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Please join us on Saturday December 10, 2011 at Santa Maria Terrace, at 12:00 Noon at 1405 East Main Street, Santa Maria, for the OMS Annual Meeting Dinner and Installation of New Officers. This is always a great event. We take care of any outstanding Club business, install our new officers and have plenty of time to socialize at a really great dinner. Please bring a monetary donation for the Abused Children's Fund, Non-perishable food donation for the Salvation Army's food drive, a gift valued at \$10.00, if you plan to participate in the gift exchange, and of course your good cheer! There is still time to sign up-just give Bill Hood at call at 481-6860.

Prez Box By Gloria Dana

Hello fellow members!

My guess is that you've had a wonderful thanksgiving, I surely hope so! And it was suppose to rain that day?

I've heard and read a lot about black Friday, some stores never closed. It must have been tough for shoppers.

Anyway, my time has come to step down as Prez, and change will take place for a new president B I will be in the past presidents' position on the board. I just want to say one thing I loved being your president, and I am totally grateful for it! Someday in the future I'd like to be president again, but till December 2011

then I'll sit back and really watch how it's done by one who has more experience.

And Christmas is just around the corner, and the annual Christmas meeting is coming, so be there and bring at least one nonperishable food item for the Salvation Army Food Drive, and a little cash for the Abused Children's fund.

Oh, and don't forget to bring a *lapidary-related* "gift", wrapped, and play our game (See below for more specific information.) It is lots of fun!

The weather is good now, but for how long is unknown. And like the song says, I'll be home for Christmas for every one to see. See ya soon,

Gloria

Just a reminder, the Gift Exchange is completely voluntary. If you wish to participate, we ask that the gift you bring be rock related around \$10. 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 banquet, you place your gift on the designated table and you draw 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 either a wrapped gift or one that has already been chosen. If it is wrapped, you unwrap it and we all get to see it. If you choose one already chosen, that person must give it up and they get to choose another. A gift may only be

"taken" twice and then it is considered out of play. Think, "where is that crystal and how many times has it been stolen?!" 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"!

Also remember, donations of food items for the Salvation Army will be collected and gratefully received. Looking forward to seeing all of you on the 10th of December.

Sylvia

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthday greetings go out to those who are having birthdays in December: Sandy Berthelot, Jeanne



Brown, Truman Burgess, Richard Dry, Peggy Johnsen, Lee Reyburn, and Samantha Schmidt. Happy Birthday & Many more!



Members celebrating an anniversary in December: Bob & Rosie Bullock, Sir Paul & Marie Howard, Pat & Hal

Nuernberg. Many Happy Returns of this day! As always, if we have overlooked you, please have a great one!

A Nice Reception at Hancock

Wayne Mills, OMS

Thursday evening, November 9, Elaine Von Achen and I attended the President's Reception at Allan Hancock. The reception, presented by the Hancock Foundation, recognizes the folks who have made donations to further the school's activities. The evening's presentations, in addition to the food and music, were quite enjoyable.

Dr. Josè Ortiz who has now been President of the college now for 7 years, notified us that the Aspen Institute recently recognized Hancock as one of the top 120 Community Colleges in the United States and one of the top 5 in California. With this designation, he Federal Government gave the college a 4.3 million dollar grant for the school's STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Programs. The school's new Academic Superintendent, Luis Sanchez, a former student, was introduced, and after a short presentation and an expression of gratitude for the donors, the Keynote speaker, Rebecca Lassic, Hancock's Public Information Director, and perhaps the longest tenured person at Hancock, gave an inspiring presentation on several of the school's former alumni who have gone on to great achievements, based on the education they received at Allan Hancock College. The school's motto is: Start Here, Go Anywhere, and that was Rebecca's theme. She told of Ben Cooper, a former student who, now a film director recently sent Rebecca tickets to a Hollywood premier of his most recent movie, part of which had been shot at Hancock.

Rebecca went on to tell of a former student who was recently named Chief of Police in Atascadero. Another story was about a local top surgeon who was an underachiever in high school, but who learned to have faith in himself while a student at Hancock.

These inspiring stories suggested to us that our scholarships have been well invested at Allan Hancock College.

Sunshine



Jeannie Lingerfelt is doing well after her eye surgery.

Jeanne Watkins-Brown did **not** have eye surgery, but instead had her right hand operated on to correct a tendon problem. She also is doing well.

Sandy Berthelot had surgery for cataract and we hope she is recuperating well.

Stan Ferguson suffered a serious reaction to a new medication and is still feeling the effects of it! Hope it's cleared up soon!

OMS—Pickin' and Grinnin'

By Wayne Mills, Adopt-A-Highway Coordinator

(This report was inadvertently left out of last month's issue entirely due to the Editors being much harassed by the demon that lives in her computer. Apologies, Wayne!)

The OMS faithful hit Route 166 (east of Route 101) early on September 10. Present and accounted for were Stan and Brenna Ferguson, Wes, Jeannie and Marty Lingerfelt, Don and Sylvia Nasholm, Geary Sheffer, Wayne Mills, and his friend Vicki Lindelof from Santa Barbara. This weekend was our official

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participation in "California Clean-up Day" that runs through September 17.

We got started a little ahead of 0800, and were finished by about 0945. The highway was pretty dirty, and efforts were further hampered because Caltrans had recently mowed a grass strip on either side of the highway, so instead of fewer large pieces of trash, there were many smaller ones.

We found some interesting and disgusting things. Among those were a rosary ring? (A faux-pearl beaded ring with a cross and religious icon handing off it), a wad of wall paper, a cardboard arrow sign, a couple of trucker bombs, a 6 foot-long tread from a semi, a plastic cabinet, assorted broken electronic items, a CD, a long bolt, and an Arroyo Grande High School Excellence pin. We left a broken TV about 30 feet down slope north of the highway and about 30 feet east of the sign (on the east-bound side of the highway) honoring the CHP officers who this section of 166 are dedicated to..

Afterward, several of us met at Francisco's in Santa Maria for coffee and treats. We all enjoyed the treats and conversation. I hear the half order of biscuits and gravy at Francisco's is a pretty popular item with some of "the guys".

Oh yeah, Vicki took this shot in the first section of our clean-up area. I thought it was a pretty cute picture. Bet the cows didn't though...



At our September meeting, Samantha Schmidt picked the winner of the prize for the folks attending

the clean up, and Vicki won (trilobite and pyrite specimens—lucky girl)!!

CFMS FALL BUSINESS MEETING VISALIA, CA. NOV 12, 2011 By Wes Lingerfelt, CFMS Director

We awoke at 4:30 AM to miserable rainy weather and prepared for the long drive to Visalia. I suspected the Highway Cleanup scheduled for this Saturday morning in all probability would be cancelled. We took off at the scheduled time (05:30 AM) and found the road wet and slight drizzle making the setting of the windshield wiper speed hard to control. One advantage I noted was the fact that very few cars were out on the road this early and in this type of weather.

We arrived by 8 AM and registered at the desk to pick up our show packet and the reports to be covered in the meeting. Looking over them there was hope it would be a quick meeting as there were no controversial proposals or items that would take a lot of time. Our CFMS President Jim Brace-Thompson did an excellent job of running the meeting and keeping things moving along. As a result we completed the meeting by 12 noon. Hallelujah!

The following are items deserving of notice here:

1. The election of Officers for 2012 approved the following:

President – Susan Chaisson-Walblom 1st VP – Bud McMillin 2nd VP – Jennifer Haley Secretary – Robert Sankovick Treasurer – Tom Burchard The vote was by unanimous acclamation.

- 2. There were 72 Directors, 5 Officers and 22 Committee Chairs present and a quorum was present.
- 3. Supplementary Rules for CFMS to the AFMS Rule Book consisting of 6 pages was provided. Anyone needing a copy please contact me for a copy. This is important if you plan on entering the Exhibit competition next July.
- 4. The CFMS Endowment Fund chair acknowledged donations from the OMS for Alma DeFrietas, Herschel & Mary Whitefield and for Kay Vollmer.
- 5. CFMS dues and insurance for 2012 are \$2.00 per member and \$6.00 for insurance per member.
- 6. The passage of California AB42 saved the Mining Museum from closure.

7. Immediately after the November Business

Meeting, a new "CFMS Members Only" area will be

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posted on the CFMS site. This section will have all of the information that is now posted on the public pages, excluding the photo. This new listing will continue to be sorted by committee. As soon as possible, we will add another list to this section sorted by name, so that you will be able to get the contact information by looking up a name without knowing the person's committee(s).

Note that the lists will be based on the 2011 information available at the time of posting. They will be updated once the 2012 officer and committee details are available.

The Members Only area will be password protected and the information in the section will be encrypted (which means it can't be found by search engines and others by ordinary means) Addresses will no longer appear in the online "Team" pages that are viewed by the public. The information on the public pages will be: committee, name, photo, society affiliation, telephone number and email. If you do not want your home telephone and/or your email listed on the public pages, please let me know in writing/email. This information will still be in the protected Members Only area. The password to the CFMS Members Only area is: (*Contact your Federation Director*)(all lower case)

PLEASE DO NOT DISTRIBUTE THIS PASSWORD EXCEPT TO MEMBERS OF YOUR SOCIETY WHO NEED TO CONTACT CFMS OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS.

This would include your president and other key contacts in your society who work with CFMS.

As far as I know at this time, all contact information will continue to be included when hardcopies or *pdf* files are distributed within CFMS. Still, it will not be as readily accessible as it is now.

None of this is a "magic bullet." Many of our emails and addresses are already out there on the Net. We are just trying to minimize unwanted access as much as we can. Finally, I've really appreciated all of you for being patient this year, especially those of you who have let me know when I've missed an update ... or so. We are working on online fill-in forms so that it will be handier to update the information for the society/club pages. Merryan O'Neill, CFMS Webmaster

8. At the close of the meeting I was allowed time to address (follow-up) an issue I raised at the last CFMS

convention. That issue is the need for an Internet Posting Policy for each club/society operating a website. Cheri George wrote a good article in the AFMS latest newsletter based upon my comments and I urged all members to read the article and comply with its recommendations. While it isn't a new rule it is selfpreservation for the members of the CFMS.

Opal Essence

From Yahoo News



This picture of a 55,000carat opal recently appeared on Yahoo News. This opal was recently

found in the Australian opal fields by Stuart Hughes and partners, and is the world's largest. It is almost 49,000 carats larger than the second place opal. The stone's value has been set at over a million dollars.

ROCKIN' DESTINATIONS—Geozeum— San Juan Bautista, San Benito Co., CA By Wayne Mills

Saturday, September 10, I took a bus trip to the Monterey Cactus & Succulent Society club sale in San Juan Bautista. After purchasing my plants, I took a stroll around the quaint town. It seemed little changed from the quiet little (historic) berg that I remembered from my days at Caltrans. I walked by the site of the former rock shop near the mission, but alas! It was gone. After one inquiry, I found that it had moved to near the ice cream store (near Daisy's Saloon) on the main drag (3rd Street). As I neared the shop, I saw a sign announcing a "Geozeum".

Of course I had to find out what that was. So I followed the (chalked) dinosaur tracks down a hallway to a location right behind Jan McClintock's Rock Shop. Entering, I met Phil Stoffer, the enthusiastic curator of the small (by museum

standards) space consisting of two average size rooms. When I found that Phil was a retired USGS employee of USGS and a former New York City high school teacher, I immediately asked him where his Eurypterid* was, and, he just as quickly pointed it out. It was only about 6 inches long though, a bit of a disappointment.

Then we were off on a 20-minute discussion of his specimens, some collecting places we had visited, and want to visit, and how cool some of his specimens are.



Unhappily, I did not take my camera on the bus, but Phil kindly sent me some pictures for our

bulletin. The Geozeum is located at 209B Third Street in San Juan Bautista, and their phone number is 831-623-9021. Their website

is http://geozeum.com. The website is worth checking-out, because it contains extensive information about local geological sites (including the San Andreas Fault that is practically the town's next door neighbor), and it has a link to the town's website that contains more historical information



Phil with one of his displays about the town. It also has a listing of many geological terms in easy to understand language.

I'm giving the Geozeum two thumbs up, plus an extra thumb because Phil is such an

engaging fella'. You might also check out the rock shop in front of the **Geozeum**, though it carries pretty

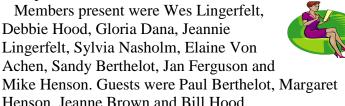
standard Rock-Shop fare. In spite of this, the store carries a few things I have never seen before. * Eurypterids (below) are fossil "sea scorpions" that lived in Upstate New York from 248-460 million years ago. They ranged in length from a few inches to over 8 feet long, and are the largest arthropods that ever lived.

Modesci.com/Ferancisci Lopez



Orcutt Mineral Society Board Meeting, Mike & Margaret Henson Home, Santa Maria, CA. November 1, 2011

President Gloria Dana called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.



Lingerfelt, Sylvia Nasholm, Elaine Von Achen, Sandy Berthelot, Jan Ferguson and Mike Henson. Guests were Paul Berthelot, Margaret Henson, Jeanne Brown and Bill Hood.

Minutes: Elaine Von Achen read the minutes from the October general meeting. Wes Lingerfelt noted that there was an error in the minutes stating that the program for October was titled "The Last Great Extinction" which is actually the title for November's program. Elaine said she would make that correction and the minutes were approved.

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

Correspondence:

Elaine Von Achen reported a newsletter from San Gorgonio Gem & Mineral Society, Carmel Valley Gem & Mineral Society and Sun Valley Indian School. Elaine read a thank you from CFMS for our recent donation in memoriam for Herschel and Mary Whitefield. There was also a notice from Sacramento Mineral Society, one from West Coast Gem & Mineral and one from American Opal Society announcing up-coming shows.

Committee Reports:

Abused Children: None.

Annual Gem Show: Wes is still waiting to hear back from Lucia Mar Unified School District regarding our application to use the Nipomo High School for our annual Gem Show.

Breakfast: November's breakfast will be held on the 26th at the Sunrise Grill, Sunset Ridge Golf Center, 1424 W. Fairway Drive, Santa Maria, CA. at 9:00 a.m.

Bulletin: The Bulletin is on line and has been mailed. Sylvia Nasholm noted a few errors in the bulletin which had the November's breakfast time listed as 8:15 to 9:15 and listed November's general meeting date as the 10th instead of the 8th. It also neglected to note that Professor Gray's program would start the meeting at 7:00 sharp with our business being conducted in the second half of the meeting as Professor Gray has to travel back to Santa Barbara following his program. Sylvia volunteered to call all of our members and let them know of the corrections. **CFMS:** None.

Education: None.

Field Trip: November's field trip will be to Avila Beach, Cayucos and Morro Bay. Members will meet at the head of the Bob Jones Trail just off Highway 101 at 8:00 a.m. Members are reminded to bring a sack lunch, a jacket and water.

Highway Clean up: The next highway clean up will be held November 12th. Members will meet at Highway 101 and 166 on the South East corner at 8:00 a.m.

Library: None.

Membership: Elaine Von Achen read an application for membership from Eileen Krienke. Debbie Hood made a motion that we accept Eileen as a new member. Sandy Berthelot seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Refreshments: November's general meeting refreshment will be cookies donated by Truman Burgess, Debbie Hood and Don Nasholm.

Scholarship: None.

Sunshine: Jeannie Lingerfelt is going in for eye surgery, Jeanne Brown is having hand surgery and Sandy Berthelot is going in for eye surgery. Our best wishes to all.

Old Business:

Sylvia Nasholm noted that with the absence of a President Elect, who is in charge of programs, that we need someone to get a thank you for our November speaker. It was decided that the club would spend up to \$50.00 and purchase a sphere from Wes Lingerfelt as a token of our appreciation. Debbie Hood made a motion to that effect and Jan Ferguson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Sylvia Nasholm announced that she had spoken to each junior member's parent or grand-parent and that each of the four junior members have an adult sponsor.

New Business:

Wes Lingerfelt passed around one of our new pins for everyone to look at. They turned out quite nice.

It was noted that we need a President Elect to replace Don Dana who stepped down a few months ago. Jan Ferguson nominated Debbie Hood to fulfill Don's term. Gloria Dana seconded the motion. There were eight board members who voted yes and two board members who voted no. The motion was passed by a majority.

Wes Lingerfelt noted there had been some changes of names that had been read for nomination at the previous general meeting for elected officers and board members running for office in 2012. He asked that his name be removed from President, that Elaine Von Achen's name be removed from Secretary and that John Von Achen's name be removed from the board. The following names will be read and voted on at the November general meeting:

President: Debbie Hood President Elect: Wayne Mills Secretary: Jeanne Brown Treasurer: Wes Lingerfelt Board members:

Jan Ferguson Sandy Berthelot Jeannie Lingerfelt Mike Henson

Mike Schmidt

There will be no general meeting in December, as we will hold our annual Christmas luncheon on Saturday, December 10^{th} at 12:00 at the Santa Maria Terrace.

The meeting was adjourned by President, Gloria Dana at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Elaine Von Achen, Secretary, OMS

Orcutt Mineral Society General Meeting Luis Oasis Senior Center, Orcutt, CA. November 8, 2011

President Gloria Dana called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Due to the fact that our guest speaker for the evening, Dr. Robert Gray, is from Santa Barbara and has a way to travel home it was decided that we would have the program first and the meeting following. The program is titled "The Last Great Extinction."

Mike Henson gave the invocation.

Mariah Martinez led the flag salute.

Minutes: Elaine Von Achen read the minutes from the November 1, 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: Sharon Duncan reported 39 members and 11 guests in attendance. Guests included Vernon Deck, Roy Warkentin, Marcy Warkentin, Eiko Kitao, Melissa Macias, Brittany Rodgers, Jon Rodgers, Tom Donovan, Karen Donovan and Crystal Bennett. **Refreshments:** Margaret Henson thanked Don Nasholm, Truman Burgess and Debbie Hood for their generous donations of cookies for the evening's refreshment. She also asked that everyone be more involved in bringing treats to the general meeting instead of the same old standbys.

Committee Reports:

Annual Luncheon Meeting: Bill Hood has a signup sheet for the December luncheon meeting he will pass around. The luncheon will be on December 10th at 12:00 noon at Santa Maria Terrace with adults paying \$12.00 and children 12 and under paying \$6.00.

Breakfast: November's breakfast will be on the 26th at Sunrise Grill, Sunset Ridge Golf Center, 1424 W. Fairway Drive, Santa Maria, CA. at 9:00 a.m.

Budget & Audit: None.

Bulletin: None.

CFMS: Wes Lingerfelt will be attending the federation meeting in Visalia on the 12th of November.

Door Prizes: There are some great prizes for this evening donated by John and Elaine Von Achen, Wes and Jeannie Lingerfelt, Steve Riegel, Don Nasholm and Wayne Mills.

Education: None.

Gem Show: None.

Historian: None.

Field Trip: The field trip for November will be on the 19th to Avila Beach, Morro Bay and Cayucos. Members will meet at 9:00 a.m. at the head of the Bob Jones Trail. Bring a sack lunch and plenty of water.

Highway Clean-up: The next highway clean-up will be held November 12th. Members will meet at highways 101 and 166 on the southeast corner at 8:00 a.m.

Library: None.

Membership: Elaine Von Achen announced a new member, Eileen Krienke, who is not in attendance this evening but will be welcomed at the next meeting.

Political Action Committee: None. **Property:** None.

Property: None.

Scholarship: None.

Sunshine: None.

Old Business:

Wes Lingerfelt read the following names from the nominating committee for the 2012 year:

President Elect: Wayne Mills

Secretary: Jeanne Brown Treasurer: Wes Lingerfelt

Board members:

Jan Ferguson

- Sandy Berthelot Mike Henson
- Jeannie Lingerfelt
- Mike Schmidt

Names were read three times with no nominations from the floor. Lee Reyburn made a motion that we accept the above slate of officers and board members for the New Year. Bob Bullock seconded the motion. Motion passed.

New Business: None.

President Gloria Dana adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m. Respectfully submitted: Elaine Von Achen, Secretary, OMS

Bits and Bytes

By Wayne Mills

Here is an interesting website dealing with fake fossils.

http://www.paleodirect.com/fakechinesefossils1.htm

December 2011 Calendar

| Tuesday Dec. 6, 2011 7:00 to 8:30 pm | OMS Board Meeting- At the home of Mike & Margaret Henson. For directions call Mike Henson at 934-1308. All members are welcome at this business meeting. | |
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| Saturday Dec 10, 2011 12:00 Noon to 3:00p.m. | OMS Annual Meeting At Santa Maria Terrace Bring donations of Canned goods for Salvation Army, \$ for Abused Children's Fund, and a wrapped gift (value \$10.00) if you wish to participate in the gift exchange. | |
| Saturday Dec 17, 2011 8:00 am to 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 and water. Contact Bob Bullock at 928-6372 for details | |
| | OMS Monthly Breakfast- no breakfast scheduled this month | |
| January 2012 Calendar | | |
| Tuesday January 3, 2012 7:00 to 8:30 pm | OMS Board Meeting- - At the home of Mike & Margaret Henson. For directions call Mike Henson at 934-1308. All members are welcome at this | |

| | business meeting. |
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| Tuesday January 10, 2012 7:00 to 9:00 pm | OMS General Meeting-Luis Oasis Senior Center, Orcutt, CA Display-To be announced Refreshments-Do-Nuts |
| Saturday January 14, 2012 8:00 am to 5:00 pm | OMS Fieldtrip- To be announced |
| Saturday January 28, 2012 8:15 a.m. to 9:15 pm | OMS Monthly Breakfast To be announced |
| Saturday January 21, 2012 8:00 a.m. to 10:00. | Roadside Clean up After the cleanup, coffee and pastry at "Francisco's Country Kitchen" in Santa Maria. |

Show Schedule 2011

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December 3-4: BARSTOW, CA
Mojave Desert Gem & Mineral Society
Barstow Community Center
841 S. Barstow Road
Hours: 10 – 5 daily
Gene Haines, (760) 256-0595
Email: <u>vhaines@san.rr.com</u>
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January 21 - 22: EXETER, CA Tule Gem & Mineral Society, Visalia Exeter Veteran's Memorial Building Highway 65, 324 N Kaweah Avenue Hours: Sat. 10 - 5; Sun. 10 - 4 Contact: Steve Hayward, (559) 734-3843, cell (559) 967-1084 Email: smhay734@aol.com Website: www.tulegem.org January 27 - 28*: REDLANDS, CA Mineralogical Society of Southern California/Micro-Mineralogists Pacific Micromount Conference San Bernardino County Museum 2024 Orange Tree Drive Hours: Fri. 4 - 10; Sat. 8 -10 *Field Trip on Sunday, January 29

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February 17 - 26: INDIO. CA

San Gorgonio Mineral & Gem Society Gem & Mineral Building, Bldg #1 Arabia Street Hours: 10 -10 daily Contact: Bert Grisham, (915) 849-1674 Email: bert67@verizon.net

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March 2 - 4: NEWARK, CA

Mineral & Gem Society of Castro Valley Newark Pavilion 6430 Thornton Avenue Hours: Fri. & Sat. 10 - 6; Sun. 10 - 5 Contact: Cathy Miller, (510) 887-9007 Email: info@mgscv.org Website: www.mgscv.org

March 5 - 6: ARCADIA, CA

Monrovia Rockhounds, Inc. LA County Arboretum 301 Baldwin Avenue Hours: 9 - 4:30 daily Contact: Jo Anna Ritchey, (626) 359-1624 Email: joannaritchey@gmail.com Website: www.Moroks.com

March 3 - 4: VENTURA, CA

Ventura Gem & Mineral Society Ventura County Fairgrounds 10 W. Harbor Blvd. Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4 Contact: Rob Sankovich, (805) 494-7734 Email: rmsorca@adelphia.net Website: www.vgms.org

March 10 - 11: SALINAS (Spreckels), CA

Salinas Valley Rock & Gem Club Veteran's Hall, Spreckels, CA 5th & Llano Streets Hours: 10 - 5 daily Contact: Robert L. Braun, (831) 771-2089 March 10 - 11: TURLOCK, CA Mother Lode Mineral Society

Turlock Fairgrounds 900 North Broadway Hours: Hours 10 - 5 daily Contact: Terry & Bud McMillin, (209) 524-3494 Email: bud.mcmillin.b7y@statefarm.com Website: www.turlockgemshow.com

March 17 - 18: VALLEJO, CA

Vallejo Gem & Mineral Society Solano County Fairgrounds McCormack Hall Hours: 10 - 5 daily Contact: Dan Wolke, (707) 644-9764 Email: VGMS01@yahoo.com Website: www.vallejogemandmineral.com



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Mike Henson

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ORE-CUTTS (named after, William Orcutt) was published in 1966. Member

Helen Azevedo was the first editor Orcutt Mineral Society was founded in 1958, and was 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, William Orcutt discovered the mineral and fossil wealth of the La Brea Tar Pits on the property of Captain Alan Hancock. The La Brea Tar Pits are one of the most significant fossil finds in paleontological history. The OMS is a non-profit club dedicated to stimulating an interest in the earth sciences. The club offers educational programs, field trips, offers educational programs, field trips, scholarships, and other opportunities for families and individuals to pursue an interest in the collecting and treatment of lapidary materials, fossils, gems, minerals, and other facets of the Earth Sciences. In addition, another 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 aims. Affiliations of the OMS include American Federation of Mineral Societies, and California Federation of Mineral Societies

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