



Ore-Cutts

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May 2010

Come join us on Tuesday, May 10, 2010 at the Elwin Mussell Senior Center at 510 E. Park Street, Santa Maria for a program given by Wes Lingerfelt on a Fieldtrip To Figueroa Mountain.

The display theme is **Sedimentary Rocks**, which covers a lot of what is to be found at Figueroa Mountain, but as always, you may display any mineral related items you like.

The refreshments will be pies brought to us by Jeannie Lingerfelt, Erica Erskine, Sandy Berthelot, and Lucky Virgin.

Prez Box

Sylvia Nasholm, President OMS

Next month will be our annual potluck picnic in Pioneer Park on June 5th. Lunch will be served at noon. The Club provides the bread, meat, coffee and tea. Bring your table setting, a dish to share, and any other beverage you might want. We have a silent auction for entertainment so be sure to bring rocks. We will also be collecting canned goods for the Salvation Army as they have notified us of their extreme need this year. If you bring a guest this year, bring an extra dish to share in lieu of paying for their meal. If you have any questions, feel free to call or bring them up at the May meeting.

Wayne Mills suggested that we offer an extra three free door prize tickets for anyone bringing a display to the meeting. Your name needs to be included with the display to qualify. The membership voted to approve and it started with the April Meeting. We've had good displays in the past, but I fully expect to see an increase in the number each meeting!

The Hiway cleanup is at 8:00am on May 8th. Don't forget.

I received a call on April 23rd from new Club member Joe Azevedo that his Father, Charles Azevedo passed away just before midnight the previous day. Charles was a long time member of the

Club. He served as President in 1974 and along with Barney Miller was one of the original instructors in our lapidary classes that started in March of 1974. Charles taught me how to work stones. He was a genius at it and made sure each piece you produced had a high polish to it. He loved orchids as well and displayed at many of the orchid shows around the area. Charles was also the first recipient of our Golden Bear award along with Helen Dobler in 1989. Charles attended our Annual Awards Banquet in 2009. The OMS will make a donation to the CFMS Endowment Fund in his name. All will sorely miss Charles.

Birthdays & Anniversaries



Celebrating birthdays in May are Christine Clason, Stan Ferguson, Ken Kreh, Kay Volmer & Ralph Larson. A very Happy Birthday! to you all.

Celebrating wedding Anniversaries are Kathy Collison and her husband, and Wes & Jeannie Lingerfelt, We wish for you many more!

In Memoriam

Helen Dobler - Long time member Helen Dobler died in Solvang in April. Helen had not been active in the club since 1999, but had been an avid traveler and collector for most of her adult life, as her husband, Victor, was. Helen held several jobs in this Society at various times, including Secretary, member of the Board of Directors and Editor of this newsletter. Graveside services were April 26, in Ballard.

Erwin Maas -Erwin Maas, former member and frequent vender at our Annual Rainbow of Gems Shows died peacefully on April 21st with his wife,

Kathy and daughter at his side. We will let you know of plans for a memorial funeral service at a later time.

Charles Azevedo – Charles J. Azevedo 1914 – 2010. Our Heavenly Father called home Charles J. Azevedo on April 22, 2010 to be reunited with wife Helen. Charles was a life member of the OMS. Charles was one of those individuals that you really didn't notice too much as he was in the background doing his thing. He would steadily and conscientiously work without expecting any attention to the excellent cabs and polished stones he made over his lifetime. These stones of jasper and agate he made were more than worthy of praise. He could take an ordinary rock such as seam agate from the Nipomo foothills and turn it into the loveliest cabochon you can imagine. As a result people began to look at the common agate in a much different light. It soon became known as "Charlie Agate" and that name has stuck and it will be around so long as there are rockhounds in the Nipomo area. While Charles didn't much like being called "Charlie", I'm sure he doesn't mind having the local Nipomo agate named after him. It's a well-deserved accolade.

It would be hard to estimate the impact Charles has had on the local population of rockhounds but anyone who attended the lapidary classes lead by him from 1974 to 1994 surely recognized him as a master craftsman in the lapidary arts. I feel deeply a sorrow of losing yet another accomplished rockhound such as Charles but also at the same time he is to me someone I really must strive to emulate. Having worked with Charles has been an extraordinary honor. Farewell my good friend! *Wes Lingerfelt*

Please keep these former members' families in your prayers.

THE WEED ROCK GANG

By Ralph Bishop

The news reached me a few days ago that one of my old sagenite hunting buddy's had passed over the rainbow bridge to "Weed Rock heaven". It was only a week or so since he had come by the house after a successful day on the foothills hunting Nipomo Sagenite Agate. We sat on the porch with a pan of water and scrubbed the sticky black adobe mud off of the seam pieces and nodules. He had found an area that produced exceptional specimens, where the blond needle inclusions floated in water-clear agate that had so saturated the original Zeolite crystals that

they would not undercut in the least. In this particular zone on the hill, the agate had a tendency not to



Figure 1. Quote Joe Shiffarr, 1940's "Anyone can see this here is "Petrified" Sage Brush".

completely fill the gas pockets and open quake fissures. As we scrubbed, tiny nipples of gleaming agate showed through that had covered every individual needle crystal of Zeolite with a pre-coating of pure silica that had the appearance of a top view of a dandelion flower. There were a couple of palm-sized "Muffins," that were spectacular. These had a flat bottom and perfectly domed top where the original Zeolite "seed" had had unrestricted growth and a perfect subterranean environment, forming a flawless "dandelion" head.



Figure 2. Bottom side of a "Muffin" of sagenite with plumes growing on needle tips.

Each individual needle was coated with silica-laden hydrothermal water as pulses of these mineral

solutions coursed to the surface through the Nacimiento and associated transverse faults that caused the uplifted volcanic formation that compose the foothills. One after another after another beautiful piece came out of his bag until the last, a fist sized nodule with a frosted white surface. As the dirt was scrubbed off, a beautiful large fan could be seen wrapped around the egg shaped contour. As were the others, the top of the “egg” hadn’t completely filled and showed the tell tale nipped surface that covered the top of the needles.

“One of the best days of my life” Mike said. I will never forget these words, as we both knew his days were short, as his cancer had spread throughout his body. “The grass was tall and sweet smelling,” he said, “and those big ole “Skeeter Eaters” were flying around. The “round wing” (resident golden eagle) was circling, the sky was blue,” and his voice trailed off. Our conversation that day however, was a celebration of life as we both agreed we had lived in the best of times, the golden age of rock hunting. With every good rock there was a memory that reinforced the soulful memory of days past, transcending the physical burdens of life.

Our conversation soon meandered back 50 years ago to simpler times. “Those were the days,” he said



Figure 3. From the depths of Freddy's Quarry 1962. Left side Zeolite crystal covered with a few paper-thin layers of agate - Right side Zeolite crystals completely covered with agate.

with a stare into eternity. “You mean the weed rock gang?” I asked. “Yeah”, he laughed, ‘A lot different gangs than the ones today, huh?’ He was so right. Over the decades the *Los Angeles-ification* of our area had caused significant social devolution where gang violence and the attending pervasive drug



Figure 3. One of my first "Weed Rocks" 1961.

infiltration and disrespect of women now makes our area a much harsher place to live.

But Mike and I looked back with utter joy to that simpler time when being hunter-gathers pervaded youthful aspirations and gang affiliation. In those days Nipomo was a sleepy agricultural town that could be missed if you blinked an eye traveling on the El Camino Real of Central Coastal California. There were no theaters, a single store and stop sign, no Ipads, cell phones, video games, etc., etc. “Those were the days,” Mike said. “Yes they were,” I answered. In those days, a half century ago, after the youth got out of school and on weekends they spilled into the creeks that ran past their back porches, and their diversions were natural. In those days there were trout still in the creek, the now endangered Red Legged Frogs lived in every pool, Nipomo Creek was a vibrant stream of life. And there were agates in the gravel bars, bright and gleaming. The collecting of agates became a favorite pass time, especially those with plant-like growths that looked like “Weeds” to the youth. Sagenite was known in simplicity as “Weed Rock”. Similar in innocence to the early-televised “Our Gang” series, the youth of Nipomo called their group of rock collectors the “Weed Rock Gang”. On the weekends they would gather together to see who found the largest, smallest, reddest, yellowiest, etc., etc. and basically “award” the winner for their rock category. When they were able, they would take their “weed rocks” to either *Dad's Rockshop* or *Peck's Rockshop* and sell them for \$1.00 per pound so they would have some pocket change. In those days a dollar was still worth a dollar, candy was 5 cents. “Even with all we’ve picked up there’s still super quality weed rock out there isn’t there”? I

asked. "You bet", he said, "but there are only a few of us left that know the hot spots. You, Dan and Belinda are only a few who still care. The kids today don't give a damn." That thought reminded me of a day that turned to sadness for me a few years ago when I was on a creek walk hunting for sagenite. This experience drove home the devolution of quality from a hunter-gatherer society to one I call *Homo Electronicus* where reality is virtual, and today's youth seldom soil their feet unless it is on a video game.

I turned the corner in the same creek I walked 50 years ago having found a few modest "Weed Rocks" and there in front of me were a couple of adolescents drinking beer and breaking the bottles on the rocks. "Hi!" I said, and the kids jumped. "Hey, you guys find any weed rock today?" I asked. "No, No man, we ain't got any weed," one replied. "No, No, I continued, I mean rock." "No man, we don't do "Rock!" (*Cocaine or methamphetamine*) I shook my head and walked by the youth, and as I did one called after me, "Hey man, you got any weed?" I just kept walking, my day saddened at the lack of their natural culture.

Mike left that day with a smile on his face and he also left behind the best specimens he had found that day, they will surely rank with the best in my sagenite collection of 50 years. Beyond their natural beauty these specimens carry with them value transcended by memory of the youthful exuberance of the Weed Rock gang and the last days of one of its members.

This agate of rare beauty is found in a very limited area that is part of a geological province on the Central Coast of California that is known as a "Mélange" (French for mixture). Here the unrelenting force of plate tectonics causes the Pacific Plate to shear northward and subduct under the North American Plate that is for the most part, an immovable object. The shearing and crushing effect at the interface of these two plates creates this mélange of separate rock units known as terranes. They are broken in a myriad of shapes and dimensions. This deep-seated faulting allows for mineralization to occur in our area as hydrothermal solutions use these conduits to course to the surface. The source of the agate in Nipomo resides in an uplifted terrain along a major trending fault, the Nacimiento, and its attending transverse faults (Faults that run off the main trending fault). Here the

hydrothermal waters invade an early Miocene basalt lava, and infill quake fractures and gas pockets in the basalt. Because "nobody was there" to see how agates are formed there is much conjecture as to the mode of their deposition and I have had many lively debates with folks on this subject. In the case of Nipomo agate I always fall back on a rare occasion when I was there when it was forming. When I was very young the government utilized the basalt of Nipomo to Rip Rap a levee on the Santa Maria River creating a great deep pit where much banded sagenite and marcasite agate was exposed. When the Fed's weren't working on the weekends the ranch owner, Louis Freddy, would let rockhounds in to collect agate for 10 cents per pound (*THOSE WERE THE DAYS!*). On one trip I found a cantaloupe-sized nodule in place in the basalt wall with a large hollow of botryoidal agate about 1/2 filled with clear but stinky water. Being curious I poked my finger into the "Bots" and found they were soft, like a shammy cloth, and could be peeled back like onionskins. It was obvious the hydrothermal water that oozed out of the cracks in the rock and pooled in the bottom of the pit with an iridescent glaze had created this banded agate one layer at a time. This was an experience of a lifetime. In light of what I saw with my own eyes, the formation of agate in this case was due to coating solutions derived from the upwelling of mineral rich hydrothermal waters. While I feel steadfast in my opinion of how this particular agate was formed, I do not discount the colloidal gel theory. There are many agates such as "Snakeskin" that are devoid of structure. In fact on the same Nipomo foothill there is a ledge of this agate at the juncture of a Rhyolite/Basalt flow interface. 99% of this material is really ugly, but some has a great quantity of marcasite in its structure and occasionally has brisk coloration and was no doubt, deposited as a colloidal gel.

This agate first drew the attention of what are now known as "Rockhounds" right after World War II as diamond blades were developed for the war effort. The cutting of optical quartz was based in Portland, OR and Los Angeles. With this technology, folks were able to cut rocks with ease, where as before these "sintered" blades were unavailable, hard rocks were extremely hard to cut. As rockhounding grew as a hobby, the agate of Nipomo became well known and highly desired. Early on one farmer found his field to be particularly rich in alluvial float material,

and while the early rock hounds called the agate Nipomo Moss Agate, he swore up and down that his rock was not "Moss Agate" but rather "Peetreefiiid" Sage Brush". Joe Shiffar was my first mentor at rock collecting, when I was 10, and told me more than once that any one could see it weren't moss, like in the crick, but Peetrified Sage Brush. That name stuck with the primordial rockhounds and the term "Sage-nite" coined by ole Joe, now is known world wide for this type of inclusion in agate. The sagenite from this location, because of its quality, became the standard by which other sagenite agate is judged and is the historic type location.

There are other sagenite locations that, since those early days, produce comparable material: Medford, Oregon, Secret Canyon (If I told you where it was it wouldn't be a secret anymore), Idaho, Deming, New Mexico, and other areas. When all is said and done however, the small community of Nipomo, CA produces the gold standard of the rock we kids called "Weed Rock".

I have spoken with fond memory of the golden age of rock hunting when our youthful aspirations were fulfilled in healthy outdoor activities. I have spoken with trepidation about our culture moving away from natural traditions and toward a more complicated one. So what of the future for those who walk behind the passing weed rock gang? A wise old Rockhound, Hoot Elkins, once told me "There's always more good rock in the bank than's ever been taken out." This is very true of Nipomo. I submit the quality of life for "Our Rockhound Gang" resides within ourselves as we take part in the hunter-gatherer avocation in the mountains, streams and beaches from whom such wondrous blessings flow and the attending memories transcend our (advanced?) society.

Sunshine



I hope the reason I've not heard of anyone being ill is because all of you are taking really good care of yourselves! Pat McKay and Maida Williams are both recovering nicely.

Laura Kasteal's Father died this month and she will miss this meeting to attend his funeral. Laura, our hearts go out to you, we know this is a great sadness for you.

April Breakfast

We had a beautiful morning on the 24th as we

gathered at the Girls Restaurant in Arroyo Grande for our monthly breakfast. What a crowd! No one took roll so we don't have all the names, but we had a great turn out! Our prizes this month from Sylvia Nasholm were a wire wrapped pendant made by Mary Jean Leslie, won by Wes Lingerfelt and a marble sphere won by Erica Erskine. There was plenty of good conversation and good food to go around. Come join us next month at the Hometown Buffet in Santa Maria at 9:00 am on May 22.

Clear Creek Update

From the Friends Of Clear Creek Management

Area website:

<http://www.foccmma.org/html/home/LatestNews.php>

April 6, 2010 the San Benito County Board of Supervisor made history by voting unanimously to reopen all of the closed roads in the Clear Creek Management Area. This does not mean that you can go out and ride in Clear Creek, but you can once again travel any of the county roads without the fear of being ticketed or thrown in jail. This was done over the requests of the BLM's Hollister Field Office Manager Rick Copper who asked that the board keep the roads closed till the Record of Decision comes out. Mr. Copper was asked by the board when that was and he replied maybe as early as January 2011?

We ask that all Americans who will be visiting and driving thru the Clear Creek Management Area in the near and foreseeable future to observe the rules by staying on the county roads and not go off of them

Teamwork Works!

By Wes Lingerfelt

The area in front of the storage locker was mowed on Friday and made ready for the annual April Locker cleanup. It didn't seem right to wade through knee-high grass while trying to organize and clean the locker. At about 1/4 hour to 9 a.m. on Saturday April 10th a great crew of 10 OMS members and one guest began to arrive for duty. By 9 a.m. the cases, risers, boxes and miscellaneous OMS property was stacked on tables and the ground in front of the locker. I was amazed at how fast the job was getting done. Those present were Dick Bazzell, Steve Riegel, Geary Sheffer, Lucky Virgin, John & Elaine Von Achen, Don & Sylvia Nasholm, Nick Sausa, and Jeannie & myself (this time without the lawnmower).

With contents moved outside, Lucky Virgin grabbed a broom and swept the floor while Jeannie

repacked the blue skirting into 3 less boxes and emptied one tub. Geary took a yellow note pad and began listing the cases by type. Sylvia and I reorganized the tableware and supplies and moved some toward the front for easy access. Then began the repacking of the small Sea Train compartment. A steady stream of workers moving the cases and boxes made the work go so fast that we were done by 10 a.m. The tables were all stacked to the ceiling making more room for access inside the unit. What a beautiful sight! Teamwork works!

After the doors were closed and locked it was time for a small refreshment break. I called for suggestions as to where everyone wanted to go. After a lot of hemming and hawing someone yelled, "You decide"! So I said, "let's all go over to the local Nipomo Creekside Café on Tefft Street". We all had a cinnamon roll, coffee and/or a half order of biscuits and gravy. It was a good job and good end to a necessary activity. The OMS is blessed with great members who work together and have a great time doing it.

Orcutt Mineral Society Board Meeting, Elwin Mussell Sr. Center, Santa Maria, Ca. 93454

April 6, 2010

President Sylvia Nasholm called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Members present were Wes Lingerfelt, Debbie Hood, Gloria Dana, Jan Ferguson, Sylvia Nasholm, Mike Henson, Elaine Von Achen, Sandy Berthelot and Sharon Duncan. Guests included Bill Hood, Wayne Mills, Don Nasholm and Paul Berthelot.

Minutes: Elaine Von Achen read the minutes from the March General Meeting. Wes Lingerfelt noted that Carrizo Springs should read Carrizo Plains. With that one correction the minutes were approved as read.

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

Correspondence: Elaine Von Achen reported receiving a newsletter from Carmel Valley Gem and Mineral as well as a letter from the Salvation Army saying their food pantry shelves are very low. She also noted a card announcing a Tailgate Gem & Mineral Show put on by the San Diego County Council on April 9 through 11, 2010.

Committee Reports:

Abused Children: None.

Orecutts- Newsletter of the Orcutt Mineral Society

Annual Gem Show: Wes Lingerfelt said he has most of the dealers signed up and has the fliers are ready. He will have the posters ready by the general meeting.

Breakfast: April's OMS breakfast will be held at the Girl's Restaurant, 1237 E Grand Avenue, in Arroyo Grande. It will start at 9:00 a.m.

Bulletin: Wes Lingerfelt noted that the bulletin will be on the web tomorrow and he should have the printed copies in the mail tomorrow as well.

CFMS: None.

Education: None.

Field Trip: The Field trip for April will be to Figueroa Mountain with members meeting at the Mussell Senior Center at 8:00 a.m. Members will need a full tank of gas and an adventure pass is required. They will need to bring a jacket, lunch and water.

Highway Clean-up: The next clean-up will be held May 8th. Members will meet at Highway 101 and 166 on the South East corner at 8:00 a.m.

Library: None.

Membership: Elaine Von Achen read an application for membership from Bonnie Ward. Debbie Hood made a motion that we accept Bonnie for membership. The motion was seconded by Sandy Berthelot. Motion passed.

Refreshments: Cookies will be served at the April general meeting.

Scholarships: Wayne Mills announced that he and Elaine Von Achen had reviewed the applications sent from Allan Hancock College and they chose a young man who is studying Earth Sciences and showed a great need. In light of Cuesta College having their accreditation put on hold and with discussion of our President and Treasurer, it was decided to give just one scholarship this year (to a Hancock College student) and to double the amount. Wes sent a check for \$1,400.00 to the college.

Sunshine: Maida Williams has been in a car accident but is okay. Pat McKay is out of the hospital and is on the mend. Don Dana has shingles.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

Wayne Mills noted that the last member of the year award was given in 2008 and wondered if our President was going to continue the award for 2010.

Wayne also suggested an incentive be given to members who bring displays to the general meeting. It was suggested that we give three extra tickets for

the prize drawing held at the end of each meeting. In order to qualify for the extra tickets, each display must have the person's name with the display. It was decided that this would be presented for a vote to the membership at the April general meeting.

Sharon Duncan said she felt we could take some of the burden off Wes at the August Gem Show by having first aid, and other concerns at the main tent area. It was decided that we will have a banner made up so that visitors will know where to go for questions, first aid, etc.

Elaine Von Achen said she will have applications for show displays at the next meeting and will urge members to let her know if they intend to display as we will have a smaller display area this year (*Ed's Note: due to the installation of sound barriers in the main hall in front of the doors to keep the neighbors happy.*) and it will be on a first come first served basis.

April's general meeting program will be given by Steve Beitman from Central Coast Gem Labs and he will be assisted by Ron Campbell.

The display for April is Agates.

Refreshments will be cookies

The meeting was adjourned by President, Sylvia Nasholm at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Elaine Von Achen, Secretary, OMS

Orcutt Mineral Society General Meeting Elwin Mussell Sr. Center, Santa Maria, Ca. April 13, 2010

President Sylvia Nasholm called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Mike Henson gave the invocation.

Sylvia Nasholm led the flag salute.

Sheriff, Bill Hood, said everyone had badges.

Minutes: Elaine Von Achen read the minutes of the previous board meeting. Minutes were approved as read.

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

Correspondence: None.

Hospitality: Sharon Duncan reported 39 members and 6 guests in attendance. Guests included Hunter Pease, Virginia Rogers, Sally Griffith, Leela Badarayan, Craig Hanson and Elaine Cridelich. Guests were greeted and thanked.

Refreshments: Margaret Henson thanked Elaine Von Achen, Geary Sheffer, Debbie Hood, Truman

Burgess and Don Dana for their generous donations of cookies for the evening's refreshment.

Committee Reports:

Abused Children: Jan Ferguson reported the evening's prizes for the April drawing as a Peridot in basalt won by Sharon Duncan; a citrine cluster won by Erica Erskine and a piece of amazonite won by Brenna Ferguson.

Breakfast: April's breakfast will be held at The Girl's Restaurant, 1237 E. Grand Ave., Arroyo Grande on April 24, 2010 at 9:00 a.m.

Budget & Audit: Don Nasholm audited the books for OMS and turned in an audit report stating that the procedures and processes used by the Financial Officer of the OMS are satisfactory in form and content and the audited statements accurately reflect the financial condition of the Society.

Bulletin: The Bulletin is out and everyone received his or her copy.

CFMS: None.

Door Prize: Bob Bullock reported some of the evening's prizes as a small sphere, a pair of zingers, some agate and much more. The grand prize is a good size chunk of Brazilian Amethyst.

Education: None.

Gem Show: Wes Lingerfelt noted that he has fliers and posters available for handout.

Historian: None.

Field Trip: The April field trip will be held on the 17th and will be to Figueroa Mountain. Members will meet at the Elwin Mussell Sr. Center at 8:00 a.m. and are asked to bring water, a sack lunch and a jacket. The wild flowers are in bloom and it is suggested that you bring a camera as well.

Highway Clean-up: Wayne Mills said the next clean-up will be May 8th with members meeting at Highways 101 and 166 on the South East corner at 8:00 a.m.

Library: None.

Locker Clean-up: Geary Sheffer said quite a few members turned out to help organize the locker and they completed everything in about an hour.

Membership: Elaine Von Achen announced Bonnie Ward as a new member. Bonnie was not present but will be welcomed at the next meeting. She also noted that Dyanna Cridelich is our newest life member having joined twenty years ago.

Political Action Committee: Dick Bazzell announced a seminar hosted by the Mother Lode Mineral Society on April 24, 2010 in Empire, CA.

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The purpose of this seminar is to encourage CFMS societies to establish and share claims and to provide them with the information to do so.

Property: None.

Scholarships: Wayne Mills read a thank you letter from Allan Hancock thanking us for our continued scholarship support and enclosing an invitation to the scholarship banquet to be held on June 3, 2010.

Sunshine: Laura Gebhart's mother passed away and there is a card at the front desk for any one who would like to send her their condolences.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

Sylvia reminded members that the annual barbeque will be held at Pioneer Park on June 5th this year and told everyone not to forget to bring rocks for the silent auction. She also mentioned that we had received a letter from the Salvation Army saying that their food pantry was quite low and that if anyone would like to bring donations of canned goods it would be greatly appreciated.

She also brought up a suggestion from the board regarding the general meeting displays. It was felt that if we gave three extra tickets for the prize drawing to each person bringing a display with their name on it, it would encourage more participation. Steve Riegel made a motion to that affect. Debbie Hood seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Our program tonight will be given by Steve Beitman and Ron Campbell from Central Coast Gem Labs.

The display is agates.

The meeting was adjourned by President, Sylvia Nasholm at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Von Achen, Secretary, OMS

8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m	spring day on the beach collecting DeeDeite. Bring lunch, water and a good eye for the local odd stuff. Easy access to an excellent collecting area. Contact Bob Bullock at 928-6372 for details.
Saturday May 8, 2010 8:00 to 10:00 a.m.	Roadside Clean up After the cleanup, coffee and pastry at "Francisco's Country Kitchen" in Santa Maria.
Saturday May 22, 2010 9:00 to 10:00 a.m.	OMS Monthly Breakfast-Hometown Buffet, Santa Maria. For information call Sylvia Nasholm at 481-0923.

June 2010 Calendar

Tuesday June 1, 2010 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.	OMS Board Meeting-Elwin Mussell Senior Center. All members are welcome at this business meeting.
Saturday June 5, 2010 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.	Semi-Annual Meeting & BBQ at Pioneer Park bring a dish to share and rocks for the silent auction. This year we also ask you to bring a donation of non-perishable food for the Salvation Army food bank.
Saturday June 12, 2010 8:00a.m to 5:00 p.m.	Field Trip to Jalama Beach - Meet at Mussell Senior Center parking lot. Enjoy a warm spring day on the beach collecting agate & ???. Bring lunch, water and a good eye for the local odd stuff. Easy access to an excellent collecting area. Contact Bob Bullock at 928-6372 for details.
Saturday June 26, 2010 9:00 to 10:00 am	OMS Monthly Breakfast- at the Sunrise Golf Course Cafe

CFMS SHOWS 2010

May 1-2 2010, Anaheim, CA

Searchers Gem and Mineral Society

Brookhurst Community Center

2271 West Crescent Ave.

Hours: Sat. 10 - 5, Sun. 10-4:30

Marty Swiderski

Email: Martin.Swidersky@jacobs.com

Website: www.searchersrocks.org

May 8-9 2010, Reno, NV

Reno Gem and Mineral Society

Reno Livestock Events Center Exhibit Hall

1350 N. Wells Ave., Reno, NV

Hours: Sat. 10 - 5, Sun. 10-4

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Website: renorockhounds.com

May 2010 Calendar	
Tuesday May 4, 2010 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.	OMS Board Meeting-Elwin Mussell Senior Center. All members are welcome at this business meeting.
Tuesday May 11, 2010 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.	OMS General Meeting-Elwin Mussell Senior Center. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program- <i>Fieldtrip To Figueroa Mountain slide show by Wes Lingerfelt</i> • Display: Sedimentary Rocks • Refreshments-Pies
Saturday May 15, 2010	Avila Beach -Meet at Mussell Senior Center parking lot. Enjoy a warm

May 14, 15, & 16 2010, Anderson, CA
Superior-Cal Gem and Mineral Society
 Shasta Fairgrounds
 1890 Briggs St.
 Hours: Fri. 10-5; Sat. 9 - 5; Sun. 10-4

May 15-16 2010, Yucaipa, CA
Yucaipa Valley Gem & Mineral Society
 Yucaipa Community Center
 34900 Oak Glen Road
 Hours: Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-4
 Bill Jochimsen (909) 790-1475
 Email: bjm2285@aol.com
 Website: www.yvgms.org

June 4-6 2010, Woodland Hills, CA
Rockatomics Gem and Mineral Society
 Pierce College
 6201 Winnetka Ave., Woodland Hills
 Hours: 9 5
 Gary Levitt (818) 993-3802
 Email: Show@Rockatomics.org
 Website: Rockatomics.org

June 5-6 2010, Glendora, CA
Glendora Gems
 Goddard Middle School
 859 East Sierra Madre
 Hours: Sat. 10-5; Sun. 10-4
 bonnie Bidwell (626) 963-4638
 Email: Ybidwell2@aol.com

June 18-20 2010, Whittier, CA
AFMS/CFMS Show and Convention
Hosted by North Orange County Gem and Mineral Society
 So. CA University of Health Sciences Campus
 16200 E. Amber Valley Rd., Whittier CA
 Hours: 10-5 daily
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June 19-20 2010, Cayucos, CA
San Luis Obispo Gem & Mineral Club
 Cayucos Vets Hall (next to Cayucos Pier)
 10 Cayucos Drive
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Convention/Show Information
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June 18 - 20, 2010
La Habra/Whittier, CA




AFMS/CFMS 2010 Gem Show

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Games
Displays
Raffle Prizes
Gems & Jewelry
Sponsoring:
La Habra Youth



Fossils
Kids Room
Food

Admission: \$6.00
Children under 14 Free
(with an adult)

Free Parking

HIDDEN TREASURES

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Dues are due and must be paid by the March meeting to be included in the Redbook. \$24.00 for Individual, \$34.00 Per Couple, \$ 5.00 Each Additional Family Member, \$ 5.00 Juniors under age of 18, \$10.00.

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