

Orcutt Mineral Society, Inc.



# Ore-Cutts



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## THE PRES BOX—SEPT 2018

Sylvia Nasholm, OMS President



We did it. That was one great show we put on. I want to thank each and every one of you that helped make it the success that it was. In particular, I want to thank Sharon Duncan for her work. Getting all the dealers lined up is not an easy task. Each of them has to be interviewed to discover what they are bringing, where they will best fit and even those that come year after year need to confirm that the vehicle they are bringing is the same length so that it still fits in their favorite spot, how many are coming, their names (for name tags), whether the goods they are bringing would fit better inside than out, is there room for them, do they need to be put farther out because they now have to run a generator. Security needs to be arranged, arrangements for trash to be emptied at the end of each day (Von Achens), port-a-potties ordered, last minute cancellations/additions, a list for those on standby to get into the show/hall. The enormity of keeping all these people happy and coming back year after year is time consuming. The contract letters to send out, the welcome letters/packets to arrange, interfacing with the school, asking for contributions for the Treasure Chest, lining up Demonstrators, and this year she added the BBQ to her list of duties. No easy task finding one that was familiar with the site and comfortable in putting out a quality meal for a very

good price. Making sure there were enough tables and chairs outside for Thursday night dinner and Saturday's BBQ. Once all this is arranged, she was still handling all the pesky little problems that pop up all weekend long and running a B&B for the needy. All of this and more handled with a smile for everyone and looking good to boot! In a nutshell, it could not have been done without her and I thank her from the bottom of my heart.

The Thursday night Pizza Party was delicious again, including the salad that Jeanne and Jan beef up with extra goodies each time. Thank you both for taking care of treating all who come to sell and all those who make it possible for them to do so!

Hospitality rocked (Yea!!! Sally and crew), the Treasure Chest (Wayne) was great, the Children's Booth (Bill Brown) was rocking and cracking all weekend long, and the pie booth sold out (Yeah Cocos).

From signs up, cases cleaned and hauled (Stan Ferguson), equipment hauled and set out, electrical & sound (Wes & crew), then take it all down and put it away for next year. For all of this and more, I am humbled and I thank you. And God Bless our strong young helpers!!!

I will ask for a Nominating Chairperson and Committee for next year's Officers during our September meeting. I want all of you to consider running for Office and filling in on Committees for the next President. If this Club is to continue, there needs to be participation from as many of us that

can manage it. Every job has a mentor that has worked it before who will be happy to enlighten and help you take on a new task. I invite you all to spread your wings and try something new!

A chance flyer left on a table in the OASIS Meeting Room led to the program for our August Meeting. I had asked Russ McGlenn to design a talk that covered his Dinosaur Dig in South Dakota and the type of rocks that could be found around the site; a little something for our fossil lovers and a little for our Rockhounds. I enjoyed the talk and was particularly impressed by the fact that he did not sell the bones that were found. Those were left for the Rancher to keep or sell. His sole motivation for the organized digs was his passion to dig and teach others how to dig properly and with care. I was very impressed by the generosity of spirit this shows. I must admit, while I cannot say I was surprised, I was disappointed in the lack of exciting rocks to be found in the area. I was holding out a tiny hope there might have been a little more bling! Oh well.

Our September Board meeting is on the 4th. Highway cleanup is on September 15th. Our General meeting is on September 11th and I am looking forward to Wes' show wrap! The Display is Show Treasures or anything and pie is on the menu provided by The Azevados, Jan Ferguson, Margaret Henson and Wayne Mills.

*Sylvia*



Paul and Sandy Berthelot at the 2015 Rainbow of Gems Show

## PAUL DOMINIC BERTHELOT III 1947—2018



Sadly we announce the passing of Paul Berthelot. Paul and his wife Sandy joined the Orcutt Mineral Society in 1998 and were very active in OMS, it's activities and the annual Rainbow of Gem show. Paul contributed numerous poems and stories to the Ore-Cutts. Paul and Sandy were married for 43 years when she passed in 2017. Paul missed Sandy so very much after her passing and it is a comfort that they are together again.

Graveside services for Paul will be Saturday, September 8, 2018 at 10 a.m. at the new Santa Maria Cemetery. Paul will be buried next to his beloved Sandy.

*Do not mourn or think that I am forever gone,  
I am not far away.*

*I am the voice in the summer wind and  
The stillness of a snowfall on winter eve;  
I am the candle's light on a magic night,  
I am the laughter in the rain drops and  
The sunshine smile of a sunny day.*

*No, do not mourn or think that I am forever gone,  
My love and I are with you always.*

*-Paul Berthelot*

## OL' JACK

By Paul Berthelot

Reprinted from April 2013 Ore-Cutts  
AFMS 2014 7<sup>th</sup> Place Award in Adult Poetry

*You've heard the story of Sweet Betsy from Pike  
How she an' her husband took a long hike,  
Well, what about the rockiest rockhound  
with a pick and rock sack,  
Have you heard of the rascal who's called Ol' Jack?  
Now nobody knows where Jack called home  
And far as he cared it might as well be Nome, Ya'see,  
he wuz a feller who liked to wander an' roam  
Lookin' for a rock pile where he could  
"hunker down like a gnome".  
Yessir, Ol' Jack liked his rocks  
an' he knew them all by rote  
An' his "secrets" he logged in a handbook of notes  
He was a quick minded ol' poke  
who spoke in riddles an' rings  
An' if he didn't know somethin',  
why he'd just make up th' whole thing!  
Now, th' stories he told wuz chock full of bull  
and a bit o' wild lace  
An' whenever he told 'em his eyes'd start twinklin' in  
his grizzly ol' face;  
"Once" says he "I smelt a rock just north  
of this ol' dirt road  
An' t'git there I had to ketch an' ride  
a wrinkled old granddaddy toad!"  
Yessir, Ol' Jack wuz a character, a right crazy ol' coot  
{An' it ain't only owls who can holler 'n' hoot},  
A western picture o' th' Pied Piper  
he wuz in his 'duds an' his frills'  
An', y'know, those silly ol' rocks  
plumb foller'd him all over th' hills.  
Once I went rocking with him  
to see if his blarney wuz a tad full  
An' I never see'd such a curious sight afore  
that I laughed like a bull,  
'Cause there stood Ol' Jack  
with a funny look on his mangy ol' face*

*With his scrawny ol' body jigglin' and twitchin'  
at a furious pace!  
Well, now that I think on it I got to admit,  
though reluctant I confess  
Ol' Jack wuz a gen'ine article;  
Yessir, the best in the west,  
An' Sweet Betsy,  
why, she wuz nothin' compared to Ol' Jack  
Th' rockiest rockhound I know'd with a pick an'  
baggy rock sack.*

## BIRTHDAY'S & ANNIVERSARIES

**Greetings & Congratulations** go out to our members who are having birthdays and anniversaries this month:

### BIRTHDAYS

Sharon Duncan	9/3
Marshall Reeves	9/6
Dyanna Cridelich	9/16
Peter Dettelis	9/30
Joseph Martinez	9/30

### ANNIVERSARIES

Dee Dee & Aldo Magri	9/16
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## HOW TO MAKE EDIBLE GEODES

Geodes can be stunning jaw dropping rocks when cracked open, but did you know that it is possible to make edible geode-looking candy?  This looks like a fun and easy treat to make and show-off. It's not a quick project with a two day wait for the crystals to form, but each step seems fairly simple in itself. This looks like something fun to do with an older kid, but definitely any age child or adult would enjoy getting to admire and eat the "geode". There are written instructions [http://www.howtocookthat.net/public\\_html/rock-candy-geodes-recipe/](http://www.howtocookthat.net/public_html/rock-candy-geodes-recipe/) and a short information youtube video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T7S3axBiCKQ>

## THE DAY I DISCOVERED THE GIANT'S MARBLES

By Paul Berthelot

*Originally printed December 2009 Ore-Cutts*

It happened while I was on holiday in New Zealand; ~ rather ~ on a “working sabbatical”. The wife was shopping at some of Moeraki’s more trendy Shoppe’s and I was taking advantage of her absence ~ although I certainly would notice the repercussions of her excursion at a later date.

As I had some free time, and the wife otherwise was occupied, I hired a guide for an afternoon hike along some of the country’s more rugged countryside. I must note that anybody who knows me realizes how “rugged” I actually am and no doubt would find such a euphemism hilarious. Be that as it may, my guide and I set out to see what would turn up.

We were walking along New Zealand’s Otago coastline when I observed some large round objects in the distance. As we drew near and I could more clearly see what I had glimpsed earlier I thought I was dreaming, or at least had lost what little common sense I had left. “Look!” I said to my guide. “Middle Earth really existed. Don’t you see the giant’s marbles? Mr Tolkien was spot on.”

Laughing quietly my guide assured me giants weren't found in New Zealand and he told me the

objects weren't “marbles”, they were boulders. Since he was a Scotsman “born & bred” I’ve no doubt he found me a “wee bit daft”, but, at least, he wasn't rude enough to say so.

“Well, if they aren't giant’s marbles, what are they?” I tried humoring him as I was certain he wouldn't recognize a giant’s marble if he fell over one or was hit on the head with it. Scotsmen are so sensible...

My guide began by telling me the “marbles” were much older than one would think possible. “Laddie,” he said in his gentle burr, “these stone boulders are verrrry old. Aye, they’re much older than your giants. And since they weigh several tons & some measure up to three metres in diameter, it would take a prodigious giant to lift them.”

A cloud of doubt crossed my mind but I managed to keep my mouth from rambling. “Oh,” I muttered quietly. Obviously my guide was too practical to even believe in giants. To deny that giants existed was to court a fate worse than death or so I'd been told when a youngster.

My guide continued his geology lesson, he said these were New Zealand’s Moeraki Boulders which had been sketched by Mr Mantell in 1848 when they were more numerous than today. What’s more, he said, scientists determined they were formed during the Paleocene some 60-65 million years ago on an ancient seabed. Calcium and carbonates crystallized



## OMS CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 2018	
<b>Tues, Sept 4 7 to 8 pm</b>	<b>OMS Board Meeting, Nipomo Chamber of Commerce meeting room</b> 239 W Tefft St, Nipomo, CA  All members are welcome at this meeting
<b>Sat, Sept 8 10 am</b>	<b>Graveside Services for Paul Berthelot</b> Santa Maria Cemetery—New Area South West Corner of E Battles Rd and S College Dr
<b>Tues, Sept 11 7 to 9 pm</b>	<b>General Meeting at Luis Oasis Senior Center, 420 Soares Av, Santa Maria, CA</b>  <b>Program:</b> Wes Lingerfelt Show Wrap-up <b>Display:</b> Your Treasures from the Show or collection  <b>Refreshments:</b> Pies to be brought by the Azevedos, Jan Ferguson, Margaret Henson and Wayne Mills
<b>Sat, Sept 15 8 am</b>	<b>Highway Clean-up:</b> Southeast Corner Hwy 101/166 East
<b>Sat, Sept 22 8:30 am</b>	<b>OMS Monthly Breakfast:</b> Country Kitchen, Santa Maria 1701 N. Broadway St, Santa Maria

OCTOBER 2018	
<b>Tues, Oct 2 7 to 8 pm</b>	<b>OMS Board Meeting, Nipomo Chamber of Commerce meeting room</b> 239 W Tefft St, Nipomo, CA  All members are welcome at this meeting
<b>Tues, Oct 9 7 to 9 pm</b>	<b>General Meeting: Luis Oasis Senior Center</b> 420 Soares Av, Santa Maria, CA  <b>Program:</b> Wayne Mills trip to Brasil <b>Display:</b> Favorite self-collected rocks  <b>Refreshments:</b> Cakes to be brought by the Azevedos, Sylvia Nasholm, Jeannie Watkins and Alexis VanNatta
<b>Sat, Oct 27 8:30 am</b>	<b>OMS Monthly Breakfast:</b> Country Kitchen, Arroyo Grande 775 El Camino, Arroyo Grande

with folklore. The Maori believe the boulders are the remains of calabashes, kumaras and eel baskets that washed ashore after the Araiteuru, a legendary canoe, wrecked at Shag Point.”

Hmmmm,” I thought out loud. “Seems like they’re giant’s marbles after all. Didn’t the Maori’s live there around the same time?”



in a process similar to a pearl and the boulders could have taken as long as four million years to form. The mudstones simply weathered out of that seabed along this stretch of the New Zealand coast beginning about 15 million years ago.

Needless to say I was impressed at my guide’s knowledge. But, I also thought he probably was making it up. After all, my wife constantly made up stories to explain her obsession with sparklies. I’d seen the havoc an obsession could cause first hand... knowledge confirmed by my readings in the “Antiquarian’s Olde Philosophie.” Why couldn’t my guide do the same? Seemed logical to me.

“One final point”, my guide said. “You’re not completely wrong about the Moeraki’s connection

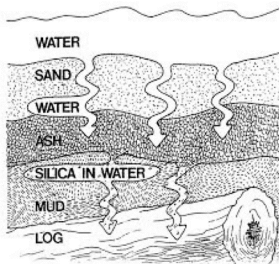
## What is Petrified Wood?



Petrified wood is a fossil. Petrified wood can preserve the original structure of the stem in all its detail, down to the microscopic level. Structures such as tree rings and the various tissues are often observed features. It forms when plant material is buried by sediment and protected from decay due to oxygen and organisms. Then, groundwater rich in dissolved solids flows through



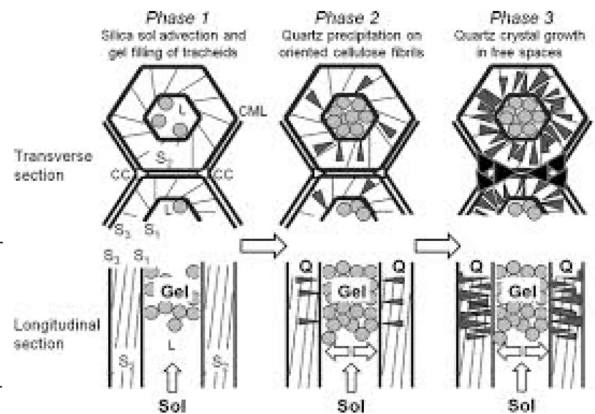
the sediment, replacing the original plant material with silica, calcite, pyrite, or another inorganic material such as opal. The result is a fossil of the original woody material that often exhibits preserved details of the bark, wood, and cellular structures. The hardness of petrified wood correspondingly tallies with that of agate or quartz – 7 on the Mohs scale, or less for that of opal or calcite.



Petrified wood is remarkable for its resemblance to wood, at least on the surface. The bark and the texture are astonishingly similar to normal wood. Petrified wood forms when fallen trees get washed down a river and buried under layers of mud, ash from volcanoes and other materials. Sealed beneath this muck deprives the rotting wood from oxygen — the necessary ingredient for decay.

As the wood's organic tissues slowly break down, the resulting voids in the tree are filled with minerals.

Over millions of years, these minerals crystallize within the wood's cellular structure forming the stone-like material known as petrified wood. The wood, no longer wood at this point, takes on the hues of the minerals that fill its pores. Elements such as manganese, iron, and copper in the water/mud during the petrification process give petrified wood a variety of colour ranges. Pure quartz crystals are colourless, but when contaminants are added to the process the crystals take on a tint, carbon – black; chromium – green/blue; cobalt – green/blue; copper – green/blue; iron oxides – red, brown, and yellow; manganese – pink/orange; manganese oxides – blackish/yellow.



Petrified wood is not rare. It is found in volcanic deposits and sedimentary rocks at many of locations worldwide. It is sometimes found where volcanic activity covered plant material with ash, mudflows or pyroclastic debris. It is found where wood in sedimentary deposits was replaced by minerals precipitated from groundwater. It is especially abundant around coal seams, although many of the wood specimens in these



Petrified Kauri trees, Takapuna beach, Auckland, New Zealand

locations are casts and molds rather than petrifications. One almost unbelievable material from Western Australia is known as "peanut\_wood" because of its ovoid markings, but those markings are actually boreholes drilled by a clam.

The places where petrified wood can be found are scattered in select locations across the globe, in places where conditions have permitted preservation to occur. Some of the locations where they are found include Petrified National Forest in Arizona, Alberta, Canada, Australia, and the Greek Island of Lesvos. The



An ancient kauri log emerges from a geothermal area near Ngawha



Petrified trees in the Petrified Forest National Park Arizona USA

largest petrified specimens however, are found in the Petrified Forest National Monument in Argentina. These “forests” are not real forests but can be likened to scattered and broken up “stone forests.” In New Zealand many of the trees that became petrified belong to the Araucaria family, or otherwise known as Kauri trees. The Kauri trees are large coniferous trees often standing 40-50 meters in height.



Opalized petrified wood



Agatized petrified wood

A wide variety of names are commonly used for petrified wood.

"Fossilized wood" is a general term for wood that has been petrified or preserved by other methods of fossilization. "Opalized wood" is petrified wood that has been replaced by opal, an amorphous form of silica. "Agatized wood" is wood that has been replaced by agate, a form of chalcedony or micro-crystalline quartz. "Silicified wood" is wood that has been replaced by any form of silica, including opal and agate.



Crystallized petrified wood



Petrified wood Zion NP



Cavities within some petrified logs served as crystallization locations for quartz crystals such as the citrine (yellow, left ) and amethyst (purple, right)

*Lake Macquarie Petrified Forest*

Our closest petrified forest is the Kurra Kurrin petrified forest in Fennell Bay Blackalls Park NSW. The site of an ancient pine forest, it is thought to have been fossilised by a blast of volcanic ash from an off-shore volcano 250 million years ago. The tree stumps have been converted into chalcedony, many with clearly visible and well-preserved growth rings and wood structure. In 1845 geologist WB Clarke estimated that there were at least 500 tree stumps, both in the water and along the banks. Some of the stumps were up to 1.2 metres tall, one large stump rose over a metre above the water and was nearly two metres in diameter. The trees were Glossopteris, a species allied to the modern Araucaria, which includes the Norfolk Island Pine.

While there are other fossil sites in Newcastle and Lake Macquarie, this was once the site of the greatest profusion of fossilised trees preserved in situ. Unfortunately no action was taken at the time to ensure the physical preservation of the area and despite its cultural and geological significance it has failed to be protected. The site has been heavily degraded through theft, sedimentation and rubbish deposition, and there are now only twenty to thirty fossil stumps remaining



## PETRIFIED WOOD FIND-A-WORD PUZZLE

Find the words on the word list in the puzzle grid below. Words may be found forwards or backwards either horizontally, vertically, or diagonally.

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**WORD LIST**  
 AGATIZED  
 ARIZONA  
 AUSTRALIA  
 CHALCEDONY  
 COPPER  
 CRYSTALLIZE  
 DECAY  
 FOREST  
 FOSSIL  
 GROUNDWATER  
 IRON  
 LESVOS  
 MANGANESE  
 MICROSCOPIC  
 MINERALS  
 MOHS  
 OPALIZED  
 OXYGEN  
 QUARTZ  
 SCALE  
 SEDIMENT  
 SEDIMENTARY  
 SILICIFIED  
 VOLCANIC  
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### UPCOMING SHOWS

Information from

<http://www.cfmsinc.org/shows/cfmsshow.htm>

**September 15 - 16: CHICO, CA**

Feather River Lapidary & Mineral Society & The 79th  
 CFMS Convention

Website: [www.featherriverrocks.org](http://www.featherriverrocks.org)

**September 15 - 16: MONTEREY, CA**

Carmel Valley Gem & Mineral Society

Website: [www.cvgms.rocks](http://www.cvgms.rocks)

**September 15 - 16: REDWOOD CITY, CA**

Sequoia Gem & Mineral Society

Website: [www.sequoiagemandmineralsociety.org](http://www.sequoiagemandmineralsociety.org)

**September 22 - 23: LODI, CA**

Stockton Lapidary & Mineral Club

Website: [www.stocktonlapidary.com](http://www.stocktonlapidary.com)

**October 6: BORON, CA**

Mojave Mineralogical Society

Boron Community Center, 26998 John Street

**October 20 - 21: WHITTIER, CA**

Whittier Gem & Mineral Society

Website: [www.wgmsca.com](http://www.wgmsca.com)



# ORCUTT MINERAL SOCIETY

## BOARD MEETING

### NIPOMO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OFFICE

NIPOMO, CA

AUGUST 7, 2018

President Sylvia Nasholm called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Board members present were Wayne Mills, Dyanna Cridelich, Debbie Hood, Bill Brown, and Jan Ferguson. Absent were Sally Griffith, Dick Bazell and Jeanne Watkins. Guests were Sharon Duncan, Elisabeth Nybo and Katherine Nybo.

**Minutes:** Minutes from the last Board meeting were read by Debbie Hood. Minutes accepted as read.

**Treasurer's report:** Jan Ferguson passed out the Treasurer's report and the Gem Show Statistics. We did really well in our show. Wayne turned in \$1269 for the Treasurer Chest, only \$30 difference from last year.

**Correspondence:** We received a July newsletter from the Santa Lucia Rockhounds, 2 Gem Faire postcards, a note from Comcast, an appeal from Salvation Army, a computer bundle from Infinity.

#### Committee Reports:

**Bulletin:** The Bulletin is out. It is beautiful as always.

**Refreshments:** Dally said that we will have cookies in August. Thank you to Truman Burgess, Sharon Duncan, Debbie Hood and Don Nasholm. Jeanne Watkins will bring fruit.

**CFMS:** Wayne Mills has made reservations to go to CFMS in September. Renee was planning on going as well. Donations are still being requested for the CFMS fundraiser on September 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>, in Chico, CA. Contact Sharon Rogow who is in charge of donations. PO Box 35078, Las Vegas, Nevada, 89133-5078.

There are some proposed CFMS bylaw changes that have stimulated discussion in the Board. Sylvia Nasholm and Wes Lingerfelt have made suggestions regarding them.

**Membership:** Dyanna Cridelich is contacting some prospective new members that expressed interest at the Gem Show.

**Field Trips:** The GEM SHOW was our field trip.

**Highway Cleanup:** Our next Highway cleanup will be held on the second Saturday in September at 8:00am, September 8, 2018. Members will meet on the Southeast corner of Highways 101 and 166 East. *EDITOR NOTE: This has been change to September 15, 2008.*

**Breakfast:** We will meet on August 26th at the Hometown Buffet in Santa Maria at 8:30 a.m.

**Education:** Wayne Mills will be giving a talk at the SLO club on September 4<sup>th</sup> and will miss our board meeting. The Boy Scouts in Santa Maria have expressed interest in giving their scouts Rock merit badges. Elisabeth Nybo will look into what is required to do this.

**Library:** Alexis Van Natta and Dyanna Cridelich will be taking the display down at the Santa Maria Library on August 31<sup>st</sup>. This gives us a little more time to educate the public.

**Sunshine:** Paul Berthelot is down at USC recovering from surgery. Alexis Van Natta is recovering from hand surgery.

**Scholarship:** None yet

**Show.** The Rock Splitter was a great success at the Gem Show. Wayne Mills took it to John Von Achen, who sharpened the blades and it was good to go. We went through 80 pounds of geodes.

NRA stapled a sign for their upcoming event onto our Gem Show sign. Elaine Von Achen saw this happen, took it down and gave it to Sylvia..

The show was well received with only a few incidents. Everyone likes the food and was pretty happy. Comments about the geode smashing, the food truck, Wayne's maps and kiosk, the treasure chest were all positive. All the people who helped us, Nick, the janitor,

Susanna, Casey, the night watchman, our hired helpers and Gage and his brother were excellent. Sylvia suggested looking into having an outside group put on the show next year and will research it. The Hanford show in September is organized by an outside group.

**New Business:**

Tara just went to the British Royal Museum in London England. She has agreed to give a talk about her experiences in November.

Our August Speaker is Russ McGlenn

President Sylvia Nasholm adjourned the meeting at 8:30p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Dyanna Cridelich, Secretary, OMS

**ORCUTT MINERAL SOCIETY  
GENERAL MEETING  
OASIS SENIOR CENTER, ORCUTT, CA  
AUGUST 14, 2018**

President, Sylvia Nasholm, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Mike Henson gave the invocation.

Wayne Mills gave the flag salute.

Greetings to members and guests: 28 members present and 5 guests. Guests are Warren Wall, Scott Smith, Arthur Quiroz, Bruce Nybo and Sherry Gunderson.

Due to the distance travelled by our speakers and guests, we voted on a meeting order change. We proposed that the program be presented first and the general meeting afterward. Wayne Mills made the motion, Sally Griffith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Program for August was presented by Russ McGlenn. He gave a talk on his Fossil Dig in South Dakota and the rocks around his area.

**Refreshments:** Sally Griffith said that tonight is cookie night. Many thanks to Truman Burgess, Sharon Duncan, Debbie Hood and Don Nasholm. Jeanne Watkins will bring fruit.

**Minutes:** Minutes for the August Board Meeting were read by Dyanna Cridelich. Minutes were accepted as corrected.

**Treasurer's report:** Jeanne Watkins gave the Treasurer's report. We are doing really well. The report does not include the show statistics. This will come next month when all the bills are in. Reports are available to those who want them.

**Correspondence:** Nothing new

**Committee Reports:**

**Annual December Luncheon:** Too soon to report.

**Bulletin:** Outstanding! Love the articles. Please submit any rock related article to Elisabeth Nybo.

**CFMS:** Donations are requested for a CFMS fundraiser on September 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>, in Chico, CA. Contact Sharon Rogow, who is in charge of donations. PO Box 35078, Las Vegas, Nevada, 89133-5078. Bylaw changes are underway. Wayne has set reservations for the meeting. Renee is also intending on going.

**Membership:** Dyanna Cridelich is contacting some prospective members from our gem show.

**Sunshine:** Paul Berthelot is down at USC recovering from surgery. Alexis Van Natta is recovering from hand surgery. Katherine Nybo is recovering from knee surgery.

**Field Trips:** The GEM SHOW was our field trip for August.

**Highway Cleanup:** Our next Highway Cleanup will be on Saturday, September 8<sup>th</sup>. Meet at 8:00am on the Southeast corner of Highways 166 and 101.

**Education:** Wayne Mills will be giving a talk to the SLO Club on September 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Scholarship:** Nothing right now.

**Property:** We didn't finish the locker cleanup. We need to discuss sales to members of our unwanted items. We will need to keep 4 roasters. Two other roasters can be sold, as well as some cases.

**Library:** The OMS display in the Santa Maria Library will be up until August 31.

**Breakfast:** Bill Hood says that the breakfast will be at the Hometown Buffet in Santa Maria at 8:30am on August 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Show:** Next month will be the windup of our Gem Show.

**New Business:**

The Parks and Rec form says we don't have to pay until the month before, but we always pay the week after our show.

Carl Holloway invites us to put together any rock-themed ornaments for sale at Holloway Farms. They will take 10% of the selling price.

Wes Lingerfelt reminded us that the Raffle report needs to be filed by the end of August.

Wayne Mills said we need to look for officers for next year. In September, we set up the committee and in October, we start looking and recruiting people.

Our displays were very nice tonight. Sally Griffith had some Polychrome Jasper and Mookaite. Jan and Stan Ferguson had a lovely tiger eye Buddha. Jeannie and Jim Beattie had a display called Imagination with some nice slabs. Wayne Mills had a nice collection of Jaspers. These included Poppy, Graveyard Point, Ocean and Norneena. Thanks to everyone for such beautiful displays.

President Sylvia Nasholm adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:  
Dyanna Cridelich, Secretary, OMS

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## OMS CALENDAR SEPTEMBER 2018

<p><b>Tues, Sept 4</b> 7 to 8 pm</p>	<p><b>OMS Board Meeting, Nipomo Chamber of Commerce meeting room</b> 239 W Tefft St, Nipomo, CA</p> <p>All members are welcome at this meeting</p>	<p><b>Tues, Sept 11</b> 7 to 9 pm</p>	<p><b>General Meeting at Luis Oasis Senior Center, 420 Soares Av, Santa Maria, CA</b></p> <p><b>Program:</b> Wes Lingerfelt Show Wrap-up</p> <p><b>Display:</b> Your Treasures from the Show or collection</p>
<p><b>Sat, Sept 8</b> 10 am</p>	<p><b>Graveside Services for Paul Berthelot</b> Santa Maria Cemetery—New Area South West Corner of E Battles Rd and S College Dr</p>	<p><b>Sat, Sept 15</b> 8 am</p>	<p><b>Highway Clean-up:</b> Southeast Corner Hwy 101/166 East</p>
		<p><b>Sat, Sept 22</b> 8:30 am</p>	<p><b>OMS Monthly Breakfast:</b> Country Kitchen, Santa Maria 1701 N. Broadway St, Santa Maria</p>