

**Orcutt Mineral Society, Inc.**



# Ore-Cutts



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## THE PRES BOX—NOVEMBER 2018

Sylvia Nasholm, OMS President

Big Sur Jade Festival did not disappoint. Vendors spent their off years scouring the world for beautiful specimens. The selections were gorgeous and varied in color. It was worth the wait! Cambria's show was a lot of fun and a last chance for a quick run through town for a scarecrow fix. I am looking forward to our field trip to see the Pompeii exhibit on the 17<sup>th</sup> and Oxnard has their show the same weekend, an easy side trip or destination for those not wanting to go all the way to Simi Valley.

I will be calling for volunteers from all of you to fill the Board for 2019 during our November 13<sup>th</sup> meeting. Please come and speak up! All of you have talents that will enhance our club. We need you to share them. There are numerous members who have taken their turn who will be ready to help you though. You may also contact members of the nominating committee (Jan Ferguson, Alexis Van Natta, & Jeanne Watkins Brown) to sign up. I will call for nominations from the floor three times for each position and we will have our vote at the end. We will also be reading changes in the By-laws that require a vote. Tara Machin will be talking about geology and mining in West Devon and Cornwall and her trip to the British Museum of Natural History, during the November meeting. This is a MUST NOT MISS meeting.

Cookies are on the agenda provided by Truman Burgess (Sylvia picking them up for him), Debbie Hood, Don Nasholm, and Elisabeth Nybo. Our display is Best 1'x1'.

Highway clean-up will be on Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> BEFORE the meeting. Please show up at 8AM at the Southeast corner of Hwy101/166 East and give Wayne a helping hand and join the crew for refreshments afterwards.

Club breakfast will be on Saturday the 24<sup>th</sup> at Denny's in Santa Maria at 8:30 AM.

How many of you noticed we now have a picture of William Orcutt to enhance the club information box in our bulletin? It adds a more relatable note to the information. I am amazed each and every month at what Elisabeth is able to put together. Please consider helping her out with an article or other addition you think we might enjoy!

Please note, BLM is continuing the recreational target shooting restrictions because of the extreme wildfire danger. You can view the info here in this bulletin or check out the BLM Order Number CAD-000-2018-03. Recreational Shooting Orders, Bureau of Land Management, California Desert District, at: <https://tinyurl.com/yawykwq2> and a map of the covered area can be found at: <https://tinyurl.com/yamwvu8m>.

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Several SLO South County Chambers of Commerce have united and will be administered through the Arroyo Grande Chamber. The Nipomo Chamber will be manned a couple of days a week. The Chamber will be opening it's website to members for different functions and Sharon and I will be attending a coffee soon to learn how to access the site. I learned of this when I tried to book our Board meeting dates for 2019. I've given them the dates, but still waiting for confirmation that it has been done.

Our Board meeting is the 6<sup>th</sup> of Nov. at the Nipomo Chamber of Commerce and our General meeting is on the 13<sup>th</sup> in Orcutt's Oasis Senior Center, both beginning at 7 PM.

Don't forget the gift swap during our Christmas Luncheon at the Madonna Inn. Participation is optional. The gift should be rock related with a \$10 limit. Join in or not, you can have almost as much fun just watching the action!

*Sylvia*

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**NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING  
PROGRAM AND DISPLAY  
Wayne Mills, OMS**

We are privileged to have Tara Machin giving our program for November. Her talk and slide presentation will be about her and her husband Dave's recent trip to England including a visit to the British Museum in London and its' huge mineral display. The collection is one of the most comprehensive and important in the world.

The Display for November is the Best 1 x 1 Display Contest. We have done this for many years, and it can be fun! Take a one foot by one foot piece of anything, and make an interesting display (hopefully with labels) of any rock-related objects on it. Members will decide by their votes who has the best display. A prize may be involved.

Hope to see you at our last regular meeting of the year!

**OMS MEMBERS  
BIRTHDAY'S & ANNIVERSARIES**

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

**BIRTHDAYS**

Moniah Marquez	11/1
Adam Loera	11/6
Joe Azevedo	11/8
DeeDee Magri	11/21
Wayne Mills	11/21
Dick Bazzell	11/30

**ANNIVERSARIES**

Bill & Jeanie Brown	11/9
Marshall & Glenda Reeves	11/18
Mike & Margaret Henson	11/19

## POMPEII—THE FIELD TRIP IS ON!!

Elisabeth Nybo, Editor

The Orcutt Mineral Society's November Field Trip, on November 17th, is to the Pompeii Exhibit at the Ronald Reagan Library with an added afternoon stop at the 49th Annual Galaxy of Gems Show in Oxnard, which is actually on the way back home. Jeannie Watkins-Brown is coordinating the field trip. The Ore-Cutts October issue has good information on the exhibit and field trip details.

**Exposing the naked truth to a kid**—Yaya explains why this statue of Aphrodite on display at the Reagan Library's "Pompeii Exhibition" has no clothes. <https://www.theacorn.com/articles/exposing-the-naked-truth-to-a-kid/> I laughed and could so relate to taking a child somewhere the

grand idea of expanding their knowledge and exposing them to ideas and historical facts that would stay with them for life as cherished memories, only to have the experience quickly derailed into an event that can only be looked on (much) later with laughter.

**Explore the history of a life-and-death journey through Pompeii** - <https://www.mpacorn.com/articles/explore-the-history-of-a-life-and-death-journey-through-pompeii/>

**Pompeii Exhibition at the Reagan Presidential Library - KTLA Live News Stories and Interviews** - <https://ktla.com/2018/10/25/pompeii-exhibition-at-the-reagan-presidential-library/> These three interview news segments are filled with amazing images from the exhibit and information that left me saying, "WOW!!!".



**OXNARD GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY**

**NOV. 17-18, 2018**

*Proudly Presents the 49th Annual Galaxy of Gems Expo*

**CALCITE**

**THE OXNARD PERFORMING ARTS CENTER**  
800 Hobson Way, Oxnard, CA

*For more information please visit us at [OxnardGem.com](http://OxnardGem.com)*

### OXNARD GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY 49TH ANNUAL GALAXY OF GEMS EXPO

The Oxnard Performing Art Center  
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**Saturday: 10 AM – 5 PM**  
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**Free Admission & Parking**

**Free Hourly Door Prizes**

**Food Available On Site**

We will host about 50 display cases that will showcase the talents and artistic skills of members and guest exhibitors. Some of the displays and activities are directed towards teaching students about the earth sciences.

## OMS CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 2018	
Tues, Nov 6 7 to 8 PM	<b>OMS Board Meeting, Nipomo Chamber of Commerce meeting room</b> 239 W Tefft St, Nipomo, CA  All members are welcome at this meeting
Sat, Nov 10 8 AM	<b>Highway Clean-up:</b> Southeast Corner Hwy 101/166 East
Tues, Nov 13 7 to 9 PM	<b>General Meeting: Oasis Senior Center</b> 420 Soares Av, Santa Maria, CA <b>Program:</b> Tara Machin, Geology and Mining in West Devon and Cornwall with an additional trip to the British Museum of Natural History <b>Display:</b> Best 1'x1' Display <b>2018 Elections:</b> Announce Slate of Candidates <b>Refreshments:</b> Cookies to be brought by Truman Burgess, Debbie Hood, Don Nasholm, and Elisabeth Nybo
Sat, Nov 17 8:30 AM	<b>November Field Trip:</b> Pompeii Exhibit Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and Museum 40 Presidential Dr Simi Valley, CA 93065 Coordinator is: Jeanne Watkins Brown Carpool meet-up location: Nipomo Carl's Jr Parking Lot
Sat, Nov 24 8:30 AM	<b>OMS Monthly Breakfast:</b> Denny's in Santa Maria 1019 E Main St, Santa Maria
DECEMBER 2018	
Tues, Dec 4 7 to 8 PM	<b>OMS Board Meeting, Nipomo Chamber of Commerce meeting room</b> 239 W Tefft St, Nipomo, CA Meeting for both incoming and outgoing Boards. All members are welcome at this meeting
Sat, Dec 8 Noon	<b>Annual Meeting at Madonna Inn</b> 100 Madonna Rd, San Luis Obispo, CA <b>Fabulous Lunch, Annual Awards &amp; Installation of New Officers and Board Gift Exchange:</b> Participation is optional. If you wish to participate, bring a wrapped gem, mineral or rock related \$10 gift and a spirit of adventure and humor. Even if you chose not to participate, watching the gift exchange play out is a lot of fun.
	<b>No Monthly Breakfast</b>

## 2018 OMS OFFICERS

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## CFMS FEDERATION DIRECTOR

Renea Sutcliffe	(805) 929-2783
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**OMS Membership:** \$24 for Individual, \$34 per couple, \$5 Each Additional Family Member, \$5 for Juniors under age of 18. One-time \$10 initiation fee for new members.

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**ORCUTT MINERAL SOCIETY  
BOARD MEETING  
NIPOMO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OFFICE  
NIPOMO, CA  
OCTOBER 2, 2018**

President Sylvia Nasholm called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. Board members present were Dyanna Cridelich, Bill Brown, Dick Bazell, Jeanne Watkins, Debbie Hood, Wayne Mills and Jan Ferguson. Absent was Sally Griffith Alexis Van Natta was our guest.

**Minutes:** Minutes from the September General meeting was read by Dyanna Cridelich. Minutes accepted as amended.

**Treasurer's report:** Jeanne Watkins passed out the Treasurer's report and the Gem Show Statistics. We did really well in our show. Our profit will fund our functions for the rest of the year. We are \$400 ahead of our budget. We have had no table rentals and no requests.

**Correspondence:** We received an AFMS Newsletter and a letter from Blue Vine who wants to give OMS a line of credit for \$250,000. We received a bill from the school for custodial overtime. Sharon and Sylvia will talk to Debbi and find out what it was for. The City of Santa Maria requires a liability use form for Pioneer Park. Jeannie Watkins will see to it. Everything else is paid up and up to date.

**Committee Reports:**

**Bulletin:** The Bulletin is out. It is beautiful as always.

**Refreshments:** October is cake month. Thanks in advance to Joe and Lisa Azevedo. Sylvia Nasholm, Jeanne Watkins, and Alexis Van Natta.

**CFMS:** Wayne Mills gave a report on the happenings at the CFMS meeting, September 15, 2018. The entire report is in the October issue of the Ore-Cutts Bulletin. It has some very interesting and important items, so don't miss it. Wayne Mills also received the awards for our society and will give them to us at the appropriate time.

Sylvia Nasholm presented the idea that the CFMS pays for three Bulletins. The club pays for copies to the rest of the Board members. She suggested that we don't buy them anymore and simply scan a copy and send it to the Board. CFMS has been sending them to the incorrect Post Office Box. Sylvia will contact the CFMS for the address change.

**Membership:** We received one application for membership from Sharon Willis. Sharon has finished all the requirements of membership and the Board overwhelmingly accepted her as our newest members of OMS.

**Field Trips:** Our trip to the Pompeii exhibit in Simi Valley will be on November 17. More on this later. This month in October, we will have the Jade Festival on October 5<sup>th</sup> -7<sup>th</sup> and the Cambria Show on October 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. This will be at the Veterans Hall in Cambria. Some future suggestions for field trips are to Jade Cove, Sand Dollar Beach and Refugio. Field trips with other clubs could be fun as well.

**Highway Cleanup:** Our next Highway Cleanup will be on Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup>. We will meet at 8 AM on the Southeast corner of Highways 166 and 101.

**Annual Awards Banquet:** Our Annual Awards Banquet will be on Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup> from Noon to 3 PM at the Madonna Inn. The Madonna Inn charges \$17.95 plus gratitude and tip, which comes to \$23.60 per person. (The OMS pays part of this cost). They require a 25 person reservation. We have a \$500.00 non-refundable deposit on file with Madonna. If we want to reserve with them again next December, we simply roll over that deposit. More information will be coming next month. Tonight, the Board choose four meals from the lunch menu and three desserts from the dessert menu. At the General meeting, the OMS members will choose two of those four meals and two of the desserts. Dyanna will work on getting everything finalized and reservations collected over the next month and a half.

**Breakfast:** We will meet on October 27<sup>th</sup> at the Country Kitchen in Arroyo Grande at 8:30 AM.

**Education:** Nothing now.

**Library:** Alexis Van Natta would like permission to go through the club VHS tapes and separate the ones that don't play well. She will make a list and take them to the club for adoption.

**Sunshine:** Sharon Duncan has the sniffles.

**Scholarship:** None yet

**Show:** We haven't done anything with the raffle tickets yet. We are waiting to hand them over to the contact people.

**Old Business:** The Nominating Committee almost has a full

slate. Nominations from the floor will take place in October and November and the voting will be in November.

Sylvia Nasholm wanted everyone to know that we still have chafing dishes and roasters in the storage locker. We will need to keep some of these but there are many items that can be recycled into your homes.

**New Business:** Sylvia Nasholm brought up some possible By-Law changes in Officer's duties and Awards procedures.

**Changes in Duties for Secretary:** We need to suggest to the club changes in the bylaws regarding taxes and all Federal filing. This includes all things that keep a 501C as a 501C.

**Changes in nominations for the Golden Bear:** The President Elect is the head of the Nominating committee for the Golden Bear Award. All Golden Bears are in the committee. Make it known to members that any member can nominate a Golden Bear. Please get your nomination to Sylvia with a letter stating why you feel the person should be a Golden Bear.

The Program for October is all about Brazil. Wayne Mills will be doing a PowerPoint on the minerals and rocks of the Minas Gerais Province of Brazil. The Display for October is a favorite self collected specimen.

President Sylvia Nasholm adjourned the meeting at 8:19 PM.

Respectfully submitted:  
Dyanna Cridelich, Secretary, OMS

**ORCUTT MINERAL SOCIETY  
GENERAL MEETING  
OASIS SENIOR CENTER, ORCUTT, CA  
OCTOBER 9, 2018**

President, Sylvia Nasholm, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Mike Henson gave the invocation. Sylvia Nasholm gave the flag salute.

**Greetings to members and guests:** 25 members present and 2 guests. Guests are Evan Barry and Sharon Willis.

**Minutes:** Minutes for the October Board Meeting were read by Dyanna Cridelich. Minutes were accepted as read.

**Treasurer's report:** Jeanne Watkins gave the Treasurer's report. We went in the hole for the month of September but are in no danger. We might have been over-changed when we got the bill for overtime from the school. Our two

CD's to will rollover on November 15, 2018.

**Correspondence:** Donation request from Salvation Army. Letter from the Newspaper.

**Committee Reports:**

**Annual December Luncheon:** Dyanna Cridelich brought the four menu choices for the membership to vote on. Members will choose two lunch entrees and 2 dessert items. Lunch choices are: Roast Sirloin of Beef, Roast Turkey Breast, Baked Honey Cured Ham, Roast Pork, and Portobello Mushroom. Dessert choices are: Black Forest Cake, Carrot Cake, and Carmel Dutch Apple Pie. Dyanna will bring back the results and the sign-up sheets to the November General meeting on November 13.

**Bulletin:** Outstanding! Another winner. Please submit any rock related article to Elisabeth Nybo.

**Refreshments:** Tonight is cake night. Many thanks to Sylvia Nasholm, Jeanne Watkins and Alexis Van Natta.

**CFMS:** Renea reported on the CFMS Convention. Highlights were the attempted purchase of the CFMS Silver Specimen from the Reno, Nevada Museum where it is housed, the 2019 Pasadena Lapidary Show will be hosted by the Pasadena Lapidary Society, and CFMS Bulletin Awards that were won by Ralph Bishop and Debbie Hood. Wayne Mills received the CFMS Best Small Bulletin in California and the AFMS Best of the Best, 6<sup>th</sup> place Small Bulletin in the US.

**Membership:** Dyanna Cridelich announced that we have a brand, new member: Sharon Willis

**Sunshine:** Sharon Duncan has the sniffles.

**Field Trips:** On November 17<sup>th</sup>, we are going on a field trip to the Pompeii exhibit at the Presidential Library in Simi Valley. The ticket price is \$29 for general admission, \$26 for seniors, \$19 for youth up to age 19 and \$16 for kids 3 to 10 years. There is a \$5 reduction in ticket price for a group over 25 persons. We will meet at 8:30 AM at the Vons on Tefft St in Nipomo.

**Highway Cleanup:** Our next Highway Cleanup will be on Saturday, November 10th. Meet at 8 AM on the Southeast corner of Highways 166 and 101.

**Education:** Wayne Mills gave a plug for the Coin Club show on Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Scholarship:** Wayne Mills spoke on Cuesta College's field trip to the surrounding areas. They are improving their

geology offerings.

**Property:** nothing now.

**Library:** Alexis Van Natta would like to have permission to discard damaged VHS tapes or bring VHS tapes that won't copy to the club meetings. She will keep a list of those that will not play correctly. Alexis and Wes Lingerfelt are collaborating in converting the VHS tapes to disk.

**Breakfast:** The breakfast will be at the Country Kitchen in Arroyo Grande at 8:30 AM on October 27th.

**Old Business:**

**List of Nominees for the 2019 Board:** President Elect: Bill Brown. President: *Empty*. Secretary: Debby Hood. Treasurer: Jeanne Watkins. Past President: Sylvia Nasholm. Board members: Jan Ferguson, Dick Bazell, Wayne Mills, Renea Sutcliffe

We have to read the nominations at two meetings. Tonight is our first reading. We will have additional nominations at our November meeting and then will vote on the Officers and Board Members.

**New Business:**

Wes Lingerfelt read the by-laws and standing rules for proposed changes. The last time we had the by-laws reviewed and changed was in July of 1997. The two areas being addressed are the Secretary and Treasurer. Article 6: Duties of Secretary: All external correspondence and Annual membership rolls. Duties of Treasurer: State filing of taxes. Wes would like to make the by-laws reflect what we are actually currently doing. The signatory page has to be changed. Last done in 1997. This will be signed by the current officers and board members at the Christmas luncheon. Article 10 is about by-law amendments. We have to have 1/3 of our membership to have a quorum. Our membership is currently 48.

Wes Lingerfelt also spoke about other club's rules. He said that several clubs have workshops and symbiotic relationships with the county fair. Wes judges in Fresno and Bakersfield and sees what other clubs do. One great example of advertising for joining the club entails having a flyer that tells what the club does. Each person that comes to the fair gets this sheet. Each person works the fair. They can get a "fair special" if they attend a club meeting. The rules were read for the Golden Bear nominations. The standing rules say that any member in good standing can submit a nomination for the Golden Bear Award.

Wayne Mills gave us an informative power-point on his trip to Brazil. It was interesting to see where all the gemstone mines are located. Thanks Wayne.

Displays were presented by: Wayne Mills' hand-made display case contained minerals and rocks that he bought and collected on his 2009 trip to Brazil; Elisabeth Nybo, had a sparkly pink rock from the parking lot at work; Katherine Nybo had a nice piece of azurite from her school playground; and Jeanie Nybo had a lovely piece of Halite from Trona. Thanks to everyone who displayed.

Renea gave out the door prizes. All of the prizes were from Sandy Berthelot's estate. Thank you Renea.

President Sylvia Nasholm adjourned the meeting at 9 PM.

Respectfully submitted:  
Dyanna Cridelich, Secretary, OMS

The ORE-CUTTS, named after William Orcutt, was first published in 1966. Member Helen Azevedo was the first editor.



The Orcutt Mineral Society (OMS) was founded in 1958, was also named after William Orcutt. He was a geologist and civil engineer who, in 1888, worked in the Santa Maria Valley as a District Manager for Union Oil Company. In 1889, William Orcutt discovered the mineral and fossil wealth of the La Brea Tar Pits in Los Angeles, on the property of Captain Alan Hancock there. 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.

Additionally, 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. OMS affiliations include American Federation of Mineral Societies, and California Federation of Mineral Societies.



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TO POMPEII: THE EXHIBIT  
&  
OXNARD GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY'S  
49TH ANNUAL GALAXY OF GEMS EXPO**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?  
v=wnfanBkGRyk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wnfanBkGRyk)