



Ore-Cutts

The General Meeting for Nov14th will be at 7:00 pm at the Elwin Mussel Senior Center. Our guest speaker will be Flintknapper Brian Schull, *The Gnarly Dude* is an expert on Chumash stone implements, and will be able to answer any questions you have about local Indian artifacts, as well demonstrating his techniques of stone knapping. Brian is also into excavating for local artifacts such as bottles, and has a wealth of stories to tell.

Be There, and Be Square

By Wayne Mills, Display advocate

The display for our November meeting will be the "Best 1 x 1 display". We have had a poor turnout for displays this year (come on folks, how hard can it be to throw a couple of rocks in the back of the car on the way to the meeting—it is a ROCK club). Anyhow, this will be a member (and guest) judged exhibit—whatever rock, fossil or mineral treasures you can fit on a 1 foot by 1 foot piece of wood, paper, material, etc. Open class, no holds barred competition. All attendees will select the best exhibit. Please, for fairness, no names on the display, but labels are advised. There may be a prize involved...but there shouldn't have to be.



Agates rock!

Wayne Mills, Ore-cutts Staff. Photo from "Agate Uber Alles" program.

The October program was called "Agates

Uber Alles", and it was the AFMS award-winning program for 2003. This was an extremely well

photographed and capably narrated program published by the heart of Wisconsin Gem and Mineral Club.

In our review of the program we noted that the program was pretty much confined to banded agates, but it is amazing how many stunning banded agates come from around the world! I think the program was well received by our members.

Raffle Thanks

Wayne Mills, Raffle Chairperson

Grateful thanks are due to Ralph Bishop for his generous donation of several slabs and chunks of dinosaur bone, Imperial Jasper, petrified wood, and miscellaneous agate slabs for our raffle. Thanks are due as well to Stan and Jan Ferguson for their donation of a Chinese Scholar Stone (mounted picture rock) that our President Bob was kind enough to trade to me when he got it on the first draw. He said he could see my crest fall when he took it right before my number came up.

Sunshine

Christine Clason just got out of the hospital, she had back surgery and is recouping at Sharon Duncan's house. Overall she's looking pretty good after her ordeal.

Jeannie Lingerfelt's been laid up with phlebitis, she missed the fieldtrip to Clear Creek, and we surely hope that she is better soon!

OMS Breakfast

By Wes Lingerfelt

It was a beautiful morning with the signs of the Fall season in the air. A good day to be out collecting (I heard there were three members out doing just that!). A good turnout was present at the breakfast including Don & Sylvia Nasholm, Al Wilcox, Bob Bullock, Wes & Marty Lingerfelt (Jeannie was suffering a bout with Phlebitis at home), and there were three guests present. They were Pat & Bob Montegue and

Laura Kasteal. Al Wilcox ordered a beautifully prepared Strawberry Waffle and believe it or not he finished the whole thing. Way to go Al! We all discussed what had been going on in each of our worlds and passed along all the latest news. Sylvia and Don had contracted a troublesome virus in the past week and were just recovered from it. It sounded very nasty. Laura had just returned from Sacramento and was glad to be in the Central Coast once more. Overall the hour past much too quickly and we all really enjoyed the camaraderie. I hope all the members soon learn about the fun they are missing by sleeping in.

Green and Lavender and White and Black and Blue, Oh My!

Wayne Mills, Ore-cutts roving reporter

Saturday October 7 was a lovely day to drive up the coast for the annual Jade Festival that was held at Pacific Valley, about 15 miles north of the Ragged Point Inn on



Highway 1. The Jade Festival is a colorful event (in more ways than one) that is held every year on the first weekend in October.

The trip took longer than it ordinarily would have, because I stopped at a couple of places on the way north for pictures. I am working on a program about collecting on the Central Coast, and Cayucos, San Simeon Creek and San Carpoforo have to be part of that talk. But that's another story. I could tell I was there by the huge line-up of cars on both sides of the highway from south of the Plaskett Creek Campground that is right next to the festival, to an approximately equal distance north of the entrance to the Festival location.



Visitors are greeted by a colorful banner announcing that this is the right place for Jade and the gentle thrum of the music helped emphasize the point. The

first dealer I saw was Richard Sittinger or Mineral of the Month club, and sure enough, Sandy Berthelot and Paul were nearby. For the last several years, the festival has sold all available spaces, and I am continually amazed that the dealers can keep coming up with such fine pieces of the material.

I learned that Jade comes in many colors including lavender, pink, green, yellow, and white, and this year a new location made its first appearance. The material is called Vonson Blue, and it comes from Marin County.

I could have taken home a lovely, platter sized piece



of botryoidal Vonson for about \$1500, but, well, I had just paid that much for my November property taxes. Not

that the piece wouldn't have looked lovely on display in my living room

About 2:30, I ran into Jim, a friend from work who was seeing the Jade Fest for the first time, and he was amazed by what he saw. He had just heard a lecture by Fred Ward (who wrote an article on Jade for National Geographic), and thoroughly enjoyed it. Unfortunately, I just missed the lecture, but met one of the attendees named Lyle, and we had a spirited discussion about different kinds of Jade. He pulled out the most beautiful green, (palm sized), chatoyant



piece of Siberian Jade I have ever seen. Plus, he was wearing a necklace of the most beautiful apple green (Imperial) Jade I have seen.

I had to try to get a picture of it for the Ore-cutts.

Later in the afternoon, I

ran into the Fergusons (Jan had also driven-up for the show with Deb Hood on Friday!). They let me take a picture of them with some of the lovely Jade that was at almost every table.



I was so inspired that I

thought I'd try to get some of my own. So on the way home, I stopped at Willow Creek where, in the past, I have usually managed to find something.



Well, after about an hour's searching I had found my something. It wasn't very big, but it was Jade. I keep hoping to find just one nice big, lovely piece of Jade, but if I ever find it, I am afraid I'll

change my tune to "just one more (big, lovely) piece."

On the way back to the car, just as I started to cross the slippery rocks that break-up the flow of Willow Creek as it enters the ocean, I slipped.

As I steadied myself I looked down on a big, round, slick, green rock that was about 3.5-feet in diameter. It



had short-red seaweed growing on it, suggesting that it had been in the water recently. When I scratched it with my knife, some parts scratched, and some parts didn't. I estimate that its' weight is about a ton so it will be a feat of engineering to move that rock. I have to chalk it up as one that didn't exactly get away, but that didn't go home with me either. Darn.



I headed south about 6:15 p.m., and stopped at Moonstone Beach another classic Central Coast collecting site for a couple of shots with just enough

sunset left to make out silhouettes on the beach. I had to go back the following week to get my shots at SLO-46 but that's OK, the SLO Club had their show at Cayucos that weekend.

Hello Fellow Rockhounds,

I'd like to introduce you to, and encourage you to join, "NorCal-Rocks" an on-line discussion group I've recently established as a Yahoo Group. (Go to:

<http://www.yahogroups.com/group/norcal-rocks/>)

NorCal-Rocks is a group of rockhounds who enjoy sharing information on our hobby and going on field trips. Discussions involve gem, mineral, lapidary, and fossil collecting sites and coordination of field trips. We are generally based in Central and Northern California, but folks in Nevada, Oregon, and all parts of California are encouraged to participate.

I think one of the nice things about joining a rock club is going on field trips to interesting locations, but the number of field trips seems to be decreasing in many clubs. Sometimes it's hard finding someone to do the planning it takes, other times it's difficult to get enough members to go on the trip, and it's always hard to find new locations. I hope NorCal-Rocks provides a forum where additional collecting opportunities are created for all rockhounds, whether club members or "free radicals". And I hope this encourages individuals to share their knowledge and experience, participate in, or even lead trips via this forum. Trips should be quick and easy to set up, informal, and flexible.

The inspiration for this group is "LA-Rocks", a long-established Yahoo Group with over 800 members (<http://www.yahogroups.com/group/la-rocks/>). Please check out their site to get an idea of what NorCal-Rocks can become with your help. There you'll find a wide variety of discussions, lots of show/tailgate announcements, and frequent (almost weekly) field collecting trips and reports.

Joining a Yahoo Group is easy and free. You will have to set up a Yahoo e-mail account to join the group – but it is free also. Meanwhile, you can visit the LA-Rocks group site and view the most recent discussion without having to join anything. The NorCal-Rocks group site is more restricted at the moment and the recent discussions can't be seen by non-members at this time. Once you've joined, in addition to the lively discussion forum, you'll be able to access our Files area, Photos area, and a searchable archive of all messages posted to the list.

One of the great things about NorCal-Rocks is that we will create our own unique forum. Your input is what will shape this group.

I look forward to hearing from you and meeting you in person on a field trip!

Bill Schaub
Oakland

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Two Weeks, Two Shows-All Right!

Wayne Mills, Ore-cutts roving reporter

When Big Jim from work heard that there was a show in Cayucos last weekend, he asked if we could meet to take the show in. I said "sure!" The trip in to Cayucos on Sunday morning was certainly eventful. First, traffic on 101 northbound was stopped about Broad Street in SLO, because someone had turned their car on its side in the median. When I finally turned onto Santa Rosa (Highway 1), I ran into a contingent of the National Guard in their desert fatigues heading into San Luis. Good luck to those gentlemen. Then, when I pulled off onto Ocean Avenue in Cayucos, I found the street blocked about 4 blocks from the Vet's Hall, so I walked and browsed.



I was greeted by Mike Shipsey, one of the SLO Club stalwarts, but didn't find any of the raffle prizes that I wanted—they were all for girls, um I mean ladies!

But the show had plenty to offer. Their dealers carried almost everything a lapidarian would want (except equipment). Richard Sittenger from Cambria had some of his lovely minerals and finished goods up on stage,



Kim ? from the Jade Festival had a nice selection of Jade and other materials, and Kim Noyes from Paso Robles had nice slabs and tumbled stones. Other dealers carried beads jewelry tools and findings. Dave Richter from Paso Robles was also represent, and had some nice fossils that wanted to go home with me, but didn't. I did have to get a piece of Maw Sit Sit. I know, it's a pretty unusual name, but it is a lovely relative of Jade. It comes from Burma, where a lot of top quality Jade comes from, and it a lovely apple green. I had never heard of it until my interview with Shelly Dana who had a piece. Maw Sit Sit is an intergrowth of albite (feldspar),



clinochlore, kosmochlor, chromium Jadeite, and ekermanitic amphibole (whatever that is).

After we left the show, Jim and I walked around and checked out the peddler's fair. Again I resisted temptation, but Jim found a few good deals. There was a LOT of stuff for sale from abbaci to xylophones. After Jim left, I moved my car over the to the Vet's hall, had a nice barbecued tri-tip sandwich from the show food vendor, took a final swing round the hall, and headed for SLO-46. Found the road-cut where the Rhyolite geodes are thick as flies on cow plops, but finding a good one was tough. Again, the most attractive one had already been found, but was too big to move. The road cut is about post mile 8.6, meaning that it is 8.6 miles east of the junction of Route 1 and Route 46.

I headed home with enough daylight to enjoy the drive, and when I got there had to figure out where to put the rocks that found their way into the old backpack.

The John Von Achen's and Grandson Joseph

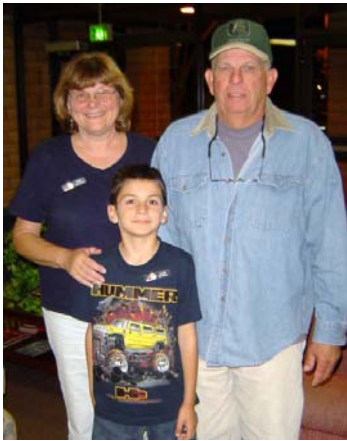
Wayne Mills, Ore-cutts staff

John and Elaine Von Achen have been members of OMS since February 2003. Elaine's awesome desserts rapidly made them many friends in OMS, as did John's welding skills. John makes the most sturdy and efficient sphere machines I have seen, and our main sphere man, Wes, has purchased several, including one capable of making a 16-inch sphere if there was enough muscle power to heft the blank.

Elaine has become active as OMS Secretary, and indispensable in the kitchen at our gem shows, and her rum bundt cake is awesome. She has also become one of the "Girls Gone Wild" and very proficient at beading. When she is not doing rockwork, she is shaping nails, as she works at her daughter's salon (La Bella's) in Santa Maria. Prior to that, she had her own salon, and before that, she was an accountant for Union Sugar of Santa Maria for 20 years.

John has become interested in petrified wood, and in local rocks. He and Elaine had a fine case of local rock spheres at the September 16-17 Paso Robles Show. John is capable with mechanical things as he is a maintenance technician at Vandenberg AFB. Two of his current home projects are making a super tumbler out of a small cement mixer (!), and making a drag saw to cut some of his large Arizona pet wood logs.

Elaine is the 5th generation of her family to live in this area, and John has been here for over forty years. He and Elaine met at a Chamber of Commerce mixer in Santa Maria, and will have been married for 20 years next April 24. Elaine has a boy Patrick, and two daughters, Susan and Elizabeth, by a previous marriage, and John has a son, Todd, from his previous marriage. In the last year, John and Elaine have introduced their grandson, Joseph Martinez to the rock hobby, and his interest in the hobby has taken off.



Joseph had one of the neatest cases at our August show, and he continues to improve his collection at the “expense” of the raffle, as he seems to come up with winning tickets at almost every meeting. Joseph is in the 3rd Grade at Rice School, and has good grades in all his classes. His favorite

rocks are crystals and dinosaur bone.

Elaine’s favorite rocks are honey onyx, and travertine. Her most favorite rock is a sphere John made from a piece of Jalama Travertine. The sphere has a perfect Mickey Mouse in it—so I am told. We’re gonna’ have to see it to believe it though Elaine.

Meanwhile, Back at the Ranch

Wayne Mills, Scholarship Chairman

On a warm, sunny Sunday afternoon, the day after our rough and tumble trip to Clear Creek, I put on my cowboy boots and bolo tie, and headed for the

famous Santa Margarita Ranch. As the society chairperson, I have “had” to attend annual events sponsored by both of the institutions that OMS supports with their Earth Science Scholarships.



On October 22, Cuesta College sponsored a “Rancho Fiesta” at the Santa Margarita Ranch, at one time one of the largest and finest land grants in the state.

When I arrived, there was excitement in front of the Assistencia, a former part time church and grainery, later converted to a barn.

The Cuesta Drama Department was filming a western-themed tribute to Merlot, and they were dressed in 1870’s style. Inside the barn were munchies and a Margarita slushy machine—now that’s class! They were also pouring wine, but the margaritas were enough for me. I checked out the silent auction—trips, wine assortments, spa treatments—a bit out of my league, then bought a couple of 50-50 tickets. Saw a couple of friends from the succulent society, and sat



with them. Soon enough, the luncheon came, pork, chicken, salad, garlic bread, ice tea. Delicious Chocolate cake for dessert. All good. Then Rob



Rossi gave a brief presentation on the history of the margarita Ranch, beginning with the original land Grant to the Estrada Family in 1841, and ending with Mr.

Rossi’s acquiring 10,000 acres of the original rancho in 1997. After Mr. Rossi’s remarks, a professional auctioneer led a sprightly bidding for prizes that started over my head, and in between had arrested and took bids for the release of Cuesta dignitaries. The end of the speeches was the presentation of the Vard Loomis Award for Distinguished Service to the Board of Directors of Cuesta College Foundation to Charles Seger. After the award, the drama department screened the first cut of the movie they had been filming when we came to the ranch. It was quite good, and amazing what they could accomplish in such a short time. One of the leads was played by a tall, lean, young lady who showed a lot of professionalism as a gunslinger. Look out Clint!



After the showing of the film, those interested were given a tour of the ranch museum. They have a nice collection of materials found on the rancho, including a case of arrowheads, mortars and metates. The museum has been assembled largely from the collections of the current ranch manager,

Patty Loftus, who has lived on or near Santa Margarita Ranch for the last 30 years.

It was fun to see the train cars that run on the 2 miles of narrow gauge track at the ranch. One of the engines, I understand was used in the TV show Petticoat Junction—Back in the days that TV was free.

I have to admit though—with two margaritas, and in the company of friends, it was a carefree day. Say, this job's not so bad after all!



Message From Our President The holiday season is quickly approaching and the year is about up. It has been interesting to serve with all you good folks, God love you all. I do hope that the great Rock Hound bestows upon some of us a fantastic find or two. Mother Nature has cast an abundant supply for one and all. Let's be safe in our endeavors to locate the real keeper and not whack our fingers in the process. Keep on diggen fer the keeper and have fun doing it. Bob

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Who Discovered Gold in California?

Paraphrased from *Where the Highway Ends*, Geneva Hamilton Padre Productions, 1974, and http://www.consrv.ca.gov/cgs/geologic_resources/gold/CA_GoldDiscovery_files/GoldDiscovery.htm by Wayne Mills, Ore-cutts co-editor

There were reports of gold in Spanish California as early as 1816. But in 1842, Francisco Lopez, majordomo of the San Fernando Rancho (Pueblo of Los Angeles), and a companion were in search of some stray cattle in the mountains near their ranch. Becoming tired they dismounted to rest in San Feliciano Canyon, and when Lopez used his knife to dig up some wild onions, he found gold flakes clinging to the knife. This began the first gold rush in our state.

However, the most famous discovery of gold in our state, purportedly made by James Marshall on January 24, 1848 on the South Fork of the American River near Coloma (El Dorado County), has an interesting side note.

Mrs. Melinda Leah Lovall Weimmer was a rugged pioneering woman who, with her husband Peter, had worked in the gold fields of Georgia before making the trek to California. At Coloma, they lived with Marshall and the other sawmill employees of John Sutter, and in fact, Mrs. Weimmer was the camp laundress and cook. According to her tale, when Marshall showed her a lump of dark metal that he had found in the river near the mill, she expressed an interest in it, and said that it looked a lot like gold she had seen in Georgia. Disbelieving his cook's claim, Marshall gave the metal to her.

Mrs. Weimmer then boiled the metal in lye soap; a test she had learned in Georgia, and remained convinced that it was gold. When she presented Marshall with her new "evidence", he continued to ridicule her idea, so she took it upon herself to have the metal assayed at Sutter's Fort, about 47 miles away in Sacramento. Only when the assay came back showing that the metal was in fact gold, did Marshall take full credit for the discovery. He was, in Mrs. Weimmer's own words, "a first class thief. He stole my thunder."

An interesting addition to this story is that the official date of "Marshall's" gold discovery was 8 days before the signing of the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo that ended the Mexican-American War, and gave the California territory (among others) to the United States.

Orcutt Mineral Society Board Meeting Mussell Sr. Center, Santa Maria, CA October 3, 2006

President Bob Bullock called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Board Members present were: Bob Bullock, Elaine Von Achen, Wes Lingerfelt, Debbie Hood, Bill Hood, Wayne Mills, Dee Dee Magri, Geary Sheffer and Sylvia Nasholm.

Minutes of the previous board meeting were approved as published in the October 2006 newsletter with a correction being made to reflect that Wayne Mills was in attendance at the September board meeting.

Treasurer's report was given by Wes Lingerfelt and accepted as read.

Correspondence: Elaine Von Achen reported newsletters from San Geronio Mineral & Gem Society, Santa Cruz Mineral & Gem Society, Capistrano Valley Rock & Mineral Club, Santa Cruz Mineral & Gem Society, Sun Valley Indian School and the BLM. A thank you letter from Shirley Contreras for participating in Santa Maria Valley History Week was received as well as a letter from the State of California confirming that OMS is registered and authorized to conduct raffles in the State of California.

Committee Reports:

Sunshine: Debbie Hood reported that Kay Vollmer has been down in the dumps and could use some phone calls. Wes stated that Helen Bishop has been transferred from the hospital and is in a convalescence home and is doing quite well following surgery.

Abused Children: None

Library: None

Newsletter: Debbie Hood reported that the newsletter had gone out on line and that the printed newsletters should be ready from the printers on Wednesday and would be mailed out as soon as received.

CFMS: Wes said he would be going to Visalia for the November business meeting.

Scholarship: Wayne Mills received an invitation from the Questa College Foundation for a Barbeque and Fiesta to be held October 22 at the Santa Margarita Ranch, which he plans to attend.

Education: Wes passed around a thank you for a presentation he gave to a class at Dorthea Lange School.

Field Trips: Bob Bullock announced our October field trip to be held on the 21st would be to Clear Creek (the Aurora Mine).

Raffle: Wayne Mills reported that he had received some dinosaur bone and some slab donated by Ralph Bishop and some of that would be in our next raffle.

Show: Wes Lingerfelt announced that we have \$778.00 to be put towards our scholarship fund providing all of the receipts have been received from the show (which he believes to be the case).

Old Business:

Wes Lingerfelt thanked Elaine Von Achen for organizing the Santa Maria Valley History Week held at the Town Center Mall. It was a successful event and fun to be in.

There was discussion regarding the December general meeting and dinner to be held at Maria Del Sol. The cost of each meal is \$14.50 and OMS has been charging members half that amount with OMS picking up the difference. Guests had been charged the full amount. It has been brought to our attention that in order to keep our society's tax exempt status guests cannot be charged more than members. Elaine Von Achen made a motion to charge members and guests alike \$8.00 for dinner with children under 12 paying \$4.00. Bob Bullock seconded the motion. Motion passed. It was noted that we need to make a change to the red book to reflect this change.

It was also noted that if anyone heard about a memorial service for Jill Nelson, to please get in touch with Bob Bullock.

Bill Hood announced the following nominations for the 2007 elected officers and board of directors:

President: Debbie Hood

President Elect: Wayne Mills

Secretary: Elaine Von Achen

Treasurer: Wes Lingerfelt

Board Members: Geary Sheffer
Sylvia Nasholm
Dee Dee Magri
Sandy Berthelot
(Unannounced)

Wes Lingerfelt reminded us that we would have a drawing at the general meeting for all members who helped put the August Gem Show together. The prize is a piece of jewelry donated by Jerry Harr.

Wayne Mills asked if Dick and Bess Shields had received their plaque for 2005 National Editor's Awards. No one knew and he said he would follow-up.

New Business:

Sylvia Nasholm said she had been thinking about the possibility of OMS giving an award in recognition of a member who had volunteered time for a onetime event or going over and above the call of duty on a special project. After some discussion, Wayne Mills made a motion to make a change to the operating regulations to include the authority of the President to award a special recognition award up to a \$50.00 value at the President's discretion. The motion was seconded by Debbie Hood and passed.

President Bob Bullock adjourned the meeting at 8:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Elaine Von Achen, Secretary, OMS

Orcutt Mineral Society General Meeting Mussell Sr. Center, Santa Maria, CA October 10, 2006

President Bob Bullock called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Mike Henson gave the invocation.

Shelly Dana led the flag salute.

We had 32 members and 3 guests. Guests included Rob Goodenough, Joellen and Tom Chrones.

Minutes: Elaine Von Achen read the minutes of the October 3rd board meeting. Minutes were approved as read.

Treasurer's Report was given by Wes Lingerfelt and accepted as read.

Correspondence: Elaine Von Achen reported newsletters from San Geronio Mineral & Gem Society, Santa Cruz Mineral & Gem Society, Capistrano Valley Rock & Mineral Club, Santa Cruz Mineral & Gem Society, Sun Valley Indian School and the BLM. A thank you letter from Shirley Contreras for participating in Santa Maria Valley History Week was received as well as a letter from the State of California confirming that OMS is registered and authorized to conduct raffles in the State of California.

Committee Reports:

Hospitality: Dee Dee Magri announced that the evening's refreshment would be pie donated by

Jeannie Lingerfelt, Elaine Von Achen, Jan Ferguson, Margaret Henson and Wayne Mills.

Sunshine: Debbie Hood reported that Helen Bishop was doing well and had moved to the Country Oaks convalescence home. Christine Clason is recovering from surgery and staying with Sharon Duncan.

CFMS: None

Abused Children: Debbie Hood announced the prizes for the night's raffle would be an amethyst crystal and 5 mineral specimens. Guest, Joellen Chrones won the amethyst and Margaret Henson won the mineral specimens.

Adopt-a-Highway: Wayne Mills reported 7 members came to help clean up. Following the clean up they met at Francisco's Kitchen for refreshment. Don Nasholm won a tiger-eye sphere in a drawing for members who helped with the clean up.

Annual Banquet: Bill Hood passed around sign up sheets for this year's December Luncheon/General Meeting. He announced that the cost for dinner this year would be \$8.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children 12 and under. He also asked that members bring canned goods to be given to the Food Pantry.

Library: Geary Sheffer reported that we had a couple of donations from Mike Henson.

Newsletter: Debbie Hood asked that she receive anything for the newsletter by the 24th in order to get it into this month's edition.

Field Trips: Bob Bullock called the BLM and they have Clear Creek open as of October 16th so our trip should be okay. There was a sign up sheet passed around with phone numbers so members could be called if the trip had to be cancelled because of rain.

Raffle: Wayne Mills said that the Ferguson's had donated scholar stone and that we would also have Wyoming wood, a travertine egg and carnelian beads for the night's raffle. Also included in the raffle giveaways was some dinosaur bone from Ralph Bishop.

Old Business:

Wes Lingerfelt announced the winner of a beautiful Turkish Jade and Silver necklace hand crafted by Jerry Harr and donated to the club. Sylvia Nasholm was the lucky recipient and will especially treasure it as Jerry Harr had passed away a few weeks before.

New Business:

Wes announced that the Sun Valley Indian School has requested that we just send the UPC code from the Campbell Soup cans. They no longer need the entire label.

Bob Bullock read the nominations for the New Year's executive committee. They are as follows:

President: Debbie Hood
 President Elect: Wayne Mills
 Secretary: Elaine Von Achen
 Treasurer: Wes Lingerfelt
 Board Members:

Mike Henson
 Sandy Berthelot
 Dee Dee Magri
 Geary Sheffer
 Sylvia Nasholm

Nominations will be open again at the next meeting before we vote.

Wes announced that a modification to the Rules and Operating Regulations need be made under General Rules 1.4 to include the authority of the President to award a special recognition. Sylvia Nasholm made a motion to make this modification and Jan Ferguson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

The program for the evening was hosted by Wayne Mills and was a film on Uber Alles Agates.

President Bob Bullock adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Elaine Von Achen, Secretary OMS



A saw cutting a piece of stone was selected when the first bulletin, ORE-CUTTS (namesake, William Orcutt) was first published in 1966. Member Helen Azevedo was the first editor.

Orcutt Mineral Society was founded in

1958, and was named after William Orcutt, a geologist and Civil engineer who worked in the Santa Maria Valley as a District manager for Union oil Company in 1888. In 1989, William Orcutt discovered the mineral and fossil wealth of the La Brea Tar Pits on the property of Captain Alan Hancock. The La Brea Tar Pits are one of the most significant fossil finds in paleontological history. The OMS is a non-profit club 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 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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November 2006 Calendar

Tuesday
 Nov. 7, 2006
 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

OMS Board Meeting-Elwin Mussell Senior Center, 510 E. Park St., Santa Maria.

All members are welcome at this business meeting.

Saturday Nov. 11, 2006
 8:00 a.m. to ?? p.m..

Field Trip to Avila Beach and ? Meet at Elwin Mussel Senior Center or drive to Avila as there is beach parking. Bring water and Lunch. We will be looking for "DeeDeeite", Marcasite, Brecciated jasper, calcite crystals and whatever turns up. Also we will be searching below the old town dump...maybe artifacts will show up.

Tuesday Nov. 14, 2006
 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

OMS General Meeting-Elwin Mussell Senior Center, 510 E. Park St., Santa Maria.

- Program- Flintknapper Brian Schull
- Display- Best 1 x 1 display"
- Refreshments-Cookies

Saturday Nov. 18 2006
 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Roadside Clean-up
 After the cleanup we have coffee and pastry at "Francisco's Country Kitchen" in Santa Maria.

Saturday Nov. 25, 2006
 8:15 a.m. to 9:15 a.m.

OMS Monthly Breakfast-Francisco's Country Kitchen in Santa Maria. For details, call Ken Kreh at 343-7749.

November 11-12 2006, Yuba City, CA

Sutter Buttes Gem & Mineral
 Yuba Sutter Fairgrounds (Franklin Hall)
 442 Franklin Avenue
 Hours: 9 - 4 both days
 Cliff Swenson (530) 272-3752

Am A New Member or Visitor

I see you at the meetings,
But you never say "Hello."
You're busy all the time you're there
With those you already know.

I sit among the members
And yet I'm a lonesome guy,
The new fish are as strange as I
But you old fellows pass me by.

But remember you asked us in
And you talk of fellowship!
You could step across the room,
But you never make the trip.

Why can't you nod and say "Hello,"
Or stop and shake my hand.
Then go and sit among your friends.
Now THAT, I would understand.

I'll be at your next gathering,
My time there I'll spend,
Do you think you could introduce yourself?
I want to be your friend.

Author Unknown (Via *Pick 'N' Shovel*, 6/06)

November 18-19 2006, Livermore, CA

Livermore Valley Lithophiles
The Barn; 3131 Pacific Avenue
Hours: Sat. 10 - 6; Sun. 10 - 5
Joyce & Dick Friesen (925) 447-8223
Email friesenjoyce@ixinetcom.net

November 18-19 2006, Oxnard, CA

Oxnard Gem & Mineral Society
Oxnard Performing Arts Center
800 Hobson Way
Hours: Sat. 9 - 5; Sun. 9 - 4
Norb Kinsler (805) 644-6450
Show website: www.ogms.net

November 25-26 2006, Victorville, CA

Victor Valley Gem & Mineral Club
San Bernardino County Fairgrounds
14800 7th Street
Hours: Sat. 9 - 5; Sun. 9 - 4
Joe Kosik (760) 241-0894
Website: www.gbeal5084@aol.com

December 2-3 2006, Orangevale, CA

American River Gem & Mineral Society
Orangevale Grange
5805 Walnut Avenue (near Madison Avenue)
Hours: 10 - 5 both days
Evelyn Tipton (916) 372-3452
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