



Ore-Cutts

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Please join us on May 14, 2013 at 7:00 pm at the Luis Oasis Senior Center, 420 Soares Ave. in Old Orcutt for a **Program on Soapstone carving from CFMS.**



- **The Display is Soapstone, carved or rough**, 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 Pies brought to us by: Sandy Berthelot, Jeannie Lingerfelt, Elaine Von Achen and Jan Ferguson.**

The Prez Box—May 2013

Wayne Mills, OMS President

Thanks to Margaret Henson for putting together an informative program on Gem Trees for our April Meeting, and for demonstrating the art after our short and tech-issue plagued program. Thanks too, to all who provided displays—I think we are getting a few more at each meeting. This is a GOOD thing, since we ARE a Rock Club!

Sadly, it looks like we missed the April Showers, so the May flowers out at Shell Creek Road and in the Carrizo Plains will be less spectacular than they have been in wetter years, but the rocks remain the same. And there will be plenty of rock opportunities in May--beginning with the Santa Lucia

Rockhounds annual show on the weekend of May 4-5 at Pioneer Park in Paso Robles. This has always been a fun event in the past, and imagine how much more fun it will be if the temperatures are in the 80's, rather than in the 100's!

Our board meeting is on May 7 at the Henson's home, and as always, guests are invited (though the seating is limited...*(if you wish to attend, please call Margaret and let her know so that she can plan for you to be there.-Editor)*).

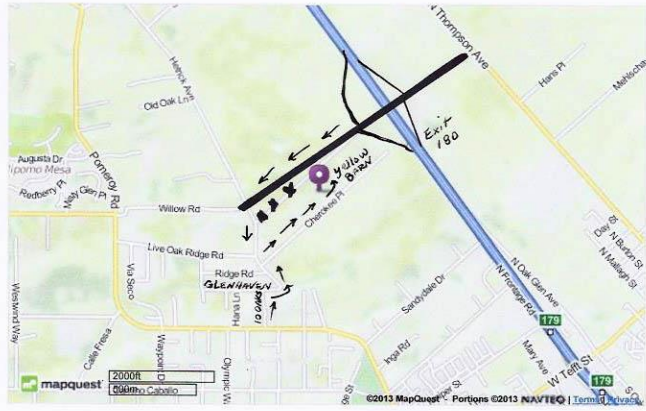
Again, our Highway Clean-up falls on the Saturday before our meeting, so all able-bodied folks are encouraged to meet with "The Crew" on the Southeast corner of Routes 101 and 166 East at 8:00 p.m., and the activity usually takes an hour to an hour and a half, followed by coffee and treats at Francisco's in Santa Maria.

The May 14 General Meeting will feature a presentation on soapstone carving by yours truly—apologies in advance, since I will have participated in three of the last five talks, I will try not to give any more presentations this year. The display for May will be stone carvings, soapstone varieties, (or anything else you would like to share with the membership). Remember to bring in your mystery rocks, as you have a better chance of getting them identified at the meeting than if they are sitting at home in a box.



Saturday, May 25 is our First (Annual?) Tailgate at the Von Achen's on Cherokee Place (off Hetrick Ave.) in Nipomo. There will be signs and maybe even some balloons! The hours are: set-up 8-10, and sale from 10-4. I am requesting that potential sellers (from OMS) contact me at least 2 weeks in advance. We will charge \$10 per space, and include rental of one table for that price.

Map of:
636 Cherokee Pl
 Nipomo, CA 93444-9579



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The 25th is also our breakfast at the Sunset Grill in Santa Maria. Hours for that are 8:00-9:00 a.m. for the sake of the Tailgate.

Friday-Sunday (May 31-June 2) will be the CFMS Annual Show and Sale at the Ventura Fairgrounds. This is a great opportunity to see the CFMS at work, and as about as close to home as the show will get. The competitive cases alone should be enough to draw your interest.

In case you missed the April meeting, here is part of the display that we put in the Central Coast Orchid Society Show entitled "Gems of the Earth" on April 6 and 7. Thanks to Wes Lingerfelt and John Von Achen for their help in preparing the display. We got many positive



comments on the display, and disseminated some of our show flyers.

I am writing this on Earth Day, so Thank You Mother Nature for

your bounties. May we be eternally grateful, appreciative and protective of your treasures.

World's Largest Aquamarine Gem
From an article in the Tribune March, 2013

An article in the Tribune about a month ago mentioned that the Smithsonian Museum of Natural History in Washington D. C. is now the home of the world's largest gem aquamarine. The stone was mined in Pedra Azul (blue stone), Minas Gerais, Brazil in the late 1980's, and was named the Dom Pedro after the first two emperors of Brazil. The original crystal was about 2 feet long, and the finished, faceted and carved piece is about fourteen inches long, and weighs 10,363 carats (about 5 pounds).

Pictures of the gem can be found on the web at: <http://mineralsciences.si.edu/collections/dom-pedro/>

West Covina Treasure

By Wes Lingerfelt

We had just purchased a new 14' x 7' trailer in Fresno, CA and were looking forward to the ease of loading and unloading our show merchandise. I did not know the adventure my new trailer and I were destined for.

The telephone rang on the morning of April 11th and on the other end was a very nice lady hoping for someone to help her clean out her garage of rocks her husband had collected since the 1970's. He passed away three years ago. As I conversed with her it soon became obvious that she knew nothing about rocks and did not want to learn about them either. She just wanted the four car garage half full of them to be emptied, the sooner the better. She was planning to sell the house and find a smaller one better suited to her needs and as she put it "It's time to move on". I tried over several phone calls to get some idea of the volume of the collection but she wasn't able to provide me with much detail. I decided to make the trip on a Sunday as the Los Angeles traffic should be at its lowest.

We arrived at the appointed time and began my normal procedure of performing an inventory to attain some idea of the fair cost for the collection. As I walked and looked it became very clear this time that procedure would not work. There was too much and it would take a very long time to write it all down. I turned to the nice lady and said, "I

brought a certain amount of cash and I can write you a check for the rest". It was a tense few minutes while she conferred with her daughter who was urging her mom to take the offer. After a few more nervous minutes she said to me, "With the equipment included if you bump the offer up by a thousand and get it all out of here today then we have deal". I was both surprised and elated she didn't want a whole lot more.

By this time it was about 10:30 in the morning and I knew we would be stressed to get the rocks loaded before nightfall. There were over a dozen 30 gallon plastic tubs stacked 4 deep. Each one was so heavy my son and I together could not drag them across the floor. There were dozens of boxes still sealed from the time of delivery from the vendors in Quartzsite and Tucson. We had to use buckets to unload the tubs and move them into the trailer and dump the buckets back into the tub. Jeannie was busy wrapping the loose slabs with newspaper as one by one the boxes and tubs got moved into the trailer. As it filled up I began to worry about the stress on the trailer. I thought to myself, "Well, it is brand new and it is well built with 3/4 inch plywood on the floor. Let's hope it can make it home." I had an eerie feeling I was deluding myself! But she wanted it gone!

By 6:30 PM we had the trailer loaded to the bursting point and began to haul the load toward the freeway. I pulled into a gas station so as to increase the air in the trailer tires. As luck would have it the darn hose was only 3 feet long and I couldn't get the trailer close enough to add any air in them. I decided to start the trip down the freeway keeping my speed below 50 and staying in the right lane in case of trouble. It wasn't long in coming, about 10 miles toward Burbank the first tire blew out. I pulled over to the side and starting digging the spare out of the trailer and the lug wrench from behind the rear truck seat. All I had was the small truck jack and I doubted it would jack up the trailer. About then, along came the Metro Service truck that runs up and down the freeway to assist stranded motorists. He had a very nice and big jack and he did all the work changing the tire. So once again we began the journey down the freeway and as we entered the City of Burbank the second tire blew out. There we were on the edge of the ramp to

Highway 134 exit number 2 in downtown Burbank with no spare.

I sat there for a few minutes as the cars flashed by on the freeway wondering how to get us and the loaded trailer out of harm's way. I called AAA who would not help unless the tow vehicle was disabled. They gave me a number to call for Hertz Rent-a-Truck and the answering machine said, "Call back during business hours". There was only one thing I could do. Pull the trailer with its blown tire up the exit ramp and onto a side street. There I could unhook the trailer and leave it overnight and return tomorrow with a big U-Haul truck and some new trailer tires. Two blocks down the side street I found the perfect spot to unhook the trailer.

Monday morning came after a fitful sleep with visions of an empty trailer when I returned. Or perhaps it would just be totally gone or stripped of all its tires or maybe tagged with graffiti. I rented a big U-Haul truck and stopped in Ventura, CA and bought 4 new tires for the trailer. We arrived about 2:30 PM and the trailer was in the same condition as we left it. A lot of stress melted away at that point. One big problem was that there were cars parked both in front and in back of the trailer. I had to park the truck in a red zone one car length away from the trailer. We spent the next 4 hours taking buckets of rock from the trailer to the U-Haul truck. By now we were getting good at that. We changed the tires on the side of the blown tire but the curb restricted access to the other side. Since the load was diminished on the trailer I decided to leave them mounted and make the journey home. We arrived home at about 11PM after stopping for dinner in Ventura.

There were some tense moments during this adventure but in the end we made it safely home. The trailer has a new set of shoes and we have a load of treasure to peruse. The trailer appears no worse for the stress it endured. Was it worth it? So far there hasn't been a bad rock found!

(If you would like to see, and maybe purchase some really excellent material, Wes will be selling at the May 25th Tailgate at the Von Achen's. Editor)

CFMS Annual Show Info

When: May 31—June 2 Hours:
(Fri) 10-5, (Sat) 10-5, (Sun) 10-4



Where: Ventura County Fairgrounds
What's there: Dealers, Displays, Silent Auction, and Rockhounds from all over the state!

The silent auction features special rock-related items made and donated by members of CFMS. You can either take your chance with the bid process, or purchase the item at the "Buy it" price (that is noticeably higher than the minimum bid price). Members are encouraged to read more about the CFMS in their bulletin that is posted at: <http://www.cfms2013.com/>

Soapstone

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Soapstone (also known as steatite or soaprock) is a talc-schist, which is a type of metamorphic rock. It is largely composed of the mineral talc and is thus rich in magnesium. It is produced by dynamothermal metamorphism and metasomatism, which occurs in the areas where tectonic plates are subducted, changing rocks by heat and pressure, with influx of fluids, but without melting. It has been a medium for carving for thousands of years.

Petrologically, soapstone is composed dominantly of talc, with varying amounts of chlorite and amphiboles (typically tremolite, anthophyllite, and magnesiocummingtonite), and trace to minor FeCr-oxides. It may be schistose or massive. Soapstone is formed by the metamorphism of ultramafic protoliths (e.g. dunite or serpentinite) and the metasomatism of siliceous dolostones.

Pyrophyllite, a mineral very similar to talc, is sometimes called soapstone in the generic sense since its physical characteristics and industrial uses are similar and because it is also commonly used as a carving material. However this mineral typically does not have such a soapy feel as that from which soapstone derives its name.

Soapstone is relatively soft because of its high talc content, talc having a definitional value of 1 on the Mohs hardness scale. Softer grades may feel soapy when touched, hence the name. There is no fixed hardness for soapstone because the amount of talc it contains varies widely, from as little as 30% for architectural grades such as those used on countertops, to as much as 80% for carving grades. Common, non-architectural grades of soapstone can just barely be scratched with a fingernail and are thus considered to have a hardness of 2.5 on the



Mohs scale. If a candidate rock cannot be scratched with a knife blade (hardness of 5.5), it is not soapstone.

Soapstone is often used as an insulator or housing for electrical components, due to its durability and electrical characteristics and because it can be pressed into complex shapes before firing. Soapstone undergoes transformations when heated to temperatures of 1000–1200 °C into enstatite and cristobalite; in the Mohs scale, this corresponds to an increase in hardness to 5.5–6.5.

Soapstone is used for inlaid designs, sculpture, coasters, and kitchen countertops and sinks. The Inuit often use soapstone for traditional carvings. Some Native American tribes and bands make bowls, cooking slabs, and other objects from soapstone; historically, this was particularly common during the Late Archaic archaeological period.

Locally quarried soapstone was used for grave markers in 19th century northeast Georgia around Dahlongega and Cleveland, as simple field stone and "slot and tab" tombs.

The Vikings hewed soapstone directly from the stone face, shaped it into cooking-pots, and sold these at home and abroad.

Soapstone is sometimes used for construction of fireplace surrounds, cladding on metal woodstoves, and as the preferred material for wood burning masonry heaters because it can absorb, store and evenly radiate heat due to its high density and magnesite (MgCO₃) content. It is also used for counter tops and bathroom tiling because of the ease of working the material and its property as the "quiet stone." A weathered or aged appearance will occur naturally over time as the patina is enhanced.

Applying mineral oil simply darkens the appearance of the stone; it does not protect it in any way.

Tepe Yahya, an ancient trading city in southeastern Iran, was a center for the production and distribution of soapstone in the 5th–3rd millennia BC.

It was also used in Minoan Crete. At the Palace of Knossos, archaeological recovery has included a magnificent libation table made of steatite.

The Yoruba of West Nigeria utilized soapstone for several statues most notably at Esie where archaeologists have uncovered hundreds of male

and female statues, about half of life size. The Yoruba of Ife also produced a miniature soapstone obelisk with metal studs called superstitiously "the staff of Oranmiyan"

Soapstone has been used in India for centuries as a medium for carving. Mining to meet world-wide demand for soapstone is threatening the habitat of India's tigers.

In Brazil, especially in Minas Gerais, due to the abundance of soapstone mines in that Brazilian state, local artisans still craft objects from that material, including pots and pans, wine glasses, statues, jewel boxes, coasters, vases. These handicrafts are commonly sold in street markets found in cities across the state. Some of the oldest towns, notably Congonhas, Tiradentes and Ouro Preto, still have some of their streets paved with soapstone from colonial times.

Some Native Americans use soapstone for smoking pipes; numerous examples have been found among artifacts of different cultures and are still in use today. Its lack of heat conduction allows for prolonged smoking without the pipe's heating up uncomfortably.

Soapstone is also used to carve Chinese seals.

Currently, soapstone is most commonly used for architectural applications, such as counter tops and interior surfacing. There is currently only one active North American soapstone mine. That mine is found in Central Virginia and is operated by the Alberene Soapstone Company. All other architectural soapstone is mined in Brazil, India and Finland and imported into the United States.

Welders and fabricators use soapstone as a marker due to its resistance to heat; it remains visible when heat is applied. It has also been used for many years by seamstresses, carpenters, and other craftsmen as a marking tool because its marks are visible and not permanent.

Soapstone can be used to create molds for casting objects from soft metals, such as pewter or silver. The soft stone is easily carved and is not degraded by heating. The slick surface of soapstone allows the finished object to be easily removed.

Soapstone can be put in a freezer and later used in place of ice cubes to chill alcoholic beverages without diluting.

Steatite ceramics are low-cost biaxial porcelains of nominal composition $(MgO)_3(SiO_2)_4$. [9] By

mass, steatite is approximately 67% silica and 33% magnesia, and may contain minor quantities of other oxides such as CaO or Al_2O_3 . Steatite is used primarily for its dielectric and thermal insulating properties in applications such as tile, substrates, washers, bushings, beads and pigments. [10] Other names: Combarbalite stone, exclusively mined in Combarbalá, Chile, is known for its many colors. While they are not visible during mining, they appear after refining. Palewa and Gorara stones are types of Indian soapstone. A variety of other regional and marketing names for soapstone are used.

Orcutt Mineral Society Board Meeting Lingerfelt Home, Nipomo, CA.

April 2, 2013

President Wayne Mills called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Members present were Wes Lingerfelt, Debbie Hood, Jeannie Lingerfelt, Elaine Von Achen, Sandy Berthelot, Wayne Mills, Jan Ferguson and Sharon Duncan. Paul Berthelot attended as a guest.

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

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

Correspondence: Nothing to report.

Committee Reports:

Abused Children: None.

Annual Gem Show: None.

Annual December Meeting: None.

Breakfast: April's breakfast will be held at The Girls Restaurant in Arroyo Grande at 1237 E. Grand Avenue at 9:00 a.m. Please note that the **May breakfast will be held at 8:00 a.m.** in order to allow members to attend the "Tailgate Show" following breakfast.

Bulletin: It was noted that the bulletin had been mailed and was on the web. Wes said the postal service requests that the mailing page be reversed so that the staple and fold are opposite. He is going to re-design the back page.

CFMS: None.

Education: None.

Field Trip: The field trip for May will be to the "Von Achen Barn" for our first ever Tailgate show from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.



Highway Clean-up: The next highway clean-up will be held Saturday May 11th. Members will meet at Highways 101 and 166 on the south east corner at 8:00 a.m.

Library: None.

Membership: Wes Lingerfelt has the Redbook completed and ready to be handed out.

Refreshments: The refreshment for April will be cookies brought by Elaine Von Achen, Debbie Hood, Eileen Krienke, Truman Burgess, Joe & Lisa Azevedo and Don Nasholm.

Scholarship: Wayne requested a check, to be mailed to Santa Barbara City College, for this year's scholarship donation.

Sunshine: Jeanne Brown is ill with walking pneumonia.

Old Business:

- 1) Wes Lingerfelt was waiting on insurance confirmation for the June Barbeque at Porter Ranch before cancelling our reservation at Pioneer Park.
- 2) Wes received a letter from Darrel Powell in response to his request for information on children's coloring books. There are 6 different coloring books available, all at \$1.00 each with the exception of "The Power of Crystals" which is \$0.50 each. These will be passed out to kids at our annual show. Elaine Von Achen made a motion that we purchase 50 each of "Gold," "Mineral Oddities," "Minerals of the USA," "The Power of Crystals," and "Minerals of the Bible," and 100 each of "Fossils" which has dinosaurs in it. Jan Ferguson seconded the motion. Motion carried. There will be a 15% discount on our order and we will receive one year of "Mini Miners Monthly" for our library for free.
- 3) There was a long discussion on who might run the kitchen for our annual show, if we should have a kitchen, could it possibly be broken up into segments or should we just do pie. A plea will go out to the general members asking for help.

New Business: None.

April's program will be given by Margaret Henson on Gem Tree making and she will be assisted by Wayne Mills.

April's display will be colors of the rainbow in rocks and minerals.

The meeting was adjourned by President Wayne Mills at 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:
Elaine Von Achen

Secretary, OMS
Orcutt Mineral Society



General Meeting, Luis Oasis Senior Center, Orcutt, CA.

April 09, 2013

President Wayne Mills called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Mike Henson gave the invocation.

Samantha S. led the flag salute.

Minutes: Elaine Von Achen read the minutes from the April 2, 2013 board meeting. It was noted that she had left out one member reported ill during the sunshine report. Truman Burgess has had pneumonia and is now well. Elaine will make the change and the minutes were approved as amended.

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

Correspondence: Elaine Von Achen noted a request from the Salvation Army for donations to the food pantry. She also read a reminder that the West Coast Gem & Mineral Show will be held on May 17, 18, and 19, 2013 in Santa Ana, CA.

Hospitality: There were 28 members and 4 guests in attendance. Guests included Mary McKay, Jackie Mojarro and Bob & Amy McDaniel. Guests were greeted and thanked.

Refreshments: Margaret Henson thanked Elaine Von Achen, Don Nasholm, Joe & Lisa Azevedo, Debbie Hood and Truman Burgess for their donations of cookies for the evening's refreshment. She also thanked Donna Lehman for her help with set-up.

Committee Reports:

Abused Children: None.

Annual June BBQ: Wes said he is waiting on insurance confirmation for the June BBQ at Porter Ranch before canceling our reservation at Pioneer Park.

Breakfast: April's monthly breakfast will be on the 27th and will be held at The Girl's Restaurant, 1237 E. Grand Avenue, Arroyo Grande, at 9:00 a.m.

Budget & Audit: None.

Bulletin: The bulletin is out.

CFMS: None.

Door Prizes: Mike Schmidt reported lots of different items for the door prizes.

Education: None.

Gem Show: None.

Historian: None.

Field Trip: The field trip for May will be a Tailgate show held at the "Von Achen Barn" at 636 Cherokee Place, Nipomo, CA on the 25th from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Please contact Elaine Von Achen for further information at 805-929-1488. Another field trip to look forward to will be to Willow Creek in July. This will be led by Stan Ferguson. More information on that later.

Highway Clean-up: The next highway clean-up will be May 11th. Members met at highways 101 and 166 on the south east corner at 8:00 a.m.

Library: Jan Ferguson donated a book to our library titled "Agates & Jaspers" by Ron Gibbs. Thank you, Jan.

Membership: none.

Junior Members: Nothing to report.

Political Action Committee: Mike Schmidt read a report regarding 300 miners who were protesting Anti Mining Legislation, from a democratic senate, at the Oregon Capital Building in Salem.

Property: None.

Scholarship: Wes said he had a check going out to Santa Barbara City College in the amount of \$1,500 this week. We received just one application from a student at Allan Hancock College but that student didn't qualify, so we increased the amount we are sending to SBCC.

Sunshine: Everyone who has been ill is on the mend and nothing new to report.

Old Business:

1) Joe Azevedo, Sharon Duncan, Jan Ferguson and Margaret Henson said they would get together and discuss various options for a snack bar at our annual "Rainbow of Gems" show in August. We passed around a sign-up sheet for helpers.

2) Elaine Von Achen reported that OMS will have one large display case at the Nipomo Library during the month of July. She will be in charge and members can contact her if they have something they would like to display.

New Business:

1) Jan Ferguson noted the great display Wayne had put in the local Orchid Show. Their theme was "Gems of the Earth" and they thought it would be appropriate to have something from Orcutt Mineral Society showing rock, minerals and fossils. Wayne showed some pictures of his display and it looked great.

Margaret Henson gave a very nice demonstration on creating gem trees. She had the trunks in various stages of completion along with the material for covering the trunks. There were various bases that could be used and she also brought some of her gem trees for display. Wayne Mills assisted by showing pictures and instructions for making gem trees.

The display was a rainbow of gems.

May's program will be on Soap Stone Carving given by Wayne Mills

May's display will be carvings, rocks that look like carvings, picture rocks, etc.

President Wayne Mills adjourned the meeting at 9:00p.m.

Respectfully submitted:
Elaine Von Achen
Secretary, OMS



May 2013 Calendar	
May 4 & 5	Santa Lucia Gem Show (Paso Robles)
Tuesday May 7, 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.
Saturday May 11, 2012 8:00 to 10:00 a.m.	Highway Clean Up- meets at the corner of 101 & 166. Meet for a snack afterwards at Francisco's Country Kitchen. For information call Wayne Mills at 481-3495.
Tuesday May 14, 2013 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.	OMS General Meeting- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program: Soapstone Carving • Display: Stone Carvings • Refreshments: Pie
Saturday May 25, 2013 8:00 to 9:00 a.m.	OMS Monthly Breakfast- The Sunset Grill, 1424 Fairway Dr., Santa Maria.
Saturday May 25, 2013 9:00 to 12:00 a.m.	Field Trip-Tailgate at Von Achen's. Members who want to sell contact Wayne Mills at 481-3495.
May 31 to June 2, 2013	CFMS Show – "California Rocks" Venture Fairgrounds

June 2013 Calendar

Tuesday June 4, 2013 7:00 to 8:00 pm	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.
Saturday June 8, 2013 11:00 am till 3:00 pm	Semi-annual BBQ Meeting at the Porter Ranch. Meet at the turnout on CA166 & US101 at 9:30. Bring side dish to share and rocks for Silent Auction.
June 15 & 16 2013	SLO Club Show in Cayucos at the Veteran's Hall.
Saturday June 22, 2013	Field Trip - TBA
Saturday June 29, 2013	OMS Monthly Breakfast-Francisco's Country Kitchen, 1701 N. Broadway, Santa Maria..

CFMS Show Schedule 2013

MAY 2013

May 3 - 5: BISHOP, CA Lone Pine Gem & Mineral Society Bishop Fairgrounds Sierra Street & Fair Drive Hours: Fri 6 - 9; Sat. 9:30-5; Sun 9:30-3 Contact: Steve Mobley, (760) 793-6025 Email: steve@littlebearsteve.com



May 4 - 5: ANAHEIM, CA Searchers Gem & Mineral Society Brookhurst Community Center 2271 W. Crescent Avenue Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4:30 Contact: John Walker, (503) 703-9465 Email: john_walker@juno.com Website: www.searchersrocks.org

May 4 - 5: PASO ROBLES, CA Santa Lucia Rockhounds Pioneer Park & Museum 2010 Riverside Avenue Hours: 9 - 5 daily Kim Noyes, (805) 610-0603 Email: kimnoyes@gmail.com Website: www.slrockhounds.org

May 4 - 5: YUCAIPA, CA Yucaipa Valley Gem & Mineral Society Scherer Center 12202 First Street Hours: Sat 10 - 6, Sun. 10 - 4 Contact: Lee Peterson, (909) 794-0731 Email: res09ayd@verizon.net Website: www.yvgms.org/wiki

May 11 - 12: RENO, NV Reno Gem & Mineral Society Reno-Sparks Livestock Event Center 1350 N. Wells Avenue Hours: 10 - 5 daily Contact: Steve Norman, (775) 358-7322, cell (775) 560-4782 Email: snorm11@hotmail.com Website: www.renorockhounds.com

May 31 - June 2: VENTURA, CA Annual CFMS SHOW & CONVENTION, "California Rocks" Sponsored by: Conejo, Oxnard, & Ventura Gem & Mineral Societies Ventura County Fairgrounds, 10 W. Harbor Boulevard Hours: Fri & Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4 Show Chair Rob Sankovich rmsorca@adelphia.net, (805) 494-7734 Dealer Inquiries CFMS2013Dealers@gmail.com, (805) 765-1252 Show Website: www.cfms2013.com

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June 8 - 9: LA HABRA, CA North Orange County Gem & Mineral Society La Habra Community Center 101 W. La Habra Blvd. Hours: 10 - 5 daily Contact: Loretta Ogden, (909) 598-2456 Email: donogden@aol.com, fbriktr1@aol.com Website: www.nocgms.com

June 14 - 16: WOODLAND HILLS, CA Rockatomics Gem & Mineral Society Pierce College Farm 20800 Victory Blvd Hours: 10 - 5 daily Contact: William Rucker, (818) 428-7834 Email: rockhound@rockatomics.com Website: Rockatomics.com

June 28 - 30: SAN BERNARDINO, CA Orange Belt Mineralogical Society Western Regional Little League Ball Park 6707 Little League Drive Hours: 9 am to Dusk daily Contacts: Ken & Jessica Gard, (909) 624-1782, (909) 887-5507 Email: kengard@roadrunner.com Website: <http://OBMSrocks.yolasite.com>

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July 13 - 14: CULVER CITY, CA Culver City Rock & Mineral Club Culver City Veterans Memorial Auditorium 4117 Overland Avenue Hours: Sat 10 - 6; Sun 10 - 5 Contact: Rick Shaffer, (310) 391-8429 Email: info@culvercityrocks.org Website: www.culvercityrocks.org

AUGUST 2013

August 30 - September 2: FORT BRAGG, CA Mendocino Coast Gem & Mineral Society Town Hall Corner of Main & Laurel Hours: Fri-Sun 10 - 6; Mon 10 - 4 Contact: Jerry Sommer, (707) 937-1833

Aug 25-30	Camp Paradise: 1st week - Application Form
Sep 1 - 5	Camp Paradise: 2nd week - Application Form
Sep 20-22	AFMS Show & Convention, Jacksonville, FL - Show site
Nov 8-10	Fall Directors Meeting & Installation of Officers, Visalia

Camp Paradise Registrar

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OMS Membership \$24.00 for Individual, \$34.00 per couple, \$5.00 Each Additional Family Member, \$5.00 Juniors under age of 18, \$10.00 one-time initiation fee for new members. Membership Chairperson is Elaine Von Achen (805) 929-1488.

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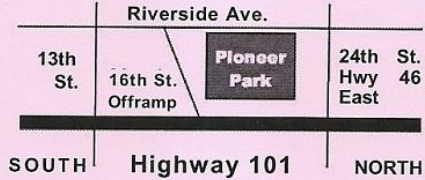
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