

Orcutt Mineral Society, Inc.



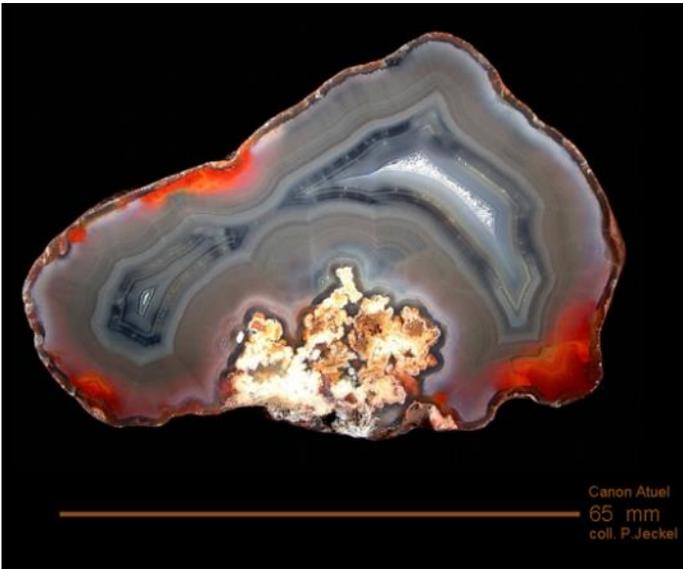
# Ore-Cutts

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## THE PRES BOX—MARCH 2018

Sylvia Nasholm, OMS President

Greetings! We had a wonderful program on agates during our February meeting. Wes has found the photos of a German agate collector. There are so many, he has it separated into four parts. The specimens are new to us and were beautiful to see.



Being a type of quartz, agate is silicon dioxide and mostly made of chalcedony. The name agate comes from the occurrence of the material found near the Achatis River in Southwestern Sicily (something I didn't know). The slides we were treated to were fortification agates, so named because the bands are laid down in a pattern that resembles a fort surrounded by walls and a moat (another thing I did not know). Banded agate layers of various colors are often used to carve cameos. A favorite site of mine for information on lots of goodies is [mindat.org](http://mindat.org). Another nice one for agates is [agateswithinclusions.com](http://agateswithinclusions.com).

Sharon Duncan and I attended The February meeting of the Santa Lucia Rockhounds in

Templeton along with Wayne Mills and Kim Noyes who are also members of the Santa Lucia Club. We were treated to a discussion of the Morros by club member John McCabe. He will be looking into bringing his program to our club sometime this year. It was interesting to see the differences between clubs. Theirs is definitely a more relaxed event than ours. We enjoyed ourselves and picked up a few good ideas. Their upcoming show on April 21-22 will focus on Jasper. They have altered their web site to include a member's only page that requires a password to access and their monthly bulletin is on that page. They also have a thriving juniors group – three new juniors were added to the club with certificates and patches. The juniors were called out to join Kathy Clark in a separate space to learn how to create rock stacking masterpieces.

While out researching food trucks, Sharon and I popped into my favorite art gallery, Seaside Gallery, on Cypress in Pismo Beach. We were treated to slabs of rock; travertine, Brazilian granite and marble, with beautiful pictures created by an artist from Colorado! The artwork is secondary to

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the stone, so much a part of it that the Koi look to be floating across a rock covered stream. In that picture, the fish and greenery are painted, all the stones you see are part of the actual granite slab. Each slab is about 2 inches thick, 18" high, and 16" to 24" wide. The Koi piece is on layaway and due out the door early March. These pieces of art are worth the gas and there is a parking lot on the back side of the building. Enjoy!

I have contacted Jennifer Haley, CFMS President, and graciously declined their request to join our show this summer.

Don't forget our Highway cleanup is on March 10<sup>th</sup> at 8am, SE corner of 166 and 101 Highways. Wayne is hoping to see a big turnout this month.

Our Board meeting is on March 6<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Nipomo Chamber of Commerce. Our General meeting is March 13<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in Oasis Senior Center. Our program will be Mystery Rocks. Bring yours for display and identification. Dessert will be cake. Happy St. Patrick's Day!

*Sylvia*

### 2018 MEMBERSHIP DUES

Regular adult membership \$24.00, Two adult family members \$34.00, Each additional family member at the same address \$5.00.

Dues can be paid at the February General Meeting, but please bring exact change if paying by cash. Dues must be paid by the March General Meeting to be included in the 2018 Red Book.

### BIRTHDAY'S & ANNIVERSARIES

**Greetings & Congratulations** go out to our members who are having birthdays and anniversaries this month:

#### BIRTHDAYS

- Roger Lehman 3/5
- Jeannie Lingerfelt 3/7
- Bill Hood 3/18

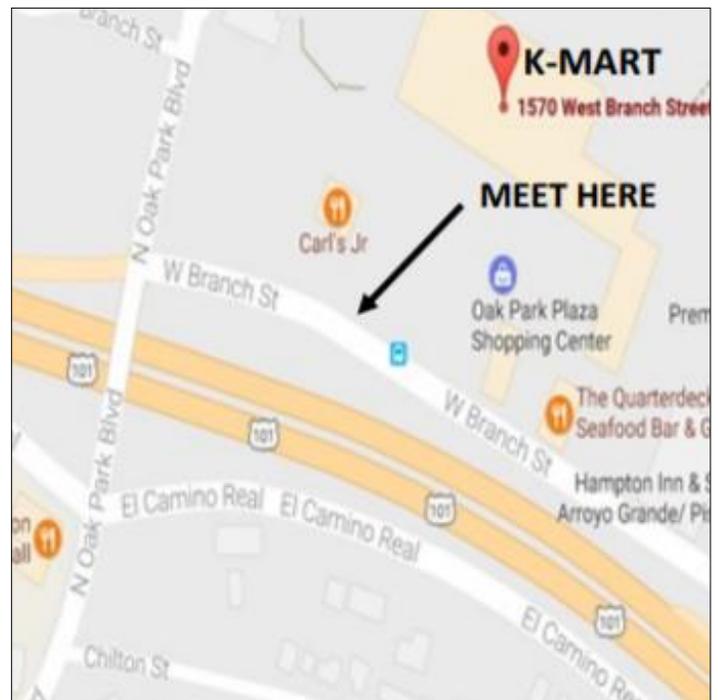
#### ANNIVERSARIES

None



### MARCH 17TH FIELDTRIP INFO

We will meet at the Arroyo Grande K-Mart near the Corner of Branch Street and Oak Park at 9:00 am on Saturday morning, March 17th. After signing the release forms and arranging carpools to the Site, we will head up to San Simeon State Beach to collect: agate, jasper, mushroom rhyolite, and perhaps driftwood. Bring rock picks, buckets, gloves, water, lunches and whatever protective gear you deem necessary.



# ORCUTT MINERAL SOCIETY—51<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL RAINBOW OF GEMS SHOW



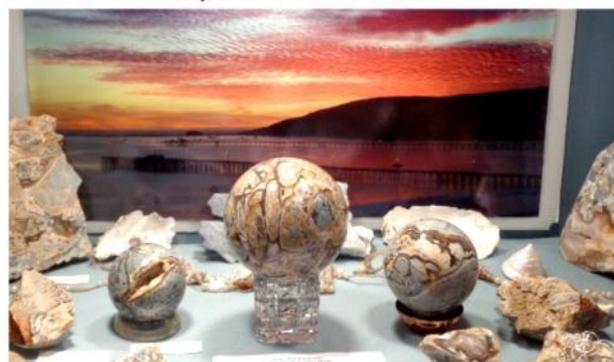
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**Friday-Sunday  
August 3-5, 2018**

**Nipomo High School,  
525 N. Thompson Ave,  
Nipomo, CA**



*Marcasite Agate—Nipomo*



*Deedeeite—Avila Beach*



*Sagenite Agate—Nipomo*

## OMS CALENDAR

### MARCH 2018

<b>Tuesday, March 6 7:00 to 8:00 pm</b>	<b>OMS Board Meeting, Nipomo Chamber of Commerce meeting room.</b> 239 W Tefft St, Nipomo, CA  All members are welcome at this meeting
<b>Saturday, March 10 8:00 am</b>	<b>Highway Clean-up:</b> Southeast Corner Hwy 101/166 East
<b>Tuesday, March 13 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm</b>	<b>General Meeting:</b> Luis Oasis Senior Center 420 Soares Av, Santa Maria, CA  <b>Program:</b> Mystery Rocks <b>Display:</b> Bring you mystery rocks for ID <b>Refreshments:</b> Cakes brought by Joe & Lisa Azevedo, Dick Bazzell, Sharon Duncan, and Sylvia Nasholm
<b>Saturday, March 17 9:00 am</b>	<b>Fieldtrip</b> to San Simeon Beach Meet-up at 9 am in Kmart parking lot 1570 W Brach St, Arroyo Grande
<b>Saturday, March 24 8:30 am</b>	<b>OMS Monthly Breakfast:</b> Hometown Buffet, Santa Maria 1431 S. Bradley Rd, Santa Maria

### APRIL 2018

<b>Tuesday, April 3 7:00 to 8:00 pm</b>	<b>OMS Board Meeting, Nipomo Chamber of Commerce meeting room.</b> 239 W Tefft St, Nipomo, CA  All members are welcome at this meeting
<b>Tuesday, April 10 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm</b>	<b>General Meeting:</b> Luis Oasis Senior Center 420 Soares Av, Santa Maria, CA  <b>Program:</b> Color, Form and Pattern in the Scenery – what they tell you about their geologic past by Jim Mills <b>Display:</b> Fossils <b>Refreshments:</b> Cookies brought by Truman Burgess, Debbie Hood, Tara Machin, and Don Nasholm
<b>Saturday, April 28 8:30 am</b>	<b>OMS Monthly Breakfast:</b> Denny's, Santa Maria 1019 E. Main St, Santa Maria

## MONTHLY FUNNY

This month's chuckle is from February's "Snippets", the newsletter of the Gold Coast Lapidary Club in Queensland Australia.

Q: Where do rocks sleep?

A: Bedrock

## WHISPERING PINES

by Ralph Bishop

Looking back, the loss of my shark family and the wholesale rape of the Shark Tooth Hill bone bed struck my young heart deeper than I realized at the time. Even though I remembered all the sweet spots that the old guard showed me – miles of grass root bone bed – my pick will remain silent knowing if I opened up a hole the hoard would descend. Better that I leave the sharks to rest in peace. I now realize that beyond searching the earth I was lured to the solace of solitude. One of the places I found this solace was in a high desert canyon in the Cuyama Valley. In the expanse of the low foothills above the valley floor, cut by countless gulley's, each so similar that if you turned around twice you would be lost, there was one unlike the others. Here scattered among the pinion pine, juniper, snake weed, oak and sycamore drift logs had been exposed along with other early Miocene marine fossils just a mile beyond the truck. The barely consolidated sand and gravel strata are one of the documented connective arteries between the Pacific Ocean and the Temblor Sea. It was uplifted along the San Andreas Fault and expressed the marine life that preceded the Middle Miocene of Shark Tooth Hill by 10 million years. Although I was able to collect a good number of specimens over the years, most of the wood was in the form of huge logs. The best of these became good "Friends" to visit on my treks where the only sound was the wind's whisper in the pines. Probably my favorite was a 4' by 12' oak log covered by 5" barnacles. Sitting under a pinion I would on occasion ask the log how long did you have to float to grow all these large barnacles? On occasion the log would whisper through the pine "a long time". All along the length of the log were large weathered scallops. It appeared that when this whale of a log was finally beached it acted as a snag for derelict shells. Just above the shell log was the big one, a 30' forked log in the upper saddle. This one stimulated my sense of touch. Along its length was a burl the size of a 35 gallon drum whose surface had been naturally sand blasted exposing the ridges of detailed swirling wood grain and deeply etched eyes some the size of quarters. But by far the most beautiful was a section that had calved off the big log and lay flat on its side in the meadow below.

One day I made my way through the junipers still wet from rain the night before. The aroma of the

desert cedar hung in the air. There below the meadow was a sea of green ablaze with the colors of gold fields, poppy's and lupine. I thought back to the first day my mother and I topped the saddle of Shark Tooth Hill and beheld the same pallet of color. Through the blue needles of the pines I heard the whisper of my mother's voice, "The rains came just right this year", the same sentiment she had spoken those many years before at the saddle. I almost felt bad stepping on the floral carpet but that thought disappeared when my eyes beheld the chocolate brown agatized oval. She had aged well. On the face were four pinwheel centers. These radial bands had been sun bleached white in contrast. This section of the Oak tree was where two forks had grown from the main stem. That day was one of those days I just wandered in peace with an empty pack drinking in a once in a decade desert spring.

Then there was the day like so many others. It was a Fall day and although the snake weed brushes blazed brilliant yellow even they looked parched. I decided to explore a western wash so plugged with Manzanita that I had never tried to navigate it before. I followed a deer trail along the ridge for quite some ways until the wash cleared of brush above a 30' dry waterfall. Instead of sand the basements of the wash was composed of pea gravel and low and behold, a few fluted pieces of scallop shells. I wondered if there would be another log maybe small enough to get to the truck. But it was not to be. Instead as I came around a bend to find a cut bank with a healthy gravel and shell lens I could not believe my eyes or the whisper through the pines; "where have you been, I've waited so long?" There it was bold as brass laying on the basement of the wash; a beautiful 3" Carcharodon shark tooth and it was perfect, all the serrations on the cusp were as sharp as the day the tooth was shed 27 million years ago. I was tempted to dig into the strata but the sun was dipping and there was a mile hike ahead of me so I left my tools and headed for the barn. When I got home I told my mom of the day – the freshly washed trees and the colors of the meadows. "The rains came just right this year" she said. "Yes", I said as I put the tooth in her hand. "Oh my, it's so perfect" she said. It was just lying there in the bottom of the wash", I said. "And the strata is on the west cut bank". "Oh what a gift" Mom said. "I wish Harry and Archie could see this tooth". "Oh I think they were there with me – on the wind", I replied. "Of course" Mom said in a faraway voice.

My next trip to Shark Wash was a scorcher. The ridge trail seemed to go on forever – because it did. When I got to the wash the noon-day sun shown on a dramatic display in the cut bank. The stratum was a lens in an otherwise fine grained siltstone. Tracing its length it turned out to be about 30' in length and about 8" thick on the upstream boundary. This lens was very unusual – packed tight with 6 to 8 inch scallops on the upstream turning slowly to pea gravel on its lower end. Toward the middle of its length was a round nub of bone. I recognized the shape and its extremely dense cell structure. I leaned back, "Hello old friend" I said to the rib of *Desmostylus*, the old sea cow. This rib I thought may push its place in paleontological history back 10 million years. This odd mollusk eating predecessor of the elephant was only known in the middle Miocene in California, Oregon and Japan. It would I thought take some time to remove the rib's length but fortunately a large pine root had broken up the bank in just the right place. As I peeled the ribs

matrix off the wall there was the round faces – clean as a whistle - of a sea cow molar tooth. Could it get any better than this I thought? After removing the tooth I had a fairly good setback in the gravel lens so I followed my pick upstream toward the shell mass. The gravel produced a fair number of teeth but being in gravel instead of the siltstone like that of Shark Tooth Hill the teeth were more water worn. Still there were some nice teeth – the same type as were found in the Temblor bone bed but not as robust in size. There were Tiger Sharks (*Galeocerdo*), Mackerel Shark (*Isurus*), Ragged Tooth Sharks (*Hemipristis*), Angel Shark and one much unexpected shark, the Sand Shark, (*Odontaspis cuspidata*). They are very common in East Coast deposits but I have not seen or heard of this tooth in California. The sun was dipping as I reached the shell mass. The gravel disappeared and so did the teeth. It was another long walk to the truck but with every foot step I thought about the future of the

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gravel lens and how I wished I could share it with my shark family, but alas.....

Over the next few trips I ran the gravel layer downstream. The teeth and bones continued but I noticed a disturbing trend. The strata dipped 20 degrees into the bank and rose at 20 degrees. It wouldn't take long before it will take one day just to drop the rubbery overburden to expose one foot of gravel layer. My next trip would be an overnight trip. I set out with an old sleeping bag and blanket. At the wash the drudgery began with the big pick – and continued and continued until I had one foot of gravel lens exposed. I set a bed of pine boughs for the sleeping bag and sparked a fire of juniper. The smoke filled the wash with the aroma of sweet incense. After the pick work sleep came easy but somewhere around midnight I got up to water the weeds. I was shocked. The night sky was alive with shooting stars. Some snapped, some fizzled, some popped and some came down at a low angle and ricocheted off the atmosphere back into the abyss. Of all the nights I had spent in the field I had never seen nothing like this before. I thought about the

Chumash stories concerning the ancient ones coming back to earth as shooting stars. There was a gust of wind – I thought about Harry and Archie – and then the pines were silent again. I went to sleep with the stars in my eyes. The next morning I sparked a fire and warmed up my morning can of chili. Around noon a beautiful Carcharodon came out of the gravel and in short order a second on. “Two in one day” whispered through the pines. The rest of the day was emotional – tears of sorrow, tears of joy. I left that afternoon with a third Carcharodon and the sleeping bag rolled up in the hole for the next trip.

Not looking forward to the bank work it was months before I returned. The next time I saw the wall was 6' of dread. I went to move the sleeping bag and out ran a bushy tailed wood rat – a three pounder. As I unrolled the bag –Holy crap! – And I mean the smell was a gagger but there was a nest with five baby rats. I carefully rerolled the bag thinking I wouldn't be sleeping here tonight. Mother rat chattered at me all day from the pine and by afternoon I was tired of the wall and feeling guilty about disturbing her babies. I

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Discover the  
Magic of Jasper



**27th ANNUAL  
ROCK & GEM SHOW**

**April 21 - 10am to 5pm  
April 22 - 10am to 4pm  
Paso Robles Event Center**

**Adults \$5 Admission  
Kids under 16 and Active Military  
FREE**

- ◆ Rock, gems and jewelry dealers
  - ◆ Gold panning
  - ◆ Kids activities
  - ◆ Geological exhibits
  - ◆ Drawing and prizes
  - ◆ Demonstrations
- ◆ “The Rock Doctor” - bring your rock or mineral to be identified

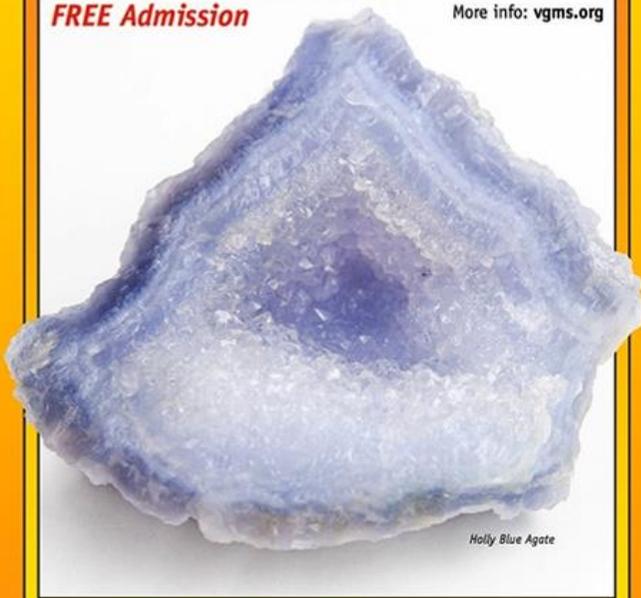
**Featuring  
Richard Wade  
“The Dinosaur Guy”  
1pm Presentation**



**VENTURA GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY**  
**Gem, Mineral, Fossil & Lapidary Show**

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Holly Blue Agate

Sat. 10 AM - 5 PM  
 Sun. 10 AM - 4 PM **March 3&4, 2018**

Gems & Minerals • Fossils • Exhibits • Dealers  
 Kids' Activities • Demonstrations • Silent Auctions  
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Ventura County Fairgrounds, 10 W. Harbor Blvd., Ventura CA 93001

**MARCH CFMS CLUB SHOWS**

See complete listing of upcoming shows at  
<http://www.cfmsinc.org/shows/cfmsshow.htm>

**March 3 - 4: VENTURA, CA**

Ventura Gem & Mineral Society  
 Ventura County Fairgrounds  
 10 West Harbor Blvd.

Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4

Contact: Diane Cook, (805) 312-8467

Email: [info@vgms.org](mailto:info@vgms.org)

Website: [www.vgms.org](http://www.vgms.org)

**March 10 - 11: SPRECKELS, CA**

Salinas Valley Rock and Gem Club  
 Spreckel's Veteran's Memorial Hall  
 5th & Llano Streets

Hours: 10 - 5 daily

Contact: Gary Beck, (831) 679-2896

Email: [garybeckpca@yahoo.com](mailto:garybeckpca@yahoo.com)

Website: <http://salinasrockandgem.pagecloud.com>

**APRIL CFMS CLUB SHOWS**

**April 21 - 22: PASO ROBLES, CA**

Santa Lucia Rock Hounds  
 Paso Robles Event Center  
 2198 Riverside Ave.

Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4

Contact: Tina Clark, (805) 305-0246

Email: [srockhounds@gmail.com](mailto:srockhounds@gmail.com)

Website: [srockhounds.org](http://srockhounds.org)

**SALINAS VALLEY  
 ROCK AND GEM CLUB**



**Saturday & Sunday,  
 March 10th & 11th, 2018**  
 10AM to 5PM on both days

*Jewelry :: Gems*

*Crystals :: Minerals :: Fossils*

*Vendors :: Craft Supplies :: Beads*

**Admission**

**\$2.00 per person.**

Kids 12 and  
 under are free,  
 when accompanied  
 by an adult.

Spreckels Veteran's  
 Hall Building,  
 5th and Llano Street,  
 Spreckels, CA

<https://lolaiman.weebly.com/blog/mineral-acrostic-poem>

**Mica**

**It's not living**

**Not a plant**

**Edible**

**Real**

**A life cycle**

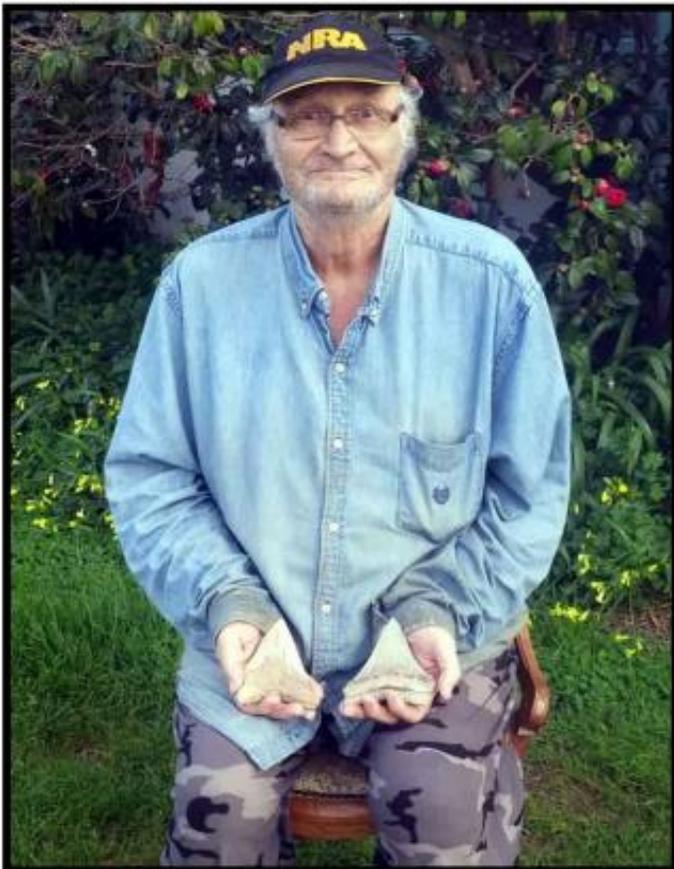
**Luster**



Tricolor Calcite Mineral from Mexico  
<https://tinyurl.com/y9u9cmcp>

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made it 10 steps down the wash when I thought about mother rat. I back tracked, opened two cans of chicken soup, pouring then in the basin of the flat shovel. I felt a lot better all the way to the truck. It was again some time before I confronted the wall. After the third trip there was one foot of gravel bed exposed. During this time the mother rat had covered her bag with sticks and snake weed brush. On every trip I would bring her a 10 pound bag of sunflower seeds – I suppose to schmooze the rat god. Eventually it had been either drizzling or socked in with fog on the Coast. All I wanted was to see the sun. As I passed Rock Front Ranch the Cuyama valley – Thank God! – Was bathed in sunlight – clear as a bell. As I turned into the canyon a magical vision closed in behind me. Ahead of me every tree and bush was tufted with snow sparkling like diamonds in the sun. When I got to the wash there were a lot of leaves and sticks at the base of the wall. As I was scooping the sluff out I noticed one stick was different – it was covered with a diamond pattern. It was a young rattler that had crawled under the leaf litter. He was stiff as a board, so cold he couldn't move. I put him on a flat shovel and took



Ralph Bishop

him upstream and put the little guy under the leaf litter of a scrub oak. Even after working on the wall for the last 3 trips there was only 8 inches of gravel lens exposed and it had narrowed by half. By mid-afternoon I had finished the exposed gravel and it was a good farewell. There were two Carcharodon – the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> from this lens and the 5<sup>th</sup> sea cow tooth. I leaned up against the pine trunk and – well – I thought what a gift this lens was. It was by far richer than any hole I had dug at Sharks Tooth Hill. Time faded as the pines shadow crept up the east side of the wash. With a 7' wall facing me I knew this dig was over. I emptied a 10 pound bag of sunflower seeds for the mother rat as I had on previous trips. The wind carried my voice upstream. I thanked the snake for not biting me – one mile from the truck. The pine carried my last whisper to the sharks – Rest in Peace.



A display of some of Ralph Bishop's teeth and bones from the Shark Tooth Hill area of Bakersfield

Ralph Bishop's story "We Were Jaws Before Jaws Was Cool" is in the Ore-Cutts August 2017 edition. The story recounts his first trip to Shark Tooth Hill with his mother. The story can be found in the Ore-Cutt's archives at <https://tinyurl.com/y988eyrk>

**ORCUTT MINERAL SOCIETY  
Board Meeting  
Nipomo Chamber of Commerce  
February 6, 2018**

President Sylvia Nasholm called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Board members present were Wayne Mills, Jan Ferguson, Sharon Duncan, Jeanne Watkins Brown, Dyanna Cridelich, Sally Griffith, Debbie Hood. Bill Brown and Dick Bazzell. Alexis Van Natta, Elisabeth and Katherine Nybo were our guests.

## 2018 OMS OFFICERS

<b>President</b>	Sylvia Nasholm	(805) 481-0923
<b>President-Elect</b>	Vacant	
<b>Secretary</b>	Dyanna Cridelich	(805) 937-4347
<b>Treasurer</b>	Jeanne Watkins Brown	(805) 481-1811
<b>Imm. Past Pres.</b>	Wayne Mills	(805) 481-3495

## 2018 OMS BOARD MEMBERS

Dick Bazzell	(805) 736-5033
Bill Brown	(805) 481-1811
Jan Ferguson	(805) 474-9977
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Debbie Hood	(805) 481-6860

## CFMS FEDERATION DIRECTOR

Renea Sutcliffe	(805) 929-2783
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**OMS Membership:** \$24 for Individual, \$34 per couple, \$5 Each Additional Family Member, \$5 for Juniors under age of 18. One-time \$10 initiation fee for new members.

**OMS Membership Chairperson:** Dyanna Cridelich (805) 937-4347

**OMS Webmaster:** Bill Brown (805) 481-1811

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**Minutes:** Minutes from general meeting are printed in the newsletter. No additions or corrections. Accepted as printed.

**Treasurer's report:** Jeanne Watkins Brown presented the Treasurer's report. She has updated balances. She has paid our contributions for the Oasis Center and the Chamber of Commerce for the year. Report accepted as read.

**Correspondence:** We received a thank you from the Oasis Center for our \$500.00 yearly contribution and a flyer advertising the Miner's Co-Op Rock Show from January 26 to February 11, 2018. Pat Nuernberg, one of our life members, sent a nice letter and a \$10.00 donation for the OMS. Comcast wants us to consider high speed

Comcast. Quick books sent a conference brochure. Salvation Army sent a donation request. We received an AFMS and a Santa Lucia Rockhounds newsletter.

### Committee Reports:

**Bulletin:** The Bulletin is out. It is beautiful.

**Advertising:** Elisabeth Nybo is trying to get Pebble Pups going again. Her school is having a science fair which is a chance to reach families. She is putting fliers at the sign in tables and will post them around town. Jeanne Watkins will print them.

Sylvia has put an ad in the Community Calendar and in the SM Times for OMS. Elisabeth has made a Facebook page and has received many likes. Jeanne Watkins has a list of groups used for publicity. She plans to begin this in May. Bill Brown spoke about OMS Emails and the necessity of a President's email. Elisabeth Nybo wants to put us on Instagram so we can post all sorts of pretty rock pictures. If you want to put something on the Facebook page, you will need to go through Elisabeth Nybo. She has also offered to help tutor people on the social media sites. Sharon Duncan has printed up fliers for advertising the show. She has put them in all the show contracts and is distributing them at other shows.

**CFMS:** Renea Sutcliffe is our new CFMS representative. Wayne Mills will pass the hat and the sign-up papers. Sylvia Nasholm received "ROCKHOUND OF THE YEAR". CFMS is interested in getting in touch with her.

**Field Trips:** A field trip to San Simeon Beach is scheduled for March. Details to follow.

**Highway Cleanup:** Our next Highway cleanup next month.

**Membership:** Dyanna Cridelich says that between Honorary, Life and paid members, there are 25 members. We have about 25 left to pay. Paul Berthelot has become a life member this year with 20 years.

**Annual Meeting (Madonna Inn):** Dyanna Cridelich says that the contract for the annual meeting at the Madonna Inn has been given and accepted. Date will be December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

**Refreshments:** Sally Griffith says that pies are in order for February. These will be supplied by Elisabeth Nybo, Jeanie Lingerfelt, Joe and Lisa Azevedo and Jan Ferguson. Sign up list will be sent to Elisabeth for publication.

**Sunshine:** Paul Berthelot has been in the hospital.

**Scholarship:** Will be sent in March or April.

**Breakfast:** November 25th at Denny's in Santa Maria at 8:30 am.

**Education:** Elisabeth suggested that Wayne Mills give a talk at Katherine's school.

**Library:** Alexis Van Natta and Wes Lingerfelt haven't gotten the tapes transferred yet. Sylvia Nasholm and Wes Lingerfelt have keys to the storage locker. Alexis VanNatta will go over and see what is there.

**Show:** Sharon Duncan has the contracts out. She is going to experiment with the tablecloths to save time in set-up/take-down. The contract is at the high school. Sylvia Nasholm wants change the word snack bar to food. This is because we really don't have a snack bar. Sylvia is looking into every possibility regarding food. She wants to contact everyone for the BBQ: Titan's, Elks, Lions, Native Sons of the Golden West.

**Old Business:** Debbie Hood has a phone tree but not many signed up last meeting. She will pass the papers out again at the general meeting. She hopes to put it together in March.

Elisabeth Nybo asks that everyone updates the red book information and put down whether they want a text or a phone call. She also wants to make some forms for new visitors to fill out so they don't fall through the cracks.

**New Business:** omsinc.org is our domain name and it needs to be renewed. We went with webmasters.com to host. It was renewed in June, 2017.

The first weekend in March (March 3 and 4) is the show in Ventura. It's always at the fairgrounds, has free admission and a \$5.00 parking fee.

Diamond Dan now has a free subscription and booklets for kids of all ages.

Look in to the earth day event. It's free and may prove beneficial.

President Sylvia Nasholm adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:  
Dyanna Cridelich, Secretary, OMS

**ORCUTT MINERAL SOCIETY**  
**General Meeting**  
**Luis Oasis Senior Center, Orcutt, CA**  
**February 13, 2018**

President Sylvia Nasholm called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm.

Mike Henson gave the invocation.  
Wayne Mills gave the flag salute.

**Minutes:** Dyanna Cridelich read the minutes from the February 6th board meeting. Minutes were approved as read.

**Treasurer's Report:** Jan Ferguson gave the treasurer's report for Jeanne Watkins who has the flu. Copies of the report were given out and available to members.

**Guests:** We had 2 guests: Sharon Willis and Romeo Oropeza. 26 OMS members were present.

**Correspondence:** no additional correspondence.

**Committee Reports:**

**Annual December Luncheon Meeting:** It is set up for December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018. The contract has been signed and submitted. We don't have to worry about anything until about September.

**Bulletin:** It is out! Great job Elisabeth! Article deadline is the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month.

**Refreshments:** Sally Griffith reported that this month was pie month. Thank you to all the pie makers. They were the Nybo's, Jeanie Lingerfelt, Jan Ferguson, and the Azevedos. Alexis Van Natta brought juice packets. Sign up list has been sent to Elisabeth Nybo.

**Breakfast:** Bill Hood says that the February Breakfast will be at the Country Kitchen in Arroyo Grande on Feb. 24 at 8:30 am.

**CFMS:** Renea Sutcliff has not received anything from Jennifer Hayley regarding CFMS. Wayne Mills will check into it.

The Federation is looking for clubs to help host their meeting and was asking us to piggyback with them during our Rainbow of Gems show in August. They would need two 8-foot tables and would join us for our BBQ. They would need a conference room for three meetings. Wes Lingerfelt spoke to us about this to us. He says that it would add 90 people to our show, BBQ etc. He said that we don't have a meeting place big enough to support that many people. Our BBQ wouldn't support an extra 90 people. He asked if anyone in the club wanted to support this and we all voted no.

**Door Prizes:** Renae Sutcliffe facilitated the door prizes. The Fergusons donated 2 boxes of rocks, Wes Lingerfelt donated a box of Sandy's items that he did not want to put on the web, some nice items came from Tara Machin and Wayne Mills donated some publications.

**Education:** none

**Field Trips:** Wayne Mills reminded us of our field trip to San Simeon Beach/Creek on March 17<sup>th</sup>. Meet at the K-Mart in Arroyo Grande on West Branch at 9:00am. In the park and ride area.

**Highway Clean up:** The highway cleanup will be Saturday; March 10<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 am at the intersection of Highways 101 and 166. We need 6 to 8 members to volunteer.

**Library:** Books and tapes are in the club locker. Alexis Van Natta brought some DVDs to check out to members. There are more to come. Lists are online.

**Membership:** Dyanna Cridelich announced that we have

38 members who have paid their 2018 dues. This includes Life, Honorary, and exempt members. Paul Berthelot is receiving his Life Member card for 20 years service. We have about 10 -12 members yet to pay.

**Property:** Geary Sheffer said there was nothing this month.

**Scholarship:** nothing yet

**Sunshine:** Margaret Henson says that Paul Berthelot is back home from the hospital and that Jeanne Watkins has the flu.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

Check your information in the 2017 Red Book for accuracy. The 2018 Red Book will be handed out to members at the April meeting. Get your corrections and information, along with your dues back to us by the March general meeting to be included in the new book.

Please give your information to Debbie Hood for inclusion on the phone tree. Debbie is sending around a sheet to sign. Please put your name, phone number and if you would volunteer to be a caller. You will have no more than 5 people to call.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

##### Show Information

Elisabeth Nybo: We are on Facebook. Elisabeth says she will help anyone get on and answer any questions. The Science Fair was a big success. Elisabeth handed out 96 out of a hundred flyers of our show. They were on the registration table and in the family mailboxes. She is also sharing us out to other groups on Facebook. (805 events)

Sharon Duncan bought, with Sylvia Nasholm's approval, 80 lbs of geodes for smashing. Sharon is also taking the red tablecloths and making them fitted. She has come up with a pattern and needs volunteers to cut the material and sew it. This will happen sometime within the next couple of months. Alexis Van Natta, Dyanna Cridelich and Wayne Mills said they would help.

Sylvia Nasholm is looking into Hoagies, who specializes in tri tip wraps, for part of the food team.

Renea Suttcliff found that as of January 1<sup>st</sup>, all service animals must wear vests. They are red, blue or black. Black vests mean the animal is in training. Renea will change the signs for the show. They may be changing what you can ask about the animal as well. Renea will keep on top of it and let us know any new information. Sharon Duncan will send emails to all the vendors.

Debbie Hood was asking where the first aid kit has been kept. Wayne Mills has the main one and there is a small one in the hospitality booth equipment.

**Display:** Our display for this month is a show and tell of

Agates. Jeannie Beattie had a nice display of slabs, Don and Sylvia Nasholm displayed lovely Montana and Graveyard Point agates, Mike and Margaret Henson included some beautiful Crazy Lace Agate, Sally Griffith had a collection, which included Moss Agate, Agatized Coral and Plasma Agate. Wayne Mills had some nice specimens of Wulfenite and Ocean Jasper.

**Program:** Wes Lingerfelt gave an interesting short talk and slide show about Agates. They are the cream of the crop from a German collector who turns down rocks with cracks in them. They were truly awesome agates. Thank you Wes.

President Sylvia Nasholm adjourned the meeting at 8:45pm.

Respectfully submitted:  
Dyanna Cridelich, Secretary, OMS



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