



Ore-Cutts

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DAWG GONE!

By Ralph Bishop, Orcutt Mineral Society

There are in this world certain things, because of their style, that endear themselves to the public at large. In time, these things are considered "classics": the '57 Chevy, the movie "Casablanca", from Texas the Woodward Plume Agate, Crazy Lace Agate from Mexico, and Rainbow Wood from Arizona. These are classics.

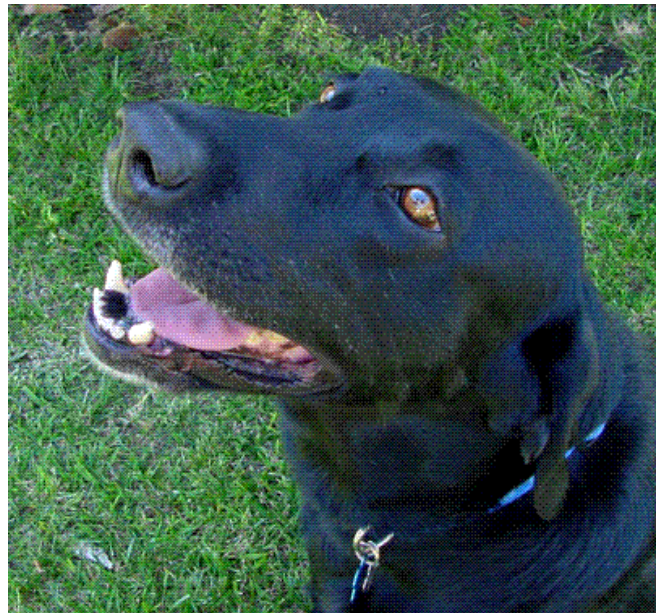
In California one of the classics is Stone Canyon Brecciated Jasper. This jasper is beautiful in colors of yellow, red, blue, and white, slick and solid to work. It occurs along the San Andreas Fault north and east of San Miguel, California. It had been used by the Salinan Indians for making knives and arrow points. Our culture rediscovered it in the early 1900's, and its use and popularity has spread ever since.

I first went to Stone Canyon as a boy of 11 or 12, and returned many times to collect. In those days, the location was "taken for granted". As if we could always go and get whatever we wanted. Times change though, and it was a shock to everyone when Mrs. Bagby sold her ranch (which included Stone Canyon). As a parting gesture this wonderful lady announced she would have one last dig, and it would be coordinated with the Coalinga Rock Show. The year, I believe, was 1969.

There was a big crowd on the appointed day, and the ranch foreman had dug a long trench along the vein to accommodate the crowd. It was a beautiful late spring day, and with the hoe work, the best material was never easier. Mom and I hunkered down in a likely

area along the trench, and in short order a good pile of high grade built up.

Our "neighbor" to the east in the trench was an elderly gentleman, and quite friendly. I borrowed his chisel, and he borrowed our bar, and so it went for some time. I was busy digging when I heard Mom's "tone of voice when she talks to animals". As I looked up, there at the top of our neighbor's hole sat a big ole dawg. He was one of those Black Labs with sorrowful, happy eyes, and long tongue, and a wagging tail that could knock you over. He sat there attentively watching the passing scene. He had Mom's heart in an instant, and he knew the drill. Mom was scratching him behind his ear - what rocks?



Ole Dawg's 2004 stand-in, Abby, who high-grades neighborhood avocados

While he was being entertained, the old rockhound went to his truck, returning with a

big hubcap of water and some bone-shaped things. Mom returned to our hole in time, and proceeded to grade the rock I had pulled out. I was intent on digging jasper, but the ole dawg's presence was there. The dark form, the slow panting. I noticed the old rockhound patting the ole dawg, speaking quietly to him. With that the lab slowly rose to his feet and, in an excruciatingly slow movement, he stretched right down to his toenails.



Example of the rough from Stone Canyon

He walked above the trench, ever so slow, past our digging area, and sat down above our other digging neighbor. He was a young guy intent on jasper, but couldn't help himself. He patted the dawg's head, and said a few kind words, then went back to work. The ole dawg sat watching intently the man's work. He'd shovel some dirt back, pry out some jasper, chip the pieces, and toss the unwanted pieces behind him. He had gotten in a good area though, and had a nice pile of high grade on the bank above the hole. As he dug into the vein, he added to the high grade pile. All the time the black lab followed his motions. After about 5 minutes, the ole dawg got up slowly, and very matter of factly picked up a nice piece of jasper off the high grade pile and sauntered past our hole to his master's "good" pile, and gently dropped "his" rock. Then he sat down with happy eyes. His master reached up and gave him a few gentle words, a pat, and a "bone". He chomped the "bone" down, and lapped up some water.

Did I just see what I think I saw? Yup! With that thought I nudged Mom and in a low voice to make sure and watch the ole dawg next time he went for a walk. It was a while before the ole Lab got up again and just like last time, a leisurely stroll took him a couple diggers down - I nudged Mom - sure enough the drill was on. He sat down above the trench watching intently, and getting a pat on the head. At this hole a husband and wife team casually stacked up their "good" pile. The ole Lab sat patiently for some time. I got back to digging jasper. Then in a long instant I caught the movement out of the corner of my eye. The wife was carrying a load of good rock to their truck. The husband was intently digging. And the Lab in an imperceptibly smooth motion picked up a rock off the pile and sauntered back by our hole, and dropped the rock sure enough on his master's pile. Now Mom looks amusing when she smiles while her lower jaw is agape. So without raising a fuss, we joked back and forth about the passing scene. And there he sat, master of "all he surveyed", lapping water, and resting up for his next expedition.



A large sphere from Stone Canyon Brecciated Jasper

The last rock must have been a hard one as he rested a good while - but sure enough, in a slow rising stretch he started off down the length of the trench - tail wagging dangerously.

We were watching this time. He came upon a digger intent on his jasper digging. But this time the Lab didn't sit down, instead he nonchalantly picked up a piece off the "good" pile. A "hit and run", I mean "hit and saunter", making a wide turn, passed in front of us, and well you know the drill. This casual form of rock hunting continued off and on for the rest of the day, and I'd have to say the Lab added 25 or 30 pounds to his master's take by the end of the day. Mom and I chuckled about the experience all the way home.

I have wondered over the years about how this procurement habit was initiated. Did the master teach the Lab, or did the Lab, due to his intelligence, determine to please his master? I do not pretend to be a pet psychic, so the answer eludes me. But Mom and I often remind each other of that beautiful spring day long ago, and that dawg, that big, black, beautiful Lab. One of the most unforgettable "Rock Hounds". Those were the days, my friend, I thought they'd never end.

This true story dedicated to Don "Fullofit" Nasholm for his infernal inspiration.

DIE HARD ROCKHOUNDS

By Wayne Mills, Orcutt Mineral Society, Fossils for Fun, and Die Hard Rockhound

Since November of 2003, Yahoo's LA Rocks News Group has seen ever-increasing correspondence from the Die Hard Rockhounds. This is a group of people who have come together to meet for field trips (mostly) in the Northern San Diego, Southern Riverside County area. The founder and "spark plug" of the group is Thomas Hess, an automobile mechanic who lives in Murietta, California. For someone who has only been into the hobby for about 4 years, Tom has sparked a revolution in field tripping. He is a generous, personable man who has made many friends in the hobby, and who has gotten his Die Hards into several locations that they might not otherwise have gotten to, or even known about. Membership in the Die Hards is free. All you have to do is to show up for a field trip as advertised on LA

Rocks, or the Die Hard Group pages at yahoo.com, and act properly on the trip, and you're in. Most field trips are free. Trips to the San Diego tourmaline mines, (the Himalaya, the Cryogenie, and the Oceanview) range from \$35-50 per person. Recently, the owner of the Thursday Mine (Purple Pandora) has invited the group to help develop his mine in hopes of getting down to tourmaline. Currently, visitors have to be content with collecting gravel to boulder-sized pieces of lapidary grade lepidolite with quartz.



Die Hards at the Thursday Mine near Banner, San Diego County

While the group had a stormy beginning on the LA Rocks website, they have grown from 4 to over 140 members since last November and communications have vastly improved. Tom's field trips are well organized, congenial, and generally profitable (rockwise) to all who attend. If you don't find something, Thomas is willing to share. He has even bought food out of his own pocket to share with those who attend the trip.

Having attended three of the trips, I can attest to the friendliness and helpfulness of the folks who attend the trips. The mine owners are happy to see the groups come back because the trips are well organized, all the paperwork and permissions are obtained beforehand, and the attendees are on their best behavior (or maybe that's the only kind of behavior they have!). On one trip to the Oceanview Mine, Thomas spent about an hour getting the mine owner's tractor to work. He has also fixed flat tires, hauled rocks for some of the less robust members, and put up rockhounds in his home.

If you want more information or to talk with me about my Die Hard Rockhound experiences, call me at 481-3495.

Orcutt Mineral Society

Board Meeting
Dick & Bess Shields' home, Santa Maria CA
2 March, 2004

Call to Order at 7:05 p.m. by President Deborah Hood. Board members present were Sharon Duncan, Bill Hood, Debbie Hood, Wes Lingerfelt, Marshall Reeves, Geary Sheffer, Bess Shields, Lucky Virgin, and Wayne Mills, Immediate Past President.

Treasurer's Report was read by Wes Lingerfelt, and accepted as read.

Minutes of the previous Board Meeting were approved as published.

Correspondence:

- *Tule Smoke Signals* newsletter from Tule Gem & Mineral Club.
- *Rockonteur* newsletter from Santa Lucia Rockhounds Club.
- Sun Valley Indian School newsletter.
- Costa Mesa show announcement.
- Pasadena Mineral Club show announcement.
- *Tumble Rumble* from Capistrano Valley Rock & Mineral Club.
- *Pick & Shovel* from San Geronio Mineral & Gem Society.
- *Rocky Review* newsletter from Conejo Gem & Mineral Club.
- *The Agatizer* newsletter from South Bay (Torrance) Club.
- Victor Valley Gem & Mineral show announcement.
- *Dinny's Doins* newsletter.
- *Lapidarian* newsletter from Santa Cruz Mineral & Gem Society.
- *Petrograph* newsletter from Castro Valley Mineral & Gem Society.
- NOAA Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary newsletter.

Committee Reports:

Adopt-a-Highway: Marshall Reeves rescheduled the highway cleanup to March 27th following the monthly breakfast. The Bakersfield Show on the 20th, so the move of date is necessary.

Bulletin (Ore-Cutts): Bess Shields reported that the bulletin was mailed and emailed on Sunday.

CFMS: Debbie Hood asked for an explanation of the closed collecting sites by BLM. Information will be published in our April Ore-Cutts..

Education: Wayne Mills submitted the All American Club application by the deadline.

Refreshments: Sharon Duncan announced pie night at the March General Meeting.

Scholarship: Wayne Mills moved that \$200 from the General Fund be transferred to the Scholarship Fund, and will be returned to the General Fund after our August Gem Show. Lucky Virgin seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Show: Wes Lingerfelt reports that dealer fees are steadily arriving. Wes has already booked St. Joseph's Church for the 2005 Gem Show.

Sunshine: Debbie Hood reported that Mary Sausa had a heart catheter put in, and is doing well. Wes Lingerfelt said that 8 OMS members attended the memorial service for John Mock.

Old / unfinished business:

1. Debbie Hood reported that the first meetings of the Beading Class and Wirewrap Class have already occurred. Beading Class is on the 2nd and 4th Thursday. Wirewrap Class is on the 3rd Thursday.
2. Wes Lingerfelt announced that 16 OMS members have not yet paid their 2004 dues. Board members will assist Wes in contacting the delinquent members.
3. Geary Sheffer announced the Locker Cleanup as 17 April at 9:00 a.m., followed by breakfast at Omelets & More.

New business:

1. Wes Lingerfelt needs a new OMS storage tent top since the old one is sun damaged and leaking. He will order one soon so our equipment remains safe and dry.
2. Wayne Mills wants to borrow a slide show on agates and calcites from CFMS, and will contact CFMS.
3. There will be Treasure Chest donation competitions in May and July.
4. Gem Show raffle tickets will be printed next week, and will be available for distribution by the April General Meeting.

Dick Shields will present the March 2004 OMS General Meeting program. It will be on "Fluorescence Made Easy", and will demonstrate a variety of lamps and minerals (some local fluorescers!). The refreshments will be pies.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m. by President Hood.

Respectfully submitted,
Bess Shields, Secretary, OMS

Orcutt Mineral Society

General Meeting
Atkinson Center, Santa Maria CA
9 March, 2004

Call to Order at 7:09 p.m. by President Deborah Hood. Invocation was given by Bess Shields on "Joyful Heart". Flag Salute was led by Wes Lingerfelt.

Sharon Duncan reported that 26 members, and 1 guest were present. Guest was Lee Rayburn. Sheriff Bill Hood reported that everyone had a badge tonight except DeeDee Magri (who was busily setting out desserts).

Treasurer's Report was read by Wes Lingerfelt, and accepted as read.

Minutes of the previous Board Meeting were approved as amended.

Committee Reports:

Adopt-a-Highway: Marshall Reeves announced that the Highway Cleanup will immediately follow the monthly breakfast on March 27th at Highways 101 and 166.

Breakfast: Ken Kreh reported that 12 members attended the February Breakfast. The March breakfast will take place at Omelets & More in Nipomo on March 27th at 8:00 a.m.

Bulletin (Ore-Cutts): Bess Shields is asking members to submit news articles, field trip ideas, and collecting experiences for publication in the Ore-Cutts. Our newsletter has been sub-

mitted for numerous awards at the CFMS Mariposa Show in May.

CFMS: Wes Lingerfelt has Mariposa Show competitive display applications which must be submitted to CFMS by May 10th. Debbie Hood asked for the Ore-Cutt to print a synopsis of the CFMS article concerning fossil collecting legislation.

Field Trips, Safety: Dick Shields reported that the next field trip will be to Carrizo Plains on March 13th, leaving Mussell Sr. Center at 8:00 a.m. The April trip will be to Figueroa Mountain loop. The May field trip is to Salty and Kelly Tapper's Big Sandy Ranch. Wayne Mills suggests checking out Die Hard Rockhounds.

Historian: Sharon Duncan will set up a date to work on our history books after April 15th.

Membership: Wayne Mills welcomed Mike and Margaret Henson as our newest members.

Property: Geary Sheffer reminded members that we will hold annual locker cleanup on April 17th at 9:00 a.m. Information will appear in the Bulletin.

Refreshments: Dee Dee Magri and Sharon Duncan thanked everyone for pie donations.

Show: Vendor applications for the Gem Show are coming in rapidly. A copy of the Display and Demonstration application will appear in the Ore-Cutt.

Sunshine: Mary Sausa had a stint put in. Debbie Hood has soft tissue damage to her knee, and is now on crutches.

Correspondence:

(Show fliers, exchange bulletins, and notices announced under correspondence are at the front table following the business portion of the meeting, and during refreshment time for members to view.)

- *Tule Smoke Signals* newsletter from Tule Gem & Mineral Club.
- *Rockonteur* newsletter from Santa Lucia Rockhounds Club.
- *Dinny's Doins* newsletter.
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- NOAA Monterey Bay National Sanctuary newsletter.

Old / unfinished business:

1. Debbie Hood reported on the OMS beadmaking class, and is wearing her new creation tonight.
2. Bess Shields read a letter from the CFMS Endowment Fund Committee acknowledging our OMS donation in memory of John Mock.

New business:

1. There will be best Treasure Chest donation contests at our May and July OMS General Meetings.

2. Marshall Reeves suggested an hourly show drawing at the Annual Gem Show for those people buying books of 7 tickets. This will be discussed in greater detail at the Board Meeting.
3. Wes Lingerfelt reminded members to pass out Gem Show fliers, make donations to the Country Store, grow plants, sell Treasure Chest tickets, and make donations for the Treasure Chest.

Following the break for refreshments, Dick Shields presented a talk and demonstration on "Fluorescence Made Easy".

Meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m. by President Hood.

Respectfully submitted,
Bess Shields, Secretary, OMS

Reprint from the *CFMS NEWSLETTER*:

WE CAN SAVE OUR COLLECTING SITES, WITH YOUR HELP

Dee Holland & Shirley Leeson

We had a message from Robert Cranston stating that it is imperative that this message get out to all our clubs and that they take action.

He asks us to pass along this message from George Loud. Also note that there is another message following George's message. This one is from Marion Zenker who has acted for years as a spokesperson for both ALAA (American Lands Access Assoc.) and AAPS (American Assoc. of Paleontological Suppliers). We need to take immediate action and write those legislators who say they never hear from us. George's article will appear in the AFMS newsletter. This should be headline news in every Club bulletin as it affects your future in geological, mineralogical and paleontological collection. If you don't care about those issues, then do nothing and those privileges will indeed disappear. This would be a good time for a strong effort by ALAA to make a major contribution to defeat this legislation Bob Cranston

If you would like to read either Bill and you have access to the Internet, then go to: <http://thomas.loc.gov> and put up the bill numbers in either the House or Senate side.

Editor's note: Complete reprints of the CFMS Newsletter article, March, 2004, will be available at the sign-in desk at the April General Meeting. S.546, and H.R. 2416 – Paleontological Resources Preservation Act

Glass Beadmaking Classes

By Debbie Hood, President, OMS

There will be a series of Glass Beadmaking classes offered at Jewell's Trading Post in Santa

Maria (928-4611). Cost will be \$135.00 per ten hour session, and the class size is limited to 6 people. The sessions will be conducted on Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and participants should bring a lunch. Sunday sessions will be from 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.. Each session will be a weekend instruction time total of 10 hours.

Sessions include:

April 3rd and 4th (almost full), April 17th and 18th, May 15th and 16th, May 22nd and 23rd, June 5th and 6th, and June 26th and 27th.

Ridge Route Geological Tour

Dick Shields has reserved space on this years' Geological Tour of the Ridge Route to be held on April 24th. His vehicle can accommodate a total of eight people. It will be a first come, first served field trip. The tour starts promptly at 9:15 a.m., so we must leave Mussell Sr. Center promptly at 0700.

Tim Elam, a geologist for Chevron/Texaco, will lead the tour again this year. His wealth of geologic knowledge about this part of the state is incredible.

Participants must bring their own lunch, water, and snacks for the 6 hour tour since there are no facilities available until the tour ends in Gorman. There are no civilized restrooms, so participants must be prepared. Dress with the weather in mind, and it gets windy on the ridges. Sturdy hiking shoes, hat, binoculars, and camera, plus something to sit upon during the lunchtime lecture hour are a must.

If you plan to attend, call Dick ASAP for your reservation at 937-0357.

The Wanderer -Buried Treasure

Dear Bill,

I was talking to one of our older members, Helen Smith, and heard the darnest story about Wickenburg AZ. Helen and her (now departed) husband visited a fellow (probably 50 years ago) who ran an at-home, casual rock-hounder's paradise in Wickenburg. He had a few things on display, and a few for sale, but not much. When Ralph asked about a particular mineral, the old fellow trotted out to his orchard, and started digging. He brought back just what Ralph was looking for. It seems that the old fellow didn't want to lose any of his prizes, so he had set up a system, unknown to

anyone else, of burying his choice specimens beneath one of his fruit, nut, or flowering trees.

Do you know who the old fellow was? Have you ever heard this story? I think I can help jog Helen's memory, and maybe even get the name or perhaps where the guy lived. It sure would be a blast buying an old orchard in Wickenburg, and mining for minerals under your own fruit trees, eh?

Happy Hunting,
Love, Bess

OMS mourns the passing of two members:

Walter Kerlick died earlier this month.

No services will be held.

Don Roberts, died Monday, March 22, at an Arroyo Grande hospital. Arrangements are pending at Lady Family Mortuary and Crematory of Arroyo Grande.

Our sympathy is extended to Walter and Don's families.

Highway Cleanup and Monthly Breakfast

Ten OMS members gathered at Omelets & More for the monthly OMS Breakfast on Saturday, March 27th. The group decided to have the monthly OMS Breakfasts at this location every fourth Saturday at 8:15 a.m.

Marshall Reeves held the "Highway Cleanup Participant" auction following breakfast. A beautiful 8x10 mm, faceted, amethyst was won by Marty Lingerfelt. Seven members cleaned our two mile, designated area at Highway 101 and 166. We encountered a local man who regularly collects cans and bottles along this stretch of highway, and was surprised to find us there, and volunteered to help! We also found the first ticks of the 2004 season...

OMS Annual Locker Clean-up is in April, and OMS Annual Picnic is in June. Check the calendar!

Exhibit and Demonstration Applications are now available on the OMS website at <http://www.omsinc.org/exhibitors.html>. There will also be an application printed in the May *Ore-Cutts*.

Official Stuff

OMS Purpose

Founded in 1958, and is 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 1889, Orcutt discovered the fossil wealth of the La Brea Tar Pits, one of the most significant fossil finds in paleontological history. The Society is a non-profit club, dedicated to stimulating an interest in rocks and minerals. The club offers educational programs, field trips, youth activities, and other opportunities for families and individuals to pursue an interest in collecting and lapidary treatment of rocks, fossils, gems, minerals, and other facets of Earth Sciences. In addition, a 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 purposes. Affiliations: California Federation of Mineralogical Societies and American Federation of Mineralogical Societies.



OMS Logo

A rock 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.

2004 OMS Elected Officers

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Web Sites of Note:

April 2004

CFMS Mariposa Show Information:

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

Serpentine, the CA State Rock:

<http://www.consrv.ca.gov/CGS/index.htm>

MadSci Network:

<http://www.madsci.org/>

Ridge Route Communities Historical Society:

<http://www.frazmtn.com/~rrchs/mainie.html>

Ridge Route Tours:

<http://www.ridgeroute.com>

California Federation of Mineralogical Societies:

<http://www.cfmsinc.org/>

American Federation of Mineralogical Societies:

<http://www.amfed.org/>

April 2004 Calendar

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| Saturday April 3, 2004 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM | Field Trip to Figueroa Mountain -- Meet at Mussell Senior Center Parking Lot. Explore old jasper trails, serpentine outcroppings, and wildflowers in full bloom. Fill your gas tank (no services on the mountain) and bring a lunch. Wilderness Pass required. Call Dick Shields at 937-0357 for details |
| Tuesday April 6, 2004 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM | OMS Board Meeting -- Mussell Senior Center. All members are welcome at this business meeting. |
| Tuesday April 13, 2004 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM | OMS General Meeting -- Mussell Senior Center. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program: Rock ID Seminar. Bring your mystery rocks. • Display: Mystery Rocks • Refreshment: Cookies |
| Saturday April 17, 2004 9:00 - 11:00 AM | OMS Locker Cleanup -- Meet at Fortress Lockers at 2175 Willow Road, AG (on Nipomo Mesa west of the intersection of Willow Road and Hwy 1). Call Geary Sheffer at 925-8009 for details. |
| Saturday April 24, 2004 8:15 AM - 9:15 AM | OMS Monthly Breakfast -- Omelets and More, Nipomo Note our new breakfast location. Call Ken Kreh at 343-7749 for details. |

| May 2004 Calendar | |
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| Tuesday May 4, 2004 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM | OMS Board Meeting -- Mussell Senior Center. All members are welcome at this business meeting. |
| Saturday May 8, 2004 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM | Field Trip to Big Sandy -- Meet at Mussell Senior Center Parking Lot Enjoy a warm spring day collecting in Salty and Kelly Tapper's back yard near the San Andreas Fault. Bring lunch and a good eye for jasper and fossils. Easy access to an excellent collecting area. Call Dick Shields at 937-0357 for details |
| Tuesday May 11, 2004 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM | OMS General Meeting -- Mussell Senior Center <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program: "Starting to Wire Wrap" by Debbie Hood • Display: Awesome Rocks • Refreshment: Cake and Cupcakes |
| Saturday May 15, 2004 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM | OMS Highway Cleanup -- Intersection of Hwy 101 and Hwy 166. After the cleanup we have coffee and pastry at Omelets and More in Nipomo. Contact Marshall Reeves at 588-8932 for details. |
| Saturday May 22, 2004 8:15 AM - 9:15 AM | OMS Monthly Breakfast – Omelets and More, Nipomo Note our new breakfast location. Call Ken Kreh at 343-7749 for details. |

| June 2004 Calendar | |
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| Tuesday June 1, 2004 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM | OMS Board Meeting -- Mussell Senior Center. All members are welcome at this business meeting. |
| Saturday June 5, 2004 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM | OMS Annual Picnic -- Pioneer Park, Santa Maria Meat, bread, and sodas are provided. Bring your own plates and silverware a side dish to share. We also suggest bringing a lawn chair for comfort. Bring rocks for the silent auction! |
| Saturday June 12, 2004 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM | Field Trip to Brea Creek -- Meet at Mussell Senior Center Parking Lot Explore the northern edge of the San Rafael Wilderness area. Plan to get your shoes wet in the creek, fill your gas tank (no services in the canyon), and bring plenty of bottled water and a lunch. Wilderness Pass required. |
| Saturday June 26, 2004 8:15 AM - 9:15 AM | OMS Monthly Breakfast – Omelets and More, Nipomo Note our new breakfast location. Call Ken Kreh at 343-7749 for details. |

Check our OMS web site at <http://omsinc.org> or send email to oms@ix.netcom.com.

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