



Birthdays

Betty Campbell
October 19

Don Nasholm
October 26

Margaret Henson
October 27

Anniversaries

Jeannie Beattie
October 10

Who is Bringing Snacks?

There will be cake at the next general meeting. Margaret will hopefully bring her famous pineapple upside down cake. The Azevedo family will also bring dessert for us to enjoy.

Thank you everyone!

The Prez Box -October 2023



September has passed with little worries. With the show done and Officers and Board member nominations not yet begun, it was very peaceful. That will end this month with elections and our annual awards banquet and Christmas party to get ready for. The quiet has passed.

I'm hoping we will have a little time to continue our work on the Bylaw and Rules and Regulation revamp. I had dreams of success at the beginning of the year that we could do it all this year! I was fully disappointed on how little we were able to accomplish before the show in August. It just takes so much time and our board meetings are only an hour. We will keep working on it and we may get section 1 done by the end of the year.

We had an excellent turn out for September highway clean up. We had 8 people attend and one wasn't Wayne! We managed to succeed even without his council. Next clean up will be on November 11th at 8:00 am on the southeast corner of highway 101 and Rt 166 E. Hope you can come join the fun. We can find some pretty surprising goodies sometimes! We take the time to tell each other jokes and get a few laughs while waiting for our lite breakfast to cook.

Last month's program was a recap of the show and the plusses and minuses for us to use or change for next year. I think Wes was a little more lenient this year on the critical end or he wanted to keep it light because was leaving right after the meeting to drive to Colorado to visit his daughters.

October 2023

October 2 at 7:00 pm - Board Meeting in Wes Lingerfelt's Garden

October 10 at 7:00 pm - General Meeting at the Oasis Senior Center

October 21 - Tentative Field Trip - TBD

November 2023

November 6 at 7:00 pm - Board Meeting in Wes Lingerfelt's Garden

November 11 at 8:00 am - Highway Clean-up at the southeast corner of highway 101 and 166

November 14 at 7:00 pm - General Meeting at the Oasis Senior Center

November 18 - Tentative Field Trip - TBD

Save the Date

December 10 - Annual Awards Banquet at the Quarterdeck in Arroyo Grande. More information will be coming soon.

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October's program is being presented by Joe Goetz. He will tell us about one of his crafts. I am not sure what it's called but I can't wait to learn something new. He does such wonderful work with cabochons on painted art canvases. It should be a great program. Bring some rocks that "look like art" for the displays. I know some of you have agate pieces that look like paintings.

Fall season is upon us so stay, cozy and dry throughout the season.
Sally G.

CFMS / AFMS News - October 2023

Check out the latest CFMS and AFMS newsletters on their websites.

CFMS Website - cfmsinc.org

AFMS Website - amfed.org

Interesting Internet

7-Year-Old Finds Massive Diamond While Digging in Arkansas Park

<https://parade.com/news/7-year-old-aspen-brown-finds-massive-diamond-digging-arkansas-park-photo>

Top Spots for Gem Hunting in the US

<https://www.gemsociety.org/article/mined-in-america/>

- Emerald Hollow Mine, Hiddenite, North Carolina
- Crater of Diamonds State Park, Murfreesboro, Arkansas
- Gem Mountain, Spruce Pine, North Carolina
- Cherokee Ruby & Sapphire Mine, Franklin, North Carolina
- Gem Mountain Sapphire Mine, Philipsburg, Montana
- Morefield Mine, Amelia, Virginia
- Rainbow Ridge Opal Mine, Virgin Valley, Nevada
- Bonanza Opal Mine, Denio, Nevada
- Crystal Grove Diamond Mine, St. Johnsville, New York
- Fairy Stone State Park in Stuart, Virginia.
- Jackson's Crossroads Amethyst Mine in Wilkes County, Georgia

Orcutt Mineral Society Board Meeting - September 4, 2023

Call to Order: 7:13 pm by Sally Griffith

Members present: Wes Lingerfelt, Sally Griffith, Wayne Mills, Tara Machin, Renea Sutcliffe, Jan Ferguson, Jeanne Watkins, Betty Campbell and Joey Nichols. Absent: Joe Goetz

Minutes: No corrections

Treasurer's Report: Preliminary reports are out. We are waiting on the bills for the port-o-potties and the high school rentals

Correspondences: Newsletter from Santa Lucia, meteorite testing, and AFMS newsletter

Committee Reports:

1. **Bulletin-** Tara will be gone at the end of September so Wayne will mail out the October newsletters. AFMS notes from September will be included in the October newsletter
2. **CFMS-**Subscribe to Rock and Gem for \$39. Here is the website <https://www.rockngem.com/subscribe/>
3. **Membership-** The board approved 2 new members. We have 5 new applications to review.
4. **Field Trips-** We want the September field trip to be the San Luis Obispo Show at the Vet's Hall on September 16 and 17th. Tara will send out a reminder email after the general meeting. Joey wants club members to maybe use some rock equipment. She inquired about insurance. There should be a waiver for club members and maybe umbrella insurance in case of accidents.
5. **Adopt-A-Highway-** Highway clean-up is on September 9th at 8:00 am at the SE corner of highway 101 and 166.
6. **Annual Awards Banquet-** No update

7. **Education-** Wayne will be Rock Doc at the San Luis Obispo Rock Show on September 16 and 17.

8. **Library-** No updates

9. **Sunshine-** Joey has recovered from COVID, Tara recovered from a surgery.

10. **Scholarship-** Hold until October when the show finances are done

11. **Show:** No updates

Old Business: None

New Business:

- Neither Tara nor Joey will be at the October board meeting on October 2nd.
- Wes has asked for a web master backup since he is the only one who has access to the website. Tara will try and help out.
- Tara will look for the hospitality banner in storage, if there is not a banner, she will look into pricing.
- The bookmarks and the membership forms should be on the website in the archives so we can print them for our general meetings.
- We want to have a separate email sign up for guests at the general meetings so that we can get their contact information and be able to remind them to come to the next meeting. Renea will bring the bookmarks and handouts to the general meetings.
- Tara to look into tumbled rocks for the kid's club from a wholesaler, Wes and Betty can also get rocks wholesale at Quartzite in January. However, we would really like members to donate polished rocks if possible.

Program: Wes's Show wrap up

Display: Show treasure from our annual show.

Adjourned: 8:16 pm

Respectfully Submitted by Tara Machin

Orcutt Mineral Society General Meeting - September 12, 2023

Call to Order: 7:11pm by Sally Griffith

Invocation: Debbie Hood was absent so there was no invocation. A moment of silence was observed.

Pledge of Allegiance: Sally Griffith

Members present: 21 Members / 4 Guests

Minutes: No corrections

Treasurer's Report: See below

Correspondences: See board meeting notes from September 4, 2023

Committee Reports:

1. **Bulletin-** No updates
2. **CFMS-** Rock and Gem magazine is partnering with AFMS. A portion of the sales will go to AFMS. Wes printed out some fliers, but you can get more information on the AFMS website.
3. **Membership-** See board meeting notes
4. **Field Trips-** We are going to the San Luis Obispo Show, Gems by the Sea. Show starts at 10 am at the Vet's Hall in SLO. 801 Grand Ave.
5. **Adopt-A-Highway-** 8 people came on September 9th for the clean up. Wayne is still trying to get our stipend from the

state. We should be getting \$750 from the state for our efforts.

6. **Annual Awards Banquet-** No updates
7. **Education-** No updates
8. **Library-** No updates
9. **Sunshine-** Crystal Rose, Bill Hood and Debbie Hood are all in need of some sunshine.
10. **Scholarship-** On hold until all the bills have come in from our show.
11. **Show:** Preliminary reports were available through August as well as the year to date. We have show statics as far back as 2014. There were a few checks that were not cleared from the show. We are checking on that, but all checks have been deposited.

Old Business: No updates

New Business: We need someone to be the greeter in place of Bill Hood since he may not be able to do that job any more.

Program: Wes did his annual show wrap up.

Display: Purchases and treasures from the annual show

Adjourned: 8:25 pm

Respectfully Submitted by Tara Machin

Photos from the September General Meeting



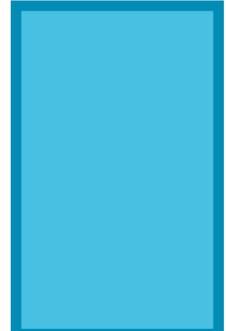
Highway Clean-Up on September 9, 2023

By Wes Lingerfelt for Wayne Mills, AAH Coordinator

The weather was excellent as we began the task of cleaning the highway. We were blessed by 8 people showing up including Joey Nichols, Joe Azevedo, Geary Sheffer, Sally Griffith, Steve & Lisa Siemsen, Marty & Wes Lingerfelt.

Caltrans had mowed the roadside so big papers became little papers. In addition, a towed RV trailer had lost a panel of pink insulation as it went by and the mower made a mess of that along a long stretch of highway. There were no exceptional treasures found during this event but I did find a quarter dollar coin and 3 deep sea fishing lures, a fat metal washer and a bolt with a nut on it. In total, we got a bag of recyclables, 11 bags of trash, 1 wood pallet and 3 big truck tires.

After the work was done we gathered at the Mayors' Place in Nipomo for snacks and coffee. Joe Azevedo won the Brazilian Agate slab incentive prize.



Upcoming Rock and Mineral Shows

October 7-8, 2023 - Grass Valley, CA
Nevada County Gem and Mineral Society
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October 7-8, 2023 - Signal Hill, CA
Long Beach Mineral & Gem Society
Contact: lbmineralgemsociety@gmail.com
Website: www.facebook.com/LBMGS

October 7-8, 2023 - Anderson, CA
Shasta Gem and Mineral Society
Contact: sgmsrocksredding@gmail.com
Website: <http://shastagemandmineral.org>

October 8, 2023 - Fallbrook, CA
Fallbrook Gem and Mineral Society
Contact: info@fgms.org
Website: <http://www.fgms.org>

October 14-15, 2023 - Redwood City, CA
Peninsula Gem and Geology Society AND
Sequoia Gem and Mineral Society
Contact: cci@pacbell.net
Website: sequoiagemandmineralsociety.org

October 21-22, 2023 - Santa Rosa, CA
Santa Rosa Mineral & Gem Society
Contact: jolene4srmgs@gmail.com
Website: <http://srmgs.org>

October 21, 2023 - West Hills, CA
Woodland Hills Rock Chippers
Contact: whrc@rockchippers.org
Website: www.rockchippers.org

October 28-29, 2023 - San Diego, CA
Sponsor: San Diego Mineral & Gem Society
Contact: luannz@att.net
Website: <https://bit.ly/gemdiego2023>

October 28-29, 2023 - Orange, CA
American Opal Society
Contact: (714) 501-9959 or
info@opalsociety.org
Website: <http://opalsociety.org>

October 28-29, 2023 - Sacramento, CA
Sacramento Mineral Society
Contact:
webadmin@sacramentomineralsociety.org
Website: <http://www.sacgemshow.co>

November 3, 4 & 5, 2023 - Eureka, CA
Humboldt Gem & Mineral Society

November 4, 2023 - Lake Elsinore, CA
Lake Elsinore Gem & Mineral Society
Contact: berylman50@aol.com

November 4-5, 2023 - Concord, CA
Contra Costa Mineral & Gem Society
Contact: mike@diablorocks.com
Website: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/CCMGS/>

November 4-5, 2023 - Ridgecrest, CA
Indian Wells Gem & Mineral Society
Contact: iwgmjfrocks@gmail.com

November 18-19, 2023 - Lakeside, CA
El Cajon Valley Gem and Mineral Society
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More information can be found on the CFMS website at cfmsinc.org

Show Photos









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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

The ORE-CUTTS (named after William Orcutt) was first published in 1966. Member Helen Azevedo was the first editor. The Orcutt Mineral Society was founded in 1958, and was also named after Orcutt who was a geologist and civil engineer who worked in the Santa Maria Valley as a District Manager for Union Oil Company in 1888. In 1889, William Orcutt discovered the mineral and fossil wealth of the La Brea Tar Pits on the property of Captain Alan Hancock in Los Angeles. The La Brea Tar Pits are one of the most significant fossil finds in paleontological history.

OMS is a non-profit organization dedicated to stimulating an interest in the earth sciences. The club offers educational programs, field trips, scholarships, and other opportunities for families and individuals to pursue an interest in the collecting and treatment of lapidary materials, fossils, gems, minerals, and other facets of the Earth Sciences. In addition, another goal of this Society is to promote good fellowship and proper ethics in pursuit of the Society's endeavors. Operating Rules have been set forth to guide the officers and members of the Society in accomplishing these aims. Affiliations of the OMS include American Federation of Mineral Societies, and California Federation of Mineral Societies.

