

**The Pres Box—  
October 2017**  
Wayne Mills, OMS President

We are entering the waning months of 2017...already! I have high hopes that we can come-up with a slate of officers for 2018 that will keep the momentum of our successful 2017 show going. Many

thanks to Wes Lingerfelt for his wrap-up of that show at our September meeting.

The Jade Festival is slated for October 6-8 **has been canceled** (bummer). I hope that the highway is open soon, and that this iconic event is a go for 2018.

Many thanks to Wes Lingerfelt for a great show wrap-up at our September Meeting, and for Bill Hood and Margaret Henson who furnished the photos. Thanks too are due to Wes and Marty Lingerfelt, Sally Griffith, Geary Sheffer, and Stan and Brenna Ferguson who showed-up to help with our most arduous highway lean-up in recent memory. I took 2.5 hours to clean my stretch of the highway. On the bright side, Sally found a \$20 bill, and Geary won the quartz crystal that Wes brought as a prize.

Sharon has lined-up a couple of Dr. Gray's students from Santa Barbara City College to give our October Program. It will be on the Sespe Formation, a non-marine group of rocks dating from the late Eocene Age to the early Miocene Age, roughly 34-23 million years before present. The Sespe Formation occurs in Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties.

At our October meeting we will hear the progress of our Election Committee, Sharon Duncan, Sylvia Nasholm, and Elaine Von Achen towards filling our slate of officers for next year. Please be thinking about how you can help us out next year, our 60th as a club!

*Wayne*

**BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

Greetings go out to those folks who are having Birthdays and Anniversaries in **October**:

**BIRTHDAYS**

Don Nasholm	10/26
Margaret Henson	10/27

**ANNIVERSARIES**

Jeannie Beattie,	10/10
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***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 2018)*



*Joey tries to teach his pet rock how to swim.*

**SANDY BERTHELOT COLLECTION AT SPHEREHEAVEN**

Sandra Berthelot's collection of rocks and crystals is for sale on Wes Lingerfelt's web site: [Sphereheaven.com](http://Sphereheaven.com). Look for "Sandy's Treasures". There are a LOT of them, and at very reasonable prices. Please check the pages out! More specimens added each day.

## MINERAL OF THE MONTH— Prehenite

From: [http://www.minerals.net/gemstone/prehnite\\_gemstone](http://www.minerals.net/gemstone/prehnite_gemstone). Photo by Wayne Mills

I have a friend who LOVES **Prehenite**—as in that is just about the only mineral she likes (what about gold, silver and platinum?!) So, in her honor, this month is for her.



**Karen and the \$6,000 Prehenite specimen, Paso Robles, April, 2017**

**Prehenite** is a *calcium aluminum silicate hydroxide* that is normally colored a pale green with a whitish or yellowish tinge. It crystallizes in the Orthorhombic crystal system, and has a hardness of 6-6.5, and a vitreous (glassy) to waxy luster. Relatively recent deposits discovered in Africa containing facetable Prehnite in large quantities has made this gemstone more available and more popular. Prehnite is very sensitive to heat and easily chips, so care must be exercised when cutting. Prehnite Cat's Eyes do exist from Australian finds, but these are very rare. **The main sources for this mineral are:** Mali, South Africa, Namibia, Australia, China and New Jersey

According to the Database of Luminescent Minerals [www.fluomin.org/uk/fiche](http://www.fluomin.org/uk/fiche), Prehenite fluoresces in yellowish white and orange in long wave, and bluish-white and orange in short wave.

### Metaphysical properties

story from: <http://www.healing-crystals-for-you.com/green-prehnite.html>

**Green Prehenite** helps you to connect to beings on the higher spiritual planes, and enhances spiritual growth.

This lovely stone has an energy that helps you

to be prepared, as it enhances precognition or prior knowledge of an event, and the gift of prophecy.

By its action of linking your heart with your will, by its vibration within the solar plexus, it assists you to live life from a heart based perspective. It was known in the past as a stone of magic, and this may have been because it so strongly connects you to the Divine Mind. This green stone also assists you to make a connection with elemental beings, who love to be of service to you, if you treat them with respect.

## LOCAL ROCKS--

Wayne Mills, Ore Cutts Editor, pictures by: , Wayne Mills

The **Monterey Formation** is perhaps the most widely-distributed formation in Central California. Near San Ardo, it produces millions of barrels of oil per year. In Lompoc, it supports the largest diatomite quarry (Cellite) in the world. The Cellite plant has exhibits of some the amazing fossils that have been found in the diatomite including large fish, dolphins and whales. The Monterey formation dates to about 15 million years ago, and represents a range of marine environments including both deep and shallow water. Near the Cellite Quarry is OMS member Jeannie Beattie's ranch that represents a shallower facies of the Monterey formation. Here are some of the fossils that she has found on her ranch.



## BIRTHSTONE(S) FOR OCTOBER

Story <https://www.americangemsociety.org/en/september-birthstone>

October is a special month to me because it marks my daughter's birthday. She is a **Libra**, born in the first half of the month,. The traditional birthstones for October are opal, —a precious gem of wisdom and loyalty, and tourmaline which many people like because it comes in a variety of colors. Tourmaline actually means "mixed stone" which is appropriate because of the many colors the stone takes and because of some of its properties like its watermelon which shows green, clear and pink in the same crystal, and there are other bi and tri color varieties.

The Birth signs for October are Libra and Scorpio. (See the September Ore-Cutts for a discussion of Libra.) Scorpio (9/23-11-21). According to [www.bernardine.com/birthstone/scorpio](http://www.bernardine.com/birthstone/scorpio) . The Zodiac sign of Scorpio includes six stones: **beryl, apache tear, aquamarine, coral, obsidian, and topaz**. In addition to the Zodiac stones, **garnet** and **ruby** are listed as the Planetary stones for Scorpio and **ame-thyst** as the Talismanic Stone. (If you look here, <http://www.healing-crystals-for-you.com/scorpio-birthstone.html> you can find 15 stones for Scorpio—one that I never heard of before (Boji Stone). Since Boji is a female stone, I pick Diopase, perhaps my favorite mineral. **Diopase** is a lovely third-eye and heart chakra stone that resonates with the energy of compassion and forgiveness. This energy also resonates strongly within the thymus chakra, also known as the higher heart. This crystal helps you to see the abundance and richness within your life.

This lovely green healing stone will assist you, as it helps you to live in the present while at the same time brings forward past life memories.

This knowledge of the past, helps you to let go of the karma from past lives that might be holding you back, and producing negativity in your current life.

## BITS AND BYTES

Article on changes in pricing of diamonds

[www.gia.edu/gems-gemology/winter-2014-rough-diamond-auctions-changes-pricing-distribution](http://www.gia.edu/gems-gemology/winter-2014-rough-diamond-auctions-changes-pricing-distribution)

Fake Gemstones discussed

<http://gemsonacritiquehub.tumblr.com/post/142087733371/fake-synthetic-treated-and-misclassified-rocks>

## FIVE BEST PLACES TO HUNT GEMS IN AMERICA

From [The Carmel Valley Prospector, August-September, 2017](#) (and from [THE SMITHSONIAN WEBSITE](#))

Go to Google and take a peek at the article titled “Some Of The 5 Best Places To Go Gem Hunting In The US...” Spoiler alert—They are:

**Emerald Hollow Mine, North Carolina**, featuring emeralds and North Carolina hiddenite;  
**Crater of Diamonds State Park, Arkansas**, featuring actual diamonds;  
**Jade Cove, Big Sur, California** (featuring jade, of course!);  
**Morefield Mine, Virginia**, featuring amazonite, and  
**Graves Mountain, Georgia**, featuring turgite, rutile and other minerals.

Nice article with several very nice photos!

## KID’S CORNER—DIAMONDS

From Mini Miner’s Monthly Vol. 8, No. 8 February, 2014

[Picture from GIA.edu](#)

**Diamond** is pure carbon and is the hardest substance on earth. This is due to the way the carbon atoms connect with each other. **Graphite** is another mineral that is also pure carbon. It is the softest mineral in the mineral kingdom because its carbon atoms connect with each other in a very different way.

Diamonds form at tremendous pressures and temperatures that are found at over 100 miles beneath the earth’s surface where temperatures are 2000 to 3000 degrees F. 80% of the diamonds found are not gem quality. They are brought to the earth’s surface by volcanic activity. They are associated with igneous formations known as kimberlite pipes.

Pure diamonds are colorless. Impurities create blue, red and yellow diamonds. The most common colored diamonds are brown and yellow. The earliest diamond discoveries were in India. By 1725, diamonds were discovered in Minas Gerais, Brazil. Today, Russia produces the most diamonds by weight. They are also mined in South Africa, Botswana, Canada, and other African nations.

In the United States, some gemmy diamonds have been discovered at the Crater of Diamonds State Park in Arkansas. In South Africa, diamond crystals are found in kimberlite, a dark blue to black igneous rock that is also known as blue ground.

Diamond crystallizes in the **isometric** (cubic) crystal system. It forms simple cubes and simple octahedra, the 8-sided crystal form that is so common to diamonds that it is known as “diamond-shaped.” Many octahedral diamond crystals are **hopper** crystals in which the edges of the faces grew faster than the faces themselves.

Diamonds can form twin crystals. These twins are called **macles**. Macles are flat and look like triangles. It is not unusual for the faces of diamond crystals to have little triangular growths. These growths are called **trigons** because they are triangles (with three triangles and sides).



## FIELD TRIP OPPORTUNITY

**CFMS-Field Trips-North extends this invitation to all CFMS Society Members.** Please let the Field

Trip Leader, Jim Hutchings, know if you plan to attend. **Jim Hutchings, Home 530-367-5108, Cell 916-995-7380 [jhutchings22@hotmail.com](mailto:jhutchings22@hotmail.com)**. A "CO-OP MEMBER" **FIELD TRIP TO LOVELOCK, NEVADA** Hosted by Roseville Rock Rollers G & M Society September 30 - October 1, 2017. This trip is open to all rockhounds who agree to abide by the AFMS Code of Ethics, the directions of the field trip leader and practice safe rock hounding. Member's guests are welcome, but must sign a waiver. Call the field trip leader beforehand to sign up and for further information. Remember to sign in with the field trip leader. A Consent and Assumption of Risk Waiver of Liability form must be signed upon arrival at meeting site.

**Materials to be collected include:** Saturday - Hematite coated druzy Quartz, Magnetite, Emerald crystals, and Sunday - petrified wood if the site is still producing, exploring (petrified) wood and common opal sites

**ROCK OPPORTUNITY—CLIFF'S TAILGATE/YARD SALE**

**Cliff Brewen** is a long-standing member of the Santa Lucia Rockhounds (hope he keeps standing for a long time to come!). His **Annual Rock Sale** is a fun event, and is open to all rockhounds. **His sale will be held (Rain or Shine) on November 18, 2017** from 8 am to 2 pm. Set-up for vendors is 7 am. The address is 6384 Monterey Road, Paso Robles. **Bring rocks or rock-related items to sell from your tailgate or table.**

**EARTH ANGEL**  
Wayne Mills, 11/15/96

*When I wrote this poem in 1996, I was a relative newcomer to the hobby, and dedicated it to the wives of rockhounds. Now I know better, and rededicate it to both supportive husbands AND wives of rockhounds. So where it reads she, replace it with (s)he, and likewise where it says he.)*

*"We'll walk the green hills hand in hand  
and share the beauty of the land.  
We'll sleep with stars bright overhead,  
we'll have such fun!"* the young man said.

Foresaking comforts of their home  
they mountains, fields and deserts roam—  
discovering treasures where they lay  
in streams, on beaches or hardened clay.  
Turquoise blue, carnelian red,  
in boxes, bins or 'neath the bed.

As years go by, their treasures mount  
the joy within, their jewels about.

And oft with practiced eye she notes  
with pride (and mirth)  
the heavy load her husband totes.  
For agate, bone or fossil wood he scours the earth  
To find a prettier piece of higher worth.  
And looks at opal with a lustful eye  
and fondles tools he'd like to buy.

She works to weariness to show  
she wants to help the hobby grow.  
And with any luck she's found  
that they both share common ground  
in loving Nature and her productions  
that to him become seductions.  
*"Just one more facet on this fascinating rock"*  
(forget the steadily ticking clock),  
or dinner burning on the range...  
*("that man will never change!")*

But let us pray he doesn't miss a chance to say  
of all the gems he has in facets cab and sphere,  
his nurturing wife's the one he holds most dear.

**STONEWALL PASS NEVADA,  
IT'S STILL GOOD**  
Wes Lingerfelt, from Orcutt News, April 1996

Early on the morning of 13 March, 1996, the RV was packed and ready to roll. Our good friends and fossicking mate, Paul Howard from Australia and Ralph Bishop, were eager to get going. This would be another first for this well known traveler from Australia. We met Don Nasholm at Highway 166 at 7 am, and headed east toward Arvin for the first gas stop. The weather was cloudy and foretold of rain and possibly cold weather at our destination. The weather seemed to improve as we rolled eastward. We made it to Beatty, Nevada for our first night's layover. Enjoyed the Burro Inn and pulled a few slots—no luck!

The next morning (Thursday), found us at the campsite near the windmill at Stonewall Pass. We wasted no time in getting to the agate hole we left last time. We uncovered it and began the process of digging it out to our heart's delight. Big, black clouds overhead discouraged us not. What's a little rain or snow when there' agate to be dug?

The first day saw lots of rock rolled out of the hole. Ralph began to discover small, isolated clumps of agate off to the side of the agate seam. Eureka! They were wood limb casts. Ranging in size up to a foot in length and about 4 inches or less in diameter, they were very nice specimens of wood which was totally replaced with agate.

We dug to our heart's content and were rewarded with a few aching muscles in the process. The only problem remaining was to high-grade the best pieces to carry home. About 4 pm, it was time to head for the RV for some rest and nourishment. We no sooner climbed in the Bronco than it started to hail! It was soft and mushy but it still came in a deluge, turning the ground white. Paul remarked that it was the first time eh had ever been in that situation before. "Very unusual to have snow bounce off of you" he said.

Later that night, the Reeves family arrived via Death Valley. They commented on the beautiful scenery but didn't realize the extra time needed to go that route through the valley.

After a rather chilly night (about 27 degrees F), we all headed back up to the digging area the next morning. With fresh manpower and a restful night in the RV, more agate came rolling out of the seam. Several hundred pounds lay all about the digging area waiting to be high-graded. Most of it is still there. Every nook and cranny was filled in the RV and in Don's pick-up. Glenda and Marshall Reeves had buckets full of great stuff. They visited the old gold mine and selected nice specimens of matrix with gold flecks and malachite crystals in them.

Friday night, the Reeves decided to venture back to Beatty for a good rest in the motel. Saturday, the remaining crew decided to explore for more wood and possibly new places to dig. After several hours of digging, here and there, nothing significant was turned-up. The last two days were perfect digging weather. Some sunshine now and then with big, puffy clouds and no wind. It did reach 70 degrees F on my thermometer in the afternoon sun. Saturday night we decided to return to Beatty for a shower and some good food; although I heard no complaints about my cooking. After a good prime rib dinner and a good night's



sleep, we made it home with no troubles and began the process of cutting some of the rock we carried home. So far it has not been disappointing at all. There is still good rock up there just waiting for us all!

Brecciated and petrified wood, Stonewall Pass, near Tonopah, Nye Co., Nevada ~<https://www.pinterest.com/LGFfoundationAZ>

## ROCKS

Charles Azevedo from the May, 1995 Orcutt News

I have been always been fascinated with rocks.

To pick-up a plain pebble (a rock) and make it skip over the water was something to wonder about. Man, over the years, has used rocks for many purposes. I, for one, made use of a rock (a clod of dirt) to dislodge a ripe, juicy peach off a tree branch. The challenge was to catch it (the peach) before it hit the ground, with me, not too successful.

When we moved to Santa Maria, I read a notice in the Santa Maria Times of a lapidary class for cutting and polishing rocks. On the prescribed night, I ventured to the location. Not knowing anyone, I was (you might say) lost in a new world. The instructor, Mr. Al Orin, was real good, he gave me a slab for a 30 x 40 millimeter cabochon, gave me instructions, and I proceeded accordingly and on to the next step that was necessary to complete the process. Before the evening was over, I had a beautiful, polished Brazilian Agate cabochon.

I attended class after class and soon made friends. There was a young, lanky individual that quite impressed me. He appeared to have some knowledge of rocks. Well, he gave me a slab of jasper that I cut and polished with the same instructions I was given previously, and I had another beautiful, polished cabochon. He was too young to get a license to drive a car, but his mother was enrolled in the class so it made it worthwhile. He's given me many slabs, we've gone hunting together, he has helped a lot of individuals. The individual is none other than Ralph Bishop.



Some of Charlie's Cabochons. Picture by Krystal Rose.

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**ORCUTT MINERAL SOCIETY  
Board Meeting  
Nipomo Chamber of Commerce  
September 5, 2017**

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**Meeting was called to order at 7:08 pm.**

**Members present:** Wayne Mills, Sharon Duncan, Dyanna Cridelich, Alexis Van Natta, Jeanne Watkins, Sylvia Nasholm, Jan Ferguson, Sally Griffith, Debbie Hood and Renea Sutcliffe.

**MINUTES:** Minutes for the August General Meeting are in the September bulletin.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Copies were handed out by Jeanne Watkins of show expenses and receipts. There was a \$150 dollar refund check. She did not have the report on the Kid's Booth and Alexis will e-mail her a copy. The treasurer report was accepted as given

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None this month.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Bulletin-** Out—Jan Ferguson wants hers as a DOC not Docx

**Refreshments-** Sally Griffith: We will have Pies in September from Jeanne L., Jan F, Sally G. and the Azevedos.

**CFMS-**Camp Paradise-August 27—Sept. 9. Jeanne Brown and Bill Brown attended.

**Debbie Hood** requested that members raise their hand to talk and follow Robert's Rules of Order.

**Membership-** Dyanna Cridelich reported she received Wayne's spreadsheet of everyone who was ever a member in the club. Wayne will send updates of our latest members who joined.

**Field Trip-**In October, David Schmidt may open his claim to limited number of members for a field trip. In January he will open the claim to others.

**Adopt-a-Highway** – We will gather on September 9<sup>th</sup> at the corner of Hwy 166 and Hwy 101 at 8:00am.

**Breakfast-** We will meet on September 23 at the Country Kitchen in Santa Maria at 8:30am.

**Education-**None

**Library-** Alexis Van Natta has had no request for books this month. Alexis and Dyanna took down the Santa Maria Library display. Nipomo and Santa Maria Library have dates for next year's display.

**Sunshine-**Paul Berthelot's allergies have returned and he is moving into a house that has no mold and is near Wes Lingerfelt's home.

**Scholarship**— None

**Show:** Sharon reported that the show went well. Parking was a bit of a problem because of construction at the school. Debbie from the High School told Sharon that all was OK and gave her the application for next years' show, which is a first. Sylvia mentioned to keep the hired help for wrap up because all things needed to be carried off the stage.

**Old Business-** None.

**New Business** – A Nominating Committee is needed. Sharon as Pres. Elect is head of the committee. We need two more people from the membership to serve. Positions needed: President, President Elect, Secretary, Treasurer and five board members. We need a show dealer chair. Wayne asked who would continue in their present position and the response was Jeanne as Treasurer. Most of the board members were willing to serve another year. Sharon gave her resignation. Good ideas have been discussed on how to streamline the work involved in setting up and taking down the show. Jeannie Brown said we have the money to hire help that needs to be done. The table cloths can be sewn so they slip right on the tables and several people volunteered to help with the sewing.

Alexis said she had good help with the children's booth and was especially thankful to Bill Brown for all the polished rooks.

Wayne is giving up the bulletin and discussion followed that it could be shortened and print all of them online. Sylvia has been proof reading the bulletin and doing a very good job.

Renea said the show signs are four years old and need to be replaced for next years' show. There are five signs and estimates the cost to be \$250.00. She is also fixing the kids wheel, replacing the dowels with knobs to make it "kid-proof".

Sylvia said that OASIS needs a copy of our Liability insurance from July 2017 to June 2018.

Dyanna will be presenting the menu for Madonna Inn's Christmas meeting to the board in October and will then be presenting it to the membership for voting at the October meeting.

The program for September will be Show Wrap up presented by Wes.

The program for October will tentatively be a talk on Geology from SBCC from Dr Gray's students and if this does not work out, then Wayne will do a talk on his 2009 trip to Brazil.

**Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Dyanna Cridelich  
OMS Secretary.

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**ORCUTT MINERAL SOCIETY  
General Meeting  
Oasis Senior Center, Orcutt, CA  
September 12, 2017**

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Members present: 27 and 2 Guests: Randy and Nancy Newton.

Invocation: Mike Henson

Flag Salute: Wayne Mills

Board Minutes: Read by Dyanna Cridelich, accepted as corrected.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Jeanne Watkins gave the final show figures with children's booth added. Treasurer's report was accepted as read. Copies were made available for all to see.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Several Club newsletters, Hancock Schedule, CFMS and advertising asking for donations.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

1. **Annual Meeting report:** Dec. 9 at the Madonna Inn. Dyanna will have a menu at the Oct. Board meeting for the board's selection.

2. **Bulletin-** Out—comments? All is well. Please submit any rock related articles by 20th of the month to Wayne.

3. **Refreshments-** Sally Griffith reported the following members brought Pies: Jan Ferguson, Azevedos, Sally, Jeanne L., and the Nybos.

4. **CFMS:** Wayne is going to the CFMS Meeting in Nov. in Visalia.

5. **Membership-** Jeanne Beattie got her badge. Margaret needs a new membership card.

6. **Field Trip-** Jeanne called David Schmidt. Because of licensing issues we won't be able to go to his mine until next spring some time.

7. **Adopt-a-Highway** –Seven members were at Highway clean up on Sept. 9th. Sally found a \$20.00 dollar bill. Geary won a quartz crystal.

8. **Property:** Geary will get a list of all club property, including books.

9. **Library:** Alexis reported no books were requested. The Library list is posted on the website.

10. **Breakfast-** Bill Hood announced Sept. 24th at **Country Kitchen in Santa Maria at 8:30 am.**

11. **Door Prizes:** Renea has some North Cady Agate from Jeanne and several nice things from Sandy's estate

12. **Displays** by Jeannie Nybo, Jeanie and Bill Brown, Stan and Jan Ferguson, Jeannie Beattie, Mike and Margaret Henson, Alexis Van Natta, and Wayne Mills were viewed during a short intermission followed by Wes Lingerfelt who did a slide show of our Gem and Mineral Show held in August.

**Old Business:** NONE

**New Business:** The Election Committee was formed and members are: Sharon Duncan, chair, Elaine V. and Sylvia N. members..

**Adjourn:** 8:15 PM

Respectfully Submitted, Dyanna Cridelich , Secretary, OMS

<b>OMS CALENDAR</b>	
<b>OCTOBER 2017</b>	
<b>Tuesday, October 3</b> 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.	<b>OMS Board Meeting, Nipomo Chamber of Commerce meeting room.</b> All members are welcome at this meeting.
<b>CANCELLED</b>	<b>Big Sur Jade Festival;</b> , Pacific Valley Schoolhouse.
<b>Tuesday, October 10</b> 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.	<b>General Meeting</b> —Luis Oasis Senior Center. <b>Program-Pending</b> <b>Display</b> —What you want to show off. <b>Refreshments-Cake</b> —Alexis VanNatta, Jeanne Watkins, Sylvia Nasholm, Sharon Duncan
<b>Saturday, October 28</b> 8:30 a.m.	OMS Monthly Breakfast <b>Country Kitchen, Arroyo Grande</b>
<b>October 28-29</b> <b>Saturday (10-5) , Sunday (10-4)</b>	<b>San Luis Obispo Club Show</b> <b>Cambria Vet's Hall</b> Call 805-610-0603 for info
<b>NOVEMBER 2017</b>	
<b>Tuesday, November 7</b> 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.	<b>OMS Board Meeting, Nipomo Chamber of Commerce meeting room.</b> All members are welcome at this meeting.
<b>Saturday, November 11</b> 8:00 am	<b>Highway Clean-up</b> at southeast corner 101/166 East
<b>Tuesday, November 14</b> 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.	<b>General Meeting</b> —Luis Oasis Senior Center. <b>Program</b> -Jim Mills on Petrified Wood <b>Display</b> —Best 1 x1 <b>Refreshments-Cookies</b> —Debbie Hood, Truman Burgess, Joe & Lisa Azevedo, Dick Bazzell
<b>Saturday, November 25</b> 8:30 a.m.	<b>OMS Monthly Breakfast-</b> <b>Denny's, Santa Maria</b>

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## CFMS SHOWS

### OCTOBER

#### October 7 - 8: BORON, CA

Mojave Mineralogical Society  
 Boron Community Center  
 26998 John Street  
 Hours: 9 - 4 daily  
 Contact: Bruce Davies, (760) 338-8829  
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 Web Site: [Facebook page](#)

#### October 7 - 8: GRASS VALLEY, CA

Nevada County Gem & Mineral Society  
 Nevada County Fairgrounds  
 11228 McCourtney Road  
 Hours: 10 - 5 daily  
 Contact: Anita Wald-Tuttle, (530) 277-6195  
 Email: [anitaw1t3@gmail.com](mailto:anitaw1t3@gmail.com)  
 Website: [www.ncgms.org](http://www.ncgms.org)

#### October 7 - 8: VISTA, CA

Vista Gem & Mineral Society  
 Antique Gas & Steam Engine Museum  
 2040 North Santa Fe Avenue  
 Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4  
 Contact: Kelly Hickman, (760) 639-0447  
 Email: [kellyhickman@hotmail.com](mailto:kellyhickman@hotmail.com)  
 Website: [www.vistarocks.org](http://www.vistarocks.org)

#### October 8: 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 14 - 15: TRONA, CA

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

#### October 21: WEST HILLS, CA

Woodland Hills Rock Chippers  
 First United Methodist Church  
 22700 Sherman Way  
 Hours: 10 - 5  
 Contact: Virginia Rotramel, (951) 403-2634  
 Email: [gjinigem1@gmail.com](mailto:gjinigem1@gmail.com)  
 Website: [www.rockchippers.org](http://www.rockchippers.org)

#### October 21 - 22: PLACERVILLE, CA

El Dorado County Mineral & Gem Society  
 El Dorado County Fairgrounds  
 100 Placerville Drive  
 Hours: 10 - 5 daily  
 Contact: (530) 676-2472  
 Email: [info@rockandgemshow.org](mailto:info@rockandgemshow.org)  
 Club Website: [www.eldoradorocks.org](http://www.eldoradorocks.org)

#### October 21 - 22: SANTA ROSA, CA

Santa Rosa Mineral & Gem Society  
 The Veterans Memorial (new date & location)  
 1351 Maple Avenue  
 Hours: Sat 10 - 6; Sun 10 - 5  
 Contact: Jolene Coon  
 Email: [santarosarockshow@hotmail.com](mailto:santarosarockshow@hotmail.com)  
 Website: [www.srmgs.org](http://www.srmgs.org)

#### October 28 - 29: LOS ALTOS, CA

Peninsula Gem & Geology Society  
 Los Altos Youth Center  
 One North 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)

**October 28 - 29: SACRAMENTO, CA**

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

Hours: 10 - 5 daily  
Contact: Michael Cox, (831) 459-0572  
Email: [scruzmgms@gmail.com](mailto:scruzmgms@gmail.com)  
Website: [www.scrockngem.org](http://www.scrockngem.org)

**NOVEMBER**

**November 3, 4 & 5: EUREKA, CA**

Humboldt Gem & Mineral Society  
Redwood Acres Fairgrounds  
3750 Harris Street  
Hours: Fri 9 - 6; Sat 9 - 6; Sun 10 - 5  
Contact: Toni L Tyson, (707) 502-9574  
email: [bluiis911@msn.com](mailto:bluiis911@msn.com)

**November 4 - 5: ANAHEIM, CA**

American Opal Society  
Business Expo Center  
1960 S. Anaheim Way  
Hours: Sat 10 - 6; Sun 10 - 5  
Contact: Veronica Purpura, (714) 501-9959  
Email: [info@opalsociety.org](mailto:info@opalsociety.org)  
Website: [www.opalsociety.org](http://www.opalsociety.org)

**November 4 - 5: CONCORD, CA**

Contra Costa Mineral & Gem Society  
Centre Concord  
5298 Clayton Road  
Hours: 10 - 5 daily  
Contact: Mary Hicks, (925) 779-0698  
Email: [maryhicks@comcast.net](mailto:maryhicks@comcast.net)  
Website: (Temp. under construction)

**November 4 - 5: 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 11 - 12: YUBA CITY, CA**

Sutter Buttes Gem & Mineral Society  
Yuba-Sutter Fairgrounds - Franklin Hall  
442 Franklin Avenue  
Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4  
Contact: Karen Horita, (530) (916) 677-6696  
Email: [horita@comcast.net](mailto:horita@comcast.net)  
Website: [www.sutterbuttes.net](http://www.sutterbuttes.net)

**November 18 - 19: OXNARD, CA**

Oxnard Gem & Mineral Society  
Oxnard Performing Arts Center  
800 Hobson Way  
Hours: Sat. 9 - 5; Sun. 10 - 4  
Contact: Stephanie Hagiwara, (805) 394-8002  
Email: [webmaster@oxnardgem.com](mailto:webmaster@oxnardgem.com)  
Website: <http://oxnardgem.com>

**November 18 - 19: SANTA CRUZ, CA**

Santa Cruz Mineral & Gem Society  
Santa Cruz Live Oak Grange  
1900 17th Avenue

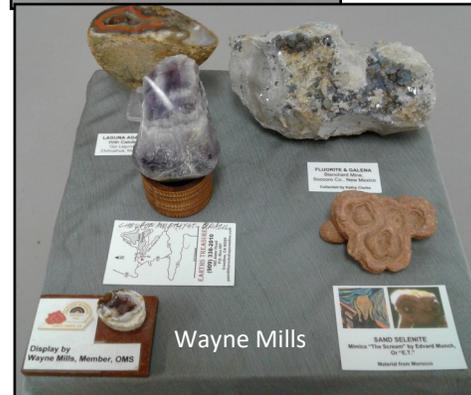
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