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Wayne Mills, OMS President



As of Mid-October, I am still waiting for the rain. Seems like it has been a long, dry spell.

Dyanna announced the dinner choices for our holiday meal at our October meeting, and they sound good~ Honey Ham, Roast Turkey with Wild Rice Dressing (a favorite of mine), and Stuffed Portobello Mushrooms for the Vegans. **Dessert choices** are Black Forest Cake and Carrot Cake (can we have half and half?) Yum, tough choice—anybody want to go halves?.

If I don't say so myself, I think our October program (Rocks and Fossils of the Central Coast) went over well. I had one nice comment from a person who does NOT give them out lightly, and I considered that a HIGH compliment. This person's comment on one of my previous programs was "Wayne—that was just like when I was in school—boring as (heck)"! So I think I am making progress. And we had some nice displays, always a plus.

Our last highway clean-up of the year is November 9, the Saturday before our November 12 General Meeting. I hope that it will be well attended. We had a dirty highway and a few interesting items at our Coastal Clean-up Day in September. At our September Board Meeting, the Board agreed to continue the Adopt-A-Highway Program for another year, so please mark your calendars for 8:00 am on the second Saturday of **Odd numbered**

months. Easy-peasy. **And you might win** one of the nice prizes that Wes donates for the clean-ups. That is unless Wes wins it like he did two or three times (out of six) this year.

Speaking of Wes and Jeannie, we missed them at our October meeting. They were visiting their daughter in Colorado, and celebrating their 56th or thereabouts Anniversary. Congratulations to you both! Wes will provide the program for our November meeting—A Montage of Geologic Mini-wonders from the World's Greatest Geologic Wonders Series. The display for November is **Best 1' x 1' display**. There may be a prize. Put your favorite rocks on a 1 foot by 1 foot square piece of anything. Labels are helpful. **PLEASE** bring something to show, the more the merrier!

Saturday November 26 is our final **Club Breakfast of the year and decade!** The Breakfast will be at Denny's in Santa Maria.

At our September and October meetings we started our elections process for next year. We **NEED** volunteers for the positions of: President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, and 5 Board Members. A few folks have come forward for some of the positions, but it **any** of the positions interest you, **PLEASE** let Bill Brown or myself know. Our November meeting is Elections. We will present the slate of officers who have so volunteered, and ask one more time for nominations from the floor. **We REALLY could use a Secretary!**

Be safe out there!

Wayne Mills

OMS President, 2019



ONE BUSY WEEKEND

Pictures and story by Wayne Mills, OMS

Lizard earring pictures simple-southern-suburbia.blogspot.com

October is usually a very busy month for me. The first two weekends are reserved for SLO Arts Council's Open Art Studios Tours—one of the most fun things I do all year. I even had company for two of the four days, and that made it MORE fun. All told, I saw 24 studios in 4 days. That is a lot if inspiration.

On the last weekend of October (Saturday the 26th), I enjoyed a tour of Rock Art sites at Vandenberg AFB courtesy of San Luis Obispo Archaeology Society. According to Chris Ryan, their Base Archaeologist, there are about 1500 sites on Vandenberg where remains of early human habitation occur including seven main villages and numerous rock art sites. We visited three of the rock art sites and the Boathouse, a Lifeguard Station built in 1836. **(More about this trip next month).**



Jade tree from Rock Sale

On Sunday the 27th, I left home at 7:30 am to meet the group from Santa Lucia Rockhounds for the field trip to the Grizzelle's Rock Sale (announced by e-mail last week) at 8:30 am. Bea and Sherm Grizzelle were former prime movers in the Santa Lucia Rockhounds, and had a huge collection of rocks, fossils and minerals that they left to their daughter. The collection included two fossil whale skulls that were found on their property north of Highway 46 and west of Highway 101. This was the second day of the sale, and only about 10 folks showed-up.



Trilobite from Rock Sale



"K2-nite" from Pakistan at the Cambria show

There were tons of rocks left, but sadly, not the fossils I was looking for. I did get a couple of nice things, and was amazed when I met the Grizzelle's daughter Alice who had a Tee Shirt with my former home town Monrovia on it. We had a nice chat about that!

After I left the Grizzelle's, I promptly got lost and wound up driving up a mountain that we had not traveled on in the caravan from the OSH Parking Lot. Finally got back to Highway 46 headed for Cambria and the San Luis Club Show at the Cambria Vet's Hall. (Man, there is a LOT of wild country north of Highway 46!)

The added bonus of the show in Cambria was seeing the scarecrows that proliferate in October along the streets there. It is worth seeing how clever some of those folks (the creators, not the scarecrows) can be. The show itself was very nice. Kim Noyes and Mike Lyons who sponsored the show are to be congratulated for another competent job. No food vendors this time (they had the Pairing Knife in June), but 10-12 dealers with a nice variety of materials including "K2-nite" that I had seen before, but failed to get a picture of. K2-nite is a form of granite containing crystals of blue Lazulite. It occurs near the mountain K2 in Pakistan.

At the show I got to see brilliant opals from Ethiopia, Mike the Meteorite Guy, Richard Sittenger, and Doug True, outgoing President of AFMS. Santos Serabia, of SLO's I Love Rocks, was there too with his delightful daughters Emiri, Eve-Va, and Haley. I had to get a picture of Haley with her trained lizard and a lovely piece of botryoidal jade, and here it is. She laughed when I told her that she should get another lizard and train them to hang on her ears like earrings. I really did see that somewhere, once.



Haley Serabia, her trained lizard, and piece of botryoidal jade



Lizard "earrings" from <http://simple-southern-suburbia.blogspot.com/2011/05/lizardthe-newest-fashion-in-earrings.html>

ORCUTT MINERAL SOCIETY BOARD MEETING
NIPOMO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
NIPOMO, CA
OCTOBER 1, 2019

Meeting opened at 7:10pm.

Members present: Wayne Mills, Bill Brown, Debbie Hood, Jeanne Brown, Dick Bazell, Jan Ferguson, Diana Credilich, and Renea Suttcliffe. Absent: Sylvia Nasholm and Alexis Van Natta.

Minutes were read by Debbie Hood and accepted as given.

Treasurer's Report, as well as the Show Report, were given by Jeanne Brown, and accepted as given.

Correspondence: none.

- **Committee Reports:**
- **Bulletin:** Draft looks good. All articles need to be in to Elisabeth by October 20th.
- **Refreshments:** will be cakes from Dick Bazell, Sylvia Nasholm, Virginia Rogers and Alexis Van Natta.
- **CFMS:** No report. Next meeting in November.
- **Membership:** No report.
- **Field Trips:** Four people from two clubs participated in the September field trip to Avila Beach. An interested onlooker joined us at Port San Luis.
- **Adopt-A-Highway:** Seven folks came to the September 14th Coastal Clean-up day. We found some interesting items.
- **Annual Awards Banquet:** at Madonna Inn on December 14, 2019. Price will be \$15.00/person.
- **Breakfast:** October 26 at Country Kitchen in Arroyo Grande at 8:30 am.
- **Education:** Wayne Mills gave a metal detecting demo and contest at the Santa Lucia Club picnic on September 14th.
- **Library:** Alexis Van Natta got an editable version of the Library list from Bill Brown to add the new books to it and Bill will put it on the Web site.
- **Sunshine:** Jeanne Brown is doing better.
- **Scholarship:** Actual amount not yet determined.
- **Show:** We have the bill from the high school. We are close to determining the bottom line for the show.

Old Business: Reservations for 2020 Show not done yet.

We still need someone for Secretary, someone for Treasurer, and 1 board position.

New Business: Program for Oct will be Wayne Mills on *Rocks and Fossils of the Central Coast*, the display is local rocks and fossils.

We need to submit reservations for Oasis Senior Center for 2020.

Treasurer Jeanne Brown wants to move our Rabobank accounts to Bank of America. The board voted unanimously to do so.

Wayne Mills is ordering pins and bars for OMS for 2019 He is looking for Golden Bear award nominations from Golden Bear members.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Hood

Secretary OMS

ORCUTT MINERAL SOCIETY GENERAL MEETING

LUIS OASIS SENIOR CENTER

ORCUTT, CA

OCTOBER 10, 2019

Meeting opened at 7:02pm.

The Invocation was given by Mike Henson.

Flag Salute was led by Geary Scheffer.

Bill Hood reported in attendance were 20 members and three guest: Jordan Gerlich, Fred Campbell, and Dejojn Bishoff.

Minutes of the Board: Were accepted as published in the bulletin.

Correspondence: Two donation requests from The Salvation Army, three So. County Chamber of Commerce Newsletters, and the AFMS Newsletter for September.

Treasurer's Report: Jeanne Brown is absent but Jan Ferguson has a written report available at the front table.

Committee Reports:

- **Annual Meeting:** At the Madonna Inn on December 14th. Meal choices are Turkey or Ham. Desert choices are Black Forrest Cake or Carrot Cake. Price \$15.00/person.
- **Bulletin:** is out and looks good. Let Elisabeth know if there are any problems. Please submit any articles to Elisabeth by October 20th.
- **CFMS:** January 15, 2020 is the deadline for the 2019 Bulletin Contest.
- **Membership:** No report.
- **Sunshine:** Jeanne Brown broke her hip at the Show and is recovering from surgery. Lisa Azevedo was in an auto accident and hurt her knee. Truman Burgess is ill with heart problems.
- **Field trip:** for September went off well with participants from two clubs and a local teacher.
- **Refreshments:** Sally Griffin reported cakes brought by the Azavedos, Dick Bazell, Dyanna Credilich, Jan Ferguson, Jeannie Lingerfelt, Don Nasholm, and Alexis Van Natta.
- **Adopt-A-Highway:** next clean-up is November 9th

followed by snacks at Country Kitchen in Santa Maria.

- **Education:** Wayne Mills did a metal detecting demo and contest at the Santa Lucia club picnic last month.
- **Scholarship:** No report.
- **Library:** Alexis has sent the new library list to Bill Brown to post on the website.
- **Door Prize:** Renea Suttcliffe reported no donations tonight.
- **Breakfast:** October 26th at Country Kitchen in Arroyo Grande at 8:30 am.
- **Show:** it's on the books! Thanks to everyone who helped!

Old Business:

- **Elections:** Call for volunteers or nominations from the floor was made two times:
President Elect: Jeanne Brown
Secretary:
Treasurer: Betty Campbell
Board members: Sally Griffin, Dick Bazell, and Debbie Hood

New Business: The San Luis Club had their annual show.

Program: Wayne Mills on *Rocks and Fossils of the Central Coast*. Display: local rocks.

Door Prize drawing

Program for November: *A Montage of Geologic Mini-Wonders*. Display: Best 1'x1' display.

Meeting closed at 8:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Hood

Secretary OMS

NOVEMBER OMS MEMBERS BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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

BIRTHDAYS

Moniah Marquez	11/1
Joe Azevedo	11/8
Dee Dee Magri	11/21
Wayne Mills	11/21
Brenna Ferguson	11/27
Dick Bazzell	11/30

ANNIVERSARIES

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



**Once again it's a busy time at the
Henge....
Moving the stones back one hour**



OMS CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 2019

Tue, Nov 5 7 to 9 p.m.	OMS Board Meeting, Nipomo Chamber of Commerce 239 W Tefft St, Nipomo All members are welcome.
Sat, Nov 9 8 a.m.	Highway Clean-up Southeast Corner Hwy 101/166 East
Tue, Nov 12 7 to 9 p.m.	General Meeting: Oasis Senior Center 420 Soares Av, Santa Maria, CA Program: is Program 35 from World's Greatest Geological Wonders - "A Montage of Geologic Mini-Wonders". Display: Best 1'x1' Display. There may be a prize. Refreshments will be Cookies brought by Bill Brown, Truman Burgess, Don Nasholm, and Geary Sheffer.
Sat, Nov 23 8:30 a.m.	<i>Last OMS breakfast of the year & decade</i> OMS Monthly Breakfast Denny's in Santa Maria 1019 E Main St, Santa Maria
DECEMBER 2019	
Tue, Dec 3 7 to 9 p.m.	OMS Board Meeting, Nipomo Chamber of Commerce 239 W Tefft St, Nipomo All members are welcome. Joint meeting with incoming and outgoing Board members.
Sat, Dec 14 Noon	Annual Meeting at Madonna Inn 100 Madonna Rd, San Luis Obispo, CA Fabulous Lunch, Annual Awards, Installation of New Officers and Board, and Gift Exchange. Gift exchange 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.
	No Monthly Breakfast

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