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THE PRES BOX—MAY 2019

Wayne Mills, OMS President



What a great program we had in April. Jim Mills took us to Scotland and introduced some very interesting rocks and rock collectors including a “salacious” duchess (Georgina Spencer, the fifth Duchess of Devonshire) and the only 50 rock collection guy. The Santa Lucia Gem Show went quite well. Kim Noyes and crew did a great job advertising and otherwise promoting the show, there were 31 dealers with a nice variety materials, and even at \$5.00 per head there seemed to be a good turnout. As the “Rock Doc” I saw a LOT of different kinds of rocks and a lot of the same kinds as well. Chert turned up frequently (see Rockin’ the Fairgrounds inside).

We are blessed again at our May meeting with another dynamic speaker from the Santa Lucia Club. Barbara Bilyeu, past president of the Santa Lucia Rckhounds, will present her prize winning article from last year entitled “Five Fine Jaspers” in video form. There may even be more than five jaspers in Barbara’s talk. The display for May is Jaspers. Please continue the momentum we started in April with more great displays in May.

Please remember our **Highway Clean-up** on May 11th. This is our effort toward the annual California Coastal Clean-up. We need more than 4 folks to

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MAY OMS MEMBERS BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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



BIRTHDAYS

Stan Ferguson	5/6
Sally Griffith	5/12
Lisa Azevedo	5/19

ANNIVERSARIES

Wes & Jeanie Lingerfelt	5/20
Jeanie Nybo	5/29

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SUBMITTAL FOR THE 2018 CFMS ROCKHOUND OF THE YEAR

From Sylvia Nasholm, then OMS President



Sharon Duncan, Dealer Chair and show organizer at the 50th Annual of Gems show in 2017.

Our 2018 Rockhound of the Year joined our club in 2002. She jumped right in baking and helping serve our meeting refreshments and bravely added Board member in her second and several ensuing years. Not her favorite.

She wore our Historian hat multiple years. Hospitality was tucked under her belt several years, as was Show Hostess. During this time, she held down a full time job and ran several small businesses. One of those put her in touch with multiple dealers.

She creates One of a Kind exquisitely wrapped pieces of jewelry. When our long time dealer liaison hung up his boots, Sharon Duncan slipped right into them in a way that proves this is where she shines. Sharon has run the Dealer/Demonstrator aspects of our last three shows. Her attention to detail has earned many compliments from this important group of show attendees, and just because she could, she facilitated the layout of our welcoming dinner and this year booked our Saturday night BBQ crew.

Sharon is also an avid and successful Rockhound.

This award is well deserved. Congratulations Sharon!

Sylvia Nasholm
President OMS

ROCKHOUND OF THE YEAR AWARD

Sylvia Nasholm, Immediate Past President

I've been told that all good things must come to an end. This one saddens me more than most. If you will recall, Sharon Duncan was unable to attend our Annual Banquet which made it impossible for me to award her 2018 Rockhound of the Year, an honor she richly deserved. I had been waiting for a subsequent opportunity to make that award at one of our 2019 meetings without success.

I touched base with Sharon and learned that she has decided to devote herself 100% to her amazing jewelry business and I fear we will see much less of her in the future. I arranged to meet up with her at her home on April 2, 2019 and present her with her award, pin and the acknowledgement I sent to the CFMS. That acknowledgement of her hard work on behalf of the OMS is included in our bulletin.

Sharon has gifted the club a road map of how to work the Dealer Chairperson job of the Rainbow of Gems Show so detailed in its scope that a 2nd grader can follow it, a document sorely needed for many years. I will miss her dedication to detail and her boundless energy on behalf of our club and I thank her for her many years of service to us. She will be missed.



Semi-Annual Meeting & BBQ

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING

SATURDAY, JUNE 8TH

**Pioneer Park @ 1150 W Foster Rd
Santa Maria, CA**

11 am—3pm

Eat at Noon

Join OMS members as we celebrate the half-way mark in our year. OMS will furnish meat, beans, garlic bread and iced tea. Members are asked to bring a side-dish, salad or dessert to feed about 10. In addition to the side dish, bring your own tablecloth, plates, utensils and anything else you want to drink. Don't forget to bring rocks, slabs, or minerals for the silent auction that is one of the highlights of the event.

**We will have good food,
good conversation & good rocks,
so come join us!**

Saturday, June 8th 11am



A ROCKHOUND VISITS SCOTLAND

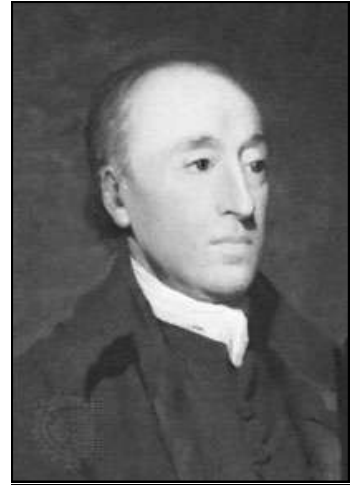
A Recap of Jim Mills April Program

By Wayne Mills

Jim Mills, who has given several fascinating and original talks to our club did it again at our April meeting. He and his wife Beth, traveled to Northern England and Scotland in 2008, to visit friends and enjoy the scenery and perhaps to collect some rocks.

Jim and Beth's journey began in northern England near Manchester where they explored some of the moors-- harsh upland areas where there are no trees, and where they had to put up with vast areas of lovely, blooming heather. When they crossed into Scotland, they visited Siccar Point—an angular unconformity and one of the most famous

geological locations in the world. Here James Hutton had a revelation about the age of the Earth and eventually became the Father of Geology. The talk became really interesting when Jim discussed a racy bordering on “salacious” lady Scot—Georgina Spencer, the fifth Duchess of Devonshire, who was the first female rock collector in that country. A movie about her is simply titled “The Duchess”, but does not go into her rock collection.



James Hutton, as painted by Sir Henry Raeburn in 1776 (National Galleries of Scotland)



The angular unconformity at Siccar Point emplacing rocks of Devonian Age ~370 mya (red sandstones and breccia) (top) perpendicular to rocks of Silurian age (~435 mya) (greywacke, sandstones and mudstones). Photo from Geowalks.co.uk



Thomas Gainsborough, Georgiana, Duchess of Devonshire (circa 1785-1788), oil on canvas, collection: Chatsworth House, Derbyshire

Another collector that Jim and Beth visited was Renato ("Nat") Forno, a very particular (maybe even peculiar) gentleman who ONLY collects 50 rocks. If he gets one he likes better, he has to off-load one of the 50 agates that he already has. He might be a fun guy for a neighbor!

In Girvan, Scotland, Beth and Jim visited Doctor David Anderson who finally gave them some Scottish Agates since they had been frustrated in their Scottish agate collecting efforts by high tides, bad weather, and no agates!

We also learned about the origin of the jewelry material "jet"—a hard, black, polishable rock that is derived from Lignite, a form of coal. Because of its' organic origin, jet cannot be called a mineral.

Jim also told us of the spot where the first thin section of petrified wood was made, and the ~410 mya Rhynie Chert in Aberdeenshire, that holds examples of the first land plants, and is (unfortunately) off-limits for collecting.

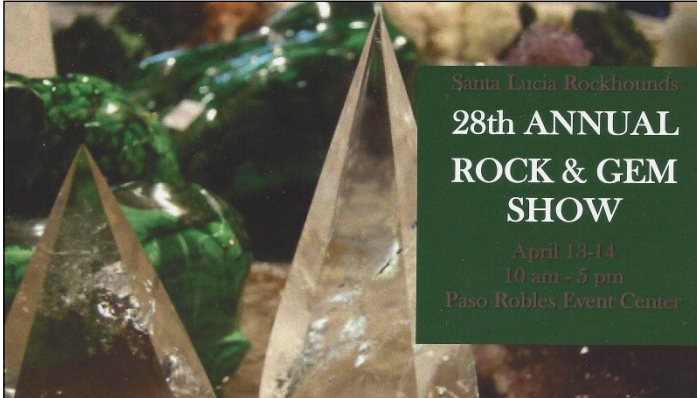


19th Century Mourning Brooch made from Jet. Photo by Detlef Thomas [CC BY-SA 2.0 de (<https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-sa/2.0/de/deed.en>)]



ROCKIN' THE FAIRGROUNDS

Story and Pictures by Wayne Mills



The Santa Lucia Club (SLR) did a great job on their 28th annual show. Attendance was lively for both days, and several of the dealers I talked to seemed pleased with their sales. There were 31 dealers plus the "Gravel Pit", Gold Prospector's, Kid's treasure wheel and Rock Balance area among other activities. SLR had a neat way of counting the kid's attendance by giving each kid a yellow square of paper that they traded in for a free rock and often for a 15 item scavenger hunt that when completed was worth another free rock. The yellow squares show that they had 224 kids on Saturday, and 225 on Sunday. Adult admissions were about 1500. Admission to the show is \$5 for adults, and kids under 16 and Military are free.

One of the dealers at the show had this sign. I



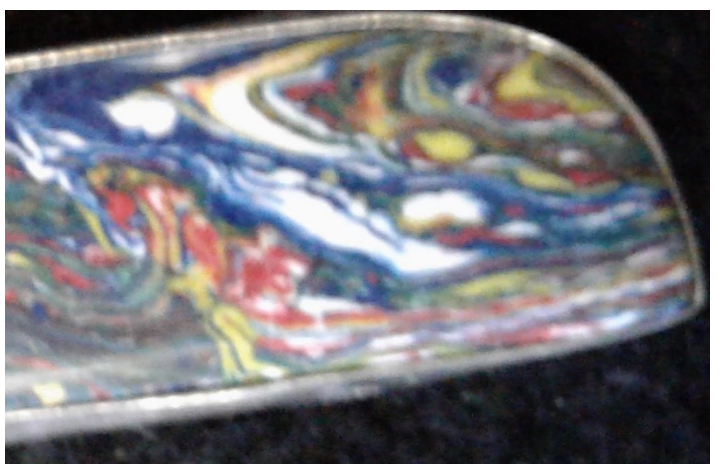
thought it was pretty clever!

As one of the two "Rock Docs" (my Rock Brother, Jim Mills, helped me for a few hours both days) I saw a lot of rocks, and I think we helped a few folks identify



their treasures.

A couple of the more interesting ones were the man who brought in a big, rose colored and carved egg on a wooden base that he got at a yard sale for \$5.00 !! It was very well carved with parrots and tigers, and my guess was that it was rose quartz, carved in China. I am not an antique specialist, but



Fordite, AKA Motor City Agate, from Wayne Mills Collection



Eva Rodriguez, Creative Beach Rocks case at the 28th Annual Santa Lucia Rock & Gem Show

one of our guests suggested that it could go for \$1000.

One of my favorite visitors was the lady who showed me the ring her husband had recently bought her. When I told her it was “Fordite”, and she discovered that Fordite was paint, she gave her husband a pretty funny look and he shrugged. One of the other names for the material that she turned up on the internet via her Smart Phone was “Motor City Agate”. Jim Mills and I got a good chuckle out of that one.

SLR kept us well fed with doughnuts, deli sandwiches, veggies and other snacks, and they had some great displays. The theme this year was Crystals, and there was broad interpretation of that theme. For their People’s Choice Award, SLR’s prize winning Editor, Amy Phillips, got the President’s Award for her creative case of crystals (her first), and the Two Dons (Huntington and Pierce) got First place (again) for their Solar System Case (pictures

on page 8). Eva Rodriguez was recognized for her creative beach rocks case, and Frank Imhoff was another winner with his Crystals in Spheres case.

So it was a fun, busy two days, and Kim Noyes and his crew are to be congratulated for another well-





Don Huntington and Don Pierce assembling their award winning Solar System case at the 2019 Santa Lucia Rockhounds Paso Robles Gem & Mineral Show. Photo by Wayne Mills.



Details of the First Place award Solar System display by Don Huntington and Don Pierce photo from Santa Lucia Rockhounds facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/SantaLuciaRockhounds>

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show up! It is good exercise, you never know what you might find, AND there are treats afterward.

Field Trip: Wes Lingerfelt will lead a field trip to Ozena for pink flecked dark granitic* rock on May 18. We will meet in the restaurant parking lot next to the gas station that is on the northeast corner of the Highway 101/Betteravia Road intersection at 9:00 a.m. on May 18th. **(I think the rock is meta-igneous—note the dark xenolith and stratification)*

Our **Breakfast** in May is 8:30 a.m. on the 25th at the Country Kitchen in Santa Maria.

I hope that many of you made it out to Shell Creek Road or the Carrizo Plains for the wildflower bloom. I hear it was spectacular, but I missed it.

We have about 3 months left until our “Big Show”. PLEASE be thinking how you might help us out (it has to be a team effort), and what you might be able to display. It is fun sharing some of your accumulated treasures with the “outside world”.

Be safe out there, and please join us for Barbara’s talk on the 14th, and please bring some jasper (or anything!) for our display.

One more thing: I messed up in the Red Book, again! Lisa Azevedo’s birthday is May 19, not the 9th. Happy Birthday Lisa!

Be Safe Out There,

Wayne Mills



UPCOMING CFMS SHOWS

June 7, 8 & 9: LA HABRA, CA

North Orange County Gem & Mineral Society
La Habra Community Center

101 W. La Habra Blvd.

Hours: Fri 5 - 8; Sat 10 - 8 & Sun 10 - 4

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June 8 - 9: GLENDORA, CA

Glendora Gems

Goddard Middle School

859 E. Sierra Madre Avenue

Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4

Contact: Bonnie Bidwell, (626) 963-4638

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June 29 - 30: CULVER CITY, CA

Culver City Rock & Mineral Club

Veterans Memorial Auditorium

4117 Overland Blvd

Hours: Sat 10 - 6; Sun 10 - 5

Contact: Janice Metz, (310) 850-4398

Email: culvercityrocks35@gmail.com

Website: <http://www.culvercityrocks.org/fiesta.htm>

June 29 - 30: ESCONDIDO, CA

Palomar Gem & Mineral Club

California Center for the Arts

340 N. Escondido Blvd.

Hours: 10 - 5 daily

Contact: Michele Shephard

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August 2, 3 & 4: NIPOMO, CA

Orcutt Mineral Society

Nipomo High School

525 Thompson Avenue

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

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OMS CALENDAR

MAY 2019	
Tue, May 7 7 to 8 p.m.	OMS Board Meeting, Nipomo Chamber of Commerce 239 W Tefft St, Nipomo All members are welcome at this meeting
Sat, May 11 8 a.m.	Highway Clean-up Southeast Corner Hwy 101/166 East
Tue, May 14 7 to 9 p.m.	General Meeting: Oasis Senior Center 420 Soares Av, Santa Maria, CA Program: <i>Five Fine Jaspers</i> by Barbara Bilyeu Display: Jasper or anything Refreshments will be Pies brought by: Joe & Lisa Azevedo, Jan Ferguson, Jeanie Lingerfelt, Virginia Rogers
Sat, May 25 8:30 a.m.	OMS Monthly Breakfast Country Kitchen, Santa Maria 1701 N Broadway, Santa Maria, Ca
JUNE 2019	
Tue, Jun 2 7 to 8 p.m.	OMS Board Meeting, Nipomo Chamber of Commerce 239 W Tefft St, Nipomo All members are welcome at this meeting
Sat, Jun 8 11 - 3 p.m.	Semi-Annual Meeting Pioneer Park 420 Soares Av, Santa Maria, CA Bring rocks for silent auction, side dish and/or dessert to share, and your own drinks and tableware Clue provides meat, bread, coffee, and sun tea
Sat, Jun 22 8:30 a.m.	OMS Monthly Breakfast Denny's Santa Maria 1019 E Main St, Santa Maria

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ORCUTT MINERAL SOCIETY BOARD MEETING
LUIS OASIS SENIOR CENTER
ORCUTT, CA
APRIL 2, 2019

Meeting opened at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes of General meeting read by President Wayne Mills.

Treasurer's Report: Jeanne Brown absent, written report available.

Committee Reports:

Refreshments: for April will be cookies, not cake as listed in bulletin.

Adopt-A-Highway: May 11.

Sunshine: Alexis Van Atta is ill with a bad headache, Dyana Credilich is ill with hives. Bob Bullock's Dad died.

Show: Wayne Mills reported that 37 of 54 outdoor vendors have said they would come, 22 have paid. Seven of 11 indoor vendors have said they would come, 4 have paid.

Old Business: Red book is ready for distribution at April General meeting.

New Business:

Program for April: "A Rockhound's Visit To Scotland" Display is Petrified Wood

Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,
 Jan Ferguson
 for Debbie Hood,
 Secretary OMS

ORCUTT MINERAL SOCIETY GENERAL MEETING
LUIS OASIS SENIOR CENTER
ORCUTT, CA
APRIL 9, 2019

Meeting opened at 7:05pm.

Invocation: given by Chaplin Mike Henson.

Flag Salute: led by Geary Scheffer.

Twenty-seven members present and four visitors; Fred Campbell, Sharon Willis, Terri Hawes, and Chris Pike.

A motion was made by Debbie to change the order of business to allow our speaker to give his program first as he has a long drive home. Sally Griffith seconded the motion, motion carried unanimously.

Program: "A Rockhound's Visit To Scotland" by Jim Mills.

Break for Refreshments.

Minutes of the Board April 2, 2019 read by Debbie Hood and accepted as read.

Correspondence: none.

Treasurer's Report: Jeanne Brown absent but written report is available.

Committee Reports:

Bulletin is out by mail and e-mail.

CFMS: Renea had no report but Wayne Mills reported that OMS cleaned house at the Editor's breakfast: Wayne Mills, Sylvia Nasholm, Ralph Bishop, Katherine N. and Elizabeth Nybo all won awards for articles they submitted to our newsletter last year. Bravo!

Membership: Debbie Hood introduced returning member Betty Campbell.

Sunshine: Margaret Henson reported that Dyanna Credilich and Alexis Van Atta were in an auto accident, they are ok but a bit banged up.

Field Trip: The Santa Lucia Show in Paso Robles, while there, there is a super wildflower bloom on Highway 58.

Refreshments: Sally Griffin thanked Debbie Hood, Truman Burgess, Tara Machin, and Don Nasholm for bringing refreshments.

Adopt-A-Highway: Wayne reported that only 4 people turned out in March. Next one is May 11.

Education: Wayne Mills had nothing to report.

Scholarship: Wayne Mills had nothing to report.

Property: Geary Scheffer had nothing to report.

Door Prizes: Renea Suttcliffe displayed the prizes and reported that Jan Ferguson donated a box of items for the drawing.

Breakfast: Bill Hood announced the breakfast will be April 27 at Denny's in Santa Maria at 8:30 am.

Show: Wayne Mills reported that 23 of 54 outside spaces are paid, and 4 of 11 indoor dealers are paid.

Old Business: Sylvia Nasholm settled the overcharges for 2018 ads with the Santa Maria Times.

Redbooks were distributed for this year.

New Business: May program will be "Five Fine Jaspers" by Barbara Bilyeu. Display will be jasper.

Door Prize Drawing: prizes were distributed.

Bill Brown called for donations of rock to polish for the Kid's Booth at our show.

Meeting adjourned 8:45pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
 Deborah Hood
 Secretary, OMS

ORCUTT MINERAL SOCIETY - 52nd ANNUAL RAINBOW OF GEMS SHOW



"Flower" Jasper—Figueroa Mt.

**Friday - Sunday
August 2 - 4, 2019**

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



Marcasite Agate —Nipomo



"Happy Star" — New Cuyama
Vaquerosella coryei ~15 mya



"Jaws" — Gaviota Coast
Isurus sp. ~15 mya



Aragonite Sagenite Agate—SLO-1

Friday - Sunday August 2 - 4, 2019 (10-5 Fri & Sat, 10-4 Sun)
Nipomo High School, 525 N. Thompson Ave, Nipomo, CA

**50+ Inside and Outside dealers, displays
and lapidary arts demonstrations, Plus Kid's activities,
Treasure Chest, Gold Prospectors and great food!**

**Barbecue Saturday at 5:30 pm
Treasure Chest Drawing Sunday at 3 pm**

ADMISSION AND PARKING ARE FREE
(District Policy forbids pets, alcohol, and tobacco)

"Come for the weather, stay for the rocks!"

Information at www.omsinc.org

