



# Ore-Cutts

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## The Pres Box—August 2014

Elaine Von Achen,

Goodbye July, Hello August!



Wow! As I am writing this there are twelve days left until our Rainbow of Gems show. We have been busy. If you've passed by Nipomo on Highway 101 this last week, you saw the signs

John and Wes put up advertising the show. I just got the favors for the showcases ordered and they should be ready next week. Wes is hard at work lining out the dealer spots and everyone is walking around with thoughts of what needs to be done next. Wayne got the advertising to the papers and I think Wes is working on that as well.

Just to reiterate, we will meet at the Nipomo high school parking lot at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 30<sup>th</sup> to layout the dealer spaces, put up the pop-ups and get the sound system going. We will meet at 7:30 a.m. on Thursday to set-up the hall, skirt tables and get the booths set-up. I noticed there were a few spots open for the hospitality booth and a few spots open for the treasure chest. If you haven't had a chance to sign-up for one of those places, please call and I will let you know what is still open. Thank you to everyone who has signed up. Your hard work is appreciated.

We will miss Wayne Mills this year. He is off to Montana for the AFMS field trip where he will be looking for Dinosaur Bone, Montana Agate and Ammonites. He also plans to visit the towns where his Mom and Dad were born. Sounds like a great trip Wayne and we wish you lots of good collecting and a fun time.

Briefly, we have our board meeting on August 5<sup>th</sup> at the Nipomo Chamber of Commerce building and our general meeting on August 12<sup>th</sup> at the Luis Oasis Senior Center where we will have a wrap-up of the show. And lastly our August breakfast will be at the Girl's Restaurant in Arroyo Grande on the 23rd.

See you at the show and I wish you a very happy August!

Elaine Von Achen, President, OMS

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



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

### August Birthdays

Vernon Deck	8/8
Sylvia Nasholm	8/9
Debbie Hood	8/10
Alexis Van Natta	8/11
Lucky Virgin	8/11

Erica Erskine	8/13
Bill Brown,	8/18
Wes Lingerfelt	8/23

## August Anniversaries

Geary Sheffer	8/20
Lucky Virgin	8/25

### **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 (2015).*

## SUNSHINE

Jeannie Lingerfelt

We hear that Member Pat McKay (Keith's mom) fell and broke her leg. She is recovering in the hospital in Santa Barbara. Our best wishes for a speedy recovery go out to her.

## 47<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GEM SHOW August 1-3 NIPOMO HIGH SCHOOL

Show time is upon us. When you receive this bulletin, the show will be right around the corner. Now is the time for all good OMS'ers to pull together to make this another show to be proud of. We have several activities that require staffing for 2-3 hour shifts for the entire weekend. With our membership of (about) 67 people, this should be easy. **Please** contact the respective activity coordinator to offer your services before and during the show and be sure to wear your red vest.

**Set-up/takedown**—Wes Lingerfelt

**Wednesday, July 30**— Be there at 9:00 am to lay out the spaces.

**Thursday, July 31**— Be there at 7:30 am to set up and skirt tables, and to install cases.

**Displays**— Elaine Von Achen

**Demonstrations**— Elaine Von Achen

**Hospitality**—Sharon Duncan

**Kid's Activities**—Mike Schmidt

**Kitchen**—Renea Sutcliffe

**Saturday night Barbecue**— Wes Lingerfelt

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**Thursday night dinner**—Elaine Von Achen  
**Treasure Chest**—DeeDee Magri

**The show should be a great one!** We have use of perhaps the best show venue we have had in our 47 year show history, dozens of dealers in all things lapidary, great friends from previous shows are expected to attend, our highly-anticipated Saturday night barbecue, and, (depending on the generosity of our members and dealers), some wonderful prizes to be raffled-off on Sunday afternoon. Dee Dee Magri has graciously stepped in to host this activity, so **please** give all the support you can!

## GOODBYE TO A FRIEND—RICHARD LEWIS: Mineral Collector extraordinaire



*Richard and his \$100,000 per hour rock--  
September 2013 Photo by Wayne Mills*

The latest issue of the Rockonteur contained a farewell notice for Richard Lewis. I was sad to hear of his passing, because of his many good works, his outstanding mineral collection, and the fact that he was a genuinely nice person. Richard has given several fascinating talks about minerals to local clubs over the past 20 years or so. The talks highlighted his exciting adventures collecting rare minerals in Mexico, Colombia and Siberia, about his philanthropic activities for terminally ill children in several locations world-wide, and about the minerals themselves, many of them rarely seen outside of a museum.

Richard passed away at his home in Cambria on June 14. What many people did not know is that Richard was a graduate of West Point, served as an Army Ranger and as a pilot in Viet Nam. After leaving the Army, Richard joined the San Francisco Police Department in 1966. He often mentioned that he thought his years on the SFPD were some of his best. In 1977, he was wounded in the line of duty, and (luckily for many of us on the Central Coast), retired to Cambria where he continued his interest in mineral collecting that developed when he was a child.. He also earned a law degree, which helped him work on an environmental project to clean-up the Colorado Basin, and to set-up camps in Arizona and South Africa to care for terminally ill children.

With his passion for minerals, Richard eventually owned a mine in Mexico, and shares in mines in South Africa and Argentina. Throughout his life, he maintained a passion for nature. Some of his happiest times were spent riding his motorcycle to Big Sur to observe and photograph the California Condors. Their survival in the wild was another of Richard's passions. I think it is fair to say on behalf of those who know him, that Richard's passion for life will be sorely missed.

## MEET OMS

### Erica Erskine: Baltic Gem

Written from Erica's notes by Wayne Mills, Editor



I was born in the early 50's and raised to the age of 14 in Gdansk, Poland on the shores of the Baltic Sea. Gdansk is in the center of the northern coast of Poland, about 150 miles southeast of the coast of Finland.

Germany is our neighbor to the west, and Belarus and Lithuania are to the east. My parents were affluent enough to buy a lovely

piece of land on the Baltic coast. The setting was lush and green, similar to that of Carmel on California's Pacific Coast. I can remember picking up pieces of (Baltic) amber off the beaches after a storm. It was a beautiful dark, glowing-yellow color and sometimes contained fossilized insects preserved in remarkable detail. (**Editor's note:** *Baltic Amber is dated at 44 million years before present. It preserves a fauna from the Eocene Period. This region is home to the largest deposit of amber in the world*)

The Germans invaded Poland in September 1939, bringing ruin and destruction. They occupied the country for 6 years, rounding-up Jews, and stealing their property. After the war, my parents moved to Gdansk, and bought the beach-front property. It was a lovely place to live for years I was there. When my mother and I moved to America in the late 60's, my father and later my older sister retained ownership of the property. When they left the area, the property was rented out and later abandoned by the renters and during our family's absence, squatters moved in. Many years later we learned that during construction activities on the property, a large vein of amber was discovered and people came from all over Gdansk to steal the amber, and one of the diggers found a stash of gold and jewels that had been on the property while we still owned it.

During the occupation, 4 German U-Boats were sunk in deep-water, off-shore. Two of these contain a deadly nerve gas that poses a threat to all local inhabitants. The other two U-Boats contain a cargo of gold and jewels stolen from the Jews. Attempts to salvage these ships and their cargo have all been unsuccessful. After storms, sometimes parts of the treasure ships cargo washes up on the Gdansk coast along with the native amber.

I returned to Gdansk more than 50 years after leaving it, and was amazed and saddened at the changes that had taken place in the interim. The only two buildings that I recognized were my former home and my elementary school. I was very sad that the government had allowed buildings to be built

right up to the once pristine and tree-lined shore. I was further saddened to see my once lovely home that had been sold prior to my visit in such disrepair.

The few pieces of Baltic amber that my father gave me, and the jewelry he made that my aunt passed on to me are among my most treasured possessions, along with memories of how beautiful my part of Poland used to be.

## SCHMIDT DISHES ON GOLD

Wayne Mills, Editor, Ore-Cutts

At our July meeting Mike Schmidt gave an informative program about gold and how to extract it (from wherever it occurs). Mike brought an assortment of his gold prospecting equipment including pans, sluice box, shovels and a "blue-bowl" (used to extract fine gold from concentrate).

Gold is **dense** (as opposed to heavy). It has a specific gravity of 19.32 grams per cubic centimeter, while water has a specific gravity of .999 grams per cubic centimeter. This means that gold is 19.32 times denser than an equivalent volume of water. Consequently, gold tends to want to head to the bottom of whatever water body it is deposited into. Gold is not the densest element, though it is denser than lead. The honor for the densest element (at 27.6 grams per cubic centimeter) goes to **Osmium**—a trace element found in platinum ores.

The weight of precious metals (gold, silver and platinum) is usually given in grams or troy ounces. There are 31.1034 grams in a troy ounce (ozt) and 12 troy ounces in a troy pound. A troy ounce is about 1.0971 avoirdupois ounces. Note that gold in jewelry is not usually in a pure form. A 14 Karat gold ring is just over ½ gold (14/24), 24 Karats being pure gold.

Mike is a member of GPAA (Gold Prospector's Association of America). Dues for the organization are \$80 per year. For that price, you get a gold pan, prospecting video, Gold Prospecting magazine, hat, sniffer bottle and Guide to GPAA gold and gem claims, and claims of many of the organization's members who open their claims to other members of the group. Another listing of existing and available

claims and information about gold mining can be had from the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) website:

<http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/info/maps.html>.

When asked how much gold he might find in a year, Mike admitted that he only gets to pursue the hobby in his spare time, but he would not give a quantity. Instead, he noted that someone who was serious about the hobby and who really worked hard at it could, in the right location, pay for his thousand dollars or so of equipment in one day. With the current price of gold hovering at about \$1300 per ounce, all one would need is two half-ounce nuggets, or a vial-full of "flour" gold. Depending on the location, and the luck of the prospector, that will be one busy day!

There **are** places on the Central Coast where gold can be found. The mouth of the Santa Maria River, the Pozo area, the Big Sur Coast and Pine Mountain in Frazier Park have all produced gold. While much of the gold is fine or "flour" gold, I have seen nuggets up to 5 grams (1/6 of an ounce) from the Big Sur Coast (Salmon Creek to be more specific). Farther afield, some well known gold panning areas are the east Fork of the San Gabriel River in Los Angeles County, and the American and Yuba Rivers in Northern California. Mike cautioned that you should always be sure that you are not poaching on someone else's claim. Folks still take a strong exception to that.

One of the main pieces of equipment for finding gold is a sluice box. This is a metal tray with felt and riffles in the bottom to catch the gold as concentrate is fed at the upper end. The sluice is inclined in a moving stream of water with its head about 1 inch higher for every foot of length than the bottom. Gold concentrates are obtained from low-energy environments in the stream—downstream of large boulders, at the inside of large bends in the stream, and from cracks in the bedrock. The idea is to collect the "black sands"—heavy metal concentrates where the gold likes to hide. To obtain the concentrates, prospective gravels are dug-up or sucked from the cracks with a vacuum (dredging is currently illegal in

California and other states), then screened through a classifier, a large pan with a series of



*Mike and Elaine discussing the fine points of panning...*

nested screens, with the mesh of those on the bottom increasingly finer than those on top. Theory is that it is easier to find the gold if all the grains are of similar size, and it is such a pain to pan gold with large cobbles of junk rock rolling around in the pan.



**From my not too extensive collection of gold—** .005 oz troy nugget pure gold (about (\$6.50 @\$1300/ozt)); 1.4 gram of 14Kt dental gold (.026 ozt pure gold- about \$34 @\$1300/ozt); \$2.50 gold piece (3.76 ozt pure gold—about \$157 melt value at @\$1300/ozt; dime (about \$.10)

## ADVENTURE PASS NULIFIED

Good news was reported on the front page of the LA Daily News on July 7 (2014) that a Federal Judge has ruled against the US Forest Service charging "Adventure Pass" fees as it is in violation of the Federal Lands Recreation

Enhancement Act. This Federal judgment nullifies any future "Adventure Pass" fees imposed on campers, backpackers, fisherman, hunters, rockhounds, shooters, off-roaders, astronomers and wood collectors and even anyone parking on USFS Roads in the Los Padres, Angeles, San Bernardino and Cleveland National Forests. Four day hikers filed the lawsuit in Federal Court and won the judgment against the US Forest Service to refund all fees charged for Wilderness Passes to these 4 hikers.

## KID'S CORNER— UNUSUAL MINERAL FORMS

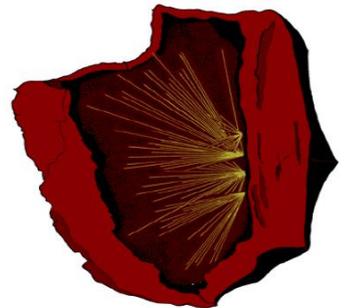
From Diamond Dan's Mini Miner's Monthly Vol. 8 No. 5

Minerals take many unusual forms. The May 2014 edition of **Diamond Dan's Mini-Miner's Monthly** illustrates several. We shared a few in July, here are some more:

### Acicular

#### Millerite

"Acicular" is from a Latin word "acicula" that means "a little needle." Acicular crystals are minerals that crystallize as long, thin, hair-like needles. The needles are extremely fragile. Even a light touch can break them off. The list of minerals that form acicular crystals include: aurichalcite, artinite and millerite. The millerite pictured on this card is from the Sterling mine, Antwerp, New York.  
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### Rosette

#### Barite

There are some minerals in which many individual crystals grow together in such a way that they resemble a flower.

Any rose-like crystal group is called a "rosette." The minerals that typically form rosettes are: gypsum, barite and hematite. Pictured here is a "rose" made of intergrown barite crystals. The barite grew in red sandstone and the red



sand was trapped in the barite. Oklahoma is famous for these "Desert Roses"

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## Scepter

### Amethyst on Quartz

A "scepter" is a long stick that is held by a King as a sign of the king's power. The end of the scepter is topped with a large ornament that is covered with beautiful jewels. A "scepter crystal" is one in which there is a long, lower portion that is topped with a larger, wider crystal termination. This scepter is from the African nation of Namibia.

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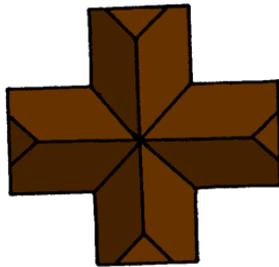


## Twinned Crystals

### Staurolite

There are times when two or more crystals grow together at a specific angle. When this happens, the crystal is called a "twinned crystal."

Pictured here is a staurolite twin. In this specimen two individual crystals have grown together in a cross formation.



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## ORCUTT MINERAL SOCIETY—

### Board Meeting

Nipomo Chamber of Commerce, Nipomo, CA  
July 1, 2014

President Elaine Von Achen called the meeting to order at 6:58 p.m.

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

**Minutes:** Minutes of the June general meeting were approved as printed in the OMS July Bulletin.

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

**Correspondence:** Elaine read a letter from the AAUW thanking us for the use of our tables for their recent book sale. She also noted that we had

received newsletters from the Santa Lucia Gem and Mineral club and from the Sun Valley Indian School.

## Committee Reports:

**Abused Children:** None

**Annual Gem Show:** Wes has ordered the portapotties for the show and added one more than last year, due to be delivered on Thursday of the show. Wayne will handle publicity. Wes wants to use the old sign that was in front of the church (it will be updated) and place it at the back of the Von Achen property facing Willow Road. Wes was notified by the county that we must cut the meat for the Saturday night barbeque indoors, rather than outside, as we have in the past. Elaine inquired as to how many people she should plan on for Thursday night's dealer dinner.

**Breakfast:** July's breakfast will be held on the 26th at Francisco's Country Kitchen, 1701 N. Broadway, Santa Maria at 8:30 a.m.

**Bulletin:** The bulletin is on line and has been mailed. Dyanna Cridelich and Mike Schmidt turned in a short story about themselves for the July newsletter. If anyone is interested in submitting a story about themselves, please let Elaine or Wayne know.

**CFMS:** Wes has the reservation forms for the Earth Sciences Camp to be held at Camp Paradise. If anyone is interested in attending, please contact Wes.

**Education:** None

**Field Trip:** None

**Highway Clean-up:** The next highway clean-up will be held Saturday, July 12th. Members will meet at Highways 101 and 166 on the south east corner at 8:00 a.m.

**Library:** None

**Membership:** None

**Refreshments:** Refreshments for July will be cake brought by Elaine Von Achen, Sharon Duncan, Sylvia Nasholm and Debbie Hood.

**Scholarship:** Wayne read thank you notes from Sierra Reeves and Jeffery W. Myer, PhD for the scholarship money we sent to SBCC.

**Sunshine:** The Ferguson's were under the weather with a bug, but nothing serious. Other than that, everyone seems to be staying healthy.

**Old Business:** Elaine reported that she would be going to the Nipomo Library first thing in the morning to put an OMS display there for the month of July. Mike and Margaret Henson, Wes and Jeannie Lingerfelt, Ralph Bishop and John and Elaine Von Achen gave rock for the display.

**New Business:**

Wes reported that he and Jeannie along with John and Elaine took all the tables out of the locker, tightened screws in the wood tables, and then returned all back to the locker after installing straps to hold them secure. Sometime during last month the tables slipped and you couldn't get into the locker until that was taken care of.

Wes brought 15 boxes of Australian agates, donated by Sir Paul and Lady Marie Howard, to the board meeting so we could decide how much we wanted to sell them for and to whom. It was decided that we would offer them to club members first, at \$25.00 per box. If there are any left over, they will go to the show and can be sold to the general public for the same amount. Sir Paul is planning to send another 5 boxes. He and Marie are doing this so the club can add to its coffers and because they are unable to be here and therefore cannot work for the club.

Mike Schmidt will give a program for the July general meeting on "Prospecting for Gold - How do you Find It"

Displays for the July meeting will be any 1x1.

The meeting was adjourned by President Elaine Von Achen at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Elaine Von Achen, Secretary, OMS

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**ORCUTT MINERAL SOCIETY—  
General Meeting  
Luis Oasis Senior Center, Orcutt, CA  
July 8, 2014**

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President Elaine Von Achen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Mike Henson gave the invocation.

Mariah Martinez led the flag salute.

**Minutes:** Elaine Von Achen read the minutes from the July 1, 2014 board meeting. Minutes were approved as read.

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

**Correspondence:** None

**Hospitality:** There were 35 members and 6 guests in attendance. Our guests were Ben Saadna, Arron, Noah, Jason and Zack James and Shawn Watkins. Guests were greeted and thanked.

**Refreshments:** Joe Azevedo thanked the following members for cakes for the evening's refreshment. Sylvia Nasholm-ice cream cake, Sharon Duncan-rum cake, Elaine Von Achen-lemon cake and Dick Bazzell-blueberry muffins.

**Committee Reports:**

**Annual December Luncheon Meeting:** None

**Abused Children:** None

**Breakfast:** July's breakfast will be held at Francisco's Country Kitchen, 1701 N. Broadway, Santa Maria, CA at 8:30 a.m. on the 26th.

**Bulletin:** Debbie Hood gave a CFMS first place Adult-Advanced article award to Wayne Mills for his article, "Presidential Pet Pebble". She also gave Ralph Bishop a third place award for his adult article, "First Rockhounds of the Spirit Coast". Debbie Hood won a second place award for CFMS small newsletters.

**CFMS:** none

**Door Prizes:** Joseph Martinez reported donations for this month of some beads from Dick Bazzell and a fossilized oyster shell from John Von Achen. He also noted we had lots of miscellaneous items including a book and some sandstone coasters.

**Education:** None

**Gem Show:** Wes said he had treasure chest tickets for sale and members could come up front and purchase them at the break.

Wes asked members to be at the Nipomo high school at 9:00 a.m. to layout the parking lot on Wednesday, July 30th. We will also be putting up the speaker system and various pop-up's. Jan Ferguson will bring donuts and Jeannie Lingerfelt will bring coffee.

Elaine passed out sign-up sheets for the hospitality booth and for the junior activities as well as for the treasure chest.

Elaine asked that members be at the school early Thursday morning to skirt tables and get the inside

hall ready. Elaine also mentioned that she will be getting pizza and salad makings for the Thursday night dealer's dinner.

Elaine also said she would accept any treasure chest donations until DeeDee Magri is able to get here.

Renea Sutcliffe said she would have the signs ready by Saturday so Wes and John can put them up. She also will pass around a sign-up sheet for help in the snack bar.

**Field Trip:** none

**Highway Clean-up:** Our next highway clean-up will be on July 12th at 8:00 a.m. Members will meet at the South East Corner of Highways 101 and 166.

**Library:** none

**Membership:** None

**Junior Members:** None

**Political Action Committee:** None

**Property:** None

**Scholarship:** Wayne read two letters from SBCC thanking us for our scholarship donation.

**Sunshine:** Jeannie Lingerfelt said Paul Berthelot had been in the hospital a couple of days but that he is out and doing okay.

**Old Business:** Elaine reminded everyone that OMS has a display in the Nipomo Library and encouraged members to stop by and check it out.

**New Business:** Lisa Azevedo said she had benefit tickets for sale with lots of great donated prizes. This benefit is to help with funeral expenses for someone she knows.

Elaine thanked the Ferguson's, Wayne Mills and the Henson's for their displays for the evening. These included fossils, crystals and some Ocean Jasper.

Elaine introduced Mike Schmidt who gave a program on "Gold Prospecting - Where do you Find It".

President Elaine Von Achen adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Elaine Von Achen,  
Secretary, OMS

## OMS Calendar

## AUGUST 2014

Friday-Sunday August 1-3, 10 am to 5 pm	<b>47<sup>th</sup> Annual Gem Show</b> Nipomo High School
Tuesday, August 5 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.	OMS Board Meeting, <b>Nipomo Chamber of Commerce</b> meeting room, All members are welcome at this meeting
Tuesday, August 12 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.	OMS General Meeting—Luis Oasis Senior Center. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Program-</b> Show Wrap-up Wes Lingerfelt</li> <li>• <b>Display-</b> Show treasures or anything else!</li> <li>• <b>Refreshments-</b>Cookies</li> </ul>
Saturday, August 23 8:30 a.m.	OMS Monthly Breakfast- <b>The Girls, Arroyo Grande</b>
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Tuesday, September 2 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.	OMS Board Meeting, <b>Nipomo Chamber of Commerce</b> meeting room, All members are welcome at this meeting
Tuesday, September 9 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.	OMS General Meeting—Luis Oasis Senior Center. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Program-</b> <b>Agate Creek Australia</b>—Sir Paul Howard video</li> <li>• <b>Display-</b> Green Rocks and minerals</li> </ul> <b>Refreshments-</b> Pies
Saturday, September 13 - 8:00 a.m.	Highway Cleanup SE corner of Routes 101/166 East
Saturday, September 27 - 8:30 a.m.	OMS Monthly Breakfast- at Francisco's Country Kitchen.

## CFMS SHOWS

### AUGUST 2014

#### August 1 - 3: NIPOMO, CA

Orcutt Mineral Society, Santa Maria  
Nipomo High School  
525 North Thompson Avenue  
Hours: Fri/Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4  
Contact: Wes Lingerfelt, (805) 929-3788,  
Cell (805) 710-1983  
Email: [info@omsinc.org](mailto:info@omsinc.org)  
Website: [www.omsinc.org](http://www.omsinc.org)

#### August 16 - 17: TEHACHAPI, CA

Tehachapi Valley Gem & Mineral Society  
St. Malachy's Catholic Church

407 West E Street  
 Hours: Sat 10 - 6; Sun 10 - 5  
 Contact: Robert Papac, (661) 821-7103  
 Email: [getback@csurfers.net](mailto:getback@csurfers.net) or [getback@antelecom.net](mailto:getback@antelecom.net)  
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**August 23 - 24: SAN FRANCISCO, CA**

San Francisco Gem & Mineral Society  
 S. F. County Fair Building, Golden Gate  
 Park  
 9th Avenue & Lincoln Way  
 Hours: Sat 10 - 6; Sun 10 - 5  
 Contact: Ellen Nott  
 Email: [ellen\\_nott@yahoo.com](mailto:ellen_nott@yahoo.com)  
 Website: [www.sfgemshow.org](http://www.sfgemshow.org)

**SEPTEMBER 2014**

**Feather River Lapidary & Mineral Society,  
 Oroville**

Silver Dollar Fairgrounds  
 2357 Fair Street  
 Hours: Sat 9 - 5; Sun 9 - 4  
 John Scott, (530) 343-3491  
 Email: [jweazel@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jweazel@sbcglobal.net)  
 Website: [www.featherriverrocks.org](http://www.featherriverrocks.org)

**September 27 - 28: MONTEREY, CA**

Carmel Valley Gem & Mineral Society  
 Monterey Fairgrounds  
 2004 Fairgrounds Road  
 Hours: Sat 10 - 6; Sun 10 - 5  
 Contact: Janis Rovetti, (831) 372-1311  
 Email: [janis12@sbcglobal.net](mailto:janis12@sbcglobal.net)  
 Website: [www.cvqms.org](http://www.cvqms.org)

**September 27 - 28: SANTA ROSA, CA**

Santa Rosa Mineral & Gem Society  
 Wells Fargo Center for the Art  
 50 Mark West Springs Road  
 Hours: Sat 10 - 6; Sun 10 - 5  
 Jolene, (707) 528-761S  
 Email: [Jolene@srmqs.org](mailto:Jolene@srmqs.org)  
 Website: [www.srmqs.org](http://www.srmqs.org)

**September 27 - 28: LODI, CA**

Stockton Lapidary & Mineral Club  
 Lodi Grape Festival Grounds  
 413 East Lockford Street  
 Hours: 10 - 5 daily  
 Contact: Jerold Kyle, (209) 368-9411  
 Email: [jeroldkyle@yahoo.com](mailto:jeroldkyle@yahoo.com)  
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