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Come join us on April 8, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at Mussell Senior Center, 510 E Park, Santa Maria. Our

program will be *"The Volcanoes of Southern Italy"* given by Steve Riegel.



The Display will be *"One of Your Favorite Rock Treasures."*



Dessert will be Cookies this month brought by Shelly Dana, Debbie Hood, Truman Burgess, & Elaine Von Achen.

Show Snack Bar Opening, Opportunity To Shine!

By Sylvia & Don Nasholm

It may not seem like it, **BUT** time is running short. One of you needs to step to the plate and take over our snack bar for the August show. I have written down all you need to know and I am more than willing to help. If you like, I would be willing to fix the Thursday night welcoming dinner. I can be there to help you with the set up and the interaction needed with the church staff and even cover one of the weekend days for you. **YOU**, special person that you are, need to declare yourself, and start an amazing journey.

Don and I joined the OMS in 1983 and we have been involved in the kitchen in one-way or another since then. We have enjoyed it immensely but it is time for us to move on and leave room for new ideas and fresh blood. Please, make no mistake; it is a lot of work, but *so* rewarding. You meet very nearly everyone involved with the show, make endless friends, and feel an unequaled sense of accomplishment.

Now is the time, please take that deep breath and say YES!



Talent on Display

By Wayne Mills

Some of the abundant talent that OMS possesses was on display at our February meeting. Our display was "self-made lapidary items", **Jeannie**



Lingerfelt's graceful wire-wrap. Note in the lower right. A fabulous piece of Nipomo Sagenite and



several talented folks participated. Prominent among those were some of our Girls Gone Wild— Dee Dee Magri, Sharon Duncan, Debbie Hood and Jeannie Lingerfelt. **Sharon**

Duncan's elegant wire-wrap. It is prettier in

person. Among our members, Sharon Duncan, Dee Dee, Gloria Dana and Elaine Von Achen sell their jewelry in local stores and boutiques. From the pictures, you can see why. **Deborah Hood can weave some wire. Check out the silver macramé necklace, and the lovely blue stones.**



OMS has classes in wire wrap and beading, and through these classes, the "girls" develop their techniques that **Dee** **Dee does elegant beadwork— no**



wonder she is featured in

a local boutique were pretty well represented in February. Oh yeah, just to show guys can bead too (only not as well perhaps), there is a photo of my Chumash bead reproductions (in soapstone).



And now for something (really) different—Wayne's entry.

In Memoriam

Former OMS member Cameron “Dusty” Diaz passed away on, February 29, 2008. For the past year, Dusty had been living in a group home run by the Transitions-Mental Health Association. He had been battling various physical and mental health problems for quite some time, and was receiving all the support he could possibly be provided. Tragically, Dusty chose to end the show

A small memorial was held Tuesday, 3/11/08, at the Transitions Growing Grounds Farm where “Transitions folks” gathered in his honor. A couple of fruit trees were planted and a plaque will commemorate the site next to the “healing Garden”. The Farm Manager was open to others visiting the spot after the fact. His name is Craig Wilson and he can be reached 543-6071.

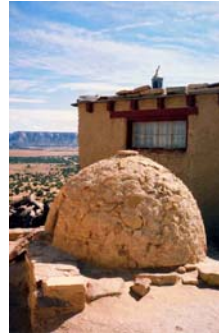
ON THE ROAD TO SPRINGFIELD, MO. (And a whole lot more!)

By Sylvia Nasholm

This journey began back in January of 2007. The husband of a dear friend contacted us to remind us that his wife, Esther, was turning 60 in October '07 and he wanted to surprise her. Could we help by showing up unannounced and celebrate with them? We were game, but it also set in motion my surprise celebration of Don's 75th birthday, also in October '07! Now the dancing begins!! When Esther called, I would elaborate on all the fictitious plans I had for Don so she would not suspect we were coming. When I started expanding our journey, I found all sorts of excuses to throw Don off the trail as well!! Before we left, I enrolled in a jewelry making class because I needed to make a special pair of earrings – Australian black opal cabs set in custom wing-decorated gold cups (thank you Tony!!) that celebrated her birth stone and our years of flying together for TWA. Don's special gift was the journey and a surprise trip to Eugene,

OR to celebrate with his family! (Thank you oh devious sister-in-law!)

We began by heading for Albuquerque, NM to attend the Balloon Festival. Along the way, we took a side trip to Acoma Sky City. It rests on a plateau nearly 400 feet



in the air. Acoma has been continuously occupied since the 800's. Members of 15 Native American families live there. There is no electricity, nor is there running water. It is brought up daily by residents and the village is peppered with “honey huts”, necessary, yet oddly out of place. The views of the surrounding New Mexico terrain are

incredible. We arrived in Albuquerque early enough to have dinner with a great niece, an expatriate from Oregon as well. She was recently engaged and we were to check out the “bling” and report back to the family!

We were up early and off to attend the Festival. This was Don's long time wish, actually promised to him for his 50th birthday (but that's another story!) While waiting in a mile long line to enter, we were treated with the Dawn patrol, a group of balloonists that take off before sunrise. They light up their balloons to show the rest of the group on the ground the wind direction and speed. It's as though colored globes flick on and off in the predawn sky. Once you make it inside, you are permitted to wander a field the size of 4 football fields, filled with hot air balloons by the hundreds, all filling with air, and taking off in waves. It was spectacular and well worth the wait!



After three hours of “ooohing and aaahing” and four rolls of film later, we headed east. Kid you not; as we approached the Oklahoma boarder, we saw a huge and darkly threatening storm front hovering on the state line! It brought back memories of ours years there – Don based at Fort Sill and my four years of high school. Nothing quite like an Oklahoma storm! Sure enough, just across the border, we ran into high winds, blinding rain, and my personal favorite, lightning! We broke out of the storm just west of Oklahoma City, but it caught up with us in Shawnee where we spent the night. It roared east and we were happy because we knew it was going to hit Arkansas and we were headed for Mt Ida the next day!

We stopped at a rock shop the next day and the owner gave us the names of his choice mines in the area so we pulled into a motel/store for the evening that was owned

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by a lovely couple who own the Starfire Mine. Their advice (we arrived just after the annual crystal dig) was to go to the Coleman's mine north of Hot Springs. In their words, the Coleman's throwaway stuff better than what is found in most of the mines around Mt Ida. In their shop, I found beautiful samples of a mineral I had never seen before, wavellite. Of course, I lightened their load!

We pressed on to Hot Springs and found nice lodging and great food (enjoyed a baked sweet potato the size of my face!). We were up early and picked up our digging



permit for the Jim Coleman mine at his rock shop in Jessieville. It was a beautiful day and the rain the previous day had washed out a lot of beautiful quartz crystals. The only draw back was the soupy soil but we had come prepared in old clothes and shoes! We dug through huge piles of tailings and

were richly rewarded. We spent an additional 2hrs with a wonderful young man who ran the mine for the owner. He gave us a hot tip on a great seafood restaurant with an outdoors deck right on Lake Hamilton. Although we are

not huge on crystals, we are planning a trip back! We pushed on the next morning for Springfield, MO. We had toyed with the idea of another AM of digging, but we woke to rain, so we pushed on. A tip from the hotel staff saw us partaking of a Brazilian BBQ. Absolutely delicious, but you need not to have eaten for 3 weeks or have at least two chambers in your tummy to do it justice!



We woke early and waited for our friend to call and advise he and Esther were at the restaurant with their friends for breakfast. We headed over, I called him and pretended to be his son, he left the booth to speak on the phone, and then I slipped into the booth next to Esther. When she finally turned around, well, my hearing is still a little diminished from the shrieking! The group meets at the restaurant Mon-Fri at 8am. Whoever is available shows and it is a lovely group of 12 or so, not all there everyday. We spent 3 days together, Branson (not my cup of tea), Silver Dollar City (lots of craft items), viewing the Ozarks, and a BBQ in nearby Monet (Esther's home town) with classmates (a group 60th celebration but who's counting?).

On the following morning we drove from Springfield to Sioux Falls, SD. Oops, -34 *F! What were we thinking? Next morning we headed west, passing pheasant hunters, Laura Ingalls Wilder's home, and the amazing drug store,

Walls (but that's another story). We spent two hours at Mt Rushmore, longtime desire of mine, and then continued on to WY.

Rawling in the south central was the target, dodging antelope and ice on the roads. Next morning, it was a



balmy 30°F. Not deterred, we took off to find the Blue Forest and eventually did (lots of new roads in the area and oil wells everywhere). We were not jazzed but did find an amazing rock shop in Kemmer, WY owned by Bob who, of course, knew Ralph (but that's another story – juicy too!). We pushed on to Twin Falls, ID. Don ever curious at the route, my excuse, we were going to find Graveyard Point (one of Don's favorite agates). Next morning, following very old trail maps, and the directions from new homeowners, we actually did find it and some material as well. We pushed on to Burns, OR to find a rock shop we had spotted years before (wrapped in yellow tape and locked due to the owner's death). It still has lots of material and well worth a stop. I had PLANS so on we pushed, spending the night in Bend, OR. We took a side trip east to Prineville to our favorite rock shop – Elkins. You spend most of your time drooling over all the goodies and you can't find friendlier people to deal with.

Well yes, by now Don is well aware we are headed for his hometown, Eugene and a visit with family. What he still doesn't know is that between his sister-in-law, Bev, and I, we have also lined up cousins from Portland, and old college buddies and their children as well. We spent four wonderful days, relaxing with family and friends and then Don got the "I have to go home bug"! (Go figure, it's only been 18 days!!) All things considered, it was one of the best vacations we have ever had, a rich blend of rock hounding, travel, family and friends.

Birthdays & Anniversaries



A big "Happy Birthday" to everyone who celebrates a birthday in April: Bob Bullock & Dick Shields.

Anniversary congratulations go out to those who have one in April: Richard & Karen Dry, Paul & Sandy Berthelot, John & Elaine Von Achen, Robert Cochran & his wife, we wish all of you many more!



Welcome New Members

OMS has three new members: Cheryl Hagopian, Tom Chrones and Joellen Chrones. Welcome to the Orcutt Mineral Society and we hope you will enjoy

your membership and choose to get jump right in and get involved!

February Breakfast

By Gloria Dana

After a momentary bit of confusion, the February 23rd, 2008 monthly breakfast got seated at the IHOP off of Hwy 101 and East Main in Santa Maria. We had a great turnout this month: Don & Sylvia Nasholm; Bill & Debbie Hood; Stan, Jan & Brenna Ferguson; Bob Bullock; Wes, Jeannie & Marty Lingerfelt; Paul & Sandy Berthelot; and Don, Gloria & Shelly Dana. Jeannie Lingerfelt was the winner of one of the door prizes, a beautiful filigree pendant of Horse Canyon agate donated by the family of OMS Lifetime Member Dave Sumpter. Sylvia Nasholm won a selection of cabochons shaped by yours truly, Gloria Dana. The monthly breakfast for March 2008 is scheduled for March 22nd, at Jocko's in Nipomo, at 9:00 AM. (That's Big Jocko's on Thompson & Tefft, not Little Jocko's.) We hope to see you there, and let me know if you have any suggestions to make these breakfasts even better for everyone.

Pres Box

Wayne Mills, OMS President 2008

Here we are into April (almost), and we are doing great. We have great attendance at our last couple of meetings, some great presentations, nice displays, and more of the same to look forward to. We have already done two highway clean-ups, and made \$1000 worth of scholarship donations to local Junior Colleges. We have plenty of time, but it is not too soon to be planning for our August Show. As I announced at the March Meeting, I would like anyone who would like to (or could be talked into) display(ing) some of their treasures at our show, to contact me. We have about 10 club cases and space for 10 other personal cases left. I hope to get all spaces filled this year. I also requested that IF you want to use a club case, please check it out from Wes, take it home, make a liner for it, clean it up, and bring it to the show in August. You could even use it to put a case into competition at the CFMS Golden Bear Show in Ventura on the 27th through 29th of June. Worried about the competition? Be like Nike-*Just Do It!*

We also need to think about the Treasure Chest. If you find any cool rock related stuff at garage sales, or if you get creative and want to advertise your (jewelry) business, donate one of your creations to the Treasure Chest along with a business card, and it will be 3 days of free advertising!

And another thing—if you take any great trips, or run across any interesting rock, fossil or mineral-related news items, please take the time to call your bulletin editor or myself. It doesn't take that much time, and can be great help to your fellow rock-seekers

Geology of the Central Coast—

Ophiolite at Point Sal, and above San Luis Obispo

By Wayne Mills,

An example of the might of tectonic processes is the ophiolite sequence that occurs at Point Sal in northern Santa Barbara County, and north of San Luis Obispo on Cuesta Grade, as well as other places around the world. This sequence of rocks, ranging from iron-rich clinopyroxenite in the accumulate near the bottom of the sequence to iron-heavy gabbros, and diabases, through increasingly silica rich rocks and sheeted dikes to radiolarian chert and pillow basalts, was created at the spreading center (that we now call the San Andreas Fault), when it was in the middle of the Pacific Ocean.

About 15-18 million years ago, the spreading center, also the boundary of two huge crustal plates was thrust under the edge of the North American (continental-granitic) Plate. Ophiolites are chunks of oceanic crust torn from the subducting Pacific Plate, and plastered onto the edge of the continental mass. The ophiolite sequence illustrates *magmatic differentiation*, the process where a molten mass of rock (*magma* when it is inside the earth, *lava* when it is on the earth's surface) is allowed to slowly cool. This results in the more iron-rich rocks forming at the bottom of the mass, and the more silica-rich rocks forming on top of the mass. The temperatures and pressures that they are exposed to dictate the rocks that solidify from the magma, and the minerals present in the magma at that time. The boundary between the adcumulate and the gabbros is called the Moho; short for the Mohorovicic Discontinuity that marks the boundary between the earth's crust and mantle. This boundary was discovered in relatively recent times during project Moho, back in 1958-1966.

Sunshine Report

Sylvia Nasholm injured her eye (it's better now,) and *Bill Hood* who has had a respiratory infection for 6 weeks now (time to let it go, Bill!) *Debbie hood* has rescheduled her cataract surgery, delayed last fall due to sinus infection, for March 24th, (plans to blame any errors in this newsletter on not being able to see clearly yet!) *Maida Williams* is still under the



weather due to kidney problems and a need to re-regulate her medications. Jeannie Lingerfelt has been fighting the flu bug.

New Lapidary Scam

Someone has been taking Indian diamonds and "finding" them at the "Crater of Diamonds State Park" in Arkansas, then reselling them on eBay and on the Internet for over 1000% markup! Read all about it on FakeMinerals.com. Diamonds at the Crater come in several shades, 70% of them being white, with brown coming in second (20%) and yellow is third. Indian diamonds are mostly brown.

Carrizo Plains Field Trip

By Bob Bullock, Field Trip Chairman

Well our last field trip went off with no problems. About a dozen of us, and four dogs, set out on a very beautiful Saturday morning to head out to Carrizo Plain National Monument. Upon arrival at the first information board, just off of HWY 166 on Soda Lake Rd., we unloaded and checked out the area. Some of the group said this was their first time seeing the San Andreas fault zone so close, the zone travels the length of the valley and at this first stop we were just yards from the fault, a whole lot of shakin' could go on here.

Hitting the road and traveling onward down the dusty dirt road to the Traver Ranch area, we had the Temblor Mountain Range to our Northeast and the Caliente Mountain Range to our Southwest. Early pioneers farmed much of this area and their graves dot several of the knolls overlooking the plains. Farming and raising animals in this remote area was not a cakewalk. Carrizo Plain National Monument was established in January of 2001 by then President Bill Clinton for the public interest.

The first restroom at the Traver Ranch was one of those fine plastic contraptions for use by everyone. Yes, life here is still rough. We endured, and took the situation in stride as good screening brush growths were few and far between. Many of the flowers we were expecting to see had not yet come to their blooms, Wes was doing his best at Macro photography and I do believe he got some good close-ups.



After loading up and hitting the dusty road, and traveling for several miles or more, I spotted a road heading up to an overlook. Leading the group onward, we bested the steep, seldom used path, which led us to a defunct sheep watering station at the top. Rich evidence was abundant on the ground pointing to a massive sheep presence, along with some rocks to keep us busy for a while checking them out. The view of the valley floor was impressive from this location. Holding up at this spot also afforded us the opportunity to enjoy lunch with a view that would best any 5-star restaurant. Upon completing our lunch break we clamored down from the overlook and headed onward.

Further down the road, we made our way past several of the campgrounds and the Painted Rock area. (As a note of interest, our own Ralph Bishop, along with Rex St. Onge, Dan Dias, and Joe Talaugon, did some recent exploring of the Painted Rock area to help the Guadalupe Cultural Center gain more insight on the Chumash people. Supported by local tribal members, entry was allowed by BLM personnel for the group to drive to the sight and do their study. See the whole article in the March 13th SUN newspaper, by Amy Asman and Steve Miller.)



Moving forward, Soda Lake was in our view. After stopping for a brief visit to shoreline and getting most of our shoes covered with the white alkaline dust and some mineral-rich mud, the call went out for restrooms. Heading up the wagon train, I spotted signage pointing the directions to a facility, which turned out to be new and well stocked for the occasion. With happy faces all around, we concluded our visit and headed out of the Plains. This was not the end of the trip either. Pulling up after we all left the Plains, I found that Wes and Jeannie had to get to their daughter's place in Atascadero. After bidding them farewell, I turned the wagons about and we headed off to the Earthquake Capital of the World, Parkfield. Traveling



the back country roads over the hills to Cholame and a short stretch onto HWY46, we turned onto Parkfield Rd. Lush green fields loaded with cattle greeted our view along with a small herd of

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Antelope, this area did far better in the rainy season than did the Carrizo Plain. Pulling into Parkfield, offered a photo-op at the San Andreas Fault line. Next we headed to the Parkfield Cafe and enjoyed their hospitality, some of us enjoyed lunch, and others iced tea or ice cream. With the day winding down, we parted ways and headed home.

Highway 166 Clean Again

Wayne Mills, Adopt-A-Highway Liaison

Our Saturday (March 15) cleanup of Route 166 East of 101 went smoothly. We were missing Wes and Jeannie, but son Marty came through with the hats, vests, bags, gloves and pickers, and 9 folks showed-up and got through their sections in near record time, partly because the roadside was pretty clean to start with.

Our effort was part of the semi-annual Coastal Cleanup. We netted about 4 bags of trash, and a bag of cans and bottles. "Highlights of the Event" were that Marty found a penny, Geary found a blue tarp, and Wayne lugged a 4 x 8-foot piece of corrugated tin to the trash pile.

While we were having snacks at Francisco's in Santa Maria, Sylvia pulled her name out of the hat for the mystery prize to be awarded at our April meeting. Thanks to all who participated, including: Marty Lingerfelt, Don and Sylvia Nasholm, Geary Sheffer, Bob Bullock, Lee Reyburn, Ralph Larson, and Stan and Brenna Ferguson.

A Really Big Shew

Wayne Mills



Several representatives from OMS made it to the recent Ventura Gem and Mineral Society Show. As usual, it was a wonderful show, and Wes thinks it was

Husband and wife's cases on U.S. collecting locations, and Geodes from different locations at Wiley's Wells

even better. than that! His and Jeannie's C&G Gemcrafts did really well at the show, though he

A colorful display of minerals from Mexico



had little time to view the displays. Several of the rest of us had lots of time to see the show. Shortly after I arrived (about 10:20 AM), I ran into Dee Dee *A wonderful tribute to Ray Meisenheimer, who passed away earlier this year*



Dee and Sharon who .were checking out all the pretties.

Dee Dee had a fist full of pretty beads for some of her creations. A few minutes later, Debbie, Sylvia, Jan



and Brenna Ferguson cruised past.

Rhodochrosite and pyromorphite at one of the dealer's displays

I hit the plant table first and .got a couple of cacti, then picked out a few books and magazines. Then headed into the big building where the displays and dealers were. Wow, there was some beautiful stuff. For example, is this picture from Dave Richter's table with several sizes of ammonites (well, they're beautiful to me!) *Two of Dr. Kay Hara's awesome bolo*



Several of the displays were also eye-catching.

We offer a

sampling of those as well. A few *A really*

nice display of poppy jaspers from around the country

displays I really enjoyed are one of poppy jasper from several locations, and one of geodes from different parts of

Wiley's Well. *Cheri George's fantastic beadwork...see more at our show in August.*



January Breakfast

By Gloria Dana

On January 26th at 9:00 a.m. the OMS breakfast was held at *Pappy's Restaurant* on the Betteravia exit on Hwy 101. Members present were: Don & Gloria Dana, Paul & Sandy Berthelot, Erica Erskine, Keith McKay and his mom. The tummies were hungry and full of curiosity about the morning's door prize. The winners of a wonderful gift card were Erica and Keith. All were filled with a wonderful breakfast and satisfied with good conversation. For question about the breakfasts and for directions, call Gloria Dana at 929-6429.

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

March 4, 2008

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President, Wayne Mills.



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

Minutes of the February 2008 general meeting were approved as published in the March, 2008 newsletter.

Correspondence: None

Treasurer's Report: Wes Lingerfelt read the treasurer's report. The report was accepted as read.

Committee Reports:

Newsletter: Debbie Hood noted that the newsletter was on the web and the printed copies had been mailed. She also requested that submissions for the March newsletter get to her early, as she needs to have the newsletter done a week ahead of time.

CFMS: Wes reported a CFMS sponsored show to be held June 27th through June 29th in Ventura, Ca.

Education: Wes asked Wayne to complete the form for Allan Hancock College and he will write the check for the scholarship donation.

Annual Gem Show: Wes said he has received contracts from 28 dealers to date. He again mentioned that the classrooms were going to be rented for the same \$100.00 charge as the outdoor spots since they don't seem to get the traffic back there.

Membership: Elaine Von Achen read applications for membership received from Cheryl Hagopian, Tom Chrones and Joellen Chrones. Debbie Hood made a motion that we accept Cheryl, Tom and Joellen as members. Sandy Berthelot seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Scholarship: Wayne Mills reported receiving information from Cuesta College on an applicant for our annual scholarship. He said the applicant sounded good and he accepted said applicant.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Wayne requested that Wes ask CFMS if we could use their mold design for the Golden Bear with gavel award. They have retired that particular pen and we need to look for a replacement. Wes said he would look into it.

March's general meeting program will be on minerals presented by Richard Lewis. The display for March will be green rocks and minerals. Refreshment will be coffee and cake.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m. by president, Wayne Mills.

Respectfully submitted:

Elaine Von Achen, Secretary, OMS

Orcutt Mineral Society General Meeting Elwin Mussell Sr. Center, Santa Maria, Ca. March 11, 2008

President Wayne Mills called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Mike Henson gave the invocation.

Joseph Martinez led the flag salute.

Elaine Von Achen read the minutes of the March 4th Board Meeting. Minutes were approved as read.

Correspondence:

Elaine Von Achen read a letter from Annette Smith inquiring on lapidary classes. A flyer from Diamond Dan Publications was read. They have a new game, "Mineral Bingo", available for \$11.95. We also received a flyer from Eastern Sierra Gem & Mineral Club regarding their annual Gem Show May 2 through May 4, 2008. A letter was read from the Natural History Museum in Santa Maria inviting OMS to participate in their Annual Earth Day Celebration & Street Fair on April 20, 2008 from noon to 3 p.m. A flyer was read from Madras Gem & Mineral Club in Madras Oregon. They are having their annual Gem & Mineral Show July 2 through July 6, 2008. It will be held at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds, Madras, Oregon. A letter from the Reno Gem & Mineral Society was received informing 11th & us of their up-coming show "Jackpot of Gems" to be held May 10th in Reno, Nevada. A postcard from Sun Valley Indian School was received thanking us for sending Campbell's soup labels. They are working towards buying a new van. Newsletters were received from Santa Cruz Mineral & Gem Society, South Bay Lapidary & Mineral Society, South Orange County Gem & Mineral Society and San Geronio Mineral & Gem Society.

Treasurer's report:

Wes Lingerfelt gave the treasurer's report. It was accepted as given.

Committee Reports:

Hospitality: Sharon Duncan announced 42 members and 9 guests. Guests included Rod Ness, Joe Martines, Laura Gebhart, Betty Kern, Rosie Bullock, Karla Kerlich, Jim McGuire, Cricket Campbell and Pat McKay.

Abused Children: Jan Ferguson noted an amethyst from Brazil, Lepidolite and Chrysocolla were the door prizes for this evening.

Adopt-a-Highway: Wayne Mills noted that the next highway cleanup will be held Saturday, March 15 at 8:00 a.m. We will meet at the intersection of Highways 101 and 166.

Monthly Breakfast: Gloria Dana reported that the February breakfast was held at the Ihop restaurant in Santa Maria on Saturday, February 23. Winners of the door prize were Jeannie Lingerfelt and Sylvia Nasholm. Jeannie won a filigree pendant made by Dave Sumpter. Sylvia won 3 cabochons. The March breakfast will be held at Jocko's restaurant in Nipomo on March 22, 2008.

Bulletin: Debbie Hood said the bulletin is now on the web site as well as having been mailed.

CFMS: Wes Lingerfelt reminded members of the June show to be held in Ventura.

Field Trips: Bob Bullock stated that the April field trip will be April 19, 2008 and we will go to Figueroa Mountain. Members will need an adventure pass. They can be obtained at Big 5

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Sporting Goods store and from the Forestry Service office in Santa Maria. A one-day pass is \$5.00 and an annual pass is \$30.00.

Gem Show: Wes stated that contracts are still dribbling in. Wayne said members can pickup a showcase from the locker and take it home ahead of time. That way you can make a liner and cleanup your case so it's all spiffed up for your display. Federation cases are 2' x 4' x 30" high.

Refreshments: Dee Dee Magri reported the night's refreshment is cake donated by Jean McIlvanie, Lee Reyburn, Sharon Duncan and Dee Dee Magri.

Librarian: Gary Sheffer said donations have been coming in and please come back and look at what he has.

Membership: Elaine Von Achen reported that at the March board meeting, applications were voted on and Joellen Chrones, Tom Chrones and Cheryl Hagopian are new members of OMS. She welcomed them into the club. She read a list of all paid members and asked that if anyone had been left off the list to please let her know as the Red Book would be going to press at the end of March and we needed all members to be paid in order to be included in the book.

Door Prizes: Bob Bullock reported a quartz crystal, an amethyst, a geode and a nice piece of Jade, donated by Lucky Virgin, for the evenings drawing.

Scholarship: Wayne mailed checks to Cuesta and Allan Hancock Colleges for this year's scholarships.

Sheriff: Bill Hood collected 25 cents from an undisclosed member for not having their nametag on.

Sunshine: It was reported that Maida Williams was back in the hospital and not doing very well.

Year Book: Wes Lingerfelt has started on the yearbook and it will be ready by the end of March.

Old Business:

Wes Lingerfelt announced that he still has one red vest left and it is open for an offer. He also said that Kern County signups were currently being taken for the May 3rd and 4th show in Bakersfield at the Bakersfield Fair grounds for anyone interested in participating.

New Business:


The program for the evening is a talk and display of minerals presented by Richard Lewis. The display is green rocks and minerals.

The meeting was adjourned by President, Wayne Mills at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Elaine Von Achen, Secretary, OMS

April 2008 Calendar	
Tuesday April 1, 2008 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.	OMS Board Meeting Mussell Senior Center. All members are welcome at this business meeting.
Tuesday	OMS General Meeting Elwin Mussell

April 8, 2008 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.	Senior Center. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program-<i>Volcanos of Southern Italy</i> given by Steve Riegel  • Display-A favorite rock treasure • Refreshments-Cookies
April 12, 2008 9 a.m. -?	Storage Locker Clean-up Clean and re-arrange the locker 298 S Thompson Ave. Nipomo
Saturday April 19, 2008 8:00 a.m. to 5:00p.m.	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 and water. Adventure pass required. Contact Bob Bullock at 928-6372 for details.
April 26, 2008 Saturday. 8:15 to 9:15 a.m.	OMS Monthly Breakfast-at <i>CJ's</i> in Arroyo Grande.at 611 East Grand Ave.

May 2008 Calendar

Tuesday May 6, 2008 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.	OMS Board Meeting-Elwin Mussell Senior Center. All members are welcome at this business meeting.
Tuesday May 13, 2008 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.	OMS General Meeting-Elwin Mussell Senior Center. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formation of Marcasite & Dendrites in Agates By Ralph Bishop • Display: Appropriate to topic or surprise us!!! • Refreshments-Pie
Saturday May 10, 2008 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Field Trip to Big Sandy-Meet at Mussell Senior Center parking lot. Enjoy a warm spring day collecting in Salty and Kelly Tapper's backyard near the San Andreas Fault. Bring lunch, water and a good eye for jasper and fossils. Easy access to an excellent collecting area. Contact Bob Bullock at 928-6372 for details.
Saturday May 17, 2008 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 May 24, 2008 9:00. to 10:00a.m.	OMS Breakfast at <i>Shirley's Diner</i> in Grover Beach at 151 N. 7 th Street,

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Show Schedule 2008

April 4, 5, & 6 2008, Bakersfield, CA

San Joaquin Valley Lapidary Society
6th Annual Rock & Gem Rendezvous
Indoor Show/Outdoor Tail Gate

Kern County Fairgrounds

1142 South P Street
Hours: Fri. 9 - 8; Sat. & Sun. 9 - 5
Lewis Helfrich (661) 872-8230 or 323-2663
Email: lewsrocks@bak.rr.com

April 4, 5, & 6 2008, San Jose, CA

Santa Clara Valley Gem & Mineral Society
Santa Clara County Fairgrounds
344 Tully Road, San Jose
Hours: Fri. 9 - 5; Sat. & Sun. 10 - 5
Frank Mullaney (408) 266-5364
Email: info@scvgms.org
Website: www.scvgms.org

April 12-13 2008, Mariposa, CA

Mariposa Gem & Mineral Club
Mariposa County Fairgrounds
Hours: 10 - 5 both days
Peggy Ronning (209) 742-7625
Email: mineralmuseum@sti.net

April 12-13 2008, Paradise, CA

Paradise Gem & Mineral Club
Elk's Lodge Note (new location)
6309 Clark Road, Paradise CA
Hours: Sat. 10 - 5; Sun. 10 - 4
Shirley Thompson (530) 872-1846
Email: shirley1846@comcast.net
Website: www.goldnuggetwebs.com/PGMC/

April 4, 5, & 6 2008, San Jose, CA

Santa Clara Valley Gem & Mineral Society
Santa Clara County Fairgrounds
334 Tully Road
Hours: Fri. 9-5, Sat. & Sun. 10 - 5 both days
Email: info@scvgms.org
Website: www.scvgms.org

April 26-27 2008, Lancaster, CA

The Antelope Valley Gem & Mineral Society
Lancaster High School
44701 32nd St. W.
Hours: 9 - 5 both days
Jules Ficke (661) 943-5157
Email: av_gem@yahoo.com
Website: www.geocities.com.av.gem

April 26-27 2008, Santa Cruz, CA

Santa Cruz Mineral & Gem Society
Santa Cruz Civic Auditorium
at Corner of Center & Church Streets
Hours: 10 - 5 both days
Eleanor & Hubert Drake (831-8086)
Email: hmdrake@pacbell.net

May 2, 3 & 4 2008, Bishop, CA

Lone Pine Gem & Mineral Society
Tri County Fairgrounds

Sierra Street & Fair Drive

Hours: Fri. 6 p.m. - 10 p.m., Sat. 9:30 - 4; Sun. 10 - 4:30

Jeff Lines (760) 937-4498

May 3-4 2008, Bakersfield, CA

Kern County Mineral Society
Ming Ave and P Street
Kern County Fairgrounds
Hours: 10-5 both days
Ismael Sanchez (661) 301-4609

May 3 - 4 2008, Anaheim, CA

2271 W. Crescent Avenue
Hours: 10 - 4:30 both days
Betty Nelson (714) 530-1365
Searchers Gem & Mineral Society
Email betty@azteche.com
Website: www.searchersrocks.org

May 10-11 2008, Reno, NV

Reno Gem & Mineral Society
Reno Livestock Events Center
1350 N. Wells Ave.
Hours: Sat. 10 - 5; Sun. 10 - 4
John Peterson (775) 356-8820
Website: www.renorockclub.com

May 17-18 2008, Yucaipa, CA

Yucaipa Valley Gem & Mineral Society
Yucaipa Community Center
34900 Oak Glen Road
Hours: Sat. 9 - 5; Sun. 10 - 4
Bill Jochimsen (909) 790-1475
Email: bjim2285@aol.com
Website:
[/www.mysite.verizon.net/YucaipaGem/103.html](http://www.mysite.verizon.net/YucaipaGem/103.html)

May 17 - 18 2008, Newbury Park, CA

Conejo Valley Gem & Mineral Club
Bochard Park
190 Reino Rd., Newbury Park, CA
Hours: Sat. 9 - 5; Sun. 10 - 4:30
Robert Sankovich (805) 494-7734
Email: rmsorca@adelphia.net
Website: www.cgmac.org

May 31 - June 1 2008, Glendora, CA

Glendora Gems
859 E. Sierra Madre
Hours: Sat. 10 - 5; Sun. 10 - 4
Bonnie Bidwell (626) 963-4638
Email: YBidwell2@aol.com

May 31 - June 1 2008, Woodland Hills, CA

Rockatomics Gem & Mineral Society
Pierce College
Victory and Mason
Hours: 10 - 5 both days
Louise Gerik (818) 347-1234
rockatomics.com

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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

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