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Please join us on December 11, 2010 at **Santa Maria Terrace Senior Residence** at 1405 East Main Street, Santa Maria from **12:00 noon to 3:30 pm**, for a buffet lunch, annual meeting, and a fun gift exchange. Dinner will be served at 12:30 and you may **BYOB** if so desired.

Please bring non-perishable food for the Salvation Army Food pantry (remember, it must not be out of expiration date or they have to toss it.) Bring any labels you have collected from Campbell's soup for the Sun Valley Indian School and aluminum pull-tabs from sodas and other cans with aluminum pull-tabs for the Ronald MacDonald House. Bring some money for the Abused Children's Fund; remember these kids have nothing, not even responsible families, so be generous as they are the future of our society and our Society. And, of course bring a **ROCK RELATED** item for the gift exchange.



THE PREZ BOX

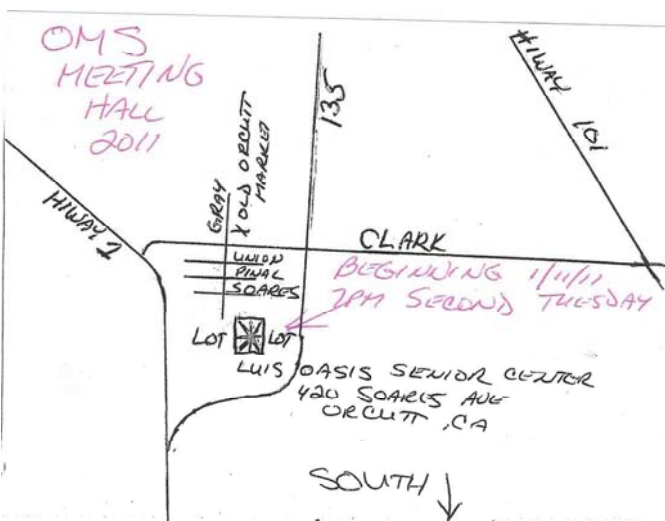
By Sylvia Nasholm, President OMS

This year has flown by! I can't believe you will be reading this after the Thanksgiving Holiday. I hope you have all enjoyed yourselves and saved room for the last breakfast of the year at Hometown Buffet. Remember, there is no breakfast scheduled in December. Christmas will be here before you know it. Our last meeting of the year is the Annual Awards Banquet on December 11th at the Santa Maria Terrace Retirement Home on East Main Street. Festivities begin at noon. We will be collecting food for the Salvation Army in addition to Campbell's' Soup labels and tabs from soda cans. Jan Ferguson will also be asking for donations for the Abused Children's Fund.



Just a reminder, the Gift Exchange is completely voluntary. If you wish to participate, we ask that the gift you bring be rock related and \$10 or less. You can wrap it traditionally or in a lunch sack tied with a ribbon. Don't identify whom the gift is from or what it is in any way. When you arrive at the meeting, you place your gift on the designated table and you will be given a number.

When it is time for the exchange, numbers will be called. When your number is called, you go to the gift pile and choose. You open the gift and we all get to see it. The next number is called and the person holding it gets to choose an unwrapped gift from the pile or "take" one that has been previously handed out to someone else. If you take one from someone, that person gets to choose another and it continues down through the pile. A particular gift can only be "taken" twice and then it is considered out of play. As you might imagine, it can get very lively and



always provides good friends with good memories and stories about "the one that got away"!

I hope all of you are contacting your Congressional Representatives. There is a bill before the US Senate that will place even more acres of public land out of the reach of rockhounds. Please do all you can to help put an end to this thinly veiled land grab.

I'm looking forward to seeing you all on December 11th - it should be a very lively meeting!

Please remember our monthly meetings for 2011 have returned to the second Tuesday of each month. They will be held in the Luis Oasis Senior Center, 420 Soares Ave. in OLD ORCUTT. Take Clark off of Hiway 101(west) or Hiway 1(east) to Gray Street. Turn south on Gray Street for three blocks to Soares Ave. Gray Street dumps right into one of the parking lots for the facility. Our first meeting in January will be at 7pm on the 11th.
Sylvia Nasholm



Foundation was in turn attributed to the generosity of donors who support the Foundation.

After Niki's remarks, we were entertained by the Hancock Chorus, led by the personable Ann Lucas. The chorus performed a sampling of tunes that will be heard in their December 2nd Concert entitled "Barnburners and Crowd Pleasers". The performance ended with a lively and melodic scat version of the William Tell Overture (buda-bump buda bump buda bump bump bump...)

The new Executive Director of the Foundation, Jeff Powers, stated that the motto of the College was "Stop here on your way to everywhere." He stated that education was "the progressive realization of a worthy goal." Hancock President, Dr. Jose Ortiz, commented that the Foundation this year of flagging economy had still presented scholarships totaling \$238,000 to 202 deserving students at Hancock. With the recently passed Measure I funds, the college will complete a new Student Services and Administration building within 18 months, and that despite tightened guidelines, the college has received full accreditation again this year from Accreditation Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC.)

A highlight of my evening besides talking with a long-time friend who sent me much cheer during my tour in Viet Nam, was hearing from the Mother of Michelle Reed who received the OMS Earth Science Scholarship in 2007. Michelle graduated from Cal Poly in June of this year, with a Major in Earth Science, and minor in Geology. Mrs. Reed said that our scholarship was a great help toward Michelle's achieving her goal.



Birthdays & Anniversaries

Celebrating birthdays in December are Truman Burgess, Richard Dry, Peggy Johnsen, Betty Kern, Lee Reyburn, and A very **Happy Birthday!** to you all.

Celebrating an Anniversary for December are Bob & Rosie Bullock, Sir Paul & Lady Marie Howard, Pat & Hal Nuernberg- Hal is gone but not forgotten, -Kay & Chuck Vollmer- Chuck is gone now, but still remembered. -**May you enjoy many more!**



Sunshine Jeannie Lingerfelt has been suffering from an attack of sciatica-too much extra work and excitement lately. Their house repairs are nearly complete and their furniture will be returned soon and everything back to normal by the end of the year, hopefully, after having their house flooded about 6 weeks ago. Elaine Von Achen has been recovering from pneumonia, as is Donna Lehman. Some of this year's viruses seem to allow others to get a foothold, so take good care of yourselves if you get colds.

And for anyone else who is under the weather, we wish you well!

Donor Night at Allan Hancock

Wayne Mills, OMS Scholarship Chair

Thursday evening, November 10, I attended a donor function at Hancock College. The function was in the Performing Arts Center that was elegantly decorated for the function. Wine, hors d' oeuvres and fruit were served, and several people were recognized for their contributions to the college. The most stirring presentation was made by Niki Angelac, a Canadian student who went from being a successful entrepreneur to being diagnosed with irreversible brain damage after a motor vehicle accident in 2003. Niki's successful rehabilitation at Hancock College thanks largely to grants from the Hancock

CFMS DIRECTOR REPORT

By Wes Lingerfelt

Jeannie and I had a nice ride to Visalia, Ca. as the Tule fog didn't set in until about 10 miles from our destination. This meeting was very typical with the same format and formalities as always. The same old agenda items were presented with most of the committee reports presented before the meeting or they were available on the table as we entered the meeting hall. The proposed changes to the Bylaws and Operating Regulations were accepted by the directors and they represent an improvement in the way the CFMS functions. I must say that Fred Ott as president has made some positive improvements in the organization and I hope it continues. The new president will be Jim Brace-Thompson from Ventura and I anticipate he will continue the positive improvements to the Federation. It wasn't until near the end of the meeting that the CFMS Tax Advisor, Mike Kokinos, laid a big on us. The State of California is trying its best to keep up with the Federal Government in the regulation of non-profits so starting in 2011 we will be required to file another form with the Franchise Tax Board. I'm including his report for your information:

Agenda item 17-II

*TAX ADVISOR REPORT Fall Business Meeting-
Visalia-November 13, 2010*

NEW CALIFORNIA LAW AFFECTING SMALL NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

As previously reported, the Franchise Tax Board is implementing the equivalent of the Federal 990-N. FTB is creating a Web application for the small tax-exempt organizations to file with FTB. The application will be ready for use by January 3, 2011. The FTB Charities and Nonprofit (Exempt Organizations) web page provides information regarding the filing requirements for the small tax-exempt organizations. Within the next few months the full instructions for filing the California e-Postcard will be on the FTB website. This fall, the FTB will mail letters to California tax-exempt organizations to inform them of the new filing requirement. FTB will send updates through social media (Facebook and Twitter) on the new filing requirements for these tax -exempt organizations.

FTB exempt organizations staff will conduct



presentations throughout California to share exempt organization information, which includes the new filing requirement of the smaller tax- exempt organizations.

Mike Kokinos, Tax Advisor

If anyone has questions or wants to see reports filed by the various committees please let me know as I have everything on file.

A Rock Hound Christmas Poem By Steve Williams of the Yucaipa Valley Gem and Mineral Society

[He recited this at their annual Holiday Party It's a hoot! Posted with his permission on L A Rocks..]



T'was the night before Christmas and all through the shop
The Yucaipa rock hounds were grinding non stop.
The rock bags were hung by the grinders with care
With hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there.
Frank cut the jasper and Dan made a sphere
Till Hank called out "people the pizzas are here".
The members kicked back as they all took some rest
While visions of field trips danced in their heads.
While I in my apron with goggles on tight
Had just settled in to cut some Mookaite.
When out in the back shop there rose such a clatter
An avalanche screeched through the rock splitting chatter.
Away to the doorway we flew like a lark,
Flung open the lock and stared out in the dark.
The moon on the crest of Yucaipa's fresh snow
Gave a luster like crystals and diamonds below.
When what did our wondering eyes should appear
But a huge red ore car and eight tiny reindeer.
With a little old miner so lively and quick
We knew in a moment it must be St. Nick.
More rapid than grinders, quite quickly they came
And he whistled and shouted and called them by name.
"On Onyx, on Jasper, on Topaz and Calcite, on
Agate, on Opal on
Silver and Jadeite
To the top of the rock pile, to the top of the wall
Now just slide in smooth like a big silver ball".
And then came a loud sound, like rock cutting files,
Came hoof beats of thunder, like tumblers gone wild.
As we took off our aprons and all turned around
Through the back door strained St. Nick with rocks

weighted down.

He was dressed all in red from his head to his foot;
 His clothes were all covered with gold dust and soot.
 A bright golden pick ax he held in his hand
 He looked like a starry eyed miner so grand.
 He looked around our shop with a wink and a tease
 Saying, "This stone has issues Tim, finish it please".
 His big bolo tie sparkled bright as the sun
 "The North Pole has Opals but Agates are fun".
 He carried a sack filled with cabs, slabs and rock
 "Don't you rock hounds want dollies or CD's or socks?"
 He wiped off his brow and went straight to his work
 He filled all the rock bags and turned with a jerk.
 Swinging his pick ax right up to his nose
 Giving a nod, through the back door he rose.
 He sprang to the ore car and yelled "Rock and Roll!"
 Took off like a rockslide with power untold.
 But we heard him exclaim as he roared out of sight
 "Merry Christmas to all, there's good rocking tonight".

In areas where there is naturally occurring asbestos from serpentine rock, the percentages of asbestos in the soil range from 1% to as much as 50% in areas where asbestos has been mined.

How does Asbestos enter the environment?

- During geological processes, the crushing of serpentine rock results in asbestos that is more readily available to the environment.
- The mining industry and roads built to support mining have broken up the asbestos causing it to disperse.
- Asbestos fibers are further dispersed in the environment by wind and water.



Asbestos fibers stay suspended in the air for lengthy periods but ultimately settle onto the soil.

How does Asbestos get into my body?

- Asbestos fibers in the air can get into your lungs when you breathe.
- Asbestos fibers that get into your mouth can be swallowed into the stomach.

Asbestos fibers are not likely to penetrate the skin.

How might my family or I be exposed to Asbestos while visiting CCMA?

If you ride motorcycles or other Off-Highway Vehicles (OHV's), camp, hunt, or collect rocks, you can be exposed to asbestos fibers on dusty trails, especially during the dry season.

- Because motorcycles raise considerable dust, if you watch motorcycle races you may inhale asbestos fibers.
- If you are camping in especially dry and dusty areas you could be exposed to asbestos fibers which are in the air and soil at the camping areas.

Water in the creeks and pools of the CCMA may contain asbestos fibers and heavy metals. Asbestos fibers in dust and mud from CCMA can remain on your clothes and vehicles when you leave CCMA.

How is the level Asbestos measured?

- Asbestos is measured by the number of fibers (f) that are present in a cubic centimeter (cc) of outdoor air, or f/cc.

Asbestos fiber levels are monitored by the BLM.



BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT- CALIFORNIA Hollister Field Office

Clear Creek Management Area - Naturally Occurring Asbestos

What is Asbestos?

- Asbestos is a group of six different fibrous minerals that occur naturally in soil and rock in some areas.
- Asbestos fibers are hard to see with the naked eye.
- Chrysotile asbestos is the main type found in the Clear Creek Management Area (CCMA).
- Asbestos fibers are resistant to heat and have been used in a variety of man-made products for insulation and heat-resistance.

Asbestos fibers are very tough and stay in the same harmful form in the environment for a long time.

Why is there Asbestos in CCMA?

- CCMA is located on a formation of naturally occurring serpentine rock and soil which contains high concentrations of asbestos
- Asbestos mining activities in the area also contributed to the asbestos at CCMA

How could Asbestos affect my health?

Most of the information on the health effects of asbestos in humans comes from studies of people who were regularly exposed to high levels of asbestos in the workplace. Any exposure to asbestos involves some risk, but for people who are exposed to low levels of asbestos for short periods the risk should be minimal.

Asbestos has been known to cause cancer in humans who have been exposed to high levels on a regular basis. The two most common cancers found in these situations are lung cancer and mesothelioma - a rare cancer of the lining that surrounds the lung and stomach.

Smoking cigarettes dramatically increases the chance of getting lung cancer from asbestos exposure.

The non-cancer health effect most commonly associated with high levels of asbestos exposure is asbestosis that is scarring of the lung tissue.

- If you have asbestosis, your lungs cannot expand or contract like normal lungs, which makes it difficult to breathe.
- Asbestosis is only seen in people who received regular, high level exposure to asbestos.

Both cancer and asbestosis can take twenty to thirty years or more to develop after exposure.

There are no tests to determine effects from low-level asbestos exposure.

- Chest X-rays are only useful for identifying damage from exposure to asbestos from much higher exposure than you would receive from a visit to CCMA.

Because asbestos-related diseases take many years to develop, effects from recent, low dose exposure cannot be seen on a chest x-ray.

Precautions to take if you visit the Clear Creek Management Area:

- Avoid areas where it is dusty or windy.
- Never drink the water from the streams or springs.
- Wash any vehicle that has been used at CCMA before returning home.
- Wash clothing worn at CCMA separately from you other clothes.
- If digging in dry dirt, try to minimize the amount of dust that is distributed.
- Do not ride OHV's around the campground; they create dust.

If riding an OHV in a group, spread out along the trail and don't ride in another rider's dust.

For further information:

Call the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) at (415) 744-1730 or leave a message on EPA's toll free phone line 1-800-

231-3075. The [EPA also maintains an information web site about Naturally Occurring Asbestos.](#)

Information Courtesy of:

U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
[ATSDR, Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry](#)

[California Department of Health Services, Environmental Health Investigations Branch](#)

Editor's Note: They still are not distinguishing between those fibers that cause aggressive disease and those that are relatively innocuous. The long fiber asbestos such as is used in insulation, brake linings, etc is a dangerous fiber to breathe in any quantity, and does require protective devices such as respirators and clothing and shoe covers. But the short fiber asbestos which one finds in decomposing serpentine is NOT a significant source of problems except for those who have preexisting lung diseases such as asthma. ANY dust can trigger them to have attacks. Junk science exists as much in what one fails to say as in what one says. This is why education is so important...how else does one spot it when there is an attempt to manipulate the facts?



Orcutt Mineral Society Board Meeting Stan & Jan Ferguson

Home Arroyo Grande, Ca. November 2, 2010

President Sylvia Nasholm called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Members present were Wes Lingerfelt, Debbie Hood, Gloria Dana, Sylvia Nasholm, Elaine Von Achen, Sandy Berthelot, Jan Ferguson and Sharon Duncan. Guests included Bill Hood, Jeannie Lingerfelt, Stan Ferguson, Brenna Ferguson and Paul Berthelot.

Minutes: Elaine Von Achen read the minutes of the October general meeting. There were two corrections to the minutes. They were approved as amended.

Treasurer's report: Wes Lingerfelt gave the treasurer's report. There was one correction to the report. They were accepted as amended.



Correspondence: Elaine Von Achen reported newsletters from two of our sister clubs as well as a request for food items from the Salvation Army.

Committee Reports:

Abused Children: None.

Annual Gem Show: None.

Breakfast: November's OMS breakfast will be held at the Home Town Buffet, 1431 S. Bradley Rd., Santa Maria at 9:00 a.m. on the 27th.

Bulletin: The Bulletin has gone out and is on line as well.

CFMS: None.

Education: None.

Field Trip: The November field trip will be held on the 13th and will be to Avila, Morro Bay and Cayucos Beaches. Members will meet at 9:00 a.m. at the Bob Jones Trailhead.

Highway Clean-up: The next clean-up will be held November 20th. Members will meet at Highway 101 and 166 on the South East corner at 8:00 a.m.

Library: None.

Membership: None.

Refreshments: Cookies will be served at the November general meeting donated by Jeanne Brown, Joellen Chrones, Laura Gebhart, Debbie Hood and Truman Burgess.

Scholarship: None.

Sunshine: None.

Old Business: Bill Hood reported that every thing is set for the a annual luncheon meeting which will be held at the Santa Maria Terrace on December 11th. We will have the traditional ham and turkey with all the fixings. Members will pay \$12.00 for adults and \$6.00 for kids.

There will also be a gift exchange which Sylvia will explain at the general meeting.

We will have an election of officers at the November meeting. Nominations for the 2011 slate of officers are as follows:

President Elect: Don Dana

Secretary: Elaine Von Achen

Treasurer: Wes Lingerfelt

Board Members: Sylvia Nasholm, Jan Ferguson, Debbie Hood, Sandy Berthelot, Jeannie Lingerfelt and Mike Henson.

New Business:

Starting in January we will again be meeting on the second Tuesday of the month at a new venue

Orecutts- Newsletter of the Orcutt Mineral Society

in Orcutt. We will print directions to the Luis Oasis Senior Center along with a map in the December newsletter.

Sylvia had a copy of the New Times paper and she showed us a half sheet advertisement that could be had for \$518.00. Their coverage is from Paso Robles to Solvang and she thought we might consider an ad the week before our show this coming year.

Bill Hood had a business card from Wayne Harris who would give us a tour of the North County (Nacimiento Area) of mines etc. There would be a donation for his time. We thought it might make a good future field trip.

The meeting was adjourned by President, Sylvia Nasholm at 7:55 p.m. after which we had coffee and cookies provided by Stan and Jan.

Respectfully submitted: Elaine Von Achen, Secretary, OMS

**Orcutt Mineral Society General Meeting
St. Joseph's Church, Nipomo, CA.
November 10, 2010**

President Sylvia Nasholm called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Mike Henson gave the invocation.

Sylvia Nasholm led the flag salute.

Sheriff, Bill Hood said everyone had name tags.

Minutes: Sylvia read the minutes of the previous board meeting. Minutes were approved as read.

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

Correspondence: Show fliers and notices are at the hospitality table.

Hospitality: Sharon Duncan reported 37 members and 4 guests in attendance. Guests included Vernon Deck, Cornelia Robinson, Virginia Rogers and Marshall Havner. Guests were greeted and thanked.

Refreshments: Our refreshment for the evening is cookies donated by Jeanne Brown, Joellen Chrones, Don Nasholm, Debbie Hood and Truman Burgess.

Committee Reports:

Abused Children: Jan Ferguson reported the evening's prizes for the November drawing as a Kyanite specimen from Brazil won by Vernon Deck, a Quartz crystal from Brazil won by Sandy Berthelot and a Barite crystal specimen from Brazil won by Vernon Deck.

Annual Luncheon Meeting: Bill Hood has 40 members signed up so far. The luncheon will be held at the Santa Maria Terrace on December 11th. We



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will have the traditional ham and turkey with all the fixings. Members will pay \$12.00 for adults and \$6.00 for kids. Members are asked to bring canned goods to be donated to the Salvation Army for the food pantry along with pop-tops and Campbell Soup labels. A gift exchange will be held and is optional. The gift should be worth \$10.00 and is to be rock related. A gift will be picked and may be swiped twice before it is out of play. This is a fun game.

Breakfast: Breakfast for November will be held on the 27th at the Home Town Buffet, 1431 So. Bradley Rd., Santa Maria at 9:00 a.m.

Budget & Audit: None.

Bulletin: The Bulletin is out and everyone received their copy.

CFMS: None.

Door Prize: There are some great prizes for this evening including a petrified bog sphere donated by Lucky Virgin.

Education: None.

Gem Show: None.

Historian: None.

Field Trip: The November field trip will be held November 13th. John Von Achen will lead the trip to Avila, Cayucos and Moonstone Beaches.

Members will meet at the Bob Jones Trailhead at 9:00 a.m.

Highway Clean up: Our next highway clean up will be November 20th at 8:00 a.m. Members will meet on the south east corner of Highways 101 and 166.

Library: None.

Locker Clean up: None.

Membership: None.

Political Action Committee: None.

Property: None.

Scholarships: Wayne Mill offered a publication he received from Cuesta College along with a letter from a former recipient.

Sunshine: Joseph Martinez is on the mend. Elaine Von Achen is ill with pneumonia and Donna Lehman is under the weather.

Old Business: There was a vote on whether to make a change with door prize funding and members voted to keep it as it is, tied to the budget.

Sylvia Nasholm called for nominations for the following elected officers:

President Elect: Don Dana

Secretary: Elaine Von Achen

Treasurer: Wes Lingerfelt

Board Members: Sandy Berthelot, Mike Henson, Debbie Hood, Jeannie Lingerfelt and Jan Ferguson.

New Business: Sylvia Nasholm suggested we allocate more funds for ads for next year's Gem Show. She showed a quarter page ad for the Cayucos show and felt that it was very effective.

The program for the evening will be given by Marshall Havner who will speak on the importance of staying on top of negative legislation. He is a member of the American Lands-Acquisition Association. He is also the President of the Tule Gem & Mineral Club.

Display for the evening is the best 1x1 display. John Von Achen won with his beautiful Nipomo Sagenite. A huge thank you to everyone who made the effort. All the displays were outstanding.

The meeting was adjourned by President Sylvia Nasholm at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Sylvia Nasholm for Elaine Von Achen, Secretary, OMS



Rockhounding is MORE than a hobby; it's a PASSION!

Bench Tips

By Brad Smith

You can make your own wax pen from a small soldering iron plugged into a light dimmer switch for heat control. Both components are easily found at Radio Shack, a big hardware store or www.AllElectronics.com Look for a soldering iron of around 25-30 watts. File the tip to get the shape you prefer or get a soldering iron with a replaceable tip. Then you can make several tip shapes for different tasks.

There's plenty of ways to mark your sheet or wire solders, but suppose you forgot to mark them and have a couple that you can't identify. The answer is to compare the melting temperature of the unknowns with that of a known solder. What I do is take a thick scrap of copper or nickel and arrange several solders on it. Ideally, I would have a sample of easy, medium and hard known solders surrounding the unknown



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solder. Then I heat the plate from the bottom and watch the order in which the solders melt.

Soldering an earring post will always soften the wire a bit. Easiest way to harden it is to grip the end of the post with your flat-jaw pliers and twist it a couple half turns. This work-hardens the wire and at the same time tests your soldered joint.

Those little spray bottles you can find at the drug store are great for firescale preventors and debubbling solutions. A quick firescale preventor is liquid flux, and a homemade debubbling solution is a little Dawn liquid in rubbing alcohol.

Have you ever broken a drill bit off in a hole? Sometimes you can grab it with pliers, but other times the steel piece is below the surface in the hole. If this happens, you can usually dissolve the steel in a solution of alum. Alum is typically available from a food store or a drug store. Use about a teaspoon per cup of warm water. Submerge your piece so that the partially drilled hole is facing up so that bubbles can float free.

More BenchTips By Brad Smith are at groups.yahoo.com/group/BenchTips/ or facebook.com/BenchTips



Why Penguins Don't Live Long
December 2010 Calendar

<p>Tuesday Dec. 7, 2010 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.</p>	<p>OMS Board Meeting Sylvia's House call 481-0923 for directions- All members are welcome at this business meeting.</p>
<p>Saturday Dec 11, 2010 12:00 Noon to 3:00p.m</p>	<div data-bbox="370 1646 540 1890" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>OMS Annual Meeting At Santa Maria Terrace at 1405 E. Main St. Bring donations of Canned goods for Salvation Army and \$ for Abused Children's Fund, as well as a</p>

	<p>gift for the exchange.</p>
<p>Saturday Dec. 18, 2010 8:00a.m. to 5:00 pm</p>	<p>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 and water. Contact Bob Bullock at 928-6372 for details.</p>
	<p>OMS Monthly Breakfast-will NOT be held in December!</p>

January 2011 Calendar

<p>Tuesday January 4, 2010 7:00 to 8:30p.m.</p>	<p>OMS Board Meeting- All members are welcome at this business meeting. This meeting will be held at The Rabobank in Nipomo 615 W Tefft St. Conference room</p>
<p>Tuesday January 11, 2011 7:00 to 9:00p.m.</p> <div data-bbox="885 819 1015 955" data-label="Image"> </div>	<p>OMS General Meeting- Program This meeting will be held at Luis Oasis Senior Center in OLD ORCUTT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • - Display- • Refreshments-Do-Nuts
<p>Saturday January 15, 2011 8:00 a.m to 5:00 pm</p>	<p>Field Trip To Be Announced</p>
<p>Saturday January 22, 2011 9 to 10:00 a.m.</p>	<p>OMS Monthly Breakfast-Sunrise Golf Course</p>
<p>Saturday January 29, 2011 8:00 to 10:00 a.m.</p>	<p>Roadside Clean up After the cleanup, coffee and pastry at "Francisco's Country Kitchen" in Santa Maria.</p>



CFMS SHOWS 2011
January 15-16 2011, Exeter, CA
 Tule Gem & Mineral Society
 Exeter Memorial Bldg.
 324 N Kaweah (Hwy 65), Exeter
 Hours: Sat. 10 - 5, Sun. 10-4
 Marshall Havner (559) 562-4133
 Charles Reed (559) 784-6394
 Webpage: tulegem.org
January 28,29 &30: Redlands, CA

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Mineralogical Society of Southern California
 Micromounters Symposium
 San Bernardino County Museum
 2024 Orange Tree
 Hours: Fri. 5pm - 10pm; Sat. 9am - 10pm
 Sun. Field trip time to be set
 Dr. Robert Housley (714) 697-4435
 e-mail: rhousley@its.caltech.edu
 Webpage: mineralsocal.org (click on micromounters)

February 18-27, 2011, Indio, CA
 San Gorgonio Mineral & Gem Society
 Riverside County Fair & National Date Festival
 Gem amp;& Mineral Building Bldg #1
 46-350 Arabia Street
 Hours: 10 am - 10 pm
 Bert Grisham: (915) 849-1674
 Email: bert67@verizon.net

February 25, 26,27, 2011, Newark, CA
 Mineral and Gem Society of Castro Valley
 Newarop Pavilion
 6430 Thornton Avenue
 Hours: Fri. and Sat. 10:00 am to 6:00 pm - Sun.
 10:00 am to 5:00 pm
 Larry Ham, show chair - (510) 887-9007
 Email: showchair@mgscv.org
 Website: www.mgscv.org

February 25-26, 2011, Northridge, CA
 Del-Air Rockhounds
 Northridge United Methodist Church
 9650 Reseda Blvd.
 Hours: Fri. 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm -
 Sat. 10:00 am to 5:00 pm
 Chris S. Ward
 Email: chris_ward678@yahoo.com
 Website:
delairrockhounds.blogspot.com

March 5-6 2011, Arcadia, CA
 Monrovia Rockhounds, Inc.
 Los Angles Co. Arboretum &
 Botanic Gardens
 301 Baldwin Ave.
 Hours: Sat. & Sun. 9-4:30
 Jo Anna Ritchey (626) 359-1624
 Email: vgms_editor@roadrunner.com
 Website: www.Moroks.com

March 5-6 2011, Ventura, CA
 Ventura Gem & Mineral Society
 Seaside Park, Ventura Co. Fairgrounds
 10 W. harbor Blvd.
 Hours: Sat. 10-5; Sun. 10-4
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Website: vgms.org

March 12-13 2011, Salinas, CA
 Salinas Valley Rock & Gem Club
 Veteran's Hall Spreckels, CA
 5th & Llano Streets
 Hours: Sat. 10-5 daily
 Karen Jones (831) 678-0337 /
KenKAren0337@att.net

March 19-20 2011, Bakersfield, CA
 San Joaquin Valley Lapidary Society
 Kern County Shrine Club
 700 south P. Street (P & Bell Terrace)
 Hours: 9-5 daily
 Lewis Helfrich Home (661) 323-2663
 Cell: (661) 378-4450
 Email: lewsrocks@bak.it.com

March 26-27 2011, Angels Camp, CA
 Calaveras Gem & Mineral Society
 Calaveras Co. Fairgrounds (Frog Town USA)
 Hwy 49 in Angels Camp
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