



Birthdays

Margaret Henson
July 17th

Anniversaries

Joe and Lisa Azevedo
July 8th

Who is Bringing the Snacks?

The July snack is cake! Thank you to Margaret Henson and Joe and Lisa Azevedo.



The Prez Box - July 2023



Almost all our efforts these days have revolved around the show. With only a month to go things are a little more frantic. Everyone's thoughts have been focused on our upcoming show August 4-6. There are many facets to the preparation for a Show like this. Everyone does separate parts, and in July we combine them together to create what we all hope

will be smooth running of our 3 day show!

Wayne's eye surgery in late July and August 1 will put him out of commission for the majority of the show so we will need help running the treasure chest. If anyone can help fill in for him, the help will be appreciated! Renea is on the show's front lines and has completed the first part of her many show positions. She has filled all the dealer's spaces and has signed up at least 2-3 food vendors. She may even need to add a couple new spaces. She has signed up 12 new dealers this year that have not shown at our show before. She stated they all have something a little different to share. We are still hoping to get more volunteers in all of our 3 booths for the show. If a 2 hour shift is too much, volunteering for an hour will give us a break. Any help is appreciated! We will have the sign up sheets at the July general meeting to send around for the last time before the show. Please pitch in!



July

July 3 at 7:00 pm - Board Meeting in Wes Lingerfelt's garden

July 8 at 8:00 am - Highway Clean-up. Meet at the southeast corner of highway 101 and 166

July 11 at 7:00 pm - General Meeting at the Oasis Senior Center

July 15 - Tentative - Field Trip

July 24 at 7:00 pm - Annual Show Prep Meeting in Wes Lingerfelt's Garden

August

August 4, 5, and 6 - Annual Rainbow of Gems Show at the Nipomo High School

August 7 at 7:00 pm - Board Meeting in Wes Lingerfelt's Garden

August 8 at 7:00 pm - General Meeting at the Oasis Senior Center

The August Show is our Field Trip for the month

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Outside the show prep, Joey has faithfully tried to keep our field trips running smoothly as well as putting her own display of Jalama Beach Treasures together for the show. She is also working on her Master's Degree in Sociology and raising an 11 year old daughter. She has graciously added us to her list of projects! Thanks Joey, from all of us! Joey will let us know at the General meeting if there will be a July Field Trip. With everything else going on in her life, she may need a month off to prepare her Show display.

Our June General meeting was our annual BBQ at Pioneer Park in Santa Maria. We had great get together and wonderful food. The meal featured Wes's specialty, superbly cooked and seasoned Top Block and Jeannie's beans and garlic bread. There was an excellent variety of side dishes and desserts supplied by the attending members of the club. Everything tasted wonderful. Thanks everybody. The silent auction that followed our meal brought in just the correct amount of money to cover the club's contribution for food and reservations this year. Good job everyone. Thank you for helping out.

That does it for this month, hope we will see you at the July meeting July 11th. We have Highway clean up on July 8th at 8:00 AM on the corner of Highway 101 and Rt 166 East, We hope to see you there! Don't forget to put the Rock and Gem Show (August 4-6) on your calendars as something great to do!

We have a program scheduled for the July's meeting which will be presented by Tara Machin. Her talk is entitled Mt. Vesuvius and Pompeii, Geology and Volcanic Catastrophe. Please bring a volcanic rock to show (someone bought a beautiful piece of obsidian at the BBQ auction). Hope you will be able to join us at our July meeting and enjoy the program and fellowship.

Sally



Orcutt Mineral Society Board Meeting - June 5, 2023

Called to Order: 7:09 pm by Sally Griffith

Members Present: Sally Griffith, Jeannie Watkins, Tara Machin, Wayne Mills, Renea Sutcliffe, Jan Ferguson, Wes Lingerfelt, and Joe Goetz, Absent: Betty Campbell and Joey Nichols

Correspondence: Advertisement from Domain Listings, USPS stamp out hunger donation request, announcement for the Cuesta College groundbreaking at the San Luis Obispo Campus, AFMS newsletter

Previous Minutes: No corrections

Treasurer's Report: No report until July

Refreshments: No refreshments for June - annual BBQ

Committee Reports:

1. **Bulletin-** Bulletin is out
2. **CFMS/AFMS-** See the bulletin for the CFMS and AFMS notes.
3. **Membership-** Jeanne thought that we might give a free membership to our scholarship award winner in the future.
4. **Field Trip-** Folks went to Clear Creek near Salinas. There was a huge amount of water to drive through, there was a lot of erosion, and the hiking was hard. However, people found plasma agate, jadeite, and blue schist. Those folks who came had lots of fun.
5. **Adopt-a-Highway-** Wayne gave a brief summary of 6 month clean up. The report didn't come through to Tara in time for the May newsletter, but we got it figured out and we should see the update in the June newsletter
6. **Annual Awards Banquet-** No updates
7. **Education-** No updates
8. **Library-** No updates. Please note that the library list is up on our website.
9. **Sunshine-** Wayne will be out for cataract surgery on July 25th and August 1. He will be out of the annual show so we need help with the treasure chest, display cabinet set-up, and hospitality.
10. **Scholarship-** No updates
11. **Show-**
 - All of the spaces are sold out except 1. However, we can add approximately 10 more spaces to get more vendors in.
 - We need more handicapped parking spaces
 - Renea has the paperwork and fliers for the hospitality booth (membership forms are such) and she will bring the paperwork to the show
 - Diane Cook, the organizer from Ventura, stated how hard Renea has been working for our club. She has been passing out fliers at every rock show within a 3 hour drive to get more vendors.
 - Tara presented suggestions for the Kids Booth sale items. We looked at a variety of options for sale. The board approved a budget of \$100 for her to supply the booth.
 - We have not gotten purchase prices for shirts and caps. The silk screen lady hasn't gotten back to her.
 - Old shirts - we need to move them out. We need to discount them for sale or add some to the door prize.
 - We will pass around sign up sheets for helpers at our booths at the picnic and July meeting. Please sign up to help! We including a cut off saw operator for Geode cutting at kids booth.

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Old Business: Pioneer Park picnic rundown - Wes will pick up the key to the park so he can start cooking before the park opens for the day

New Business: Facebook advertising. Has anyone added show to our Facebook account yet? Tara will call Elizabeth for the Facebook Event to be created. Everyone should post to Next Door and post to their own FaceBook

accounts. Tara to include social media information with the newsletter email blast. Wayne to put an add in the paper for 2 weeks before the show. We need someone to cover the TV and the Radio spots. No volunteers yet. Tara to look into posting on Meetup? We are looking for a supplier for red jackets

Adjourned: at 8:14 pm
Respectfully submitted by Tara Machin

Special Sign-Up for the Annual Rock Show - Displays

We are looking for someone to be the point person for the display set-up. Wayne will likely be out of commission with his surgery so we need a special member to help out. As always, there are always members around to help set-up and move the displays as needed, but it would really be great to have someone with the display layout map who can help orchestrate the set-up and tear down. Please contact Sally or Wayne for more information. Their contact information is in the Red Book and at the back of this newsletter. Thank you so very much!



Special Sign-Up for the Annual Rock Show - Dealer Check-In

We are looking for someone to be the point person for the dealer check-in. This person will need to give out the badges and show them to their spots from a map. Most of our vendors and dealers are repeat customers so this should be an easy job. Again, there will be many OMS members around to help you out, we just need to point to one person who will have all the badges or know where they are. Again, thank you so much for your help!



Photos from the Annual BBQ

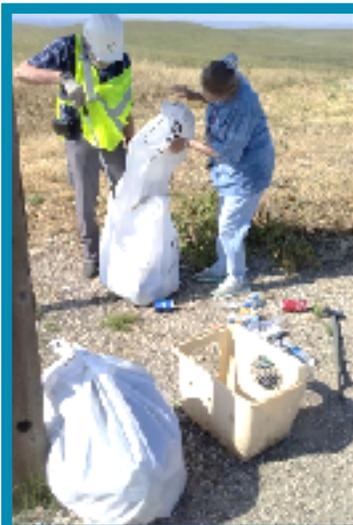


More photos to come. Margaret Henson always takes the BBQ pictures. More to come in August.

OMS Highway Cleanup - May 2023

By Wayne W. Mills, Adopt-A-Highway Coordinator

A hearty group of volunteers assembled at our meeting area for the May clean-up, our first in 6 months. The weather was pleasant and the highway not too dirty considering. Many thanks to the folks who showed up for our May Highway adventure: Wes and Marty Lingerfelt, Geary Sheffer, Joe Goetz, Joe Azevedo, Cary Holst, Steve and Lisa Siemsen, Sally Griffith and yours truly. After the Clean-up (about 9:36 a.m.), the group gathered at Country Kitchen in Santa Maria for treats and the drawing for the incentive prize generously donated by Wes Lingerfelt, a nice polished piece of McDermott, Oregon Petrified Wood. The winner of the drawing was Wes (again!). Bags were left at four locations scattered along our route. My estimate of the number of bags of trash is 10 bags and 2 bags of cans and plastic bottles for recycle. By the way, our new recycler for cans and bottles won't take anything chewed up or flattened by a mower or by cars. I got one big "trucker's bomb", several highway reflectors, a damaged plastic pet carrier, part of a plastic fender, a heavy-duty truck tie down strap and a dollar bill. Wes found a huge pile of clothes, car parts, a car radio, and garbage left by someone likely moving away. Two vendors also shared our parking area where Caltrans has had difficulty keeping their "No Vendors" sign upright. Oh, and the wildflowers are still blooming along the highway, and they were beautiful.



Donations, Donations! - We need Donations for the Treasure Chest and the Kid's Booth

More help requested! Wayne Mills is asking for donations for the Treasure Chest and Tara Machin is asking for donations for the Kid's Booth.

Wayne would like each club member to donate a rock or rock related item to the Treasure Chest. The more unique items that we have, the more enticing they are to show goers. As a reminder, we will also have treasure chest tickets at the July general meeting so that you can sell them early.

Tara is in need of rocks for the Kid's Booth. The kids spin a wheel and win a prize. It is a great fundraiser and the kids love all the rocks. Please donate small tumbled rocks, cut-offs from projects, or anything that you think kids would like. Someone donated glow in the dark glass stones last year and the kids loved them. Thank you!



Interesting Internet

Rock formation that looks like Cookie Monster could fetch \$10,000 -

<https://www.cnet.com/science/rock-formation-that-looks-like-cookie-monster-could-fetch-10000/>

Largest ruby ever to come to auction sells for record-breaking \$34.8 million

<https://www.cnn.com/style/ruby-sothebys-auction-record/index.html>

Newly Discovered Jurassic Fossils Are a Texas First

<https://news.utexas.edu/2023/06/27/newly-discovered-jurassic-fossils-are-a-texas-first/>

The History of Oakland, Told Through Its Geology

<https://www.kqed.org/forum/2010101893356/the-history-of-oakland-told-through-its-geology>

UCLA geologists are using artificial intelligence to predict landslides

<https://newsroom.ucla.edu/releases/artificial-intelligence-can-predict-landslides>



Schedule of Volunteers for the Annual Show

The sign-up sheets are filling up nicely, but we still need more help. There are many members who just jump in as needed without signing up, but we would still like you sign up for shifts. If you cannot do a whole shift, don't worry, we will work with what you can give. We have a special need for a chop saw operator at the Kid's Booth. Hopefully Cary Holst will give us a lesson on how to use it.

Hospitality

Shift	10 - Noon	Noon - 2	2 - 5 (2-4 on Sunday)
Friday, August 4th	Sally Griffith		Debbie Hood
Saturday, August 5th	Sally Griffith		Debbie Hood
	Margaret Henson		
Sunday, August 6th	Sally Griffith		Sally Griffith
	Margaret Henson		Debbie Hood

Kids Booth

Shift	10 - Noon	Noon - 2	2 - 5 (2-4 on Sunday)
Friday, August 4th	Tara Machin	Tara Machin	
	Jeannie Beattie		
Saturday, August 5th	Tara Machin	Lisa Azevedo	Tara Machin
	Jeannie Beattie	Joe Azevedo	
Sunday, August 6th	Tara Machin	Lisa Azevedo	Tara Machin
	Jeannie Beattie	Joe Azevedo	

Chop Saw Operator - Kid's Booth

Shift	10 - Noon	Noon - 2	2 - 5 (2-4 on Sunday)
Friday, August 4th		Cary Holst	
Saturday, August 5th	Cary Holst		
Sunday, August 6th			

Treasure Chest

Shift	10 - Noon	Noon - 2	2 - 5 (2-4 on Sunday)
Friday, August 4th		Jeannie Beattie	
		Sylvia Nasholm	Jeanne Watkins
Saturday, August 5th	Jeanne Watkins		Jeanne Watkins
	Jan Ferguson		January
Sunday, August 6th	Jeanne Watkins	Sylvia Nasholm	Debbie Hood
	Jan Ferguson		Jeanne Watkins

Lot Layout on Wednesday, August 2nd (9 - Noon)

Sally Griffith	
Debbie Hood	
Robyn Burgess	
Allison Williams	
Tara Machin	

Show Set-Up on Thursday, August 3rd (8 am - 6pm)

Sally Griffith	
Debbie Hood	
Robyn Burgess	
Allison Williams	
Joey Nichols	
Jan Ferguson	
Tara Machin	

Show Clean-Up on Monday, August 7th (9 - Noon)

Sally Griffith	
Joe Goetz	
Tara Machin	

CFMS / AFMS Bulletin Notes -

Notes by Wayne Mills SLR CFMS Rep

The following summaries are intended to give the reader a hint of what is contained in the current newsletters. If any of these topics are of interest, PLEASE take the trouble to look up the newsletter on the AFMS or CFMS website.

CFMS Website - cfmsinc.org

No Newsletter for July

AFMS Website- amfed.org

No Newsletter for July or August

Upcoming Rock and Mineral Shows

July 8-9, 2023 - Culver City, CA
Culver City Gem and Mineral Society
Contact: lexyhunter@aol.com
Website: <http://culvercityrocks.org/fiesta/>

August 4, 5 & 6, 2023 - Nipomo, CA
Orcutt Mineral Society
Contact: nipomocowgirl55@yahoo.com
Website: <http://www.omsinc.org>

August 5-6, 2023 - Roseville, CA
Roseville Rock Rollers Gem and Mineral Society
Contact: gloriarosevillerockrollers@gmail.com

Website: <https://www.rockrollers.com/index.html>

August 19-20, 2023 - Tehachapi, CA
Tehachapi Valley Gem and Mineral Society
Contact: (661) 972-1117,
travis462@outlook.com
Website: <https://www.tvgms.rocks>

August 26-27, 2023 - Arcadia, CA
Pasadena Lapidary Society
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Website: <https://pasadenalapidary.org>

For more information, please see [the CFMS Website](#)



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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.

