



Ore-Cutts

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The Pres Box—November 2014

Elaine Von Achen,



We've had a wonderful "Indian Summer" the past two months and now fall is really here. John does nothing but blow leaves out of the yard. Since that's not my job, I love the falling leaves and the

fall colors.

I hope some of you were able to attend the San Luis show held in Cayucos and the Jade Festival. Unfortunately I missed them as I was not here either of the two weekends.

November brings our usual monthly events starting with our Board Meeting on the 4th at 7:00 p.m. at the Nipomo Chamber of Commerce.

Saturday November 8th is our Highway clean-up at 9:00 a.m. meeting at the SE corner of Hwy's 166 (East) and 101.

Our general meeting will be November 11th at the Luis Oasis Senior Center in Orcutt at 7:00 p.m. Dr. Gray from SB City College will give a talk on the Hawaiian Hot Spot.

And last but not least, our monthly breakfast will be November 22nd at 8:30 a.m. held at the Sunset Grill, 1424 Fairway Drive in Santa Maria.

Don't forget to purchase a ticket (\$10.00 per person) for our annual December meeting and luncheon to be held at the Madonna Inn this year. The date is December 13th at 12:00

noon. This is a new venue for us and the food choices sound wonderful. We always have a good time at this event and it is the installation of officers for 2015 as well. Reservations are open until November 30th.

I wish each of you a wonderful Thanksgiving with lots of turkey, dressing and pumpkin pie (one of my favorites).

See you in November.

Elaine Von Achen, President, OMS

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



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

November Birthdays

Azevedo, Joe	11/8
Von Achen, John	11/14
Mills, Wayne	11/21
Ferguson, Brenna	11/27
Bazzell, Dick	11/30

November Anniversaries

Bill and Jeanne Brown	11/9
Marshall and Glenda Reeves	11/18
Mike and Margaret Henson	11/19

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 Wes Lingerfelt so they will be included in the next edition (2015).

SUNSHINE

Jeannie Lingerfelt

Sandy Berthelot continues to do well while undergoing Chemo-therapy. Wayne is recovering nicely from his burned hand. Debbie Hood is facing major hip surgery and possibly more knee surgery in the future. Get well everyone! A memoriam has been sent to the CFMS Endowment Fund for Bonnie Ward.

HIGHWAY HUSTLE

Wayne Mills, OMS Adopt-A-Highway Coordinator

Our last clean-up of the year is Saturday, November 8. Come on out to the northeast corner of the intersection of Routes 101 and 166 East at 9:00 am on the 8th, and see what you have been missing. A nice walk in the country, AND you ever know what you might find!

FIELD TRIP— Saturday, October 18 Avila Beach Geology

Wayne Mills, OMS Field Trip Coordinator

On a fine fall morning, 22 folks showed-up for the Avila Beach Geological Tour. Three of those (including yours truly, were from OMS, 6 of them were from the Santa Lucia Rockhounds, and the rest were from the Vallejo and Contra Costa Clubs, thanks to the persuasive powers of Dee Dee Magri.

We started the tour with a brief description of the local geology, including the subduction of the San Andreas Fault (former mid-Pacific spreading center and plate boundary) about 30 million years ago, and its' effect on our local geology. We then caravanned to Port San Luis where we saw the excellent examples of Jurassic-aged pillow basalts juxtaposed with the Jurassic-Cretaceous aged Franciscan serpentinite that are in fault contact with the Upper Miocene aged Squire Canyon (Upper Miocene marine sedimentary rocks) near the entrance to the road to Diablo Canyon. We continued into Avila Beach where many of the

folks chose not to park in the parking lot (gasp, \$5 for all day!). Anyhow, most folks found their way onto the beach and hiked around the first point south of the pier, and were searching for the elusive Dee Deeite when I finally made it down the beach after running around trying to find where everybody went!

After an hour there, we reassembled, and car-poled to Gopher Glen in See Canyon where most folks enjoyed samples of cold apple cider and bought one of three kinds of apples that they were offering. After a half hour there, we continued up See Canyon Road to the brecciated jasper locality, and picked a few pieces from the creek-bed that was mostly covered with dried leaves. Our last stop was the summit of the road where See Canyon Road meets Perfumo Canyon Road. There we enjoyed a lovely panoramic view of Los Osos Valley including Morro Bay and the 22-26 million year old volcanic necks of the "Seven Sisters". The out of town folks were generous with their thanks, and seemed to have enjoyed the experience. After we parted ways at the summit (about 1:30 pm), I took the folks who rode with me and a few others to Woodstone Grill at the Avila Valley Estates, where we enjoyed a late (but tasty) lunch.

WHO OR WHAT ARE THE "SEVEN SISTERS"?

Wayne Mills, OMS Field Trip Coordinator, Photo by Dane Jensen, Santa Lucia Rockhounds

Viewed from the crest of See Canyon Road, the Morro's are an orderly march of prominences down the Los Osos Valley. They consist of 12 named and 2 unnamed hills that range in elevation from 576 feet (Morro Rock) to 1559 feet (Bishop Peak) above sea level. These peaks are volcanic plugs of dacite (similar composition to basalt, only with visible crystals). This material was injected into a linear weakness in the earth's crust caused by the subduction of the Pacific spreading center (San Andreas Fault) about 30 million years ago. The Morro's have been dated to 22-26 million years before present.

According to the San Luis **Obispo County Visitors Guide**, there are 9 Sisters in this

group. They are, from west to east: Morro Rock, Black Hill, Cerro Cabrillo, Hollister Peak, Cerro Romulado, Chumash Peak, Bishop's Peak, Cerro San Luis (Madonna Mountain), and Islay Hill. Not included in this group of

landscape and character of San Luis Obispo County.

Read more about the Sisters in **Mountains of Fire** by Sharon Lewis Dickerson (EZ Nature Books, San Luis Obispo, CA, 1990).



Wayne at the crest of See Canyon Road with sisters Annika and Kerrigan from the Santa Lucia Rockhounds. Morro rock, Black Hill and Cerro Cabrillo are visible in the background

sisters are two unnamed peaks, Terrace Hill, Orcutt Knob, and Mine Hill (Righetti Hill). Maybe these later ones are the neglected step-sisters (or brothers), or maybe 9 is just a nice round number.

Regardless of relationship, these prominences were born about 180 miles south of their current location when what is now Los Angeles was on (what is now) the Mexican border. It is amazing what a movement of 5 centimeters (2 inches) per year can mount-up to in 23 or so million years. The movement I speak of is, of course, the annual movement of land on the west side of the San Andreas Fault relative to land on the east side of it. Though they are filled with the same blood, they are each different in form due to the vagaries of time and weather (and in some cases man, as a few have been quarried for building stone). Despite their physical differences, they are an integral part of the

AMERICAN FEDERATION FIELD TRIP TO TERRY, MONTANA—7/30-8/4/2014

Story and photos by Wayne Mills, OMS—Part 3 of 3

(August 2nd) Saturday. Today I chose the trip to the Hill Agate location near Miles City. We were instructed to meet the trip leaders at the Valley Road exit (number 148) about 10 minutes east of Miles City. That plan worked well, as folks arrived at their own pace and were all lined up when we pulled out at the chosen time to head northeast onto private ranchland. After about a 25 minute drive, we arrived at the start of the collecting area, and then proceeded to the end of the collecting area a few miles further up the road. After that, we were on our own, and fanned out to try our luck. The tops of the hills were rumored to have been untouched and rife with agate, but they were also a long way off, and the day was warm. My luck seemed to lie in the road gravels, and I pocketed a few agates from there, and a few more from the dry creek bed nearby.

Saturday night's event was the Benefit Barbecue for the town, so I went. The meal was beans, bread, salad, drink and meat for \$8, and it was a good meal. When I was trying to figure out what the white meat was, a lady nearby said pork. "Ah" I thought "the other white meat".

Sunday was the last day of the trip, and was a Sell and Swap event in the park. Beginning at about 9 am, folks set-up tables around the park, displaying a wide variety of materials--mostly Montana Agate. These cabs were \$40 each.



The live auction that would raise money to help the Federation defray expenses incurred during the field trip, started at 4 pm on Sunday August 3. Many of the 200 or so folks who attended the trip donated prizes to the auction. My donation was a chunk of Turtle Jade from Clear Creek.



Petrified wood logging trucks--one of my favorite auction items

Doug True, the field trip organizer and Kelly Plumb from the California Federation were the auctioneers. By auctioning items alternately, they worked their way through about 4 tables of donated items in a couple of hours. Many items brought \$100 plus. Among my favorite items auctioned were the petrified log trucks pictures above.

After the auction, folks went their separate ways for dinner and some packed-up and headed home. Kelly and Allan who were camping next to me came by about 8:30 pm, and said that the sheriff had reported that the news forecast was for rain and hail that night. So they packed and left in the dark, while I hunkered down (in my down bag) and waited for an interesting night. There were some occasional lightning flashes and far-off thunder, and about an hour and a half of rain in the early morning, but not the promised maelstrom. A little after sun-up, I leisurely packed Jade (my new Subaru), and headed out for the first leg of my journey home.

I chose a circuitous route – heading a couple of hundred miles north to Outlook, Montana where my Mother was born, then 60 miles east to Fortuna, North Dakota where my Dad was born.

After paying homage at both places, I headed back to Miles City, Montana for the night of August 4th, then to Pocatello, Idaho for the night of the 5th.



Monument to lava (basalt) fields outside Pocatello, Idaho

I left Pocatello about 9 am after a little detecting, then drove through the western part

of Yellowstone Park enjoying the lovely scenery, and witnessing the arrest of some discontent near Mammoth Hot Springs in side the park. I thought I might stop for the night near Placerville, California, but kept on driving until I got home about 9:30 pm on the evening of the 6th. The whole journey was about 4,039 miles, over ten days. 1,029 of those miles were on the last day.

KID'S CORNER—

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observations

Poems with a geology theme by Emma Fajcz



RUNAWAY DISCOVERY

Tumbled in a stream—
I snatch the stone up before
It can roll away.



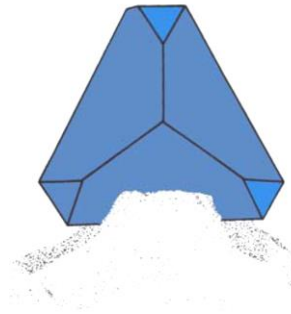
EROSION

Once towering cliffs
Chipped into boulders—weathered
To the size of sand.

These haiku (Japanese) poems elegantly capture a moment in time. The Search Coil challenges you to do the same. Please send us your efforts.

Mystery Mineral: Who Am I?

I am extremely rare.



I was discovered in San Benito County, California. I have also been found in Japan and Arkansas. I am blue and when clear, can be cut as a gemstone. I have a unique crystal shape. I am found in the rock

serpentinite. I am the official State Gem of California. Who am I?

BIG TURTLE/BIG POND

Photos by Wayne Mills, OMS



Here is another photo from my Montana trip. It shows *Protostega gigas*, a turtle that lived in the Niobrara Sea some 83 million years ago. It was found in the Smoky Hill Chalk Formation of western Kansas. At 9.8 feet long, it is the second largest

turtle ever! This one is shown next to a small *Toxochelys* also from the Smoky Hill Chalk. The smaller turtle reached lengths of up to 6 feet. These specimens are in the Glendive (Montana) Fossil Museum.

ORCUTT MINERAL SOCIETY—

Board Meeting

Nipomo Chamber of Commerce, Nipomo, CA

October 7, 2014

President Elaine Von Achen called the meeting to order at 6:49 p.m.

Board members present were Wes Lingerfelt, Jeannie Lingerfelt, Elaine Von Achen, Dyanna Cridelich, Sandy Berthelot, Jan Ferguson and John Von Achen. Paul Berthelot and Alexis Van Natta were guests.

Minutes: Minutes of the September general meeting were approved as printed in the October OMS Bulletin.

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

Correspondence: We received newsletters from Sun Valley Indian School, San Geronio Mineral Gem Society and the Carmel Valley Gem & Mineral Society.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Abused Children: None

Annual December Luncheon Meeting: Elaine went over the details of the December luncheon to be held at the Madonna Inn on Saturday, December 13th. She noted that it is the second Saturday in December instead of the customary first Saturday as the first Saturday had already been booked. Last March members voted for their top two choices from a menu that included Ham, Turkey, Chicken, Salmon and Pasta. The winner's were Roast Turkey Breast, Baked Honey Cured Ham and Grilled Portabella "Steak" for a vegetarian choice. They also overwhelmingly voted for Black Forest Cake for desert.

Members will pay \$10.00 for their meal and guests will pay \$10.00. The luncheon will be held in the "Round Room" and guests may arrive at 12:00 noon. Elaine will have a tickets ready at the October general meeting and members and guests can sign up until the 30th of November after which

time we will not be able to sell anymore tickets as numbers have to be turned in to the Madonna Inn.

Annual Gem Show: Wes Lingerfelt received what we believe to be the final bill, from Lucia Mar Unified School District, for use of the Nipomo High School parking lot and facilities for our August Gem Show. The bill was in the amount of \$3,985.26.

Breakfast: October's breakfast will be held on the 25th at the Girl's restaurant, 1237 E. Grand Avenue, Arroyo Grande at 8:30 a.m.

Bulletin: It has been noted that there are a few errors with dates in the bulletin's calendar area.

CFMS: Wes said he will be attending the "Fall Business Meeting" of CFMS on November 8th in Visalia.

Education: None

Field Trip: Wayne is planning a field trip on October 18th to Avila Beach, See Canyon and beyond. Members will meet at 9:00 a.m. at the head of the Bob Jones Trail on Ontario Road, Avila Beach.

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

Library: None

Membership: None

Refreshments: Refreshments for October will be cakes brought by Wayne Mills, Joe & Lisa Azevedo, Sharon Duncan and Sylvia Nasholm.

Scholarship: None

Sunshine: Jeannie Lingerfelt reported that Ken Kreh had shoulder surgery and that Renea Sutcliffe is having trouble with her hip and lower back.

Old Business: The nominating Committee for the 2015 slate of officers, headed by Alexis Van Natta with Elaine Von Achen as helper announced the following members for the following positions:
President - Dyanna Cridelich

President Elect - Alexis Van Natta

Secretary - Elaine Von Achen

Treasurer - Wes Lingerfelt

Board of Directors - Sandy Berthelot

Jan Ferguson, Mike Henson, Jeannie

Lingerfelt and John Von Achen

Elaine posted on-line the sale of our wooden tables. We have 50 plus tables and will sell for \$15.00 each, or \$10.00 each if you buy three or more. She sold six tables and turned in \$60.00 to Wes for our table fund. She also is holding, on request, four tables and has just renewed the post on craigslist.

New Business: Elaine reminded board members that the Jade Festival will be Oct. 10th, 11th and 12th and that the San Luis Club will have their show in Cayucos Oct. 25th and 26th.

Elaine noted the passing of our member, Bonnie Ward, and asked that we donate \$100.00 to the CFMS endowment fund in Bonnie's memory. She made a motion to that effect which was seconded by Jan Ferguson. Motion passed. Bonnie's name will go on a permanent plaque.

October's program will be a presentation given by Vince Pellerin of the Santa Lucia Gem & Mineral Society where he will be speaking on "Meteorites"

Displays for the October meeting will be meteorites.

The meeting was adjourned by President Elaine Von Achen at 7:40 p.m.

**ORCUTT MINERAL SOCIETY—
General Meeting
Luis Oasis Senior Center, Orcutt, CA
October 14, 2014**

President Elaine Von Achen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roger Lehman gave the invocation.

Mariah Martinez led the flag salute.

Minutes: Elaine Von Achen read the minutes from the October 7th, 2014 board meeting. Minutes were approved as read.

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

Correspondence: We received a letter from Luis Oasis Senior Center requesting that they be named as additional insured on our general liability policy. Wes is requesting same from insurance company.

Hospitality: There were 28 members and 5 guests in attendance. Our guests were Doug Baird, Fred Moreno, Mary Caparone, Mike Judy and Vince Pellerin. Guests were greeted and thanked.

Refreshments: Joe Azevedo thanked the following members for cakes for the evening's refreshment: Jeannie Lingerfelt - Rum Cake, Jeannie Brown - Pineapple upside down cake, Sylvia Nasholm - Chocolate cake and Italian Cake, Joe Azevedo - Carrot Cake and Dyanna Cridelich - cupcakes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Annual December Luncheon Meeting: See old business.

Abused Children: None

Breakfast: October's breakfast will be held at The Girls Restaurant, 1237 E. Grand Avenue, Arroyo Grande at 8:30 a.m. on the 25th.

Bulletin: Out and on the web.

CFMS: None.

Door Prizes: Joseph Martinez announced donations of agate slabs from Don Nasholm, a travertine sphere and a chert sphere from Lucky Virgin and a bottle of sliver flakes, a piece of rose quartz and a mystery win (which turned out to be double terminated quartz crystal from Roger Lehman. Thank you to all who donated.

Education: None

Gem Show: None

Field Trip: Our next field trip will be to Avila Beach on Saturday October 18th. Members will meet in the parking lot at the head of the Bob Jones Trail on Ontario Road at 9:00 a.m. Wayne Mills will lead the field trip and has some fun things planned.

Highway Clean-up: Our next highway clean-up will be on November 8th at 8:00 a.m. Members will meet at the South East Corner of Highways 101 and 166.

Library: None

Membership: None

Junior Members: None

Political Action Committee: None

Property: None

Scholarship: None

Sunshine: Wayne Mills was unable to be with us this evening as he is in the hospital with an infected thumb. He burned himself and the thumb became infected and he needs antibiotic intravenously. (This is being typed up the day following our meeting and Wayne is home and on the mend.)

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Elaine called for nominations from the floor for President Elect, Secretary and Treasurer as well as the Board of Directors. This was done three times for each position available. There were no nominations and she will call for nominations again next month.

Elaine announced that she was taking reservations for our annual December meeting and luncheon which will be held on December 13th at 12:00 noon at the Madonna Inn. Members will have a choice of Roast Turkey Breast or Baked Honey Cured Ham. There is also an option for a vegetarian Grilled Portabella "Steak". Cost is \$10.00 per meal and reservations are open until November 30th. Please see Elaine if you want to reserve a spot.

NEW BUSINESS: Wes mentioned he had received a call from the Luis Oasis Senior Center saying a front door had been left unlocked after our September meeting. It was determined that the cleaning crew who arrived when we were leaving (and said they would lock up) were the people who neglected to lock the doors. Don Nasholm said he would talk to the secretary at the center to let them know it was not OMS.

Erica Erskine asked if we could please add the Home Town Buffett back on our list of restaurants for the monthly breakfasts. A show of hands proved that this was something the members would like to do. Bill Hood will include them in the lineup going forward.

Our Program for October was given by Vince Pellerin from the Santa Lucia Gem and Mineral Society and was on "Meteorites". The program was excellent and Vince shared a lot of pictures from different trips he has taken to Bolivia, Argentina and more. A really good program. Our thanks to Vince.

October's display was Meteorites and we had some very nice displays from Alexis Van Natta, Dyanna Cridelich, Stan & Jan Ferguson and John Von Achen.

President Elaine Von Achen adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

OMS CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 2014

Tuesday, November 4 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.	OMS Board Meeting, Nipomo Chamber of Commerce meeting room, All members are welcome at this meeting
Saturday, November 8 9:00 a.m.	Highway Clean-up-SE corner Rtes. 101/166 East
Tuesday, November 11 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.	OMS General Meeting—Luis Oasis Senior Center. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program-Hawaiian Hot Spot—Dr. Robert Gray, SBCC • Display-Best 1 x 1 • Refreshments-Pies
Saturday, November 22 8:30 a.m.	OMS Monthly Breakfast- Sunset Ridge Golf Course, Santa Maria

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Tuesday, December 2 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.	OMS Board Meeting, Nipomo Chamber of Commerce meeting room, All members are welcome at this meeting
Saturday, December 13 12:00-3:00 pm	Annual Meeting, Madonna Inn
No Field Trip	
No Breakfast	
Wednesday, December 24	Merry Christmas!

CFMS SHOWS

NOVEMBER 2014

November 1 - 2: CONCORD, CA

Contra Costa Mineral & Gem Society
Centre Concord

5298 Clayton Road (nr Ignacio Valley Rd.)

Hours: 10 - 5 daily
 Contact: Harry Nichandros, (925) 289-0454
 Email: show-c@ccmgs.org
 Website: www.ccmgs.org/gem_show

November 1 - 2: OXNARD, CA

Oxnard Gem & Mineral Society
 Oxnard Performing Arts Center
 800 Hobson Way
 Hours: Sat. 9 - 5; Sun. 10 - 4
 Contact: Miriam Tetreault, (805) 642-5779
 Email: ml_tetreault@hotmail.com
 Website: www.oxnardgem.com

November 8 - 9: ANAHEIM, CA

American Opal Society, Garden Grove
 The Phoenix Club - Festhalle
 1340 S. Sanderson Ave.
 Hours: Sat 9 - 6; Sun 9 - 5
 Contact: Veronica Purpura, (714) 501-9959
 Email: info@opalsociety.org
 Website: www.opalsociety.org

November 8 - 9: SACRAMENTO, CA

Sacramento Mineral Society
 Scottish Rite Temple
 6151 H Street
 Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4
 Contact: Alyssa Mesiznger, (916) 205-4441
 Email: gemshow@sacramentomineralsociety.org
 Website: sacgemshow.com

November 8 - 9: YUBA CITY, CA

Sutter Buttes Gem & Mineral Society
 Yuba-Sutter Fairgrounds - Franklin Hall
 442 Franklin Avenue
 Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4
 Contact: Kartie Slightam, (530) 673-9649
 Email: mktalternatives@comcast.net
 Website: www.sutterbuttes.net

November 14 - 16: EUREKA, CA

Humboldt Gem & Mineral Society
 Redwood Acres Fairgrounds
 3750 Harris Street
 Hours: Fri 9 - 6, Sat 10 - 6, Sun 10 - 5
 Contact: Diana Reed, (707) 839-2079

November 22 - 23: SANTA CRUZ, CA

Santa Cruz Mineral & Gem Society
 Live Oak Grange Hall
 1900 - 17th Avenue
 Hours: 10 - 5 daily
 Contact: Julia Cornblatt, (831) 687-0509
 Email: julia.cornblatt@gmail.com
 Website: www.scmgs.org

DECEMBER 2014

December 12 - 14: RIALTO, CA

Orange Belt Mineralogical Society
 Across the street from Rialto City Hall
 105 S. Palm Avenue
 Hours: Sat. 10 - 5, Sun 10-3
 Contact: Ken Gard or Jessica, (909) 887-5507, Shop (909) 381-0089
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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

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

