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Come join us on March 11, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at Mussell Senior Center, 510 E Park, Santa Maria. Our program will be given by Richard Lewis, who is a mineral dealer, and he always brings some very fine specimens.

The Display will be green Rocks. Dessert will be cake this month brought by Sharon Duncan, Dee Dee Magri, Margaret Hensen and Lee Reyburn.



Central Coast Geology—Santa Agueda Creek: A Gathering of Rocks

Wayne Mills

A river is a wondrous thing. It collects water from the higher elevations where the rain and snow occurs, and brings it to the lower, dryer regions. The river wrests large angular pieces of rock that have broken away from their parent material due to weathering and other processes of erosion, and pounds them to sand. The sand supplies distant beaches to help prevent erosion of the coast. During a rocks' journey from megalith to sand grain, it undergoes many changes. Near the source, a rock is large and angular. The rock is reduced in size from boulder (28 to 12 inches in diameter), to cobble (12 to 2.4 inches in diameter), to pebble (2.4 to 1.28 inches in diameter),



to gravel, and finally to coarse, medium and fine sand, silt and clay. At each stage the particles are at first angular,

then they become quickly rounded, much like the

action of rocks in a tumbler.

A wonderful facet of a river for rockhounds and prospectors is that it contains a sample of every rock type that occurs along its path. This includes rocks from the various tributaries of the river as well.

An example of this occurs in Santa Agueda and Santa Inez Creeks in Santa Barbara County. Interestingly, these creeks flow within 200-yards of each other where they cross Route 154 near the junction of Routes 246 and 154. Here are found rounded cobbles of brecciated jasper, green chert, various igneous, metamorphic and sedimentary rocks, and soapstone from nearby Happy Canyon.

At least one flaked-stone artifact made by early inhabitants of this area from green Franciscan chert has also been found here. In the Santa Ynez riverbed, near paradise Camp, rounded cobbles containing Miocene aged turritella fossils have been found. These make fascinating yard rocks, and symbolize a time about 10 million years ago when this area was still under the ocean.

The drainage basin of Santa Agueda Creek is delineated by connecting the dots made by the highest elevations (closed contours on a topographic map) surrounding the creek and its tributaries. The area of this basin turns out to be about 48 square miles. When this drainage basin is overlaid



on a geologic map of the area, one can determine what rocks might be found downstream of



the source area (after all the various tributaries have coalesced). However, in the case of Santa Agueda, it is not quite that simple. In addition to the Franciscan materials—chert, greywacke and other meta-sedimentary rocks, Franciscan volcanics, serpentine and soapstone form the ultrabasic rocks
(Sphere from Santa Agueda Creek Brecciated Jasper)



(purple on the geologic map), lower Cretaceous, and upper and middle Miocene marine (sedimentary) rocks, there are Quaternary terrace deposits that may be a combination of weathered fragments of the above, and Pliocene age non-marine Santa Barbara Formation (QP on the geologic map) also unconsolidated rock materials, but possibly derived from a much larger area.

Birthdays & Anniversaries



A big “Happy Birthday” to everyone who celebrates a birthday in March: Jeannie Lingerfelt and Bill Hood.

Anniversary congratulations go out to those who have one in March: Lee Reyburn & his wife, and Carl & Kelly Tapper we wish all of you many more!



In Memoriam

Shirley Anne Gochenour, 73 of Santa Maria, Born July 1st 1934 in Des Moines, IA, Died peacefully February 9th 2008 in a local hospital with her family by her side.

Shirley and her late husband Wayne Gochenour were owners of Dad's Rock Shop in Arroyo Grande. She loved to travel to different cities doing trade shows. She was happiest when spending time with her children, grandchildren and great grand children.

Shirley and Wayne were members of OMS, along with their Daughter, Debbie, and son-in-law, Kim Hansen.

A memorial service for family will be held at a later date where she will be put to rest with her late husband Wayne.

In lieu of flowers please make a contribution to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 102454, Atlanta, GA 30368. Arrangements are in the care of Magner-Maloney Funeral Home and Crematory. Sympathy notes and words of support may be expressed at

www.magnermaloney.com.

Green Rocks

Wayne Mills

Green is my favorite color—the green of forests, the green of a lovely woman's eyes. Well, I include blue-green in the mix too. Anyhow, in honor of Saint Patrick's Day, the display for March is green rocks (and minerals). Although as I have said many times before, you can bring ANY color of rock or mineral to display at ANY meeting. WE are a ROCK club. Getting back to green rocks, I have tried to list a few green rocks and minerals as suggestions.

Rocks: agate (Indian moss, tree agate, ocean agate and others), bloodstone, chert, chlorite, chrysocholla, chrysoprase, Glaucofane, jade, jasper, mariposite, moldavite, opal, serpentine, soapstone, unakite.

Minerals: actinolite, adamite, autenite, brochantite, calcite, diopside, diopside, emerald, epidote, fluorite, fuchsite, garnet (uvarovite, grossular), hiddenite, idocrase (vesuvianite), malachite, olivine, peridot, prehenite, sapphire, smithsonite (Kelly Mine), spodumene (hiddenite), torbernite, tourmaline (elbite), variscite, wavellite, zoisite.

The green color in these rocks and minerals can be derived from the presence of chrome as in uvarovite; copper as in brochantite, diopside, malachite, and variscite; or iron as in epidote, serpentine, soapstone and jade.

A Rockhound's Suggestion

By C.E. Johnson

Have you ever wondered whether you could find for yourself, those same types of minerals you are paying to dig for at those various sites? I'll bet you did, and if you were curious enough you probably asked the sites owner/operators questions such as; where did those minerals come from?, what kind of rock formations are they in?, and how did they get there?, how were they formed? Etc.

If you couldn't get the real answers there, try doing a little research on-line or in libraries etc. about the origins & natures of those types of minerals you're digging for, and others. A better alternative to that or in addition to that, why not take a short course on minerals geology somewhere like a local community college, or extracurricular class at a High School, etc? There are other sources out there, but you need to make inquiries to seek them out.

When you find the answers to such questions, of course you will have learned what kinds of places are

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most favorable for those types of minerals, right? But what now? Where do you go from there, how do you find out where those places are? (To find them on your own without having to pay to dig for the minerals, of course, and to experience the thrill of making your own discoveries in new places.) Actually this is fairly easy.

In a few words, you can find those favorable places with the help of GEOLOGIC maps, and those favorable places may be closer than you think.

In serious rockhounding and prospecting, rocks are the key; we wouldn't have mineral deposits without them; certain igneous rocks "breed" certain minerals, and the other two basic types provide many other minerals of their own; and geologic maps show rock formations, along with whatever other information is relative and helpful, such as any minerals "occurrences" reported by U.S. Geologic Survey teams or by someone else in the areas shown, or "prospect" diggings and/or mining activity, etc. It's simply a matter of finding areas on the maps that show the same geological conditions as the collecting sites you are visiting. In the meantime, learn enough about minerals-geology to know which minerals occur in which rocks (and vice-versa, which rocks contain which minerals).

These geologic maps are available at places such as the U.S.G.S. offices and their STATE affiliates, some office & stationary suppliers, some state geology departments, bureaus of land management offices, etc. If they don't have them, they probably will direct you to the most likely sources that have them on hand.

I recommend that those who are computer-wise log in on <usgs.gov> and follow the links to what you need. It's easy if you do it right. If that's not an option, you can call 1-888-ASK-USGS to get the necessary information, or write to USGS Information Services, Box 25286, Denver, Co 80225.

Exploring on your own does of course require an able, healthy person with a free spirit and a sense of adventure & independence

I strongly recommend that anyone doing this, even with a friend, inform family of friends of your plans& destinations and be well-prepared and cautious at all times and as an extra precaution,



inform any local authorities such as national forest rangers, of your presence.

I have done this sort of thing for many years and have not regretted a day of it, including the unproductive ones. Happy-hunting, however you do it. *From SCRIBE Vol 9, Num.3.*

Forbidden City in the USA

Wayne Mills

In February Ore Cutts, we mentioned that some of the terra cotta army of the first Chinese emperor were coming to the United States in May of this year. In the interim, I found out that the whole army had already been here for several years. Well, not the original army, but a reasonable facsimile thereof (at 1/3 scale). Where you may ask? In a small city outside Houston, Texas called Katy. The re-creation was the undertaking (tee hee) of a reclusive real estate tycoon named Ira P.H. Poon. Mr. Poon does not advertise his attraction, but it is nevertheless well visited. And the 6000 soldiers are not the only attraction on the 60-acre parcel. Poon has also recreated Beijing's Forbidden City, and has plans for a scale model of the Great Wall and an observation tower.



The attraction is found at 23500 Franz Road in Katy, Texas. In 2003, the entry was a

reasonable \$10. More information can be had at 281-347-8000. It is advised to check out the website at www.forbiddengardens.com before visiting. Source:

<http://www.texastwisted.com/attr/forbiddengardens/>

Oh, by the way, —I have my tickets for the real deal at the Bowers Museum in Santa Ana in June, and a date with a cute So. Cal . Archaeologist for the event. There will be pictures



Sunshine Report

It looks like you are all staying pretty healthy...keep up the good work!

Look into Some Beautiful Rocks

Wayne Mills, micro-adventurer

Ralph Larsen, whom Ore Cutts readers were introduced to in February, has a love of minerals. He also has a wonderful stereo microscope (I have GOT to get me one of those things) that allows one to see amazing details of their rock and mineral specimens. Viewing some of my thumbnail specimens with Ralph's microscope gave me a new appreciation for these miniature marvels. Ralph has volunteered to bring his stereo microscope to the March meeting, and will make it available for folks to see some of their treasures at 20-40 x magnification.

I might bring my new scope too. Ralph inspired me, and the one I ordered on-line arrived February 1. It's pretty cool, and opens up a whole new world within the visible world.

OMS **Fieldtrip to** **Willow Creek,** **2/16/08**

By Wes Lingerfelt &
Debbie Hood

It has been quite a few months since

(*Willow Creek Beach North view*) we've made the journey up CA-1, a very narrow, twisty highway that makes even the most adventurous traveler pucker up on many of its horseshoe turns. I asked the better half "Do you want to go?" "Sure" she said. Recalling the days when we took the long RV trailer up that winding road and noting the price of gasoline I thought it would be the better part of valor to take the smaller SUV this time. We hustled around and got all the rock bags, ice chest and small tools ready for the trip. The phone rang and Sharon Duncan (my neighbor and fellow club member) was on the line and she sounded terrible. I knew right away she was doomed to stay home. There were two ladies (Janne Turner and Laura Gebhart) that had scheduled a ride with Sharon who now was bed-ridden with a bug. "Of course!" I said when she asked if I could take them in my vehicle. Besides the wife I only had one other rider, Debbie Hood. Debbie has wanted to go on another OMS field trip for many months and now was her time.



On the Saturday morning of the trip the weather was forecast to be warm and sunny. The ladies arrived for the trip at the appointed hour and we made our way to Arroyo Grande to pick up Debbie.

February 16th was a beautiful, clear, warm morning when Wes and Jeannie swung by to pick me up. I crowded in the back with Laura Gebhart and Janne Turner and we hit the road to meet up with the rest of the crew at the Avila Park and Ride. There we picked up our fearless leader, Bob Bullock, Keith McKay and Erica Erskine, Don, Gloria & Shelly Dana and Kayla, a friend of Shelly's, Jeff Hardesty and Carole and started off for a day of fun and jade.

We arrived early at the Park & Ride on Avila Beach drive and waited for the convoy to arrive from Santa Maria. After a short wait, they arrived on schedule; a total of 6 cars, loaded with rock hounds eager to find jade, was soon winding their way up US101 to San Luis Obispo and then over to Morro Bay, Cayucos then up to Ragged Point followed by the lovely village of Gorda. It seemed to me that the trip gets longer every time I travel that worrisome but beautiful highway.

The land was greening up after the recent rains and warm sunny days, making the central coast emerge gloriously from its golden shell. There was much activity at the Elephant Seal observation area, they seem to be increasing in numbers, the seals and the tourists, and spreading out. We saw seals in more places than ever before. The views were long and magnificent as we climbed up into the mountains of



the
Monterrey
Coast.

By 10:30 am we were in the lower parking lot of Willow Creek, a Day Use picnic area of the

Los Padres National Forest. The famous Jade Cove and Plaskett Creek campground is only a couple of miles further up the road.

We found a suitable place to park the SUV near the trail down to the ocean and everyone was really eager to get out on the rocks and begin the hunt for that elusive nodule of jade. I thought our chances were

fair to discover some, as there had been some very significant waves over the past few weeks. The tide was retreating as we arrived which made for more encouragement. I handed out the rock scoopers and made sure everyone had gloves. I grabbed my bag and rock hammer and off we went; ‘South’ I thought, where Ralph and I had spent many hours bending wood chisels on a huge boulder of jade in years gone by. Jeannie, (also known as the better half) stayed near the car and searched the level area of the beach due to her ankle pins, not wanting to spend more time in the hospital.

The beach is boulder strewn, and a bit difficult to negotiate. There were a few slips, but no injuries, as folks followed the tide out on to still-slippery rocks, to hunt all the crevasses and crannies where jade likes to hide. Not only was I not the first to fall, but I made it through 5 hours of hunting on that slippery-bouldered beach without a single fall!

In just minutes Janne, Laura and myself had navigated the rocky beach south around the corner to a quiet cove where the prospect of finding jade seemed the best. They started out by asking me every



few minutes “Is this jade?” For the first few times my answer was “no, that is just *(Entrance to the lower parking lot looking East) serpentine.*” And then they

hit pay dirt! Laura said, “This one is pretty and green!” I looked at it and sure enough she had found a small piece of Jade. I explained the difference between jade and serpentine as she held it in her hand. She was a quick learner and soon was off on her own finding little pieces of jade. Janne was also finding jade own her own in short order.

We scoured the beach for a couple of hours and I was beginning to get discouraged, as I had found nothing in that time. It was time to head back to the SUV and get some food and then try the North side of the beach. Took my rock scooper and dug a small trench in front of a big boulder high up on the beach. Out popped a 3-inch piece of jade. The warm feeling of discovery was fleeting but intense. I picked up my

prize and headed for the SUV. I would not be skunked this day! I turned around and looked one last time at the waters edge as the waves had retreated outbound a huge distance. I looked down behind this very huge boulder and there was a blue rock the size of my thumb. “How about that!” I remarked; a piece



of *Chrysocolla (Jade, Serpentine, Chrysocolla finds by Wes)* was just lying there in the wet sand. I couldn’t believe it. People will

think I salted the piece I thought.

Lunch was very tasty and the conversation of fellow rock hounds very enjoyable. We discovered that the SLO Gem Club was on site having a field trip along with us. It was good to see old friends and chat with them again.

After a refreshing lunch we went north up the beach and



searched the tide pools for jade but nothing was forthcoming. I did stumble upon a Sea Lion that was either sleeping or dying up next to the cliff. I didn’t

(Fearless Leader Bob Bullock and Gloria Dana) want to disturb it so I gave it a wide circle as I walked around it. After slipping off the rocks into the cold water a few times I remembered what I forgot to bring on this trip; dry clothes and shoes. Laura was a better planner, as she got soaked when a huge wave splashed over the top of her. She dug into her bag and took out her change of clothes before the trip back home. She’s very smart I thought to myself.

At about 3:00 p.m. we drifted splashed up to the parking area to compare notes. One member of the SLO club showed of a a palm- sized piece of light green and extremely chatoyant jade he found the week before below Ragged Point, as well as a similar sized piece of slightly botryoidal dark green jade.

Gloria Dana found a nice piece of white Quartz with bright green serpentine/jade, a very impressive-looking specimen. We found a piece of Chrysscolla, a couple of pieces of green jade and a watermelon-



(South view from the parking lot).

found a piece of Turquoise, probably washed down from the mountains, but you just never know what is laying in wait for you on a fieldtrip!

We all headed home, tired and happy after a great day out in the fresh air with friends, and with a few new treasures to polish and cherish.

The trip home was very pleasant and uneventful except for seeing the huge Elephant Seals lying on the beach as we approached the village of San Simeon. There were hundreds of people lined up on the observation walkway and the parking lot was super crowded. I wondered what was so fascinating about a bunch of huge, fat seals lying on the beach sleeping. Perhaps I'm just jaded I thought.

Bits and Bytes

--According to Gem Stones of the United States, (United States Geological Survey Bulletin 1042-G), the only place in the United States where crystals of turquoise (!!) have been found is Campbell Co., Virginia.

President's Corner

Wayne Mills, OMS President

After our recent rains, I'll wager some of our more eager rockhounds have hit the local creeks to see what has been washed out of hiding. I hope that you will share whatever treasures you have found with us. By share, I mean bring them into the meeting to show us. If you found cool stuff and you don't know what it is, we're always happy to hazard a guess. Sometimes, we even know what we're talking about.

Our March meeting should be a great one. We may finally get to see some of the door prize treasures

sized piece of white jade. Debbie Hood found several small pieces of jade of various colors and one approximately 7-pound piece of white jade, Bob Bullock

from Quartzite, and we have a special guest speaker who has made excellent presentations to us twice before. Richard Lewis is a world-class mineral dealer, and a philanthropist (no, that doesn't mean he collects stamps). He will bring some of his treasures for us to drool over, and there may be some lovely, affordable minerals. He will also share some of his collecting adventures, like hiring part of the Columbian Army to help him bring emeralds from Muzo. This will be a meeting mineral lovers will NOT want to miss.

OMS Donation From Life Member

By Wes Lingerfelt

The family of life member Dave Sumpter is cleaning out his home in Galaxy Mobile Home Park and they have donated his lapidary books as well as some of his creations in the form of gem stone pendants to the Door Prize drawing activity of the club. I have taken the liberty of acknowledging the book donation under my office as Treasurer on behalf of the Board. A copy of the letter sent to the family and a list of the donated items can be obtained from any Board member. I found it interesting that two of the books were formerly owned by our illustrious (deceased) member Art Shilder who has the distinction of having the petrified wood type called Shilderia named after him. These books should make a significant enhancement to our library.

Brother Can You Spare a Pop-top?

Wayne Mills Among the many charitable activities that OMS participates in is saving aluminum pop-tops for Ronald McDonald House. When a bunch of these devices are turned in, they help underprivileged families stay in motels near their loved ones who are being cared for in Ronald McDonald House. The club contact for this activity is Truman Burgess. A check of the Ronald McDonald House Charities website shows that they get \$1.49 for a gallon (4,175) of pull-tabs. The nearest Ronald McDonald House is in Pasadena. The contact is Holly Rundberg (626-585-1588).

Another one of our charities is the Sun Valley Indian School in Sun Valley (near Holbrook), Navajo County, Arizona. For them, we save the bar codes from Campbell Soup products. The contact for this activity is Wes Lingerfelt who also takes your Box Tops for Education from certain cereal boxes. Check

out labelsforeducation.com for more information on the “busses for barcodes” program, or IndianSchool.org for more information on the school.

While we’re at it, you might have your eyes peeled for cool prizes for our August Treasure Chest (see Dee Dee Magri), or for some of our other activities like the Abused Children’s Fund (see Jan Ferguson).

Oh yeah, and we’re always willing to take any of that spare change that is cluttering up your dresser... “a penny saved is a penny earned” and all that.

Orcutt Mineral Society Board Meeting Home of John & Elaine Von Achen Nipomo, Ca. February 5, 2008

The Meeting was called to order at 7:14 p.m. by President, Wayne Mills.

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

Minutes of the January 2008 general meeting were approved as published in the February, 2008 newsletter.

Correspondence: Elaine Von Achen reported receiving newsletters from South Bay Lapidary & Mineral Society, South Orange County Gem & Mineral Society and the Sun Valley Indian School. She also received fliers from Santa Clara Valley Gem & Mineral Society regarding their annual gem show “Nature’s Showcase” to be held April 4th through the 6th, 2008 in San Jose.

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

Committee Reports:

Abused Children: Jan Ferguson picked up some nice items at Quartzsite for the monthly meetings.

Awards Banquet: There was discussion on what kind of entertainment we would like for the 2008 luncheon meeting. Having Dr. Magic again was a possibility

Newsletter: Debbie Hood noted that the newsletter was on the web and she would be mailing the printed copies on the way home from the meeting.

CFMS: Wes reported a CFMS sponsored show to be held June 27th through June 29th in Ventura, Ca. He also noted that he had paid \$502.50 to CFMS to include 67 members. We will need 23 members to make a quorum.

Education: Wes will be mailing a \$500.00 check to Hancock College for this year’s scholarship. Wayne will be attending an “Art Show” at Patterson Road School.

Annual Gem Show: Wes said the contracts have gone out and he has already received some back

Historian: None

Hospitality: None

Membership: Elaine Von Achen read applications for membership received from Colleen Johnson and Jeff Hardesty. Debbie Hood made a motion that we accept Colleen and Jeff as members. Bob Bullock seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Publicity: None

Scholarship: Wayne Mills said he will be requesting a check for \$500.00 for the Alan Hancock Scholarship Fund.

Sunshine: Debbie Hood reported that Shirley Gochenour is in Marian Extended Care and is not doing well.

Telephone Tree: None

Yearbook: Wes Lingerfelt said he has started on the new “Red Book”.

Old Business: None

New Business:

February’s general meeting program will be a slide program on spheres presented by Wes Lingerfelt. The display for February will be handmade items. Refreshment will be coffee and pie.

The meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m. by president, Wayne Mills.

Respectfully submitted:

Elaine Von Achen, Secretary, OMS

Orcutt Mineral Society General Meeting Elwin Mussell Sr. Center, Santa Maria, Ca. February 12, 2008

President Wayne Mills called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Mike Henson gave the invocation.

Daniel Limon led the flag salute.

Elaine Von Achen read the minutes of the February 5th Board Meeting. Minutes were approved as read.

Correspondence:

Elaine Von Achen read a letter from Roemer Way Self Storage regarding storage facilities. Newsletters were received from Santa Cruz Mineral & Gem Society, South Bay Lapidary & Mineral Society, South Orange County Gem & Mineral Society and the Sun Valley Indian School. She also received fliers from Santa Clara Valley Gem & Mineral Society regarding their annual gem show “Nature’s Showcase” to be held April 4th through the 6th, 2008 in San Jose.

Treasurer’s report:

Wes Lingerfelt gave the treasurer’s report. It was accepted as given.

Committee Reports:

Hospitality: Sharon Duncan announced 34 members and 8 guests. Guests included Rodric Ness, Joellen & Tom Chrones, Laura Gebhart, Nathan Limon, Betty Keen, Pat McKay and Cheryl Hagopian. Guests were welcomed.

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Abused Children: Jan Ferguson noted a donation of a beautiful Imperial Jasper sphere from Ralph Bishop. Also to be given away was a trilobite.

Annual Awards Banquet: None

Adopt-a-Highway: Wayne Mills noted that the next highway cleanup will be held Saturday, March 15 at 8:00 a.m. We will meet at the intersection of Highways 101 and 166.

Monthly Breakfast: Gloria Dana reported the February breakfast will be held at the Denny's Restaurant, 1910 E. Main St., Santa Maria at 8:15 on Saturday, February 23.

Bulletin: Debbie Hood said the bulletin is now on the web site as well as having been mailed.

Budget & Audit: None

Parliamentarian: Wes Lingerfelt said we need to add two new items to the Rules and Regulations. Wes read Chapter 8.1.15 (Proposed Door Prize Committee) and presented it to the membership for a vote. Dick Shields made a motion that we accept Chapter 8.1.15 as read. Bud Burgess seconded the motion. Motion Passed. Wes read Chapter 8.1.16 (Proposed Monthly Breakfast Committee) and presented it to the membership for a vote. Roger Lehman made a motion that we accept Chapter 8.1.16 as read. Margaret Henson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Chaplin: None

CFMS: Wes Lingerfelt reminded members of the June show to be held in Ventura.

Field Trips: Bob Bullock stated that the February field trip would be on Saturday, February 16, 2008. We will meet at the Mussell Sr. Center at 8:00. Please bring a sack lunch.

Education: Wayne Mills reported going to Daniel Limon's class at Patterson Road School for an art show. He said Daniel's artwork was great.

Gem Show: Wes stated that contracts are coming in and things are looking good.

Historian: None

Refreshments: Dee Dee Magri reported the night's refreshment will be pie donated by Erica Erskin, Roger Lehman, Margaret Henson, Jeannie Lingerfelt, Sandy Berthelot and Dee Dee Magri.

Librarian: Gary Sheffer has had a couple of donations and reminded members to take a look and maybe check out CD or book.

Membership: Elaine Von Achen has three applications to present at the March board meeting, one from Joellen Chrones and one from Tom Chrones. She also has one from Cheryl Hagopian.

Property: None

Publicity: None

Public Lands Access Committee: None

Door Prizes: Bob Bullock reported a jasper sphere donated by Lucky Virgin as well as some condor agates and lots of other goodies for the evenings drawing.

Scholarship: Wes will be sending Allan Hancock College a check for \$500.00 for the annual scholarship donation.

Sheriff: None

Sunshine: It was reported that Shirley Gochenour passed away.

Telephone Tree: None

Year Book: Wes Lingerfelt is starting on the yearbook and it will be ready by the end of March.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Wayne Mills reminded members to check out the displays of Hand Made Items.

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

Respectfully submitted:

Elaine Von Achen, Secretary, OMS

March 2008 Calendar

Tuesday March 4, 2008 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.	OMS Board Meeting-at Elwin Mussell Senior Center. All members are welcome at this business meeting.
Saturday March 8, 2008 8:00 a.m. to 5:00p.m.. 	Field Trip to Carrizo Springs- Meet at Mussell Senior Center Parking Lot. Trace the San Andreas Fault from Highway 166 north through the Carrizo Plains to Soda Lake. If we are lucky, we'll hit the highlights of wildflower bloom. Bring lunch and water. Short hikes possible. Contact Bob Bullock at 928-6372 for details
Tuesday March 11, 2008 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.	OMS General Meeting-Elwin Mussell Senior Center. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program-Mineral Dealer • Display- Green rocks & minerals • Refreshments-Cake
Saturday March 15, 2008 8:00 to 10:00 a.m.	Roadside Clean up, meet at the intersection of Hwys 101 & 166. After the cleanup, coffee and pastry at "Francisco's Country Kitchen" in Santa Maria.
Saturday March 22, 2008 9:00 to 10:00 am.	OMS Monthly Breakfast-at <i>Jocko's</i> at 125 N. Thompson Ave., Nipomo

April 2008 Calendar

Tuesday April 1, 2008	OMS Board Meeting Mussell Senior Center. All members
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7:00. – 8:00 p.m.	are welcome at this business meeting.
Tuesday April 8, 2008 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.	OMS General Meeting Elwin Mussell Senior Center. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program-Volcanos of Southern Italy • Display-A favorite rock treasure • Refreshments-Cookies
Saturday April 19 2008 8:00 a.m. to 5:00p.m.	Field Trip to Figueroa Mountain- Meet at Mussell Senior Center parking lot. Explore old jasper trails, serpentine outcroppings, and wildflowers in full bloom. Fill your gas tank (no services on the mountain,) and bring a lunch and water. Adventure pass required. Contact Bob Bullock at 928-6372 for details.
April 26, 2008 Saturday. 8:15 to 9:15 a.m.	OMS Monthly Breakfast-at <i>CJ'S</i> in Arroyo Grande.at 611 East Grand Ave.

Show Schedule 2008

March 1-2 2008, Arcadia, CA

Monrovia Rockhounds
 Los Angeles County Arboretum & Botanical Garden
 301 N. Baldwin Ave.
 Hours: 9 - 4:30 both days
 Jo Anna Ritchey
 Email: j.ritchev@verizon.net
 Website: www.moroks.com

March 1-2 2008, Escondido, CA

Palomar Gem & Mineral Club
 Army National Guard Armory
 304 Park Avenue
 Escondido, CA
 Hours: Saturday 9-5, Sunday 9-4
 Michelle & Van Lynch (760) 949-4164
 Email: michelleandvan@hotmail.com
 Show Website: www.palomargem.org

March 1-2 2008, Ventura, CA

Ventura Gem & Mineral Society
 Seaside Park
 10 W. Harbor Blvd.
 Hours: Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4
 Abe-Bar-Shai (818) 991-7735
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Salinas Valley Rock & Gem Club
 Spreckles Veteran's Memorial Hall
 5th and Llano St. Hwy 68 Spreckels Exit
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March 15-16 2008, Vallejo, CA

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 Solano County Fairgrounds County Building
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Calaveras Gem & Mineal Society
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 Santa Clara County Fairgrounds
 334 Tully Road
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Summer Rockhound

By Cindy Lind

The 'Skeeter and the Rockhound both,
 Went out to hunt one day.
 The Rockhound wanted specimens,
 The 'Skeeter wanted prey!
 The Rockhound found a likely spot,
 and settled with his gear.
 He'd dug a short time when he heard,
 A buzzing in his ear.
 The Rockhound swatted at the noise,
 And stood to look around.
 He missed the Skeeter, but he saw,
 A great stone on the ground!
 The Rockhound bent to lift the stone,
 His backside in the air.
 The 'Skeeter took advantage then,
 And bit the Rockhound there.
 The Rockhound jumped and squashed the bug,
 His bottom to defend.
 The Rockhound and the Skeeter had,
 Both got it in THE END!

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