



Ore-Cutts

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Please join us on April 9, 2013 at 7:00 pm at the Luis Oasis Senior Center, 420 Soares Ave. in Old Orcutt for a **Program on Making Gem Trees given by Margaret Hansen and Wayne Mills.**

• **The Display is Rainbow Gems**, but as always you are welcome to bring any rocks/minerals that you would like to share. *(Remember, those who display receive an extra doorprize ticket.)*

• **The refreshments will be cookies brought to us by: Debbie Hood, Truman Burgess, Don Nasholm, Eileen Krienke, Joe & Lisa Azevedo.**

Sunshine

Both Jeannie and Bill Brown have been fighting a nasty bug that seems to hang on like a bad conscience, but they are improving and back to work.

Sandy Berthelot is still having some trouble with her eye-seems that when the surgery was done, one of the many procedures needing to be done was overlooked. She is hoping it will not mean yet another surgery to fix. As far as we know everyone else is staying well. Should you know of an OMS member being ill, please call Debbie Hood at 481-6860 and let her know.

The Prez Box

By Wayne Mills

Prez Box—April 2013

Wayne Mills, OMS president

What a great show Richard Wade put on at our March Meeting. We have already had requests for his other two programs (Astronomy and Volcanoes). Thanks to all the folks who brought in fossils (and other) displays. Thanks are due as well to Ralph Bishop who took a day to accompany Richard Wade and I on a tour of the fault-related

geological features of the Avila Beach Area, including a lovely drive over Perfumo Canyon down into See Canyon. It is a nice time of the year to do that drive while the hillsides are still green!



Ever have one of those days?

If you missed the meeting, you need to know that the OMS Semi-annual meeting/Barbecue will NOT be held at Pioneer Park as usual. Bob Bullock made arrangements with the folks at Porter Ranch out on Route 166 to hold the event there. Part of the attraction of the place is that in addition to having a lovely, private setting, there is a big pile of rocks that we can collect on. More information about the June 8th event should be found in the next couple of bulletins.

April's meeting will feature a program on gem trees, another of the most requested programs from the November member poll. Margaret Henson put together some very instructive information on the topic, and yours truly worked it into a Power Point

Program. Over the first weekend in April, OMS will have a display in the Orchid Show at the South County Regional Center. Since their theme is "Gems of the Earth", they (logically) thought that they should have some of OUR kind of gems on display.

On the 16th, Wes Lingerfelt led a small group of OMS'ers to Ozena in Lockwood Valley. There we collected some really "gneiss" rock, the most desirable pieces of which had pink orthoclase crystals set against a dark background. According to the geological map of the area, these rocks appear to date from the Precambrian age over 600 million years ago. As advertised, the Ozena Bar and Grill served a delicious burger. But the juke box was a little loud. All in all, the 12 of us who went had a fulfilling day.



A couple of my Ozena rocks

The next "field activity" is the Tailgate at the Von Achen's home on May 25. I still have not seen any applications for spaces there though. They were in the February bulletin (page 5) and perhaps we can get one put on our website. All OMS members are invited to sell. Please get the forms or at least the requested information to me ASAP.

That's about it for this month. Hope you all paid your taxes and got big fat refunds. Enjoy, Spring is upon us!

Wayne Mills can be contacted at wwmills50@hotmail.com.



Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthday greetings go out to those who are having birthdays in April:
Bob Bullock, Gloria Dana, Donna

Lehman, Austin Moore & Kim Noyes. *Happy Birthday to all of you & Many more!*

Members celebrating an anniversary in April are: Paul & Sandy Berthelot, Karen & Richard Dry, John & Elaine Von Achen. *Many happy returns!*



If you don't see your name here when you should, then the information is not in the Red Book. Please write it down and give it to Wes Lingerfelt to get it updated.

OMS AMONG THE ORCHIDS

By Wayne Mills, Publicity Chair

OMS was asked to put a display into the upcoming Orchid show at the South County Regional Center in Arroyo Grande on Saturday and Sunday April 6 and 7. Wes Lingerfelt and John Von Achen agreed to help yours truly with the display. The tie-in is that the Orchid Show is called "Gems of the Earth", and their board thought that they would like to feature some real gems! Sounded like a good opportunity to advertise our show and our upcoming tailgate.

Rock Breakfast

February's breakfast was on the 23rd at the Country Kitchen in Santa Maria. There were 12 members in attendance. Wes Lingerfelt had a new sphere to show off, and Jeannie had some cabs she had cut. The breakfast is the "Twitter" of the rock club...if you're not there you are just not up on the latest news!

In April the breakfast will be on the 27th at The Girls Restaurant in Arroyo Grande.

IN THE PINK

By Wayne Mills, OMS Field Trip Coordinator

Saturday, March 16 the marine layer was in, and it was a little chilly at our meeting site for the Ozena Field Trip. 11 hardy souls met at our 101/166 East clean-up site, and left for Ozena promptly at 8:30 AM. A few miles to the east, the marine layer wore off, revealing a lovely blue sky, and soon we entered the wonderful (mostly Miocene-aged) sedimentary rocks of the Cuyama Valley. It took about an hour to get out to the junction of Route 166 and 33, and another 20 minutes or so to get down to Reyes Creek near the nadir.(lowest point) of the Cuyama River, that heads back north (toward its headwaters) from this location.

We arrived about 11, and spread out in the creek bed, looking for the best and pinkest specimens,

each person having their own criteria on mind for the ideal specimen.

When I Google “pink granite Ozena”, the first thing that comes up is our own Samantha S’s article in the December 2011 Orecuts about the November trip that we took there. Based on the appearance of the rock (dark background filled with pink crystals of Orthoclase Feldspar), I was pretty sure that the rock was not exactly a granite (where’s the quartz?) Also, many pieces of the rocks we found have a gneissic (banded) texture whereas, granite does not. --So I consulted my copy of the Geologic Map of California—Los Angeles Quadrangle and found that there is an outcrop of pre-Cambrian aged gneiss within 11 miles upstream of the collecting site. And that is what I believe the rock to be. Gneiss is the highest metamorphic grade of the sedimentary rock shale. Intermediate steps (lower grades) in the metamorphism of shale are slate and schist. The variety of rocks found in Reyes Creek near Ozena is quite variable. We found pieces of felsite (a light-colored granite), quartzite (metamorphosed sandstone, chalcedony (cryptocrystalline quartz), classic black and white “striped” gneiss, rhyolite, and epidote among other rocks. Even the material we collected varies from one specimen to the next. One of the pieces I brought back is very schistose, while some of the others exhibited some of the lineation similar to gneiss.

However, approximately the same distance (under 11 miles) upstream of our collecting site, there is a deposit labeled Mesozoic granite adamellite. Adamellite is another name for Quartz Monzonite, an intrusive igneous rock (like granite) that has 5-20% quartz, as opposed to granite that has greater than 20% quartz.



More of my Ozena rocks showing (I think) gneissic structure, and one with a xenolith (rock

fragment that is foreign to the igneous rock that it is included in) of diorite

After about an hour of digging, we headed for the Ozena Bar and Grill “up the hill” and back down in a picturesque little cove. The food was great as advertised. Wes, Thank you for a well-planned field trip.

Ol’ Jack

By Paul Berthelot

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.

The Cherry and the 9' Cricket

By Ralph Bishop

The saga of the cherry and the 9' cricket began decades ago in the 1970's; when I swang a wide loop around the gemstone localities in Oregon. It seemed ½ the state was volcanoes and the other ½ was gemstones, a paradise for Rock Lickers. We were busy one year digging Biggs Junction Picture Jasper when we heard a vicious rumor of quality limb wood found near a primitive airport in McDermitt on the Oregon/Nevada border. Well the game was afoot and a long trip from the wet side of the Cascades to the dry side was made.

McDermitt weren't much and it straddled the border -1/2 in Oregon (dilapidated) -1/2 in Nevada (1 gas station, 1 casino and 1 low rent rendezvous of a motel). We gassed up and got directions. "Jes' head west on the border road turn on the first dirt road on the right and keep Disaster Peak on your left. She's a beaut (butte) and gotter name when a hippie chick was climbing up the West side when she slipped- slid down and it dis-assed-er". (Sage brush historical directions and sufficient to find the wood area). We parked our trailer on the only flat spot and commenced to wander the dusty hillside where we found a lot of bleached, punky wood.

At first light I woke to long shadows creeping over a vast plain of volcanic ash with basalt rims and Dis-assed-er Peak to the West reminding me of Stonewall Pass which, like McDermitt, was part of the vast basin and range geological province dotted with wood locations. Seeing some movement down the draw I walked down the freshly-graded BLM road. A lone male prairie goat (Prong Horn) stood sentential on a knob and below his herd wove through the sage grazing on tufts of bunch grass. I hunkered down until the white patches of their rumps disappeared around the bend. The stud never moved. Walking back a chip of brown caught my

eye and then another dislodged by the blade of the road grader. It was wood and it was good and just above the elevation where the punky wood lay scattered on the hill side. I jerked up a sage bush loosened by the grader blade and to my surprise the roots had grown under the strata of ash. A 2' x 2" block flipped over and there were 2 small limbs with white skins and chocolate brown interiors but unfortunately fractured by freeze and thaw. I walked south along the hill side above scree of punky wood and soon found a not well camouflaged hole. In the ensuing days we chased the wood strata with ease and were well rewarded with limbs and water-worn driftwood including one that was 6' long and 3" in diameter. But alas, we ran out of food and only had enough gas money to make it home.

By the time we were able to return the wood rush was in full swing and although the wood continued the overburden got deeper – and deeper over the years to the point of insanity. The irrepressible Ray Larson dug the last hole to 18'. I purchased the best piece from that hole; a 150 pound driftwood of the highest quality. I asked Ray, "How in the hell did you get it out of that hole?" "It weren't easy" he said. Soon after the BLM bulldozed the holes closed and for once I had to agree (biting my tongue) their actions were prudent. 18' for Christ's sake! I'm a piker compared to ole Ray, less suicidal and I have twice the teeth left to smile through; which aren't many.

Now fast-forward to the late 1990's. Members of the Orcutt Club took a field trip to Nevada. Although I had mentioned that the holes had been dozed there are other wood locations on Zimmerman Ranch, picture rock and a green Rhyolite called Gary Green which had become popular so the game again was afoot. As the caravan pulled into McDermitt little had changed in this seemingly eternal desert. The same old black dog was still lying in the middle of the road under the flashing red light. The sun was waning when we pulled into the same flat parking area. Wes and I took a walk surveying the area and in the deafening silence I pointed out Disaster Peak and mentioned its ancient history of hippydom. The BLM had done a good job "repairing" the arch of holes and the area seemed beyond any possibility of finding wood; it was a forlorn hope. Walking back along the road I

mentioned one place they hadn't dug was the BLM road and we chuckled about the anti-social possibility beneath its surface. And – and- to my amazement nobody over the decades had ever dug the wood strata under – the parking lot!

I woke early the next morning and scraping only an inch of soil found the ash bedrock just as frothy light and fractured as I had remembered and it easily pried from its positions. By the time the folks had awakened I had begun a substantial hole on the margin of the parking lot. With the club members working together we soon hit the slightly greenish wood strata at 5', although some of the wood was punky some was very nice. Finding the blocks of ash more fractured at depth we went down another 4' and hit another wood stratum where the wood was larger. Strangely banked up on the north side of the logs were a multitude of small rounded balls. While we were in wonderment at this the wood was our major concern so the ball-laden ash was thrown out on the tailing pile. While we brutishly toiled in the pit the lovely Marge sat on the tailing pile and in time, called down "Hey guys! I found a fossil cherry!" "Yeah, right" Wes called back. "Well look here Wes". Holding up a piece of matrix "You threw it out". I climbed out of the hole and sure enough locked into the matrix was a larger rounded fossil with a stem attached with a defined swollen node where it attached to the limb. Were all these smaller balls from the pit cherry pits? I called down to the doubter, "Oh ye of little faith, careful be you to question the gender from Venus. Marge just found the fossil of the day on our tailing pile". I sat there taking in the view of the ash plane overlain by basalt and thought back to the previous year's wood trip which I chronicled in a previous story (Breaker, Breaker, We are at Stonewall). The same volcanic sequence and remembered the same sliver moon shaped wood deposit and the few freshwater snails I'd found decades ago. Was this another flotsam mass blown to a lake margin just like we found at Stonewall? Did the cherry pits banked up on the north side of the logs define the windage those many millions of years ago when the basin and range was lushly forested and dotted with lakes? I love the mystery of it all even as much as the product of our labor. Maybe even more so as my "vision" sprouted forests out of the bleakness of today's deserts surrounding lakes like silver coins in

the distance of time and grasslands covered by herd animals. "Here's a big one Ralph, we need the long bar". So down I climbed thinking of Ray twice as deep. As we pulled out the log there it was, something beyond imagination. Had we brutes gone one better than Marge? "Marge", I cried elucidating the powers of "Man". "I just found a 9' cricket". There she stood a sentinel of femininity hands on her hips and I received a major eye roll and a firm rebuke that had to do with the gaseous extrusion emanating from the south end of a north bound horse. "Oh ye of little faith" I echoed from the depth of distrust. "Trust me, I'm a man" as I exhibited a cricket in my hand. "We found him at 9'. The cricket (no doubt a male) hopped out of my hand and skittered into the recess of a crack; the coward. But I, with swollen chest, had proven beyond the shadow of a doubt the honor of us from Mars, and thankfully received a smile and a shaking of her head instead of being pelted by stones. Alas, in my vain attempt to establish a sliver of male dominance over those from Venus in the arena of trust, I established the point that we have some value at least on occasion – we provide humor, slightly evolved from our Neanderthal roots. Yeah, Right!

TAKING A BITE OUT OF GRIME...

Wayne Mills, OMS

They are no longer biting, but the teeth of one of the largest predators ever known, (*Carcharodon megalodon*), are still being found on the Ernst Properties near Sharktooth Hill in Bakersfield.

The CFMS led a trip to the property to dig teeth on March 24, and will return again this year on June 1 in a trip co-sponsored by the Mariposa Gem and Mineral Club.

Spectacular finds of "Meg" teeth continue to be made as seen below.



Photo shared with permission from Rob Ernst, Sharktooth Hill

Much speculation has been made about how large these creatures actually were. Based on comparisons of the largest Meg teeth to those of their close relative the great white shark, estimates of *Megalodon's* size range to about 50 feet long. With this fact in mind, Mythbusters, a popular TV program created Sharkzilla, an inflatable replica of a large Megalodon with hydraulically powered jaws.

For more information about opportunities to dig shark teeth, refer to Ernst's website at:

www.sharktoothhillproperty.com

But be aware—the soil that contain the shark teeth also may contain spores of *Coccidioidomycosis*, better known as **Valley Fever** which can put a whole 'nother kind of hurt on one's body. This fact hasn't stopped the dozens of folks who visit the (fee dig) site each weekend that they are open.



Photo of Sharkzilla shared with permission from Rob Ernst, Sharktooth Hill

Orcutt Mineral Society Board Meeting

**Mike & Margaret Henson Home, Santa Maria,
CA.**

March 5, 2013

President Wayne Mills called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Members present were Wes Lingerfelt, Debbie Hood, Jeannie Lingerfelt, Elaine Von Achen, Sandy Berthelot, Mike Henson, Wayne Mills, Jan Ferguson and Sharon Duncan. Guests included Bill Hood, and Paul Berthelot.

Minutes: Minutes were approved as printed in the March, 2013 newsletter.

Treasurer's report: Wes Lingerfelt gave the

treasurer's report. It was accepted as given.

Correspondence: Elaine Von Achen reported newsletters received from San Geronio Gem and Mineral Society and Sun Valley Indian School.

Committee Reports:

Abused Children: None

Annual Gem Show: None

Annual December Meeting: None

Breakfast: March's breakfast will be held at Francisco's Country Kitchen, 1701 N. Broadway, Santa Maria, Ca. at 9:00 a.m. on March 23rd.

Bulletin: It was noted that the bulletin had been mailed and was on the web.

CFMS: None

Education: Wayne said that he had a request from Meg West, at the Dunn School in Los Olivos, for collecting sites for fossils. He forwarded the information requested.

Field Trip: The field trip for March will be to Ozena and will be led by Wes Lingerfelt. Ozena is off Highway 33 (by Ojai) and is in the Los Padres National Forest. The field trip is slated for the 16th of March with members meeting at 8:30 a.m. at Highways 101 and 166 on the south east corner. For more information, please contact Wes.

Highway Clean-up: The next highway clean-up will be held Saturday March 9th. Members will meet at Highways 101 and 166 on the south east corner at 8:00 a.m.

Library: None

Membership: Elaine Von Achen read applications from two prospective junior members, Hunter Pease-Bullock and Mikayla Casil-Bullock. A motion that we accept Hunter and Mikayla for membership was made by Sandy Berthelot and seconded by Debbie Hood. Motion Passed. Elaine also read a list of members who had not yet renewed their membership for 2013.

Refreshments: The refreshment for March will be cake brought by Elaine Von Achen, Jan Ferguson, Samantha Schmidt, Sharon Duncan, Joe & Lisa Azevedo and Sylvia Nasholm.

Scholarship: Wayne is going to check with Hancock college to see if they have any qualified applicants for an OMS scholarship. Wayne also noted that he had spoken to Dr. Gray from Santa Barbara City College and that we will be sending a check for \$1,000.00 between April 1 and April 31. He said that if monies are received within that time

frame they are eligible for matching funds and the College will receive an additional \$500.00 for a total of \$1,500.

Sunshine: None

Old Business: Elaine noted that the Paso Robles club had changed their yearly gem show from August to the first weekend in May and that we are having our first tailgate in May as well. She thought it might affect the attendance at the tailgate.

New Business: Sharon Duncan said she had picked up some ideas from the Ventura show regarding kids projects and that we might be able to use some of them for our show. Specifically the mining for rock in sand and some plaster casted dino prints that the kids painted. It was decided that we would order kids coloring books from Mineral Monthly and Wayne made a motion to order 200 books. Debbie Hood seconded the motion. Motion passed. Some of the board members also noted that they had purchased tee shirts without logos but with some cool pictures of rocks, bones and dinosaurs. Sharon said she would look into where they were purchased from and the particulars regarding the printing on the shirts.

Wes reported that Bob Bullock was able to reserve the Porter Ranch for our up-coming June 8th meeting and Barbeque. We currently have a deposit paid to the City of Santa Maria to reserve the Pioneer Park for the Barbeque but board members voted unanimously to change the venue. Wes will request a refund from the City of Santa Maria or leave the deposit for the 2014 Barbeque.

As discussed at the February board meeting, we will have the March program on dinosaurs, given by Richard Wade, prior to the business meeting as he has a long drive in front of him following his presentation.

Wes said he just about has the Redbook done but needs to fill the chairman position for the kitchen for our annual show. We also need someone to obtain the Food Permit from the county for said show.

Elaine reported that she has been trying to reach someone from the Nipomo Library to set-up a time (hopefully in July) when OMS members can display rock, spheres, etc. She has left messages and hasn't heard back. She will continue to try to get that set-up.

To end the meeting Wes read a note he had received from Van and Diane Barr. She said that last December Van had a fall and had injured his leg and it looked like they would not be able to participate in our Gem Show this year. She said that it was their favorite show and they would have been really disappointed to miss it but that Van is doing much better and they will be coming after all. The note was accompanied by a check and vendor application. Great news that they will be able to attend.

March's program will be given by Richard Wade on Dinosaurs.

March's display will be fossils.

The meeting was adjourned by President Wayne Mills at 7:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Elaine Von Achen

Secretary, OMS

**Orcutt Mineral Society
General Meeting
Luis Oasis Senior Center, Orcutt, CA
March 12, 2013**

President Wayne Mills called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Mike Henson gave the invocation.

Samantha Schmidt led the flag salute.

The board voted to have our program first with our meeting following the program.

Richard Wade gave a wonderful talk on dinosaurs with lots of visuals and lots of great information. I am sure everyone learned something about dinosaurs that they didn't know before the program.

Minutes: Elaine Von Achen read the minutes from the March 5, 2013 board meeting. Minutes were approved as read.

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

Correspondence: Noted in March's board minutes. There was nothing since the board meeting.

Hospitality: There were 40 members and 4 guests in attendance. Guests included Carol Moss, Richard Wade, Clyde Stokes and C.H. Snitchler. Guests were greeted and thanked.

Refreshments: Margaret Henson thanked Elaine Von Achen, Jan Ferguson, Sharon Duncan, Sylvia Nasholm, Joe & Lisa Azevedo and Samantha Schmidt for their donations of cake.

Committee Reports:

Abused Children: None

Annual Luncheon Meeting: None

Breakfast: March's monthly breakfast will be on the 23rd and will be held at Francisco's Country Kitchen, 1701 N. Broadway, Santa Maria, Ca. at 9:00.

Budget & Audit: None

Bulletin: The bulletin is out.

CFMS: None

Door Prizes: Mike Schmidt thanked Lucky Virgin and Elaine Von Achen for their donations to the night's drawing.

Education: None

Gem Show: None

Historian: None

Field Trip: The field trip for March will be to Ozena and will be led by Wes Lingerfelt. Ozena is off highway 33 (by Ojai) and is in the Los Padres National Forest. The field trip is slated for the 16th of March with members meeting at 8:30 a.m. at highways 101 and 166 on the south east corner. For more information, please contact Wes.

Highway Clean-up: The highway clean-up was held March 9th. Members met at highways 101 and 166 on the south east corner at 8:00 a.m. There were 7 members in attendance. Wayne thanked those who attended.

Library: None

Membership: Elaine Von Achen welcomed our two new junior members, Hunter Pease-Bullock and Mikayla Casil-Bullock.

Junior Members: Nothing to report.

Political Action Committee: None

Property: None

Scholarship: Wayne said he had talked to Hancock College and they had one applicant for the OMS scholarship. She is majoring in Earth Science and will submit her application.

Sunshine: Jan Ferguson said that Jeanne Brown has had Bronchitis and Bill Brown has had Pneumonia.

Old Business: Wayne Mills said he had given Gloria Dana and Jeanne Brown their pins, for holding office in 2012, as they were not at the last meeting to receive them.

Debbie Hood reminded members that we are still looking for someone to head up the snack bar at our annual gem show.

New Business: Wes asked for a show of hands for

members in favor of having our June Barbeque at the Porter Ranch, off Hwy. 166, instead of the Pioneer Picnic Grounds in Santa Maria. Everyone voted for the venue change.

April's program will be on creating gem trees and will be given by Margaret Henson and Wayne Mills.

April's display will be a rainbow of gems.

President Wayne Mills adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Elaine Von Achen

Secretary, OMS

April 2013 Calendar

Tuesday April 2, 2013 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.	OMS Board Meeting- At the home of the Henson's. All members are welcome at this business meeting. For information or directions please call Mike at 934-1308.
Tuesday April 9, 2013 7:00. to 9:00 p.m.	OMS General Meeting- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program: Wayne Mills on making Gem Trees • Display: Colors of the rainbow in rocks • Refreshments: Cookies
Saturday April 20, 2013 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.	Field Trip – Available for you to lead to your favorite site.
Saturday April 27, 2013 9:00. to 10:00 a.m.	OMS Monthly Breakfast- The Girls Restaurant 1237 E Grand Ave., Arroyo Grande.

May 2013 Calendar

May 4 & 5	Santa Lucia Gem Show (Paso Robles)
Tuesday May 7, 2013 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.	OMS Board Meeting- At the home of the Henson's. All members are welcome at this business meeting. For information or directions please call Mike at 934-1308.
Saturday May 11, 2013	Highway Clean Up- meets at the

8:00. to 10:00 a.m.	corner of 101 & 166. Meet for a snack afterwards at Francisco's Country Kitchen. For information call Wayne Mills at 481-3495.
Tuesday May 14, 2013 7:00. to 9:00 p.m.	OMS General Meeting- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program: Soapstone Carving • Display: Stone Carvings • Refreshments: Pie
Saturday May 25, 2013 9:00a.m. to 4:00 p.m.	Field Trip-Tailgate at Von Achen's. Members who want to sell contact Wayne Mills at 481-3495.
Saturday May 25, 2013 9:00. to 10:00 a.m.	OMS Monthly Breakfast- The Sunset Grill, 1424 Fairway Dr., Santa Maria.

CFMS Show Schedule 2013

APRIL 2013

April 13 - 14: MARIPOSA, CA
Mariposa Gem & Mineral Club
 Mariposa County Fairgrounds
 Hwy 49 South (1.8 miles south of Mariposa)
 Hours: 10 - 5 daily
 Contact: Chel, (209) 742-7625
 Email: mineralmuseum@sti.net

April 13 - 14: PARADISE, CA
Paradise Gem & Mineral Society
 Elks Lodge
 6309 Clark Road
 Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4
 Contact: Manuel Garcia, (530) 877-7324
 (530) 877-7324 FREE
 Email: mmpg@att.net
 Website: www.paradisegem.org

April 20 - 21: THOUSAND OAKS, CA
Conejo Gem & Mineral Club
 Borchard Park Community Center
 190 Reino Road (at Borchard Rd.)
 Hours: 10 - 5 daily
 Contact: Robert Sankovich, (805) 494-7734
 (805) 494-7734 FREE
 Email: rmsorca@adelphia.net
 Website: www.cgamc.org

April 20 - 21: SAN JOSE, CA
Santa Clara Valley Gem & Mineral Society
 Santa Clara County Fairgrounds
 334 Tully Road
 Hours: Sat 10 - 6; Sun 10 - 5

Contact: Frank Mullany, (408) 265-1422
 (408) 265-1422 FREE
 Email: info@scvgms.org
 Website: www.scvgms.org

April 27 - 28: LANCASTER, CA
Antelope Gem & Mineral Society
 Lancaster High School
 44701 - 32nd Street West
 Hours: 10 - 5 daily
 Contact: CJ Quitoriano, (661) 209-9092
 (661) 209-9092 FREE
 Email: cjq_62@yahoo.com
 Website: www.avgem.weebly.com

April 27 - 28: SANTA CRUZ, CA
Santa Cruz Mineral & Gem Society
 Santa Cruz Civic Auditorium
 Center Street & Church Street
 Hours: 10 - 5 daily
 Contact: Julia Cornblatt, (831) 687-0509
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 Email: scruzmgs@gmail.com
 Website: www.scmgs.org

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