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The Pres Box—April 2015

Dyana Cridelich, OMS President 2015



Spring has sprung! I have finally gotten accustomed to the time change and that glorious extra hour of sunlight. Now I'm waiting for the wild flowers to start appearing along Hwy 166. Our fruit trees are starting to leaf out, sending the promise of apples, pears, loquats, figs, cherries,

oranges and lemons in the near future. It's also the reminder that there is a lot of work to be done: work in the yard, the garage and just plain old spring cleaning.

It is also a gentle reminder that our annual Rainbow of Gems show is quickly approaching. This year, the show will be from the 7th – 9th of August, so make sure to put the dates on your calendar. We will soon be jumping in with both feet and hanging on for the ride. In the weeks ahead, I will be talking to all of you to see how you would like to participate. Would you like to work on the same committee this year as you did last? Maybe you would like to do something completely different. Please let me know. A list of committees will be coming soon. It's much more fun if all of us are there working together, so let's make it the best show yet.

Speaking of the best, wasn't Richard Wade fantastic last month? I didn't realize that Astronomy could be so interesting and understandable. Maybe it's all in the presentation, but Richard has a definite teaching style that makes you want to listen. Many, many thanks to all the volunteers who made those planets come alive. Thanks are due as well to

everyone who brought their "outer space" displays. They were really fun, especially that big chunk of meteorite.

From April 17 -19, Wayne Mills will be leading a field trip to the LA County Museum and the Himalaya Mine dumps at Lake Henshaw. The mine supplies the digging equipment and screens and provides group discounts. We will be meeting at the museum at 10am on the 17th. If you are interested in going or would like more information, please contact Wayne.

The OMS Third Annual Tailgate Sale will be at the Von Achen's Barn on May 23rd. The Vendor forms and maps on how to get there are on the OMS website. Please get your vendor form to Elaine by the 10th of May. More info on this will come in May.

OMS has a few things for sale:

- 1) All the tables are GONE! Hope you didn't miss out.
- 2) Three flat cases. These three, lighted cases are 31" deep, 48" long and 16" high.

All three cases have liners and locks. They have just been posted on Craig's List under the Arts and Crafts section. The price for each table is \$25.00.

- 3) OMS has 32 buckets of club rock. They are going for \$5.00 per container (See John or Elaine Von Achen).

Everything above and more will be for sale at the Von Achen's Tailgate Show (May 23).

Our next general meeting will be on the 14th at the Luis Oasis Senior Center. The program for the evening will be a film called "Antarctica: A Frozen Laboratory". This video depicts the challenges that meteorologists and geologists face as they study the continent's wildlife, climate and formation. It features analysis of fossils and ancient magma,

shows how past weather patterns are measured in ice layers and provides a detailed portrait of living and working in the vast frozen laboratory at the bottom of the world. I know very little about Antarctica and am looking forward to this presentation. The display for his week is "Anything at all". So, go through your treasures and bring us your prettiest, ugliest, smallest or largest. In essence, anything at all is perfect. Refreshments for April will be cookies. Yum.

This month's breakfast will be on April 25 at the Country Kitchen in Santa Maria. See you there at 8:30am. Start your day off right with a good meal and great conversation.

Many clubs are having their annual shows this time of year and are worth mentioning. The Ventura Show was a success. Everyone who attended the show enjoyed it very much. The Santa Lucia Rockhounds are having their 24th Annual Rock and Mineral show on May 2 – 3. Their new venue is in the Paso Robles Event Center at the Fairgrounds. Times are from 10am – 5pm both days and will have a \$3.00 admission. Kids, active military and parking are free. Richard Wade will be speaking on volcanos and dinosaurs at 1pm. Don't miss this show. If you want to travel a little further north, the Santa Cruz Mineral and Gem Society is having their 64th Annual show on April 25- 26 from 10am-5pm. It will be held at the Santa Cruz Civic Auditorium in downtown Santa Cruz. Talks on the woolly mammoth excavation in Castroville and quartz crystal digging in the Sierras will be at 2pm. Kids under 12 and scouts in uniform are free. Hope you are able to enjoy these shows.

Better go now, see you on the 14th,

Don't forget to take time to smell the roses.



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



Birthday greetings go out to those folks who are having Birthdays and Anniversaries in **March Birthdays**

Donna Lehman	4/1
Kim Noyes	4/15
Bob Bullock	4/21
Mike Van Bellingham	4/23

Anniversaries

Dick and Karen Dry	4/3
Paul and Sandy Berthelot	4/21
John and Elaine Von Achen	4/24
Nick Carpenter	4/25
Deborah Park	4/25

Congratulations!

*If you don't see your name here when you should, then the information is not in **The Red Book**. Please write your important dates down and give them to Wes Lingerfelt so they will be included in the next edition (4/2015).*

SUNSHINE

Jeannie Lingerfelt

Truman Burgess had Eye surgery recently and our thoughts and prayers are also with Roger Lehman who is facing some serious medical issues.

If you have good or bad news that you would be willing to share with our members, please notify Jeannie Lingerfelt and Wayne Mills.

APRIL FIELD TRIP—

Wayne Mills, Field Trip Coordinator

Our field Trip will start at 1:00 pm on April 17 at the front door of the L.A. County Natural History Museum. We will explore the Hall of Gems and the gem vault, and then the butterfly pavilion before heading our separate ways toward Oceanside. (I am staying at the Marriott there). At 10:00 am on the 18th we will meet at the Himalaya mine tailings area at Lake Henshaw Resort on Highway 76 and sift for tourmalines and other pegmatite gems until 3:00 pm. Then we head our separate ways back home. Since it appears that we have more than 10 folks meeting us at Lake Henshaw, The admission fee will be \$55 each. Admission to the LA County Museum is: \$20 Adults, \$17 Students and Seniors, \$10 ages 3-12 (under 3 free). **Please call Wayne**

Mills (805-481-3495) if you are planning to go, or want more details.

MAY FIELDTRIP—Von Achen Tailgate

Wayne Mills, Field Trip Coordinator

May's field activity will be a tailgate in the field near the Von Achen's Barn on Cherokee Place in Nipomo. Cherokee Place is off Hetrick Ave. in Nipomo. Take Willow Road west off the freeway, and turn left on Hetrick Ave. The next road on the left is Cherokee Place. There will be signs and maybe even some balloons!

The date is Saturday, May 23. The hours are: Set-up 8-10, Sale from 10-4.

Elaine will do a hot dog barbeque, and OMS will have drinks available for our dealers.

I am requesting that potential sellers contact me by **May 8.** We will charge OMS Members \$10 per space, and dealers who are not OMS members \$20.00 per space.

The price includes use of one table. Spaces are first come, first served.

OMS Third Annual Tailgate-- May 23, 2015

Set-up: 8-10; Sale: 10 am—3 pm

Von Achen's Barn—Cherokee Road, Nipomo.

1. Name of seller _____

2. Number of tables wanted _____

3. I will bring a pop-up: Yes _____ No _____

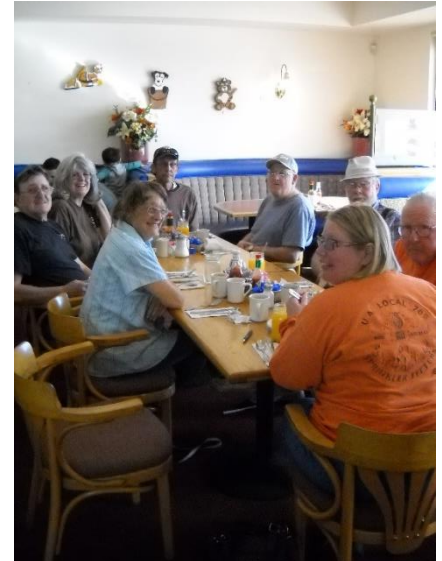
4. General list of rock-related materials for sale (*for advertising purposes*): Rough rock, slabs, minerals, fossils, equipment, spheres, plants (well, they could be for a ROCK garden!), other (specify):

Snip out and send to Wayne Mills, 502 Via La Barranta, Arroyo Grande, CA 93420

HIGHWAY HEROES: MARCH, 2015

Story and picture by Wayne Mills, Adopt-A-Highway Coordinator

We had a nice turn-out for the March clean-up. Nine folks including new members Allen and Marilynn Goodall showed-up at 8:00 am on a pleasant Saturday morning to battle the last two months' worth of litter. Actually, the accumulation was not too bad, and the clean-up went smoothly with ample coverage for each of the 4 sections that we have divided our 1.5 mile or so stretch of Route 166 into. Our thanks go out to Stan and Brenna Ferguson, Wes and Marty Lingerfelt, Geary Sheffer, Sally Griffith, and Allyn and Marilynn Goodall for their participation. After the clean-up, we met (as usual) at Francisco's in Santa Maria for coffee and treats. Wes brought a nice Celestine crystal for the prize, and the winner was Geary Sheffer. The only thing missing was the friendly service of Shelly, the waitress who has taken care of us for as long as I can remember.



COLD AS A WELL DIGGER'S ASS

By Ralph Bishop--originally published in *Ore-Cutts*, April 1999

This is the second in a three part series about this location. The story is written in the vernacular of the participants.

Every time my partner, Mike Horner, and I stopped by to see Boyd Care he had newly polished agates, each one seemingly more amazing than the one before. But it was the window sills in the afternoon sunlight that would hold our attention. There was around thirty feet of store front windows, and the entire length of the sill was covered with Chandler Mountain carnelian. Most were rough, up to fist size, and shone with a red, waxy luster. Being lit with the afternoon sun gave them, a warm, ethereal glow. The neatly trimmed elm trees in front of the shop allowed the sun's rays to alternately shade and highlight individual pieces. We would always wait though, as the sun was about to set. It would shine, unfiltered, under the trimmed, horizontal skirt line of

the elms, and through the lower parts of the window. This direct light through the agate gave the whole shop a carnelian glow, altering colors for two, three and four minutes, then the fleeting glow was gone. We thought we had seen the best until we were invited to dinner one evening, and were allowed to see Mrs. Care's dining room window. There on a wide sill sat four of Juanita's agates. The Care's smiles gave away their pleasure and amusement at our reaction. The rocks were about the same size: squarish, ten to twelve-inches wide and natural as they were found. Each was one to two inches thick, the inner faces botryoidal with the usual waxy luster. And the colors of two were deep, blood red, and two were red-amber (the color of Madera citrine). The light was filtering through the elms now—I took a deep breath and smiled, silence seemed fitting. Mrs. Care went to the kitchen and came back with bowls of beef barley soup, the steam seemed to glow red. Boyd broke the silence of the moment with a chuckle and received a love swat and a smile for it. "Loosen up boys, the wife's got a great sense of humor! She's waitin' to see which one of you slurps your soup when the sun lights up her agits". It wasn't but a few minutes and the room was bathed in carnelian. "It wouldn't do to let your soup get cold boys." Juanita had the smile of a vixen on her face. After a steelhead dinner, Boyd said that we were gonna' see how Juanita got two of those agates. All eyes were on the agates. Juanita came from the kitchen with a Blackberry pie, and almost whispered, "ain't they just too, too. I got the two in the middle from Leo, and Boyd found the other two." The pie was made from wild blackberries with a crust made of sunflower seeds and rolled oats. Boyd finished and said that she had "swapped him pies for them agits". "Thirty years of pies", Juanita piped in, "I'm fair in a trade." No dinner before or since can hold a candle to that evening.

Now, after seeing some of the best carnelian in the world, there was only one thing to do, accelerate erosion. We knew the area was extensively dug into, and that "Whorehouser" (Weyerhaeuser) had planted a "Model Tree Farm", a veritable carpet of trees over the area. The prospects looked bleak, but one day talking with Boyd, he said "ya' know boys, there's one spot up on the flat that was never dug, and a lot of good stuff was found near it". It should have been obvious to us, but we were young, and a blank stare brought on a question. "Whal, when ya drive in to dig agit, where don't ya' dig?" A pause----- "in the road boys, in the road. They don't use it now. I'll tell ya' tho, you can only dig it in

August, and maybe September when the flat is parched. It'll be deep and cold, cold as a well digger's ass. We went to eight feet, but the road—it could be ten feet, maybe more."

After detailed instruction, we gathered tools and on the first hot day we found ourselves at the gate at sunrise. It wasn't much trouble to skirt the gate, and soon the truck disappeared into a tunnel of fir trees. The fork in the road that Boyd mentioned came up sooner than we thought, so we turned around and decided to dig the fork as there seemed to be more sun. It was unbelievably cold for a dry August day.

We marked our hole at five feet in diameter. Our square spades were filed razor sharp, and cut the red laterite clay with ease. Four spades-full filled a five gallon bucket which was carried a distance from the hole and dumped. The spade had to be scraped regularly with a putty knife. This clay was sticky. Steady cutting dropped the hole to five feet by noon. The buckets of clay were not being hauled out by rope. We took turns at every foot. At the six foot mark, we hit the first freshet, springing from round holes a little bigger than a pencil in diameter. Some holes were dry, but some were pouring water under pressure. It wasn't too bad though, the water only pooled about an inch deep and disappeared down dry holes. By the eight foot level, it became uncomfortable—water was squirting out and soaking us at knee level. At nine feet, the water was at waist level, and at ten feet, still not an agate or plain rock, and we were being wet at chest level.

It was my turn to descend the ladder now—"whose idea was it to dig carnelian anyway?" I thought. The spade cut down easily through the clay, and then the sound! Steel on agate gravel! With the red clay removed, we were looking at muddy gray clay full of agate and charcoal. The water was squirting us from the neck down, and now we were really cold. We knew how cold a well digger's ass was! The agate layer was almost two feet thick, and this we proceeded to haul up a bucket at a time to dump in the bed of the truck-gray clay, agate, charcoal and all. These buckets were difficult to fill and hoist, but we were done and numb by dark. The water pooled at a foot in the bottom of the hole. We knew we were only half done, and the moving would be hard.

The next morning we were there, the hole was there, the water was there, and we started to undercut and hoist the agate layer, ten buckets to the sift. By noon we had undercut four feet from our five-foot shaft, and things slowed down. WE targeted the hottest areas with the biggest agates,

and by quitting time the truck was sagging, leaking gray muck. We'd break the springs if we couldn't lighten the load. Luckily there was a car wash within a couple of miles, \$5.00 for fifteen minutes of high pressure. We dropped the tail gate, and started working on the truck load of gray mud. Nothing seemed to happen at first, then all of a sudden, red and yellow started to show-up like seeds sprouting. At the end of fifteen minutes we had lost a lot of weight, and the load looked like plum pudding. It took about eight hours to clean the two days of work, but the end product was absolutely beautiful. Pieces of agate from thumb size to twenty pounds—red, yellow with that natural waxy luster, like candy.

An average hole produced 700 to 800 pounds of agate. The high grade comprised usually 30 %, an exceptional yield. We dropped five wells that season, moving up the road. We had paid a lot of bills, traded for a couple of saws, and still had a great pile of agate. There was one piece that stood out. It weighed about fifteen pounds, with large, waxy, broken faces. It was so red it took your breath away, and the quality of the agate was exceptional.

It was a blocky piece, but still transmitted light, a rare combination. We called the Cares, asking them if we could come over before diner to show them our rock. Juanita asked if it was a pie rock. Well, we thought so.

On our arrival, we noticed the dining room sill was empty except for the two red pieces—an empty spot between them. “Here's the test boys, but I warn ya, Mom ain't gonna' play fair”. We set the rock on the sill, the biggest red face showing. Now the sun started its magic, and the carnelian agate just came alive! Boyd was speechless, but Juanita wasn't. “You boys did yourselves proud, and it does my heart good to have young bloods bring me a rock. Excuse me” and she disappeared only to reappear with a blueberry pie fresh from the stove. “You know I cook these with wood heat—heats 'em even and they come out nice every time. Dig in boys, now you've earned it.” It wasn't until I'd eaten the first piece that it dawned on me; maybe I'd already eaten the down payment on the rock? She gave us every chance to leave that agate, but we escaped with the piece, and the rest of the pie. Leave it to Juanita to make us feel guilty.

Winter came early that year, and the first rain raised the water table. We couldn't dig in our carnelian location, but that was O.K., because we were weary of the wells. WE were looking forward to the South Fork of the Crooked River where

digging in the dry dirt revealed pink limb casts. There was always Biggs Junction Picture Jasper along the Columbia. Also for the rockhound there was Frieda Green Tube thunder eggs along the Deschutes, and any number of areas that were “all dug out”. Like Boyd Care said, “there's always more in the bank (the hillside) than has ever been taken out”. **To be continued...**

KID'S CORNER

From *Diamond Dan's Mini Miner's Monthly* Vol. 9 No. 2

The Forms of Mineral Names

If you look at mineral names, you will quickly notice some similarities. First, many mineral names end in the suffix—lite. This comes from the Greek word “lithos” which means “a stone”. It is so commonly used that this ending has even been suggested as an ending to all mineral names. Throughout the history of mineralogy, the—lite ending has been used frequently, but interestingly it has never been adopted as part of a general naming system.

Second, many mineral names end in the suffix—ite. Some have mistakenly proposed that this is a shortened version of the “lite” ending. Actually this suffix has its roots in the ancient past. The Greek and Roman writers of antiquity used the endings ite and ites. For example, Pliny the Elder called malachite *moloचितes*, and soapstone he called *steatites*. This ending has been carried into modern times.

(Note that today, both rock and mineral names end with “ite”. Mookite is a jasper (rock) from Western Australia, and Selenite is a form of gypsum (mineral) that is found around the world. Editor) Can you think of any other example or rocks and minerals that end in “ite” or “lite”?



Mookite Picture from: www.crystalsrocksandgems.com

**ORCUTT MINERAL SOCIETY—
Board Meeting
Nipomo Chamber of Commerce Office,
Nipomo, CA
March 3, 2015**

President Dyanna Cridelich called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Board members present were Wes Lingerfelt, Jeannie Lingerfelt, Elaine Von Achen, Dyanna Cridelich, Sandy Berthelot, Jan Ferguson, Alexis Van Natta and John Von Achen. Paul Berthelot, and Wayne Mills were guests.

Minutes: Elaine Von Achen read minutes of the February general meeting. There was one correction as Elaine had the date of May 16th instead of the 23rd for the Tailgate show at the Von Achen's. She will correct the minutes. Minutes were approved as amended.

Treasurer's report: Wes Lingerfelt gave the treasurer's report. There was \$470 income for the sale of tables and showcases in unbudgeted income. Elaine felt that the sale of tables should go into the property rental fund in order to replace the wooden tables that have been sold with new plastic tables. She also asked that we include monies from the sale of the showcases into the rental fund so we wouldn't have to take money from any of the savings accounts to purchase new tables. It was agreed that this would be a good idea and Wes is going to amend the report. Treasurer's report was accepted as amended.

Correspondence: Elaine had a newsletter from the Sun Valley Indian School. Wes mentioned that we are still sending Campbell soup labels and that the school has been able to purchase a van with various donations.

Committee Reports:

Abused Children: None

Annual December Luncheon Meeting: None

Annual Gem Show: Wes is still waiting for a contract from Lucia Mar School District for use of the facilities at Nipomo High School.

Breakfast: March's breakfast will be on the 28th at 8:30 a.m. and will be held at the Home Town Buffet, 1431 S. Bradley, Santa Maria.

Bulletin: Wes said the newsletter was on the web and the bulletins that are mailed will go out tomorrow (Wednesday, March 4th).

CFMS: None

Education: None

Field Trip: Our next field trip will be April 17th to the 19th and will be to the Himalaya Mine in San Diego. Members will first meet at 1:00 on the 17th at the Los Angeles County Natural History Museum, 900 Exposition Blvd., Los Angeles. The following day everyone will meet at 10:00 a.m. at Lake Henshaw Resort

to dig in the Himalaya Mine tailings. For further details, please contact Wayne Mills.

Highway Clean-up: Our next clean-up will be held March 14, at 8:00 a.m. Members will meet on the South East corner of Highways 101 and 166.

Library: None

Membership: Elaine asked the board how membership should be handled when a member has lapsed and then wants to reinstate membership. Her question was whether they should have to pay their back dues to bring them current or if they needed to re-apply for membership. After some discussion the board agreed that we would re-set their joining date. Wes will update the operating rules and regulations to include the re-setting of the joining date for members who have lapsed membership.

Refreshments: Alexis Van Natta reported that the refreshment for March will be cake donated by Margaret Henson, Sylvia Nasholm, Alexis Van Natta and Marilyn Goodall.

Scholarship: None

Sunshine: Jeannie Lingerfelt said that Mike Henson is still under the weather.

Old Business: Elaine mentioned that John has moved all of the club rock up near the barn as he is cleaning the area it has been stored in. There are 32 buckets and crates. The board has decided that we will sell a bucket, or crate, for \$5 each and they are available to members and will also be available for sell at the May tailgate. John said he still has a couple of tables left for sale at \$15.00 each.

New Business:

Wes read an e-mail given to him from Renea Sutcliffe discussing a proposal for an empty building in Nipomo. After some discussion, the board decided that any representation or discussions by a member, in the name of Orcutt Mineral Society, must be brought before the board, and approved by the board, prior to contact. Wes will check to see if this is already in the rules and regulations, and if not, a recommendation for a change will be presented to the board.

As reported last month, Wes had made note of the May tailgate at the Von Achen's to be held on the 23rd. He said he would like to do a locker clean-up before that date and that we would sell some of the club showcases which have been donated and that we haven't used in the last few years, if ever, and that will leave space in the Sea Train for extra storage. John and Wes pulled out all of the showcases that haven't had recent use. We priced them and John has sold all but three. These three are slant cases and are currently listed on craigslist at \$25.00 each.

The meeting was adjourned by President Dyanna Cridelich at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Elaine Von Achen, Secretary,
OMS

**ORCUTT MINERAL SOCIETY—
General Meeting
The Luis Oasis Senior Center
March 10, 2015**

President Dyanna Cridelich called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roger Lehman gave the invocation.

Joseph Martinez led the flag salute.

President Cridelich asked for a motion to change the order of business to accommodate our guest speaker. Wayne Mills made the motion and Alexis Van Natta seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Alexis introduced our guest speaker for the evening, Richard Wade, who gave a presentation on our Solar System. Richard talked about planets, asteroids, comets, stars and galaxies. It was informative and fun and it was obvious that everyone really enjoyed the program.

Minutes: Elaine Von Achen read the minutes from the March 3, 2015 board meeting. There were a couple of minor corrections which Elaine will correct and the minutes were approved as amended.

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

Correspondence: None

Committee Reports:

Hospitality: There were 32 members and 9 guests in attendance. Our guests were Fred Moreno, Betty Kern, Marilyn and Allyn Goodall, Mike Judy, Denise Halopoff, Mary Caparon, David Nelson and Samantha Long. Guests were greeted and thanked.

Refreshments: Alexis thanked Margaret Henson, Marilyn Goodall and Sylvia Nasholm for bringing cakes for our snack. Alexis brought a cake too. Thank you all.

Committee Reports:

Annual December Luncheon Meeting: None

Abused Children: None

Breakfast: March's breakfast will be held at the Home Town Buffet, 1431 S. Bradley Rd., Santa Maria at 8:30 a.m. on the 28th.

Bulletin: Wayne Mills asked if everyone was getting their bulletins.

CFMS: None.

Door Prizes: Joseph Martinez reported donations from Wayne Mills, Sylvia & Don Nasholm, Mike & Margaret Henson and John Von Achen. We have some very nice items for tonight's prizes including some wood from Stonewall Pass and some "Purple Sage" from Quinn River.

Education: None

Gem Show: Wes said he is still getting contracts in and waiting to hear from Lucia Mar School district for the contract.

Historian: Elaine reported that she and Jeannie Lingerfelt were going to get together and gather some of our old pictures, papers, a gavel, and other items to make up a showcase (for our gem show) in remembrance of members who have passed on.

Field Trip: Our next field trip will be April 17th to the 19th and will be to the Himalaya Mine in San Diego. Members will first meet at 1:00 on the 17th at the Los Angeles County Natural History Museum, 900 Exposition Blvd., Los Angeles. The following day everyone will meet at 10:00 a.m. at Lake Henshaw Resort to dig in the Himalaya Mine tailings. For further details, please contact Wayne Mills.

Highway Clean-up: Wayne reported that the next clean-up will be held the 14th of March with members meeting at 8:00 a.m. on the south east corner of highways 101 and 166.

Library: None

Membership: Elaine said she has received an application for membership from Allyn and Marilyn Goodall and will present it to the board at the April board meeting.

Junior Members: None

Political Action Committee: None

Property: None

Scholarship: None

Sunshine: Jeannie Lingerfelt reported that Truman Burgess just had eye surgery, Bob Bullock injured his foot and Roger Lehman is going to have some surgery. Mike Henson is still out with pneumonia.

Old Business:

There will be a tailgate show at the Von Achen's on the 23rd of May. Members can get a table for \$10.00. There will be a hot dog barbeque with potato salad, beans and cookies for dessert **for all participating vendors.**

New Business:

Wayne Mills had the latest issue of Rock & Gem magazine and our guests tonight, Mike Judy and Denise Halopoff from the Santa Lucia Rockhounds, are featured

as 3rd Place winners in a tumbled rock contest sponsored by the Feather River Lapidary & Mineral Society.

Mary Caparon, from the Santa Lucia Rockhounds, announced they will hold their 24th annual gem show on the 2nd and 3rd of May at the Paso Robles Event Center (Fairgrounds). This is a new venue for them and there are going to be lots of activities, dealers, exhibits and demonstrations. This year's theme is "Petrified Wood". This will be an event not to be missed.

Dyanna thanked the following people for their displays this evening: Gary Sheffer-meteorite, Alexis Van Natta - Meteorite, Mike & Margaret Henson - a mystery rock, Wayne Mills - space rocks, Iva Gibeon - meteorite and Dyanna Cridelich - Moldovite necklace and bracelet.

President Dyanna Cridelich adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Elaine Von Achen, Secretary, OMS

CFMS SHOWS

APRIL 2015

April 4 - 5: CHICO, CA

Paradise Gem & Mineral Society
Silver Dollar Fairgrounds
2337 Fair Street
Hours: 10 - 4 daily
Contact: Manuel Garcia, (530) 877-7324
Website: www.paradisegem.org

April 11 - 12: MARIPOSA, CA

Mariposa Gem & Mineral Society
Mariposa County Fairgrounds
5005 Fairgrounds Road (south of Mariposa on Hwy49)
Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4
Contact: Randy Bolt, (209) 742-7625
Email: rockmuseum@sti.net
Website: www.camineralmuseum.com

April 18 - 19: SAN JOSE, CA

Santa Clara Valley Gem & Mineral Society
Santa Clara County Fairgrounds
334 Tully Road
Hours: 10 - 5 daily
Contact: Frank Mullaney, (408) 265-1422
Email: info@scvgms.org
Website: www.scvgms.org

April 18 - 19: THOUSAND OAKS, CA

Conejo Gem & Mineral Club
Borchard Park Community Center
190 Reino Road at Borchard Road
Hours: 10 - 5 daily
Contact: Robert Sankovich, (805) 494-7734
Email: rmsorca@roadrunner.com
Website: www.cgamc.org

April 25 - 26: SANTA CRUZ, CA

Santa Cruz Mineral & Gem Society
Santa Cruz Civic Auditorium
Church Street & Center Street
Hours: 10 - 5 daily
Contact: Dean Welder (408) 353-2675
Website: www.scmgs.org

April 10 - 12: VISTA, CA

Vista Gem & Mineral Society
Antique Gas & Steam Engine Museum
2040 North Santa Fe Avenue
Hours: 9 - 5 daily
Contact: Ray Pearce (760) 535-5524 & Simon King (619) 991-2226
Email: vistarocksgms@gmail.com
Website: www.vistarocks.org

April 25 - 26: LANCASTER, CA

Antelope Valley Gem & Mineral Society
Lancaster High School
44701 - 32nd Street West
Hours: 10 - 5 daily
Contact: CJ Quitoriano, (661) 209-9092

OMS CALENDAR

APRIL 2015

Tuesday, April 7 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.	OMS Board Meeting, Nipomo Chamber of Commerce meeting room, All members are welcome at this meeting
Tuesday, April 14 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.	OMS General Meeting—Luis Oasis Senior Center. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program-“The Arctic—Frozen Laboratory” • Refreshments-Cookies • Display-Your Choice! (Please bring SOMEthing!)
April 17-19	Field Trip to LACNMH, Himalaya Mine dumps at Lake Henshaw
Saturday, April 25 8:30 a.m.	OMS Monthly Breakfast- Sunset Ridge Golf --SM

MAY 2015

Tuesday, May 5 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.	OMS Board Meeting, Nipomo Chamber of Commerce meeting room, All members are welcome at this meeting
Tuesday, May 12 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.	OMS General Meeting—Luis Oasis Senior Center. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program-TBD • Display- Petrified Wood • Refreshments-Pie
Saturday, May 23 Set-up 8-10 am Sale 10 am-3 pm	OMS Tailgate at the Von Achen's
Saturday, May 28 8:30 a.m.	OMS Monthly Breakfast- Hometown Buffet--SM

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May 1 - 3: LA HABRA, CA

North Orange County Gem & Mineral Society
 La Habra Community Center
 101 W. La Habra Blvd.
 Hours: Fri 4 - 8; Sat & Sun 10 - 5
 Contact: Don Warthen, (562) 330-8974
 Email: odwarthen@verizon.net
 Website: www.nocgms.com

May 2 - 3: PASO ROBLES, CA

Santa Lucia Rockhounds
 Paso Robles Fairgrounds
 2271 24th Street
 Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4
 Contact: Mike Judy (909) 815-3045
 Email: SLRockhounds@gmail.com
 Website: www.slrockhounds.org

May 2 - 3: ANAHEIM, CA

Searchers Gem & Mineral Society
 Brookhurst Community Center
 2271 W. Crescent Avenue
 Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4
 Contact: Margaret Hogarth, (909) 815-3045
 Email: Hogarth.m@gmail.com
 Website: www.searchersrocks.org

May 2 - 3: JACKSON, CA

Amador County Gem & Mineral Society
 Kennedy Mine
 12594 Kennedy Mine Rd (off Hwys 49/88)
 Hours: 10 - 4 daily
 Contact: Gaylene Lichty, (209) 245-5388
 Email: mountaingirl@volcano.net

May 2 - 3: YUCAIPA, CA

Yucaipa Valley Gem & Mineral Society
New Location:
 Adams St. & Yucaipa Blvd. - Tent in street
 Hours: Sat 11 - 7, Sun. 12 - 4
 Contact: Dennis Anderson, (951) 845-9195
 Email: Danderson2@dc.rr.com
 Website: www.yvgms.org

May 9 - 10: ESCONDIDO, CA

Palomar Gem & Mineral Club
 California Center for the Arts
 340 N. Escondido Blvd.
 Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4
 Contact: Gayle Hamilton, (760) 743-0809
 Email: gemshow@palomargem.org
 Website: www.palomargem.org

May 9 - 10: RENO, NV

Reno Gem & Mineral Society
 Reno-Sparks Livestock Event Center
 1350 North Wells Avenue
 Hours: Sat 10 - 4; Sun 10 - 5
 Contact: Steve Norman, (775) 358-7322
 Email: snorm11@hotmail.com

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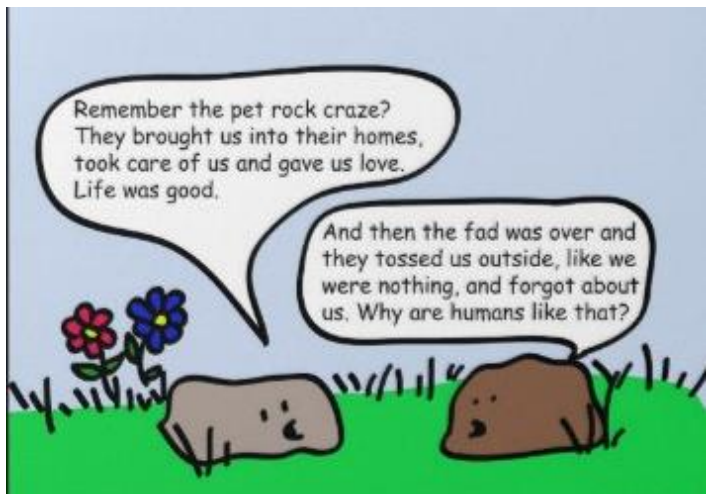
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