



Ore-Cutts

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In Memoriam-Jill Nelson

At our September meeting, we were saddened to hear that Jill Nelson who had served on our board since April, and had become a member last year in May, was killed along with her boyfriend in a terrible crash on Highway 46 near the James Dean Memorial at Cholame. Excerpted from *Village Costal News*, Carpinteria:

Patricia "Jill" Nelson was born April 1943 in Los Angeles and died in an automobile accident on Highway 46 near Cholame with her friend Ron Riopelle on September 1, 2006.

Jill was born with Cerebral Palsy and was given up for adoption. She was adopted by Faith and



Patricia "Jill" Nelson
4/8/43 - 9/1/06

Golden Nelson, and was provided with the best available medical care. At age 8, Jill contracted Polio, and in time over came it.

Jill grew up in Santa Barbara where graduated from High School, and attended Santa Barbara City College. She worked at Crocker National Bank on State Street for about 17 years then went to work for the City of Santa Barbara as an accountant in the jury office. She was a member of Phi Epsilon Phi Sorority, and served as a volunteer for the Red Cross, and several other public service groups, and had collected donations for United Cerebral palsy/Work incorporated for the last 8 years.

About 2003, Jill moved from Carpinteria to Santa Maria where she continued her public service

activities, and in 2005, joined the Orcutt Mineral Society.

Jill was an accomplished organist, and played that instrument for the Mormon Church she attended in Carpinteria. She enjoyed spending time in Jackson Hole, Wyoming where her mother was from, and hanging out at the Polo Field near Santa Barbara with her mother. She also enjoyed square dancing. A current passion was vintage automobiles, and she and Ron were on their way to look at a car when their untimely accident occurred.

Jill was preceded in death by her mother and father, and is survived by 9 first cousins on her mother's side, and 5 on her father's side. She will be remembered by friends in Santa Barbara, Carpinteria, Santa Maria, Oregon, and wherever she traveled. The loss of her enthusiasm for our society will be felt by OMS as well. Rest in Peace.

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The program will be a CFMS slideshow program on *AGATES OF THE WORLD* and the preview was excellent! The display is also *AGATES OF THE WORLD*, and refreshments will be **Pies!** Don't miss this show, and bring *AGATES!!*

A Journey to Agate Creek to Fossick for Queensland Agates.

By Sir Paul Howard, honorary member OMS

Within five days of returning from three gem shows in New Zealand we set our compass north and headed for far north Queensland in our motorhome, 'Rubbernecking Stickybeaks' with our small car in tow. Along the way we stopped and did display and demonstration of wire wrapped Jewelry and sold some of my books at the Kybong Rock Fest. Lots of rockhounds were camped and trading in the spacious grounds around the Cooloola rock shop, just south of

Gympie. This gregarious gathering of people was sharing a common love for, and interest in beautiful rocks and gemstones. The weather was good and lots of people turned up, some even came in busloads. It was a great show, time went quickly.

We headed for Mackay soon as the show was over and had traveled less than 100 kilometers when a fan belt broke and tangled itself with two others and all three fell on the road. This brought us to a stand still till mid-day the next day before they could be replaced. Traveling longer hours each day to get to Mackay to visit a very good rockhound friend who made us most welcome for an hour or so, then on the road again for Innisfail. Here we witnessed the terrible damage cyclone "Larry" did to this sugar cane farming community in March, 2006. Power lines, trees and houses as well as the tropical fruits, bananas, paw-paws were all tangled in one big mess, but the sugar cane showed no damage. The area will take many years to recover. It was here that we had our motorhome serviced in a garage that suffered so badly from structural damage that the owners were waiting for a whole new roof and facade.

From here we traveled up the Palmerston Highway to Ravenshoe, the highest town in Queensland with the largest wind farm for electricity. Along the way we sold more books to the Gem shop at Mt Surprise.

Next day we arrived in the gold mining town of Georgetown, the last town before the dusty gravel road to Agate Creek fossicking area. Georgetown has a great mining museum called 'The Terrestrial Centre' which ordered more of my books on Queensland agate. We also sold some to the Ampol Roadhouse.

After six days of driving 2000 kilometers over good roads, we braved the 145-kilometer road into the agate field. We arrived at sundown to find all campers had left and we had the safari campgrounds to ourselves with the manager, Laurie Baron. After a meal, the three of us sat around a roaring campfire and yarned about everything we could think of. Out here in the 'Outback' of Australia the stars were like headlights and it was easy to see the Milky Way and spot the satellites as they passed over. In the peace and quiet and dark, it was also easy to see just how many feral rabbits there were, so during our stay we reduced the numbers a few to make rabbit stew.

During the week that we were there, other campers arrived and Lady Marie spent a lot of her time in the 'chuck heap', scavenging good agates that others had discarded. I checked out the datum poles on my

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mining claim 30028, the only registered mining claim for agate on this Government Gazetted fossicking field. I spent some hours tidying the track to the claim so that when Lady Marie inspected the claim for the first time it would not be too difficult for her to make the walk to there. Must be at least a kilometer from the camp.

Had a bit of bad luck that day also, on the walk home I slipped down the steep track into the Safari camp on Flanagan's hill and damaged the cartilage between the two outside fingers on my right hand. This injury curtailed my activities a lot during the rest of the week. During her inspection Lady Marie found some nice small specimens on my claim, which is about an acre in area. On the day that she made the inspection I did a bit of fossicking in the creek that runs through the middle of my claim and found a 3 1/4 kilogram solid red agate. It's too big to cut in my diamond saw. On other days I gathered some of the varied colored Jasper and Jaspagate that some fossickers had just smashed and left. Also inspected new areas on the field that have become popular digging locations since my book was published. With a good friend that was camped at the bottom camp we dug together at the 'Potato Patch' and the new 'Pink Patch' on the southern side of the field. At these digs, we found only small specimens.

After a wonderful week of fossicking in spite of my injury, we packed all our finds into our small car which doubles up as a storeroom, said all our good by's and headed for the craft show in Forsyth which was raising money for the 'flying angels' one of the supporting organizations of the 'Flying Doctor' service. We stayed overnight in that village with a good friend. The next day we headed for home. We spent another six days of traveling, with only a fuel problem just 40 kilometers from home. We drove the rest of the way home in the car.

Coastal Clean-up day September 16,

2006—By Wayne Mills, Adopt-A-Highway Coordinator

A hearty thanks to Wes, Jeannie and Marty Lingerfelt, Don Nasholm, Geary Scheffer and Bob Bullock for their Herculean labors on this day.

Seven hardy OMS souls participated in the Annual Coastal Clean-up day by doing our bi-monthly clean up on Route 166 East. It took us 2 hours to clean our 2-mile stretch, but when we finished, it looked several hundred percent better than when we started.

When I pulled into the pullout at the corner of 101 and 166 East, I was close to turning around and going home. The area was the trashiest that I remember it ever having been. Caltrans Maintenance had already bulldozed up a pile of trash and gravel, including a broken up desk that someone had apparently dumped. I headed east on 166 from the parking lot, and had ½ bag of bottles and cans and a full bag of trash by the time I got to the turnaround. I also found a cell phone someone had flung into the bushes, then a bit further on, a copy of the DVD “Match Point” that I had wanted to see. On the way back to the turnout, I came across a queen sized mattress and ½ bed frame that some *scofflaw* had thrown into the bushes. I dragged that (and a kitchen broom) about 200 yards back to the turn-around. Then I schlepped a discarded “baby” spare tire back to where I had left the mattress. After this exercise, I began having dark thoughts about the people who think it is someone else’s responsibility to dispose of their refuse.

I won’t even mention the nastiest stuff I came across, and that does not include the numerous road-kill and the pee bottles that I held with the picker while I un-capped and emptied them (I WAS wearing gloves). I hope the truckers whom I gave dirty looks to while I was doing that got the message.

Wes came back and helped me pick up the last 200-feet of the west bound shoulder, and then we threw the cans and bottles into the back of his truck and headed for Francisco’s Country Kitchen, and a well-deserved snack. As we were waiting on our orders I asked the group the most unusual stuff that they had found. Next to the cell-phone I found, Geary’s desk sounded like the prize. He said that the top is great, and the legs need to be reinforced, but otherwise, it is serviceable.

Other items found included a car battery, a picnic table sans legs, a wheel from a baby carriage, a catheter bag and a bungee cord.

Monday I called the number on the cell phone and found out that it had been stolen from an oil platform 20 miles off the coast of Carpinteria. Between September 9 and September 10 when the wife stopped the phone service, it was used to call a number in Texas 20 times! The platform worker will be happy to get his phone back, as he had just bought it. The phone is in the mail.

National Editor’s Contest Awards 2005

Awards for 2005 club bulletins and articles were given out at the Editor’s Breakfast in Nashville on August 20.

- ❖ *The Ore-Cutts* received an honorable mention for Small Bulletins, Bess & Dick Shields, Editors. Orcutt Mineral Soc., CFMS
- ❖ Ralph Bishop placed in fifth in Original Articles for “Pseudomorphs, MEOW”
- ❖ Wayne Mills received an Honorable Mention for “How I Spent My Summer Vacation, Oregon on \$80 A Day.”

Congratulations! Well Done!

Santa Lucia Rockhounds Annual Show— September 16-17, 2006

Wayne Mills, Orcutts Staff Reporter

Saturday was a busy day! After our highway cleanup, I went to an art show at Windmill Farms and planted a couple of plants I had gotten on Friday, and headed to Paso for the last 2 hours of the show. I had put my case in on Friday, and had seen some but not all of the dealers and displays.

OMS was well represented. Out of about 20 cases we had 5 of the displays. Dee Dee Magri’s case was



lovely. All Arizona petrified wood (*Araucaria arizonicum*) with a large and very polished piece, a sphere, and even some jewelry with



petrified wood beads, (I believe that Wes had these made in China).

Don and Sylvia exhibited their lovely silver work with some fantastic cabochons.

Wes displayed a couple of the biggest



Arizona (petrified wood) spheres that I have ever seen, as well as pieces of tumbled Arizona wood. Jeannie, who has recently gotten back into wire-wrap and enamel jewelry after a long hiatus, had a display of her exquisite jewelry and beadwork.

My case was entitled "The Egg and I", and showed a good part of my egg collection, including Ostrich, Emu, turtle, goose, glass and stone eggs.

John and Elaine Von Achen displayed a nice case of spheres made from local material.



Saturday night, the Santa Lucia Club had a nice barbecue for the folks who were selling and displaying there.

Those displaying got free tickets for the barbecue. We had tasty tri-tip and chicken, salad, garlic bread, chili beans (the long green things were definitely NOT beans... *eeow!*) sodas and a really tasty cake for dessert.

On Sunday, I got a better look at the cases, and got a few more things for the raffle.

Sunday afternoon was the drawing for the Treasure Chest, and SOME of our members did pretty well. Wes and Jeannie won a huge crystal specimen from Oklahoma, Bob Bullock won about 3 pieces of jewelry (lucky wife), and Debbie hood won a



Cookbook. Next, they announced the people's choice awards for cases, and yours truly walked away with a 3rd place. Not bad, except that a 13-year old young man (from the Santa Lucia Club) won first! The President's trophy went to Barbara Bilyeu for her beautiful case of southwestern agates.



All in all, the Santa Lucia Club hosted a great show. They are a warm and friendly group, and have some

talented members including Ralph Lawless, a talented flint-knapper, the Bilyeus who ALWAYS have beautiful cases, and the young whippersnapper cab maker Chris who took first place in the People's Choice Awards. Kids these days, ain't it grand?

Scholarship Thanks

Wayne Mills, Scholarship Chairperson

We got a nice letter from our Cuesta College Earth Science Scholarship winner. It read:

"Dear Orcutt Mineral Society, Thank you for the Orcutt Mineral Society Earth-Science Award to attend Cuesta College. Your support and confidence is sincerely appreciated. The money will go towards my tuition and books this fall. I will be working on my general education and pre-calculus. The money will ease the burden of college and give me the opportunity to focus more on school than on work.

I would also like to affirm that your money will not be wasted. When I was in Junior High I realized that the only way I could better my life was through education. I will not give up my pursuit of a degree. After I graduate I plan on working to help conserve our natural resources. UI will be the first in my family to graduate from college. I have dreamed of working in the field since I was in the third grade. Thank you on behalf of my family and myself for your generosity and helping me towards the realization of that dream.

*Sincerely,
Eliza M. O'Rorque"*

OMS has Historical week at the Mall

Wayne Mills, Orcutts Staff reporter

The week of September 18-23, Several OMS members shared information about our club with shoppers at the Santa Maria Mall. Arranged by Elaine Von Achen,



OMS and other local groups, including the Fire Department, had a



booth in the Mall. Attracted by displays provided by Wes

Lingerfelt and Ralph Bishop, visitors came to get information about our club. The display was part of Santa Maria History Week, the brainchild of Shirley Contreras, a former member of OMS.

Members who took time off to watch the table and displays include Elaine, President Bob Bullock, Deborah and Bill Hood, Wayne Mills, and Wes & Jeannie Lingerfelt. The displays featured local fossils and Nipomo Marcasite.



OMS Breakfast by Wes Lingerfelt

The breakfast on 9/23/06 was attended by Bob Bullock, Al Wilcox, The Dana's (Don, Gloria, and Shelly), Don &

Sylvia Nasholm and the Lingerfelt's (Jeannie, Wes & Marty). We had a good time chatting about a huge array of subjects including the low price for gasoline in Bakersfield. I found it for \$2.559 a gallon on the way home from Judging at the Kern County Fair. We discussed the obit for Jill Nelson from a Carpinteria newspaper and Bob produced her Board meeting minute's folder, which I plan to deliver to the club historian as time allows. We discussed a wild duck that Jeannie had taken in from the neighbor's back yard. The poor thing must have become exhausted, as it was too tired to fly any longer so it landed in the yard for a rest. Jeannie took it in to nourish it back to health. As of the 24th (Sunday) it had recovered enough to continue its journey. Overall it was a very interesting and fun time for those attending.

Sunshine

For those of you who know Richard & Karen Dry, our members living in Bradenton, Florida; Dick had an episode of congestive heart failure requiring insertion of a new pacemaker/defibrillator and is now doing better and in good spirits. Hang in there Dick!

Ralph Bishop's mother, Helen, is in the hospital after a fall on Sept. 23, in which she fractured at least 1 vertebrae..

Jerry Harr passed away September 27 after a long illness. He & his wife have been longtime demonstrators/dealers at our shows. Jerry was a silversmith extraordinaire.

Please keep them in your prayers!

Tax Advisor News

By Mike Kokinos, CFMS Tax Advisor

IS YOUR SOCIETY'S TAX EXEMPTION IN JEOPARDY?

The Internal Revenue Service and the California Franchise Tax Board require public benefit corporations newly incorporated to include a paragraph in the articles of incorporation that in part states "*No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons.*" (Emphasis added) These regulatory agencies and the California Registry of Charitable Trusts expect previously incorporated public benefits to abide by this provision.

The Law of Tax Exempt Organizations by Bruce Hopkins (considered the bible for tax exempts) states "*The purpose of the private inurement rule is to ensure that the tax-exempt organization is involved in serving exempt interest and not private interests. It thus becomes necessary for an organization subject to the doctrine to establish that it is not organized and operated for the benefit of private persons such as the creators of the organization, trustees, directors, officers, members or their families, persons controlled by these individuals, or any other persons having a personal and private interest in the activities of the organization.*" "*Conversely, incidental benefits to private individuals will not defeat the exemption, if the organization otherwise qualifies for tax exempt status.*"

What type of activities do the CFMS societies engage in that might violate this provision? Any activity, if participation is limited to members. For example:

1. Dinners free to members or charges below cost to the Society.
2. Field trips for members only.
3. Lapidary shop for members only.
4. Newsletter available only to members.

Another activity would be selling or auctioning member items with proceeds less commission going to the member.

Rollin' Rock?

Wayne Mills, Ore-Cutts Staff Poet

So many rocks they talk to me

In dry arroyos or by the sea
of fantastic journeys they have made

From rock to grains and back to rock again

Repeating cycles since the dawn of time
And now this bit of history is mine!

It inspires and depresses. Do I think

I know what (tectonic) stress is?

Next to the ages that this rock has known

My life is but an iceberg's groan.

But why should I despise my fate

With so many rocks to appreciate

In my opinion, a violation of one of these activities may cause a "slap on the wrist." However, a combination of these activities would very likely result in revocation of tax exemption.

I offer some suggestions to help avoid problems in this area.

DINNERS: Do invite guests but never charge them more than members.

FIELD TRIPS: A "members only" field trip could be justified based on risks of injury and insurance coverage. However, a continuous policy of excluding guests added to other member activities could be a problem.

LAPIDARY SHOP: Do not limit the shop to members only. Do not charge a different fee for guests. This is definitely using the organization's assets for the benefit of members. It would be appropriate to require approval of the shop manager or the Board of Directors for non-members. I believe it would be acceptable policy by the regulatory agencies provided records would show some guests had use of the facilities.

I recently exchanged a series of emails with a society regarding sales of items made by people using the Lapidary Shop. Some of the members made a regular practice of selling items they made. The society's rules attempted to discourage selling. Once a member makes an item that he/she is allowed to keep, its ultimate disposition is their decision. However, I did admonish the society to not allow the member to sell these items at any function of the society including meetings, show, or other functions and not to use the name of the society in advertising items for sale. In other words, the society is not required to police the disposition, but only if they allow sales at their functions. I also believe it is not the concern of the society if the seller has a resale permit. I did, however, indicate if a person regularly sold products, whether or not made at the society shop, the person would be subject to obtaining a sales tax permit.

I also raised the issue of the shop being restricted for only member use. I believe this private member benefit is sufficient to cause revocation.

NEWSLETTER: This is the least of my concern. Societies should be sending the newsletter to libraries, museums, CFMS President and prospective members to promote the society.

SELLING MEMBER ITEMS: A specific case is cited where the sole activity of an organization was selling member art. The organization kept a commission and the remaining sales price went to the member. This organization was refused tax-exempt status. Unless this is a very minor item, it is my opinion it would cause revocation of exemption.

CHANCE OF AUDIT: A person mentioned that the chance of a regulatory agency examining a CFMS society was very slim. That is true but all you need is a disgruntled member or ex-member to mention violations
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of the exemption. The Internal Revenue Service has reorganized its tax-exempt section that could lead to more examinations. Right now the emphasis is on organizations supporting or opposing candidates for public office.

Comments by your CFMS Representative: (Wes Lingerfelt)

As you can see from the above article extracted from the CFMS Newsletter we have been bending the rules for a long time regarding our Annual Dinner and Business Meeting. The facility hosting us charges a fee of \$14.50 including the gratuity for each dinner with a minimum of 30 reserved seats. We have been subsidizing the cost by half from the club treasury, which appears to be against the rules given above. We also have been collecting the entire cost from guests, which appear to be an error as long as members are charged less. So what is the solution to the dilemma? If we pass on the entire cost to members then it is doubtful we would have a quorum to conduct business. This is not good. I'm of the opinion that we could arrange a system of credit to those who participate (read work) in the Annual Gem show whereby they earned a ticket to the Annual Meeting. I do not believe the tax authorities expect members to contribute more than the required dues to the Society and indeed, there are provisions in our Operating Regulations to reimburse members or Officers for out of pocket expenses in support of the organization. The procedure would necessarily be flexible enough to accommodate each person's abilities and contribution capability.

On a side note, the Society did amend its Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws in 1995 to add the required language concerning "inurement" as well as a IRS required disbandment clause. We are exempt as a Public Benefit Corporation under IRS rule 501, c, 4. Our State Corporation number is 0385222 organized under code section 23701f (Social Welfare) and our Charitable Trust Registration number is 0206.

Now on to another proposal; while the Society cannot use its ownership of an Internet website to sell member items for the benefit of the members, we can use it for the benefit of the Society. Suppose a member or anyone for that matter, donates a lovely piece of jewelry or lapidary product to the Society. There is nothing stopping us from advertising it on our website so long as the proceeds go toward some function of the Society such as the Scholarship Fund or the Abused Children's Fund. I recommend we modify our website to give it the functionality to sell such items in the worldwide market place. We are wasting a valuable resource by not using it to further the purpose of our organization.

**Minutes of the OMS Board of Director's Meeting
of September 5, 2006**

Meeting opened at 7:00 p.m. by President-elect Hood. Members present: Wes Lingerfelt, Bill & Debbie Hood, Lucky Virgin, Geary Scheffer, Sylvia Nasholm and Wayne Mills. A Quorum was present.

President Hood announced the death of OMS member and member of the board of directors, Jill Nelson, in a tragic auto accident. There is no information available as yet regarding a service. Wayne Mills moved that Bill Hood be appointed to fill the remainder of Jill's term. The motion was seconded by Lucky Virgin, DeeDee Magri voted by proxy, and passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report Wes Lingerfelt reported that the Officers and Board of Directors D & O Insurance forms have been signed and submitted.

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

Show Report 2006 was given by Wes Lingerfelt and accepted as read.

Communications

Registry of Charitable Trust forms were returned to be filled out-however they were already filled out. Wes has contacted them and returned the forms.

Metal Stone & Glass magazine is due for subscription renewal; it was decided to consult the membership regarding renewal. Newsletters received included: The *Agatizer* Newsletter from the Torrance, Ca. club;

Rockhound Rambling Newsletter from the Ventura Club; An announcement of the opening of a new Rock shop; Marsha's Minerals and Rocks in Los Molinos, Ca.

Gem-O-Rama 2006 Show Announcement from the Searles Lake Gem and Mineral Society for October 14-15. There will be a number of collecting field trips, for details see the notice.

Announcement for the McDermit Rock & Gem Show on September 21-24, 2006.

An invoice from the newspaper for our show advertising-Wes will take care of this.

Committee Reports:

Adopt-A-Highway- Wayne Mills received a letter from the Dept. of Transportation regarding the AAH California Clean-Up Day. Also we now need to have all members participating in the roadside cleanup detail to have a copy of our Encroachment Permit in their vehicles. Copies will be available on cleanup days.

Bulletin- Debbie Hood reported the August Newsletter was posted to the net, and the hard copies will be in the mail in a day or two due to a printing delay caused by the holiday.

Federation- The IRS and the California Franchise Tax Board now require public benefit corporations to include a paragraph in their articles of incorporation that states in part:"No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons." The California

Registry of Charitable Trusts expects previously incorporated public benefit organizations to abide by this. This means we cannot charge a different price at club functions, such as the annual dinner, to members and nonmembers. It also means that the club cannot pay for a portion of the costs. This would make the Annual Dinner meeting \$14.50 per person. It was suggested that we might want to find an alternate venue and make it a Potluck Dinner. This question will be referred to the membership.

Also non-profit organizations were advised by the IRS to file forms 990 or 990EZ if they send them to us, even though our gross receipts are well below the threshold Wes Lingerfelt will take care of this.

Nominations Committee-Bill Hood volunteered again this year, along with Debbie Hood and Wayne Mills, to search for those willing to fill offices for next year.

Old Business

Santa Maria History Week: Elaine Von Achen has gotten a schedule put together for tour participation in this event but we still need someone to be there on Sept from 4:00p.m. till 8:00p.m. and on the 18th.

New Business

The Harr's sent us 2 donations this year even though they were unable to come to our show due to Jerry's failing health. One was designated, as usual, to be raffled for those who helped in the kitchen. The other had been intended for the Treasure Chest but arrived too late for the show. After consulting with the HARRS it was decided to do a second raffle for the folks who worked at the show. The chairman of each activity will submit a list of those who worked their areas.

Program for the next meeting will be "Glaciers, Great Floods, Global Warming and Pleistocene Man in America" by Wayne Mills.

Display will be fossils.

Respectfully submitted

Debbie Hood for Elaine Van Achen
Secretary OMS

Orcutt Mineral Society General Meeting

Mussell Sr. Center, Santa Maria, CA, Sept. 12, 2006

President Bob Bullock called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Bob Bullock asked that we have a moment of silence for Jill Nelson who passed away. He then gave a prayer.

Shelly Dana led the flag salute.

We had 27 members and three guests. Guests included Joellen Chrones, Sharon Babcock and Hans Born.

Elaine Von Achen read minutes of the Sept. 5th board meeting. A correction was noted; Wayne Mills was not present at the board meeting. Minutes were approved as corrected.

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

Wes also mentioned that he had received two items from Jerry Harr to be used as prizes; One item for a raffle for any member who worked on the show and one item to be raffled for any member who worked the kitchen.

Correspondence: Elaine Von Achen reported nothing new besides what had been reported in the board meeting minutes.

Committee Reports:

Scholarship: Wayne mills read a thank you from Eliza O'Rourke (Cuesta College), recipient of an OMS scholarship.

Library: Gary Sheffer asked if members wanted to renew a subscription to the Metal Stone & Glass magazine, as he didn't see anyone checking it out.

CFMS: None

Field Trips: Bob Bullock announced that we would go to Clear Creek for our October field trip. Wayne reported the Santa Lucia Rockhounds annual gem show is to be held in Paso Robles on September 16th and 17th. It was also reported that the yearly Jade Festival would be held October 6th through the 8th at Happy Valley. The San Luis Obispo gem and mineral society will hold their show on October 14th and 15th at the Veterans Hall in Cayucos.

Raffle: Wayne Mills listed some of the items for the night's raffle. They included a book on National Parks, faceted sapphire and Pecos diamonds. He also asked the membership to let him know what items they would like to see in the raffle.

Abused Children: Debbie Hood said we had a crystal cluster and five mineral specimens to raffle.

Old Business:

Sylvia Nasholm presented a pendant to Sandy Berthelot, as she was the winner of the drawing for the kitchen help at our August Gem Show.

New Business:

Wes Lingerfelt asked the membership if they would like to change the venue for the yearly barbeque from its current location at Pioneer Park to the St. Joseph's Church grounds in Nipomo. The park charge is \$135.00 for use of the pits and tables but you have to park away from the area and walk. St. Joseph Church charges \$200.00 for its facilities but the barbeque has to be held on Sunday as they have it leased out for weddings on Saturday's. Wayne Mills took a vote of the membership. There were 10 votes for Pioneer Park and 7 votes for St. Joseph's Church. We will continue to hold the annual June barbeque at Pioneer Park.

There was discussion on whether we should continue our bi-monthly subscription to Metal Stone and Glass/Australia as the price is \$36.00 per year and \$68.00 per two years. With the exception of Debbie Hood there is little interest in checking out this magazine. A motion was made by Wayne Mills and seconded by Wes

Lingerfelt that we discontinue the subscription. Motion was passed.

Elaine Von Achen told about her trip to Oregon. She and John attended two Gem and Mineral Shows while there and also went to the Crater Museum in Central Point where they met the president of the Medford Gem Club and toured their facilities.

Bill Hood announced that the nominating committee for 2007 had to date the following nominations: President – Debbie Hood, President elect – considering two people, Secretary – Elaine Von Achen, Treasurer – Wes Lingerfelt and for the Board – Gary Sheffer and Dee Dee Magri.

Our guest speaker for the evening was Wayne Mills who gave a presentation on Glaciers, Great Floods, Global Warming and Pleistocene Man in America.

Our monthly raffle followed the presentation.

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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October 2006 Calendar

Tuesday Oct. 3, 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.
Tuesday, Oct. 10, 2006 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.	OMS General Meeting -Elwin Mussell Senior Center, 510 E. Park St., Santa Maria. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program-Agates of the World • Display- Agates of the World • Refreshments- Pies
Saturday Oct. 21, 2006 8:00 a.m. to ?? p.m..	Field Trip to Clear Creek
Saturday Oct. 28 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 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, Cayucos, and Morro Bay
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. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program- • 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.

Show Calendar

October 1 2006, Fallbrook, CA

Fallbrook Gem & Mineral Society
123 W. Alva (FGMS Headquarters)

Orcutt Mineral Society

Hours: 10 - 4

Club Web Site: www.fgms.org

There is a map on web site

Janice Bricker (760) 728-1333

October 6-8, Pacific Valley, CA Jade Festival (Big Sur)

October 7-8 2006, Lakeside, CA

El Cajon Valley Gem & Mineral Society
Lakeside Rodeo Grounds
12584 Mapleview
Hours: 10 - 5 both days
David Newton (619) 390-5054

October 14-15 2006, Cayucos, Ca. San Luis Obispo Rock Club Cayucos Veteran's Hall

October 14-15 2006, Grass Valley, CA

Nevada County Gem & Mineral
Earth's Treasures
Nevada County Fairgrounds
11228 MC Courtney Road
Hours: 10 - 4 both days
Cliff Swenson (530) 272-3752

October 14-15 2006, Trona, CA

Searles Lake Gem & Mineral Society
"Gem-o-Rama"
Searles Lake Gem & Mineral
13337 Main Street
Hours: Sat. 7:30 - 5; Sun. 7:30 - 4
Bonnie Fairchild (760) 372-5356
Email jbfairchild@verizon.net

October 14 2006, West Hills, CA

Woodland Hills Rock Chippers
Eighth Annual Gem & Mineral Show
22700 Sherman Way
Hours: 10 - 5
Virginia Rotramel (818) 790-7598
Email show@rockchippers.org

October 21-22 2006, Anderson, CA

Shasta Gem & Mineral Society
Shasta District Fairgrounds
Hours: Sat 10-5 Sun 10-4
Alex Stoltz (530) 474-4400

October 21-22 2006, Placerville, CA

El Dorado Mineral & Gem Society
El Dorado County Fairgrounds
100 Placerville Drive
Hours: 10 - 5 daily
Show Chair: Jackie Cerrato (530) 677-2975
Email: jacobocer@directcon.net
Website: www.rockandgemshow.org

October 21-22 2006, Whittier, CA

Whittier Gem & Mineral Society
Whittier Community Center
7630 Washington Avenue
Hours: 10 - 5 both days
Jay Valle (626) 934-9764
Email res19pnb@verizon.net

October 27-28 2006, Northridge, CA

Del Air Rockhounds Gemboree
United Methodist Church
9650 Reseda Blvd. (at Superior St.)
Hours: Friday 3 pm - 9:30 pm; Sat. 10 - 5
Bim Wendler (818) 993-0119
Email: del_air_rockhounds@yahoo.com

October 28-29 2006, Stockton, CA

Stockton Lapidary & Mineral Club
San Joaquin County Fairgrounds
1658 Airport Way
Hours: sat. 10 - 5; sun. 10 - 4
Jim Dunlap (209) 478-0747
Show Website: www.Stocktonlapidary.com

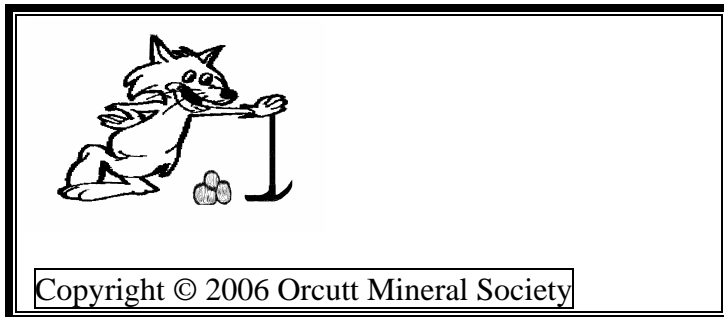
October 28-29 2006, Vista, CA

Vista Gem & Mineral Society
1200 Vale Terrace
Hours: Sat. 10 - 5; Sun. 10 - 4
Mary Anne Mital (760) 758-4599

November 4-5 2006, Lancaster, CA

Palmdale Gem & Mineral Club
"Rock n Gem Roundup"
Antelope Valley Fairgrounds
2551 West Avenue H

Hours: 9 - 5 both days
Susan Walblom (661) 943-1861
Rodney Shillings (661) 400-5198
Email: slchaisson@yahoo.com
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November 4-5 2006, Ridgecrest, CA
Indian Wells Gem & Mineral Society
Desert Empire Fairgrounds
Call (760) 375-8000 for RV parking
520 S. Richmond Road
Hours: 9 - 5 both days
John De Rosa (760) 375-7905



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When someone asks you, "A penny for your thoughts" and you put your two cents in...what happens to the other penny?

Via Angie Texeira and Alan Dean

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