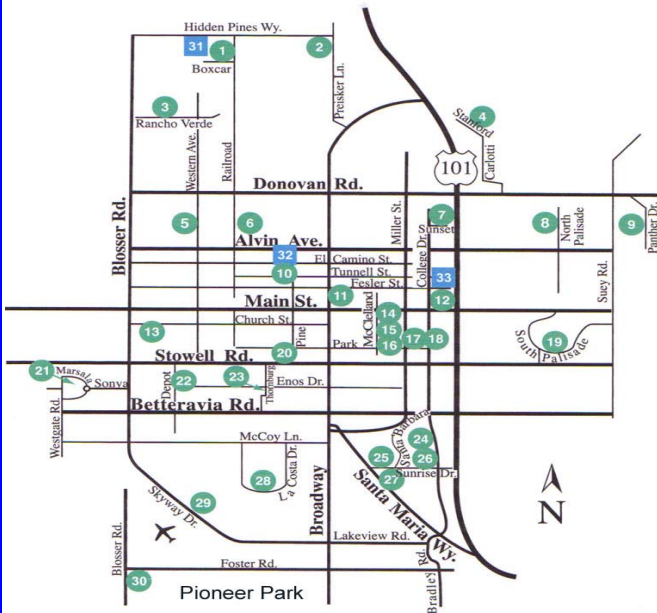




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Come and join us on Saturday, June 7, 2008 for the OMS Semi-Annual Meeting Bar-B-Q at Pioneer Park, 1000 W. Foster Road - Santa Maria.

City of Santa Maria Parks Map



Bring all your extra rocks, fossils, slabs, etc for the silent auction. You can also bring beads, cabs, plants or anything else you think someone else might bid on. Oh, and cash, too, for all your winning bids on other folks' extra rocks.

The club will provide bread & meat. Bring a dish to share, your drinks and a plate and table service. It's also a good idea to bring a Tablecloth and pads for the seating as the birdies will be birdies. There are clean restroom facilities and socialized dogs are welcome, but be prepared to clean up after them as this is a park where children come. Please remember to park in designated areas after unloading your vehicles.

Geology of the Central Coast, A Series— Nipomo Volcanics

By Wayne Mills

Nipomo in Southern San Luis Obispo County is nationally famous for the Sagenite and Marcasite agate that is found in its creeks and bean fields. Less popular, but also beautiful are the “Bean Field Agates” that occur here. The source of these agates is the Mid-Miocene age volcanism that occurred here and elsewhere. Tectonic pressures exerted by the subduction of the mid-Pacific spreading center created weaknesses in the earth’s crust that allowed molten materials from the earth’s mantle to escape to the surface. These lava materials congealed into dark basalts riddled with gas bubbles. “Flower-like” crystals of Marcasite and needle-like, radiating masses of zeolites formed in the gas cavities from the relict gasses. Later, the cavities and cracks in the basalt were gradually filled by chalcedony (cryptocrystalline quartz). The source of this material is either hydrothermal (subsurface) intrusion (infusion?) or precipitation (water that absorbed silica from decomposed volcanic ash or clay, and re-deposited it in the gas cavities). Over the intervening (about 15 million) years, the basalt has decomposed to clay, and left the agate nodules and veins that are much more resistant to



Nipomo Marcasite



Wayne's Sagenite treasure

weathering scattered with the rich alluvial soils and in the local creeks.

Members and guests who attended our May meeting were privileged to hear Ralph Bishop expound on this very topic.

Wes and Jeannie are Golden!

By Wayne Mills



At our May meeting, OMS paid tribute to their most supportive couple, Wes and Jeannie Lingerfelt. The couple was feted with a cake baked by President Wayne Mills' daughter, Chelsea; with sparkling apple cider,

cran-apple cider, and sparkling grape juice; and with a card signed by members and guests present at the meeting. President Mills read a poem, "Earth Angel" that had, in part, been dedicated to the couple when it was written in 1996, and presented a summary of their accomplishments on behalf of OMS. Gloria Dana presented Wes with a "baby" to take care of.



When un-swaddled, the "baby" turned out to be a bottle of bubbly. President Mills also presented the couple with a pair of interlinked hearts with their initials carved on the hearts.

The linked hearts were carved from a single piece of Pulga Soapstone.

Earth Angel

By Wayne Mills

Dedicated to the hard working and supportive wives of CFMS who share their husband's enthusiasm for the Earth Sciences, and to the couples who have inspired me in my love for the hobby—Cal and Dee Clason, Ray and Florence Meisenheimer, Bruno and Opal Benson, Chuck and Kay Vollmer, and Wes and Jeannie Lingerfelt.

"We'll walk the green hills hand in hand and share the beauty of the land.

We'll sleep with stars bright overhead, we'll have such fun!" the young man said.

Forsaking comforts of their home they mountains, field and deserts roam - discovering treasures where they lay in streams, on beaches or in hardened clay.

Turquoise blue, carnelian red in boxes, bins or 'neath the bed.

As years go by, their treasures mount, the joy within, their jewels about.

And oft with practiced eye she notes with pride (and mirth) the heavy load her rugged husband totes.

For agate, bone or fossil wood he scours the earth to find a prettier piece of higher worth.

And looks at opal with a lustful eye and fondles tools he'd like to buy.

She works to weariness to show she wants to help their hobby grow.

And with any luck she's found that they both share common ground in loving Nature and her productions that to him become seductions.

"Just one more facet on this fascinating rock" (forget the slowly ticking clock, or dinner burning on the range... "that man will never change...!")

But let us pray he doesn't miss a chance to say— of all the gems he has in facets, cab and sphere— his nurturing wife's the one he holds most dear.

(Editor's Note: This could just as well apply to all the long-suffering husbands who must put up with their wife's rock-obsessions as well! Bill Hood & Paul Berthelot come to mind.)

Clear Creek Closure

By Debbie Hood

**CLEAR CREEK MANAGEMENT AREA CLOSURE
EFFECTIVE MAY 1, 2008 OF 31,000 ACRES WITHIN THE**

CLEAR CREEK MANAGEMENT AREA INFORMATION FACT SHEET

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) began conducting a study in 2004 on asbestos exposures experienced by CCMA users during typical recreational activities. The study was conducted to provide BLM with information to manage and minimize human health risks at the CCMA and to update a similar study conducted by the BLM in 1992. On May 1, 2008 the EPA released the report, "CCMA Asbestos Exposure and Human Health Risk Assessment." The report stated the exposures measured by EPA for many recreational activities at CCMA are "above the EPA acceptable risk range of lifetime cancers." It also notes that children "have greater risk than adults due to higher exposure measurements [and] are of special concern because their exposures occur earlier in their lives.

Based on the findings in the report, BLM simultaneously enacted an immediate temporary closure on May 1, 2008 of 31,000 acres of the area to all public access/entry upon release of the EPA report while a Resource Management Plan (RMP) to determine the long-term management of the area is underway. The BLM's number one priority is to protect the public's health and safety.

Over the next two years, BLM will be preparing a Resource Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement to guide the long-term management of public lands within the CCMA. EPA and BLM will host a public meeting to discuss the results of the EPA Human Health Risk Assessment and BLM will discuss the need for the temporary emergency closure on May 8, 2008.

The Fee Program has been suspended and partial refunds will be issued to all persons who purchased a Season Pass.

This notice was received on May 2 and has caused a storm of protest from those who use the CCMA for recreation. It is widely believed that the BLM did these studies in order to make a case for closure as the vandalism in recent years has threatened them with lawsuits for failure to protect the various endangered species in the area. In several incidents fencing and other barriers protecting areas where endangered plants or animal live has been removed and the area used by off road vehicles causing much destruction.

There has NOT been a number of cases of area users becoming ill and forcing studies of this sort. But there IS a long standing effort by various environmental groups in recent years to fence the public out of Public Lands wherever they could make a case, however flimsy. In this case the conclusions were based on a study that looks like a college statistics student paper. There are far too few samples to draw any rational conclusions from, covering so large and diverse an area. And the standards used are those for an enclosed work area. They fail to differentiate between the kind of asbestos used commercially and that

which is found in the CCMA. This hardly constitutes use of the scientific method, but then that does not appear to be the point in the first place.

Every body that uses CCMA needs to band together to fight this taking of public lands from the public. By the way, the Benitoite mine is included in this closure, even the owner is not being allowed to work his mine so his source of income and the only source of this state's gemstone is also closed. Sounds to me like a taking of private property is involved here as well, and will probably lead to legal action.

There has been some discussion of making the CCMA a part of the Pinnacles National Monument, that would allow some recreational uses, but that would include complete restriction of any "consumptive" uses, like removing rocks.

Are we Rockhounds reasonable adults who will stand up for our rights, or are we sheep who will allow the environmentalist wolves to fence us out of public lands? Write your representatives, attend any of the public meetings, just don't sit quietly and let it happen.

Contact the Hollister Field Office at (831) 630-5000 or visit the BLM website at

http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/fo/hollister/clear_creek_management_area.h

To email your comments on Clear Creek write to cahormp@ca.blm.gov

To write a letter (often more attention is paid to letters):

Sky Murphy
Bureau of Land Management
Hollister Field Office
20 Hamilton Court
Hollister, California 95023

Please check out the following link for the California Wilderness Coalition.

<http://calwild.org/places/index.php>

It lists over 300 proposed sites for becoming a Wilderness designation under the California Wild Heritage Act. Areas that we, as rockhounds, frequent, areas we consider prime collecting areas and "home". Areas such as the Cady Mtns, Ship Mtns, Kingston Range, Soda Mtns. Yep, over 300 sites.

We all need to become more active in keeping public lands open for..ahhhh yes, us, the public!

Rock Breakfast

By Gloria Dana

On April 26th the April Breakfast was held at C.J.'s in Arroyo Grande. Members present were Don,

Shelly & Gloria Dana, Lucky Virgin, Geary Scheffer, Bill & Debbie Hood, Don & Sylvia and John & Beverly Nasholm, Keith & Pat McKay and Erica Erskine, Wes & Jeannie Lingerfelt, Stan, Jan & Brenna Ferguson and their friend Jim Covindale. All had hungry tummies and were filled by CJ's wonderful food and hot coffee. All who attended enjoyed good conversation and were eligible for the door prize. Geary Scheffer won a beautiful garnet faceted by Don Dana and Jim Covindale who won a beautiful sphere cut by Lucky Virgin.

Adopt-A-Highway



By Wayne Mills

Our patch of Route 166 is clean again. The stretch that we cleanup on the 3rd Saturday of odd months wasn't too bad this time, except for a few trucker bombs in zip lock

bags, and half a truck tire that Bud Burgess carried back to our staging area. Bud's reward was a \$100 Visa gift card—hope that it has a bundle left on it...the best thing I found was a 1/2 inch washer.

Those participating this month were Bud Burgess, Geary Sheffer, Don and Sylvia Nasholm, Steve Riegel, Ralph Larson, Jeannie and Marty Lingerfelt, and yours truly. We wound-up at the **Mayor's Place** in Nipomo for our snacks, coffee, and a good chat.

LOOK TO THE FUTURE: KERN COUNTY MINERAL MITES

By Sylvia Nasholm

For as many years as we have been members of the OMS (25), Don and I have been making the annual trek to Bakersfield the first weekend of May to enjoy the Kern County Mineral Society's Gem and Mineral show. The club is filled with warm wonderful Rockhounds and I have always associated the event with great exhibits & dealers, catch up time at the big round tables, an amazing array of petrified wood, committed young Rockhounds, and a spirited silent auction. This year there was a palpable energy vibrating throughout the show due in large part to the "Best Junior Club in KCMS History" and these Mineral Mites have a trophy to prove it!

This year, Ishmael Sanchez was show chairman for the annual "Art in Stone" event and he made



excellent use of this amazing resource of the KCMS. The Society is a family oriented group who just happen to LOVE rocks and their

ability to involve their children in their hobby has crystallized into this incredible group known as the Kern County Mineral Mites. After viewing their display cases and watching them in action, I spoke with Mr. Sanchez and a few of the Mineral Mites.

Hank Clason was the club's first Mineral Mite advisor. In 1993 and 1994 Ishmael was his Assistant Advisor. In 1995 Ishmael took over the program and has led the group to date. His current Assistant Advisors are Ben and Pattee Childress. As part of the program, Ishmael insists on getting parents involved in the group's activities and they are much the richer for it.

The Mineral Mites (ages 8-18) meet the second Friday of each month from 6:45–8:30PM at the Veteran's Hall in Bakersfield. They take the summer months of June, July, and August off from meetings but make use of the time to enjoy field trips. The group's advisor maintains a workshop for them and it is available to them nearly seven days a week year round.

The group elects officers and they start their meetings with a business portion, followed by a presentation. They do classification of specimens and make charts and they have fun activities such as pizza parties as well. Mineral Mites are able to earn Merit Badges (the AFMS program of Future Rockhounds of America) and Leadership Awards. The group maintains a display case at the Kern County Fair (as does the Adult KCMS club), they demonstrate and they display at the "Art in Stone" event as well.



This year, a whopping 28 Mineral Mites were involved and their displays included mineral specimens,

cabochons, belt buckles, bola, tumbled stones, carvings, wire wrappings, and personal favorites. Each piece was labeled and displayed with enthusiasm and in some cases, downright sophistication. They had a wonderful static display of the group, they worked the Spinning Wheel, the Sand Box (a chance to dig for 3 polished stones for \$.50), Gold Panning area, the Grab Bags, and they helped set up and I saw them in action helping with the break down of the Silent Auction alongside the adults.

Kaisa Wagner got her start in the Group when she saw the combined club displays and booth at the Fair seven years ago. She is currently a Vice President and will be the President of the Mineral Mites when they resume in the Fall. Kaisa's case included a belt buckle and bola among other things. I wish that I had been able to meet all of the Mineral Mites but those I did meet were poised and charming and very helpful and gave me a sense of comfort for the future leaders of generations to come.

The Pres Box

Wayne Mills, OMS President

Show season is upon us. The San Luis Club has one of their annual shows in the Cayucos Vets Hall, over the Father's Day Weekend (June 14-15 hint, hint). The big CFMS Golden Bear Show is the weekend of June 27-29 at the Ventura Fairgrounds.

We had a nice turnout to help us celebrate Wes and Jeannie's 50th Anniversary. Thanks to those who added their special touches the meeting, including Dee Dee, Elaine and Gloria. Thanks too to Ralph for another entertaining presentation on Marcasite and Sagenite. Those who missed it, or those who caught Ralph's presentation, you might want to review "Moonstone Odyssey" in our Ore Cutts archives (February 2006). He also brought a bucket of outstanding Marcasite and Sagenite specimens to illustrate his talk.

Do you know what you will be displaying at our annual show? Now is a good time to start planning. Remember; please check a case out from Wes (and let me know that you did) so you can get the case spiffed up to your liking before the show. That would take a heavy burden off those folks who set up the show.

Our get-well wishes go out to Wes. He missed our May Highway cleanup due to dizzy spells, but Marty and Jeannie stood in for him.

Wes is supposed to help me get some of our tables for the Cactus and Succulent show on the weekend of May 24-25. Sorry I failed to mention this at the meeting. The club will make some more money for our scholarship fund for this endeavor.

A birdie told me that our member Gloria Dana is off to San Francisco to the prestigious Revere Academy (jewelry school) for an intensive class on advanced jewelry making. Her goal is a degree in jewelry making. This will take about two years worth of classes. Congratulations Gloria for being accepted! And while I am discussing the Dana's, I saw Shelly and Don at the Dana Heritage days on May 17, and Shelly, a descendant of the Captain looked lovely and poised in a period costume as the young Maria Josefa Carrillo Dana. Children do grow up quick, don't they?

I talked to Kay Vollmer on May 20, and she sounded in good spirits and likes her care facility. She enjoys calls and visits from her rockhound friends. She has a new granddaughter too!

Bits and Bytes

By Wayne Mills

Information about digging at the Himalaya Mine in Mesa Grande, (San Diego Co.) perhaps some of the best tourmaline digging in CA.

<http://www.highdesertgemsandminerals.com/>

Interesting reading on the Morros (Nine Sisters of San Luis Obispo County)

<http://santalucia.sierraclub.org/ninesis.html>

"There are no passengers on spaceship earth. We are all crew." - [Marshall McLuhan](#)

Scholarship Awarded

By Wayne Mills, Scholarship Chairperson

Christine Clason and I attended the Hancock College Scholarship presentation on May 22. The event was held in the Hancock Gym, and we were privileged to sit with our scholarship recipient, a charming young lady named Katie O'Neill. She attended the function with her parents. Katie is a continuing student who hopes to attend the University of Hawaii, Hilo next year, to continue her studies in vulcanology. She will not be alone over there, as her brother has preceded her and shares her interest in geology.

I also enjoyed talking with her father Steve, an amateur paleontologist who has some familiarity with fossils in the Cuyama Badlands. Steve and

Katie live in a home off Tepesquet Canyon Road, so they are familiar with the area off Highway 166.

We invited Katie to come to one of our meetings, and we look forward to introducing her to our members. We may also entice her to attend our upcoming show.

The event included a prime rib dinner, and a keynote address by Santa Maria judge, Honorable Rogelio Flores. Judge Flores inspirational talk emphasized the factors for being successful in business. His key points were: to be humble, to be happy, and to be responsible. In illustrating his first point, he related a story about when he first became a judge. Noting that his mother was a Mexican Immigrant who only finished 3rd Grade, and his father just made it past 6th grade, he was the first in his family to attend and graduate from college. On receiving his appointment of Commissioner, he asked his wife how she liked being married to the first Mexican commissioner. She said nothing. That night, he asked her how she liked sleeping with the first Mexican commissioner. Again she said nothing. The next morning, he asked her how she liked waking up with the first Mexican commissioner. Again she said nothing. After breakfast, she asked him to take a ride with her. They stopped at Rosemary Farms, a local poultry farm. She pointed to a man about Rogelio's age that was shoveling chicken manure and said, "If I had married him, HE would be the first Mexican commissioner!" This was a humbling experience for Mr. Flores, and a further



reminder of the importance of appreciating those who have supported us in our accomplishments.

Wayne and Christine presenting Katie with the OMS Earth Science Scholarship

At the event, \$213,000 in scholarships was passed out to 223 deserving students. "Our" Ms. O'Neill also received a scholarship from the Portuguese Society



Sunshine

Kay Vollmer continues to get stronger. Gloria Dana is much improved. Wes is healing but having an ear infection to contend with. Ya'll get and stay well



now, ya heah?

Anniversaries & Birthdays

Birthday wishes for June include Ralph Bishop, Shelly Dana, Kathy Collison, Geary Sheffer, Maida Williams, & Jeff Hardesty. Anniversary congratulations go out to Roger & Donna Lehman, Bert & Louise McIntosh, Bill & Debbie Hood, Stan & Jan Ferguson, and to Don & Gloria Dana. May you all have many more!



CFMS NEWS

By Debbie Hood

As everybody is aware, costs have been rising for nearly everything, and that includes for our CFMS & AFMS organizations. There is a proposal that dues to these organization rise to meet these costs as they have been doing what they can to put a cap on costs, but have reached the negative cash flow point. The proposal is for a 25-cent increase to AFMS per member and a 25-cent increase per member to CFMS. This would make 75-cents per member per year to AFMS and \$2.00 per member per year to CFMS. That plus \$6.00 per year per member for basic liability insurance would bring total dues to \$8.00 per year per member (this is paid out of our club dues of \$18.00 per member per year.) This will be voted on at the June 28 meeting in Ventura. We need to let our representative know how we wish to vote. I propose we vote for it, even though it may mean a slight increase in our club dues eventually. We have worked hard to keep them low all along, so there is room for a small increase without making dues onerously expensive.

Orcutt Mineral Society Board Meeting Elwin Mussell Sr. Center, Santa Maria, Ca. May 6, 2008

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President, Wayne Mills.

Board members present were Debbie Hood, Wayne Mills, Wes Lingerfelt, Dee Dee Magri, Sylvia Nasholm, Sandy Berthelot and Sharon Duncan. Guests included Bill Hood and Paul Berthelot.

Minutes of the April 2008 general meeting were approved as published in the May, 2008 newsletter.

Correspondence: Dee Dee Magri reported newsletters received from the South Bay Lapidary & Mineral Society, San Gorgonio Mineral & Gem Society and South Orange Co. Gem & Mineral Society. We also received a Flyer from CFMS inviting members to the

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Golden Bear Gem & Mineral Show June 27 through the 29th at the Seaside Park, Ventura Ca.

Treasurer's Report: Wes Lingerfelt read the treasurer's report. The report was accepted as read.

Committee Reports:

Adopt-A-Highway: Wayne Mills noted that our next clean up would be May 17 from 8:00 a.m. to 10: a.m. We will meet at the intersection of Highway 101 and Highway 166.

Field Trip: Our field trip to Figueroa Mountain is set for May 10, 2008. We also have a trip planned for May 24th where we will be joining the Paso Robles club at Beecham Ranch in Los Osos to collect Rhyolite and Jasper.

Newsletter: Wes Lingerfelt reported that we were highly complemented on how our bulletin was made up from an East Coast club member.

CFMS: Sylvia Nasholm requested that we might be able to get a list of competition rules for the Ventura show.

Annual Gem Show: Wes said we have 40 dealers signed up for the show. Sylvia Nasholm announced that Elaine Von Achen and Dee Dee Magri will be in charge of the snack bar. Sylvia will chair the Thursday evening dealer meal and be available on one of the three days to help in the snack bar.

Membership: An application for membership, from Laura Gebhart, was read. Wes Lingerfelt made a motion that we accept Laura for membership. Debbie Hood seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Telephone Tree: Margaret Henson, Sandy Berthelot, Wes and Jeannie Lingerfelt, Dee Dee Magri and Jan Ferguson have agreed to be on the telephone committee. Debbie Hood will get a telephone list to each of them.

Sunshine: Kay Vollmer is currently residing in a private home. If you would like to visit with her, arrangements may be made by calling Debbie Hood for information. Gloria Dana has a fractured back but is doing much better.

Old Business: Debbie Hood stated that the sweet Adeline's would be the best choice of entertainment for the annual Christmas meeting. All members were in agreement. Bill Hood is to check with them for availability. Sylvia Nasholm suggested doing a "Gift Swap" among members. This is a good option and possibility.

Wes Lingerfelt said he would contact Frank Mullaney regarding the making of member badges. There has been no current information on the Golden Bear with Gavel pin and Wes said he will check with Frank Mullaney on the possibility of him making this pin for us as well. He will be present at our Gem Show. Bill Hood suggested that we discuss this at our general meeting and pass

around a sign-up sheet for those who would want a pin made.

Debbie Hood suggested we make a large sign, to be displayed in the snack bar area, directing people to the eating area outside under the trees.

Wayne Mills received a letter from club member, Peggy Johnson, regarding demonstration areas at our show. We talked about developing a schedule of demonstrators and people who could offer special demos in a classroom surrounding, since our demo area is somewhat limited. Set-up times could be in flyer form. Thanks to Peggy for her suggestions and willingness to help.

New Business:

Sylvia Nasholm donated drawings from Molly Kerlick and her late husband, Carl Kerlick for the showcase as well as a pattern for making a club vest.

May's general meeting program will be on Sagenite and Marcasite given by Ralph Bishop.

Display for May will be local agates, sagenite and Marcasite.

Refreshments will be pies donated by Jeannie Lingerfelt, Jan Ferguson, Dee Dee Magri and Sandy Berthelot.

The meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m. by president, Wayne Mills.

Respectfully submitted:

Dee Dee Magri, Secretary Pro Tem, OMS

Orcutt Mineral Society General Meeting Elwin Mussell Sr. Center, Santa Maria, Ca. May 13, 2008

President Wayne Mills called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

Wayne Mills gave the invocation.

Wayne Mills led the flag salute.

Elaine Von Achen read the minutes of the May 6, 2008 Board Meeting. Wayne Mills noted a misspelling of Frank Mullaney's last name as well as 10:00 p.m. instead of 10:00 a.m. for the ending time for highway clean-up. Minutes were approved as amended.

Correspondence: Elaine Von Achen reported newsletters received from Santa Cruz Mineral & Gem Society, South Bay Lapidary & Mineral Society, South Orange County Gem & Mineral Society and San Geronio Mineral & Gem Society. She also read a flyer from CFMS inviting members to the Golden Bear Gem & Mineral Show June 27 through the 29th at the Seaside Park, Ventura, Ca.

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

Committee Reports:

Hospitality: Sharon Duncan announced 35 members and 5 guests. Guests included Rod Ness, Joe Martines, Betty Kern and Nick Buckley.

Abused Children: Jan Ferguson noted Malachite from Inyo County, Ca. and Dravite Tourmaline from Western Australia as this evening's door prizes.

Annual Luncheon Meeting: Sylvia Nasholm asked if members would be interested in having a gift exchange and asked for a show of hands. A majority was in favor of a gift exchange.

Monthly Breakfast: Before giving her report, Gloria Dana presented Wes with a bottle of champagne in honor of his anniversary. She then reported that the April breakfast was held at CJ's restaurant in Arroyo Grande on Saturday, April 26. Winners of the door prizes were Gary Sheffer, who won a garnet cut by Don Dana and Jim Covindale who won a Sphere donated by Lucky Virgin. Next months breakfast will be held on May 24 at 9:00 a.m. at Shirley's Cafe in Grover Beach.

Bulletin: Debbie Hood said the bulletin is now on the web site as well as having been mailed. If you did not receive yours contact Wes Lingerfelt.

CFMS: Wes Lingerfelt said the editor of "Rock & Gem" requested that clubs get "Rock & Gem's" new address on their input so when they mail in requests to have their shows listed it gets to them. Apparently many clubs are still using the old address and requests are not being printed. Wes also noted that he and Jeannie participated in the annual Gem Show held in Bishop on May 2 and 3. The show was a great financial success for the Lingerfelt's.

Education: Wes Lingerfelt gave a talk to two 4th grade classes at Oceano School. He had 31 students the first hour and 30 more the second hour. Each student was given some iron pyrite to take home.

Field Trips: Bob Bullock reported that the field trip to Figueroa Mountain was a great success. Jasper and Rhyolite were found.

Gem Show: Wes stated that contracts are still dribbling in. Wayne asked if anyone was interested in demonstrating. He has a few cases left and he has applications as well.

Property: Geary Sheffer thanked everyone for his or her help with the locker clean up.

Public Lands Access Committee: Dick Bazzell announced that as of May 1, 2008 Clear Creek has been closed due to asbestos in the area.

Refreshments: Dee Dee Magri reported the night's refreshment will be pie donated by Jeannie Lingerfelt and a sheet cake made and decorated by Wayne Mill's

daughter, Chelsea. The cake is to honor Wes and Jeannie's anniversary.

Scholarship: Wayne reported that he will be attending a get together hosted by Hancock College where he will have an opportunity to meet with scholarship participants.

Membership: Elaine Von Achen welcomed Laura Gebhart as a new member. Her application had been voted on at the May Board Meeting.

Door Prizes: Bob Bullock reported a crystal cluster, condor agates, zingers, amethyst and a Brazilian geode as some of the items for the evenings drawing.

Sunshine: It was reported that Kay Vollmer is doing much better.

Old Business: If anyone is interested in giving a demonstration at our annual gem show in August, please check with Wayne Mills.

New Business:

Wayne Mills read a poem honoring Wes and Jeannie Lingerfelt's 50th anniversary. He also presented Wes with a carved soapstone interlocking heart. On the end of each piece he had carved Wes and Jeannie's initials respectively.

The June Board Meeting will be held at the Von Achen's.

In lieu of a June General Meeting we will have a barbeque at Pioneer Park, located on West Foster Road. Meat, beans and bread will be provided. Members are asked to bring a dish to share along with your own drinks and set-up. The date is June 7th from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

It has been requested that you also bring a couple of rocks for the silent auction.

The program for the July General Meeting will be given by Dee Dee Magri and will be on "Carrara Marble". The display for July will be anything you would like to share on a 12" x 12" mat.

The meeting was adjourned by President, Wayne Mills at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Elaine Von Achen, Secretary, OMS

June 2008 Calendar	
Tuesday June 3, 2008 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.	OMS Board Meeting – To be held at Elaine Von Achen's house on Cherokee Lane, Nipomo.
Saturday June 7, 2008 11:00 am. to 3:00 pm.	Semi-Annual Meeting & BBQ at Pioneer Park bring a dish to share and rocks for the silent auction.
Saturday June 21, 2008	Field Trip to be announced

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Saturday June 28, 2008 9 to 10:15 am.	OMS Monthly Breakfast at in Pismo Beach at 411 Five Cities Drive.
July 2008 Calendar	
Tuesday July 1, 2008 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.	OMS Board Meeting-Elwin Mussell Senior Center. All members are welcome at this business meeting.
	Field Trip to be announced
Tuesday July 8, 2007 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.	OMS General Meeting-Elwin Mussell Senior Center. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program-." • Display- display, • Refreshments-Pies
Saturday July 19, 2007 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 21, 2007 9:00 to 10:00 a.m.	OMS Monthly Breakfast- to be announced

Show Schedule 2008

- June 7-8 2008, La Habra, CA**
North Orange County Gem & Mineral Society
La Habra Community Center
101 W. La Habra Blvd.
Hours: 9 - 5 both days
Don Warthen (626) 330-8974
Email: warthen@earthlink.net
Website: nocgms.com
- June 14, 15 2008, Cayucos, CA**
Cayucos Gem & Mineral Show
Veteran's Memorial Building
Highway 1 at the Pier Cayucos, CA
Richard Sittinger 805-927-2223
mailto:RichardSittinger@Mineralofthemonthclub.org
- June 27, 28, 29 2008, Ventura, CA**
California Federation of Mineralogical Societies
Ventura County Fairgrounds
Hours: 10-5 Daily
Bural LaRue (909) 874-5664
Email: bplarue@earthlink.net
- July 12-13 2008, Culver City, CA**
Culver City Rock & Mineral Club
Culver City Veteran's Memorial Auditorium
4117 Overland Avenue
Hours: Sat. 10 - 6; Sun. 10 - 5
Website: CulverCityRocks.org
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Shop Helps & Tips

Martha Elmore of the Sacramento Mineral Society knows of a product that she claims can take iron stains out of mineral specimens as well as ceramics, clothes, and carpeting. It's non-toxic and worked as well as oxalic acid. Available at hardware stores (and some markets), Super Iron Out® worked on fire agate, chalcedony roses, and some amazonite. It is quick to work, and is safer for the environment and our sewer systems. Be sure and wear gloves and follow label directions.

One way to remove carbonates such as calcite from quartz and amethyst is to cover the specimen with fresh vinegar and allow standing overnight. Repeat if necessary. Wash and then place crystals in washing type ammonia for 8 1/2 hours. Remove, rinse thoroughly, wipe and air dry. For a gloss finish on tiger-eye, polish once, dry the stone, and then put a drop of vinegar on it. Let stand for a few minutes, and then give it a second polish.

Mother-of-pearl kit inlay work can be softened by soaking in white vinegar. It then can be easily cut. Dark household vinegar will dissolve epoxy glue by soaking overnight.
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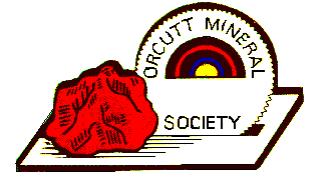
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