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The Pres Box—April 2016

Alexis Van Natta



The March (8th) program on “Rocks and Fossils of the Central Coast” presented by Wayne Mills gave me a renewed energy to go looking for fossils. I had no idea there were so many easy accessible rock and fossil hunting places. Thank you Wayne for that

wonderful program. Thank you to all who shared their fossil displays and helped further our education on the subject.

Our April program will be presented by several members who will tell us about their favorite rocks. This should be informative as well as entertaining and maybe even give us a laugh or two.

Cookies are on your plate for our April meeting and a little not so sweet for those who should be more careful of their sugar intake.

The March 12th Highway clean-up was very educational too. I almost stepped into the biggest pile of scat I have ever seen. I thought it had to be a very big dog but, Wayne told me he thought it was a bear! Ha! Ha! As rain had softened the ground my feet got stuck in mud several times as I retrieved the sought after can or other object so willfully thrown away. My shoes got heavier as a result of the mud clinging to them and I had to stop several times to clean it off. In the end it gives one a good feeling knowing that their efforts contributed to a job well done.

The March 19 field trip to Ralph Bishop’s Museum was inspiring. This was the second time I have

been there and will continue to visit there as many times as the opportunity presents itself. There is so much to see and learn. Ralph’s stories of how and where he acquired some of his collections are hair raising and always very entertaining. My interest is his Mammoth collection; tens of thousands years old found in Arroyo Grande. We had the opportunity to browse through piles of rocks and fossils and purchase treasures that we found there.

Keep your calendar open for the monthly no-host-and-getting-to-know-you breakfast on April 23rd at 8:30 AM at the Country Kitchen in Arroyo Grande.

I’m continuing to give you a Heads UP for the OMS Tail Gate at the Von Achen’s Barn on May 14th. Keep tuned, more information to follow.

See you at our April 12th meeting.

Alexis

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



Birthday greetings go out to those folks who are having birthdays and Anniversaries in **April**.

April Birthdays

Donna Lehman	4/1/2013
Bob Bullock	4/21/2013

April Anniversaries

Paul and Sandy Berthelot	4/21/2013
John and Elaine Von Achen	4/24/2013

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 Wayne so they will be included in the next edition (April 2017)

SUNSHINE

Margaret Henson

We have been meaning to mention the passing of Lucy Tunnell of Rosmond, CA on January 24, 2016. Lucy hosted several field trips to her swimming pool and yard full of rocks. She was a warm and personable hostess.



HIGH (WAY) TIME!

Wayne Mills, Adopt a Highway Coordinator

On Saturday, March 12, the OMS Highway Heroes and Heroine met at the Southeast corner of Highways 101/166 East (at 8:00 am) for our bi-monthly clean-up of Highway 166. Eight hearty souls showed-up to help us out, and after the previous days rain, it was kind of fun (no dust anyhow).

The clean-up went quickly (maybe the rain melted the paper?) and we were at Francisco's by about 9:45. Folks attending the clean-up were: Dyanna and Alexis, Wes and Marty, Geary and Wayne, Sally Griffith, and Robert Bischoff. We had our genial waitress, Shelly, pull the name from Wes's hat for the nice geode that he provided, and the lucky winner was Wayne! I offered to buy Shelly dinner, but (unfortunately for me) she declined my offer.

FIELD DAY AT RALPH'S

Wes Lingerfelt

Twenty OMS members met at Ralph's on Saturday March 19 to view his treasures. His displays are awesome. Ralph has spent much of his life collecting far and wide with his Mom and other rockhound always winding-up with the best specimens. He has about three times as many rocks in boxes as he has on display, and responds that he does not know what is in the boxes. I wish I had that problem!

OMS wants to sincerely thank Ralph for again opening-up his museum for four members, and for offering some of his collection for sale. My wife

Jeannie found some things (about \$400 worth) that she just had to take home. I hope that Ralph will have us back again in the future.

Check out more pictures of a Field Trip to Ralph's on the Orcutt Mineral Society website at:

omsinc.org.



SANTA LUCIA CLUB TO ROCK THE CENTRAL COAST

Wayne Mills

The Santa Lucia Rockhounds have again moved their show date to avoid competition with the large Antique show that caused some parking problems last year. This year their show will be held April 23-24 at the Paso Robles Event Center, and will feature a presentation by Richard Wade.

Their theme this year is “Rocks from Your Backyard” which is a topic we have been talking about lately. Several members of OMS will display in their show which was quite fun last year.

Yours truly will be the “Rock Doc”, and (with a lot of help from Mineral Dealer Dale Harwood) I will try to identify your “mystery rocks”. I also plan to display my soapstone artifacts including (possibly) a few new ones. So come on up and enjoy the show!

THE PROSPECTOR

by Owen Woodard, Grand Forks, ND, e-mail: w3080@aol.com

His legs were bowed, his back was bent, his skin was leather brown.

No one knew how old he was, seems he's always been around.

His hands were scared, his fingers gnarled from working with a pick.

Either digging in a mountain side or panning in a creek.

He came to town looking for a stake, to try and find the mother lode.

He knew it had to be very close to one of the trails he rode.

He hasn't found his fortune yet, perhaps he never will.

It won't be because he didn't try, he's out there digging still.

You see, the fortune that he seeks, is not in the finding of the gold.

The searching is worth so much more than all the mother lode.

From the *Agatizer* (South Bay Lapidary Society, Torrance, CA) March 2016

BLAST FROM THE PAST--

Minerals in Everyday Products

Sharon Robinson in “The Voice” (From the July 1988 *Ore-Cutts* via *Rock Chips*, June 1988)

Talc: Used in eye-shadow.

Iron oxides (Magnetite—black oxide, Hematite—red oxide, Limonite—yellow oxide):

Are used in liquid makeup, lipsticks, mascaras and pressed powders.

Zinc oxide: Used in creams to protect skin from the sun.

Mica: Used in eye-shadows. If coated with rutile or anatase, it makes

pearl shades for lipsticks, eye-shadows, hair gels, body lotions rouges and blushes.

Titanium oxide (Rutile and Anatase): Whitens such products as lipsticks, eye-shadows, hand and body lotions, and makeup.

Calcite: Used as a binder in eye-shadows and pressed makeups, in chewing gum bases, antibiotics, antacid and dentifrices.

Quartz: Used in scouring soaps and toothpaste, coatings for pills and capsules, and in ointments, suppositories and lotions.

Kaolinite (clay): Thickener in creams and lotions, absorbs oil from the skin, and forms gels and pastes for toothpaste and shaving gels.

Barite (Barium sulfide): Helps in X-Ray diagnoses.

Bauxite (Aluminum hydroxide): Polishes teeth, adds smoothness to lotions and creams, and is a carrier for perfumes in sachets and creams.

THE OMS VIRGIN VALLEY JOURNAL

Wes Lingerfelt (from the July-September 1988 *Ore Cutts*)
For brevity sake, we will skip to day three where the good part starts.

Day 3—May 16, 1988—Monday (Quinn River Crossing Highway 140 near Denio, Nevada): A bright sunny morning awaited those of us getting up early to have breakfast before heading out to the place on Ralph (Smith's) map. Coffee tastes so good on mornings like this. Once breakfast was dispatched, we headed out—got lost on the first intersection. We found the right road and then found the place we were looking for. There was dendritic agate with very pretty amethyst purple to be found everywhere. By 10 a.m. we had all we could carry in our rock bags, so we headed back to the campsite. It was decided to go on to the CCC Campground. On the way, Ralph lost a binder on the tow trailer again. A short time later, Gale (Plagman) lost an inside rear tire. The tread just peeled off. We arrived at Denio Junction and replenished supplies, pulled a few slots, and changed Gale's tire. By this time a rainstorm was brewing on the scene. We headed out to the Virgin Valley about 2 p.m. with no difficulty and found the campground had several other RV's already there. We got set-up on a newly graded spot and Uncle

**Dealer form for Von Achen Tailgate May 14, 2016, 10:00 am to 3:00 PM
636 Cherokee Place, Nipomo, CA**

Please fill-out and return this form (plus a check) to Wayne Mills by April 24 in order for us to get the info in our May Bulletin. **Wayne's address is:** 502 Via La Barranta, Arroyo Grande, CA 93420

Name _____

E-Mail _____ Phone _____

Enclosed is \$10.00 for 1 space. I have /need (circle one) _____ tables (table rental is \$3.00 each).

I will be selling _____

(Dealer Set-up is 8-10 am. Spaces are on first come basis. There should be snacks and coffee for our dealers.)

Willie (Thompson) and I went exploring. Just drove down one road and then another. Found a good looking ash hill and climbed all over it. Didn't find anything of note. Maybe tomorrow will be the day.

Day 4—May 16, 1988—Tuesday (Drivers—Ralph (Smith), Paul (Schmidt), Wes (Lingerfelt). This day began very blustery and cloudy. We took off for Badger Flat, some 40 miles away at 9 am. We went looking for petrified wood, and after some looking, found a mountain of it. By 11 am, we were heading off down the road looking for Wall Canyon, stopping to pick-up obsidian along the way. For some reason, the map didn't seem to fit the terrain or the mileage. We kept going anyway, for what seemed forever. We found some agate on a slope next to the cow trail we were following. After many miles, we decided to give up the direction we were going and backtrack. We would probably still be out there otherwise. Overall, when we got back to the campground, a distance of 100 miles had been traveled. We enjoyed every mile of it since we got some rocks and saw some antelope along the way.

Day 5—May 17, 1988—Wednesday. This day was much better for weather since the wind has slowed and the sun looks promising. Only Bill (Thompson), Jeannie (Lingerfelt) and I head out today, since Ralph, Paul and others went back to Denio Junction. We began checking out the areas next to Highway 140, and the Virgin Valley turn-off. There is some carnelian to be found, but it is scarce. We checked out all the canyons in the area to the northwest. Lots of (petrified) wood about, but it is highly cindered and of doubtful quality. No new discoveries so far.

The group decided after supper to head down to the Hole in the Wall Canyon east of camp, for pictures. We are having a good time in this place.

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APRIL FIELD TRIP—Figueroa Mt.

We will meet at **9:00 am on Sunday, April 17** in the parking lot for PAPPY'S Restaurant on the east side of the intersection of Route 101 and Betteravia in Santa Maria. Bring buckets, rock hammers, hats, gloves, water, food and your cameras. The wildflowers should be great!

Try to carpool, as the fewer cars we have the easier it will be to get around. We will stop at Catway Road for agate and jasper, Soapstone Hill for Serpentine, etc, and along Armour Ranch Road for (hopefully) soapstone.

BITS AND BYTES

Interesting Rock Blog on a variety of topics
<http://rockhoundblog.com/>

KID'S CORNER— MINERALS DOWN UNDER THE LAND DOWN UNDER

Mini Miner's Monthly Vol.8, No. 2
(February 2014) Photographs by

CROCOITE (PbCrO₄) Lead Chromate

Photo: Crystalfraction.com



Hardness: 2.5—3

Sp. Gravity: 6.0

Cleavage: Poor

Color: Bright red-orange

Luster: Adamantine (like a diamond)

Crystal System:

Monoclinic

From: Red Lead mine,

Tasmania. Large and important deposits of gold,

tin, silver, lead, zinc, copper and iron have been

discovered in the western part of the Australian island known as **Tasmania**. An explorer and prospector named James Smith discovered tin in Tasmania in 1871. Gold was discovered in 1879. Silver and lead minerals were discovered in 1882. One of the most colorful and popular minerals found anywhere in the world are bright orange-red crocoite crystals. Tasmania's crocoite is considered to be the best in the world.

CERUSSITE (PbCO₃) Lead Carbonate

Photo: Mindat.org



Hardness: 3—3.5

Sp. Gravity: 6.5

Cleavage: Good
Prismatic

Color: Colorless, white, light yellow or gray

Luster: Adamantine

Crystal System:
Orthorhombic

From: Broken Hill, New South Wales. The mines of the region known as Broken Hill is found in the Barrier Ranges in western New South Wales. These mines have been some of the most important sources of silver, zinc and lead in the entire world. Some of the world's very best mineral specimens have been discovered here. It is funny that many prospectors walked over the Broken Hill region for many years without noticing the valuable minerals below their feet. The true value of the minerals found here was not discovered until around 1886! Here is a spectacular specimen of the lead mineral cerussite. Other minerals from Broken Hill include azurite, calcite, anglesite, antimony and silver, to name only a few!

GOLD (AU) (NATIVE ELEMENT)

Photo: discoverychannel.com.au

Hardness: 2.5—3

Sp. Gravity: 19.3

Cleavage: None

Color: Deep yellow to light, silvery yellow

Luster: Metallic

Crystal System: Isometric (Cubic)

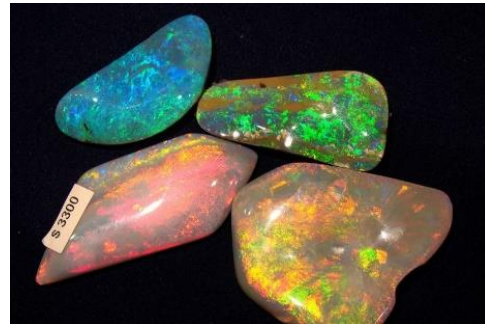
This gold nugget is called the "Hand of Faith." It weighs 845 ounces and was discovered in 1980 by an amateur metal detectorist searching around his home in Wedderburn, Victoria Australia. The first important gold discoveries in Australia occurred



shortly after the "Gold Rush" in the United States in 1849. In the early years, the law said that all gold found in Australia belonged to the King of England. So, people didn't go looking for gold since they couldn't keep it. Eventually the laws changed and people could make money finding gold. In 1851 a man named Edmund Hargraves discovered gold near Bathurst. A rush to find more gold soon began. Many very large nuggets, smaller nuggets and vein gold (that is found with veins of quartz) have been discovered and mined in Australia.

OPAL (SiO₂ n H₂O) Hydrated Silicon Dioxide

Photo: ABC.net.au



When scientists looked at opal with a very powerful electron microscope, they discovered that opal isn't

a crystal: it is a collection of microscopic balls of silicon dioxide (quartz) with some water in it.

Some of the world's finest precious opal has been discovered in Coober Pedy, South Australia. Precious opal can have flashes of purple, blue, green and red in it.

Here is a very interesting opal specimen. It is a



fossil gastropod (snail) that is now all opal. Geologists say that it is "opalized." It was discovered in Coober Pedy, South Australia.

Photo: Tumblr.com

**ORCUTT MINERAL SOCIETY—
BOARD MEETING
Nipomo Chamber of Commerce, Nipomo, CA
March 1, 2016**

President Alexis Van Natta called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Board members present were Alexis Van Natta, Wayne Mills, Dyanna Cridelich, Jeannie Watkins, Janis Ferguson, Don Nasholm, Sylvia Nasholm, Sally Griffith and Sharon Duncan. There were no guests.

Minutes: Minutes were approved as corrected.

Treasurer's report: The report was accepted as given.

Correspondence: We received a newsletter from the San Geronio Mineral and Gem Society and a flyer announcing the San Francisco Bay Area Faceters' Frolic for Mar 5-6, 2016. Alexis Van Natta received a letter from Mr. Nelson who wanted us to conduct a field trip during our show for his club. The letter was forwarded to Wayne Mills who answered his letter. Please see attached copy. Mr. Michael Valverde, who teaches 4th grade at Manzanita Public Charter School, wrote of his interest in having someone do an in-class presentation or field trip for his students. Wayne Mills, our education chair, will answer his letter as well.

Committee Reports:

Abused Children: \$50.20 was collected last month.

Annual December Luncheon: Nothing new.

Annual Gem Show: Sharon Duncan announced that we have received more applications for our show from dealers. We have 11 so far. Wayne Mills will be doing the Treasure Chest again and will need a lot of help. Sylvia Nasholm has contacted Debbie at the Avila Barn in the possibility of promoting their pies for our show. The Board gave her permission to continue dialog with them.

Bulletin: The Bulletin is out and everything is Okay. Wayne Mills brought up that the program for April would be 6 people who will do a show and tell about their favorite rocks. So far, we have Wes Lingerfelt, Alexis Van Natta, Jan Ferguson and Wayne Mills. He also discussed that he wanted 4 people to talk about 4 field trips for the August program. Wayne Mills told us that he has submitted 2 Bulletins and 3 Articles to the CFMS Bulletin Contest.

CFMS: Jeanne Watkins and Jan Ferguson are dealing with getting the Officer Change forms, our 2016 show listing and the Insurance in to them. They plan to send it in on the 20th of March.

Field Trip: Wayne Mills says not to miss Ralph Bishop's Museum on Saturday, March 19th, 10-12am He also had

a request from Sally Griffith for taking a trip to Figueroa Mountain sometime in June.

Highway Cleanup: Wayne Mills says our next cleanup will be on March 12, 2016 at 8:00am. Meet at the South East corner of Highways 101 and 166.

Membership: Dyanna Cridelich is still collecting dues and giving out membership cards. She will be calling those who have not yet paid to see if they still want to be on our membership rolls.

Refreshments: Sally Griffith said that we will have cakes from Sylvia Nasholm, Alexis Van Natta, Elaine Von Achen and Margaret Henson.

Scholarship: The time for our scholarship is coming up soon in April.

Sunshine: Please call Margaret Henson if you know of anyone who is under the weather. Margaret is our new sunshine committee. Jeanne Lingerfelt has not been feeling well. Sandy Berthelot is looking much better.

Old Business: Jeanne Watkins said she has not gotten a new computer yet because she wanted to make sure that problem she was having was real. She decided that it was and she is looking into getting a new one now.

New Business: Dyanna Cridelich has looked into getting new t-shirts and caps for the gem show. The embroidered emblem will have a one-time \$50.00 set up cost and can be placed on anything with no minimum. The screened shirt has a \$15.00 set up with a minimum of 12 shirts. Additional orders have a \$7.00 set up fee. Screened shirts will be about \$7.00 - \$8.00, depending on quantity ordered. Shirts larger than 1x will cost \$1.00 more. Sharon Duncan will check into another vender so we can comparison shop.

Sharon Duncan brought small flyer handouts advertising the gem show for us to view and approve. We gave her the go-ahead to print them.

Alexis Van Natta mentioned that Wes Lingerfelt would be making the BBQ tickets and the raffle tickets.

A discussion on the catering service of G-Brothers came up and several Board members had questions regarding when and how they would operate. It is important that G-Brothers serve breakfast for all three days of the show. The number of tickets has to be fixed. People can't come at the last moment without tickets for the BBQ and expect to be fed. Jeanne Watkins questioned the fact that we would receive only 10% of sales and she suggested that we should look into getting a better deal somewhere else. She has a place in mind called Rib Line and has volunteered to see what they can offer us.

President Alexis Van Natta adjourned the meeting at 8:05 pm

Respectfully submitted, Dyanna Cridelich, Secretary OMS

**ORCUTT MINERAL SOCIETY—
GENERAL MEETING
Luis Oasis Senior Center, Orcutt, CA
March 8, 2016**

President Alexis Van Natta called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Mike Henson gave the invocation.

Elaine Von Achen gave the flag salute.

Minutes: Dyanna Cridelich read the minutes from the March 1st board meeting. Minutes were approved as corrected. Report and Budget for 2016 were available.

Treasurer's Report: Jeanne Watkins Brown gave the treasurer's report. The treasurer's report was accepted as given. Jeanne hasn't purchased a new computer yet because she wanted to make sure that the intermittent problems were still happening. They are and she will pursue the purchase now.

Correspondence: Nothing new.

Committee Reports:

Hospitality: There were 25 members and 4 guests in attendance. The guests were Tara Machin, Nick Martinez, Erin Bischoff and Caitlyn Cobb.

Refreshments: Sally Griffith reported that this month was cake month. Thank you to all the cake bakers. They were Sylvia Nasholm, Margaret Henson, Alexis Van Natta and Elaine Von Achen. Dyanna Cridelich and Lucky Virgin brought fruit bowls for non-sugar eaters. Thanks everyone.

April meeting will be cookies

Annual Gem Show: None

Annual December Luncheon Meeting: None

Abused Children: none

Breakfast: Bill Hood says that the March Breakfast will be at the Hometown Buffet in Santa Maria on March 26 at 8:30 am. (Sunset Grill has closed)

Bulletin: Wayne Mills asked if everyone received their Bulletin this month. The Red Book will be out in April. Make sure your dues are paid and all your personal information is correct.

CFMS: none

Door Prizes: Elaine Von Achen facilitated the door prizes tonight. There was a nice assortment of

prizes including spheres, aquamarines, chrysoprase, agates, fossils, slabs and many more interesting items. Thanks to everyone who donated them.

Education: none

Historian: none

Field Trips: Wayne Mills reminded us of the field trip to Ralph Bishop's museum on March 19th, 10am to NOON. The museum is at 618 E. Cook Street in Santa Maria. There will be a Sea Glass Festival in Cayucos on March 12th (10am-5pm) and 13th (10am-4pm) at the Vet's Hall. Admission is \$5. We are still hoping for a trip to Figueroa Mountain to look for serpentine and Armor Ranch Road for soapstone. Robert Bischoff would like to go to Elmo Creek off Highway 166.

Highway Clean-up: The next cleanup is Saturday, March 12th, 8:00 am at the intersection of Highways 101 and 166.

Library: none

Membership: Dyanna is still accepting dues for 2016 and is giving out membership cards. \$24.00 for singles, \$34.00 for couples, \$5.00 for additional family members. We have one person whose phone line has been disconnected and one who has not responded to our calls. Everyone else is accounted for. Dyanna thanks everyone for their speedy response. If any life member would like a new membership card, please let Dyanna know and she will have them made.

Political Action: none

Property: none

Scholarship: none

Sunshine: Margaret Henson let us know that everyone is back and feeling better.

OLD BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS:

Jeanne Watkins will send the Certificate of Liability to the Oasis Center and pay our gratuity of \$500.00 for the use of the facility for the year.

Our display for this month was fossils or anything else. The following brought displays:

Mike and Margaret Henson- Nice display of fossils and rocks.

Wayne Mills – Nice Display of local rocks and fossils and geologic maps.

Alexis Van Natta – Trilobite

Dyanna Cridelich – Fossilized Clam from India

Alexis Van Natta thanked everyone who brought a display.

Program: Wayne Mills gave a very interesting talk about the “Rocks and Fossils of the Central Coast”. As always, the program was chocked full of information that is pertinent to our area.

Wayne let us know that he needed three more people to talk about their favorite field trip and/or their favorite rock that they have collected. Robert and Erin Bischoff, Elaine Von Achen and Sylvia Nasholm volunteered.

Elaine Von Achen gave out the door prizes tonight.

President Alexis Van Natta adjourned the meeting at 8:45pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Dyanna Cridelich, Secretary, OMS

Tuesday, May10 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.	OMS General Meeting— Luis Oasis Senior Center. • Program -Richard Wade—Dinosaurs! • Display --Fossils! Refreshments -Pies!
Saturday May 14 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.	Tailgate—Von Achen's Barn
Saturday May 21 8:00 a.m.	Highway Clean-up-SE corner Rtes. 101/166 E
Saturday, April 23 8:30 a.m.	OMS Monthly Breakfast- Country Kitchen, Arroyo Grande

CFMS SHOWS

APRIL 2016

April 2 - 3: TORRANCE, CA

South Bay Lapidary & Mineral Society
Ken Miller Recreation Center
3341 Torrance Blvd (entrance on Madrona Ave)
Hours: Sat. 10 - 5; Sun. 10 - 4
Contact: Larry Hoskinson / Leslie Neff, (310) 318-2170
Email: lesneff@aol.com

April 8 - 10: VISTA, CA

Vista Gem & Mineral Society
Antique Gas & Steam Engine Museum
2040 North Santa Fe Avenue
Hours: 9 - 5 daily
Contact: Ray Pearce, (760) 726-7570
Email: raysrocks@cox.net

April 9 - 10: MARIPOSA, CA

Mariposa Gem & Mineral Society
Mariposa County Fairgrounds
5005 Fairgrounds Road (south of Mariposa on Hwy49)
Hours: Sat 10 - 6; Sun 10 - 4
Contact: Martin Fodin, (209) 742-4036
Email: martin@safarigold.com
Website: www.camineralmuseum.com

April 16 - 17: SAN JOSE, CA

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

April 16 - 17: 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

OMS CALENDAR

APRIL 2016

Tuesday, April 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, April 12 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.	OMS General Meeting— Luis Oasis Senior Center. • Program —Show and Tell (7 Folks) • Display — Favorite Rocks! Refreshments -Cakes
Sunday , April 17 9:00 a.m.	Field Trip to Figueroa Mt. Meet at Pappy's @101/Betteravia
Saturday, April 23 8:30 a.m.	OMS Monthly Breakfast- Country Kitchen, Arroyo Grande

MAY 2016

Tuesday, May 3 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.	OMS Board Meeting, Nipomo Chamber of Commerce meeting room, All members are welcome at this meeting
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Website: www.cgamc.org

April 23 - 24: 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) 726-0131
Email: gemshow@palomargem.org
Website: www.palomargem.org

April 23 - 24: PASO ROBLES, CA

Santa Lucia Rock Hounds
Paso Robles Event Center
2198 Riverside Ave.
Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4
Contact: Mike Judy, (805) 238-4469
Email: mrhaludy@gmail.com
Website: www.slockhounds.org

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May 7 - 8: ANAHEIM, CA

Searchers Gem & Mineral Society
Brookhurst Community Center
2271 W. Crescent Avenue
Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4:30
Contact: Margaret Hogarth, (909) 597-7033
Email: hogarth.m@gmail.com
Website: www.searchersrocks.org

May 7 - 8: 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
Website: www.amadorgemandmineral.org

May 7 - 8: RENO, NV

Reno Gem & Mineral Society
Reno Livestock Event Center
1350 North Wells Avenue
Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4
Contact: Daniel Ellis, (775) 229-4420
Email: sailondan55@aol.com
Website: www.renorockhounds.com

May 13 - 15: YUCAIPA, CA

Yucaipa Valley Gem & Mineral Society
Yucaipa Music & Arts Festival
Adams St. & Yucaipa Blvd
Hours: Fri 6 - 9; Sat 11 - 10, Sun. 12 - 6
Contact: Lee Peterson, (909) 794-0731
Email: res09ayd@verizon.net
Website: www.yvgms.org

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