

Ore-Cutts

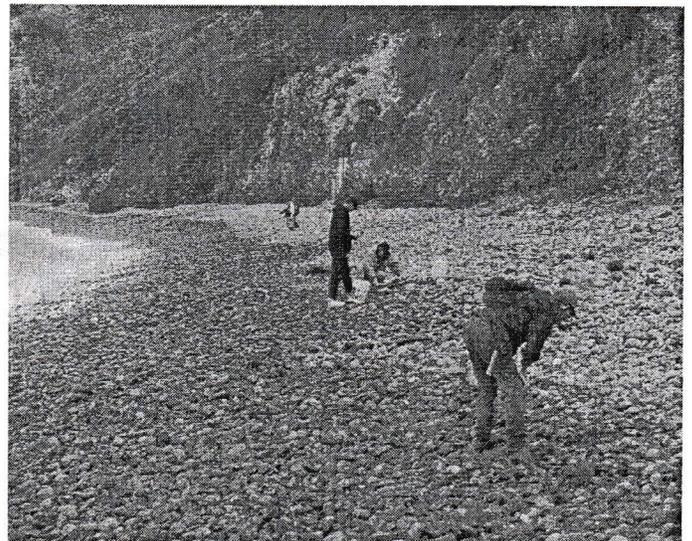
Field Trip Report



February 16, 2002 - Our small group assembled at the Arroyo Grande Park and Ride Saturday morning, and departed about 0840 in Dick Shield's comfortable Toyota Sierra 4WD vehicle. There were 6 of us, including Harold "Lucky" Virgin and his grandson Eric Boyce, Meryl Austin, Gary Sheffield, Dick Shields and myself. We headed north at an easy pace, talking about various topics, and soon were cruising past the stately pines of Cambira, the hordes of elephant seals and seal watchers near Piedras Blancas, then began our ascent to the Big Sur Coast past

Ragged Point and the picturesque San Carpoforo Creek. Our first stop was Sand Dollar Beach next to Jade Cove. Well, there's a lot of green on this beach, and most of it is serpentine, but the view climbing down to the beach is pretty neat. Dick got some great pictures of the horsetail rushes, and willow catkins beside the trail, and some of the huge waves that were crashing on the beach.

After an hour or so of searching, we decided to head down to Willow Creek. Just after we got there, we were treated to the breathtaking site of a body surfer cutting diagonally across the face of an aqua colored wave about 12 feet tall! The sun played peek-a-boo from the clouds, and the waves seemed to lessen in height after we had been there awhile. Based on advice we received at Sand Dollar, we sifted the small gravel at Willow, and found tiny polished pieces of serpentine and (I think) jade.



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I got maybe enough for a ring, a very small ring... When Dick was ready to leave about 2, I begged an additional half hour to go up the creek to find some soapstone which we did. The hike is short but a nice scramble over and around boulders and branches, but we were rewarded with some pretty scenery and a few palm sized flakes of what to me is the prettiest soapstone I have seen (of course I am prejudiced since green is my favorite color...)



About 3 PM we headed south to Gorda for coffee and a quick tour of the C of C which has some pretty neat bric-a-brac. Then we cruised back to Moonstone Beach in Cambria for a little beach walk and a few thumbnail or smaller sized pieces of “moonstone” and more nice serpentine.

Our last stop was the “Fig Tree” in Cayucos where we enjoyed a nice sunset over the beautiful rocky beach while collecting some brecciated and moss agate. I think Lucky got the catch of the day with an 18 x 6 x 2” piece of golden moss agate he found after searching for 20 minutes or so. As the twilight gathered, we headed back to our AG meeting place looking forward to a nice hot shower and some good eats. Hopefully, all present got something nice to help remember our pleasant day. Dick had a so-so picture day, (only 52) but several of his shots were really nice (we reviewed the photos on the way home-isn’t digital technology amazing!), Gary got a bucket full of material to cut, and Eric, Lucky and Merle each got some nice specimens. I got a few pieces of soapstone to carve, some tiny pieces of serpentine and jade that could be the start of a gem tree, and a double fist sized piece of brecciated jasper from Cayucos. After Paul Patrick shares the secrets of his “little trees” with us next month, I might have a yen to try to make one myself!



Next Field Trip March 16 after Highway Cleanup when we travel to Jalama Beach for Travertine and Whalebone. Meet at 0930 at SE corner 101/166East in Santa Maria

Wayne Mills,
Field Trip Chairperson

Orcutt Mineral Society - Board Meeting

Mussell Senior Center, Santa Maria CA - February 5, 2002

The Board Meeting was called to order by President Dick Shields at 7:10 p.m. Board Members present were Bill and Deborah Hood, Wes Lingerfelt, Don and Sylvia Nasholm, Marshall Reeves, Dick and Bess Shields. Before conducting business, Wes Lingerfelt swore in Board Member, Sylvia Nasholm. Minutes of the January 8th Board Meeting were approved as amended.

Treasurer: The Treasurer's Report was approved as read. Wes Lingerfelt reports that we have two new life members: Victor Jonas and Helen Smith.

Committee Reports: Wes Lingerfelt described the criteria for ordering bars and pins from CFMS. He has the order form, and will order new items as necessary.

Wes Lingerfelt reported on Gem Show preparations, printing of tickets, layout of outside vendor areas, and committees assembled to meet tasks at hand before the event.

The OMS Redbook is being assembled by Wes Lingerfelt. He still needs a list of current committee chairmen in order to finish the Redbook.

Highway Cleanup and Club Breakfast in January involved 10 people, and was a success. We will continue to combine these two events.

Bill Hood will book the December Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet at Maria del Sol for December 7th between noon and 3:30 p.m. Sweet Adelines will be asked to sing. The dinner will be the same menu as this year at a cost of \$12.50 for guests, and \$6.25 for members.

Locker cleanup will be on April 13 from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. Volunteers are asked to meet at the locker.

Correspondence: The OMS Library received a donation from Barbara Danati, Ancient Flora.

A copy of Mineral Messenger was received from the San Luis Obispo Club.

First Union Bank announcement that they have a speaker's bureau and give talks to local groups.

Miller Magazine advertisement about program opportunities. Lew Helfrich trip announcement via internet message. Ginger Dockstader-Schlote letter about items for sale. Buena Vista Museum, petrified wood identification seminar. Sun Valley Indian School newsletter. Rockhound Notes from Roseville CA. Santa Barbara Gem Faire announcement.

Old / unfinished business: Don Nasholm, Wes Lingerfelt and Dick Shields completed the task of Redbook committee assignments. Debbie Hood will organize a telephone tree to contact members in the event that future OMS meetings are scheduled for other-than-Mussell-Center locations. The February OMS General Meeting will be located at Atkinson Community Center, 1000 Railroad, Santa Maria at 7:00 p.m. If we provide the Parks Department with a list of members' names and telephone numbers, they will contact the members with this change, and will post announcements at Mussell Senior Center on Tuesday, Feb. 12.

New business: Wes Lingerfelt announced that Quartzite was a bust this year. There was blowing wind, few vendors open, high priced equipment, and lack of shoppers. Program for the General Meeting next week will be presented by Wayne Mills on "The Joy of Rocks". Members are asked to bring heart shaped rocks and items to share.

The Board Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m. by President Shields.
Respectfully submitted,

Bess Shields
Secretary, OMS



CFMS SHOWS 2002

March 16-17 2002, Hawthorne, CA
 Northrop Grumman Gem & Mineral Club
 12329 Crenshaw Blvd. (Gate 16)
 Hours: Sat 10-6 Sun 10-5
 Jimmy Lapham
 E-mail: Lapham@earthlink.net

March 16-17 2002, San Jose, CA
 Santa Clara Valley Gem and Mineral Society
 Santa Clara County Fairgrounds
 344 Tully Road, San Jose, CA
 Hours: Sat 10-6 Sun 10-5
 Show Chair: Ruth Bailey (408) 248-6195
 Publicity Chair: Bill Gissler (408) 241-0477
 E-mail: scvgsm@aol.com
 Web Site: <http://www.slip.net/~ccox/scvgms>

March 23-24, 2002, Boron, CA
 Mojave Mineralogical Society, Inc.
 Boron High School Multipurpose Room
 Prospect Street
 Hours: Sat 9-5 Sun 9-4
 David Eyre (760) 762-6575

March 23-24, 2002, La Habra, CA
 North Orange County Gem and Mineral Society
 La Habra Clubhouse
 200 W. Greenwood
 Hours: Sat 10-5 Sun 10-4
 Don & Jane Livezey (714) 524-6280 /
 jdlive27@aol.com

April 6-7 2002, Haciends Heights, CA
 Puente Hills Gem & Mineral Club, Inc.
 Magic In Rocks - Steinmetz Park
 1545 Stimson Avenue
 Hours: 10 - 5 both days
 Bob Hess (562) 696-2270



April 13-14 2002, Paradise, CA
 Paradise Gem & Mineral Club
 48th Annual Show
 Veteran's Memorial Hall
 Elliot & Skyway
 Hours: Sat 10 - 5 Sun 10-4
 John Hees (530) 533-5756 or
 Robert Lynk (530) 876-8807

April 27-28 2002, Lancaster, CA
 Antelope Valley Fairgrounds
 155 East Avenue
 Hours: 9-5 both days
 Olan Flick (661) 943-3882

April 27-28 2002, Santa Cruz, CA
 Santa Cruz Mineral & Gem Society
 50th Annual Show
 Santa Cruz Civic Auditorium
 Corner of Center & Church Streets
 Hours: 10-5 both days

May 4-5 2002, Anaheim, CA
 Searchers Gem & Mineral Society
 43rd Annual Show, America's Treasures
 Brookhurst Community Center
 2271 West Crescent Ave.
 Hours: Sat 10-6 Sun 11-4:30
 Betty Nelson (714) 530-1365 /
 bethar@msn.com
 Nancy Norlund (714) 960-6957 /
 njnorlund@netzero.net

May 11-12 2002, Reno, NV
 Reno Gem & Mineral Society
 Reno Livestock - Events Center
 Exhibit Hall; 1350 N. Wells Avenue
 Hours: Sat 10-5 Sun 10-4
 John Peterson (775) 356-8820

NEWS RELEASE

FROM: Karyn Sinunu, Assistant District Attorney
 CONTACT PERSON: Bud Porter, Deputy District Attorney
 Environmental Protection Unit (408) 792-2962
 For immediate release on November 13, 2001

45-DAY JAIL SENTENCE FOR MAN WHO STOLE RARE STONES

The Honorable Daniel Creed sentenced Erik Martinez, 42, of Salmon, Idaho, to 45 days in county jail today for burglarizing a mine in a county park and stealing poppy jasper a semiprecious rock found only in the Morgan Hill area.

The court placed the defendant on three years probation and ordered the defendant to perform 100 hours of community service, pay \$1,800 in restitution, and stay away from the mine.

The defendant, who pleaded guilty in August to all charges, was convicted of four felonies and one misdemeanor. The Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office filed charges after witnesses placed the defendant at the mine in September, 2000, one month after the defendant had been told by a deputy sheriff to stay away.

The entrance to the mine, which lies on the edge of Silveira County Park in Morgan Hill, has been closed off by the Santa Clara County Parks Department.

Wes Lingerfelt
 Treasurer, Orcutt Mineral Society
 Nipomo, CA



ORCUTT MINERAL SOCIETY **35th Annual Gem Show**

*This year the Annual Rainbow of Gems Show is located at St Joseph's Church, 298 South Thompson Avenue, Nipomo, CA - on August 9th - 11th 2002. Our "show," besides being a gathering of friends and neighbors, is also "a Rockhound Gathering." Many titles have been suggested for this event, but this one better defines the FANSLY oriented event. So, this is the name we have given our gathering of rockhounds wanting to sell and trade their goods, visit with old friends, and eat some good Bar-B-Q** on Saturday Night! They come in trucks, tents, trailers, and by foot, setting up their wares on tables, some in boxes, some in glass cases, displaying their jewelry, mineral specimens, rough rock, rock slabs, petrified wood, etc. At least 75% of the material shown must be lapidary related, leaving room for some of the gardeners, jams and jelly makers, and other creative people to participate.*

****It's the BEST Bar-B-Q on the Central Coast! Don't miss it!****

The Purpose of the Orcutt Mineral Society, Inc. (OMS) Founded in 1958, and is named after William Orcutt, a geologist and civil engineer who worked in the Santa Maria Valley as a district manager for Union Oil Company in 1888. In 1889, Orcutt discovered the fossil wealth of the La Brea Tar Pits, one of the most significant fossil finds in paleontological history. The Society is a non-profit club, dedicated to stimulating an interest in rocks and minerals. The club offers educational programs, field trips, youth activities and other opportunities for families and individuals to pursue an interest in collecting and lapidary treatment of rocks, fossils, gems, minerals and other facets of Earth Sciences. In addition, a 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 purposes. *Affiliations: California Federation of Mineralogical Societies, American Federation of Mineralogical Societies.*

2002 Elected Officers in the Orcutt Mineral Society are as follows:

President	Dick Shields	(805) 937-0357
President Elect	Wayne Mills	(805) 481-3495
Secretary	Bess Shields	(805) 937-0357
Treasurer	Wes Lingerfelt	(805) 929-3788
Immediate Past Pres.	Glenda Reeves	(805) 733-2775
CFMS Representative	Wes Lingerfelt	(805) 929-3788
Board Members	Bill Hood	(805) 481-6860
	Debbie Hood	(805) 481-6860
	Don Nasholm	(805) 481-0923
	Sylvia Nasholm	(805) 481-0923
	Marshall Reeves	(805) 937-0357

Society Logo:

A rock saw cutting a piece of stone was selected when the first bulletin, ORE-CUTTS (*namesake, William Orcutt*) was first published in 1966. Member Helen Azevedo was the first editor.

Society Colors:

Red, White and Blue were chosen in 1963.

REGULAR MEETINGS are held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, 7 p.m. at the Elwin Mussell Center, 510 E Park, Santa Maria, Ca 93456. *Always open to Public!*

2001 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEES - Regular..... \$15.00
 Junior..... \$ 7.50

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS are held the 1st Tuesday of each month at 7:15 p.m., same location above. *All members are welcome!*

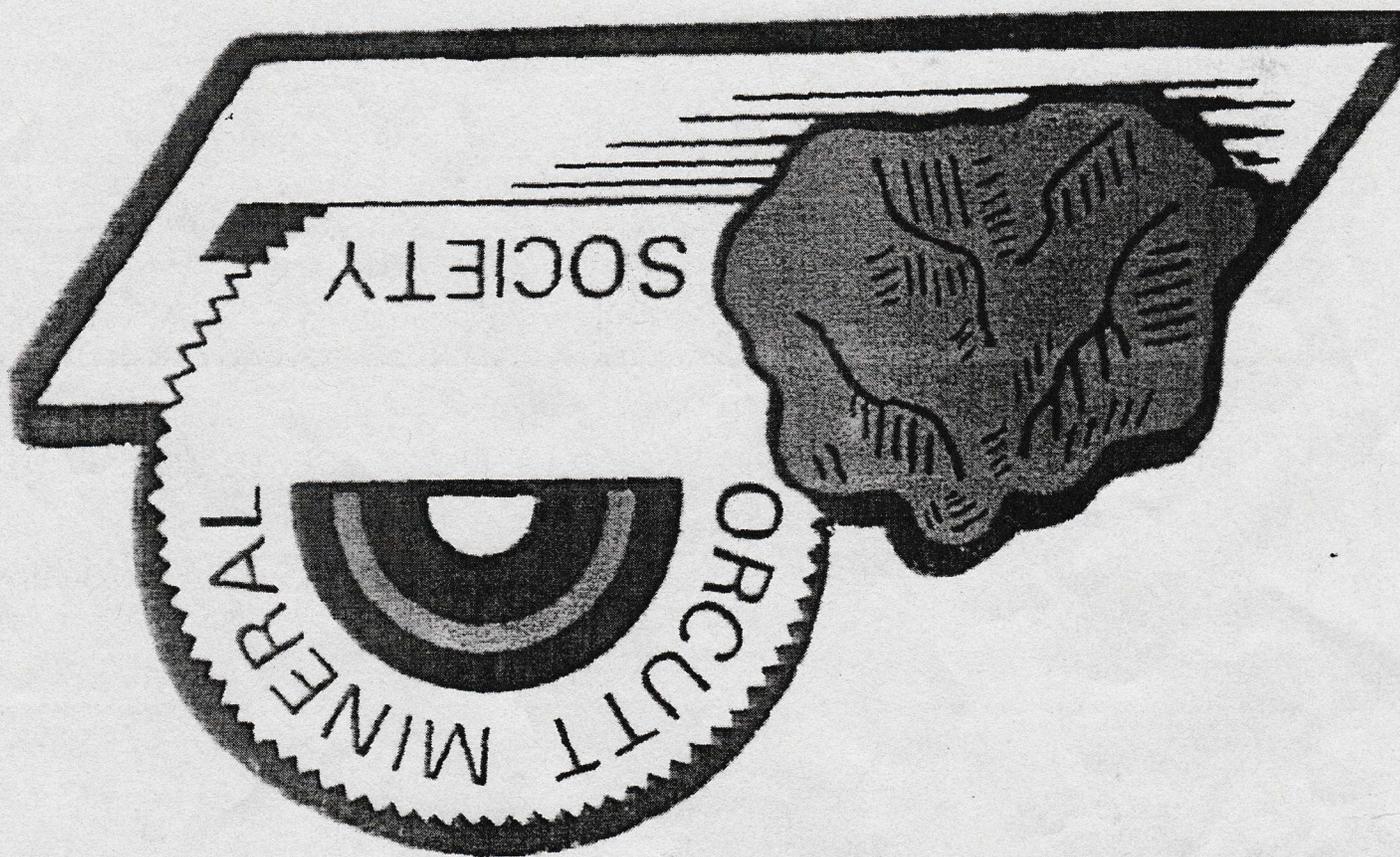
 * Our OMS webpage is... (http://home.netcom.com/~shields6/OMS_2001.html)
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... with links to CFMS and AFMS. Give'r a spin!!!

The OMS sponsors a 3 day annual event that is open to the public:

34th Annual Gem & Mineral Festival * Aug.9-11th, 2002 * 10am-5pm *
 St. Joseph's Church, 298 So. Thompson Ave., Nipomo, CA

Dealers, tailgaters and exhibitor display cases, all relating to Earth's treasures. Rocks, fossils, minerals, lapidary supplies, equipment, beadwork, silversmithing and more. Drawings for valuable prizes and demonstrations with **FREE ADMISSION!**



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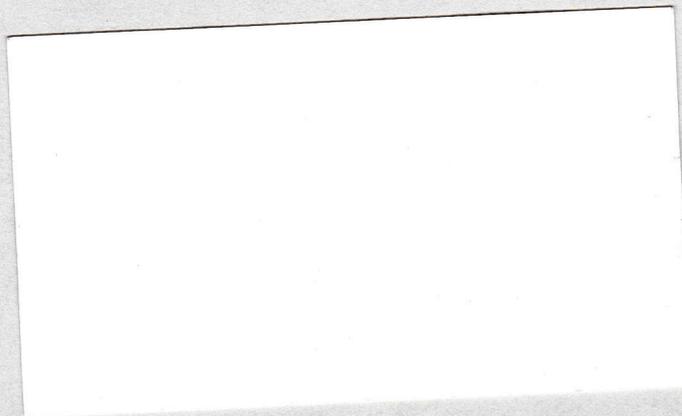
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