



Ore-Cutts

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Please join us on May 10, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at the **Luis Oasis Senior Center 420 Soares Ave. in OLD ORCUTT.**

The **program** will be a travelogue by Wayne Mills on

his trip to Brazil.

The display will be anything Brazilian. As always you are welcome to share anything "rocky" that you would like.

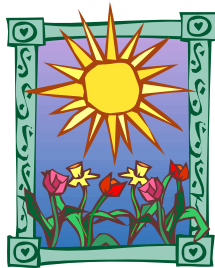
The **Desert** this month will be Pies brought to us by Jan Ferguson, Jeannie Lingerfelt, Sandy Berthelot and Gloria Dana.

The Prez Box

By Gloria Dana

Hello friends,
Hey, how did you like last month's meeting? Did you all get a lot of stuff? Boy that lady sure had a lot of nice stuff; I got as much as I could. And that field trip to Alma DeFreitas' yard? Who scored with the rocks? I wished I was there. But some nice marcasite came our way and we made some nice slabs.

Well the sun is shining and the days are getting longer, for daylight that is. So were gonna have some warmer weather coming soon and it ain't going away for a while and I'm gonna have some fun



Ain't it time for barbequing? Which reminds me, do we, or will we have enough donations for the silent auction? It's at Pioneer Park and I really look forward to that event because it's the only time I know of that I can really act like an idiot. And it's fun!!!

Hey, I heard that the breakfast went well and you all had a good time. I had to work but did you miss me? I missed you anyway. We may just have a great summer this year.

So at the next meeting I may just surprise you, okay?

Till then god bless and see ya soon
Your Prez, Gloria

Birthdays & Anniversaries



Celebrating **birthdays** in May are, Christine Clason, Stan Ferguson, Sally Griffith, and Kay Vollmer. We wish a very **Happy Birthday!** to

you all.

Celebrating May **Wedding Anniversaries** are Wes & Jeannie Lingerfelt (53!). **May you enjoy many more!**



Sunshine

Sandy Berthelot is recovering from surgery for a detached retina, and we were very happy to see her at the last breakfast. She is looking good despite 4 weeks of bed rest and utter boredom.

Mike Henson is doing much better and we were delighted to see him at the last meeting!

Wes Lingerfelt seems to have gotten permanent relief from his headaches...we all hope it will be so! Jeannie Lingerfelt is recovering from an infection

after spending a very entertaining 4 hours in the Arroyo Grande Emergency Room...thankfully it was caught before it could become a serious problem.

Rock Breakfast

The April breakfast was on April 23, at The Girls Restaurant in Arroyo Grande. In attendance were Stan & Jan Ferguson, Keith & Pat McKay, Erica Erskine, Wes & Jeannie Lingerfelt, Don & Sylvia Nasholm, Nick Sausa, Bill & Debbie Hood, Sandy & Paul Berthelot. We all were there a half hour earlier than usual due to the Easter weekend crowding, but the coffee woke us up enough to have a great time and good fellowship.



CFMS NEWS- ROCKHOUND STATE PARK

By John Martin, CFMS PLAC-South

Rockhound State Park is located near Deming, New Mexico on 249 acres that was dedicated on June 17, 1966 by Governor Jack Campbell. The property was donated to the State Parks Division in 1964 by the Deming Ranchettes development company. The name of the Park is derived from the fact that the Park's original intent was to cater to rock collectors.

The Park was originally founded upon rock collecting, a popular recreational activity in the 1960s. Common at Rockhound is a variety of minerals, including perlite, thunder eggs, jasper, geodes, agate, rhyolite, and quartz. Rockhound sits at the base of the Little Florida Mountains, which are comprised of a late tertiary volcanic rock that includes interbedded fanglomerate intruded by rhyolite domes and dikes. These volcanic units are between 22 and 38 million years old and appear to extend less than 600 feet deep below ground.

Today the practice of collecting rocks at Rockhound State Park and on other public lands is no longer considered a recreational activity by those who are charged with the management of our public lands. In fact the park is trying to make it a misdemeanor to remove any geological or biological item from within Rockhound State Park.



In the beginning visitors were encouraged to collect rock and mineral specimens for personal non commercial use up to 25 pounds per visit. The fate of Rockhound State Park has been completely sealed. The process to remove rock collecting from the park and any reference to our hobby of Rockhounding has been completed. The final decision on the changes to the Rockhound State Park Management Plan is complete. In the management plan revision all reference to Rockhounding in Rockhound State Park have been removed and replaced with fines and legal actions for removing rocks and minerals. Even the name has been changed from Rockhound State Park to "Florida Mountains State Park" Rockhound State Park and the recreational Rockhounding we all enjoy as Rockhounds is gone now and for all future generations of Rockhounds. Don't let this happen to your favorite collecting areas.

Become proactive in your hobby, get involved and...become informed on what is happening in your area. Let your voice be heard and be a Rockhound Activist.



FIELD TRIP UPDATES

AFMS Newsletter - May, 2011

By Doug True, Inter-Regional Field Trip Chair

WARNING- The Rules for fieldtrips and collecting are changing on public lands.

Actually these rules are for any organized group using our public lands. The rules are open for interpretation, but most districts are saying that if there is a planned trip by two or more people and the schedule of your trip is published or posted, you must apply for a recreation permit.

You must find the local district you are going to collect in, determine if it is run by the BLM or USFS and then request a recreation permit form 2930-1.. In the application you will have to furnish maps (topographical, a written plan of your function, area you are camping and what you are collecting, and the estimated number of attendees.

You will also be required to show a certificate of



insurance naming the BLM or USFS as insured. In some cases they may require you to supply Porta-Potties.

In your report you should indicate the specific areas where you plan on collecting and indicate if you will be digging or surface collecting. You have a much better chance of getting a permit if you plan on surface collecting. If you're digging, the selected area will be scrutinized by a number of different departments: Archeological, Paleontology, Endangered plants, etc, etc.

After a review of your proposal, all or part of your request might be turned down. You need to work with the recreation officer and plan your trip together as this gives you a better chance of being successful. In talking with different BLM districts their numbers seem to vary as to what constitutes a group. There will also be a processing fee of around \$100 dollars. If you are planning a trip to public lands, **please check to see if your group trip is good to go.**

Orcutt Mineral Society General Meeting, Luis Oasis Senior Center - Orcutt, Ca. April 12, 2011



President Gloria Dana called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m.

Mike Henson gave the invocation.

Joseph Martinez led the flag salute.

Sheriff, Bill Hood said everyone had name tags.

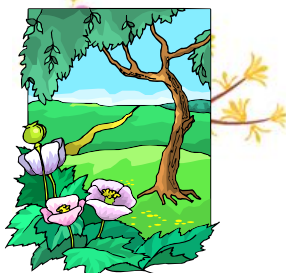
Minutes: Elaine Von Achen read the minutes of the April 5, 2011 board meeting. Minutes were approved as read.

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

Correspondence: Elaine Von Achen reported newsletters from South Orange County Gem & Mineral Society and San Geronio Mineral & Gem Society. She also had a note inviting members to the 37th annual Snyder's Valley Springs Pow Wow in September, 2011.

Hospitality: Sharon Duncan reported 35 members and 3 guests in attendance. Guests included Mike O'Donnell, Michael Van Belleghem, and Vernon Deck. Guests were greeted and thanked.

Refreshments: Refreshment for the



evening is cookies donated by Don Nasholm, Mike Schmidt, Connie Robinson, Debbie Hood and Truman Burgess. Thank you everyone.

Committee Reports:

Abused Children: Jan Ferguson said she had an Abused Children can set up front for anyone who would like to donate.

Annual Luncheon Meeting: None.

Breakfast: Breakfast for April will be held on the 23rd at the Girl's restaurant, 1237 E. Grand Avenue, Arroyo Grande, Ca. at 9:00 a.m.

Budget & Audit: Don Nasholm has completed the audit for 2010 and has submitted a written report.

Bulletin: The Bulletin is out and everyone received their copy.

CFMS: Wes Lingerfelt will attend the Federation meeting and show in Anderson, Ca. on May 13, 14, 15, 2011. He noted that Ralph Bishop is to receive a prize for an article printed in our bulletin. We will know more after the prize is awarded.

Door Prize: There are some great prizes for this evening including everything from an onyx sphere to a brass longhorn belt buckle to beads to Opalized petrified wood.

Education: Wayne Mills volunteered to give a talk to a group of second graders on fossils. He also has fliers on "Shark Tooth Hill" for anyone interested in collecting there.

Gem Show: Wes Lingerfelt said that everything is on schedule for the gem show.

Historian: None.

Field Trip: The April field trip will be held on the 16th and will be to Alma Defreitas' house in Santa Maria. Alma recently passed away and her son asked that OMS members to come and help themselves to rock she and her husband had collected over the years.

Highway Clean-up: Our next highway clean-up will be May 14th at 8:00 a.m. Members will meet on the southeast corner of Highways 101 and 166.

Library: None.

Locker Clean-up: None.

Membership: Elaine Von Achen welcomed new member, Connie Robinson.

Political Action Committee: None.

Property: OMS members met and cleaned out the locker.

Scholarships: None.



Sunshine: Maida Williams has been under the weather and Sandy Berthelot has been having problems with her eye.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Former Orcutt resident, Len Wright, passed away recently and his wife, Deanna, brought some of his rock, slabs, specimens, etc. to our meeting so that OMS members might have the opportunity to purchase from his collection.

April's program is hosted by Wes Lingerfelt and is a video on "Collecting at Searles Lake in Trona". Wes has attended a few field trips there and has some fun stories.

April's display will be anything that co-ordinates with the program.

Respectfully submitted:

Elaine Von Achen, Secretary, OMS

Orcutt Mineral Society Board Meeting, Jan & Stan Ferguson Home, Arroyo Grande, CA. April 5, 2011

President Gloria Dana called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

Members present were Wes Lingerfelt, Debbie Hood, Gloria Dana, Jeannie Lingerfelt, Sylvia Nasholm, Elaine Von Achen, Don Dana, and Jan Ferguson.

Minutes: Minutes from the March general meeting were approved as printed in the April, 2011 bulletin.

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

Correspondence: Elaine Von Achen reported a newsletter from San Geronio Gem & Mineral Society and one from South Orange Co. Gem & Mineral Society. She read a thank you letter from the Luis Oasis Senior Center thanking OMS for the donation of \$200.00 for the use of their facilities as a meeting place. Fliers for upcoming shows were received from Santa Lucia Rockhounds, from Snyder's Pow Wow and West Coast Gem & Mineral Show. She will have the fliers out at the next general meeting.

Committee Reports:

Abused Children: None.

Annual Gem Show: Wes has the show posters ready as well as fliers that can be handed out. Everything is moving right along.

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

Bulletin: The Bulletin is on line and has been mailed.

CFMS: None.

Education: Wes received a phone call from Amber Medina requesting someone who could give a talk on fossils to a group of second graders. We will ask for a volunteer at the general meeting.

Field Trip: None.

Highway Clean-up: The next highway clean-up will be held May 14. 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 Cornelia Robinson. Wes Lingerfelt made a motion that we accept Cornelia for membership. Gloria Dana seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Refreshments: April's general meeting dessert will be cookies provided by Debbie Hood, Truman Burgess, Don Nasholm, Mike Schmidt and Sharon Duncan.

Scholarship: There was discussion between board members regarding future scholarships and the possibility of accepting applications from Santa Barbara City College as well as UCSB and possibly Cal Poly in addition to Allan Hancock and Cuesta Colleges. We will be awarding them to applicants who are studying geology and other earth sciences.

Sunshine: Sandy Berthelot has been down after eye surgery and we are wishing her a speedy recovery.

Old Business:

Sylvia Nasholm worked up a proposal to have a table available for a maximum of four club members at each meeting to sell any rock related wares that they might have. The member will book a space at the table in advance of the meeting for a fee of \$5.00. A limit of two consecutive months with a break of two months would eliminate table hogging.

Exceptions can be made if the space remains open the evening of the meeting and can be assigned on a first come first served overbook situation.

There would be no refunds made for same day cancellations. Funds generated from this will go into the building fund. Sales tax will be collected and if the member has a resale number he or she will be responsible for reporting and paying the tax. If the



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member does not have a resale number the club will be responsible for (*receiving the tax from the seller and*) reporting and paying the tax. After some discussion Debbie Hood made a motion that we make this available to OMS members with the guidelines proposed. Jan Ferguson seconded the motion. Motion passed. We will ask for a volunteer to be in charge of making the bookings and setting-up a table.

It has also been suggested that we hold an occasional silent auction at meetings where we do not have a live speaker. Items for silent auctions will be donated with all revenues to go into the building fund. Silent auction guidelines will be adhered to. Debbie Hood made a motion to that effect. Jan Ferguson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

New Business: Wes noted that the neither CFMS nor Rock & Gem magazine has our August gem show listed in their publication as yet. He will contact both entities tomorrow with show information.

April's program will be a DVD about going on some of the Searles Lake field trips in Trona put on by the Searles Lake Gem and Mineral Society. Wes will host this program as he has been on some of their field trips.

Locker clean-up will be this Saturday, April 9th at 9:00 a.m.

April's display will be anything that coordinates with the program or minerals.

The meeting was adjourned by President, Gloria Dana at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Elaine Von Achen, Secretary, OMS

The Last Minute Field Trip

By Wes Lingerfelt

They say providence is something that will make sure things will work out; at least that is what I've always believed. Well, it worked for the members of the OMS who instead of traveling out into the National Forrest with little hope of finding anything useful, we were invited to the home of our recently deceased Charter member to carry off any and all rocks laying in the yard. What a tremendous opportunity to collect very old rocks that are mostly not available today. Most of these rocks having been collected back in the 60's and 70's are a real treasure. The most prevalent rock type was Nipomo Sagenite and Marcasite. Marcasite does not hold up well when exposed to

moisture and it was very obvious there wouldn't be much left after all this time. If you found some Marcasite that was not rotted it must be a very high grade rock.

On April 16th 2011 several members (I lost count) descended on the yard of Alma DeFreitas and began the search. I was very happy to have saved a ton of gasoline and driving time. There were two huge piles of rock almost buried under composted leaves and grass way back in the far Southwest corner of the lot. Ralph Bishop said he knew when they dump the rock there as he saw them do it when was but a small child. There was a lot of "Bean Field" agate from Nipomo along with lots of rotting marcasite. Everyone took all they could carry.

The family wanted all the rock gone so we scheduled a work party for the following Tuesday at 10 AM. Don & Sylvia Nasholm, John Von Achen, Lucky Virgin and I loaded up 3 truck loads and took the remaining rocks over to John's 5 acres for later sorting and classifying. That's another field trip to be scheduled in the future and I know there is some pretty good stuff just waiting to be discovered.

May 2011 Calendar

Tuesday May 3, 2011 7:00 to 8:30 pm	OMS Board Meeting at the home of the Ferguson's. All members are welcome at this business meeting.
Tuesday May 10, 2011 7:00 to 9:00 pm.	OMS General Meeting Luis Oasis Senior Center in Old Orcutt. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Program-• Display:• Refreshments-



Saturday May 14, 2011 8:00 to 10:00 am	Roadside Clean up After the cleanup, coffee and pastry at "Francisco's Country Kitchen" in Santa Maria.
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Saturday May 21, 2011 8:00 am to 5:00 pm	Field Trip – To Avila Beach - Meet at Bob Jones Trail parking lot. Enjoy a warm spring day on the beach collecting Deedeeite. Bring lunch, water and a good eye for the local odd stuff, easy access to an excellent collecting area. For information call Bob Bullock at 928-6372.
Saturday May 28, 2011 9:00 to 10:00 am	OMS Monthly Breakfast- Sunset Grill 1424 Fairway Drive, Santa Maria. For Information call Sylvia Nasholm at 481-0923.
June 2011 Calendar	
Saturday June 4, 2011 11:00 am to 3:00 pm	Semi-Annual Meeting & BBQ at Pioneer Park bring a dish to share and rocks for the silent auction.
Tuesday June 7, 2011 7:00 to 8:30 pm	OMS Board Meeting at the home of the Ferguson's. All members are welcome at this business meeting.
Saturday June 18, 2011 8:00 am till 5:00pm	Field Trip to Santa Barbara Natural History Museum - Meet up At Mussell Center. Bring your lunch and cameras. Contact Bob Bullock at 928-6372 for details
Saturday June 25, 2011 9:00. to 10:00 am	OMS Monthly Breakfast- Home Town Buffet, 1431 S. Bradley Road, Santa Maria. For information call Sylvia Nasholm at 481-0923

CFMS SHOWS 2011

May 6-8 - BISHOP, CA

Lone Pine Gem & Mineral Society
Tri-County Fairgrounds (Robinson Bldg.)
Corner of Sierra Street & Fair Drive
Hours: Fri. 6pm-10; Sat. 9:30-4; Sun.10-3
Francee Graham (760) 876-4319
Email: franceem@quet.com

May 7-8 - RENO, NV

Reno Gem and Mineral Society
Reno Livestock Events Center Exhibit Hall
1350 N. Wells Ave.
Hours: Sat. 10-5 Sun. 10-4
Ann Johnson (775)544-4937
Email: ann.johnson.e@gmail.com
Website: www.renorockhounds.com

May 13-15 - ANDERSON, CA

CFMS SHOW & CONVENTION, "Northern California Treasures"

Hosted by:
Superior California Gem & Mineral Society
Shasta Gem & Mineral Society

Paradise Gem & Mineral Club
Shasta District Fairgrounds - Anderson, CA
Briggs Street (8 miles south of Redding)
Exit 677 off Interstate 5 to Highway 273; 2.5 miles to Fairgrounds
Hours: Fri. & Sat. 9-5; Sun. 10-4
Show Chairman: Steve Puderbough -
steve@applyaline.com

Website: www.superiorcal.com **Forms are on this site**

Website: www.shastagemandmineral.com

May 21-22 - JACKSON, CA

Fossils For Fun Society
Kennedy Mine
12954 Kennedy Mine Road
Hours: 9-5 daily
Debbie Bunn (916)
929-6665
Email:



fossilsforfun@hotmail.com

Website: www.fossilsforfun.org

June 3-5 - WOODLAND HILLS, CA

Rockatomics Gem and Mineral Society
Pierce College
20800 Victory Blvd
Hours: 9-5 daily
Gary Levitt (818) 993-3802, (cell) (818) 321-6290
Email: Show@Rockatomics.org
Website: www.Rockatomics.org



*The Fickle Finger of Fate
Jeannie Lingerfelt wrapped this piece from a junk box among items found in a recent estate sale.*



Northern California Treasures
 May 13, 14, and 15, 2011
 California Federation of Mineralogical Societies, Inc.
Show and Convention

Shasta District Fairgrounds
 Briggs St. - Anderson, CA
 8 Miles South of Redding, CA

Hours:
 Friday: 9am-5pm
 Saturday: 9am-5pm
 Sunday: 10am-4pm

Raffle
 Speakers
 World Class Displays
 Silent Auction
 Free Demonstrations

Adults: \$4.00
 Seniors: 65+ \$3.00
 Children: 13-18 - \$2.00
 Children: 12 and Under - Free

Minerals
 Fossils
 Beads
 Gems
 Jewelry
 Jewelry Supplies

Lots of stuff!
 Loads of Fun!

Come for Lunch and stay through closing!

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June 4-5 - 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 4-5 - LA HABRA, CA

North Orange County Gem and Mineral Society
 La Habra Community Center
 101 W. La Habra Blvd.
 Hours: 10-5 daily
 Dave Swarton (626) 912-1531
 Email: swanni3@adelphia.net
 Website: www.nocgms.com

July 9-10 - CULVER CITY, CA

Culver City Rock & Mineral Club
 Veterans Memorial Auditorium
 4117 Overland Ave (Overland & Culver)

Hours: Sat 10-6; Sun 10-5

Robert Thirlaway

Website: <http://www.CulverCityRocks.org>

August 5-7 - NIPOMO, CA

Orcutt Mineral Society
 St. Joseph's Church Recreation Hall
 298 S. Thompson Ave.
 Hours: 10-5 daily
 Gloria Dana (805)929-6429
 Email: info@onsinc.org
 Website: www.omsinc.org

August 6-7 - SAN FRANCISCO, CA

San Francisco Gem & Mineral Society
 Golden Gate Club
 136 Fisher Loop, The Presidio of San Francisco
 Hours: Sat. 10-6; Sun. 10-5
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OMS is a non-profit club dedicated to stimulating an interest in the earth sciences. The club offers educational programs, field trips, offers educational programs, field trips, scholarships, and other opportunities for families and individuals to pursue an interest in the collecting and treatment of lapidary materials, fossils, gems, minerals, and other facets of the Earth Sciences. In addition, another goal of this Society is to promote good fellowship, and proper ethics in pursuit of the Society's endeavors. Operating Rules have been set forth to guide the Officers and members of the Society in accomplishing these aims. Affiliations of the OMS include American Federation of Mineral Societies, and California Federation of Mineral Societies

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