



# Ore-Cutts

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**Please join us on October 13, 2010 in the Parish Hall at Saint Joseph's Catholic Church at 298 Thompson Ave., Nipomo, at 7:00 pm.**

♣ *The program will be given by Salvatore Orlando on Stone Carving. If you have ever had a hankering to try carving something in stone, or just wonder how they do it, you won't want to miss this talk!*

♣ *The Display theme will be Jade in all its many colors.*

♣ *The refreshments will be cakes brought to us by Sharon Duncan, Margaret Henson and Don Nasholm.*

*Please mark your calendars with the new meeting dates: the second Wednesday of each month, at least for the rest of this year.*

## THE PREZ SAYS, October 2010

By Sylvia Nasholm, President OMS

We had a beautiful morning for our September club breakfast at the Sunset Ridge Golf Center. Nineteen club members attended. Jeannie Lingerfelt wire wrapped a piece of porcelain that she found at the Rainbow of Gems this year and we added it to the prizes for the day. Paul Berthelot came up with the first winning number and Sandy picked the porcelain pendant. The next winner in line was Erica Erskine and she chose a Staurolite specimen. Wes Lingerfelt came up the winner on the last ticket drawn and Jeannie has a small amethyst lace sphere that I suspect will wind up as a beautiful wrapped pendant! As the morning wound down, Bill Hood disappeared from the table and was found enjoying himself on the putting green outside the restaurant! The October breakfast will be at the Girls in Arroyo Grande on Grand Ave. at 9am. See you there!

More moons ago than many of us would like to

count, several club members set off for Los Angeles to purchase a collection from an old time rockhound. Some of it has shown up at silent auctions held during past Rainbow of Gems events but mostly it has just been occupying space on the Nasholm acres waiting for the next event. Prior to her move to Benicia, DeeDee Magri augmented the pile with a portion of her collection she didn't want to move. Well, the event has arrived! The Nasholm's will be hosting the club's October field trip. This will be your opportunity to go through the club's pile and beef up your collection! Show up any time after 10am. We will serve hot dogs starting around noon to keep your strength up (Jalama Beach already has a corner on the burger). Bring a portable chair to sit on, your favorite beverage (we will have sun tea available), and a side dish if you wish. Directions and more information will be given at the meeting on Wednesday, October 13. If you can't attend the meeting, our address and phone number are in the red book. Feel free to call with any questions. As with any outing, you will need to sign a waiver. The terrain is uneven and a four-wheel drive vehicle will be a plus to get close to the pile. Be sure to wear sturdy shoes you don't mind getting dirty, and bring gloves, hat and a hand pick.

I want to clear up a misconception brought to my attention after our last meeting. The snack bar actually made a profit of \$1,872.94 that added to the overall income of the show this year. The Rainbow of Gems is an event whose purpose is to provide club members with a venue to display their hobby, promote interest in our hobby, provide education about it, make enough money to keep the club solvent, and offer an Earth Sciences scholarship each year. Let's continue to do all we can to keep it a fun filled event as well.

## Sunshine

This is an update on Joseph M. He has seen a pediatric neurologist several times and he



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has had every test they can think of and everything comes back normal, which is the good news. The bad news is that this has been going on for five weeks now and he has seen a minimum of five different doctors, not including the hospital doctors, on multiple admissions, and no one knows what is wrong with him. He is still dizzy and is still having very bad headaches. His stomach issues seem to have eased up for the most part but he is still somewhat nauseated (which could be from the headaches). They are keeping a close watch on his weight and he is holding steady. The only thing left is to get him into UCLA. The insurance has approved it but UCLA says they don't have an opening until the first of November. His Doctor is really working on that to get him in earlier. When anything changes, we will let you know. Thank you, everyone, for your concern and your prayers. We really appreciate it. Elaine Von Achen.

*(Okay, folks, why don't we send him some cards and try to help him get through this. Nearly all of us have had serious health challenges at one time or another, and we know that our friends are an important part of helping us recover. So keep those cards and letters coming in to Joseph. His address is in the Redbook.)*

## Birthdays & Anniversaries



Celebrating birthdays

in October are, Joe Azevedo, Dick Bazzell, Brenna Ferguson, DeeDee Magri, Louise McIntosh, Wayne Mills, & John Von Achen. A very Happy Birthday! to you all.

Celebrating an Anniversary for September are, Bill & Jeanne Brown, Mike & Margaret Henson, Marshall & Glenda Reeves. We wish you many more!

## Field Trip Report

By Debbie Hood

Last month's fieldtrip date coincided with the Paso Robles Club's Show at the Pioneer Museum, so we made that our fieldtrip. It was great weather for a show, nice and warm, but not the cook-an-egg-on-the-sidewalk-hot that is usual for Paso this time of year.

The Museum has seen a lot of work in the last year, the exhibits have been updated and it is looking very well. The show exhibits were also very interesting, especially Wayne Mill's exhibit that was full of puns on rock names...very clever! And another very elaborate display of carved fish in a naturalistic

underwater vignette, complete with seaweed, and a sunken treasure-very imaginative and I'm sorry I did not write the maker's name down (The two Don's)



There seemed to be more vendors than previous years, and there were a great variety of things to look at. Central Coast Gem labs was there with a killer faceted Ametrine, sadly, it did not follow me home like a puppy dog. Gemologist Steve Beitman was forced to retire due to health problems and is moving to Nevada so he can help care for his mom. We wish you well!

The Nasholm's were there this year selling her Dad's faceting materials and some items left from the estate sale.

The Ferguson's were there and Jan found a jasper slab with a perfect fish in the markings...we expect to see that as a picture real soon.

To top it all off at least two of our club members



won items from their Treasure Chest: Wes Lingerfelt won a nice Mexican fortification agate, and Bill Hood won a sphere.

All in all, our sister club put

on a great show.

## The Serpentine War

By John Martin

From the October 2010 CFMS Newsletter

For now, the battle over the California State Rock, Serpentine, is over. The bill, SB 624, to remove

Serpentine as the State Rock of California has died in committee. The original bill was introduced in February of 2009, voted on in the senate with 36 for and 0 against. It was amended in April of 2009 and again in May of 2010. The original bill was not about Serpentine, but was an act to amend Section 49120 of the Public Resources Code, relating to solid waste (Garbage Collection and Disposal) and would remove the requirement that the city represented in this provision be incorporated. Then how did this bill get to be "The removal of Serpentine as our State Rock? Well, after the bill was introduced, voted on and passed in the senate, the bill was amended again in June of 2010 or should be correctly stated, completely re-written to change the content from garbage collection to Removal of Serpentine as the California State Rock. (The original vote of 36- 0 did not change through all of the amendments) So in the dark of night and behind closed doors the entire text and purpose of the bill changed and the vote remained the same.

That brings the bill to the War of The Rock. The bill as amended declares the rock "Serpentine" is asbestos and can cause cancer and should not be the state rock and must be removed. There is one last amendment to the bill which removes the reference to asbestos and cancer, all that remains in the bill is to remove Serpentine as the State Rock of California from Section 425.2 of the Government Code. There is no reason given in the bill as to why the repeal of Serpentine as the California State rock is needed. It is the fifth revision of SB 642 that has died in committee and saved our State Rock. Part of the reason that this bill failed is because of the contacts made to State Officials by the Rockhound community. The voicing of outrage and concern by the rockhound community over SB 642 helped to kill this bill. All of those who contacted their representatives and spoke out over this piece of bad and unnecessary legislation deserve congratulations and a very big Thank You for their support. Without the letters, emails and phone calls that were placed, we may not have a State Rock today. Even though it died in committee, comments that were received from State Senators and Assembly Members stated they were not going to support or vote for the bill if and when it came to the floor for final approval. Again, for all of those who helped in this noble campaign to save Serpentine, another big Thank You. Your support effort does show that the system

can and does work. For more information on the bill and its amendments go to the ALAA Website [www.aamlands.org/6652/67112.html](http://www.aamlands.org/6652/67112.html) and see all the history on SB 642.

## Garnets

*From the Pelonagram, Jan 2005*

Garnets as a group are relatively common in highly metamorphosed rocks and in some igneous formations. They form under the high temperatures and/or pressures that those types of rocks must endure. Geologists can use garnets as a gauge of how much temperature and pressure the rock has endured. As a **gemstone**, garnets have had a mixed reputation. Garnets do possess high indices of refraction, are hard enough, have pretty colors, are wonderfully transparent, lack cleavage and are durable; thus making good candidates for gemstones. However, many people consider garnets to be inferior to other colored gems. This may be due to garnet's relative abundance and widespread use, and therefore a (typically) low price. Garnets are greatly variable in colors and varieties, though, and many of these are both rare and beautiful, producing genuinely precious gemstones. Some garnets are truly unique in the mineral kingdom and have much to offer as both gemstones and mineral specimens. Of course, garnets are the January Birthstone.

The general formula for most of the garnets is **A<sub>3</sub>B<sub>2</sub>(SiO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>3</sub>**. The **A** represents divalent metals such as calcium, iron, magnesium and/or manganese. The **B** represents trivalent metals such as aluminum, chromium, iron and/or manganese and in the rarest garnets; vanadium, titanium, zirconium and/or silicon.

The general formula for a couple of rarer garnets (hibschite and katoite) is **A<sub>3</sub>B<sub>2</sub>(SiO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>3</sub>-X(OH)<sub>4</sub>X**. The main differences in physical properties among the members of the garnet group are slight variations in color, density and index of refraction. Garnets are *isostructural*, meaning that they share the same crystal structure. This leads to similar crystal shapes and properties. Garnets belong to the *isometric* crystal class, which produces very symmetrical, cube-based crystals. The most common crystal shape for garnets however is the **rhombic dodecahedron**, a twelve sided crystal with diamond-shaped (rhombic) faces. This basic shape is the trademark of garnets, for no other crystal shape is so closely associated with a single mineral group like the rhombic

dodecahedron is with garnets. Most garnets are red in color, leading to the erroneous belief that all garnets are red. In fact a few varieties, such as grossular, can have a wide range of colors, and uvarovite is always a bright green. As a mineral specimen, garnets usually have well-shaped and complex crystals and their color and luster can make for a very beautiful addition to a collection. At times, garnets are accessory minerals to other valuable and pretty gem minerals such as **topaz**, **beryl**, **tourmaline**, **vesuvianite** and **diopside** making these specimens extra special. The Garnet Group is actually a larger group than most people know. In the table below are the more common members with their chemistries and their significant divergent properties: **density (SG)**, **index of refraction (IR)**, and the *typical color* as well as their general environment of formation. Under environment of formation: metamorphic is indicated with an **M** and igneous with an **I**. All garnets may contribute to detrital sedimentary rocks but they are not of original sedimentary origin. Other rarer members of the garnet group include calderite, goldmanite, henritermierite, hibschite, katoite, kimzeyite, knorringite, majorite, morimotoite and schorlomite. The mineral yafsoanite, a **tellurate**, the **halide** mineral cryolithionite, **arsenate** minerals berzeliite and manganberzeliite and the **vanadate** mineral palenzoaitite share the same structure with the Garnet Group.

### Important New Fossil Find In California

Now arid and dusty and shadowed by the San Bernardino Mountains to the north, San Timoteo Canyon is 85 miles southeast of Los Angeles. About million and a half years ago it was once part of a lush ancient river valley that was home to many animals and plants that are no longer in evidence. Recently utility workers from Southern California Edison building a new substation stumbled on a fossil find that researchers say could fill many blanks in our knowledge of Southern California's prehistory.

The crew doing grading for the substation, discovered a trove of animal fossils dating back 1.4 million years. The well-preserved deposit contains nearly 1,500 bone fragments, including a giant cat that was the ancestor of the saber-toothed tiger, ground sloths the size of modern-day grizzly bears, two types of camels and more than 1,200 bones from small rodents, a new species of deer, horse and possibly llama. Also found were fossils of plant life

that indicate birch, pine, sycamore, marsh reeds and oak trees, all natives to a much wetter environment, once grew in the area that is now dry and sparsely vegetated.

. These fossils are about 1 million years older than those found in the famous La Brea Tar Pits in Los Angeles, Everyone knows about the La Brea Tar Pits, but this is much larger in terms of its scientific value to the research community. Particularly fascinating are the prehistoric camels and llamas and horses and deer, most people don't even realize that those types of animals were roaming around in southern California more than a million years ago, or that this area had an entirely different climate in the past.

This find cannot be directly compared to the La Brea Tar Pits because they contain different species and shed light on different eras. Being from an earlier era, the collection could advance scientists' understanding of life in Southern California 1.4 million years ago. A discovery such this, where fossils are all found together in a whole range of sizes along with the plants they depended upon, is really an important contribution to our understanding of the conditions and species prevalent at that time.

Our view of what this time period was like in terms of mammal evolution has been hazy due to few fossils having been found up till now. The fossils representing 35 species have all been removed from the site and will be on display at the Western Science Center in nearby Hemet starting next year.

### Rock & Gem Magazine Needs Your Help!

Every month, Rock & Gem gives away a Dremel rotary tool kit and a plaque to a lapidary hobbyist through its Craftsman of the Month column/contest. Unfortunately, the level of craftsmanship in their contest submissions has dropped way off. they cringe at the thought of awarding the title of "Craftsman" to someone who glued a specimen to a couple pieces of wood and called it a bookend, but that is what they are reduced to. Projects don't have to be professional level, but they should involve actual lapidary work, not just gluing.

They invite you to submit your own entries to the contest so that they can award the prizes to projects that truly deserve them. The entry rules are printed at the bottom of every Craftsman layout (p. 8 in the magazine) and are posted online (<http://rockngem.com/craftsman.asp>).

This is not a project article submission--you must only submit a photo of the finished project and describe how you completed it in approximately 400 words. Digital photos and Word documents submitted on a CD are ideal. You may also submit color prints and, if they absolutely must, they will type out your text for you.

Of course, they are also suffering a drought in the area of lapidary project submissions. You are all welcome to put together a submission using their writers' guidelines

(<http://rockngem.com/submissions.asp>) and send it in. Contact Lynn Varon, Managing Editor Rock & Gem magazine, (805) 644-3824 ext. 129 or [www.rockngem.com](http://www.rockngem.com) for a Contributor Agreement and W9 form. They also want articles on basic lapidary techniques, new types of stone on the market, tips for working with various kinds of lapidary material, and so on.

**Rockhounding is MORE than a hobby; it's a PASSION!**

### **Orcutt Mineral Society General Meeting St. Joseph's Church, Nipomo, CA. September 08, 2010**

President Sylvia Nasholm called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

Mike Henson gave the invocation.

Wes Lingerfelt led the flag salute.

Sheriff, Bill Hood, collected 25 cents from Truman Burgess who didn't have a name badge.

**Minutes:** Elaine Von Achen read the minutes of the previous board meeting. Minutes were approved as read.

**Treasurer's report:** Wes Lingerfelt gave the treasurer's report. It was accepted as given. He also gave an overview on the show saying we took in \$16,030 and netted \$8,546. He thanked everyone for his or her hard work saying this was the best show ever.



**Correspondence:** None.

**Hospitality:** Jeannie Lingerfelt reported 27 members and 13 guests in attendance. Guests included Mike Schmidt, Samantha Schmidt, Owen Baynham, Austin Moore, Shasta Palmer and Mike O'Donnell. Guests were greeted and thanked.

**Refreshments:** Margaret Henson thanked Wayne Mills, Jan Ferguson, Lucky Virgin, Jeannie Lingerfelt

and Elaine Von Achen for bringing pies for the evening's refreshment.

**Committee Reports:**

**Abused Children:** Jan Ferguson reported the evening's prizes for the September drawing as a piece of malachite from Africa won by Mike Henson, a piece of Amazonite won by Brenna Ferguson and a piece of fossil fern won by Debbie Hood.

**Breakfast:** Breakfast for September will be held at the Sunrise Grill at Sunset Ridge Golf Center, 1424 W. Fairway Drive, Santa Maria on the 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.

**Budget & Audit:** None.

**Bulletin:** The Bulletin is out and everyone received his or her copy.

**CFMS:** None.

**Door Prize:** There are some great prizes for this evening including some amethyst, a shark tooth, banded agate, beads and a sphere, donated by Lucky Virgin, of Jasper from Cayucos.

**Education:** None.

**Gem Show:** Sylvia thanked everyone for all their work and went over dealer's comments regarding the show. She visited every dealer and thanked him or her for participating in the show.

Elaine thanked everyone who had a showcase this year. She said that she felt the quality of the cases improved every year and this year was the best yet.

**Historian:** None.

**Field Trip:** The September field trip will be to the Santa Lucia Rockhounds annual gem show in Paso Robles to be held September 18 and 19.

**Highway Clean-up:** Our next highway clean up will be September 11 at 8:00 a.m. Members will meet on the south east corner of Highways 101 and 166.

**Library:** None.

**Locker Clean up:** None.

**Membership:** Elaine welcomed new members Mike and Samantha Schmidt, Owen Baynham, Austin Moore and Shasta Palmer. We also have a new member, Barbara Strasbaugh, who was not in attendance. She will be welcomed at the next meeting.

**Political Action Committee:** None.

**Property:** None.

**Scholarships:** None.

**Sunshine:** Alexis Van Natta had thyroid surgery and is doing very well. Joseph Martinez is ill and tests are being run to find out what is wrong. Get well cards were passed around for both of them.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:**

There was discussion on the door prize fund. The board has voted to put any monies in excess of \$1,000 into the general fund. Wayne Mills is opposed to this idea and it was decided that we would wait until next month to bring it to a vote before the members.

The program for the evening is a collection of pictures from the gem show.

The meeting was adjourned by President Sylvia Nasholm at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Elaine Von Achen, Secretary, OMS

### **Orcutt Mineral Society Board Meeting Von Achen Home, Nipomo, CA September 7, 2010**

President Sylvia Nasholm called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Members present were Wes Lingerfelt, Debbie Hood, Gloria Dana, Sylvia Nasholm, Elaine Von Achen, Sandy Berthelot, Mike Henson and Don Dana. Guests included Bill Hood, Jeannie Lingerfelt, John Von Achen and Paul Berthelot.

**Minutes:** Minutes from the August general meeting were printed in the September bulletin. Minutes were approved as printed.

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

**Correspondence:** Elaine Von Achen noted an invitation from the City of Santa Maria for their Annual Grapes and Grain Art Show to be held on October 2, 2010. She also read a letter from Pacific Western Bank noting they had taken over Los Padres Savings and listing current rates. A notice was received from BLM noting a meeting to be held October 1-2 in Needles, Ca.

**Committee Reports:**

**Abused Children:** None.

**Annual Gem Show:** Wes Lingerfelt went over the financial report for the show and noted that this year was the best show we've ever had. We increased our net income by approximately \$3,000 over last year. There was discussion on ways to improve for next year.

**Breakfast:** September's OMS breakfast will be held at the Sunrise Grill at Sunset Ridge Golf Center,

1424 W. Fairway Drive, Santa Maria. It will start at 9:00 a.m. on September 25, 2010.

**Bulletin:** Debbie Hood said the bulletin had gone out in the mail and was on line as well.

**CFMS:** None.

**Education:** None.

**Field Trip:** The September field trip will be held on the 18<sup>th</sup> and will be to the Paso Robles Club Show as our Field trip leader will be unavailable.

**Highway Clean-up:** The next clean-up will be held September 11th. Members will meet at Highway 101 and 166 on the South East corner at 8:00 a.m.

**Library:** None.

**Membership:** Elaine Von Achen read an application for membership from Michael Schmidt and Samantha Schmidt. Sylvia Nasholm made a motion that we accept Michael and Samantha for membership.

Debbie Hood seconded the motion. Motion passed.

She also read a application from Owen Baynham.

Elaine made a motion that we accept Owen for membership. Sandy Berthelot seconded the motion.

Motion passed. An application was read from Shasta Palmer. Wes Lingerfelt made a motion that we accept Shasta for membership. Sylvia Nasholm seconded the motion. Motion passed. An application was read from Austin Moore. Mike Henson made a motion that we accept Austin for membership. Debbie Hood

seconded the motion. Motion passed. An application was read from Barbara Strasbaugh. Sylvia Nasholm

made a motion that we accept Barbara for membership. Sandy Berthelot seconded the motion.

Motion passed.

**Refreshments:** Pie will be served for the September General Meeting donated by Jeannie Lingerfelt, Elaine Von Achen, Wayne Mills, Jan Ferguson and Sandy Berthelot.

**Scholarship:** None.

**Sunshine:** Alexis Van Natta had thyroid surgery and is doing very well. Joseph Martinez is ill and tests are being run to find out what is wrong.

**Old Business:**

Sylvia Nasholm noted that she was working on a Junior Badge program.

**New Business:**

Elaine Von Achen suggested that we leave \$1,000 in the door prize fund and anything in excess should be deposited in the general fund or general reserve account. This would help build our savings in the event we are able to have a permanent OMS home. After discussion Elaine made a motion that any

monies in excess of \$1,000 in the door prize fund be deposited in the general fund and that the operating rules and regulations be modified as such. The motion was seconded by Sylvia Nasholm. Motion carried.

Bill Hood agreed to chair the Nominating Committee for the new year. Elaine Von Achen will help.

Sylvia Nasholm said she was very excited to have Salvatore Orlando for our October General Meeting Program. We will give a talk and demonstrate rock carving.

September's program will be a video from CFMS on Quartzsite and the CFMS. The display for September will be fossils and show finds.

The meeting was adjourned by President, Sylvia Nasholm at 8:20 p.m. after which we had coffee and wonderful muffins provided by Sylvia.

Respectfully submitted:

Elaine Von Achen, Secretary, OMS

## A Newsletter Story

*From Dick Stata, March 10 2005, FOR S.C.R.I.B.E.*

I find some of the Mineral clubs in North America have unusual and inventive names for their Newsletters. Here are a few from the Scribe membership list.

Out west I'm known as THE ROCKCOLLECTOR, I was traveling down the ROCKYROAD, heading through the canyon, hearing the ROCKY ECHOES, the noise chased a ROADRUNNER away. I was heading for an old ROCKMINE I'd heard about, if I had any luck I would find a MINERAL VEIN or maybe some OUTCROPPINGS. I had my COLLECTING BAG in it was my old STONE CHIPPER and my trusty ROCK CHIPPER. I was in luck I found the TAILING'S pile. In seconds I became an AGATE EXPLORER and in those PICKIN'S AND DIGGIN'S I found to my amazement an AMMONITE. It was around about then that I was startled by a ROCK RATTLER who scared me so bad I made a YELLOWSTONE DEPOSIT on the ROCKPILE, I thought for a minute I'd be writing my MINERAL MEMOS to the SCRIBE HISTORIAN. I recovered my wits and picked up my AGATIZER, I used it to locate STRATA DATA, it was in my bag with THE DOPSTICK and that water sprayer I used so I wouldn't have to be a ROCK LICKER, you know CHIP AND LICK. I love to hear the CHIPPERS

CHATTER and those GRANITE CHIPS flew as I hammered with all my MINERAL MITE in that SHAWNEE SLATE. I was startled again, this time by a HOUNDS HOWL it was a ROCKHOUND HEROLD of sorts, seems it was ahead of a ROCKHOUND ROUNDUP from the MINGUS ROCKY TIMES, it was all SHIN SKINNER NEWS to me. I met with a Mr. BEEHIVE BUZZER and had a little STONE CHAT about me being a HI GRADER they had me in a COLLECTORS CORNER. After a little ROCK CHATTER and a few QUARRY QUIPS he calmed down. I told him I was broke so he gave me a GRUBSTAKE. I couldn't stand all those ROCKHOUND RUMBLINGS, so I threw my PINK DOLOMITE SADDLE on my old horse ROCK-IT and rode off. I made like a SILVER CAMELION and I disappeared into MOTHER NATURES BASEMENT, I had a few bucks in my pocket but I didn't have a single CRYSTAL, not even a single PRAIRY GEM, it was a bad day for the T-TOWN ROCKHOUND.

## Desert Glass

*(From Deming Rock Chips via Gneiss Times)*

If you wish to know if your clear glass bottles will turn purple when exposed to sunlight place them under a black light; if fluorescent green appears they will turn purple when exposed to sunlight. This is due to small amounts of manganese that were added to the melted ingredients...sand, soda and lime to free them from traces of iron which give the glass a common aqua color. This enables bottles that capture and absorb the ultraviolet rays of the sun to give us "Desert Glass!"

## Bucketite --

*From SMS News 11/02 via The Pegmatite 02/03*

This is a type of rock that forms in buckets, milk crates, boxes and other containers in the backyards and garages of long-time rockhounds. Its properties vary widely; any color, texture or hardness may be found in these deposits. Often the best material is found in small pieces at the bottom of the container, great patience is needed to sift through a typical deposit. These deposits are typically pretty filthy, though the stones are easily removed and cleaned. Beware of spiders and other vermin, especially in larger deposits and in hotter climates. On the other hand, the material is quite often pre-slabbed, and the slabs will occasionally already have cabochon

outlines marked on them. How can you tell if a piece of rock is bucketite? If you can't tell what it is and someone asks you, just tell them it's bucketite. For more information or to see some bucketite, contact a long-time rockhound. (Also known as "backyardite".)

	Maria.
Saturday Nov. 27, 2010 9:00 to 10:15 a.m.	OMS Monthly Breakfast- The Hometown Buffet, Santa Maria, CA

**October 2010 Calendar**

Tuesday Oct. 5, 2010 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.	OMS Board Meeting-at the home of Sharon Duncan, at 252 S. Burton St., Nipomo. All members are welcome at this business meeting. For direction to the meeting, please contact Sharon Duncan at 478-9359.
Tuesday, Oct. 13, 2010 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.	OMS General Meeting-St. Joseph's Catholic Church, 298 Thompson Ave., Nipomo. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•→Program Stone Carving by Salvatore Orlando</li> <li>• Display- Jade</li> <li>• Refreshments- Cakes</li> </ul>
Saturday, Oct. 16, 2010 10:00 am to 5:00 pm.	<b>Field Trip to the "Nasholms Trove":</b> a large amount of material from many sources. Bring a chair, a side dish, bucket, gloves and work up an appetite. 4 wheel-drive is needed to get to the site. For information & directions contact Sylvia Nasholm at 481-0923.
Saturday Oct. 23, 2010 9:00 to 10:00 a.m.	OMS Monthly Breakfast-The Girls Restaurant, Arroyo Grande, CA.

**November 2010 Calendar**

Tuesday Nov. 2, 2010 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.	OMS Board Meeting-Site to be announced. All members are welcome at this business meeting. For further information call Sylvia Nasholm at 481-0923.
Wednesday Nov. 10, 2010 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.	OMS General Meeting-St. Joseph's Church Recreation Hall <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Program- TBA</li> <li>• Display-Best 1 x 1 display – any materials, any theme, but must fit into a 1 foot square space.</li> <li>• Refreshments-Cookies</li> </ul>
Saturday Nov. 13, 2010 8:00am to 5:00 p.m.	<b>Field Trip to Avila, Cayucos, and Morro Bay-</b> Meet at Mussell Senior Center parking lot. Observational trip to classic locations. Bring a lunch and water. Some hiking required. Contact Bob Bullock at 928-6372 for details.
Saturday Nov. 20 2010 8:00 to 10:00 a.m.	Roadside Clean up After the cleanup, coffee and pastry at "Francisco's Country Kitchen" in Santa

**CFMS SHOWS 2010**

**October 2-3 2010, Oroville, CA**

Feather River Lapidary & Mineral Society  
 Oroville Municipal Auditorium  
 1200 Meyers Street  
 Hours: 10 - 5 Daily  
 Connie Rossetto (530) 589-1840  
 Email: [crossetto@aol.com](mailto:crossetto@aol.com)  
 Website: <http://www.OrovilleRocks.com>

**October 3 2010, Fallbrook, CA**

Fallbrook Gem & Mineral Society  
 Fallbrook Gem & Mineral Facility  
 123 West Alvarado Street  
 Hours: 10 - 4 Daily  
 Mary Fong-Walker (760) 728-1130  
 Email: [ikonmiming@gmail.com](mailto:ikonmiming@gmail.com)

**October 8 – 10 2010, Pacific Valley, Ca.**

Jade Festival

**October 9-10 2010, Grass Valley, CA**

Nevada County Gem & Mineral Society "Earth's Treasures"  
 Nevada County Fairgrounds  
 11228 McCourtney Road  
 Hours: 10 - 5 Both Days  
 Kim Moore (530) 470-0388  
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 Website: <http://www.ncgms.org>

**October 9-10 2010, Trona, CA**

Searles Lake Gem & Mineral Society  
 Searles Gem & Mineral Show Building  
 13337 Main Street  
 Hours: Sat; 7:30-5; Sun. 7:30-4  
 Jim & Bonnie Fairchild (760) 372-5356  
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 Website: [www1.iwvisp.com/tronagemclub](http://www1.iwvisp.com/tronagemclub)

**October 9-10 2010, Vista, CA**

Vista Gem & Mineral Society  
 Antique Gas & Steam Engine Museum  
 2040 N. Santa Fe Avenue  
 Hours: Sat; 20-5; Sun. 10-4  
 Fred Wilson (760) 433-8446  
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**October 16 2010, West Hills, CA**

Woodland Hills Rock Chippers  
 First United Methodist Church  
 22700 Sherman Way  
 Hours: 10-5



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### October 16-17 2010, Cayucos, CA

San Luis Obispo Gem & Mineral Club  
Cayucos Vets Hall (next to Cayucos Pier)

100 Placerville Drive

Hours: 9-5 daily

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### October 16-17 2010, Placerville, CA

El Dorado County Gem & Mineral Society  
El Dorado County Fairgrounds

100 Placerville Drive

Hours: 10-5 daily

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### October 16-17 2010, Santa Rosa, CA

Santa Rosa Gem & Mineral Society  
Veterans Memorial Auditorium

1351 Maple Ave

Hours: Sat. 10-6: Sun 10-5

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### October 16-17 2010, Whittier, CA

Whittier Gem & Mineral Society  
Whittier Community Center

7630 Washington

Hours: 10-5 both days

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### October 23-24 2010, Los Altos, CA

Peninsula Gem & Geology Society  
Los Altos Youth Center

1 North San Antonio Road

Hours: 10-5 both days

Website: <http://pggs.org/>

### October 30-31 2010, Lakeside, CA

El Cajon Valley Gem & Mineral Society  
Lakeside Rodeo Grounds

12584 Maplevue Street

Hours: 10-4 both days

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### November 6-7 2010, Concord, CA

Contra Costa Mineral & Gem Society  
Centre Concord (in Clayton Fair Shopping Center)  
5298 Clayton Rd. (near Ygnacio Valley Rd.)

Hours: 10-5 both days

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### November 6-7 2010, Lancaster, CA

Palmdale Gem & Mineral Club

Antelope Valley Fairgrounds

2551 West Ave. H & Hwy 14

Hours: 9-5 both days

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### November 6-7 2010, Ridgecrest, CA

Indian Wells Gem & Mineral Society

Desert Empire Fairgrounds

520 South Richmond Road

Hours: 9-5 both days

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### November 12, 13, 14 2010, Sacramento, CA

Sacramento Mineral Society

Scottish Rite Center

6151 H Street

Hours: Fri & Sat 10-6; Sun 10-5

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### November 13-14 2010, Yuba City, CA

Sutter Buttes Gem & Mineral Society

Yuba-Sutter Fairgrounds (Franklin Hall)

442 Franklin Ave.

Hours: Sat 9-5; Sun 9-4

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### November 13-14 2010, Victorville, CA

Victor Valley Gem & Mineral Club

San Bernardino Co. Fairgrounds

14800 - 7th Street

Hours: Sat. 9-5 Sun. 9-4

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### November 20-21 2010, Oxnard, CA

Oxnard Gem & Mineral Society

Oxnard Performing Arts Center

800 Hobson Way

Hours: Sat. 9-5 Sun. 10-5

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