



## Birthdays

Marshall Reeves  
September 6

Dyana Cridelich  
September 16

Peter Dettelis  
September 30

## Anniversaries

Dee and Aldo Magri  
September 16

## Who is Bringing Snacks?

Jeannie Lingerfelt, Sharon Pearson, Betty Campbell, and Jan Ferguson are all signed up to bring Pie.



## The Prez Box - September 2022



Hi folks, We had a long eventful August this year. It started right from the get go. Our Board Meeting on August 1 was the last meeting we would have before our Rock and Gem Show on August 5-7. We missed having a show the 2 years prior to due to Covid. It was like starting all over again. Paper work missing which had to be recreated. Dealer lists were from 2017 and 1/2 the supplies were no where to be found. To say the least it was a very hectic July. It took a lot of minds working together and the generous contributions of several retired board members but it seems we were able to pull it together. All the Dealers were thrilled and did excellent business over the course of the 3 day weekend. Wes Lingerfelt will have a lot to say both positive and negative points. If anyone has any "hiccups" (Wes's term for screwed up stuff) feel free to call or email Wes before the Sept. 13th. meeting. We know about food vendors. That was out of our control, covid and family matters interfered with fulfilling commitments. We will be able to improve on that next time. I will let Wes complete this topic at the meeting.

Since we weren't tired enough from the show, we decided to have a field trip to the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History (SBMNH) on Aug. 20th. We were treated to a guided tour of the RARE EARTH Exhibit by one of the museum's curators Dr Jonathan Hoffman. We took a lot of pictures which have already been posted on our website.

## September 2022

**September 5** at 7:00 pm -  
Board Meeting in Wes  
Lingerfelt's garden

**September 10** at 8:00 am -  
Highway Clean Up at the  
southeast corner of Highway  
101 and 166

**September 13** at 7:00 pm -  
General Meeting at the Oasis  
Senior Center

## October 2022

**October 3** at 7:00 pm - Board  
Meeting in Wes Lingerfelt's  
garden

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

## Upcoming Dates

**September 23-25** - SLO Club  
show at the SLO Vet's Hall -  
Wayne will be the "Rock Doc".

**December 10** - OMS Annual  
Meeting at the Madonna Inn



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Hopefully, Wes will use the field trip for his program in November! It was a fascinating trip. The specimens were removed as they were created. Most were still in their matrices. Beautiful, natural treasures from the earth as nature intended them to be! The exhibit closes on Sept 5th. After September 5, the exhibit will be broken up and the specimens from the exhibit will be returned their owners (three major collections and a few specimen owned by SBMNH). If you can possibly make it to the museum before Sept. 5th, it will be well worth the effort!!

Our program this month will be a recap of the show by Wes Lingerfelt. He is bluntly honest, sometimes, with these reviews which, in my opinion, have improved the quality of our shows!

Our display will be anything you happened across at the show, or anything you feel like sharing. Refreshments will be pies this month so come down and enjoy yourselves.

Don't forget our next highway clean-up on September 10th, Sally G.

## September Birthstone - Sapphire

The September birthstone has traditionally symbolized sincerity, truth, faithfulness and nobility. For countless centuries, sapphire has adorned royalty and the robes of the clergy. The elite of ancient Greece and Rome believed that blue sapphires protected their owners from harm and envy. Clerics of the Middle Ages wore sapphires because they symbolized Heaven. Ancient Persians believed the earth actually rested on a giant sapphire, which made the sky blue.

The September birthstone was reputed to have healing powers as well. Medieval Europeans believed that sapphire cured plague boils and diseases of the eye. The sapphire birthstone was also thought to be an antidote to poison.

The best-known sapphire in recent years is the 12 ct blue gem surrounded by diamonds in the sapphire engagement ring first worn by Princess Diana and then given by her son to Kate Middleton, now Duchess of Cambridge.

<https://www.gia.edu/birthstones/september-birthstones>.

## Orcutt Mineral Society Board Meeting - August 1, 2022

**Call to Order:** 7:08 pm by Sally Griffith

**Members Present:** Sally Griffith, Jeanne Brown, Wayne Mills, Jan Ferguson, Renea Sutcliffe, Tara Machin, and Betty Campbell  
**Guests:** Sharon Duncan, Scott Smith, Wes Lingerfelt

**Minutes:** No corrections

**Treasurer's Report:** We got the quarterly reports for the last 6 months. Jeanne has the paperwork if anyone would like to see them.

**Correspondences:** Bulletin from Santa Lucia Rockhounds

**Contributions:** No report

**Committee Reports:**

1. **Bulletin-** No corrections, but one newsletter was returned due to no address label. If anyone is missing the August newsletter, please let Tara know.
2. **CFMS-** New changes for next year. If you want to go to the annual meeting in November 2023, you have to book in August of 2022. Renea will book soon for a room next year.
3. **OMS Membership-** Betty got her name tag, finally :-)) and Jeanne got the receipt for the name tag printing.
4. **Field Trips-** We want to go to the rare earth minerals on display in Santa Barbara. Need a head count.
5. **Adopt-A-Highway-** September 10th at the southwest corner of Highway 101 and 166. Be there at 8 am.
6. **Annual Awards Banquet-** No updates
7. **Breakfast-** Cancelled until further notice
8. **Education-** Wayne will be the Rock Doc at the Santa Lucia Rockhounds show in September.
9. **Library-** No updates
10. **Sunshine-** Margret is not doing well. Send love. Brian and Sharon Pearson are out with COVID

11. **Scholarship-** No updates

**Show:**

- COVID is rearing its ugly head in our area. It is recommended to wear a mask.
- There was an article in the Santa Maria Sun. Our advertisement ran in the Sun and the SLO New Times.
- Wes will supervise the building of the tent on Wednesday.
- 2 new vendors for the show. There are 2 new food booths. Lost one vendor to COVID.
- We have 2 vendors coming in late on Wednesday so Renea will go out and help them park.
- Security guard is taken care of.
- There are 7 spots open, but there are vendors in cue to fill those spaces.
- Caps are in. We did not get visors. They are super cute. Selling for \$20.
- Thursday morning meet at 8:30 to load tables. Wednesday night at 4:00 pm to put up the tent.
- Sell all the old stuff - hats, t-shirts, stickers, patches, pins, totes.
- Selling the coloring pages for \$0.25 each or 5 pages for \$1.00.
- Coloring books will sell for \$1.50.
- We will sell water at the hospitality booth just so that people can stay hydrated.
- We need some hand sanitizer for the inside of the hall as well as some small ones at the booths.
- The display cases are all taken care of.

**Old Business:** See show notes

**New Business:** Wayne will be doing the presentation at the August meeting. Rocks and Fossils of the Central Coast. Display will be rocks and fossils of the central coast

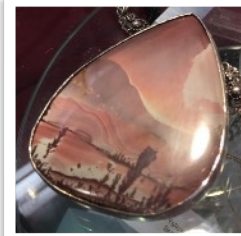
Adjourned: 8:37 pm

## Pictures From the Annual Show

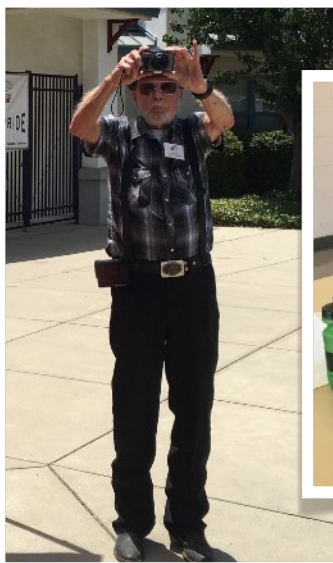
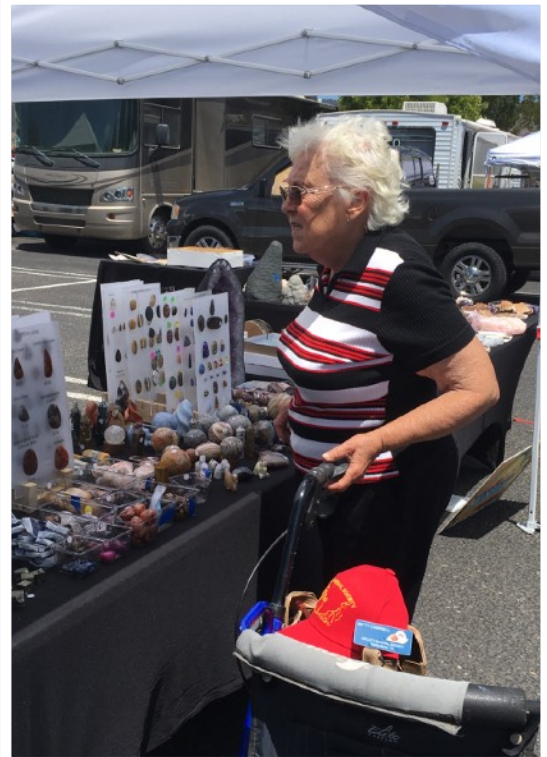


Check out more photos on the OMS website. There were too many photos to post in the newsletter. [Click Here to View](#)

# Pictures From the Annual Show



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## Orcutt Mineral Society General Meeting - August 9, 2022

Call to Order: 7:06 pm by Sally Griffith

Sally made a motion to change to the order of the meeting. We will do the presentation first and follow it with the general meeting.

**Invocation:** Debbie Hood

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Sally Griffith

**Members:** 19 members/ 11 guests

**Minute Corrections:** No corrections noted

**Treasurer's Report:** No report until the show money has been counted.

**Correspondences:** Please see the board meeting notes from August 1st.

**Contributions:** No report

**Committee Reports:**

1. Bulletin- No corrections
2. CFMS- No update
3. OMS Membership- No update
4. Field Trips- August 20th - Santa Barbara Natural History Museum. Meet at Oasis Center Center at 8:30 am.
5. Adopt-A-Highway- September 10th. Meet at 8:00 am at the southwest corner of Highway 101 and 166.
6. Annual Awards Banquet- No change
7. Breakfast- No change
8. Education - No update
9. Library- No update
10. Sunshine- No update
11. Scholarship- No update

**Show:**

- Wayne made an announcement thanking Sally, Renea, Sharon, and Betty for their awesome contributions to the show. Everyone was a huge help, but those ladies were our heart and soul. Thank you.
- Show went well and there will be a wrap up at the general meeting on September 13th, 2022. The show vendor, Joe Latuda, from "Naturals From the Earth" won a prize in our raffle. Someone wanted to buy his prize so he sold it and donated \$50 to our scholarship fund.
- Renea said that all the vendors were very happy about the show since they did some great sales. Great job everyone.

**Old Business:** See the board meeting notes from August 1st

**New Business:** Ron Campbell is selling all his faceting equipment for around \$6000. Contact Wayne Mills for more information.

Presentation by Wayne Mills- Rocks and Fossils of the Central Coast

Display was rocks and fossils of the central coast

Adjourned: 8:43 pm

### A Note from the Editor

There isn't enough room in this edition of the newsletter for all the photos and stories that I want to share. I hope you can wait for the upcoming edition. Thank you, Tara Machin

In the next newsletter:

- ◆ Photos of the August Displays at the General Meeting
- ◆ Photos of the Field Trip we went on to the Santa Barbara Natural History Museum - you can view photos online at <http://www.omsinc.org/archives/RareEarth/>
- ◆ An interesting article about Rock H. Currier, amazing rock hunter and traveller. Jan Ferguson provided me an interesting article from 1993.

## Upcoming Rock and Mineral Shows

### September 10-11, 2022, Reno, NV

The Reno Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.

Website: <http://www.renogms.org>

### September 17-18, 2022 - Chico, CA

Feather River Lapidary and Mineral Society

Website: <http://featherriverrocks.org>

### September 24-25, 2022 - San Luis Obispo, CA

San Luis Obispo Gem and Mineral Club

Website: <http://www.slogem.org/show.htm>

### September 24-25, 2022 - Long Beach

Long Beach Mineral and Gem Society

Website: <http://www.facebook.com/LBMGS>

### October 1-2, 2022 - Anderson, CA

Shasta Gem & Mineral Society

Website: <http://shastagemandmineral.org>

### October 8-9, 2022 - Redwood City, CA

Peninsula Gem and Geology Society AND  
Sequoia Gem and Mineral Society

Websites: <http://pggs.org> or <https://www.sequoiagemandmineralsociety.org/>

### October 8-9, 2022 - Grass Valley, CA

Nevada County Gem and Mineral Society

Website: <https://www.ncgms.org/show-info/>

### October 9, 2022 - Fallbrook, CA

Fallbrook Gem and Mineral Society

Website: <http://www.fgms.org>

### October 15, 2022 - West Hills, CA

Woodland Hills Rock Chippers

Website: <http://SRMGS.org>

### October 15-16, 2022- Placerville, CA

El Dorado County Mineral and Gem Society

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

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### October 29-30, 2022, Sacramento, CA

Sacramento Mineral Society

Website: <https://www.sacgemshow.com>

More information can be found on the CFMS website at [cfmsinc.org](http://cfmsinc.org)

## Faceting Equipment for Sale

Ron Campbell, a former dealer and facet whiz is selling his faceting equipment and assorted rough. Price is \$6220.

Contact Ron or Bobbie Campbell at 805-937-1194 for more information.





## CFMS / AFMS News - September 2022

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Notes by Wayne Mills

**CFMS Website** - [cfmsinc.org](http://cfmsinc.org)

**President's Box** (Don Barton) notes that Marcia Goetz wants to e-mail the CFMS Bulletin to Editors and Membership Chairs for reposting to members with e-mails listed. Mail club information to [marciagoetz195@gmail.com](mailto:marciagoetz195@gmail.com)

CFMS is highlighting its committees to show how CFMS helps or can help its member societies. A new Committee has been established for CFMS Advanced Planning. The committee consists of all living past CFMS presidents and the current CFMS Executive Committee. Committee guidelines are included.

**Juniors**—(Jim Brace-Thompson) The current bulletin has a questionnaire to help assess the state of our juniors programs, and the effect that COVID has had on them. Wayne Mills is responding for both OMS and SLR clubs

**Camp Paradise** is on for August 21-26 and August 28 - September 2. Application is included in the July newsletter and on the CFMS Website. Classes will be taught on: Cabochons, lost wax casting, beginning/advanced silver-smithing, PMC, fused glass, carving, Ming tree magnets, chain making and relief carving..

**CFMS Fall Business Meeting** is scheduled for November 11-13 at the Visalia Wyndam Hotel. More details in the current bulletin.

The **CFMS Executive Committee** is seeking a Secretarial candidate for the 2023 Executive Committee. Contact Barbara Louden at 530-305-2825 or [baplouden@aol.com](mailto:baplouden@aol.com).

**CFMS Programs** are available for \$10 each. Contact Sharon Rogow at: [sharonrr@cox.net](mailto:sharonrr@cox.net). (View available programs at [cfmsinc.org](http://cfmsinc.org)).

**Rockhound Soapbox—Rockhound Photography.** Including rules for use of pictures of individuals in our publications (and one example of the dire consequences for NOT following the rules. Includes visual media consent form.

**Bulletin Aids** (Mark Nelson) Tips for professional e-mailing (no emojis!)

**Safety Tips** U.S Forest Service list of Field Trip Safety tips is included. Ticks, rattlesnakes, and rough roads among other hazards. Be prepared!

A list of upcoming shows, and 2022 CFMS Officers and committees is also included, as is a form for donations to the CFMS Endowment Fund.

**CFMS will host the American Federation Show in 2024.** They are seeking a host club for the AMFED show.



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**AFMS Website** - [amfed.org](http://amfed.org)

The **AFMS-SCFMS** (South Central Federation) **show** in New Orleans, Louisiana is coming up October 14-16, 2022. An article in the bulletin tells more about the show. President Margaret Kolaszko attended the AFMS Judges training in Kennawick, Washington. **AFMS now has 12 more certified judges for their gem shows.**

**The AFMS Endowment Fund** is seeking prizes for their raffle at the AFMS-SCFMS show. Prizes should have a minimum value of \$75, and weigh 5 pounds or less. **If you have a prize to offer, call Cheryl Neary at 516-449-5341.** Currently Cheryl has 10 prizes (shown in bulletin) the fund has averaged about 20 prizes in the past. **Tickets for the drawing** cost \$5 each, or 5 for \$20.

**Jennifer Haley (Historian)** writes that in the early days of rockhounding, there were a lot more cartoons in our newsletters than there are currently. Juniors should be aware that there is a drawing competition where kids can compete.

**Cheryl Neary** has an article about "Haunted Lands East of the Rockies". These cities get their recognition due to one of two factors. They are old and have an extensive history, or they are perched atop a geologic anomaly with unusual magnetic field properties. These "haunted cities" include: Salem, Massachusetts, Savannah, Georgia, New Orleans, Louisiana (coincidence!), and Chicago, Illinois.

**Ellery Borow, Safety** has articles about the value of volunteering, and Computer Safety.

A list of AFMS Committees and contacts is included in the back of each bulletin, as is the AFMS Code of Ethics, AFMS Land Use Policy, and upcoming AFMS Shows and Conventions.

## Interesting Internet

**If you missed the August General Meeting, a link to Wayne's presentation on "Geology and Fossils of the Central Coast" is below.**

<https://youtu.be/-B5R3G1tS8o>

**The most incredible fossils ever unearthed**

<https://www.msn.com/en-us/lifestyle/lifestyletravel/the-most-incredible-fossils-ever-unearthed/ss-AA10uRIT>

## Book List

Wayne Referenced some books in his August presentation.

**Assembling California** –by John McPhee

**Rough Hewn Land** – by Keith Heyer Meldahl Terrain

**Mountains of Fire** – by Sharon Lewis Dickerson

Other John McPhee books are:

**Coming into the Country** about Alaska, and **Basin and Range** about the Basin and Range Province.

He also wrote an interesting book about oranges in 1967. They are all available online.

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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.

