



Ore-Cutts

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The Pride of Morgan Hill

By Ralph Bishop, Member, OMS

Every town seems to have one "thing" it's especially proud of. Santa Maria has its "style" of Bar-B-Que, Morgan Hill has its poppies. When the average citizen thinks of poppies, the state flower by the way, then usually he thinks of the poppy fields near Gorman. In the spring, the hillsides around Gorman are solid orange for miles and miles. But when the rockhound hears the word "poppy", his palms start to sweat and he suffers a few quick twitches of the neck muscles, increase in blood pressure, heavy breathing... Yes, Poppy Jasper from Morgan Hill!

From this pastoral little town comes one of the classic gem materials of California. This jasper is an orbicular type of jasper. Now, orbicular jasper is found worldwide, in Utah, Arizona, and Mexico. It is known as Bird's Eye Rhyolite. In Australia it's called Rain Forest Jasper. Madagascar has "Ocean" jasper.



Red "poppy" plumes in agate

Orbicular jasper can be found locally on San Simeon Creek. These jaspers are all beautiful in their own right, but all pale in comparison to the

poppies of Morgan Hill. The orbs in this jasper are shocking in their size and boldness in color. The colors range from scarlet reds, lemon yellow, and grass greens to jet black, snow white, and they are BRIGHT.

This material was first discovered in rock and gravel pits on Los Lagos Creek on the outskirts of town, and being hard was perfect material to crush for 2" road base. Yes, I said crushed.

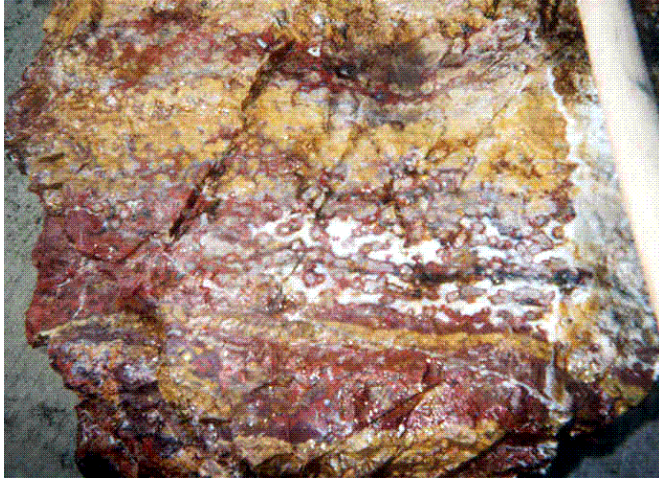


New sphere and block of Morgan Hill Poppy Jasper

Orbicular jasper is a metamorphic rock hardened by silica solutions and minerals that upwell through local faults. Originally the material was orbicular rhyolite, a form of lava that often produced thundereggs. In the case at Morgan Hill, the orbicular rhyolite layer is sandwiched between basalt lava flows, and is nine feet thick. Yes, I said feet.

When this material was first discovered, a modest amount was produced, but at the closure of the gravel pit, it was deeded to the County to be used as a park. Since then only a sporadic amount has surfaced. This material was being poached by an individual who ended

up in jail. Due to the beauty and lack of availability, the value of this material has skyrocketed.



Cross section of newly discovered poppy jasper

Then a couple of weeks ago, I met a man who, during a construction job, ran into another spot where earth movements had moved the vein. He invited me up to see the pile, a large pile, and one piece being 2200 pounds. So, Wes Lingerfelt and I went up, and sure enough we are now cutting spheres for the guy. Hopefully there will be more availability now to this classic California gemstone.

Debbie's Farewell Address to the Troops

By Debbie Hood, President, Orcutt Mineral Society

As this year comes to a close I would like to thank everyone who has helped to make this a successful year.

First I want to thank those members who served as officers and board members. Without you the club could not have functioned: Lucky Virgin, Bess Shields, Wes Lingerfelt, Sylvia Nasholm, Sharon Duncan, Bill Hood, Geary Sheffer, Marshall Reeves, and Wayne Mills.

Thanks to John and Elaine VonAchen and to DeeDee and Aldo Magri for opening their homes for the new beading and wirewrapping special interest group meetings.

Thanks to Ken Kreh for heading up our new political action committee, and arranging our monthly breakfasts.

Thanks to Bess Shields for a wonderful, award-winning newsletter, and for her work as

chaplain and librarian, not to mention all the education projects (all those kids! Whew!).

Thanks to Wayne Mills for the great job he did on our application for All-American Club, helping us to garner the Silver Award. Also, for heading the scholarship and membership committees.

Thanks to Sharon Duncan for getting us started toward organizing our "historical stuff".

Thanks to Geary Sheffer for caring for our club property.

Thanks to Marshall Reeves for managing the Adopt-a-Highway program and the monthly raffles.

Thanks to Dick Shields for all the wonderful Field Trips and slide show of our Gem Show!, and for being our co-editor.

Thanks to Wes Lingerfelt for our Red Book, his work as our CFMS representative, and EVERYTHING else he works so hard on for us!

And, finally, many, many thanks to everyone who worked on this years Gem Show!

To Sylvia and Don Nasholm for the great job in the kitchen!

To Wes Lingerfelt, Wayne Mills, Marshall Reeves, and Truman Burgess, as well as Sylvia and Don, for the wonderful BBQ!

To Bess Shields for organizing Inside Displays, Exhibitors, Demonstrators, and Speakers.

To Wayne Mills for the Gold Mining Adventure, and for publicity.

To DeeDee Magri and Sharon Duncan for work on the Treasure Chest... and to all of you who donated prizes!

To everyone who worked on set-up, in the kitchen, in the Country Store (and to those who donated to it), selling Treasure Chest tickets, serving at the BBQ, demonstrated, displayed, and during tear-down and clean up. You made it work!

Especially to Wes Lingerfelt for ramrodding our show year after year so cheerfully!

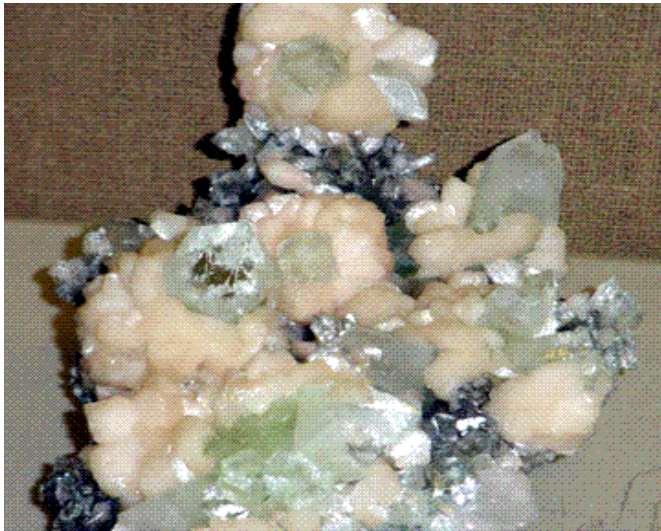
Thanks to everybody... you're Grrrrreat! And I know you'll work just as hard to help Lucky next year! Thanks again.

Richard Lewis on World Class Minerals

By Bess Shields, Editor, *Ore-cutts*

Richard Lewis, renowned collector of world class minerals, was our guest speaker at the November General Meeting. Richard shared numerous stories about his travels to foreign lands, his fortunate encounters with minerals of historical value, and his uncanny knack for locating extremely rare minerals.

One fortunate purchase involved a number of bluish stones thought to be benitoite, which were actually roughly cut sapphires that were faceted in the 12th century. With the profits from the sale of the gems, Richard founded an organization to give terminally ill children an opportunity to enjoy an outdoor experience, and hunt for minerals in a safe environment (medically supervised). Seven centers worldwide are being established, and one will be located near Phoenix AZ.



A few of the extraordinary minerals Richard brought to share were: zeolite, a huge matrix of apophyllite (pictured above), emeralds in matrix, massive garnets, selenite from the Naica area (2 feet long, crystal clear, with a 90 degree twist), diamonds in pink matrix, sugilite, sheets of copper from Michigan, pyrite pseudomorphs, legrandite from Mexico (Ojuela Mine), and countless specimens that covered 25 feet of tabletops. It was sensory overload, and the temptation to touch was great, but we resisted.

Richard regaled us with stories of flying into remote, dangerous places, encountering wildlife on their own turf, and surviving in hostile environments. He spoke softly, not needing a microphone, since everyone in attendance was anxiously awaiting the next story, the next historical tidbit, the next specimen location description.

Thank you, Richard, for generously giving us a memorable talk and showing us a few of your wonderful minerals!

OMS Members Recognized With DANA Lifetime Memberships

Ralph Bishop and Wayne Mills were recently recognized for their contributions toward preservation of the Dana Adobe, rated the most important historical residence in San Luis Obispo County in that county's Land Use Element. The adobe was the former home of Captain William Dana, who figured prominently in California's development between 1840 and the 1860's.

Ralph Bishop has saved artifacts that washed into the nearby creek during heavy storm events. Without his preservation attempts, these artifacts including a ceramic pipe that traveled 'round the Horn, would have been lost. He recently donated the artifacts he found back to the DANA group (Dana Adobe Nipomo Amigos) that is the current conservator for the adobe. Ralph has also volunteered his time to help with excavation of a tallow vat on the property. The Dana Group hopes to find the firebox for the vat that was used to render the fat from the Captain's cattle into tallow for the making of soap and candles.

Wayne Mills, a transportation engineer with 20 years of service to Caltans District 5 has helped Caltans as a technician on several archaeological projects. Wayne was recognized for writing the initial application for the adobe's state landmark status, for obtaining the Save America's Treasures designation for the adobe, for acting as "the old prospector" in the group's Heritage Day fundraiser, and for his hours of volunteering on projects like the tallow vat excavation. Wayne also created the name for the DANA group at its founding in 2000.

Friendship Classes

Join our wirewrapping classes on the third Thursday of each month at Elaine VonAchen's home. For further information, please call Elaine at 929-1488.

Our beading class meets on the second and fourth Thursday of each month at DeeDee Magri's home. Call DeeDee at 595-2755 for further information.

The Wanderer**Farewell, Dear Friend**

Thomas W. Dibblee, Jr.

October 11, 1911 - November 17, 2004

Thomas Wilson Dibblee, Jr. died peacefully at home on November 17, 2004, surrounded by loving family members and dear friends. Tom was active until the end. It was only in the last few days, when total blindness overtook him that he was unable to work on the remainder of his California geologic maps.



Photo by W. Dibblee Hoyt

Tom Dibblee surveying our California surroundings

Tom graduated with a geology degree from Stanford University, and soon became a petroleum geologist with Atlantic Richfield. Tom met the love of his life, Loretta Escobosa, a secretary in the Bakersfield company office, and in 1949 asked for her hand in marriage. Tom left Richfield in 1952 to work for the U.S. Geological Survey in Menlo Park, retiring from the USGS in 1977. Tom and Loretta returned to Santa Barbara where both had grown up, and to live closer to their families.

Tom devoted his final years to the Dibblee Geological Foundation which he founded specifically to publish his maps. In 2002, the Dibblee Foundation merged with the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History. The Museum continues to publish Tom's maps (see "Websites of Note" for a link). During his lifetime, Tom produced over 500 intricate geological maps covering over 40,000 square miles, over one quarter of California state. During his 93 years of wandering our great state, it is estimated that Tom hiked over 300,000 miles through rugged wilderness, and drove well over a million miles on dirt roads in the pursuit of geologic map accuracy.

Contributions to further the continuing geologic map project can be made to the Dibblee Geological Foundation, c/o the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History, 2559 Puesta del Sol Road, Santa Barbara CA 93105.

Happy Hunting,
Love, Bess

Check our OMS web site at <http://omsinc.org>
or send email to info@omsinc.org.

Orcutt Mineral Society

Board Meeting

Sierra Vista Community Center, Santa Maria CA

2 November 2004

Call to Order at 7:00 p.m. by President Debbie Hood. Members present were Geary Sheffer, Lucky Virgin, Sharon Duncan, Wayne Mills, Bess Shields, Wes Lingerfelt, Debbie Hood, Marshall Reeves, and Bill Hood.

Treasurer's Report was read by Wes Lingerfelt, and accepted as read.

Minutes of the previous Board Meeting were approved as amended. Previous General Meeting minutes were approved as published.

Committee Reports:

Abused Children: Debbie Hood will purchase gift certificates at Wal-Mart to give to the Abused Children's Home at Christmastime.

Adopt-a-Highway: Marshall Reeves invites us to Highway Cleanup on Saturday, 20 November at 8:00 a.m., followed by coffee and pastry at Federico's Country Kitchen in Santa Maria.

Annual Awards Banquet: Debbie and Bill Hood report that everything is on track for our gathering on 11 December. There will be 6 or 8 tables, and Bess Shields was tasked with buying poinsettias as table decorations/door prizes. We will be entertained again by Sweet Adelines.

Bulletin (Ore-Cutts): Bess Shields reported that the Ore-Cutt was e-mailed and mailed on Sunday. There were two lead articles this month (Sir Paul Howard, and Sharon Duncan).

CFMS Director: Wes Lingerfelt will attend the CFMS Business Meeting in Fresno on Saturday, 13 November. He asked Bess Shields to give him info on the Cracker Barrel discussions which will be held on Friday evening since Shields' will be also in attendance (Bess was appointed to the CFMS Bylaws Committee for 2005).

Education: Bess Shields reported that Dick and she gave Rock Talks to two Webelo troops, and took three Scout troops to the river crossing west of Tepusquet Canyon the following weekend for a rockhounding expedition and geology lesson. They will give another talk later this month at a Girl Scout troop meeting.

Field Trips/Safety: Dick Shields led a successful trek to Clear Creek last month. There will be new spheres and cabochons evident at the next Gem Show since "the guys" snagged some large pieces of plasma agate.

Historian: Sharon Duncan will hostess an assembly party later this month with historical materials she has been gathering. More info at the General Meeting next week.

Library, Books, Videos: Bess Shields will update the OMS printout of our collection since there have been numerous donations to the OMS library this year.

Show: Debbie Hood encourages us to start making contacts with newspaper reporters for the 2005 Gem Show. Our attendance this year was better since we had more articles printed in local papers.

Sunshine: Debbie Hood said that Helen Smith should be home from the hospital by now.

Correspondence:

The Agatizer from South Bay (Torrance) Club.
ALAA membership letter and update.

Old/unfinished Business:

Debbie has circulated copies of the Telephone Tree to callers.

New Business:

1. Wildflowers along our Adopt-a-Highway stretch: Wes Lingerfelt made a motion that we budget \$25.00 annually to buy wildflower seeds to beautify our cleanup portion of the highway. Wayne Mills seconded the motion. Marshall Reeves will research this and assure that native seeds are utilized.
2. Debbie Hood gave Wayne Mills three membership applications for people who have not met the requirements for membership participation. Wayne will contact the individuals to see if they plan to join, or if he should deactivate the applications.

Program for next week's General Meeting: Richard Lewis on "World Class Minerals".

Display: Rocks and Petrified Wood.

Refreshments: Cookies.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m. by President Hood.

Respectfully submitted,
Bess Shields, Secretary, OMS

Orcutt Mineral Society

General Meeting
Mussell Senior Center, Santa Maria CA
9 November, 2004

Call to Order at 7:05 p.m. by President Deborah Hood.

Invocation was given by Bess Shields on "Richness".

Flag Salute was led by Bill Hood.

Sharon Duncan reported that 26 members, and 4 guests were present: Robert and Kevin Cordova, Josh Simonson, and Peggy Johnson.

Sheriff Bill Hood reported no violations tonight for missing nametags.

Treasurer's Report was read by Wes Lingerfelt, and was accepted as read.

Minutes of the previous General Meeting and Board Meeting were approved as published. Minutes of the last Board Meeting were approved as read.

Committee Reports:

Abused Children: Debbie Hood talked to a staff member at the Dept. of Social Services who approved Debbie's proposal to give gift certificates of \$5.00 each to support their cause.

Adopt-a-Highway: There will be a November 20th cleanup starting at 8 a.m. on Highways 166 and 101, followed by breakfast and raffle at Francisco's Country Kitchen, 1700 N. Broadway, Santa Maria.

Annual Awards Banquet: Bill Hood is circulating a sign up sheet at tonight's meeting for the December 11th event.

Breakfasts: Debbie Hood invites everyone to meet at 8:15 a.m. on November 27th at Francisco's Country Kitchen for the Club Breakfast.

Bulletin: Bess Shields reported that the November Ore-Cutts went out last week. She is soliciting for articles, poems, and club-related information. She will be submitting numerous articles from the 2004 issues for CFMS newsletter award consideration later this month.

CFMS: Wes Lingerfelt will attend the CFMS Business Meeting in Fresno on November 13th. Bess Shields will sit on the CFMS By Laws Committee, and will also attend the Fresno meetings.

Education: Bess and Dick Shields gave Rock Talks and demonstrated for two Webelo and one Girl Scout troops in Orcutt this month, plus they sponsored a three-troop field trip to Tepusquet area. Wes Lingerfelt has a scout troop presentation at his shop on 20 November, and invites interested OMS members/potential Education Committee speakers to attend.

Field Trips: Dick Shields will be attending the CFMS meetings in Fresno next Saturday. He polled the membership and no one was interested in leading the field trip, so it was cancelled. There will not be a December field trip due to the holidays. We will add a field trip to Lucy Tunnell's rock pile next year.

Historian: Sharon Duncan will hold a scrapbooking party and will call those folks she knows are interested in helping out with the assembly. See Sharon if you want to join the party.

Library: Bess Shields thanked Ralph Bishop for his recent donations on archaeology and earth science books.

Membership: Wayne Mills called 3 prospective members, and will follow up with calls in January.

Raffle: Marshall Reeves has a selection of crystals, numerous rock slabs, a cake, and an onyx bird carving for tonight's raffle.

Refreshments: DeeDee Magri thanked Al Wilcox, Lucky Virgin, Truman Burgess, the Shields, and the Magri's for bringing refreshments to tonight's meeting.

Show: Wes Lingerfelt announced the dates for our 2005 Gem Show as August 5-6-7 at the St. Joseph's Church location.

Sunshine: Debbie Hood announced that Helen Smith was readmitted to the hospital. Herta Borm has health issues, and remains at home while undergoing treatment. Mary Sausa has recently been ill.

Correspondence:

Rockonteur newsletter from Santa Lucia Rockhounds Club.

Mineral Messenger newsletter from San Luis Obispo Gem & Mineral Club.

Dinny's Doins newsletter.

Sun Valley Indian School newsletter.

Lapidarian newsletter from Santa Cruz Mineral & Gem Club.

Rocky Review newsletter from Conejo Gem & Mineral Club.

Tumble Rumble from Capistrano Valley Rock & Mineral Club.

The Agatizer from South Bay (Torrance) Club.

CFMS Endowment Fund acknowledgement of donation in memory of Ione Griggs.

Certificate of Liability Insurance for OMS in 2005.

Cox Enterprises donation in memory of Ione Griggs to be used for scholarship.

American Lands Access Association membership letter.

Contract for facility use.

Old/unfinished business:

Debbie Hood read the nominations, and asked for any additional nominations from the floor. Dick Shields moved that the slate of officers be elected by unanimous consensus. Sandy Berthelot seconded the motion. The membership unanimously accepted the slate of officers for 2005: President-elect, Sharon Duncan; Treasurer, Wes Lingerfelt; Secretary, Bess Shields; Board, Robert Bullock, DeeDee Magri, Geary Sheffer, Sylvia Nasholm, Marshall Reeves.

New business:

- Wayne Mills reported that CAL TRANS advises against planting our stretch of Highway 166 (Adopt-a-Highway). However, he said that poppies may be acceptable.
- Dick Shields has CDs of the 2004 OMS Gem Show that he presented at our October General meeting. Contact Dick if you wish to have your own copy.

Following the break for refreshments, Richard Lewis presented a stimulating talk, and gave us a chance to view his world class mineral specimens. The raffle was held after the program. Meeting was adjourned at 9:02 p.m. by President Hood.

Respectfully submitted,
Bess Shields, Secretary, OMS

Scouting Rock Talks

Wes Lingerfelt had a nice visit from Sheila Bowers and her Boy Scout Troop 95 on Saturday, November 20th at his shop. Wes gave a Rock Talk about the benefits we all gain from rocks, and conducted a tour of his workshop afterwards. Wes gave each scout rocks for their collections.



Sheila with Troop 95 at the Lingerfelt's

The Scouts were totally awed by it all! Wes deserves a big Thank You for being such an enthusiastic, giving member of the OMS Education Committee Speaker's Bureau.

Also, Dick and Bess Shields followed up a previous field trip with a talk to a Girl Scout troop about fluorescence, and the various minerals commonly used in household items.

Adopt-a-Highway

Prizes Awarded at Cleanup Breakfast

By Marshall Reeves, Adopt-a-Highway Chairman

Another successful Highway Cleanup was held on November 20th. Those who participated were: Chuck Ferguson, Marty Lingerfelt, Wes Lingerfelt, Wayne Mills, Don Nasholm, Marshall Reeves, Geary Sheffer, Dick Shields, and Bess Shields. At breakfast, held at Francisco's Country Kitchen in Santa Maria, the prize was a 5.8 ct. 12x10 oval African Topaz, and the winner was Wayne Mills. The next Highway Cleanup will be on January 15, 2005. The prize will be announced at the December Banquet. Thanks for participating!

This is a list of this year's winners, and the prizes:

January	Wes Lingerfelt	Faceted London Blue Topaz (5.90 ct 12x10 mm) Blue Topaz (5.90 ct 12x10 mm)
March	Geary Sheffer	Matched pair of Moonstones (8x10 mm)
May	Marty Lingerfelt	Amethyst High Dome Cabochon (19.90 ct 15mm)
July	Brenna Ferguson	Faceted Amethyst (2.50 ct 8x10 mm)
September	Brenna Ferguson	Amazonite Cabochon (30x40 mm)
November	Wayne Mills	African Topaz (5.80 ct 12x10 mm)

Web Sites of Note:

December 2004

Dibblee Geological Foundation:

<http://www.sbnature.org/dibblee/>

534 Western Rock Shops:

<http://www.net-comber.com/rockshops.html>

American Mineralogist, Crestmore Quarry CA:

http://www.minsocam.org/MSA/collectors_corner/arc/crestmoreca2.htm

"Periodic Tables" song:

<http://chemlab.pc.maricopa.edu/animation/leher.mov>

Porter GeoConsultancy:

<http://www.portergeo.com.au/database/index.asp>

The wooden "Periodic Table" table:

<http://www.theodoregray.com/PeriodicTable/>

Tuolumne Intrusive Suites, Aplite Dikes:

http://www.geol.umd.edu/~piccoli/gsa_1996/poster.htm

California Federation of Mineralogical Societies:

<http://www.cfmsinc.org/>

American Federation of Mineralogical Societies:

<http://www.amfed.org/>

Official Stuff

OMS Purpose

Founded in 1958, and is named after William Orcutt, a geologist and civil engineer who worked in the Santa Maria Valley as a district manager for Union Oil Company in 1888. In 1889, Orcutt discovered the fossil wealth of the La Brea Tar Pits, one of the most significant fossil finds in paleontological history. The Society is a non-profit club, dedicated to stimulating an interest in rocks and minerals. The club offers educational programs, field trips, youth activities, and other opportunities for families and individuals to pursue an interest in collecting and lapidary treatment of rocks, fossils, gems, minerals, and other facets of Earth Sciences. In addition, a goal of this Society is to promote good fellowship and proper ethics in pursuit of the society's endeavors. Operating rules have been set forth to guide the Officers and members of the Society in accomplishing these purposes. Affiliations: California Federation of Mineralogical Societies and American Federation of Mineralogical Societies.



OMS Logo

A rock saw cutting a piece of stone was selected when the first bulletin, *ORE-CUTTS* (namesake, William Orcutt) was first published in 1966. Member Helen Azevedo was the first editor.

2004 OMS Elected Officers

President	Debbie Hood	(805) 481-6860
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Secretary	Bess Shields	(805) 937-0357
Treasurer	Wes Lingerfelt	(805) 929-3788
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OMS Membership dues are \$15 per year. Junior Membership is \$7.50. New membership dues are pro-rated from January 1st of the first year.

December 2004 Calendar

Tuesday December 7, 2004 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM	OMS Board Meeting -- Mussell Senior Center. All members are welcome at this business meeting.
Saturday December 11, 2004 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM	OMS Annual Meeting -- Maria Del Sol, 1405 East Main Street, Santa Maria <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Buffet Luncheon <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members \$7.25 • Guests \$14.50 • President's Annual Report • Awards • Installation of Officers • "Sweet Adelines" Christmas Performance Bring canned goods for Goodwill and donations for the Abused Children Fund Call Bill and Debbie Hood at 481-6860 for details



Saturday December 18, 2004 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM	Field Trip to Refugio and Gaviota -- Meet at Mussell Senior Center Parking Lot Entrance fee required for an all-day pass covering both parks. Bring a lunch - the beach concessions only operate in the summer. Call Dick Shields at 937-0357 for details.
Saturday December 25, 2004 None Scheduled	OMS Monthly Breakfast – It's Christmas, for Pete's sake!

	Kitchen" in Santa Maria. Contact Marshall Reeves at 588-8932 for details.
Saturday January 22, 2005 8:15 AM - 9:15 AM	OMS Monthly Breakfast – "Francisco's Country Kitchen" in Santa Maria. Call Ken Kreh at 343-7749 for details.

February 2005 Calendar

Tuesday February 1, 2005 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM	OMS Board Meeting -- Mussell Senior Center.. All members are welcome at this business meeting.
Tuesday February 8, 2005 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM	OMS General Meeting -- Mussell Senior Center. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program: "Hazardous Waste Disposal for Rockhounds" by Wes Lingerfelt • Display: Naturally Hazardous Rock • Refreshment: Cakes and cupcakes
Saturday February 13, 2005 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM	Field Trip to Jade Cove -- Meet at Mussell Senior Center Parking Lot. Observational trip to a classic location. Bring a lunch and bottled water. Some hiking required. (Note: this trip may change to Lucy Tunnell's) Call Dick Shields at 937-0357 for details.
Saturday February 26, 2005 8:15 AM - 9:15 AM	OMS Monthly Breakfast – "The Girls" in Arroyo Grande. Call Ken Kreh at 343-7749 for details.

January 2005 Calendar

Tuesday January 4, 2005 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM	OMS Board Meeting -- Mussell Senior Center. All members are welcome at this business meeting.
Saturday January 8, 2005 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM	Field Trip to Jalama Beach -- Meet at Mussell Senior Center Parking Lot. We will depart at 0900. Entrance fee for each vehicle at Jalama. Walk over beach sand and rock to a travertine outcropping. There is oil on the beach so bring old shoes for the walk. Bring a lunch or eat in the Jalama Café on the beach. Call Dick Shields at 937-0357 for details.
Tuesday January 11, 2005 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM	OMS General Meeting -- Mussell Senior Center. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program: "Rockhounding Safety" by Robert Bullock • Display: Beach Rocks • Refreshment: Donuts from the Board.
Saturday January 15, 2005 8:00 - 10:00 AM	OMS Highway Cleanup -- Intersection of Highway 101 and 166 After the cleanup we have coffee and pastry at the "Francisco's Country

Reminder to Bring Donations

Please remember to bring canned good donations to our Annual Awards Banquet. Your donations will be given to Salvation Army at the conclusion of our meeting. Also, cash donations will be collected during dinner for the Abused Children's Fund.

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