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THE PRES BOX—DECEMBER 2018

Sylvia Nasholm, OMS President

Having to cancel our field trip to see the Pompeii exhibition was a big disappointment. Without question, Mother Nature is a fickle force to reckon with. Be sure to view the videos/pictures Elisabeth researched in last month's bulletin to view a tantalizing taste of what we have missed. The display will be at the library until April 21, 2019 so there is a possibility to pick it up after the fires are put out and the area improves in both air quality and fire danger. In the meantime, please keep all those who have suffered these great losses of loved ones, homes, and livelihoods, in your thoughts and prayers.

The year is winding down. We were able to find a Board to lead us in 2019. December's Board meeting is on the 4th in the Nipomo Chamber of Commerce conference room at 7 p.m. This is a combined meeting of all members on 2018 and 2019 Boards. The first order of business is to determine when the January 2019 Board meeting will take place as the first Tuesday of the year is on January 1. Not a likely choice, nor did I book the room for that date.

I want to take this opportunity to thank Tara Machin for her inspired talk and photos of mining in England during the 1700's and her description of the Mineral collection in the British Museum in London. An absolutely wonderful note on which to end our year of programs!

All of you will have received your copy of Sharon's proposal to run the 2019 Rainbow of Gems show either by email or snail mail. Because it involves a sum of money greater than \$100.00, it needs to be voted on by our membership and it requires your due diligence. I do not respond to threats and ultimatums, and for that reason, I will not conduct a vote on this matter during our Christmas celebration. We will enjoy ourselves and our friendships and this will be dealt with in January, hopefully with a lot less drama. I have already received thoughts from some of our members and those will be turned over to the new leadership during our December Board meeting.

If you have not done so, please be sure to send Dyanna your meal selection, Roast Pork, Roast Turkey Breast or Portabella Mushroom and money to be received by her no later than Dec. 3. This year we also have a choice of desserts, Black Forest Cake with Cherries or Caramel Dutch Apple Pie. We aren't sure how it will work but we think they will pile them on a table and we just pick one up. I'm not sure if it will be 50/50 or geared to our exact order. In any case there will be tasty treats on the table. If you plan on participating in the gift exchange remember to bring a wrapped rock related item around \$10. Fun and games ensue!

Renae has put out a request for donations for our door prize activity. If you have spare minerals, rocks etc just accumulating dust, please consider donating them.

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I noticed that Brenna's birthday was inadvertently left off the list of November dates in the November Ore-Cutts so I want to wish her a very Happy Birthday on November 27th! Please remember there is no club breakfast scheduled for December.

We will be collecting non-perishable food items for the Salvation Army once again and you may bring them with you to the Madonna Inn. Wes has again volunteered to take the collected food items to the Salvation Army for us

I am looking forward to our festivities on the 8th of December at the Madonna Inn and in the meantime I wish you all a Festive Happy Thanksgiving!

Sylvia

**ORCUTT MINERAL SOCIETY
ANNUAL MEETING
MADONNA INN, SAN LUIS OBISPO, CA
DECEMBER 8, 2018
AGENDA**

12:00 p.m.	Begin Festivities Check In and chat time
12:20 p.m.	Invocation Pledge of Allegiance Introduction of Guests
12:30 p.m.	Luncheon
1:00 p.m.	President's Wrap-up of 2018
1:20 p.m.	Treasurer's Report Present 2019 Proposed Budget Old/New Business
2:00 p.m.	Awards & Recognition
2:15 p.m.	Installation of Officers 2019 President's speech Gift Exchange
3:00 p.m.	Adjourn

CHRISTMAS GIFT EXCHANGE

Sylvia Nasholm, President

It is time for our Annual Christmas gift exchange during our Luncheon at the Madonna Inn. As a reminder, participation is voluntary. If you wish to participate, bring a wrapped ROCK related \$10.00 gift. You pick a number when you enter. First up chooses a gift and opens it for all to see. Second person called can chose a gift and open it OR steal the first gift chosen, which sends that person back to the pile. And so it goes down through the list. The strategy comes in play when you understand a gift may only be stolen twice before it is out of play.

Whether you choose to participate or not, watching it all play out is a lot fun. See you at noon at the Madonna Inn on December 8th!

OMS MEMBERS BIRTHDAY'S & ANNIVERSARIES

Greetings & Congratulations go out to our members who are having birthdays and anniversaries this month:

BIRTHDAYS

Jeanne Brown	12/1
Truman Burgess	12/6
Renea Sutcliffe	12/15
Karen Dry	12/22
Jeanie Nybo	12/23

ANNIVERSARIES

Robert (& Rosemarie) Bullock	12/9
Sir Paul (& Lady Marie) Howard	12/10

NOTE: If you don't see your name here when you should, then the information is not in The Red Book or the Editor made a mistake in the list; either way please write your important dates down and give them to Wayne so they will be included in the next edition (April 2019)



Geary Sheffer won the after Highway Cleanup drawing.

HIGHWAY CLEANUP RECAP Wes Lingerfelt, OMS

We had seven hardy souls appear for the cleanup on a beautiful Saturday morning. We had Sally Griffith, Stan & Brenna Ferguson, Robert Bischoff, Geary Sheffer, my son Marty and myself. It was fairly dirty this time and took a little extra time to finish. Once at the Country Kitchen the drawing prize consisting of a Bit Coin collectible was won by Geary Sheffer. He is one lucky fellow having found a fifty dollar bill in the weeds in the past. We had fun and the highway looks great. We could use more helpers out there. You never know what you might find and it is fun looking for the stuff. Won't you join us on Saturday, January 12, 2019?

if Santa was a Geology Professor by cta

You never attended classes or turned in your homework. Plus, you failed the final. I'm giving you a F. And this black rock. See if you can identify it, this time.



CFMS DIRECTOR'S MEETING - VISALIA, CA NOVEMBER 10, 2018

**Wayne Mills, Federation Director for
Santa Lucia Rockhounds**

On behalf of Santa Lucia Rockhounds (#77), I attended the CFMS Director's meeting in Visalia on November 9-10. The event is held bi-annually, normally at the CFMS Show, and at the Wyndam Hotel in Visalia. Unfortunately this year, there was no CFMS Show, so they piggybacked their first business meeting of the year with the Chico Show in September.

Friday evening was the cracker barrel where the outgoing President, Jennifer Haley, discussed various topics and asked for member input. Topics included recent derogatory e-mails about CFMS posted on LA Rocks, poor member organization participation in CFMS activities, and the Mojave Desert Recreation Plan. Regarding the election of CFMS Officers, I learned that the promotion from Vice President to President is automatic, much like in many G&M societies, but CFMS Societies can nominate their own candidates for the other offices by providing a resume of their candidate's qualifications. Current vacancies are: Legal Advisor (Jean Plotz, who was elected to the position at our September 2018 meeting, recently passed away),

We were pleased to hear that Jim-Brace Thompson has again agreed to be the CFMS Youth Activities Director (he also fills that position for AFMS).

Sunday morning, the agendas and member packets were passed out at 8 a.m., and the meeting began at 9 a.m. The agenda consisted of approving minutes of the September meeting, introducing past presidents, approving the agenda and going through the list of reports. 2019 officers were presented, and our new President is Tony Fender.

Some of the interesting items were: additional

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TORBERNITE - NOT WHAT YOU WANT FOR CHRISTMAS

Elisabeth Nybo, OMS

Thinking about the December newsletter and all the holiday-related functions this month, I wondered if there were any mineral specimens that resembled Christmas trees. Thanks to Google I found Torbernite “Christmas Trees” and learned some about a mineral that I am definitely not wanting to add to my home collection.

Kareen Amin, in his post on miningeology.com, describes Torbenite as, “...the mineral from hell. The prism shaped green crystals form as secondary deposits in granitic rocks, and are composed of uranium. Formed through a complex reaction between phosphorous, copper, water and uranium, the stunning crystal displays have seduced many mineral collectors into taking a sample for a shelf collection. If the uranium decay from a pocket sized Chernobyl were not enough, lethal radon gas capable of causing lung cancer slowly releases from these hot rocks. This is one crystal to leave alone. Torbernite can occur in granite, so your stone countertop just might contain traces of torbernite. The bright green crystal blooms were used by prospectors as indicators of uranium deposits.”

KickassFacts.com provides the following information on Torbernite: “It was named in 1793 by Abraham Gottlob Werner in honor of Torbern Olof Bergmann, Professor of Chemistry and Physics, University of Uppsala (Sweden).

Torbernite’s chemical formula is Cu(UO₂)₂(PO₄)₂·12 H₂O. Cu(UO₂)₂(PO₄)₂·12 H₂O means torbernite is a hydrated copper uranyl phosphate mineral, which really means there’s water, phosphate, copper and best of all, uranium.

The copper makes it sweet green color. Torbernite is found in granites and other uranium-bearing deposits as a secondary mineral. Its rich green color and well-developed distinctive crystals (size: mm to a few cm) make it a sought-after collector’s mineral, as well.

Due to the presence of Uranium, it is highly radioactive. If you hold a kilo (2.2 pounds) of Torbernite in your hand for one hour, you will be gifted with 1.2 rems of radiation. As a radioactive mineral, torbernite has some limited significance as a uranium ore.

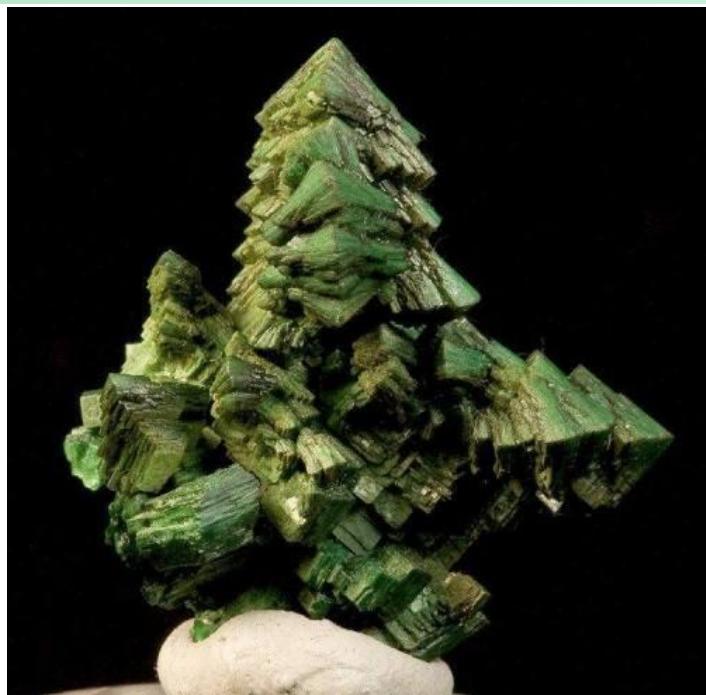


Image Credit: Rob Lavinsky / iRocks.com

You don’t need to handle it to kill you though. Being in the same room as it is can alone be harmful. You see, in addition to being radioactive, it outgases radon. Radon is a radioactive, colorless, odorless, tasteless noble gas. Collectors are urged to take proper precautions in the handling and storage of any specimens. It should not be kept in poorly ventilated, enclosed spaces.”

It is worth the visit to the website, <https://www.kickassfacts.com/torbernite-educational-album/> for beautiful Torbernite specimen photos; none of which resemble Christmas Trees.

If you should want to add a specimen to your home lead lined display case there are some available on [Ebay](https://www.ebay.com) from the very affordable (\$3 starting bid) to an over 1/4 pound museum-quality specimen from a closed mine in Zaire listed for \$795.00, with free shipping. The seller will not sell to anyone in California, so guess as the seller describes, “exceptionally rare and dangerous specimen, Geiger counter not included” will not be a possibility in our upcoming Gift Exchange.

Mindat.org on its page “Torbinate: Mineral information, Data and Localities” provides technical information, a recording of the correct pronunciation of the name, and the interactive map (shown with this article). Click on the map to go directly to the website map. To move through the map click on the United States or any country and the map will zoom in closer to that area. The website also

Click on map to explore where Torbernite has been found worldwide; including within 4 hours driving time from Santa Maria.

Localities for Torbernite

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This map shows a selection of localities that have latitude and longitude coordinates recorded. Click on the symbol to view information about a locality. The symbol next to localities in the list can be used to jump to that position on the map.

lists the locations by country, state/region, specific site. The map is an interesting opportunity to see the many different places worldwide where this mineral has actually been found. It's a nice around the world, passport-free, virtual fieldtrip for a mineral that comes with the health warning, "Contains uranium - always wash hands after handling. Avoid inhaling dust when handling or breaking. Never lick or ingest. Avoid prolonged exposure in the proximity of the body. Store away from inhabited areas."



A rich, riveting specimen of lustrous, forest-green torbernite blades covering a large portion of the sculptural gossan matrix on this superb specimen from the Shinkolobwe Mine of Zaire. This is a classic Zaire mineral and locality for a radioactive. Ex. Gary Hansen Collection.

<https://www.irocks.com/minerals/specimen/34795>

Image Credit: <http://ontherockschicago.com/soldout/torbernite>

(CFMS Director's Meeting Continued from page 3) information about the conflict with the Rocky Mountain Federation (that wants to ban outside clubs from collecting in the 10 states that are under its purview). The matter has been turned over to AFMS.

The CFMS Executive Committee decided to not sell the valuable silver specimen (mentioned in our notes from the September meeting) that is in the CFMS Collection in Reno, Nevada.

When I asked about the \$10,000 for professional services mentioned in the 2019 Budget, I learned that the CFMS Treasurer is paid that amount for the work that goes into record keeping for the CFMS Monies. She also does so much more for CFMS throughout the year (including being Bulletin Editor!)

The 2019 CFMS Show "California's Natural Treasures" will be co-sponsored by the Pasadena Lapidary Society at the Pomona Fairground March 8-10, 2019.

OMS was presented with a certificate from Project Help for 30 years of Highway Clean-ups. We are one of the only societies in CFMS who do this. A copy of an article I wrote in late 2016 at the behest of then CFMS President, John Martin was passed to all Directors present.

The CFMS Executive Committee approved an expenditure of \$800 to furnish all our societies with Mini Miner's Monthly for the coming year.

There was some discussion about the possibility of the closures of collecting sites in the Mojave Desert. Clubs have been encouraged to document the current access routes to favorite collecting sites for the BLM to keep them open for "recreational rock hounding". We are assured that Wiley Wells will stay open for now. CFMS clubs do an annual clean-up out there as our part of bargain to keep it open.

There is an on-line group that I need to check-out. I am a member of LA Rocks, but there is a group

called "Field Trip Fanatics" led by Chris Rowe (who has sold at the OMS show). Sounds fun!

The meeting ended just about noon on Saturday, in time for me to get some lunch and go detecting!

In my hotel I picked up an idea for a field trip. The Buena Vista Museum of Natural History and Science in Bakersfield. This could be coupled with collecting at Shark's Tooth Hill.

BITS & BYTES

VICTORIA'S SECRET FANTASY BRA ISN'T WORTH ANYWHERE NEAR \$1M, GEMOLOGIST SAYS

[HTTPS://WWW.FOXNEWS.COM/LIFESTYLE/VICTORIAS-SECRET-FANTASY-BRA-ISNT-WORTH-ANYWHERE-NEAR-1M-GEMOLOGIST-SAYS](https://www.foxnews.com/lifestyle/victorias-secret-fantasy-bra-isnt-worth-anywhere-near-1m-gemologist-says)



A view of the 2018 Dream Angels Fantasy Bra by Atelier Swarovski at Victoria's Secret, Fifth Ave on November 5, 2018 in New York City. (Michael Stewart/Getty Images)

A 5,655-CARAT EMERALD JUST TURNED UP IN ZAMBIA

It's Stunning, but not the Biggest the world has seen.

[HTTPS://WWW.MNN.COM/EARTH-MATTERS/WILDERNESS-RESOURCES/STORIES/EMERALD-GEMFIELDS-LION-ZAMBIA](https://www.mnn.com/earth-matters/wilderness-resources/stories/emerald-gemfields-lion-zambia)



The mighty Lion Emerald won't stay in one piece for long. (Photo: Gemfields)

A NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS

From The Gem News 1972 via Roseville Rock Rollers, Inc

<http://www.rockrollers.com/features/christmas.html>

T'was the eve a'fore Christmas
And there in the night,
The desert was quiet
Not a rockhound in sight.

Our socks were all hung
By the fire's ruby glow --
In the hope that Mama
Would sew up the toe.

The kids were all stacked
In their warm little bunks
With visions of agate --
Slabs, boulders, and chunks.

Me in my long johns
And Ma in her sack,
Had jumped into bed
It was cold as a tack.

From out in the sage brush
Came a hullabaloo;
I sprang to the window
To throw out a shoe.

I strained my eyes
'Til my brow was a furrow
Along came a geezer
A-leading his burro.

By the size of his belly
And his face full of hair,
I knew it was Santa...
Or a grizzly bear.

"Go Rudolph, go Rudolph
You stubborn old mule,
Get moving there Rudolph
You lop-eared old fool."

Then quick as a polecat
I heard him on top
That durn red-nosed burro
Goin' clippity clop.

Santa's trip down the chimney
Was something uncanny,
The fire was burnin'
And scorched his poor fanny.

He was dressed all in denim
From his head to his shoes
And his nose was all red
Like he'd drunk too much booze.

He has a middle age spread
That just wouldn't quit,
And a rock bag so big
It was already split.

He spied my old trim saw,
The one that was broke.
"By golly you're rockhounds,
You're my kind of folk."

He sat down at the table
And we both had some java
And threw bull about agate,
And opal and lava.

He told me of old times --
Of Horse Canyon agate,
Of the good times at Boron,
Of jasper from Daggett.

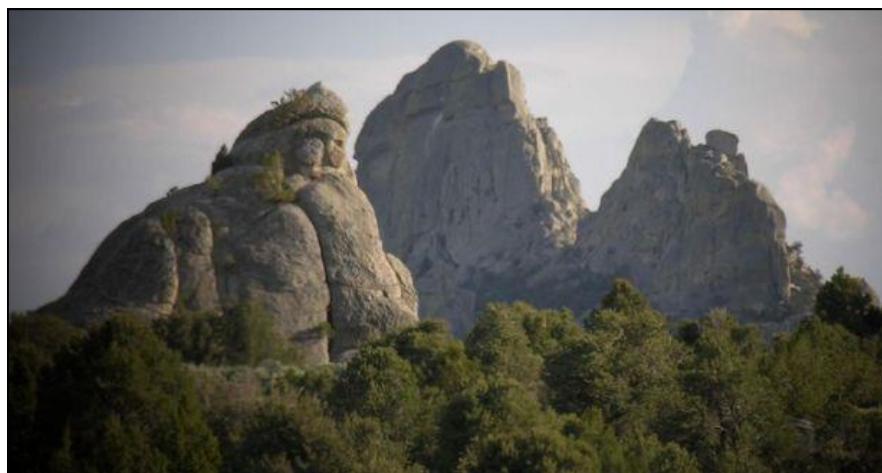
He told of deliveries to
What are now ghost cities --
Of Bullfrog and Bodie
They're dead, what a pity.

Then from out of his pack
For me and for Ma,
What did he pull
But a big slabbing saw.

There was a hammer for Dougie,
And a black light for Ginny,
And a bag of rock candy
So we wouldn't get skinny.

Then lookin' at the fire
And feelin' his sore
He decided it was best
To leave through the door.

But I heard him exclaim
As he fell in the mine,
"Merry Christmas, you rockhounds
And Auld Lang Syne."



TOP FIVE YOUTUBE GEOLOGY CLIPS - AND OTHER WAYS TO SPEND THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

[https://blog.geolsoc.org.uk/2011/12/23/
TOP-FIVE-YOUTUBE-GEOLOGY-CLIPS-AND-OTHER-
WAYS-TO-SPEND-THE-CHRISTMAS-HOLIDAY/](https://blog.geolsoc.org.uk/2011/12/23/top-five-youtube-geology-clips-and-other-ways-to-spend-the-christmas-holiday/)

OMS CALENDAR	
DECEMBER 2018	
Tues, Dec 4 7 to 8 p.m.	OMS Board Meeting, Nipomo Chamber of Commerce meeting room 239 W Tefft St, Nipomo, CA Meeting for both incoming and outgoing Boards. All members are welcome at this meeting
Sat, Dec 8 Noon	Annual Meeting at Madonna Inn 100 Madonna Rd, San Luis Obispo, CA Fabulous Lunch, Annual Awards, Installation of New Officers and Board, & Gift Exchange: Participation is optional. If you wish to participate, bring a wrapped gem, mineral or rock related \$10 gift and a spirit of adventure and humor. Even if you chose not to participate, watching the gift exchange play out is a lot of fun.
	No Monthly Breakfast
JANUARY 2019	
Date to Be Determined	OMS Board Meeting, Nipomo Chamber of Commerce meeting room 239 W Tefft St, Nipomo, CA All members are welcome at this meeting
Sat, Jan 12 8 a.m.	Highway Clean-up Southeast Corner Hwy 101/166 East
Tue, Jan 8 7 to 9 p.m.	General Meeting: Oasis Senior Center 420 Soares Av, Santa Maria, CA Program: Agates Display: Agates Refreshments: Donuts provided by the Club
Sat, Jan 26 8:30 a.m.	OMS Monthly Breakfast Denny's Santa Maria 1019 E Main St, Santa Maria, CA

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Sally Griffith	(805) 928-6848
Debbie Hood	(805) 481-6860

CFMS FEDERATION DIRECTOR

Renea Sutcliffe	(805) 929-2783
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OMS Membership: \$24 for Individual, \$34 per couple, \$5 Each Additional Family Member, \$5 for Juniors under age of 18. One-time \$10 initiation fee for new members.

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**ORCUTT MINERAL SOCIETY
BOARD MEETING
NIPOMO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OFFICE
NIPOMO, CA
NOVEMBER 6, 2018**

President Sylvia Nasholm called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Board members present were Wayne Mills, Jan Ferguson, Jeanne Watkins Brown, Dyanna Cridelich, Debbie Hood, Bill Brown and Dick Bazzell. Sally Griffith was absent.

Alexis Van Natta and Sharon Duncan were our guests.

Minutes: Minutes from the general meeting are printed in the newsletter. Accepted as published.

Treasurer's report: Not much activity this past month. We are still above our net budget. We missed our CD renewal date by one day and will change them next renewal date.

Correspondence: We received a donation request from the Salvation Army, a Chase business advertisement and an AFMS Newsletter.

Committee Reports:

Bulletin: The Bulletin is out. It is beautiful as always. It is a little short due to issues with printing.

CFMS: Wayne Mills has made a reservation for Friday and Saturday CFMS meeting this weekend in Visalia.

Field Trips: Our field trip to Simi Valley and the Reagan Library and the Pompeii exhibit will take place on November 17th. We will pay them when we arrive there. We will meet at 8:30 a.m. at the Vons. We can park in the Carl Jr's lot. We will pick up Jeanne Beattie at the Pea Soup Andersons at 9:30 a.m. After the Pompeii exhibit, we will attend the Oxnard Gem Show.

Highway Cleanup: Our next Highway cleanup will be held November 10 at 8:00 a.m. Members will meet on the Southeast corner of Highways 101 and 166 East.

The minimum age to work is 18 years old. Come join the fun.

Membership: Nothing new.

Annual Meeting (Madonna): Dyanna Cridelich says the date will be December 8th, 2018. We have reserved the room from noon until 3 p.m. We have to purchase a minimum of 25 dinners. The dinners will cost \$12.00 each for both members and guests. This is half of the cost due to the Madonna Inn.

Your choice of dinners will be the Roast Turkey Breast,

the Roast Pork and the Portabella Mushroom. The choice of Desserts is the Black Forest Cake with cherries or the Carmel Dutch Apple Pie. At the November general meeting, Dyanna will have forms to fill out your choices. Since we are having a choice of desserts, the Madonna Inn will put all of them on a separate table. It is up to you to go pick up your dessert. They will bring an equal number of each. If you don't get your 1st choice, please be patient. We can always go back to one dessert choice next year. I'm sure they are both great.

Our final head count will be due to Madonna Inn on December 3rd by 12 noon.

Final payment is due to Madonna Inn on December 6th by 5 p.m..

Since we have such a short turn-around date, please, get your checks together as soon as possible. Dyanna will ask as many as possible to pay at the November general meeting. Please send checks to either Dyanna or Jeanne Watkins.

Show: Many of us are getting unable to handle the rigors of the Rainbow of Gems show. Since we have been looking at alternative ways for running the show, Sharon Duncan set forth a proposal for our 2019 show. Sharon has written a proposal that enumerates what she does and everything that needs to be done for the show to be successful. She suggested that a fee could be paid to her and Scott Smith to take care of everything. Several suggestions have been proposed for financing this. We could up the dealer prices or add more dealers, charge admission, or have a super raffle. We could also charge for parking. Sharon will call Debbie Carter to see if we can do this at the school. Wayne Mills said that this goes against Article 3 of the bylaws. He says that we need to contact the Parliamentarian. Sylvia Nasholm suggested a professional opinion from a CFMS attorney. What will it do, if anything, to our non-profit status? We could possibly change the bylaws. The huge shows were discussed. How do they work? Wayne also brought up Article 12 of our bylaws, which covers Conflict of Interest. We need to work on this for the December Board meeting.

Sunshine: Sally Griffith is not doing well; Jeanne Watkins is having eye surgery.

Scholarship: nothing now.

Breakfast: We will meet on November 24th at Denny's in Santa Maria at 8:30 a.m..

Education: Wayne gave his Brazil talk to the Santa Lucia Club. It was well received.

Library: Alexis Van Natta delivered 14 more VHS tapes to Wes Lingerfelt to turn into DVD tapes.

Old Business: Nominating Committee: The following people were added to the ballot, Wayne Mills was added as President. Dyanna Cridelich and Alexis Van Natta were added as Board members.

Oasis Center: We need to get proof of insurance coverage to them. Check to see when we have been paying them.

New Business: South County Chambers of Commerce are incorporating and all the parts are joining up. (Arroyo Grande, Pismo, Grover Beach, Oceano, Nipomo) This can cause some good things to happen. We will get discounts and will be in their Directory. We are already booked at the Chamber for 2019. We are not sure if the fees will go up.

President Sylvia Nasholm adjourned the meeting at 8:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:
Dyanna Cridelich, Secretary, OMS

**ORCUTT MINERAL SOCIETY
GENERAL MEETING
LUIS OASIS SENIOR CENTER, ORCUTT, CA
NOVEMBER 13, 2018**

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

Mike Henson gave the invocation.

We all started the flag salute.

Minutes: Minutes were accepted as corrected.

Treasurer's Report: We are still doing well. Copies of the Treasurer's report given on request. Treasurer's report accepted as given.

Guests: We had 7 guests: Chris Worley, Dave Machin, Scott Smith, Carmen Wulff, James Ensminger, Eldon Chapman and Susan Mattison. We had 28 members in attendance.

Correspondence: none

Committee Reports:

Annual December Luncheon Meeting: Luncheon at the Madonna Inn will be on December 8th from 12 noon until 3 p.m. The dinners will cost \$12.00 for both guests and members. Your choice of entrée is the Roast Turkey Breast, the Roast Pork or the Portabella Mushroom. Choice of dessert is the Black Forest Cake with cherries or

the Carmel Dutch Apple Pie. Since we are having a choice of desserts, the Madonna Inn will put them on a separate table. They will furnish an equal number of each. It will be up to you to pick up your dessert from the table. If you don't get your first choice, don't feel bad. I'm sure they are both excellent.

Since we have a short turn around time, please get your checks and reservations to me as soon as possible. I have passed around some forms for you to fill out your choices. Please get them back to me before the end of the night. If you don't have your checks tonight, please send them to Dyanna or Jeanne Watkins before December 3. I need to get the final check to Madonna's on Dec, 6th. I will need to get the check at the Board meeting on Dec. 3rd.

Bulletin: It's beautiful as always Elisabeth! It's a little short because of some problems with printing. Please submit any rock related items to Elisabeth Nybo. The article deadline is on the 20th of the month.

CFMS: Wayne Mills gave a report on the CFMS Meeting on November 10, 2018. A lot of good information was imparted. They awarded a certificate to OMS for 30 years of highway cleanup. Anyone wanting to read the report in full please contact Wayne Mills.

Membership: nothing new

Sunshine: Elisabeth Nybo has a headache and cannot be with us tonight. Jeannie's eye surgery went well and is healing.

Field Trips: The fires may interfere with the field trip to Simi Valley and the Pompeii exhibit on Nov 17th. Three different routes have been mapped and we are checking the air quality. The exhibit opens at 10 am and we should get there about 10:30am. The cost is \$29.00, but there are discounts if you qualify. We will have maps with all three routes at the end of the evening for those attending. If we think it is not a good idea, we can cancel. It was agreed that we wait until Friday and then decide.

Highway Clean up: Wayne Mills says the next highway cleanup is in January. It will be the same time: 8:00 am. at the intersection of Highways 101 and 166. With rare exception, the clean-up is the 2nd Saturday of odd numbered months.

Education: Nothing

Scholarship: Wayne is looking into the new Geology Program at Cuesta College.

Library: Alexis Van Natta said that she and Wes Lingerfelt are working on the DVD's.

Door Prizes: Renae Sutcliffe facilitated the door prizes tonight. She is running low on door prizes. Anyone who has some nice specimens, beads, slabs or anything rock related that they would like to donate, please do so.

Breakfast: Bill Hood says that the November Breakfast will be at Denny's in Santa Maria on November 24th at 8:30 a.m.

Show: The Board has been looking into alternative ways to run our Rainbow of Gems show. Sharon Duncan has made a proposal, in the form of a 4-page document, that tells us everything that she does for the show. She asked that she be paid but has noted things we can do to defray the expenses. We are tabling this for a future date. This is a club vote, not a board vote, because the amount is over \$100.

OLD BUSINESS:

Nominating Committee: This is the last time for nominations from the floor. Nominations for the 2019 Board: President: Wayne Mills, President Elect: Bill Brown, Secretary: Debbie Hood, Treasurer: Jeannie Watkins, Immediate Past President: Sylvia Nasholm. Board Members: Jan Ferguson, Dick Bazell, Renae Sutcliffe, Dyanna Cridelich, and Alexis Van Natta.

(Wayne Mills said he would run for President and take over the Dealer Chairmanship if no one else would, ONLY if we turn down Sharon's or any other person's proposal to be paid.)

There was a motion to accept the slate by Debbie Hood and seconded by Jeannie Watkins. The club voted unanimously to accept the Board.

NEW BUSINESS:

Wes Lingerfelt gave the final reading for the changes to our bylaws. The Bylaws had not been changed since 1997. These changes were done to reflect what we are actually currently doing. Debbie Hood motioned to accept the changes in the bylaws. Wayne Mills seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Wes also discussed Article 12 and Article 3 in regards to paying someone to run our gen show. It was found that if an action fosters and furthers the mission of the club, it is legal by our bylaws. We already pay security, porta potties, someone to do our BBQ.

Chamber of Commerce: Sylvia Nasholm said the Chamber didn't show us as being members. Everything was being run out of the Arroyo Grande office. They have increased membership from 80 to 200 members. We will be in the directory, which will be in every hotel room. We are booked into the Chamber for 2019. We

will have a presence on their website and they will post any events that we do.

President Sylvia Nasholm adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m..

Respectfully submitted:
Dyanna Cridelich, Secretary, OMS

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