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THE PRES BOX—JULY 2018

Sylvia Nasholm, OMS President

Our picnic was a fun filled and tasty afternoon, a little uncomfortable with the wind at the end. The meat and beans were delicious, the side dishes and desserts were wonderful and all garlic lovers were thrilled with the bread. Lots of spirited bidding on the auction table and good companionship rounded out the afternoon. The park has been reserved for June 8, 2019!

Bill Brown and Jeannie Lingerfelt have both had their heart surgeries and both of them needed extra attention. Jeanne Brown should be on the road to recovery from her hand surgery, but as of this writing I have not had an update.

The Cambria Gem Show provided a nice field trip for June and an opportunity chat with fellow rock hounds. I found pieces of Sodalite whose white portions had been stained with iron producing a beautiful blue/brick red combination. New for me and quite pretty. We also picked up a small slab of petrified redwood that Don is already cabbing - another first.

It is nearly JULY folks and I must admit I'm feeling the pressure! Definitely time to work on your donation to the Treasure Chest. Are you going to do a display case? Loan something to the Club case? Lots to think about, and Elisabeth is adding the sign-up sheets to the bulletin. I encourage you to fill in where you can. The display case sign-up form is included as page 11 in this bulletin.

Sharon is doing a great job getting the dealers and demonstrators assigned to an appropriate spot and all the little nagging chores that go with setting up those spaces. She has also booked a BBQ crew for Saturday night. I've been busy with publicity. I have been able to sign the SLO Tribune on with a

sponsorship and it includes a lot of extra advertising. We will be covering the Santa Maria Times, The Sun, New Times and several additional publications. I am also booking time on Community calendars on area radio stations. I have arranged manpower for setup, Thursday night's dinner, and breakdown on Sunday evening. Possibly table set up for the BBQ as well. We have a food truck signed on for the weekend and I have the SLO County permit for the Pie booth.

Once again, I am asking for your donation equal to the amount it used to cost you to bake a pie back in the day. Your generosity makes this activity a winner for the Club and I thank you in advance.

July 26th, Thursday, will be our annual club case rehab day starting at 9 am at the Von Achens. Once we get the cases out of the sea train there will be the opportunity to clear out more unwanted items. Roasters are still available for purchase too. Please feel free to join us for this activity.

July 3rd, Tuesday, our Board meeting will be in the Nipomo Chamber conference room from 7 – 8 pm.

July 10th, Tuesday, Jeanne and Bill Brown are on tap to talk about their trip to New Zealand and Australia during the general members meeting at the Oasis Center at 7pm.

July 14th, Saturday, our semi-monthly Highway cleanup is SE corner HWY 101/HWY 166 East at 8am.

July 28th, Saturday, our monthly OMS breakfast will be at Lil' Bits in Grover Beach starting at 8:30 am.

Thank you all for all you do to make this Club a success and see you all on July 10th!

Sylvia

THE VALUE OF VOLUNTEERING

By Elisabeth Nybo, Ore-Cutts Editor

\$24.69 is the value of a volunteer hour based on 2017 data and that hourly value is up 2.2% from 2016. Annually in the United States approximately 63 million people volunteer about 8 billion hours for a total worth of approximately \$197.5 billion according to the Independent Sector organization. The value of volunteering means a lot to a community organization, some, like mineral and rock organizations are completely dependent on volunteers. But that is something we all know and see at our club meetings and show, or when we travel to a meeting or show and enjoy the hard work that other clubs have put in.

The benefits to the organization are obvious and many would no longer exist without volunteers, but what is the benefit to the volunteer? A warm fuzzy feeling and a thank you to go along with the exhaustion and sometimes even missing out on something a lot more enjoyable than the task that you have committed to complete? According to Helpguide.org article, "Volunteering and its Surprise Benefits," being a volunteer is actually making an investment in the betterment of your own life in four different areas:

1) **Volunteering connects you to others:** Volunteering is a great way to get to know new people or strengthen relationships with people you already know. These new and stronger relationships broaden your personnel support network and provide new unexpected opportunities for fun and fulfilling activities. Volunteering is also an easy and safe way for people who are shy or have a hard time meeting new people in social situations expand their social circle comfortably.

2) **Volunteering is good for your mind and body:** Volunteering increases self-confidence, provides a sense of purpose, and can provide opportunities for physical activity for an otherwise sedentary life. Volunteering can help reverse the effects of stress, anger and anxiety by connecting with others. Volunteering can help combat depression and the desire to socially isolate through the stronger social network ties and regular

connections with others that have been built over hours of volunteering together. Volunteering also makes you happier. Researchers have measured hormones and brain activity and found that being helpful brings pleasure to the person helping. The more we give the happier we feel. (Side note: Mineral Society Presidents and Show Chairpersons must be the happiest people in the world while serving their term.)

3) **Volunteering can advance your knowledge:** As a volunteer you have the opportunity to develop new skills, improve on skills you already have, or get involved with organizations that align with your passions or areas of interest but would never have the financial means to hire you.

4) **Volunteering brings fun and fulfillment to your life:** Volunteering with an organization that is related to your hobby is a great way to advance your knowledge in the area, have time set aside to do what you enjoy doing, and spend time with others who share your same interest.

Taking the time to volunteer is a win-win for both you, the organization you are volunteering with, and the community you are a part of. I am reminded of the first lines of John Donne's Poem, "No Man Is An Island:"

"No man is an island,
Entire of itself,
Every man is a piece of the continent,
A part of the main."

Every hour volunteered enriches the life of the volunteer, enhances the organization and strengthens the community together they serve.

Sources:

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BOOTH SIGN-UP SHEETS

While some may question if it really takes a village to raise a child, it most definitely takes a lot of people volunteering their time to plan an annual Gem Show and it takes everyone doing something to have the usual smooth running show that vendors and visitors talk about every year. So far this there has only been one opportunity to sign-up for booth shifts and there are still shifts available at all the booths. The sign-up sheets will be at the July 10th General Meeting and you can sign-up for shifts then; but if you want to be sure to get the shifts you really want at the booths you really want it would be best to call or email Wayne Mills wwwmills50@hotmail.com and claim your spots. Trying to decide which of one of the booths to work at, don't limit yourself!!! Work in two, three or even go for the booth jackpot and work a shift in all four. Each booth has an important purpose at the show and also directly supports Club programs and scholarships.



Shifts		Treasure Chest		
Fri 8/3	10 – 12	Filled		
	12 – 2:30			
	2:30 – 5			
Sat 8/4	10 – 12	Filled		
	12 – 2:30			
	2:30 – 5			
Sun 8/5	10 – 12	Filled		
	12 – 3	Filled		
	3—4	Runners		
		Runners		
Writers		Filled		
	Announcer	Filled		

Shifts		Hospitality		Kids Booth		Bake Sale	
Fri 8/3	10 – 12	Filled				Filled	
	12 – 2:30					Filled	
	2:30 – 5	Filled					
Sat 8/4	10 – 12			Filled		Filled	
	12 – 2:30						
	2:30 – 5	Filled		Filled		Filled	
Sun 8/5	10 – 12						
	12 – 2			Filled			
	2 – 4			Filled			

BIRTHDAY'S & ANNIVERSARIES

Greetings & Congratulations go out to our members who are having birthdays and anniversaries this month:

BIRTHDAYS

Mike Henson 7/17

ANNIVERSARIES

Joe & Lisa Azevedo 7/8

OMS ROCKS PIONEER PARK AGAIN!! By Elisabeth Nybo, Ore-Cutts Editor

OMS's semi-annual meeting/picnic on Saturday, June 9th, at Pioneer Park was again a fun time of catching up, eating yummy food and a silent auction. Wes Lingerfelt and his OMS Bar-B-Que Crew arrived very early to start the meat cooking and bread grilling so we could eat at noon. Thank you Truman for bringing the wood again!! Members brought a variety of wonderful side dishes, fruit and desserts. Several times I heard, "Can I get the recipe for this dish?" It was nice to have the time to sit, listen and catch-up with other members. The guest were a welcome addition and had interesting rock stories of their own to share. We hope they come to the regular monthly meetings and bring some of their wonderful treasures to display.

Thank you to all who brought rocks and other interesting rock and mineral related items for the silent auction. The auction raised \$134.50. It wasn't so



OMS BAR-B-Q CREW COOKING OVER HOT OPEN FLAMES

silent in front of the man-made snowflake glass sphere with a companion quartz crystal. People hovered and teased while waiting to outbid each other. The glass sphere and crystal were the highest grossing auction item with a winning bid of \$28. A group of four rocks including a Thunderegg, chert, and petrified wood had the second highest winning bid at \$13. The third highest bid lot was a tie between book donated by Sandy Berthelot's Estate, *The Healing Power of Gems*, and a Thunderegg and quartz crystal lot. Each of these had a winning \$12 bid. Everyone seemed pleased with their newly acquired treasures. The conversations between the new owners and the previous owners who shared the history of the new acquisitions were interesting to overhear. Made me wish I had bid a more aggressively on a few things so I could have those treasure and stories to add to my collection. Oh well there is always next year when OMS will again meet at Pioneer Park on June 9, 2019.



MAN-MADE SNOWFLAKE GLASS SPHERE AND QUARTZ CRYSTAL HIGHEST BID ITEM WITH \$28 WINNING BID



WHAT A DIFFERENCE A DAY MAKES – PART 2

By Ralph Bishop

I woke up the next morning having been chilled from the night before. Pulling the blanket from over my head a wonder met my eyes. The sun was ablaze and the colors in the meadow were brilliant. A warm eastern wind had revived the vigor of the meadow having driven the chill of the marine air out to sea. Checker Boards flitted from one buttercup to another and two Swallow Tails swirled around each other in a mating dance. The warmth of the wind carried the sweet pollen of the lilac and the tartness of the flowering Bay tree downwind into the meadow. I sat up loving the warmth, free of clothing, wondering if I should forget the rocks and just live with the meadow – like Ferdinand the Bull. Memories of the summer of love flooded my mind. But Circes still called! Jasis-purr; her siren song no longer dark and dank but this morning bright and warm. Jasis-purr. My eyes wandered to the dead snag where I had hung my wet pants the night before. I smiled – they were steaming in the sun. I slipped them on and even though they were moist they were warm. The memory of the night before evaporated as I passed through the portal into the narrows. I was mesmerized by the beams of light that shown through skylights in the tree's canopy illuminating a pool here, a fern there and the flashing color of butterfly wings. On this morning like few others the Earth Goddess had led my sense into a world of fantasy. With a deep breathe I raised my voice in song to the harmony of falling water, "What a difference a day makes, 24 little hours" passing the cats den, I hoped she was sleeping off a turkey dinner. "Snap out of it" I thought, "You're here for Jasper".

Just beyond her den the narrows opened up. The sound of the water deepened as the stair step of falls elevated – falling into broad pools and flowing as ripples to the next falls. Most of the rock was in the alluvial bank so I spent my time robbing the walls. As usual most of the chert and jasper was ho-hum but then I've been spoiled over the years. At the next gravel bar I was greeted with a riot of color and the

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odor of Sulphur. Just below a flowstone wall brilliant Monkey flowers flourished in the mineral water of a hot spring. Here I stand I thought on an open fault deep enough and with enough pressure to transmit hydrothermal water and dissolved minerals from the plate boundary to the surface. As has happened for millions of years jasper was being formed today by the same process that formed the jasper hardened on the surface today. Further up the creek the bank produced bright red jasper, its breccia resealed with an opaque white agate. I was surprised to see this color signature but I shouldn't have been. This color combination is the most common along the length of the Nacimiento fault. I found my first piece of "Old Red" at an early age on Figueroa Mountain 80 miles to the south and since then, at many locations in-between. Ninety percent of the brecciated jasper found along our coast has very diverse combinations of color and pattern in both the jasper and the agate reseals. This condition would lead me to believe that this diversity speaks to multiple quake events over time that open up fissures that accommodate equally diverse minerals with many color signatures. But not "Old Red". Because of its consistent color signature found along the entire length of the fault I have often wondered if this particular jasper was formed as a result of one extensive quake event that ruptured the length of the fault, followed by a single hydrothermal flush carrying a consistent set of minerals to infill a massive set of fissures. That thought was interrupted by a glint of color shining through the crystal clear pool below the Monkey flowers. This is what I'm here for I thought as I waded into the cool water with my bar. It took some time to loosen the large water worn jasper and roll what ended up to be a boulder of one hundred pounds onto the gravel bar. It was like many others, unique. This piece was composed of blocky red, yellow and white jasper resealed by black and red agate. Luckily I was able to separate its weight along 3 fractures. I could have turned around then and there in success but it was a young day in Eden so I made a high-grade pile to haul on my back trail. I never carry weight in two



Brecciated Jasper and Chert

directions. As I moved upstream there was enough high-grade to make several more piles – enough so I knew it would take more trips to get the rock back to the barn. As I climbed the next stair step I came across a set of shallow riffles of water spread over a broad gravel bar of grey green serpentine accented by pebbles of red and yellow jasper and white quartz. As I took my second step beyond the falls the riffles exploded into white water as small native trout shot into the pool and under Oak root undercuts. I found a place on the bank to sit and watch. As time passed one by one the little guys swam back, turned around and backed into the riffles. Between the movement of the water and their perfectly camouflaged body's they were all but invisible. Their skin was grey green with red, yellow, and white spots that was a perfect match to the gravel where they lived. Seeing this adaptation reminded me of other trout in other creeks that exhibit the same adaptation. On Santa Rosa Creek the gravel is grey green with pebbles of yellow jasper and white quartz and the trout's skins mimic that environment. On Franklin Creek there was no jasper or quartz so the trout in that creek environment had monochrome drab skin. I spotted a few jaspers in the bank. As I got up I felt guilty because I spooked the little fish again. I dug out a couple of rocks and washed them in the pool. Unlike "Old Red" these were as different as

OMS CALENDAR

JULY 2018	
Tues, July 3 7 to 8 pm	OMS Board Meeting, Nipomo Chamber of Commerce Office 239 W Tefft St, Nipomo, CA All members are welcome at this meeting
Tues, July 10 7 to 9 pm	General Meeting: Luis Oasis Senior Center 420 Soares Ave, Santa Maria, CA Program: Australia & New Zealand by The Browns Display: Any 1' by 1' display Refreshments: Cakes to be brought by Sylvia Nasholm, Elisabeth Nybo, and Sharon Willis
Sat, July 14 8 am	Highway Clean-up: Southeast Corner Hwy 101/166 East
Sat, July 28 8:30 am	OMS Monthly Breakfast: Lil' Bits, Grover Beach 151 N 7th, Grover Beach

AUGUST 2018	
Wed—Mon Aug 1-6	OMS 21st Annual Gem Show Set-up: Wed & Thu Show: Fri—Sun Take-down & Dinner: Sunday Monday: Clean-up
Tues, Aug 7 7 to 8 pm	OMS Board Meeting, Nipomo Chamber of Commerce Office 239 W Tefft St, Nipomo, CA All members are welcome at this meeting
Tues, Aug 14 7 to 9 pm	General Meeting: Luis Oasis Senior Center 420 Soares Av, Santa Maria, CA Program: Russ McGlenn, Digging Around South Dakota Display: Jasper or anything Refreshments: Cookies to be brought by Sharon Duncan, Debbie Hood, Don Nasholm, (Fruit) Jeanie Watkins
Sat, Aug 25 8:30 am	OMS Monthly Breakfast: Hometown Buffet 1431 S Bradley Rd, Santa Maria

night and day. They had color signatures I had never seen before. One was a light green jasper breccia resealed by a pinky white agate while the other was a bright orange breccia resealed by a very clear agate. They weren't large but they were indicative of what might lay ahead in the trackless 10 miles of watershed above the pool. I was about to turn around. After all there were hundreds of pounds of high-grade in the piles downstream. But in the distance I heard the voice of falling water calling me forward – into another narrows. Her voice was beautiful and my desire was to see her. The narrows soon became a tunnel shaded by the over-hang of lush growth – the air biting cold like the night before. Her voice pulled me out of the shade hand over hand through a tangle of Bay and Oak until again I felt the warmth of the sun. I found myself on a very large table-like slab of white sandstone and there in front of me sparkling in the sun was her lacey veil dividing a 30 foot wall of Maiden Hair ferns dripping in the mist. As I sat down I noticed the entire surface of the stone was dotted by dozens of black spots around 5 inches in diameter, an Appaloosa stone if ever I saw one. Reaching down and touching a

black spot I found the color to be decomposed oak leaves. I found a forked stick and cleaned one out to 9 inches in depth. Then not believing my eyes I cleaned another and another until there was no doubt. They were bed rock mortars! All the way up the canyon it seemed so remote – an environment so pure it never dawned on me that it had been touched by the hand of man – and in this case I was right. It was the ladies of the Northern Chumash who ground their acorns in these mortars and breathed the mist of the water spirits. I laid back closed my eyes hypnotized by the timeless voice of the water spirit spoken in a ghostly ancient langue. Minutes could have been hours – hours could have been minutes. I was awakened from my trance by the voices of two circling Crows. First one; "It's getting late!" and then the other: "It's getting late!" Taking their council I made haste downstream migrating piles of high-grade with me. I soon got to the trout's pool and of course

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ORCUTT MINERAL SOCIETY

Board Meeting

Nipomo Chamber of Commerce Office, Nipomo, CA

June 5, 2018

President Sylvia Nasholm called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Board members present were Dick Bazzell, Jeanne Watkins Brown, Sharon Duncan, Jan Ferguson, Sally Griffith, Debbie Hood, and Wayne Mills; not in attendance Bill Brown. Visitor was Elisabeth Nybo.

Minutes: Minutes from the May General Meeting were read by Debbie Hood and accepted with corrections.

Treasurer's Report: Given by Jeanne Watkins and accepted as read.

Correspondence: We received a newsletter from the Santa Lucia Rockhounds, AFMS newsletter, Salvation Army newsletter and request for donation, Comcast Business solicitation, Santa Barbara Gem Faire invitation, Santa Barbara City College thank you letter for scholarship donation, Oasis Senior Center donation request, special notice of tax changes from the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration.

Committee Reports:

Breakfast: We will meet on June 23rd at Denny's in Santa Maria at 8:30 a.m.

Bulletin: Will be out in a few days.

CFMS: Anyone planning on attend the Chico September 14—15th shows needs to get their room reservations early.

Membership: nothing to report

Education: Wayne Mills reported on why we did not do the Dana Adobe event; discussion ensued.

Field Trips: The annual mid-year Club picnic will be June's field trip. Discussion about a future possible field trip to Russ McGlenn's museum.

Highway Cleanup: No report.

Library: the Nipomo Library will be unavailable to do a pre-show display due to renovations.

Red Books: Wayne Mills has completed delivery of the 2018 Red Books.

Refreshments: Sylvia Nasholm will pick up the keys to the park for the semi-annual meeting picnic.

Scholarship: The check has been sent to Santa Barbara City College (SBCC). Jeff Meyer, SBCC Professor Earth and Planetary Science sent a nice note announcing his retirement and thanking OMS for our scholarship contributions over the years that have assisted students in being able to participate in field courses.

Show:

Cases: The foldup case plans we have to make are too heavy and really aren't useful. The fold-up case Wayne is working on will be lighter but he has not be able to finish it yet.

Coffee & Donuts: Sylvia Nasholm will bring coffee and Jan Ferguson will bring donuts for the Wednesday's parking lot layout and Thursday's set-up for the August show.

Dealers: Sharon Duncan reported that most of the main dealers have their applications and money in. She will soon be giving those on the waiting list an opportunity to fill spaces that are still available.

Demonstrators: Sharon Duncan reports we have 3 indoor and 1 outdoor demonstrator lined up.

Electrical: Wes will be in charge of electrical again this year.

Exhibitors: We have received 4 display case individual applications.

Food: Big Truck Foods will be at the show all three days. Their menu offerings were reviewed and looked yummy. A BBQ Team has been confirmed for Saturday's BBQ. e will need to sell tickets early to get the numbers to the Team to prepare for.

A BBQ Team has been confirmed for Saturdays BBQ and we will be selling tickets early ito facilitate a good count for the team to prepare for.

We will be selling pies at the pie booth again this year. Jan Ferguson will be helping.

Thursday's dinner will be pizza and salad.

Help: We have 3 men to help with set-up and tear down. If you need muscle for something at the show please consult with Sylvia Nasholm.

Hospitality: Sally Griffith and Debbie Hood will be in charge of the Hospitality booth.

Kid's Booth: Bill Brown is in charge of the Kid's Booth and has been tumbling stones.

Port-a-potties: Are ordered

Publicity: Jeanne Watkins Brown reviewed what she had done with the free publicity sources. Sylvia Nasholm is doing a big paid newspaper ad. Show information was submitted to Rock & Gem magazine and is in the latest issue.

Security: John VanAchen is in charge of show security.

Signs: Four signs were found in the locker and they do not need rehabbing. Sylvia is working on permission to

place the signs on private property.

Sign-up Sheets: Sign-up sheets will be available at the semi-annual meeting as well as the July meeting for the Kid's, Hospitality and Pie Booths.

Treasure Chest: Wayne Mills is seeking donations.

Sunshine: Paul Berthelot is having respiratory issues. Jeannie Lingerfelt is slowly getting better after her heart procedure. Bill Brown is still having issues. Jeannie Watkins Brown will have surgery soon.

Old Business:

The conference room in the Nipomo Chamber of Commerce has been booked for the Board meetings the remainder of 2018.

New Business: None

President Sylvia Nasholm adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:
Debbie Hood, Board Member, OMS
for Dyanna Cridelich, Secretary, OMS

UPCOMING CFMS SHOWS

No Shows in July 2018

August 3 - 5: NIPOMO, CA

Orcutt Mineral Society

Nipomo High School

525 Thompson Avenue

Hours: Fri-Sat 10 - 5, Sun 10 - 4

Contact: Sylvia Nasholm, (805) 481-0923

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August 18 - 19: TEHACHAPI, CA

Tehachapi Valley Gem & Mineral Society

Tehachapi Senior Citizen Center

500 East "F" Street

Hours: 9 - 4 daily (tentative)

Contact: Chuck Overall, (661) 821-4650

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September 15 - 16: CHICO, CA

The 79th CFMS Convention and

Feather River Lapidary & Mineral Society

Silver Dollar Fairgrounds

2357 Fair Street

Hours: Sat 9:30 - 5; Sun 9:30 - 4

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they spooked but when the water cleared there was a glint of color. As I picked up a piece of jasper I could barely believe my eyes. The face of the stone showed yellow jasper the shape of an Iris flower in bright lavender agate. This stone made my day. I made my final pack at the hot springs but there was about 200 pounds that I had to stash above the high water line. Passing my camp what should have a day of ease turned into an exhausting slog.

Soon after my turkey trip I attended the Monday night lapidary class that used to be so popular at the Mussel Center. My longtime friend and elder of the Orcutt Mineral Society, Charles Azevedo was the instructor and enthusiastic jasper hound. While some of the weekend's beautiful jasper was being sliced in the 18 inch Frantom I related the tale of the deadly turkeys. With the tale told he seemed unusually interested in the turkeys and the jasper faded from his interest. "You say there are a lot of turkeys up there?" Charles asked. "Yeah" I laughed. "A whole lot of them". Charles leaned forward. "Next time you go up there grab a couple, OK, they're good eating". "Sure" I said sarcastically, "Hey I've been chased before by both Toms and Geese and their peckers are just the right height to – you know – goose you". Charles could hear the cowardice in my voice. "No, No Ralph it's no problem. I'll tell you how to do it". Charles showed real concern. "When I was a youngster our family lived in Hollister next to a turkey farm. Somehow on a regular basis a board on the fence got loose and a couple of turkeys would find some grain in our backyard'. "And they never pecked you?" I asked. "No, No" Charles smiled. "Once they were ours dad would throw out some sweet corn soaked in Vodka and they would gobble it up. You could tell when they were drunk; their heads would fall sideways. Then you could just walk up and grab'em by the neck and give'em a shake. Dinner!" To this day I still wonder about a drunken turkey's head falling sideways.

I made several trips to retrieve the hot springs pile and each time here and there I saw piles of feathers. May the cat always have a full belly and a large family.

DISPLAYS DO NOT HAVE TO BE HARD AND THEY CAN BE FUN!!

By Wayne Mills,

Reprinted from the July 2017 OMS Ore-Cutts

A plea from your president. Part of the fun of being in a rock club is looking at rocks, both ones you have found and ones that others have found (or bought or traded for). When the displays have labels, they help fulfill our society's goal of promoting education in the Earth Sciences. Our show is a great time to share your treasures with others. There is a certain joy that one feels when they hear kind words that someone has said about something they have done (a work of art, a display or a kindness). So please fill out the attached form and return to Sylvia Nasholm soon! Much of what I have learned about rocks, fossils and minerals I picked-up from grazing through the cases at local (and not-so local) gem shows, and by asking questions. Displays can impart knowledge, elicit a chuckle, or form the basis for a future field trip. Creating an interesting display can also give the creator a sense of pride in the accomplishment and fulfill an individual's NEED for self-expression. I saw this display at the Ventura Show a couple of weeks ago. Not only did it give me hope for the younger generation, it was cause for a few tension easing chuckles. Now, see if you can top this! (I wish I had the young pebble pup's name to attribute this case, but I am guessing they are from the Ventura club!)



MY FIRST ROCK COLLECTION: Dull rocks, Rough Rocks, Smooth Rocks, Sparkly Rocks, Glossy Rocks (and maybe ugly or icky rocks!)

EXHIBIT AND DEMONSTRATION APPLICATION

OMS 51st Annual Rainbow of Gems Show & Rock Festival

August 3 & 4, 2018 Show Hours 10 AM to 5 PM

August 5, 2018 Show Hours 10 AM to 4 PM

Nipomo High School, 525 N. Thompson Avenue, Nipomo, CA 93444



Dear Friends:

The Orcutt Mineral Society will be honored to have you exhibit at our 51st annual Rainbow of Gems Show & Rock Festival. We eagerly look forward to your participation this year and welcome newcomers to our event. Please complete, detach, and return the form below by July 1, 2018 to assure that we will have a space reserved for your case. Set up time will be 1:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 2, 2018, or prior to 10:00 a.m., or after 5:00 p.m. on Friday, August 3, 2018. For those of you who cannot arrive until later on Friday, please advise me what time you will be arriving so that I may reserve your case display area. Cases must remain intact during show hours. In the event of an emergency, a member of the Orcutt Mineral Society must accompany you if your case is opened or removed. Dry camping will be available, and we ask that you vacate the camping area prior to 8:00 a.m. on Monday, August 6, 2018. Dinner will be served to exhibitors, demonstrators, and all dealers from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., Thursday evening. Sylvia will have a welcoming packet ready for you. Also, we ask that demonstrators be good neighbors and not demonstrate in the main hall any procedures that make a loud noise. The Orcutt Mineral Society does not carry insurance for the loss or damage to your exhibits. Your homeowners' insurance should cover this. OMS will not be responsible for any loss. Watchmen are provided Friday & Saturday nights. Please indicate below if you can demonstrate your special talents to the public at our show. Your participation has made our show a very special event over the years, and we thank you for your continued support! Please complete the form below and return to Sylvia Nasholm, 1205 Pomeroy Rd, Arroyo Grande, CA. 93420; telephone 805-481-0923; e-mail sylviaandon@cs.com or OMS e-mail info@omsinc.org Visit our web page www.omsinc.org for helpful information. Reminders: **School policy is NO alcohol, NO tobacco, and NO pets other than service animals allowed on the Nipomo High School campus.**

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EXHIBIT AND DEMONSTRATION APPLICATION OMS 51st Annual Rainbow of Gems Show & Rock Festival

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

I will exhibit case(s) entitled: _____

My outside dimensions are: Length: _____ Depth: _____ Height: _____

My case is upright? Y / N Slant? Y / N Wattage not to exceed 150 WATTS

I have my own exhibit case(s) Y / N I need to borrow an OMS case Y / N

I will attend the Thursday night dinner Y / N # of persons? _____

I will demonstrate: _____



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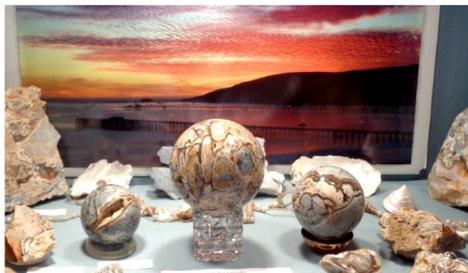
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