



# Ore-Cutts

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## The Pres Box—October 2016

Alexis Van Natta



This month I thought I would share with you the addition of three new members to our family. It's a departure from talking about rocks. Dyanna has wanted chickens and so for her birthday I bought her three; a Rhode Island Red named Ruby, a Buff Orpington named Buffy and a Bard Rock (who is the leader) named Speckles.

We bought them a nice coop and fenced them into a nice large area. When we came home at dusk they were nowhere to be seen. The next morning we found them in our apple tree where they have decided to make their home at night. We have set ourselves to watching them at dusk as they maneuver to find just the right spot in the tree. They all three sit next to each other and it takes quite a few tries to accomplish this. It's almost like a dance.

They were waiting for me at the back door in the morning of the fifth day and they already come when you call them. They seem to be happy just roaming around the yard and spend the hot afternoons under the shade of the bushes. It is amazing how instinct takes over in chickens that have been raised in a big barn with no roost. How do they know? They are smart, "No Dumb Chickens" here.

They are 18 to 20 weeks old and it will be an Easter egg hunt when they start to lay and we can't get them to use the coop egg boxes. Our two cats learned very quickly that these birds are not free game. When they flap their wings and make noise

they are a force to be reckoned with and the cats leave them alone.

Bring your self-collected rocks (or anything) for display at our October meeting. Our October meeting has Cake for refreshments, love it.

Keep your calendar open for the monthly no-host-and-getting-to-know-you breakfast on October 22, at Lil'Bits Café at Grover Beach 8:30 A.M. Put Highway Clean-up on November 12<sup>th</sup> at 8: A.M on your calendar. See you at the SE corner of Highway 101/166 east. Come and get that invigorating and healthy exercise as well as doing something nice for the scenery.

*Alexis*

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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

### October Birthdays

Don Nasholm	10/26
Margaret Henson	10/27

### October Anniversaries

none

***Congratulations!*** If you don't see your name here when you should, then the information is not in ***The Red Book***. Please write your important dates down and give them to **Wayne** so they will be included in the next edition (April 2017)

## SUNSHINE

Margaret Henson

OMS sadly announces the passing of past President Richard "Dick" Dry.

Richard and his wife Karen were valued members when I joined back in 1994. They moved to Florida, and recently to Pennsylvania to be near their daughter.

## HIGHWAY CLEAN-UP PAYS BIG TIME Highway Heroes: September 2016



Here is the gang from the September 10 Highway Clean-up—all regulars. (Odd) month after (odd) month these folks show-up to help OMS clean our stretch of Highway 166. In the first picture, Geary Sheffer proudly displays the **\$50 bill** he found on the September 10 clean-up. Wayne shows a pair of shoes that he found. So, you just never know what you might find. This Saturday (10<sup>th</sup>) was designated as Caltrans Coastal Clean-up Day. We will report our findings to them, including: 8 bags of trash, a bag of cans, 2 tires, an "Alligator" (6 foot-long strip of semi-truck tire tread), hubcap, bundled-up air bed, Cargo counter (electronic device), 6-inch long bolt, and a few animal carcasses (that we left). After the clean-up that went pretty quickly, in spite of the small crew (7 folks) and a dirty highway, we enjoyed brunch at Country Kitchen in Santa Maria. Our waitress Shelly picked the winner of the nice agate geode that Wes brought, and that winner was Sally Griffith—the first time she has won the "Highway Hero(ine) Prize".



## WES (W)RAPPS-UP THE SHOW

Wes Lingerfelt gave his annual show wrap-up program, giving high praise to Sharon Duncan who took over his duties as Dealer Chair, to Dyanna Cridelich and Alexis VanNatta who handled many of the show details as well as the kids booth, to Sylvia Nasholm who handled the show cases and the pie booth, and to Wayne Mills who helped haul tables and managed the Treasure Chest. Wes gave lower marks to the show publicity and enumerated the remaining 20% of his duties that he hopes to shed next year (but we **really** hope that he doesn't, because he still performed several important functions that helped the show run as well as it did). Wes commented that having G-Brothers do the catering was a masterstroke, and has saved our club a lot of heartache.

Wes went through about 500 slides submitted by Bill Hood, Margaret Henson and Sir Paul Howard to make the program. The slides highlighted the 23 cases that we had, as well as many of our 60 dealers.

Currently, pictures from our 2014 and 2015 shows are on our web page ([omsinc.org](http://omsinc.org)). We hope that Wes's informative talk will be placed there soon as well.

## CATCHING UP WITH A FORMER MEMBER OF OMS

On a whim, I sent an e-mail to former member



Steve Rigel who moved to New Mexico in about 2010. Steve gave us a couple of great programs when he was stationed at Vandenberg. Here is his response to my inquiry after his current status.

*"A few things have happened since I moved from California.*

*I spent four years in Albuquerque and retired from the Air Force in August of 2014. I re-married in 2011 and my wife and I moved up to Colorado Springs following my retirement. I'm now teaching high school chemistry (2nd year as a teacher) at a great K-12 charter school.*

*While I still enjoy looking at minerals, I am no longer active in the hobby due to space and weight issues for the collection. I sold off my fluorescent collection before I left Albuquerque. Who knows, you might see a piece out there with one of my old number tag on it some day as they filter through the retail market! I have to admit that it's tempting to drive up to Denver in the next week to check out the Denver fall show, but suspect it might lead to some uncontrollable shopping... Given that we're about to move into a house that's under construction I don't need to add anything else heavy to the load. My current hobby is high-power model rocketry. I recently build a fun scratch upscale of a classic Estes kit, done in steampunk style. It flew beautifully.*

*Say hi to the folks out there for me and if anyone is coming up through Colorado Springs, feel free to drop me a line and a visit.*

Steve

## **OMS NETS GOLD AND A FEW OTHER COLORS IN CFMS and-AFMS BULLETIN CONTESTS**

Wayne Mills, Ore-Cutts Editor

I traveled to Placerville on Friday, September 16 to take in the CFMS show as well as to pick-up some awards from the 2016 Bulletin Contest. I had already heard that I won 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the New Editor classification from the **American Federation**, and had also received awards for Joseph Martinez and Ralph Bishop from the American Federation, but was curious how we did at the **CFMS level**. Saturday Morning I found out--Ralph received a plaque for **Best Adult Advanced** article for his "Copper Turtles" published in the December 2015 Ore-Cutts, Sir Paul Howard received 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Adult articles for his article entitled "Queensland

Agate—Where to Find it and What you Need", Joseph Martinez received second place for Articles by Juniors Ages 12-17, for his article on "Petrified Wood", and the Ore-Cutts was honored with a second place in Small Bulletins.

Unfortunately, the awards for all but 1<sup>st</sup> place are now all paper, so only Ralph got the "bling" from CFMS. (In the past, CFMS awarded nice pins for the top ten finishers—and plaques for the top 3 finishers. Those look pretty nice on one's club vest, and the plaques look nice on one's "trophy wall").

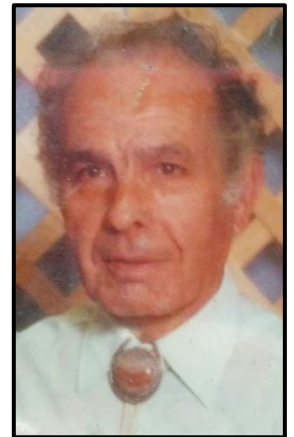
## **JASPER SPIRIT**

By Krystal Rose as told to Wayne Mills

Charles "Charlie" Azevedo was a prominent member of Orcutt Mineral Society who loved jasper. His collection of jaspers and agates that he cut and polished was widely admired. Charlie passed on his enthusiasm for rocks and lapidary to the many people who visited the OMS Lapidary Shop at Mussel Senior Center in Santa Maria where Charlie taught classes from 1974 to 1994. Charlie passed away in April, 2010, leaving his amazing collection with his son Joe, and daughter-in-law, Lisa.

Charlie's granddaughter, Krystal Rose came to live with Joe and Lisa in 2013, and became enamored with the beauty of some of Charlie's rocks that Joe and Lisa had on display around

the house. She claimed some of these for her own collection and brought them into her room. A few months after this, she noticed a pattern in her curtains that looked much like her Grandfather Charlie. Being a normal, healthy, young (Catholic) lady, this "freaked her out", so she changed curtains. When the image returned to the next set of curtains,





she decided that it was meant to remain, and so it has.

*Some of Krystel's prized agates and jaspers are shown below.*



## BITS and BYTES

New publication for fossil folks  
***Fossil News: The Journal of Avocational Paleontology.*** [@FourCatsPress.com/FossilNews](http://FourCatsPress.com/FossilNews)

## KID'S CORNER— Minerals from Canada

Mini Miner's Monthly Volume 8, Number 2 (Feb. 2014)

### Agate

Agate is considered a semiprecious gem. This means that it is less valuable than a true gem, but is still used to make jewelry and decorative items. Each band can be a different color. The bands can be gray, white, orange, and red. Other agate patterns include: plume, sagenite, polka dot, and tube agate, among others.

*This specimen of banded agate is from the shores of Lake Superior. Picture: [lakesuperioragate.org](http://lakesuperioragate.org)*



### Apatite

Clear and flawless apatite crystals can be



cut into gemstones. Apatite is number 5 on the hardness scale, so it is too soft to be used in jewelry. If it were, it would be easily scratched or damaged. *Left: A dark blue apatite crystal on orange calcite from Wilberforce,*

*Ontario. Picture: [galleries.com](http://galleries.com)*

### Amethyst

Amethyst is the purple gem variety of the mineral quartz. The ancient Egyptians used amethyst as a gemstone. Amethyst beads have been discovered in some very old graves in England.



Amethyst is found all over the world. Clear, dark purple, gem-quality amethyst, however, is difficult to find. When amethyst is heated it turns yellow. Yellow quartz is called citrine. *Dark purple amethyst from Thunder Bay, Ontario.* Picture: [johnbetts-fineminerals.com](http://johnbetts-fineminerals.com)

### Biotite

Biotite is one variety of the mineral group called mica. All mica minerals break or cleave into very thin sheets. Mineralogists call this micaceous cleavage. All mica minerals form six-sided crystals. Biotite contains iron and so it is also called iron mica. The iron makes biotite black. It is soft at only 2.5 to 3 on the hardness scale. *Biotite crystal from Bancroft, Ontario, Canada. Photo: [johnbetts-fineminerals.com](http://johnbetts-fineminerals.com)*



## Hornblende

The name "hornblende" is a general name for a number of similar dark-colored minerals.

Hornblendes are found in metamorphic rocks like schist and igneous rocks like basalt. They are usually brown or black, but can also be green or greenish-brown. There is no use for hornblende minerals. They are mostly interesting to mineral collectors and geologists.

*Specimen from Tory Hill, Ontario, Canada.*

*Photo: johnbetts-fineminerals.com*



## Ice

Believe it or not, ice is a mineral! Canada has a LOT of it. Ice is usually colorless or white and sometimes light blue.

## Scapolite

The name scapolite actually refers to a group of minerals that have similar chemical and physical properties. The scapolite crystals found in Canada can be large.

Scapolite is light green or white to gray. Its name is from two Greek words that mean rod stone, because scapolite crystals can look like long rods.

Scapolite does not have a use in industry or the home. Its crystals are very interesting to mineral collectors, though. *Scapolite from Haliburton Co., Ontario, Canada. Photo: minefind.com*



## Serandite

Serandite is a rare and very beautiful mineral. Some of the very best serandite crystals have been found at the world-famous mine at Mont Saint-Hilaire, Quebec. Mont Saint-Hilaire is the source for dozens of rare and beautiful minerals, some of which are found



nowhere else in the world. *Photo: mcdougalminerals.com*

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## ORCUTT MINERAL SOCIETY— BOARD MEETING

**Nipomo Chamber of Commerce, Nipomo, CA  
September 6, 2016**

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President Alexis Van Natta called the meeting to order at 7:03 p. m. Board members present were Alexis Van Natta, Wayne Mills, Sylvia Nasholm, Don Nasholm, Sally Griffith, Sharon Duncan, Dyanna Cridelich and Jan Ferguson. Jeanne Watkins was absent. No guests were present.

**Minutes:** Minutes were approved as given in the September bulletin.

**Treasurer's report:** Jan Ferguson gave the treasurer's report. The report was accepted as amended until final update.

**Correspondence:** Kay Davis, daughter of Karen and Richard Dry, wrote to let us know that Richard passed away on August 21, 2016. A letter from the State Board of Equalization was given to Jan Ferguson to give to Jeanne Watkins. There was a letter from Debbie Carter of Nipomo High School regarding Carol Spillman of Feel Good Gems and Jewelry. Since Carol is not a member of OMS but is one of our dealers, Sharon Duncan will call both Carol and Debbie Carter to straighten things out. Wayne Mills received a \$20.00 check for O.M.S. from Randy Armstrong after Randy received his Treasure Chest prize in the mail.

### Committee Reports:

**Abused Children:** \$558.72 total so far for the Abused Children's fund.

**Annual December Luncheon:** Dyanna Cridelich went to The Madonna Inn and picked up menus for the December luncheon. Tonight the Board voted on which four entrees and three desserts they would like to send forth. At the general meeting on September 13, the members will vote for the two entrees and the dessert they would like to have. A vegetarian entrée is also available.

**Annual Gem Show:** Wes Lingerfelt is presenting a wrap-up of the gem show in pictures. He had a couple thousand pictures to go through, so it should be great.

A discussion was had that summarized several of the things that went really well and some of the things that need to be changed for the next year's annual gem show.

These will be addressed later in the year.

**Bulletin:** The Bulletin is out and looks great . The only problem was that silly footer that changes whenever it wants to.

**CFMS:** Wayne Mills will be attending the CFMS Show and Event in Placerville mid-September. Wayne Mills also won second place for new bulletin editors from AFMS.

**Field Trips:** Still hoping for that trip to Buellton. It's not set yet, but we're working on it.

**Highway Cleanup:** Our next Highway cleanup will be held September 13, 2016 at 8:00am. Members will meet on the South East corner of Highways 101 and 166.

**Membership:** none

**Refreshments:** Sally Griffith said that Pies are in order for our general meeting. Jeannie Lingerfelt, Joe and Lisa Azevedo, Sally Griffith and Jan Ferguson will be supplying them. Dyanna Cridelich will bring fruit.

**Sunshine:** Margaret Henson will be bringing a sympathy card for the family of Richard Dry to the next general meeting.

**Scholarship:** Wayne Mills says that the scholarship is \$300.00 plus 10% of the Gem Show proceedings. When all the figures are in, it should be over \$1200.00.

**Old Business:** Building Fund: Discussion was held in regards to the building fund and following the discussion, the conclusion was that we would never build a building. Therefore, Wes Lingerfelt and Alexis Van Natta researched the status of the Building Fund in the December 7, 2010 minutes. Due to their findings, the Board has made a recommendation that the money that was put aside for the building fund should be melted into the property rental fund and used for much needed updated equipment.

#### **New Business:**

The Program for our general meeting on September 9<sup>th</sup> will be Wes Lingerfelt. He will be showing us what a great time we all had at the Rainbow of Gems Show.

Wayne Mills said that he liked the program with 4 people presenting 4 field trips so well that he would like to do it again in October. If you would like to do this, please let Wayne know.

Our November program will be Ralph Bishop. Subject to be decided.

President Alexis Van Natta adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:  
Dyanna Cridelich, Secretary, OMS

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**ORCUTT MINERAL SOCIETY—  
GENERAL MEETING  
Luis Oasis Senior Center, Orcutt, CA  
September 13, 2016**

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President Alexis Van Natta called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

Mike Henson gave the invocation.

Joseph Martinez gave the flag salute.

**Minutes:** Secretary Dyanna Cridelich read the minutes from the September 6, 2016 board meeting. Minutes were approved as corrected.

**Treasurer's report:** Treasurer Jeanne Watkins gave the treasurer's report. The report was accepted as read. Copies of report are available to anyone.

**Correspondence:** Kay Davis, the daughter of Karen and Richard Dry, informed us that Richard had passed away on 8-21-16. Margaret has a card for all to sign for the family.

#### **Committee Reports:**

**Hospitality:** There were 28 members and 4 guests in attendance. The guests were Michele Patino, Terii Richard, Jeanie Nybo and Katherine Nybo.

**Refreshments:** Jeanne Lingerfelt, Jan Ferguson, Lisa and Joe Azevedo and Sally Griffith brought pies.

**Annual December Luncheon:** Dyanna Cridelich went to the Madonna Inn and picked up menus so we could vote on the entrees for our December 10<sup>th</sup> luncheon. At the September board meeting, the board voted on sending four entrees and three desserts forward for the general membership to vote on. The entrees were Roast Sirloin of Beef, Roast Turkey Breast, Baked Honey Cured Ham and Petite Monterey Salmon Filet. The Desserts were Black Forest Cake with Cherries, Lemon Coconut Cake and Toffee Crunch Cake. The OMS membership was given the ballots to vote on and Dyanna Cridelich will give the results before we adjourn tonight.

**Breakfast:** Bill Hood says that the September 24th Breakfast will be at The Country Kitchen in Santa Maria at 8:30am.

**Bulletin:** The Bulletin is out and looks good.

**Door Prizes:** Joseph Martinez is running the door prizes tonight. Several members brought in nice pieces to donate. Some of the more unusual items included a book on gold mining, a jar of Jalepeno jelly and a container of gold flakes.

**Field Trips** Please stay tuned. We are still trying to firm up a trip to get some petrified wood.

**Highway Cleanup:** Our Highway cleanup held Saturday, September 10th, had 7 folks turn up. We found a roll-up bed but the best of all was a \$50.00 bill. Sally Griffith won the drawing prize.

**Membership:** Several people asked for and turned in Membership forms, which we will be taking to the October board meeting for approval.

**Sunshine:** Margaret Henson has brought a card for Richard Dry's family. Debbie Hood said that she has new magic medicine and is doing much better.

**Scholarship:** Wayne Mills said that we will give \$300 plus 10% of the net profits of the gem show. Hopefully, we will be able to donate \$1500.00 to Santa Barbara City College for their geology Program next April.

**Old Business** Building Fund: Wes Lingerfelt researched the old minutes to see how the Board set up the Building Fund. The Board Minutes of December 7, 2010 reads, "Debbie Hood made a motion that the \$1,735.77 currently in the "Monthly Door Prize" be re-named and called "Building Fund". The motion was seconded by Jan Ferguson and the Motion passed. Discussion followed: Having our own building is far out of our reach. The new Oasis Center has no room for us to have a workshop permanently set up. A motion to transfer the Building Fund to the Property Rental Fund for use in purchasing some much-needed new display cases is recommended by the Board. Wes Lingerfelt made the motion. Wayne Mills seconded the motion and the motion was carried.

**New Business:** Menu-Planning for the Madonna Inn December 10, 2016 (Christmas Meeting). The winners of the vote were **Roast Turkey Breast and Baked Honey Cured Ham** for the entrees and the **Black Forest Cake with Cherries for the dessert**. A stuffed Portabella Mushroom will be the vegetarian entrée. Mark your calendar for December 10, 2016 at the Madonna Inn at 12 Noon.

**Nominating Committee:** Members of the Nominating Committee are Wayne Mills – Chair, Dyanna Cridelich and Jan Ferguson. We will need to nominate the President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer and 5 Board Members.

**CFMS:** Wayne Mills will be attending the CFMS Show and Event in Placerville at the end of the month. He will be busy with back-to-back meetings. At 7:30am, he has an editor's breakfast where he hopes to get some awards. We will hear all about it come October. Wayne Mills is also turning-in the request for pins to be given at the December luncheon. He has available for purchase, nifty **California Federation of Mineralogical Societies** Patch for \$3.00 each. These would look great on our vests. If you want one of these, let Wayne know quickly.

**Program Introduction:** Wayne Mills introduced Wes Lingerfelt who is giving a "Wrap up of the August Gem Show in Pictures.

Wes's talk was a wonderful representation of the gem show. It showed that we did a lot of things right. It can always be improved upon and next year will be the best ever for our big 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Thank you to everyone who brought displays.

President Alexis Van Natta adjourned the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:  
Dyanna Cridelich, Secretary, OMS

<b>OMS CALENDAR</b>	
<b>OCTOBER 2016</b>	
<b>Tuesday, Oct. 4</b> 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.	OMS Board Meeting, <b>Nipomo Chamber of Commerce</b> meeting room, All members are welcome at this meeting
<b>Tuesday, Oct. 11</b> 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.	OMS General Meeting—Luis Oasis Senior Center. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Program-2 Folks, 2 Field Trips—</b></li><li>• <b>Display—Favorite field trip treasures. anything Refreshments-Cake</b></li></ul>
<b>Sun. Oct. 16</b>	<b>Field Trip --none</b>
<b>Saturday, Oct. 22</b> 8:30 a.m.	OMS Monthly Breakfast- <b>Lil' Bits—Grover Beach</b>

## NOVEMBER 2016

<b>Tuesday, Nov. 1</b> 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.	OMS Board Meeting, <b>Nipomo Chamber of Commerce</b> meeting room, All members are welcome at this meeting
<b>Saturday, Nov. 5</b> 8 am	Highway clean-up SE corner Rtes. 101/166 East
<b>Tuesday, Nov. 8</b> 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.	OMS General Meeting—Luis Oasis Senior Center. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Program</b>—Ralph Bishop on something awesome</li><li>• <b>Display</b>—Best 1 x 1</li><li>• <b>Refreshments</b>—Cookies</li></ul>
<b>Saturday, Nov. 24</b> 8:30 a.m.	OMS Monthly Breakfast— <b>Denny's , Santa Maria</b>

## CFMS SHOWS

### OCTOBER

#### October 1 - 2: BORON, CA

Mojave Mineralogical Society  
Boron Recreation Park  
26998 John Street  
Hours: Sat 9 - 5; Sun 9 - 4  
Contact: Bruce Davies, (760) 338-8829  
Email: [daviesb@yahoo.com](mailto:daviesb@yahoo.com)

#### October 1 - 2: VISTA, CA

Vista Gem & Mineral Society  
Antique Gas & Steam Engine Museum  
2040 North Santa Fe Avenue  
Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4  
Contact: Ray Pearce, (760) 726-7570  
Email: [raysrocks@cox.net](mailto:raysrocks@cox.net)

#### October 8 - 9: ANDERSON, CA

Shasta Gem & Mineral Society  
Shasta District Fairgrounds  
1890 Briggs Street  
Hours: Sat. 9 - 5; Sun. 10 - 4  
Steve Puderbaugh, 530-604-2951  
Email: [kelly13@shasta.com](mailto:kelly13@shasta.com)  
Show Website: [www.shastagemandmineral.com](http://www.shastagemandmineral.com)

#### October 8 - 9: GRASS VALLEY, CA

Nevada County Gem & Mineral Society  
Nevada County Fairgrounds (Main Building)  
11228 McCourtney Road  
Hours: 10 - 5 daily  
Contact: Todd Lawson, (530) 305-9212  
Email: [webmaster@ncgms.org](mailto:webmaster@ncgms.org)  
Website: [www.ncgms.org](http://www.ncgms.org)

#### October 8 - 9: TRONA, CA

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

#### October 9: FALLBROOK, CA

Fallbrook Gem & Mineral Society  
Fallbrook Gem & Mineral Building

123 West Alvarado Street  
Hours: 9 - 4  
Contact: Janice Bricker, (760) 728-1130  
Email: [fgms@sbcglobal.net](mailto:fgms@sbcglobal.net)  
Website: [www.fgms.org](http://www.fgms.org)

#### October 15: WEST HILLS, CA

Woodland Hills Rock Chippers  
First United Methodist Church  
22700 Sherman Way  
Hours: 10 - 5  
Contact: Mary Beth Pio, (818) 349-9164  
Email: [info@rockchippers.org](mailto:info@rockchippers.org)  
Website: [www.rockchippers.org](http://www.rockchippers.org)

#### October 15 - 16: WHITTIER, CA

Whittier Gem & Mineral Society  
Whittier Community Center  
7630 Washington Avenue  
Hours: 10 - 5 daily  
Contact: Frank Winn, (626) 239-5457  
Email: [rkndfw@gmail.com](mailto:rkndfw@gmail.com)

#### October 22 - 23: LOS ALTOS, CA

Peninsula Gem & Geology Society  
Los Altos Youth Center  
One No. San Antonio Road  
Hours: 10 - 5 daily  
Contact: Steve Jobe, (408) 834-5384  
Email: [steve\\_job@sbcglobal.net](mailto:steve_job@sbcglobal.net)  
Website: [www.pggs.org](http://www.pggs.org)

## NOVEMBER

#### November 5 - 6: ANAHEIM, CA

American Opal Society  
Business Expo Center  
1960 S. Anaheim Way  
Hours: Sat 10 - 6; Sun 10 - 5  
Contact: Veronica Purpura, (714) 509-9959  
Email: [info@opalsociety.org](mailto:info@opalsociety.org)  
Website: [www.opalsociety.org](http://www.opalsociety.org)

#### November 5 - 6: RIDGECREST, CA

Indian Wells Gem & Mineral Society  
Desert Empire Fairgrounds  
520 South Richmond Road  
Hours: 9 - 5 daily  
Contact: John DeRosa, (760) 375-7905  
Email: [jfrocks@dslextreme.com](mailto:jfrocks@dslextreme.com)

#### November 12 - 13: SACRAMENTO, CA

Sacramento Mineral Society  
Scottish Rite Temple  
6151 H Street  
Hours: Sat 10 - 5 daily  
Contact: Alyssa Mesiznger, (916) 662-5819  
Email: [webadmin@sacramentomineralsociety.org](mailto:webadmin@sacramentomineralsociety.org)  
Website: <http://sacramentomineralsociety.org>

#### November 12 - 13: YUBA CITY, CA

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



**November 19 - 20: OXNARD, CA**  
 Oxnard Gem & Mineral Society  
 Oxnard Performing Arts Center  
 800 Hobson Way  
 Hours: Sat. 10 - 5; Sun. 10 - 4  
 Contact: Diane Cook, (805) 647-8517  
 Email: [johndianedaisy@yahoo.com](mailto:johndianedaisy@yahoo.com)  
 Website: [www.oxnardgem.com](http://www.oxnardgem.com)

**PUT THIS DATE ON YOUR CALENDARS!!**  
**Ventura Gem and Mineral Society will sponsor the 2017 American Federation of Gem and Mineral Societies Show at the Ventura Fairgrounds on June 9-11, 2017. The show is called "Ventura Rocks the Nation"**

**Amazingly, VGMS will ALSO host their own show with their wonderful plant sales and silent auctions on March 4-5, 2017. Also at the Ventura Fairgrounds.**



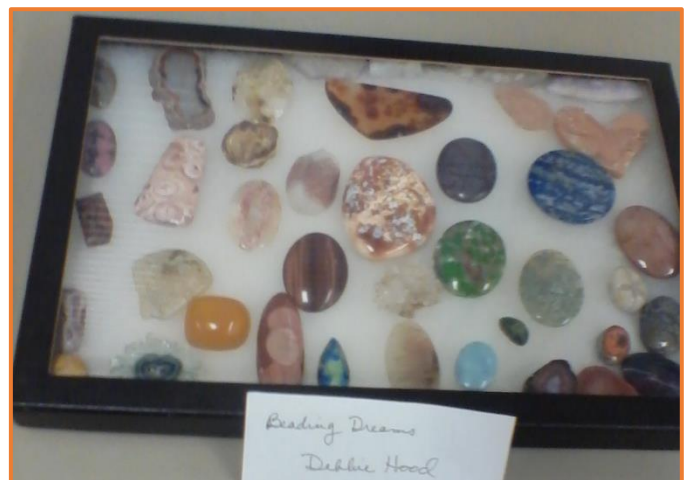
**DISPLAYS FROM OUR SEPTEMBER MEETING**  
 Pictures by Jan Ferguson

**The Henson's Agates**



**Wayne's Fluorite**

2016-OMS Officers		
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