocket scientist when it comes to club PR so I was shocked, *SHOCKED!* at what he said when the lady (a prospective club member) showed him her new rock. "That's an ugly rock!" Wes blundered out. Now even a Neanderthal like me has learned over the years that there are some things that are counter productive to say to ladies. I submit the word "ugly" might tend to elicit an immediate "bad hair day" similar to a cat with a hairball. Now it was true that the rock between the agate looked like concrete but again history has proven that there are times when men should refrain from being truthful to the fairer gender. I have found that being "dumb" (the lack of ability to speak) is far superior to opening my mouth and being dumber. As the meeting progressed the gaffish words "ugly rock" caused me great distress as they bounced off the inside of my brain case. What to do? What to do to counter this hairball situation? I had to reach deep...but being an ex-spurt in verbal communication with the gender of Venus, I knew I was the one to salvage the situation. When new business was brought up I asked permission to bloviate. "Ladieees and geeentlemen" and I introduced our new guest DeeDee. "This young Ladyee has just recentlyee found a new rock on Avila Beeech. Now it is a rockhound traditiooon to name a new rock for its discoverer. When Dr. Chapen discovered the jasp-agate at Fort Irwin the old timers called it Chapenite. When Shady Myrick discovered gem cinnabar at Randsburg they named it Myrickite. Following my elder's tradition, I "dub" her new rock "DeeDeeite." Well, the name stuck, DeeDeeite became an overnight desire for the locals including, *Orecutts*- Newsletter of the Orcutt Mineral Society

Ole "Ugly rock" Lingerfelt, as this rhyolite agate mix looked real good when fashioned into a sphere. A short article in the OMS newsletter by yours truly entitled "Girls Gone Wild" furthered the rock's social appeal by documenting a "ladies only" day of hunting. So, inspired by DeeDee's fearless hunter/gatherer prowess, the ladies braved the wilds of Avila's rocky coves and shark-infested waters. That year at our annual show a beautiful sphere of DeeDeeite, and DeeDee was the "Cover Girl" photo for advertising in our local newspaper along with a story about our "Girls Gone Wild".

The attendance was way up that year as many citizens were interested in the "exposure" of this new material. It's a wonder how a combination of 3 words can elicit such interest. "Grace" in rock hunting personified. Unbeknownst to me most of the ladies of the club had no knowledge of the societal significance of these 3 words in their appropriate order. It took about 6 months for some to realize what was perceived to be a "tawdry implication" and then the preverbal hairball hit the fan. I must admit my questionable humor deserved a mild spanking. Men after all are from Mars.

DeeDeeite is composed of multi-hued bland colored rhyolite brecciated into a myriad of patterns and healed (recently found to have cerebral healing powers by the local Chumash Indians,) with an influx



of clear to amber banded agate, opal, quartz crystal pockets and occasionally crystalline marcasite in both the rhyolite and floating in the agate. This unusual material exists in a single location very limited in size.

*"Beauty and the Beast"-Big game trophy rock bagged by red headed huntress, Neanderthal in rear.*

Veins of this material occur in the early Miocene volcanic Obispo Formation where massive headlands

of rhyolite jut above the ocean's waves. Massive earthquakes opened up substantial fissures (up to 2' wide) through this formation where shattered pieces of rhyolite partially filled the fissures. Subsequent flushes of hydrothermal solutions then in-filled and solidified. In some cases trace elements of fluorescent minerals were carried by the solution causing the specimens to fluoresce in greens, blue, white, yellow and purples. This is a very rare condition in our geological province.

DeeDee called me one day to invite me down to her location. Wes, Sharon (one of the original wild women,) and I showed up at the appointed time and walked past the scantily clothed sunbathers on the beach (exhibiting the same posture as Elephant seals,) round the point to find a fair amount of water worn cobbles and huge boulders of rhyolite. After a time DeeDee showed me one she'd seen under a "tank" sized rock lying on another tank-sized rock creating a sizable deep crevice undercut by wave action. She asked me if I could get it for her, so being a dumb male, I'd do anything to assist a red headed huntress, even crawling into the breach. I crawled 1, 2, 3, four feet farther than any intelligent person would and after knocking out a few keystones, I retrieved a 30-pounder and backed out of the breach, relieved. Upon seeing the nice piece DeeDee said, "Not that one, ... *THAT ONE!*" and she pointed to a much bigger one much farther into the breach. "Holy Molly," I thought, "This would be stupider than Jupiter." But, well, I'd been brought up to respect the wishes of the ladies. I inched forward pushing a bar and a hammer in front of me and soon accumulated gravel in my shorts. This one was spooky as the rock in question might be holding up the tank above. After an extended time I was able to remove this rock without becoming a pancake. This rock, at about 60 pounds, was a mainly agate with multicolored rhyolite breccias. A real beaut! Between the cave man and the redhead we got the rocks of the day down the beach and into DeeDee's front yard.

The next year, John Von Achen and I went down to Avila one winter day when the wave action had drawn the sand seaward. We had learned, although the multi-colored elephant seals (Sun Bathers) looked at us funny, to roll a construction wheelbarrow down the beach for more efficient conveyance. This was John's idea, which is proof he is an advanced humanoid, who in this case, "invented" the wheel. We had the John Deere-green (the only color for

John) wheelbarrow parked on the sand near a few boulders that we were working with hammer and chisel. Around the corner of the point came 4 young men of Hispanic heritage, artistically adorned with body art, carrying a soccer ball and 3 cases of Bud. They were briefly athletic and then settled in for Olympic suds pounding. In this endeavor they were all "first string". During this period of time I was sinking steel like John Henry, singing with a booming voice "*16 Tons*" in cadence with my hammer blows. I soon got to the stanzas, "*If you see me comin' better step aside... a lot of men didn't and a lot of men died... One fist of iron and the other of steel... if the first one don't get you the other one will.*" One of the Vato's ambled up and slurred with a Spanish accent, "Hey holms... man you're bad! What kind of song is that?" "A steel driving song," I said. "You know, dude, Tennessee Ernie Ford?" "Who?" he asked in a borracho (*Spanish for being the worse for alcohol intake*) tone; "Dude, you're bad, even though your name is Ernie. Hey holms, what is the wheelbarrow for?" "We carry our weight in it man," I said. The standing Vato called out to his buddy's who were less able to walk. "Hey, Julio, man, we need a wheelbarrow to carry our beer next time." Ain't cultural diversity grand?

Just the other day, Elaine Von Achen got a call from DeeDee, and she said she was coming down for a visit from



the Bay area where she has moved. She *DeeDee with trophy rock* wanted to spend a few hours on her beach hoping to find some of her signature rock. "Well," I said to John, "Let's go down with her but I'm not sure how much we'll find, the sand is in." We met the big game huntress (DeeDee really likes big ones) at the south steps down the beach and rounding the point, sure enough lots of sand. We found several nice cobbles of brecciated jasper, DeeDeeite and a rare piece of marcasite. It was a glorious Central Coast day so John perched himself on the boulder pile to take in the beauty of the day and I walked south on the beach to do the same. When I returned to the



point John was still sitting on his perch rather stiffly taking in an exceptionally rare and beautiful view, while DeeDee was raking the sand and gravel. Yessiree, in exactly the same spot where the borracho brothers had been pounding suds, was a blanket occupied by a lithe figure performing rubber band-type physical yoga contortions. Being a member of the Sierra Club, and a bird watcher, I immediately recognized this creature of God as a rare double-breasted limb stretcher (*Duomammerious stretcherii*), ain't cultural diversity grand? I can assure the more conservative members of the rock hobby it was a significantly exotic life form that should be cloned. Often! John climbed down stiffly from his perch and walked over to me in a noticeable daze. "I can't take it anymore," he said, so duty-bound, I took over, substantially *Gaga* over the Lady (this was of course a purely scientific faunal observation.) Meanwhile, DeeDee the huntress continued to rake the beach that had been walked over by many hounds over many years. "Hey you guys come over here, I found one I can't move." We ambled over with a bottle of water that cleaned up the rock and sure enough, it was a beaut! All hunted out? Not hardly, there is more good rock under the sand than has ever been taken out.

Working around the rock, it got bigger and bigger, and it wouldn't budge.



*It kept getting bigger!*

It took quite a bit of bar work by John before it rolled into the sunlight, 80 pounds of tan and bluish rhyolite floating in an abundance of agate. DeeDee the red headed huntress bagged the big game and posed for a trophy photo shot obviously happier than a clam in the wet sand. I was proud to mule her big rock down the beach, up the steps and into her car trunk along with the lesser pieces (a full wheelbarrow



*Elephant Seal with prey item: DeeDeeite*

load) at which time her car became a "low rider". We all miss our red headed sister and

hope to see her at this year's annual show where a display of DeeDeeite will no doubt awe our visitors.

### Treasure Chest Open

By Wayne Mills

Just a reminder that our July meeting is the last meeting that you will have an opportunity to turn items for the 2010 Treasure Chest. Many thanks to the people who have already turned items in. We have some quality items, but will always welcome more rock related items. The Treasure Chest is typically one of our main sources of show income. Please include the name and address of those donating items to the Treasure Chest.

### Donation to OMS

There were three pieces of equipment recently donated to the OMS by Mr. Chuck Hammond of Santa Ynes, CA. They are all very nice and serviceable. At the next Board of Directors meeting it will be decided as to what will become of them. Suggestions are welcome for the Board to consider.

The equipment consists of the following:

- 1 - 15 inch Lortone Flat lap with extra lap.*
- 1 - 10 inch Highland Park slab/trim saw with motor.*
- 1 - 6 inch Star Diamond gem polisher (No motor) with 1 expando drum, 2 carborundum wheels and 6" buffer end pad.*

The OMS is thankful indeed to Mr. Hammond for this wonderful donation!

### Two in Two

By Wayne Mills

On Father's Day weekend, I had two dates to two gem shows in two days. Not too bad! My friend Janice and I went to Cayucos Saturday morning, and



browsed the dealers and the one display (a nice once showing local fossils).

### *Central Coast Fossils*

I bought a couple of jewelry stands and talked to

several of the dealers, including the Olivas's and Richard Sittinger. Saw many nice rocks and jewelry.

This is the best (and only) local show in June. And they do it all again in October!

After the show, we went to Cambria for lunch, stopping at Harmony to watch the glass blowers and look at the pottery barn. After lunch, we visited Planet Yachats on Burton Street. This is the most elegant “rockshop” on the Central

Coast. They have amazing specimens of rocks, fossils and minerals, but, of course, the more amazing the specimen, the pocket is needed to take it home.



*Busy Show!*

About 8:00 a.m. we left for La Mirada where the CFMS show was held at the American Health University. Interestingly, it is on Amber Springs Road. The trip took about 3 hours 45 minutes, and traffic flowed pretty well. The show was in three separate buildings, and there were displays outside as well. These included demonstrations, displays, children’s activities and a gold panning exhibit.

As one would expect, there were many CFMS luminaries present, and it was fun to chat with them.

Bill and Izzy Burns were both looking well, as was Walt Wright and



*This case by Marion Roberts cleaned-up in the lapidary category*

Don and Cheri George. Tom Borchard was the main judge, and he had his hands full with perhaps 45 cases to judge for AFMS and CFMS awards.

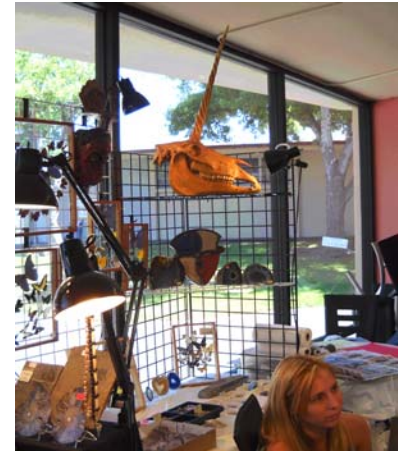


*Walt Wright’s wood*

There was a separate room for a portion of Walt Wright’s amazing petrified wood

collection, and he was joined by Chuck Eastman from Bakersfield who is no slouch in the petrified wood category himself. There were a couple of fossil

dealers in the room as well, and I couldn’t help taking a picture of the unicorn that one of the dealers had for sale. Betcha’ thought they were only in fairy tales... Oh. The dealer also had some butterflies for sale, and I had to bring home “a swirl of butterflies” for my (modest) collection.



*Unicorn!*

The displays were quite nice, and among my favorites was a case of thumbnail minerals displayed by Jim-Brace Thompson. That was quite a surprise, as he is normally a fossil guy, in fact, a case of his fossils also won an award at the show, I believe.

## CFMS Directors Report – 6/19/2010

By Wes Lingerfelt

Jeannie and I awoke Saturday morning at 4 AM to prepare for the journey to the crowded Los Angeles basin and the mass of humanity that lives there. We were not looking forward to the crowded freeways and over- built city. We got showered and dressed and after two cups of coffee began the long trip.

It wasn’t as bad as we had anticipated with minimal creeping down the freeway once we arrived in the La Habra area. There was time for a bite to eat at the local Carrow’s restaurant. I arrived at the Community Center in time to pass out the handbills for our show in August. Jeannie prefers to sit in the car and read while at the meeting. Those chairs are not very comfortable. The director for the Santa Lucia Rockhounds club walked in and I invited him to join me at the table in the rear of the meeting. It’s always nice to see someone from the local area when you are far from home. Gene and Barbara Bilyeu sat down and we caught up on the news and happenings for both our clubs. Barbara, not wanting to be bored to tears during the meeting, asked if Jeannie would like to join her over at the main show about 2 miles away. I told her “I’ll bet she would” and off she went to get Jeannie.

The meeting itself was very typical with the standard reports and activity found at every CFMS meeting. It



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was decided early on to try to get the meeting finished by noon so everyone could go back to the show and browse the goodies found there. The following are the major highlights of the meeting:

1. 60 clubs were present out of about 135 in the Federation. In order to establish a quorum, alternate directors were established for those clubs missing by finding members of those clubs and counting them.
2. 56 clubs have turned in information regarding their annual shows.
3. There were 76 displays judged this year, which is the highest number in 20 years and the largest in all 7 Federation regions.
4. There is 286,844 acres of southern California land under attack for new wilderness areas. The California Desert Protection Act of 2010, Bill S2921, is driving this.
5. The AFMS Webmasters Contest has been established as a permanent function rather than an Adhoc Committee. Yours truly is the current AFMS judge for this activity.
6. There are 4 clubs who have not paid dues for 2010 so far. One club has disbanded (North Island GMS) and one club has dropped out of the CFMS (Gem Carvers Guild).

That's about it for this year's meeting and if anyone is interested in reading the myriad of reports, 2009 meeting minutes or the 2010 agenda please let me know. I'm very glad to share the packet of paper I received. From my standpoint it appears that our club is doing well compared to the rest in the Federation. Keep doing what we're doing and we'll survive. Participation is the key!

### New Rock Shop Opens

Former OMS members, Dick and Bess Shields, have started a new business in their new home in Boerne, Texas. They have announced the opening of the new Boerne Rock shop, featuring materials that are as old as the hills. Bess and Dick are sharing the results of years of rock collecting and the Shields family's life-long artistic creations.

You will find western U.S. minerals range from tumble rough to landscape boulders. Finished pieces include cabochons, spheres, sculptures, and jewelry. Lapidary services will include cutting and polishing, and sage advice for collectors. Boerne Rock

Shop offers a large selection of specimens for all ages of rockhounds, tools for discovery, and an impressive display of fluorescent minerals. One entire room at the store is darkened to display fluorescent minerals from Texas and worldwide classic locales. Bess and Dick are partners in an Arizona mine producing highly fluorescent 5-color minerals. The Purple Passion Mine was featured at this year's Tucson Gem and Mineral Show.

Visit Boerne Rock Shop's on-line store at [BDSRocks.com](http://BDSRocks.com) and web site at [BoerneRockShop.com](http://BoerneRockShop.com) The new brick and mortar store is at N29° 47' 45" W98° 45' 5". (The postal address is 37110 IH-10 West, exit 539 at the intersection of Johns Road and IH-10.)

Their grand opening is Thursday, 1 July 2010. Store hours are 10 am to 6 pm, Thursday through Saturday, 12 pm to 5 pm Sunday, and by appointment.

### Hancock College Scholarship Awards 2010

Elaine Von Achen,  
Scholarship Committee



I recently had the honor and pleasure of attending the Allan Hancock College 2010 Scholarship Awards Banquet and presenting this year's OMS scholarship to Andrew Ritenour. Andrew is a resident of Nipomo and is studying soil science. He works for his brother in the family landscaping business and he plans to transfer to Cal Poly when he has completed his general education.

I was given a packet when I came in with a nametag and table number. When I was seated and had a chance to look at the materials in the packet, I realized that the recipients only knew they were receiving an award. They had not yet been told how much they were to receive. When I presented Andrew with his scholarship certificate and told him the amount (\$1,400) he was not only surprised but very grateful.

This year's dinner was a delicious barbecue prepared and served by the Santa Maria Elks Lodge. Speakers for the evening included Allan Hancock College Superintendent/President Jose Ortiz and

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Allan Hancock College Foundation President Mario Juarez. The keynote address was given by Jim Diani, President of Diani Construction and an Allan Hancock College Alumnus.

Over \$235,000 in scholarships was awarded to 201 students this year during the 41<sup>st</sup> annual awards banquet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of June. The Marian Hancock (\$2,000) Scholarship this year was awarded to Humberto Guzman-Maldonado.

Among other scholarship awards, the James A. Diani Scholarship was awarded to John P. Larson of Nipomo. A surprise to Diani, this scholarship was awarded to honor and thank him for his participation in the event.

*The Orcutt Mineral Society Scholarship* is awarded based on a student's interest and accomplishments in the various fields of the earth sciences.

## Getting Pinned

By Wayne Mills

"People who wear pins do so for various reasons: to look nice (Queen Elizabeth, *débutantes*), to identify themselves (fraternity pledges, Realtors), to convey enthusiasms (Trekkies, conventioners), to get fired up (T.G.I. Friday's employees). At least since the days of George Washington, who sometimes wore a diamond eagle given to him by the French Navy, political pin-wearing—all those enamel flags!—has been its own discipline."

From "Big Pin" by [Lauren Collins](#) New Yorker Magazine, October 5, 2009

**(Read more:**

[http://www.newyorker.com/talk/2009/10/05/091005ta\\_talk\\_collins#ixzz0oD3ixJKGI](http://www.newyorker.com/talk/2009/10/05/091005ta_talk_collins#ixzz0oD3ixJKGI))

And so begins a fascinating article concerning a new book by former U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations and Secretary of State, Madeline Albright. Albright's book called Read My Pins is an insightful and often humorous look at the inspiration behind her vast selection of pins (brooches) that she wore with some effect during her ambassadorship.

The Museum of Arts and Design in New York City was mounting an exhibition of her pins at the time the book was being discussed (October 2009). Albright's interest in pins began after the Gulf War when Saddam Hussein vilified her for criticizing his lack of cooperation with the UN Arms inspectors. She was called an "unparalleled serpent" in the Iraqi press, so thereafter in discussions with Iraqi's she wore an antique gold pin showing a serpent coiled

around a branch. A large diamond was suspended from the serpent's mouth.



*Madeline Albright's Serpent Pin-picture from npr.org*

## Orcutt Mineral Society Board Meeting Elwin Mussell Sr. Center, Santa Maria, Ca. 93454 June 1, 2010

President Sylvia Nasholm called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

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

**Minutes:** Elaine Von Achen read the minutes from the May general meeting. Minutes were approved as read.

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

**Correspondence:** None.

**Committee Reports:**

**Abused Children:** None.

**Annual Gem Show:** Wes Lingerfelt said the dealer spaces are taken care of. The Barbeque tickets are printed. Adults are \$12.00 and kids 12 and under are \$6.00. Raffle tickets have been printed and the form for insurance for special events has been filled out. Advertising for the show will be close to the same as we had last year.

**Breakfast:** June's OMS breakfast will be held at the Sunrise Grill at Sunset Ridge Golf Center, 1424 W. Fairway Drive, Santa Maria, on June 26. It will start at 9:00 a.m.

**Bulletin:** Wes Lingerfelt noted that the bulletin has been mailed but that it would not be on line until late Thursday night as he has had problems with his phone line.

**CFMS:** None.

**Education:** None.

**Field Trip:** None.

**Highway Clean-up:** The next clean-up will be held July 10th. Members will meet at Highway 101 and 166 on the South East corner at 8:00 a.m.

**Library:** None.

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**Membership:** Elaine Von Achen read an application for membership from Sally Griffith. Debbie Hood made a motion that we accept Sally for membership. Sharon Duncan seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**Refreshments:** None.

**Scholarships:** Elaine Von Achen announced that she would be attending the annual Allan Hancock College Scholarship Awards Banquet where she will present the OMS scholarship to this year's recipient.

**Sunshine:** Kim Noyes had a case of food poisoning but is on the mend. Nothing else to report so everyone must be staying well.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:** There will be no general meeting in June, as we will be having our annual picnic/barbeque. The barbeque will be held on Saturday, June 5 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned by President, Sylvia Nasholm at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Elaine Von Achen, Secretary, OMS.

8:00 a.m. till complete	Thompson Ave., Nipomo. All members are cordially invited!
Thursday August 5, 2010 8:00 a.m. till complete.	Show set up at St Joseph's Church 298 S. Thompson Ave. Nipomo. All members are cordially invited!
Thursday August 5, 2010 6:30 p.m.	Welcome dinner for Dealers and working Club Members
Friday, Saturday & Sunday August 6, 7 & 8, 2010 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.	<b>OMS Rainbow of Gems Show.</b> Everybody have a good time and help out where you are signed up to work, or if you see you are needed.
Sunday August 8, 2010 7:30 p.m.	Post show victory dinner 7:00 p.m. at the Golden Dragon Restaurant, 151 Dana St. Nipomo
Tuesday August 10, 2010 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.	OMS General Meeting Elwin Mussell Senior Center. Program- Show Recap, slides from show + CFMS Video Display- Treasures from the show. Refreshments-Cookies

July 2010 Calendar	
Tuesday July 6, 2010 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.	OMS Board Meeting-Elwin Mussell Senior Center. All members are welcome at this business meeting.
Tuesday July 13, 2010 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.	OMS General Meeting-Elwin Mussell Senior Center. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Program-.CFMS video</li> <li>• Display-1'x1' Things We Made.</li> </ul> Refreshments-Cakes
Saturday July 10, 2010 8:00 to 10:00 a.m.	Roadside Clean up After the cleanup, coffee and pastry at "Francisco's Country Kitchen" in Santa Maria.
Saturday July 17, 2010 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.	<b>Field Trip to Santa Barbara Natural History Museum-</b> Meet up At Mussell Center. Bring your lunch and cameras. Contact Bob Bullock at 928-6372 for details
Saturday July 24, 2010 9 to 10 a.m.	OMS Monthly Breakfast- at <i>The Girls Restaurant</i> in Arroyo Grande.
August 2010 Calendar	
Tuesday August 3, 2010 7:00 p.m.	OMS Board Meeting-Erwin Mussell Senior Center. All members are welcome at this business meeting.
Wednesday August 4, 2010	Mark out spaces for show at St Joseph's Catholic Church 298 S.

**CFMS SHOWS 2010**

**July 10-11 19-20 2010, Culver City, CA**  
**Culver City Rock & Mineral Club**

Veterans Memorial Auditorium  
 4117 Overland Ave (Overland & Culver)  
 Hours: Sat 10-6; Sun 10-5  
 Robert Thirlaway (310) 213-7677  
 Email: [thirlawr@earthlink.net](mailto:thirlawr@earthlink.net)  
 Website: <http://www.CulverCityRocks.org>

**August 6, 7 & 8 2010, Nipomo, CA**  
**Orcutt Mineral Society**

St. Joseph's Church  
 298 S. Thompson Ave.  
 Hours: 9-5 daily  
 Wes Lingerfelt (805) 929-3788  
 Email: [Rocks4u@prodigy.net](mailto:Rocks4u@prodigy.net)  
 Website: [www.omsinc.org](http://www.omsinc.org)

**August 7 & 8 2010, San Francisco, CA**  
**San Francisco Gem & Mineral Society**

San Francisco Co. Fair Bldg. (Hall of Flowers)  
 9th Ave. & Lincoln Way, Golden Gate Park  
 Hours: Sat 10-6 Sun 10-5  
 Carleen Mont-Eton (415) 564-4230  
 Email: [publicity@show.sfgms.org](mailto:publicity@show.sfgms.org)  
 Website: [www.sfgms.org](http://www.sfgms.org)

**August 21-22 2010, Orangevale, CA**



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### Treasure Trove of Gems

Orangevale Community Center  
6826 Hazel Ave.  
Hours: Sat 10-6 Sun 10-5  
Admission: \$4 per day or \$6 for weekend -  
Children under 12 yrs. Free with adult  
John Moulder (916) 290-3193  
Email: [info@treasuretroveofgems.com](mailto:info@treasuretroveofgems.com)  
Website: [www.treasuretroveofgems.com](http://www.treasuretroveofgems.com)

### September 3-6 2010, Fort Bragg, CA

#### Mendocino Coast Gem & Mineral Society

Town Hall  
Corner of Main & Laurel  
Hours: Fri-Sun 10-6 -- Mon 10-4  
Don McDonell (707) 964-3116  
Email: [ejwebb@mcn.org](mailto:ejwebb@mcn.org)

### September 11-12 2010, Downey, CA

#### Delvers Gem & Mineral Society

Woman's Club of Downey  
9813 Paramount Blvd.  
Hours: Sat 10-6; Sun 10-4  
Nancy Bird (562) 697-0636  
Email: [nancyjbird@verizon.net](mailto:nancyjbird@verizon.net)  
Website: <http://www.slogem.org/>

### September 18-19 2010, Redwood City, CA

#### Sequoia Gem & Mineral Society

Community Activities Building  
1400 Roosevelt Ave.  
Carol Corden (650) 248-7155  
Email: [ccorden@comcast.net](mailto:ccorden@comcast.net)  
Website: <http://sgms.driftmine.com>

### September 18-19 2010, Paso Robles, CA

Santa Lucia Rockhounds  
Pioneer Park  
2010 Riverside Drive  
Hours: 10-5 Daily  
Kim Patrick Noyes (805) 610-0603  
Email: [kimnoyes@gmail.com](mailto:kimnoyes@gmail.com)  
Website: <http://slrockounds.org>

### September 18-19 2010, Stockton, CA

Stockton Lapidary & Mineral Club  
Scottish Rite Masonic Center  
33 W. Alpine Ave.  
Hours: 10-5 Daily  
(209) 946-0113  
Email: [footsey1@yahoo.com](mailto:footsey1@yahoo.com)  
Website: <http://www.stocktonlapidary.com>

### September 25-26 2010, Monterey, CA

Carmel Valley Gem & Mineral Society  
Monterey Fairgrounds  
2004 Fairgrounds Road  
Hours: Sat 10-6; Sun 10-5  
Susie Harlow  
Email: [Susie@tghcpa.com](mailto:Susie@tghcpa.com)  
Website: <http://www.cvgms.org>

### October 2-3 2010, Oroville, CA

Feather River Lapidary & Mineral Society  
Oroville Municipal Auditorium  
1200 Meyers Street  
Hours: 10 - 5 Daily

Connie Rossetto (530) 589-1840  
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### October 3 2010, Fallbrook, CA

Fallbrook Gem & Mineral Society  
Fallbrook Gem & Mineral Facility  
123 West Alvarado Street  
Hours: 10 - 4 Daily  
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### October 9-10 2010, Trona, CA

Searles Lake Gem & Mineral Society  
Searles Gem & Mineral Show Building  
13337 Main Street  
Hours: Sat; 7:30-5; Sun. 7:30-4  
Jim & Bonnie Fairchild (760) 372-5356  
Email: [iwvisp.com](mailto:iwvisp.com)  
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### October 9-10 2010, Vista, CA

Vista Gem & Mineral Society  
Antique Gas & Steam Engine Museum  
2040 N. Santa Fe Avenue  
Hours: Sat; 20-5; Sun. 10-4  
Fred Wilson (760) 433-8446  
Lois Harr (760) 724-0395

### October 16-17 2010, Cayucos, CA

San Luis Obispo Gem & Mineral Club  
Cayucos Vets Hall (next to Cayucos Pier)  
100 Placerville Drive  
Hours: 9-5 daily  
Mike Lyons (805)610-0757  
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Website: <http://www.slogem.org>

### October 16-17 2010, Placerville, CA

El Dorado County Gem & Mineral Society  
El Dorado County Fairgrounds  
100 Placerville Drive  
Hours: 10-5 daily  
Karen Newlin (530) 676-1643  
Website: <http://www.rockandgemshow.org>

### October 16-17 2010, Santa Rosa, CA

Santa Rosa Gem & Mineral Society  
Veterans Memorial Auditorium  
1351 Maple Ave  
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Email: Erica Tanner [santarosarockshow@hotmail.com](mailto:santarosarockshow@hotmail.com)

### October 23-24 2010, Los Altos, CA

Peninsula Gem & Geology Society  
Los Altos Youth Center  
1 North San Antonio Road  
Hours: 10-5 both days  
Website: <http://pggs.org/>

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