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Come join us on September 11 at 7:00 p.m. at Mussell Senior Center for a talk on Pearls by Debbie Hood.

Display: Minerals: massive, crystalline & mysterious. Refreshments will be-Cakes provided by Bob Bullock, Peggy Johnson, Lee Reyburn & Elaine Von Achen.

Show and Tell

Wayne Mills

The 40th Annual Gem and Mineral Society Show was one of our best. Over 600 people saw the show, and we received good press coverage in the Santa Maria Times, and other local media. More than 50 dealers enjoyed relatively cool weather, companionship, and a wide variety of materials to swap and buy. One of the show highlights for me was the huge, polished boulder of Morgan Hill Poppy Jasper that was brought by a dealer from Morgan Hill. The piece will be installed in a Morgan Hill swimming pool. Another highlight was David Walblom's charming granddaughters, Erin, Ashley, and Katie (ages 3, 4, 5). David is one of our loyal dealers.

Dee Dee Magri and her crew were very effective at selling raffle tickets through persuasion and personality, and our members and dealers came through with nearly 100 prizes for the raffle. The top prize was not the \$100 we offered, but the \$650 sphere of petrified wood from eastern Washington that Wes and Jeannie Lingerfelt donated.

Sylvia and Don Nasholm turned a tidy profit in the kitchen, but the cost was that they ran themselves ragged doing it. Their loyal staff of volunteers including Elaine, Jeannie, Sandy and Paul, Ken, Gloria and Don, really came through, with their tireless efforts. They also prepared the delicious Thursday night chicken feed for our volunteers, and exhibitors, and did the prep for the Saturday night barbecue. So many helped out there, that one must wonder—who will be the recipient of the kitchen prize, and why is that such a popular place to work? *(Elaine Von Achen won the prize, a dichroic glass pendant by Jeannie Lingerfelt. –Ed)*

Debbie Hood and her crew had a very successful Country Store this year bringing in a nice sum to add to our scholarship fund. Debbie would like to thank all of those who worked in the Country Store this year, particularly Shelly Dana and Ann Marie (who is the granddaughter of Frank Mullaney-CFMS Trophy maker.) They were good salespersons and set reasonable prices! Don Dana was the lucky winner of a dichroic glass pendant made and donated by Jeannie Lingerfelt and wire wrapped by Debbie Hood.

As usual, Wes was everywhere, seemingly at once, and (also as usual), he made his dealers very happy, some already putting in their requests for next year. He was the number one meat man at our Saturday night barbecue, and he, Lucky and Bob had the crowd returning for seconds, and in some case thirds, for that tasty Top Sirloin Don Dana did a great job on roasting the corn, and there were many compliments on that as well. Several OMS folks served on the BBQ line, including Sharon and Christine, Don N, Don D, DD, Sylvia and her friend Donna, Jeannie, Lucky, and others. All in all, one of our best barbecues as well.

I have to thank Joseph Martinez who helped me most of Saturday and Sunday on the Wheel of Fortune. For an 8-year old (or a 15-year old, for that matter), Joseph has his feet on the ground, (most of the time). It is amazing to see him spinning around in a chair, (wish I was that limber), but he was really a help when I was called out of the booth on various errands. He also helped one of our dealers on Friday, and was rewarded with a huge sapphire for his efforts.

Lucky Virgin did a great job on the displays as well. We had a nice variety of 30 displays showing off the talents of our members and guests. Both of our "pebble pups" put in nice displays of their collections, and our "girls gone wild" put in a lovely case of their jewelry including wire wrap, beading and dichroic glass that seems to be gaining in popularity. Mike and Margaret put in a case apiece showing materials they collected on their trips, and these were particularly inspiring, especially

Scenes from OMS 40th Annual Show- August 3-5, 2007



Makes me want to go back—soon. Another attraction was Wes's collection of faceted stones, and John Von Achen's great display of spheres on some fantastic pieces of Mojave Desert petrified "ironwood."

At our August 15 meeting, we had a showing of the collected photography of several of our members. Wes did a professional job of putting his PowerPoint presentation of the show together, and may put it on our web site. That way, we will have the opportunity to relive the show, probably our best yet, for years to come. And it might help prove to others that we are not blowing smoke when we say "the Central Coast Rocks!"

AMAZING GRACE *Continued from August*

By Ralph Bishop

"Ralph," Cliff said, "There's only one area of that slide that rock could have been pushed." He drew me a map as he continued, "It's been thirty-some years now, and I believe the slide has probably stabilized, and the rains have washed the surface. I'm too old to even think about it now, but if there were anyone around today who could find it, Ralph, you're the one. I know you go up to Limekiln now and then so I'd like to ask you to find that rock and make this old rock hound happy before I die."

"I'll sure look for it if I can get up the sea cliff on the south end of the beach, I think I can at low tide," I said.

On my drive home that evening I rolled Cliff's tale of grandeur around in my mind. Sure enough the rock must have been pushed over the cliff. And, knowing that area of the road, the cat could only approach the rock from one direction, and for that reason Cliff was right, it had to be on one particular part of the rubble-slide.

Just like Cliff years before, I had a job and a wife and kids. Time for hunting rocks was a scarce commodity. It was a month or so before I could get away, but when I was able I made a beeline to Limekiln. I hunted the high gravel on the northern beach in the morning and found some nice

jasper, and a few pieces of Rhodonite, but nothing to write home about and certainly nothing like the heel Cliff had showed me. As the tide went down, I was able to reach the sea cliff on the south end of the beach. At one point, between waves, I could reach a large crack and pull myself up to the top, only to find that what I thought was part of the cliff was in fact just a monstrous, house-sized boulder. Ahead of me was an ocean-washed jumble of gigantic boulders, and above them was the rubble slide, rain-washed and consolidated as Cliff had figured. There was a fair amount of red jasper here and there, but search

as I might, I found no Rhodonite. I returned home revived, but with little good material to show for the day.

For the next few years, I spent what time I could on the Sur Coast, either at Willow Creek getting Botryoidal Jade or at Limekiln hunting Rhodonite. One particular winter in the late 80's, the rain came in heavy, early in the season, and so much slumpage occurred that Highway 1 was closed down through all of December and part of January. When I was able to get up to the coast I was surprised at the erosion that had occurred. The trail down to the north beach at Limekiln was completely washed out, so it took some time to cut new footholds just to get to the beach, and so much mud had slumped onto the beach that little rock could be found. The only positive thing about the situation was that the beach level on the south side nearest the rubble-slide was much higher so that even with a moderate tide, access was easy. Within a couple of months this new beach material would wash out and over the underwater fault precipice, but for now it was quite an accommodation. The beach had nothing to offer, so up on the rubble pile I climbed. In places nothing had changed, but in others deep washes had cut between the bigger rocks, and held promise to expose new material. The normal red jasper was prominent and quite a quantity of chert with muted colors, but no Rhodonite.

For the first time I was able to access the tidal area just south of the rubble slide due to the excess slumpage. I found nothing there, but above that beach area was a sheer vertical cliff of about 400 feet, smooth and slick like it had been cut with a knife. It was composed of the fine-grained gray Jurassic siltstone known as Miolite. There in a perfect cross section was a huge billow of red jasper. At the tide line at the base of the cliff the jasper column was 10 feet wide and glistened with specular hematite. At about 30 feet above the beach the column started to billow laterally from both sides like a feather plume. Where it billowed, a layer of specular hematite 2 or 3 inches thick was overlain by a layer of 9 inches or so of red jasper, then another layer of specular hematite, red jasper, hematite, alternating to the top of the billow about 60 feet up. Miolite is ancient ocean sediment so there must have been a strong pressurized upwelling of hydrothermal solutions erupting through the sea floor millions of years ago. What appeared to be a cross section of a "black smoker"¹ is locked in the cliff.

This would explain why the Rhodonite in this particular zone might be agatized. If silica in solution were a component in the highly mineralized hydrothermal solution, it would no doubt silicify the billowed column. The large ledge 300 feet above the road might be a

¹ A black smoker is a hydrothermal vent found on the ocean floor. The superheated water is rich in minerals (notably sulfides) that crystallize in a chimney-like structure around the vent.

conduit for another black smoker, and in that upwelling manganese could have been the predominant mineral in the hydrothermal solution. It would be the manganese that would form the Rhodonite.

The hours were passing though, and this day that I had thought would be productive had turned out to be a real dud. So, empty-handed, I started back across the rubble slide. Because of the rain I had to pick my way across a jumble of boulders the full 200-foot width of the rubble slide directly below the road. Out of frustration, I swung the hammer on a number of rocks as I passed by. I swung on one black triangular rock in a fresh-cut wash, and about a 10 pound piece landed at my feet. It was brilliant pink. Few times in my life have I been so shocked. Even though I knew that top grade Rhodonite always oxidizes to a charcoal black, the concept of relating brilliant pink to coal black is something I will never get used to. But, there it was. I picked it up and it was The Kind: bright pink, with a conchoidal fracture, and a small area of red jasper on one edge.

I was standing on a narrow ledge composed of the leading edges of three huge boulders. The rubble pile there had been undercut by the wave action at high tide, so there was a drop off of about 12-feet. The recent erosion caused by the winter storm had cut a gully at that point and flushed all the soil and small gravel into the ocean. The material around the exposed pink triangle was composed of a jumble of rocks from fist size to 200 pounds. I found a safe rock ledge about 5 feet from the gully and dropped my pack and the Pink Triangle. Removing the rock from around the Triangle was almost effortless. With my rock hammer and small bar I knocked out a king pin or two, and 100 pounds of rocks cascaded over the ledge and onto the tidal zone. I got carried away a couple of times and had to jump back when an ill-conceived jerk of the bar brought down more rock than I expected. About this time, my brains kicked-in and overrode my adrenalin. There was 400 feet of rubble slide above me, and a 12-foot drop to the tide line below me.

So I sat back and studied the rubble above me and took notice of the different nature of the rock on either side of the erosion-cut gully. It seemed to me that if I worked the gully from its opposite side I would stand less chance of bringing unwanted rock crashing down on me. Then, once one side of the ledge was widened and cleaned off, I could work on the opposing side in like manner more safely. I tried this method and it worked well. Prying out a rock or two here and there resulted in a collapse, and the rubble simply rolled over the ledge to the tide line below. As the rubble rolled away, a flat black edge of the Triangle was exposed, and as time went on I soon had a surface 3-feet high and 3-feet long cleared. You don't suppose? The south side of the gully was cleared now, and I was in much less jeopardy, so I cleaned the other side of

the gully, and a flat black face soon appeared about 7 or 8 feet wide. When a few really large rocks were dislodged and rolled over the edge, the black rock grew to a giant. Thirty years after a young man named Cliff White sat on this rock, another young man named Ralph Bishop had found Cliff's rock. Cliff could now die a happy man.

I noticed the sun was dropping over the Pacific, so I decided to bailout with the Triangle, and come back prepared for an extended "Mission." Was I worried that anyone else would find it? Not on your life. On a scale of 1 to 10 in difficulty, this was an 11. All I had to do was keep my mouth shut, which would be a major difficulty, and commence the labor. The thrill of the discovery in this case turned out to be a fleeting moment in comparison to 3 years, off and on, of backbreaking labor before I successfully broke up and carried the rock up the cliff. But the best part of that day was yet to come. Because I had little to carry, the trip up the fresh-cut trail was timely and I was on the road fairly quickly.

When I got to the Arroyo Grande exit, I turned off and drove into the trailer court that Cliff and Mattie called home in their later years. A knock on their door brought Mattie, and although nearly blind, she recognized my "Hello," and ushered me in bringing me coffee to warm me up.

I put the Triangle in Cliff's lap and said, "Cliff, I found your rock today." Cliff had gotten much weaker than when he told me about the rock, but his blue eyes lit up as he turned the rock over to the pink side.

"Honey, he found our Rock. Praise Be To God, this IS it."

Mattie came over and felt the surface, and put her hand on her husband's shoulder and said, "Our prayers have been answered."

I realized then and there that Divine Guidance is seldom swift in coming, and often a test of will and faith is necessary before the elusive fulfillment can occur. Not long after that day both of these wonderful people who were my mentors in the Rockhound hobby since my childhood passed on. As I sit here writing this true story, tears rolling down my face, I know if I never did anything else in my life, I was able to repay the kindness these Oldtimers showed me as a youth. Cliff White died a happy man knowing that big block of Rhodonite did not get away. Since that time, a decade or so ago, the campground at Limekiln Creek that had previously been owned by a nice old, and always accommodating, couple has been taken over by the State Park system. On our last trip there my mother, who was 88 years old, and I were reminiscing about all the wonderful trips we'd taken there with all our friends, so many gone. When Mother reached down for a small, red jasper, a park ranger yelled over to us that collecting rocks was now considered theft of property owned by the State of California. The arrogant

and coarse manner in which the Ranger broke the spell of happy memories is something beyond forgiveness. We left, never to return. The state probably wonders why the once popular campgrounds now have so few patrons.

Since that time the Nacimiento Fault has been in a very active state of "creep." Huge amounts of mud and rock material constantly fall onto the road, and over the bank, onto the northern beach. This constantly covers the gravel beach, so collecting is extremely hit-and-miss. But, up on the cliff, 300 feet above the road, is the big red and black (pink) ledge hanging there waiting to someday crash down. You can still spot it as there are long trails of rust stain coming off of the Marcasite that composes the lower margins of the ledge. Someday, decades from today, an earthquake will bring it down. We can only hope someone will be able to collect it and share Earth's beauties with others.

A Hot Time in the Old Town (CFMS 2007)

Wayne Mills

The CFMS Show in Lancaster was "hot" as Paris Hilton would say. Not only was the temperature in the 90's, but also there were some great displays, demonstrators and dealers. The Editor's Breakfast was tasty and informative (See "No Togas Required" in this issue). The Hoods, Lingerfelts and I

were present to collect the society's awards—more than any other club in the Federation. I also saw Sharon Duncan and Dee Dee Magri as well as friends

from other clubs. For those who missed the show, here are a few pictures of the displays. A couple of the club



cases were spectacular! Check-out the ones from Verdugo Hills Club.

These pictures show-- a prize winning display of



agates from the Black Rock Desert in Nevada; a display of materials found in Napa County-- orbicular jasper, petrified wood, myrakit (cinnabar in agate), honey onyx,





and calcite onyx; part of an amazing display by the Verdugo Hills Club using all natural rock products; and a carved white jade snowflake by Sylvia Cliffe of Pasadena Gem and Mineral Society."

Jalama Beach Field Trip

By Sharon Duncan

On July 21 of this year, Bob Bullock, Dee Dee Magri and I left Mussell Senior Center and headed south to Lompoc on Route 1. About 4 miles south of Lompoc, we turned onto the winding and hilly Jalama Beach Road. Fourteen miles later we arrived at Jalama Beach County Park, at the mouth of Jalama Creek, and almost half way between Points Conception and Arguello. The 28-acre park features a year-round campground, a small wetland area, a picnic area, a general store that is well-known for serving fantastic hamburgers, and of course the beach. Cliffs and lush, rolling hills, back this isolated stretch of coastline. For centuries this was a Chumash Indian settlement, but now the park is bordered by Vandenberg Air Force Base.

The reason we like to "rock hound" at Jalama is because of the beautiful travertine rock that has wonderful designs in browns, caramel and creams. Catalina marble, whalebone, agates, chert, and fossils are also found here.

Once we arrived at Jalama Beach we met up with Don and Silvia Nasholm and their dog Emma. The day started out sunny but not long after we arrived at the beach the fog came in which makes it real difficult for me to find



"sparklee" crystals, which is what I look for! I suggested to Dee Dee if we wanted to walk to the "Travertine" wall we would have to "Get a Move" on or we wouldn't make it before the tide came in. It is difficult to walk along the beach without stopping to pick up rocks; however, you really don't want to carry them both ways, right! So off we went leaving Bob, Don, Silvia and the Emma behind. Along the way we did find some nice pieces of travertine,



that we marked with sticks and more rock so we could find them on our way back. Dee Dee found a "Holed Stone" (see information at end of article) that looked like a skull. About a mile

and a half down the beach and up and over some rather large rocks we came across a driftwood creation that I believe someone or more than one had used as a shelter. (see picture of Rob and Dee Dee standing in front of it.) It was pretty creative, I must admit.

After about two miles Dee Dee and I arrived at what I thought was the "Travertine" Wall. It had been several years since I had been there and sadly the seas had taken their toll on the beautiful rocks that I remembered. However there were many beautiful large pieces of the Travertine in shades of browns and cream designs lying on the beach. If only I had some way of retrieving these wonderful specimens to take home and add to my landscaping or my collection. Oh well! We gathered a few pieces and headed back to meet up with the rest of the group. In the meantime, Bob had been combing the sides of the banks looking for fossils or anything else that looked interesting. Don and Sylvia had gone back towards the General Store where those wonderful hamburgers were being created. Don's comment was the hamburgers were the main reason he came to Jalama Beach. Sylvia decided to go south on the beach where often more whalebone can be found along with limb casts and other fossils.

I forgot to mention earlier, but the best time to go to Jalama Beach is really about January or February or after a storm when the sands are washed out, the tide is out and the rocks are showing up!

Our finds were small but we had a great time all in all!



Now for information from the "Unknown Expert" on the Holed Stone

If you find a "Holed Stone" or "Druid Stone" on the seashore, hang it in your home or around your neck on a leather

cord for protection. It may also be used for many other magical purposes. Since the stone is the symbol of eternity and the feminine force of nature, and you find a "Holed Stone" and are looking for love, find a stick that fits tightly through the hole and lodge it firmly inside the hole, then throw it into the sea. Love will come to you.

To see "Spirits of the Sea" take the Holed Stone with you to the ocean at night on the full moon and a high tide. Close one eye facing the sea, place the "Holed Stone" to the other and you may see things.

If you are interested in the Metaphysical Stone, Jalama Beach holds physical manifestation of eternal feminine force represented by the "Holed Stone".

Raffle Thanks

Wayne Mills

We had a great raffle in August. The big prizes were a fossil platter from Morocco, and a huge Phacops species trilobite (about 9 inches long) also from Morocco. Joseph Martinez's cousin won the platter, and Stan Ferguson (sigh! I really wanted that one) got the trilobite. Ralph Bishop sweetened the pot by donating several bags of Condor Agates to the raffle. Most of the prizewinners got a lovely Condor Agate in addition to their other prize. Please cut and polish those agates, and bring em' in for display!

Rockhound Forums- No Togas Required

From a talk by Terry Yoshak, CFMS Bulletin Aids Chairperson

At the recent CFMS Editors Breakfast in Lancaster, outgoing Bulletin aids chair, Terry Yoshak, gave an excellent presentation on finding rockhound forums on the internet. This is an attempt to simplify and condense her presentation. *Forums* are places on the internet where folks can "meet" to discuss their particular interests. They are also called *groups* or *lists*. They are not *chat-rooms*, or *instant message (IM)* sites. There are three basic kinds of forums—public forums, moderated forums, and membership only forums.

In **public forums**, anyone can propose or respond to a forum-related topic.

In **moderated forums**, submissions are received and reviewed for appropriateness by a person or a computer program before they are posted. This is to eliminate *Spam*—the electronic form of junk mail, and *flaming*—electronic abuse employed by self-righteous and immature forum members.

Members-only forums require membership to participate. Sometimes the membership is just a matter of typing in your name and internet address, and some times it may involve a fee. Sometimes you can look at the conversation *threads* (a series of emails about the same topic), without becoming a member.

Why would anyone want to visit a forum? Have you ever wanted advice about restoring your Highland Park In-Line Unit, or wanted to know where to look for rocks on your upcoming vacation to Aunt Susie's home in Arizona? Wonder what that weird fossil is that you found in your backyard? That's part of what forums are for. Even if you just want to *lurk* (sit back and listen to what others are "saying" without contributing), it beats channel surfing on the TV.

Where are these forums found? Almost any Internet service provider (ISP) has access to many types of forums; however, Terry found the most forums at Yahoo.com. To see what Terry found, go to the web address line at the

top of your Internet browser, and type <http://groups.Yahoo.com>, then do a search for "rockhounding". Note the number of responses that you get (I got 17). There might be 10 groups on the first page and a brief description of each. When you see a group in blue letters, and when your cursor turns into a hand with an index finger extended when you are over the blue letters, that is a *hyperlink*. Click it and you will go direct to the site. At the bottom of the group page you can see the activity for each month, and click on the blue numbers, and read the letters and responses for that month. THAT should keep you busy for awhile!

Many groups exist to serve their local area. One of the established groups in California is LARocks. One group covering Arizona is cu_n_az. I have heard of a rock-hound group for northern California (NorCal rocks) but have not investigated it yet.

I once saw a cartoon that said "You have reached the last page of the internet. Now take a break." With the number of sites that are created every year, I don't see that happening. As you practice your internet searches for groups or for information, you will get better at finding what you want, and you may find exciting new information that you never knew existed. Happy hunting!

Let it Be(ad)—Let us pray

Wayne Mills



A mala is a string of 108 beads, with one bead as a summit bead, called a "sumeru". Malas are an accessory to meditation, used to keep your mind on the meditation practice. The mala beads are moved in rhythm with the breath and the mantra to prevent sleep or excessive mental distraction. Malas are generally made from materials such as sandalwood, rudraksha seeds or crystal. The bead pictured is a sterling silver mala (sumeru) bead.

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These are rudrashka seed beads. Rudrashka means "Lord Shiva's teardrops". They come from the Rudrashka tree that grows in India and Nepal. So you might sense that these beads are holy in the Hindu religion... It is believed that one who wears Rudraksha is untouched by sins, and is protected from all impious deeds or thoughts. For more information, see—

<http://hinduism.about.com/cs/ayurveda/a/aa022903a.htm>

New Rock Shop In Morro Bay

It is located in Beads by the Bay, 333 Morro Bay Blvd, Morro Bay, CA 805 772 3338. The rock shop is owned by The Sea Goddess and carries hundreds of different types of rocks, crystals and minerals. Here is a very short list of what they carry: Tumbled stones from agate to zebra stone' Quartz clusters, points, spheres, pyramids, obelisks, carvings, Minerals such as sulfur, galena, etc., Raw rocks such as calcite, amethyst, blue quartz, etc., Polished rocks such as malachite, labradorite, etc., Treated crystals such as aqua aura, opal aura and flame aura, Fossils, Rare minerals such as diopside, zircon, azurite, Unusual crystals such as cactus quartz, lemurian seed crystals, Tibetan crystals, tangerine quartz and spirit quartz, Carved rocks such as animals, spheres, pyramids, etc., Unique crystals such as healing wands, lasers, Pendulums, Gemstone necklaces.

Orcutt Mineral Society Board Meeting, Elwin Mussell Sr. Center, Santa Maria, Ca., August 7, 2007

The Meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by President, Debbie Hood.

Board members present were Debbie Hood, Wayne Mills, Wes Lingerfelt, Sandy Berthelot, Dee Dee Magri, Gary Sheffer, Sylvia Nasholm, Bob Bullock and Elaine Von Achen and Mike Henson. Guests included Paul Berthelot and Bill Hood.

Minutes of the previous board meeting were approved as published in the August 2007 newsletter.

Wes Lingerfelt gave the treasurer's report and it was accepted as read.

Correspondence: Elaine Von Achen reported newsletters received from Sun Valley Indian School, South Bay Lapidary and Mineral Society, Capistrano Valley Rock and Mineral Club, and the Santa Cruz Mineral & Gem Society.

Committee Reports:

Education: None

Federation: None

Highway Clean up:

Library: None

Scholarship: Wayne Mills read a thank you from Gaye Galvan of Cuesta College thanking us for the \$500.00 scholarship.

Annual Gem Show: Wes said that he would have a full accounting at the August general meeting but that it looked as if we did pretty well. He noted that the snack bar took in almost \$3,000.00 and that quite a few tee shirts and hats had been sold. He also mentioned we had security for three nights this year as opposed to two nights last year. That expense was \$320.00. Both Sylvia Nasholm and Debbie Hood said that there would be a drawing for donated prizes to be awarded to an individual

who donated time in the snack bar and country store respectively. Wes noted that the dealer's who set-up in the class rooms in back reported slow traffic. We had handouts with all the dealers listed as well as signs but somehow people didn't get all the way to the back or didn't get into those classrooms. It was discussed that we might lower the fees to dealers who choose to locate in these rooms.

Old Business: None

New Business: Wes received a letter from the City of Santa Maria, Parks and Recreation Department, stating that we would be required to submit a certificate of insurance listing the city as additional insured before we would be allowed to have our annual June meeting and Bar-B-Que at Pioneer Park. It was noted that we are insured under an umbrella policy from CFMS and that there is a charge to get a certificate of insurance listing an additional insured. Wes said that we paid a fair sum to get one for St. Joseph Church for the Gem Show. We do have our reservation paid for and confirmed at Pioneer Park for June 7, 2008.

Wayne Mills volunteered to make reservations for the board and general meetings at Elwin Mussell Sr. Center for the following year.

Wes Lingerfelt said he had spoken with the CFMS trophy chairman regarding the retired "golden bear award" and that they were considering some kind of award for the new past-president. It was suggested that we might check with Borah's Trophy to see if we can have some kind of a pin made up.

The program for the August general meeting will be a slide show of the Gem Show. Refreshments will be cookies provided by Christine Clason, Don Nasholm, Debbie Hood and Truman Burgess.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 by president, Debbie Hood.

Respectfully submitted:

Elaine Von Achen, Secretary, OMS

Orcutt Mineral Society General Meeting, Elwin Mussell Sr. Center, Santa Maria, Ca., August 14, 2007

President Debbie Hood called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Mike Henson gave the invocation.

Shelly Dana led the flag salute.

Sharon Duncan reported 28 members and 6 guests. Guests included Colleen Johnson, Jeff Hardesty, Daniel Limon, Shamra Lopez, Owen Baynham, Karl Mueller, Ralph Larsen and Joe Martines.

Elaine Von Achen read the minutes of the previous board meeting. There was a correction to the minutes that the golden bear award should read golden bear with gavel (president's) pin award. Minutes stand as corrected.

Wes Lingerfelt gave the treasurers report and it as accepted as read.

Annual Gem Show Report: Wes Lingerfelt gave an accounting of the show. Net income was \$6,368.24. He noted that 2007 was the best show ever. (last 40 years) Sylvia Nasholm reported that the snack bar expenses were \$888.69 and that some of the bar-b-q expenses were erroneously included in the report Wes gave. He said he would look into his figures and make the proper corrections.

It was noted that when the truck came to pick up trash it appeared that the bin was not accessible and the truck left even as club members were rolling it into a cleared area. It was noted that the Sanitation Company needed to be called next year.

Wes Lingerfelt purchased an easy-up canopy and would like to know if the club is interested in buying it. We will discuss this at the next board meeting.

Wes brought up the fact that the classrooms in the back buildings had low volume traffic and that we might want to consider charging those dealers who choose to set-up in the classrooms the same price as outside dealers.

Wes said that he would like to raise the BBQ tickets to \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for kids this next year.

It was noted that the displays were really great.

GREAT JOB!!! YEAH!!!

Committee Reports:

Bulletin: Debbie Hood noted that everyone should have received their bulletins as they went out early this month. Also, the bulletin is on the web.

Abused Children: Jan Ferguson said that she had some Mt. Ida quartz and 4 mineral specimens for the evening's raffle.

CFMS: None

Sunshine: None

Membership: Elaine Von Achen reported five membership applications have been handed out.

Scholarship: None

Field Trips: Bob Bullock noted that the September 15 field trip is to the Los Padres Forest. Due to a fire which has been burning in the forest for the better part of a month, he suggested a possible trip to the Museum of Natural History in Santa Barbara.

Wayne Mills said he had reservations for October 6, 2007 at Plaskett Creek Campgrounds on Highway 1 if anyone would be interested in camping overnight and going to the annual Jade Festival to be held October 5,6 and 7.

Property: None

Hospitality: Dee Dee Magri said that refreshments for the evening would be cookies donated by Dee Dee, Debbie Hood and Truman Burgess.

Library: None

Monthly Breakfast: Gloria Dana said the next breakfast will be August 25, at CJ's in Arroyo Grande.

Raffle: Wayne Mills reported donations from Ralph Bishop for the night's raffle as well as a Trilobite from Morocco, an Ortheceeras platter, rainforest jasper sphere, petrified wood, and much more.

Old Business: None

New Business: Linda Kolasinski donated a beautiful, autographed book on Fairburn Agates to the OMS library. She also brought a decorated ashtray or candy dish to share.

Sylvia Nasholm presented Elaine Von Achen with a beautiful wire wrapped necklace donated by Jeannie Lingerfelt. Elaine's name was drawn for helping in the kitchen at the show. Debbie Hood presented Don Dana with a necklace, again donated by Jeannie Lingerfelt, and won for helping in the country store.

The program for the evening will be presented by Wayne Mills and will be a video of pictures taken of the show by various members.

The meeting was adjourned by President, Debbie Hood at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Elaine Von Achen, Secretary, OMS



A saw cutting a piece of stone was selected when the first bulletin, ORE-CUTTS (namesake, William Orcutt) was first published in 1966. Member Helen Azevedo was the first

editor.

Orcutt Mineral Society was founded in 1958, and was named after William Orcutt, a geologist and Civil engineer who worked in the Santa Maria Valley as a District manager for Union oil Company in 1888. In 1989, William Orcutt discovered the mineral and fossil wealth of the La Brea Tar Pits on the property of Captain Alan Hancock. The La Brea Tar Pits are one of the most significant fossil finds in paleontological history. The OMS is a non-profit club dedicated to stimulating an interest in the earth sciences. The club offers educational programs, field trips, scholarships, and other opportunities for families and individuals to pursue an interest in collecting and treatment of lapidary materials, fossils, gems, minerals, and other facets of the Earth Sciences. In addition, another goal of this Society is to promote good fellowship, and proper ethics in pursuit of the Society's endeavors. Operating Rules have been set forth to guide the Officers and members of the Society in accomplishing these aims. Affiliations of the OMS include American Federation of Mineral Societies, and California Federation of Mineral Societies

September 2007 Calendar

Tuesday
Sept. 4, 2007
7:00. to 8:30 p.m.

OMS Board Meeting-Elwin Mussell Senior Center. All members are welcome at this business meeting.

Saturday September 15, 2007 8:00a.m. to 5:00pm	Field Trip to Los Padres Forest cancelled due to fires.
Tuesday Sept. 11, 2007 7:00. to 9:00 p.m.	OMS General Meeting-Elwin Mussell Senior Center. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program-"Pearls" by Debbie Hood • Display: Minerals: massive, crystalline & mysterious • Refreshments-Cakes
Saturday Sept. 15, 2007 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.	Roadside Clean up After the cleanup, coffee and pastry at "Francisco's Country Kitchen" in Santa Maria.
Saturday Sept. 22, 2007 9 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.	OMS Monthly Breakfast- Fat Cats Restaurant, Port San Luis, Avila Beach http://www.fatcatscafe.com/index.htm 1 805-595-2204

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OMS Membership (dues) are \$18 per year. Junior memberships (under 18) are \$9 per year. Membership dues are due January 1, and are prorated for new members for each month thereafter. Membership Chairperson is Elaine Von Achen (805) 929-1488

Show Schedule

September 15-16 2007, Redwood City, CA

Sequoia Gem & Mineral Society
Community Activities Building
1400 Rosewood Ave.
Hours: 10-5 both days
Carol Corden (650) 248-7155
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September 15-16, 2007 Paso Robles Gem and Mineral Show
Pioneer Park, Paso Robles,

September 22-23 2007, Downey, CA

Delvers Gem & Mineral Society
Woman's Club of Downey
9813 Paramount Blvd
Hours: Sat. 10 - 6; Sun. 10 - 4
Steve Miller (562) 633-0614
Email : guynellallen@sbcglobal.net

September 22 2007, Los Altos, CA

Peninsula Gem & Geology Society
Recreation with Rocks
Rancho Shopping Center
Foothill Expressway & Springer Road
Hours: Sat. 9:30am - 4:30pm
David Muster (408) 245-2180
Email: colleen.mcgann@hds.com

October 7, 2007, Fallbrook, CA

Fallbrook Gem & Mineral Society
"Fall Festival of Gems"
FGMS Museum
123 W. Alvarado
Hours: 10 - 4
Mary Fong-Walker (760) 723-3484
Email: mrwizard@tfb.com
Website: FGMSORG/organization/orglocations/html

October 5-7, 2007 Big Sur Jade Festival at Pacific Valley School,

October 13-14, 2007 Fall Cayucos Gem, Jewelry and Mineral Show
Cayucos Vets Hall on the Pier, Cayucos,

October 13-14 2007, Grass Valley, CA

Nevada County Gem & Mineral Society
"Earth's Treasures"

October 2007 Calendar

Tuesday Oct. 2, 2006 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.	OMS Board Meeting-Elwin Mussell Senior Center. All members are welcome at this business meeting.
Tuesday, Oct. 9, 2007 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.	OMS General Meeting-Elwin Mussell Senior Center. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program-Favorite Field Trips (3 x 15) • Display- Rocks from your all-time favorite field trips • Refreshments- Pies
	Field Trip to be announced
Saturday Oct. 24 2007 8:15 a.m. to 9:15 a.m.	OMS Monthly Breakfast- Francisco's Country Kitchen in Santa Maria.

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Nevada County Fairgrounds
11228 McCourtney Road
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Cliff Swenson (530) 272-3752

October 13-14 2007, Lakeside, CA

Cajon Valley Gem & Mineral Society
Lakeside Rodeo Grounds
12584 Maplevue
Hours: 10-5 both days
David Newton (619) 390-5054
Email: jontom@nethere.com

October 13-14 2007, Trona, CA

Searles Lake Gem & Mineral Society
"66th Annual Gem-O-Rama"
Searles Lake Gem & Mineral Society
13337 Main Street
Hours: Sat. 7:30 - 5; Sun. 7:30 - 4
Bonnie Fairchild (760) 372-5356
Email jbfairchild@verizon.net
Website:

www.1jwvisp.com/tronagemclub/tronagemclub.html

October 20 2007, West Hills, CA

Woodland Hills Rock Chippers
"9th Annual Show"
First United Methodist Church
22799 Sherman Way
Hours: Sat. 10 - 5
Virginia Rotramel (818) 790-7598
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October 20-21 2007, Anderson, CA

Shasta Gem & Mineral Society
Shasta District Fairgrounds
Hours: 1Sat. 9-5: Sun. 10-4
Bill Seward (530) 365-8641

October 20-21 2007, Placerville, CA

El Dorado County Mineral & Gem Society
El Dorado County Fairgrounds
100 Placerville Drive
Hours: 10 - 5 both days
Jackie Cerrato (530) 677-2975
Email: jacobceer@directcon.net
Website: eldoradomineralandgem.org

October 20-21 2007, Santa Rosa, CA

Santa Rosa Mineral & Gem Society
Veterans' Memorial Auditorium
1351 Maple Avenue, Santa Rosa
Hours: Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5
Shirley Mattson or Tom Dering / (707) 795-1730 or (707) 564-4537
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Website: www.gem-n-i.org

October 20-21 2007, Whittier, CA

Whittier Gem & Mineral Society
Whittier Community Center
7630 Washington Avenue
Hours: Sat. 10-5: Sun. 10-5
Jay Valle: (626) 934-9764

