



# Ore-Cutts

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Please join us on March 12, 2013 at 7:00 pm at the Luis Oasis Senior Center, 420 Soares Ave. in Old Orcutt for a **Program on Dinosaurs given by Richard Wade**. He will bring many example fossils to illustrate his Talk which has been very popular at CFMS events.

• **The Display is Fossils** but as always you are welcome to bring any rocks/minerals that you would like to share. *(Remember, those who display receive an extra doorprize ticket.)*

• **The refreshments will be cake brought to us by: Samantha S., Sharon Duncan, Joe & Lisa Azevedo and Sylvia Nasholm, Elaine Von Achen and Jan Ferguson.**

## Sunshine

As far as we know everyone is staying well. Should you know of an OMS member being ill, please call Debbie Hood at 481-6860 and let her know.

## The Prez Box

**By Wayne Mills**

Hope you all enjoyed the February meeting as much as I did. The wire wrapping demonstration by Sharon, Lee, Debbie and Peggy gave us a good look at some of the tools, techniques and products of the art, and I think we had the most displays that I have seen in some time. Check our website:

<http://www.omsinc.org/archives> for pictures of the wire wrap talk.

Sharon's quick 'n easy wire wrapped bail was one



of the highlights of the program for me.

The refreshments (pies) were delicious, and Samantha's big Valentine Heart cookie was ALMOST too pretty to cut—but I did, and it was delicious! We even had some extra nice pieces on the Door Prize Activity Table thanks to donations from some of our board members, including Elaine Von Achen who bought a flat of minerals for the activity at Quartzsite. The business portion of the meeting even went quickly and smoothly—I am sure most folks appreciated that. I was pleased to present Debbie Hood with a plaque and replica of our gavel to commemorate her 5 terms as president of OMS—the most of any OMS president. When you realize that each term is a 3-year commitment— that is a lot of years working for the society.

Coming up in March is the Ventura Gem and Mineral Show on the 2nd-3rd, our bi-monthly Highway Clean-up on the 9th, and the wonderful program on dinosaurs by Richard Wade who is known throughout the California Federation for his engaging and informative programs on dinosaurs, volcanoes and astronomy. Be sure to get there early, because Mr. Wade has a long drive home, so we will start with his presentation promptly at 7:00 p.m. The display for the evening is fossils (or whatever else you would like to share with your fellow rockhounds). Remember, there are members at each meeting who are willing and possibly able to help identify some of your "mystery rocks", so bring 'em in!

Also coming up in March is our field trip to Ozena led by our intrepid Wes Lingerfelt. Wes agreed to put an article about the trip (that will be held March 16th) in this bulletin. Our next field trip activity (after Ozena) will be the tailgate at the Von Achen's on May 25. Please let me know as soon as possible if you are planning to have a table (or two) at that event. You might want to start pulling out the things you would like to sell there.

So, that's about it for now. Happy hunting, and be safe out there!

I welcome any of your questions, comments or suggestions about our activities.

Wayne Mills can be contacted at [wwmills50@hotmail.com](mailto:wwmills50@hotmail.com).



### Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthday greetings go out to those who are having birthdays in March: Bill Hood, Roger Lehman, & Jeannie

Lingerfelt. **Happy Birthday to all of you & Many more!**

Members celebrating an anniversary in March are: Lee & Betty Reyburn, and Carl & Kelly Tapper. **Many happy returns!**



*If you don't see your name here when you should, then the information is not in the Red Book. Please write it down and give it to Wes Lingerfelt to get it updated.*

### Rock Breakfast

February's breakfast was on the 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Sunrise Café at the golf course in Santa Maria. It was a slightly low turnout of a baker's dozen of hungry rockhounds, but never the less a great get together. Wes was planning his fieldtrip to Ozena on the 16<sup>th</sup> of March, and he and Jeannie made a reconnaissance trip up there to check things out right after breakfast.

In March the breakfast will be on the 23<sup>rd</sup> at Francisco's Country Kitchen in Santa Maria.

### Let's Go to Ozena!

**By Wes Lingerfelt**

It's time to make another field trip to find rocks. There are many places to go and enjoy the sunshine and in some cases the surf of the Central Coast. Since I got roped into leading the field trip for March I've decided it would be good to make the 90 mile journey out to Ozena. This location is within the boundaries of the Los Padres National Forest so you need an Adventure Pass unless you have the old folks pass (Senior Pass or Golden Age Pass). I have one of those (I'm truly a senior now) so anyone riding with me won't need to get a day pass from the local Forest Service Station.

We will meet on March 16th at the junction of US101 – CA166 East in the turn out there at 08:30 am. It will take about 1.5 hours to make the trip which will put us on the Reyes Creek around 10:00am. With the sun warming up the place by that time we should have a couple of hours to search the piles of rock in the dry creek. Around noon or a little after we can then make the journey on up the road to the Reyes Creek Bar & Grill (this is the real reason I want to go there). They have a full service bar

and the burgers are just as good as those at the Jalama Beach Grill. Jeannie and I had a fantastic scouting trip to the isolated spot on February 23, 2013 (Jeannie had the Onion Rings and was delighted with them). The folks up there are very nice and will make us very welcome. I hope everyone can join us for this field trip!



*Andesite Granite and other rocks in Reyes Creek*

### THE FIRST ROCKHOUNDS OF OUR SPIRIT COAST

**By Ralph Bishop**

*(Back by popular demand, we have another story by Ralph, but this one is a bit different...enjoy!-Ed.)*

As we modern rockhounds search for seemingly eternal stone along the sands and cobbles of our Chumash beaches, the spirits of ancient rockhounds are with us in that they, too, revered the gifts of Mother Earth-Xutash in the Chumash language. 'Alokl'oy –dolphins who glide in spirit ever vigilant, watch us from just beyond the surf line. At times Smomoy-foggy apparitions, climb over the coastal hills on the silent paws of Tuk'e'm-the mountain lion, while mists cloak the land in mystery and swirl on gentle winds. When we walk, as they did, the creeks shrouded by the sacred Ku'w-Oaks, and the willows, they are watching in shadowed silence with the wisdom of Muhu-Horned Owl, and the curiosity of Xuxa'w-coyote as Slo-Eagle circles above.

It was Slo that gave us his eyes to see the same stone's mysterious beauty that we desire. Nature provides now, as then, the same jasper, agate, chert, jade and crystals to quench the endless desire of the human heart for beauty. We hunt under the brilliance of old man sun, casting our shadows as

they did, over the land. And we sit around our campfires, as they did, recounting stories and gazing at North Star, the Chumash's guiding light, and watch the stars turn as a wheel of time's procession around him. It is during this time when Muhu asks through the introspection of dreamtime: "Who? Who? Who? Who are you?"

The Chumash speak, in their oral history, of their reverence for fossils, which they considered to be the first people. They died in our flood - not the flood of Noah - and are now turned to stone. We did not make them, they were our ancestors, and many of them were giants.

Several centuries ago the Wot-Chief of the Channel Islands was asked about the new people coming to their land and he said: "They were born here and went around the world. They were reincarnated with lighter skin and speak a different language, but the nobility of the soul is the same. We are one world congregation." Just as those first rockhounds struggled with social conflict in society, little has changed in the human condition. But there is always hope, now as then, to escape the mundane world by the medicine of our love of sharing the beauty of mother earth with others.

One woman who personified the spirit and reverent attitudes of the native peoples was Kay Vollmer and, of course her husband, Chuck. Our club was blessed to have them in our family for decades, and by their gentle countenance we were made better. Though they have passed to the other side, their spirits still search with us, with the song of the meadowlark, and smile as they watch us fashion a beautiful stone from an ugly duckling rock. May their lives with us be spoken around our campfires, so that the memory of their contributions to our rockhound family will allow us to follow the path of their humble exuberance.

I would like to tell a story now about a singular act of contribution by Kay that will impact our knowledge of the history of the Yak tsityu tsityu-Northern Chumash People - in a meaningful and significant way, our modern population and more importantly, the children of all races who will walk behind us. This story is not mine, but rather a story of the Vollmer's, and will span yesterday, today and tomorrow.

Once long ago in time and space, the ancestors of the Yak tsityu tsityu the Northern Chumash people

walked along the agate laden streams of life near the community we now call Nipomo - a name derived from the Chumash village of Nipuma - where trout, steelhead and salmon nourished their existence. To the east rose Tematate Ridge - the place name for another Chumash village forested with redwood, pine and oak. To the northwest crashed the waves of the mother of all waters near the town we call Pismo Beach - Pismu place of tar in Chumash - where clams, unlike today, could be gathered beyond number, and the great whales found safe haven at Sipatu - gathering place of the whales which we now know as Avila. On the fertile grasslands between these places, mammoths and mastodons grazed with elk, deer and ground sloths of immense size. To the south pronghorn antelope sped across the broad plains of the Santa Maria valley. It was an ice age then and although food was plentiful, the first rockhounds had to be constantly on guard as they, being one with nature, were part of the food chain. Their Eden was populated by formidable predators. Saber tooth tigers, short faced bears the size of mules, packs of dire wolves, and the largest cat ever to walk the earth, Pantera Atrox - a twelve foot leopard who lurked everywhere looking for an easy meal. In its totality this natural assemblage is known as the La Brea fauna, and is the most complete and stunning collection of animals of this time period in the world, and it can be seen at the Page Museum at the La Brea tar pits in Los Angeles.

So, how did the Yak Tsityu Tsityu's ancestors, not blessed with dagger like teeth or scimitar like claws survive? They searched for stone, as we kindred spirits do, and with far superior intellects than they are generally viewed to possess, fashioned facsimiles of the predator's weaponry out of chert, jasper and agate. They were the first lapidary artisans using only a hammer stone, the first rock hammer, and antler to shape their stones. These finished pieces of stone, all based on a modification of the triangle, evolved into the first tool kit, each piece designed for a specific purpose.

Thousands of years before the development of the bow and arrow, the Yak tsityu tsityu affixed their finished stones to wooden handles as knives, spears and "long darts" thrown with the aid of the atlatl, a short notched stick used to hold and throw a long dart, which greatly increased the thrust of the

projectile. Because these stone points were specifically shaped for the darts and early spears, they are distinctly different from “arrowheads” and define a primary technology and the time period when mammoths walked the earth. The legacy of their foreshadowing technology now tens of thousands of years later can be seen as Titan and Atlas missiles, whose shape is remarkably similar to the Clovis points (only slightly elongated for fuel,) are launched into the same sky, and under the gaze of Slo eagle, from Vandenberg Air Force Base under the guidance of a modern rockhound, Wes Lingerfelt..

On occasion in our search for gemstone and fossils, we modern rockhounds find a trace of the Chumash ancestral culture’s force of will to survive washed from the soil by nature, again to come to the light of day, drawing mystery and wonder into our searches. And so it was half a century ago, on a beautiful sunny day, that Kay Vollmer, Al and Kathy Orin, and a pebble pup belonging to our club named Ralph B., were hunting sagenite agate on the old Jensen place, along Adobe Creek, about 400 yards from the Dana Adobe - not surprisingly built on soil 4 feet above the remains of a Chumash middle period village site.

After a lunch eaten in the shade of the willows we fanned out, finding an agate here and there, when Kathy gave out with a whoop and we all came over, not to see a nice sagenite, but a frumpy little tan chert ”arrowhead.” (Kay always maintained she and Kathy both saw it at the same time, but that Kathy, was just a tiny bit faster and beat her to it.)

It was interesting, but at the time viewed as rather “ho hum,” but kept nonetheless, and that night it was consigned to an old cigar box, along with other far more elegant points in the Orin’s collection, to gather dust decade after decade, and seldom to see the light of day. Al & Kathy moved to Oregon, and then back to California, always carrying along the old cigar box filled with memories of rock hounding days gone by. After Kathy’s passing, and Kay’s husband was also gone, Al visited Kay on many occasions. Al visited Kay, as did many in our club, to recall the many adventures they’d had together, bringing joy to their hearts.

One day Al brought Kay a gift of an old, and now worn, cigar box, as he knew of Kay’s love for Indian artifacts. A couple of days later my mom and

I visited Kay bringing, as usual, a small “rock show” of beauties, since Kay, due to hip problems, was now homebound. She was so pleased to be able to share her new box of goodies with us, and we all “oohed” and “awed” over the many pieces once more in the view of those who could appreciate them. Going through the points, I came upon the frumpy little point, but unlike decades before, I immediately noticed the defined fluted flake scars on both sides of the point, and exclaimed, “Kay, this is an Ice Age Clovis point,” and handed it back to her. Then she remembered that day long since passed, and reminded me of the sandwiches under the willow’s shade, and after a couple of chuckles, I said to her, “This is an atlatl dart point, and is, I think, made from the same Nipomo chert as the tool I found at the Mastodon kill site, about 3 miles from the old Jensen place.”

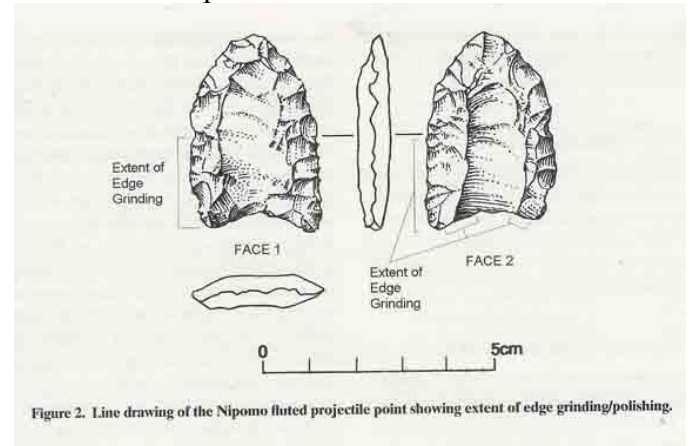


Figure 2. Line drawing of the Nipomo fluted projectile point showing extent of edge grinding/polishing.

The next time mom and I visited Kay I brought my mastodon jaw, tusk and the tan chert chopper. Sure enough, the pieces were so similar that they could have come from the same rock. We were all so happy that Al, through all those decades, had not traded or sold that box, and had passed them down to Kay!

It was with a sense of wonder we thought about how the Clovis point and the mastodon were found so close to one another, so many decades apart, and how there might be a connection between the two finds that now lay before us. We discussed how such hints of history were so important to our local area, and how so much of past material culture had disappeared from sight into dusty drawers, hither and yon, and to places far from our shores.

A year or so later, Kay needed some help cleaning and organizing her back yard, and Wes Lingerfelt and I, along with others from her family of club

members, came to her aid, helping her sell some of her outdoor rocks, and old lapidary equipment, to help her with her ever increasing bills. After this hard day's work, Kay invited me in for coffee and asked if I would like to have the Clovis point. Of course I said, "Yes!"

"But," She said, "I want it displayed somewhere here on the Central Coast so people here can enjoy it, not gathering dust, sold or traded off." I agreed to her will and promised her I would do as she asked, and that it would stay with the mastodon material, as they were probably related in one respect or another.

Since that time, Kay's contribution to the Yak Tsityu Tsityu's history, along with my own, have been on public display at the Dana Adobe, the Santa Maria Natural History Museum and the Guadalupe Arts & Education Center run by Chumash elder, Joe Talangon. Kay's inspiration and will have become my will. A will to "give back," and in turn, to contribute inspiration to others, especially the children who will walk behind us into an uncertain future fraught with modern distractions that may cloud the respect for nature.

Another member of Kay's OMS rockhound family, Wayne Mills, has also contributed to the knowledge behind this unique artifact by publishing a scientific paper in the Journal of California and Great Basin Anthropology, Vol 25 No. 2 (2005) pp 214-220 by Wayne W. Mills, Michael E. Rondeau & Terry L. Jones. I suggest our membership review his work for further insight into the history of the first rockhounds of our Spirit Coast.

### **Pictographs (Rock Notes)**

---March 24<sup>th</sup>-California Federation Mineralogical Society (CFMS) SoCal Field Trip-The Ernst Quarries - Sharktooth Hill, CA -(661) 319-7080

info@sharktoothhillpropety.com

---August 27, 1883 (130 years ago): Krakatoa (East of Java) blew its top- To put in perspective:

Krakatoa 1883: 200 megatons

Mt. St. Helens 1980: 10 megatons

A-Bomb, Alamogordo 1945: 20 kilotons

The explosion is recorded in a book called The Day the World Exploded by Simon Winchester

### **TO BE (JADE) OR NOT TO BE (JADE)**

**Wayne Mills, OMS**

There was an interesting exchange of information about determining what is jade and what isn't on the

LARocks web site over a period of several days centering on February 19. One frequent contributor to the site, who has written several scientific studies on various attributes of rocks, poo-pooed the idea of using a specific gravity test to tell the difference between jade and chert, while offering his mass spectrometer rock-testing services for \$30 per specimen (\$25 = \$5 for return postage). That reference is Donald Kasper dtkasper@yahoo.com.

Stephen Telm offered the following information about the range of specific gravities of the minerals jade and nephrite, and the rock chert. I am not sure how a rock gets assigned a specific gravity due to the innate variability of rocks, but here's what Stephen came up with.

Chert: 2.60-2.64

Nephrite: 2.90-3.10

Jadeite: 3.24-3.43 (the Audubon Field Guide to Rocks and Minerals says 3.3-3.5)

To do a specific gravity test, you need to accurately weigh the stone and then place the stone in a graduated cylinder and note the change in the water level that the stone causes. Then determine the weight of the displaced water, and divide that weight (assumed to have a specific gravity of 1) into the weight of the stone to get the specific gravity of the rock. So, how bad do you want to know if that pretty green rock you picked-up on the beach is jade, serpentine, chert, or ??? (Insider tip: bring it to the next rock club meeting and you will get AT LEAST one free opinion on what it actually is.

### **AUNT DEBBIE NEEDS YOU**

**Wayne Mills**

Putting out a bulletin month after month is a tedious job. Sometimes, one wonders how one is going to get the job done. There is an old saying: "many hands make light work". So far, there have not been many hands involved with putting the bulletin out, but here's an idea: With about 60 members in the society, there should be 60 different stories that could be entitled "My Favorite Rock". 120 stories if you divide it up between self-collected and purchased rocks. Simply, take a picture of the specimen and write a short story about what it is, how you came to acquire it, and what about the specimen appeals to you. The best stories (as determined by our panel of experts—Debbie) will be published. And who doesn't want to see their

name in print, a byline even. So sharpen your pencils, or fire-up the old laptop. Your 15 minutes of fame awaits!

## **ORCUTT MINERAL SOCIETY BOARD MEETING HOME OF MIKE & MARGARET HENSON, SANTA MARIA, CA., February 5, 2013**

President Wayne Mills called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Members present were:** Wes Lingerfelt, Debbie Hood, Jeannie Lingerfelt, Elaine Von Achen, Sandy Berthelot, Mike Schmidt, Mike Henson, Wayne Mills, Jan Ferguson and Sharon Duncan. Guests included Bill Hood, Margaret Henson, Samantha Schmidt and Paul Berthelot.

**Minutes:** Minutes were approved as printed in the February, 2013 newsletter.

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

**Correspondence:** Elaine Von Achen reported a letter received from Jim Brace Thompson of the Ventura Club requesting that we include an invitation to their show on March 2 & 3, 2013 in our bulletin. Also we received newsletters from Carmel Valley and San Geronio gem and mineral clubs.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Abused Children:** None.

**Annual Gem Show:** None.

**Annual December Meeting:** None.

**Breakfast:** February's breakfast will be held at The Sunset Grill, 1424 Fairway Drive, Santa Maria, CA. at 9:00 a.m. on February 23rd.

**Bulletin:** Wayne Mills reported that the bulletin had been mailed and was on the web.

**CFMS:** Wes noted that the CFMS show for 2013 will be in Ventura and will be held May 31 and June 1.

**Education:** None.

**Field Trip:** There will not be a field trip in February.

**Highway Clean-up:** The next highway clean-up will be held Saturday March 9th. Members will meet at Highways 101 and 166 on the south east corner at 8:00 a.m.

**Library:** Wes Lingerfelt said that Maida Williams had donated approximately 12 books to the library and he had already added it to the website.

**Membership:** Elaine Von Ache said she has received 17 paid memberships for 2013.

**Refreshments:** Margaret Henson passed around the refreshment sign-up sheet for the coming year. She noted that we were likely to have a large crowd for the March meeting as we were having Richard Wade as a guest speaker and that we would probably need extra

refreshment. Elaine Von Achen and Jan Ferguson said they would bring cakes to supplement the cake already being brought by Samantha Schmidt, Sharon Duncan, Joe & Lisa Azevedo and Sylvia Nasholm.

**Scholarship:** None.

**Sunshine:** Debbie Hood is doing fine after a recent fall but is looking after her mother who injured her ankle. Lucky Virgin had eye surgery the morning of the board meeting so we didn't have an update as to how he was doing.

**Old Business:** Wes said that he had received pins and bars for the previous year officers and would pass them out at the next meeting. He also received an order of rock bags and stickers and would bring a few to the meeting in case anyone would like to purchase some.

It is believed that Christine Clason will be the new hospitality chairman but wasn't for sure. Bill Hood said he would bring everything to the next meeting and if she has not agreed to the position, he would sit in.

Wes noted that he had received the registration for the June barbeque at Pioneer Park and they had not included use of the barbeque pit. He contacted them, paid the extra fee and we are all set for June.

### **New Business:**

Wayne brought up the idea of having the March program before the business meeting as our speaker had a long drive in front of him and the earlier he got done the earlier he could get started. It was agreed that we would have the program first followed by our business meeting.

Our first ever tailgate show will be held the 25th of May and will be held at the Von Achen "Barn" from 10:00 a.m. to ? It was decided that we will have a club table with donated items and the proceeds will go to the club. If you have anything to donate, you can contact Elaine Von Achen. We will invite other local clubs to attend and it will also be considered a field trip for OMS.

February's program will be given by Sharon Duncan, Lee Reyburn and friends and will be on the art of Wirewrapping.

February's display will be Wirewrapped pieces or any jewelry.

The meeting was adjourned by President Wayne Mills at 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Elaine Von Achen  
Secretary, OMS

## **Orcutt Mineral Society General Meeting Luis Oasis Senior Center, Orcutt, CA. February 12, 2013**

President Wayne Mills called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Mike Henson gave the invocation.

Samantha S. led the flag salute.

**Minutes:** Elaine Von Achen read the minutes from the February 5, 2013 board meeting. Minutes were approved as read.

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

**Correspondence:** Noted in February's board minutes.

There was nothing since the board meeting.

**Hospitality:** Bill Hood reported 37 members and 3 guests in attendance. Guests included Wayne Johnsen, "Aunt Betty" Margaret Henson's aunt, and Jane Kametani. Guests were greeted and thanked.

**Refreshments:** Margaret Henson thanked Elaine Von Achen, Sandy Berthelot, Erica Erskine and Keith McKay, Jan Ferguson, Lucky Virgin, Jeannie Lingerfelt and Samantha S. for their donations of pie and a "BIG" heart cookie.

**Committee Reports:**

**Abused Children:** None.

**Annual Luncheon Meeting:** None.

**Breakfast:** February's monthly breakfast will be on the 23rd and will be held at The Sunset Grill, 1424 Fairway Drive, Santa Maria at 9:00 a.m.

**Budget & Audit:** None.

**Bulletin:** The bulletin is out.

**CFMS:** None.

**Door Prizes:** Mike Schmidt thanked Lee Reyburn, Lucky Virgin and Jan Ferguson for their donations to the night's drawing. He also thanked everyone who had donated items for the coming year's raffle.

**Education:** None.

**Gem Show:** None.

**Historian:** None.

**Field Trip:** A field trip to Ozena, led by Wes Lingerfelt, is planned for March. Ozena is off Highway 33 (by Ojai) in the Las Padres National Forest and we will be looking for Andesite Granite with feldspar. Members will meet at highways 101 and 166 on the south east corner at 8:30 a.m. Wes believes that the collecting site is actually located in the Los Padres National Forest, and if it is you will need a pass which can be obtained at the Ranger Station located off of Donovan Road in Santa Maria. Contact Wes if you have any questions regarding the pass. Please bring a sack lunch, water, a jacket and hat along with your spade, bag and gloves.

**Highway Clean-up:** The next highway clean-up will be held March 9th. Members will meet at highways 101 and 166 on the south east corner at 8:00 a.m.

**Library:** Wes thanked Maida Williams for her generous donation of approximately 12 books to the OMS library. He said that the majority were on beading.

**Membership:** Elaine Von Achen said that she had received approximately 18 paid memberships to date.

**Junior Members:** Nothing to report.

**Political Action Committee:** None.

**Property:** Geary Sheffer said our annual locker clean-up is scheduled for some time in April.

**Scholarship:** None.

**Sunshine:** Debbie Hood announced that she was feeling better but was now taking care of her mother who has injured her ankle.

**Old Business:**

Wayne Mills passed out pins and bars to some of the officers and board members who had not received theirs yet. He also presented a gavel he had made, to Debbie Hood for her commitment to OMS and having been president 5 times. (The most anyone has held that office).

Erica Erskine read a cute little poem.

**New Business:**

Wes showed some rockhound bags and stickers that OMS has purchased and which are now for sale. Our program for the evening is a demonstration and talk on Wirewrapping given by various OMS members. Those who participated were Sharon Duncan, Lee Reyburn, Peggy Johnsen, and Debbie Hood. March's program will be on Dinosaurs and will be given by Richard Wade. March's display will be wire fossils. President Wayne Mills adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Elaine Von Achen Secretary, OMS

**March 2013 Calendar**

<p>Tuesday March 5, 2013 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.</p>	<p>OMS Board Meeting at the Hansen's home. All members are welcome at this business meeting. For information or directions please call Mike at 934-1308.</p>
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**March 2 - 3: VENTURA, CA  
Ventura Gem & Mineral Society**

Ventura County Fairgrounds  
10 W. Harbor Blvd.  
Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4  
Contact: Krishna Juarez, (805) 323-6725  
Email: abaris2007@gmail.com  
Website: [www.vgms.org](http://www.vgms.org)

Saturday, March 9, 2013 8:00 to 10:00 a.m.	Roadside Clean up-Hwy 101 & 166 east. After the cleanup, coffee and pastry at "Francisco's Country Kitchen" 1701 N. Broadway, Santa Maria.
Tuesday March 12, 2013 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.	OMS General Meeting Luis Oasis Senior Center, 420 Soares Ave., Old Orcutt. Program- Richard Wade on Dinosaurs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Display-Fossils.</li> <li>• Refreshments-Cakes</li> </ul>
Saturday, March 16, 2013 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Field Trip to Ozena led by Wes Lingerfelt. For information contact Wes at 929-3788.
Saturday. March 28, 2012 8:15 to 9:15 a.m.	OMS Monthly Breakfast-Francisco's Country Kitchen 1701 N. Broadway, Santa Maria.

### April 2013 Calendar

Tuesday April 2, 2013 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.	OMS Board Meeting- At the home of the Hansen's. All members are welcome at this business meeting. For information or directions please call Mike at 934-1308.
Tuesday April 9, 2012 7:00. to 9:00 p.m.	OMS General Meeting- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Program: Wayne Mills &amp; Margaret Henson on making Gem Trees</li> <li>• Display: Colors of the rainbow in rocks</li> <li>• Refreshments: Cookies</li> </ul>
Saturday April 20, 2013 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.	Field Trip – Available for you to lead to your favorite site.
Saturday April 27, 2013 9:00. to 10:00 a.m.	OMS Monthly Breakfast- The Girls Restaurant 1237 E Grand Ave., Arroyo Grande.

### CFMS Show Schedule 2013 MARCH 2013

**March 1 - 3: NEWARK, CA**  
**Mineral & Gem Society of Castro Valley**  
Newark Pavilion  
6430 Thornton Avenue  
Contact: Cathy Miller, (510) 305-4196  
Email: Cdmiller59@gmail.com  
Website: www.mgscv.org  
Hours: Fri & Sat 10 - 6; Sun 10 - 5

**March 2 - 3: ARCADIA, CA**  
**Monrovia Rockhounds**  
The Arboretum & Botanic Gardens  
301 Baldwin Avenue (Ayers Hall)  
Hours: 9:00 - 4:30 daily  
Contact: Jo Anna Ritchey (626) 359-1624  
Email: joannaritchey@gmail.com  
Website: www.Moroks.com  
**March 9 - 10: SAN MARINO, CA**  
**Pasadena Lapidary Society**  
San Marino Masonic Center  
3130 Huntington Drive  
Hours: Sat 10 - 6, Sun 10 - 5  
Contact: Marcia Goetz, (626) 260-7239  
Email: joenmar1@verizon.net

**March 9 - 10: SPRECKELS, CA**  
**Salinas Valley Rock & Gem Club**  
Spreckels Veteran's Hall  
5th & Llano Streets  
Hours: 10 - 5 daily  
Contact: Karin Salomon, (831) 375-5233  
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**March 9 - 10: TURLOCK, CA**  
**Mother Lode Mineral Society**  
Stanislaus County Fairgrounds  
900 North Broadway  
Hours: 10 - 5 daily  
Contacts: Bud & Terry McMillin, (209) 524-3494  
Email: terry\_mcmillin@yahoo.com  
Website: www.turlockgemshow.com

**March 16 - 17: VALLEJO, CA**  
**Vallejo Gem & Mineral Society**  
Solano County Fairgrounds  
900 Fairgrounds Drive  
Hours: 10 - 5 daily  
Contact: Dan Wolke, (707) 745-1816, cell (707) 334-2950



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**March 16 - 17: VISTA, CA**  
**Palomar Gem & Mineral Club**  
Antique Gas & Steam Engine Museum  
2040 North Santa Fe Avenue  
Hours: Sat 9 - 5; Sun 9 - 4  
Contact: Diane Hall, (760) 741-0433, cell (760) 213-1377  
Email: dhall13@cox.net  
Website: www.palomargem.org

**March 23 - 24: ANGELS CAMP, CA**  
**Calaveras Gem & Mineral Society**  
Calaveras County Fairgrounds  
101 Frogtown Road  
Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4  
Contact: Robin Williams, (209) 728-8277  
Email: amy95247@yahoo.com  
Website: www.calaverasgemandmineral.org

**March 23 - 24: ROSEVILLE, CA**  
**Roseville Rock Rollers**  
Roseville (Placer County) Fairgrounds  
800 All American City Blvd  
Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4  
Contact: Gloria Marie, (530) 367-2262  
Email: gloriarosevillerockrollers@gmail.com  
Website: www.rockrollers.com

**March 23 - 24: TORRANCE, CA**  
**South Bay Lapidary & Mineral Society**  
Ken Miller Recreation Center  
3341 Torrance Blvd.  
Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4  
Contact: Bill Sudduth, (310) 787-7851  
Email: Sudduth3@msn.com  
Website: www.palosverdes.com/sblap

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**April 13 - 14: MARIPOSA, CA**  
**Mariposa Gem & Mineral Club**  
Mariposa County Fairgrounds  
Hwy 49 South (1.8 miles south of Mariposa)  
Hours: 10 - 5 daily  
Contact: Chel, (209) 742-7625  
Email: mineralmuseum@sti.net

**April 20 - 21: SAN JOSE, CA**  
**Santa Clara Valley Gem & Mineral Society**  
Santa Clara County Fairgrounds  
334 Tully Road  
Hours: Sat 10 - 6; Sun 10 - 5  
Contact: Frank Mullany, (408) 265-1422

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