



Ore-Cutts

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The Pres Box—May 2016

Alexis Van Natta



May, the Merry Month of May. I have not been merry, as I have been dealing with weeds growing and obscuring all my beautiful rocks that I have so lovingly and creatively placed in my flower beds. There are lovely chunks of poppy

jasper, rhodonite, lizard skin, petrified wood, dinosaur bone and several huge pieces of obsidian. Dyanna tells me I have the most expensive rock garden in the neighborhood.

I am truly sorry I was not able to go on the April field trip to Figueroa Mountain. I can't wait to hear the stories of who, what and where rock treasures were found.

I very much enjoyed our April program. I know there are so many more interesting stories to be told by our members and I for one, want to hear them. This was a program worth repeating.

Our May program will be presented by Richard Wade on "Dinosaurs". I am looking forward to Richard's talk as he is able to present information in a humorous as well as informative manner.

Pies are on your plate for the May meeting and a little not so sweet for those who should be more careful of their sugar in take.

Saturday, May 14, 10:00 am-3 pm: the OMS Tail Gate at the Von Achen's should be lots of fun. The dealer form was in the April Ore-Cutts and included all the information you need for the event. The Highway Clean-up is on April 21 at 8:00 am.

Keep your calendar open for the monthly no-host-and-getting-to-know-you breakfast on May 28, 8:30 am at Denny's, Santa Maria.

See you at the May 10th meeting.

Alexis

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



Birthday greetings go out to those folks who are having birthdays and Anniversaries in March.

May Birthdays

Stan Ferguson	5/6
Lisa Azevedo	5/9
Sally Griffith	5/12
Mariah Martinez	5/12

May Anniversaries

Wes and Jeannie Lingerfelt	5/20
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Congratulations!

*If you don't see your name here when you should, then the information is not in **The Red Book**. Please write your important dates down and give them to **Wayne** so they will be included in the next edition (April 2016)*

SUNSHINE

Margaret Henson

We are sad to report that honorary member Ralph Bishop had a massive heart attack and is recovering at home. Debbie Hood is on the mend from knee surgery a few months ago. We were glad to see her at the Santa Lucia Show. We wish both these members continued and speedy recovery.

Dealer form for Von Achen Tailgate May 14, 2016, 10:00 am to 3:00 PM
636 Cherokee Place, Nipomo, CA

Please fill-out and return this form (plus a check) to Wayne Mills by April 24 in order for us to get the info in our May Bulletin. **Wayne's address is:** 502 Via La Barranta, Arroyo Grande, CA 93420

Name _____

E-Mail _____ **Phone** _____

Enclosed is \$10.00 for 1 space. I have /need (circle one) _____ tables (table rental is \$3.00 each).

I will be selling _____

(Set-up is 8-10 am. Spaces are on first come basis)

MY WAY IS THE HIGHWAY (Again)!

Wayne Mills, Adopt a Highway Coordinator

Highway Clean-up is May 21 (**Note: This is the third Saturday. Our cleanups are traditionally on the second Saturday of odd numbered months.**) Meet on the SE Corner of Routes 101 and 166 East at 8:00 am. It will be fun! Brag about your finds at the after "party" at Francisco's. You may win a pretty rock prize too!

SANTA LUCIA CLUB ROCKS THE CENTRAL COAST

Wayne Mills

The Santa Lucia Club had a great show on the weekend of April 23-24. Over 30 inside and outside dealers participated, and though they charged admission, they drew over 1500 people, including many children a lot of whom stopped by my "Rock Doc" table in their quest for items on their Scavenger Hunt List. Wes, Jeannie, Don, Sylvia and myself had displays in the show. My prize was a nice piece of Kambaba (Crocodile) Jasper that I scored from dealer Tom Demaris.

TAILGATE AT THE VON ACHEN'S BARN—May 14 10 am-3 pm

Come on out to find bargain prices on rock treasures. Three dealers have responded so far. Choose from finished or rough rock and other rock related items. 636 Cherokee Place in Nipomo. (Willow Road to Hettrick to Cherokee Place). **See above for dealer form.**

FIGUEROA MOUNTAIN REPORT

Wayne Mills, Field Trip Coordinator

Six folks including 3 guests attended our April 17 trip to Figueroa Mountain. We found chert, serpentine and brecciated jasper and saw some lovely wildflowers.

Dick found the best rock (about a 400 pound boulder of brecciated jasper) that several of us got pieces of, and he flaked off a 27 pound chunk of nice orange and white brecciated jasper that Sally schlepped back to her truck.

The attendees were Sally Griffith, Wayne Mills and Dick Bazzell from OMS, and Tara Machin of Santa Maria, and Jim Grafton and Michelle Crawford of Lompoc. Tara, Jim and Michelle were guests at our April Meeting. Tara took some nice photos with her cell phone, and here they are! (Check out the bulletin on our web site—the pictures are much better in color!)





RICHARD WADE DOES DINOSAURS!

Our May 10th program will feature the ever-popular Richard Wade reprising his wonderful presentation on dinosaurs. Everyone should see this grrr..eat program! If you have grandkids or neighborhood children, invite them! Richard's enthusiasm for his subject matter is contagious, and he makes learning fun!

OMS GETS THANKS FROM SBCC

OMS received a nice thank you from Santa Barbara City College for our generous (\$1000) donation to their scholarship fund via the Orcutt Mineral Society Earth Science Scholarship Fund. This is the last year that we will get the 0.5 to 1 matching funds, which has multiplied the value of our donations over the past several years. We have also received thanks from Dr. Gray who has given us several interesting presentations, and from the Geology students who have benefitted from the scholarship.

ERRATA: RED BOOK

Wayne Mills, Red (faced) Book publisher

The good news is that we got the Red Book published on time and under budget (thanks to Jeanne Watkins' generosity. She lent us her time, materials and her office tech's expertise.) **The bad news is** that several of the member's entries (including mine) have errors. My bad! The corrections are included below. Please make them in your 2016 Red Book. MAYBE with a year to work on it we will get the 2017 Red Book right.

Dick Bazzell (BD 11/30)

Paul and Sandy Berthelot (Phone 863-7462)
e-mail (none)

Bud Burgess (BD 9/28), e-mail:
lb93444@yahoo.com

Peter Dettellis (We messed up his last name)
Sir Paul Howard (Zip Code 4221), Anniversary
12/10

Wayne Mills (Phone 481-3495)

Pat Nurenberg (Anniversary 12/28)

Michael (and Samantha) Schmidt (e-mail
goldprospector7!@yahoo.com)

Alexis Van Natta (phone 937-4347)

Lucky Virgin (Nipomo (not Santa Maria) 93444)

John and Elaine Von Achen (phone 929-1488)

If you note any other mistakes, please notify Wayne

MAY BIRTHSTONE: EMERALD

From May, 1987 Ore-Cutts. By Mel Finger, Manager of Gemco Fine Jewelry. Photo from globe-views.com



Ancient Greeks believed this beautiful green stone would endow its owner with wealth and power. Other ancient

cultures the emeralds could ease the pain of childbirth, increase fertility, cure sickness and disease, and ward off evil spirits.

For centuries May's birthstone has fascinated and enchanted gem lovers. Part of the mineral group called Beryl, emeralds derive their natural brilliant color from the element chromium. Colors can range from the palest to the darkest shades of

green. Much of its beauty comes from the many interesting inclusions it contains, called “Le Jardin” (French for garden).

The finest quality emeralds come from Columbia, certain regions in Brazil, Australia, Africa and Europe. The emerald is not only for those who celebrate their birthdays in May, but for anyone who appreciates one of Nature’s most beautiful and unique treasures.

(Other members of the Beryl (Beryllium aluminum silicate) family include: Aquamarine (light blue), Golden Beryl (yellow), Morganite (red-pink), and white. (from The Audubon Society Guide to North American Rocks and Minerals.)

BITS AND BYTES

Interesting Rock Blog on a variety of topics
<http://rockhoundblog.com/>

KID’S CORNER— What Is a Gem?

Mini Miner Monthly Volume 8, Number 2 (Feb. 2014)

There is a difference between a “gem” and a “gemstone.” A **gem** is the final cut and polished object. A **gemstone** is usually a mineral, but sometimes another natural material, in its untouched, natural form.

For a mineral to be considered a gemstone, it has to have three basic properties. First, it has to be colorful and beautiful to look at. Second, it has to be hard enough to be able to be shaped, cut or polished. Its hardness is also important because gems are worn in jewelry, so a gemstone has to be hard enough to be worn in jewelry without being easily scratched, chipped or damaged.

Most gemstones are minerals. A **mineral** is a naturally occurring substance that was not created by a living organism and that has a known chemical formula and a regular internal crystal structure. Diamonds, rubies and emeralds are minerals.

There are also some gemstones that are naturally occurring, but were created by living organisms. Well-known examples of this category are **amber and pearls**.

Corundum

Rubies & Sapphires

Sapphire is the blue, yellow, green and colorless variety of the mineral corundum. It is **number 9** on the Mohs’ Hardness Scale. Because it is so hard, corundum is used to make grinding wheels and papers for grinding and polishing softer materials

like porcelain, metals and wood, for example. Pure corundum is aluminum oxide, (Al_2O_3), and is colorless. But, if it has small amounts of the element chromium it becomes red.

Red corundum is called ruby. The presence of the elements iron and titanium in corundum gives a blue color. **Blue corundum is called sapphire.** When gem-quality corundum is another color like yellow, for example, it is called yellow sapphire or very simply fancy corundum.

In ancient times people believed sapphire had special powers or properties. Some believed that a king who wore sapphire jewelry would be protected from harm. In Europe, people believed sapphire could protect its owner from ever being poor. Others believed wearing a sapphire would bring intelligence and wisdom, especially to someone who is “stupid.”

There were also legends about the powers of ruby. Some thought rubies would keep a person healthy. Others believed they would take away evil



thoughts. One legend tells us that the first wife of England’s King Henry VIII (Catherine of Aragon) predicted there would be many troubles in her life because her ruby was getting darker and darker!

3.2 Carat Ruby from Australia (\$1500 at <http://www.sapphires-australia.com.au/>)

Gemologists discovered that lighter blue sapphires can be made dark blue by heating them. A natural, dark blue sapphire is a very valuable gem. Many of the dark blue sapphires sold in jewelry stores have been heat-treated to make them darker.



Rough and finished sapphire from <http://www.bernardine.com/>





EXHIBIT AND DEMONSTRATION APPLICATION
OMS 49th, Annual Rainbow of Gems Show & Rock Festival
August 5th through 7th, 2016 - Show Hours 10 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Nipomo High School
525 N. Thompson Avenue
Nipomo, CA 93444

Dear Friends:

The Orcutt Mineral Society will be honored to have you exhibit at our 49th Annual Rainbow of Gems Show & Rock Festival. We eagerly look forward to your participation this year and welcome newcomers to our event. Please complete, detach, and return the coupon (below) by July 1st, 2016 to assure that we will have a space reserved for your case. Set up time will be 1:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, 4 August 2016, or prior to 10:00 a.m., or after 5:00 p.m. on Friday, August 5th 2016. For those of you who cannot arrive until later on Friday, please advise me of what time you will be arriving so that I may reserve your case display area. Cases must remain intact during show hours. In the event of an emergency, a member of the Orcutt Mineral Society must accompany you if your case is opened or removed. Dry camping will be available, and we ask that you vacate the camping area prior to 8:00 a.m. on Monday, August 8th 2016. Dinner will be served to exhibitors, demonstrators, and all dealers from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., Thursday evening. Sylvia will have a welcoming packet ready for you. Also, we ask that demonstrators be good neighbors and not demonstrate in the main hall any procedures that make loud noise. The Orcutt Mineral Society does not carry insurance for the loss or damage to your exhibits. Your homeowners insurance should cover this. The OMS will not be responsible for any loss. Watchmen are provided Friday & Saturday nights. Please indicate below if you can demonstrate your special talents to the public at our show. Your participation has made our show a very special event over the years, and we thank you for your continued support! Please complete the form below and return to Sylvia Nasholm, 1205 Pomeroy Rd. Arroyo Grande, CA. 93420. Telephone 805-481-0923. E-mail is info@omsinc.org or visit our web page at www.omsinc.org for helpful information.

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EXHIBIT AND DEMONSTRATION APPLICATION OMS

49th Annual Rainbow of Gems Show & Rock Festival

Name _____ e-mail or Phone: _____

Address(PLEASE!) _____

I will exhibit _____ case(s) entitled _____

My outside dimensions are: Length _____ Depth _____

Height _____ My case is Upright? _____ Slant? _____ (Wattage not to exceed

150 WATTS) I have my own exhibit case(s) _____ I will need to borrow a OMS case _____

I will attend Thursday night dinner _____ persons I will demonstrate _____

The Orcutt Mineral Society is a Public Benefit, Non-Profit Corporation founded in 1958

**ORCUTT MINERAL SOCIETY—
BOARD MEETING
Nipomo Chamber of Commerce, Nipomo, CA
April 5, 2016**

President Alexis Van Natta, called the meeting to order at 7:04 p. m. Board members present were Wayne Mills, Alexis Van Natta, Sylvia Nasholm, Don Nasholm, Jeanne Watkins Brown, Jan Ferguson, Sally Griffith, Sharon Duncan and Dyanna Cridelich. No guests were present.

Minutes: Minutes were approved as printed in the April bulletin.

Treasurer's report: Jeanne Watkins gave the treasurer's report. The report was accepted as given.

Correspondence: Alexis Van Natta received a document from Wes Lingerfelt. It spoke about the collecting areas that the Land Bureau is closing. We need to be aware of this and share the information with members. Sylvia Nasholm will make copies of the document and pass them around to everyone who may want a copy. Dyanna Cridelich passed around newsletters from the Santa Lucia Gem and Mineral Society and the San Gorgonio Gem and Mineral Society. There was also a letter to Wayne Mills from SBCC thanking us for the scholarship.

Committee Reports:

Abused Children: \$76.00 was collected for the Abused Children's last month.

Annual December Luncheon: Nothing this month.

Annual Gem Show: Sharon Duncan has collected another \$855.00 for spaces for the show. She will be calling everyone to remind him or her to send their fees in if they are still coming. She will then be able to see what spaces are available for others on her list.

The G Brothers should have something specifically for Vegetarians. Their obligation is for all day Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Alexis Van Natta will write up the agreement and take it up to them.

Sylvia Nasholm has found that the Avila Barn sells their pies wholesale for \$14.95 each. At \$5.00 a slice, we will make \$15.00 a pie. She is looking into the legality of serving watermelon and/or strawberries and shortcake.

Bulletin: The Bulletin is out. Let us know if anyone had any problems with it. The 2016 Red Book is out

too. Many thanks go out to Jeanne Watkins for printing it for us.

CFMS: Jeanne Watkins has submitted the officer change form for 2016, the 2016 Show Listing and the insurance liability to CFMS. She has also send the Certificate of Liability to the Oasis Center and paid our gratuity of \$500.00 for the year's use of the facility. Jeanne Watkins has copies of everything that was sent.

Field Trips: Wayne Mills announced that we would have a trip to Fig Mountain Road on April 17th at 9 am. We will be meeting at Pappy's on Betteravia (east of 101). Bring your lunch, hats, water, gloves, tools, sunblock and anything else you may need. We will be going down Catway Road, Soapstone Hill and Armor Ranch Road. In addition, don't forget our annual Tailgate at the Von Achen's on May 14th. There will be a \$10 fee for vendors and the sign-up sheet is online.

Highway Cleanup: Our next Highway cleanup will be held May 21, 2016 at 8:00am. Members will meet on the South East corner of Highways 101 and 166.

Membership: Everyone is accounted for this year. The Goodalls have decided not to renew because they are spending so much time in the valley and I couldn't get a hold of Erica Erskine. However, three young people have expressed an interest in becoming members. Krystal Rose's membership badge has arrived.

Refreshments: Sally Griffith said that cookies are in order for April thanks to Don Nasholm, Dick Bazzell, Truman Burgess and Sally Griffith. Sally Griffith will bring cheese and Dyanna Cridelich will bring fruit. The Oasis Center left a message reminding us to make sure the floors are free of crumbs and spills before we leave. Sylvia Nasholm will speak with them.

Sunshine: Everyone seems well this month.

Scholarship: A \$1000 Scholarship has been given to the SBCC Geology Department. Wayne Mills received a letter of acknowledgement and thanks from Geoff Green, Chief Executive Officer of the SBCC Foundation.

Old Business:

Jeanne Watkins says that the Club computer has been purchased. It cost \$634.00. OMS allotted \$600. Jeanne and Bill donated the additional \$34. All the new software is being put on it and it will be soon be ready to go.

We still need more information on the T-shirts. Sharon Duncan will look into this soon.

New Business:

Wayne announced that next meeting is going to be a Show and Tell. He wants to get the whole board involved in bringing displays. So far the presenters are Wes Lingerfelt, Sharon Duncan, Alexis Van Natta, Jan Ferguson, Sally Griffith, Sylvia Nasholm, Robert Bischoff, and his daughter, Erin and Wayne Mills.

Sharon Duncan said that John Von Achen will take care of getting the Security Guard for our Annual Gem Show.

Jeanne Watkins said that she knew of a Shaved Ice Truck that was available and might be nice to have at our show. It is something different and wouldn't compete with anyone. She will look into it.

Jeanne Watkins will go over all the insurance coverage at the end of April.

President Alexis Van Natta adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:
Dyanna Cridelich, Secretary, OMS

**ORCUTT MINERAL SOCIETY—
GENERAL MEETING
Luis Oasis Senior Center, Orcutt, CA
April 12, 2016**

President, Alexis Van Natta, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Mike Henson gave the invocation.

Joseph Martinez gave the flag salute.

Minutes: Minutes for the Board, 3-1-16 and General 3-08-16 meetings were approved as printed in the Bulletin.

Dyanna Cridelich read the minutes from the April 5th board meeting. Minutes were accepted as corrected.

Treasurer's report: Jeanne Watkins gave the treasurer's report. The report was accepted as given.

Correspondence: Alexis Van Natta received a document from Wes Lingerfelt. It spoke about the collecting areas that the Land Bureau is closing. Sylvia Nasholm brought in copies of the document for anyone to take. Michael Schmidt suggested looking at a website, publiclandsforthepeople.org, which speaks about mineral and gold rights and fights land closures.

Committee Reports:

Hospitality: There were 36 members and 3 guests in attendance. The guests were Tara Machin, Michele Crawford and Jim Grafton

Refreshments: Don Nasholm brought cookies, Sally Griffith brought cheese and crackers and Dyanna Cridelich brought a fruit platter. The club supplemented the cookie supply with yummy Pepperidge Farm selections.

Abused Children: \$76.00 was collected for the Abused Children's last month.

Annual December Luncheon: Nothing this month.

Annual Gem Show: Sharon Duncan brought in some small fliers for the show. If you want to display at the Gem Show, you need to fill out the form and get it back to Sylvia Nasholm. Wayne Mills has received the first donation for the Treasure Chest. Don Nasholm donated a nice piece of rain forest jasper set in sterling silver.

Breakfast: Bill Hood says that the April breakfast will beat the Country Kitchen in Arroyo Grande on April 23rd at 8:30am.

Bulletin: The Bulletin is out. The 2016 Red Book is out too. If there are any corrections, let us know. We need to have enough red books to give every member a copy as well as any new member that joins in 2016. Thanks to Jeanne Watkins for printing them for us.

CFMS: All forms are in for the year.

Door Prizes: Joseph Martinez has a nice box of prizes from fossils to a Mexican coconut to fluorescent opal from Wyoming. Thanks to Don Nasholm, Wayne Mills, and Robert Bischoff for their donations.

Field Trips: Wayne Mills announced that we would have a trip to Figueroa Mountain Road on April 17th at 9 am. We will be meeting at Pappy's on Betteravia, (east of 101). Bring your lunch, hats, water, gloves, tools, sunblock and anything else you may need. We will be going down Catway Road, Soapstone Hill and Armour Ranch Road.

Don't forget our annual Tailgate at the Von Achen's on May 14th, 2016 from 10am to 3pm. There will be a \$10 fee for vendors. The sign-up sheet is online and is also in the bulletin. When filled out, please send it to Wayne Mills. Elaine Von Achen will be feeding the dealers again this year with hot dogs, potato salad and beans.

Highway Cleanup: Our next Highway cleanup will be held Saturday, May 21, 2016 at 8:00am. Members will meet on the southeast corner of Highways 101 and 166 (east).

Membership: Nothing new for now.

Sunshine: Everyone seems well this month.

Scholarship: A \$1000. Scholarship has been given to the SBCC (Santa Barbara City College) geology department. Wayne Mills received a letter of acknowledgement and thanks from Geoff Green, Chief Executive Officer of the SBCC Foundation.

Old Business:

The new OMS computer is up and running. We are back in business.

New Business:

The program this month was "My Favorite Rock". It was a wonderful, fun-filled presentation. Wes Lingerfelt spoke about his 8.28 inch Marcasite sphere that was from a 175 lb. block of marcasite. Sharon Duncan showed us a little emerald in matrix, which she got in Costa Rica while visiting her daughter. Jan Ferguson told us about her stalactite from China, from 3 Gorges Dam on the Yangtze River. Sylvia Nasholm told us an exciting tale about how she got her piece of 78 lb. piece of Tuscarora wood with compressed rings. Elaine Von Achen showed us the first piece of Arizona wood that she ever found. She brought buckets of these little beauties home. She has given so many away that she just has a small bag full left. Robert Bischoff brought in a special box of local rocks and a beautiful little piece of fluorescent opal from Wyoming. He let us know where he found them all. Alexis Van Natta's favorite rock is a little Howlite bear. She loves it when a rock can be carved into something beautiful. She brought a rough piece of Howlite to show the before and after. Wayne Mills was down by Camp Pendleton in Southern California, collecting in the Monterey Formation when he found a molar from a sea cow. A friend of Ralph Bishop's tried to get it away from him but he said no! He later was told it was a great find.

Thank you to everyone who brought in displays: Wes Lingerfelt for his North Cady Mountain spheres and rough, Jeannie Lingerfelt for her sunflower necklace from the Top Notch digs in the North Cady Mountains, Sylvia Nasholm for her Tuscarora Petrified wood and Spruce pine cone from Virgin Valley, Dyanna Cridelich for her chunk of deep blue Lapis Lazuli, Alexis Van Natta for her Onyx elephant, Virginia Rogers for her detailed Rhyolite carving, Mike and Margaret Henson for their Septerian Nodule from Madagascar and the large amethyst crystal, Stan and Jan Ferguson for their Calcium Carbonate

Stalactite from the Yangtze River and Wayne Mills for his display of self- collected treasures including: cephalopods, Ammonites, Tourmalines and the little Geode with a Garnet, Robert Bischoff for his large box of local rocks, what they were and where we can find them. Thanks to everyone who participated.

President Alexis Van Natta adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:
Dyanna Cridelich, Secretary, OMS

OMS CALENDAR	
MAY 2016	
Tuesday, May 3 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.	OMS Board Meeting, Nipomo Chamber of Commerce meeting room, All members are welcome at this meeting
Tuesday, May 10 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.	OMS General Meeting— Luis Oasis Senior Center. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program-Richard Wade—Dinosaurs! • Display--Fossils! • Refreshments-Pies!
Saturday, May 14 10 am to 3 pm	Tailgate at the Von Achen's Barn 636 Cherokee Place, Nipomo
Saturday, May 21 8 am	Highway clean-up SE corner Rtes. 101/166 East
Saturday, May 28 8:30 a.m.	OMS Monthly Breakfast- Denny's, Santa Maria
JUNE 2016	
Tuesday, June 7 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.	OMS Board Meeting, Nipomo Chamber of Commerce meeting room, All members are welcome at this meeting
Saturday, June 11 11 am-?	OMS Semi-Annual Meeting Pioneer Park Santa Maria
Saturday, June 25 8:30 a.m.	OMS Monthly Breakfast- Country Kitchen, Arroyo Grande

CFMS SHOWS

MAY 2016

4117 Overland Blvd (@Culver Blvd, Near the 405 & 10 Freeways)
 Hours: Sat 10 - 6; Sun 10 - 5
 Contact: Janice Metz, (310) 850-4398
 Email: janicemtz@yahoo.com
 Website: www.culvercityrocks.org

May 7 - 8: ANAHEIM, CA

Searchers Gem & Mineral Society
 Brookhurst Community Center
 2271 W. Crescent Avenue
 Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4:30
 Contact: Margaret Hogarth, (909) 597-7033
 Email: hogarth.m@gmail.com
 Website: www.searchersrocks.org

May 7 - 8: JACKSON, CA

Amador County Gem & Mineral Society
 Kennedy Mine
 12594 Kennedy Mine Rd (off Hwys 49/88)
 Hours: 10 - 4 daily
 Contact: Gaylene Lichty, (209) 245-5388
 Email: mountaingirl@volcano.net
 Website: www.amadorgemandmineral.org

May 7 - 8: RENO, NV

Reno Gem & Mineral Society
 Reno Livestock Event Center
 1350 North Wells Avenue
 Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4
 Contact: Daniel Ellis, (775) 229-4420
 Email: sailondan55@aol.com
 Website: www.renorockhounds.com

May 13 - 15: YUCAIPA, CA

Yucaipa Valley Gem & Mineral Society
 Yucaipa Music & Arts Festival
 Adams St. & Yucaipa Blvd
 Hours: Fri 6 - 9; Sat 11 - 10, Sun. 12 - 6
 Contact: Lee Peterson, (909) 794-0731
 Email: res09ayd@verizon.net
 Website: www.yvgms.org

JUNE

June 3 - 5: LA HABRA, CA

North Orange County Gem & Mineral Society
 La Habra Community Center
 101 W. La Habra Blvd.
 Hours: Fri 5 - 8; Sat 10 - 6; Sun 10 - 5
 Contact: Don Warthen, 626-330-8974
 Email: odwarthen@verizon.net
 Website: www.nocgms.com

June 4 - 5: GLENDORA, CA

Glendora Gems & Mineral Society
 Goddard Middle School
 859 E. Sierra Madre Avenue
 Hours: Sat. 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4
 Contact: Bonnie Bidwell, (626) 963-4638
 Email: Ybidwell2@aol.com

June 25 - 26: CULVER CITY, CA

Culver City Rock & Mineral Club
 Veterans Memorial Auditorium

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Jan Ferguson	(805) 474-9977
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CFMS Federation Director

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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

The ORE-CUTTS (named after, William Orcutt) was first published in 1966. Member Helen Azevedo was the first editor. The Orcutt Mineral Society was founded in 1958, and was also named after Orcutt who was a geologist and civil engineer who worked in the Santa Maria Valley as a District Manager for Union Oil Company in 1888. In 1889, William Orcutt discovered the mineral and fossil wealth of the La Brea Tar Pits on the property of Captain Alan Hancock in Los Angeles. The La Brea Tar Pits are one of the most significant fossil finds in paleontological history.

OMS is a non-profit organization dedicated to stimulating an interest in the earth sciences. The club 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.

