



# Ore-Cutts

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## The Pres. Box—January 2014

By Elaine Von Achen, President, OMS

I wish each and every one of you a happy and healthy new year. As this is my first time holding the position of President, I am looking forward to new beginnings for all of us.

To make our society grow and to keep our members attending meetings and helping on various committees, we need to offer interesting and informative programs and fun field trips. At our January meeting I will be passing around suggestion sheets for future programs and field trips. We will also be passing around a sign-up sheet for refreshments for the coming year and I encourage all of you to sign up. In January I will also be filling committee positions and hope you will volunteer to work with me.

As most of you know by now, we are in need of someone to fill the opening of “Newsletter Editor” since Debbie Hood has decided to retire from that position after 6+ years. If you have any interest, please contact me and we can discuss what that position entails.

Last but not least (and perhaps I should have started with this) I would like to sincerely thank Wayne Mills for all of his hard work in 2013. Wayne, we had a great year last year. Thank you.

Again, I am excited about the New Year and can't wait to get started.

Virginia Rogers	1/21/2014
Sir Paul Howard	1/28/2014
Elaine Von Achen	1/30/2014

## January Anniversaries

include:

Don and Sylvia Nasholm	1/10/2014
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## Congratulations!

*If you don't see your name here when you should, then the information is not in **The Red Book**. Please write your **important dates down and give them to Wes Lingerfelt so they will be included in the next edition (March 2014).***

## SUNSHINE

Merry Sunshine

We were pleased to see Sandy Berthelot and Jeannie Brown who have who have both had recent ailments looking well at our Annual Meeting.

## NOTES FROM OUR ANNUAL MEETING

### Outgoing President's (Wayne Mills) Remarks

**Where did this year go??** Seems that not too long ago we were worried about the show, and shortly before that it was our first field trip. So what have we done this year, really?

One of my goals was to try to have programs meeting the desires of the club members. Based on a survey responded to by half of our members a year ago, we have had programs on Wire wrapping, dinosaurs, gold prospecting, agates of the world, soapstone carving, and ice age fossils (among others).

We have tried to have a field activity every other month, and have pretty much succeeded on that score too, with Wayne's trip to the Ventura Club Museum in January, Wes's trip to Ozena in March, the Tailgate at the Von Achen's in May, Annual meeting field trip to the Porter Ranch in June, Stan Ferguson's trip to Willow Creek in August, the Von Achen's trip to the Benitoite mine in

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

**Greetings** go out to those folks who are having birthdays and Anniversaries in January.

### January Birthdays are:

Paul Berthelot	1/10/2014
Pat Nuernberg	1/11/2014

October, and the Tailgate at Cliff Brewen's in November. I think the folks who attended each of these activities enjoyed them a lot! I am standing by as field trip coordinator to hear your ideas and wishes for next year's activities. I think the Von Achen's are preparing for another Tailgate, and may perhaps be persuaded to return to the Benitoite mine. Anyone up for digging tourmalines down at the Himalaya Mine in San Diego County? Please call or write me with your ideas. For what it is worth, my friend Roberta Hall from the Santa Lucia Rockhounds and I plan to camp at Quartzite from January 3-8, and plan to go to the Planet Mine for gem silica on the 4<sup>th</sup> with Wes, and to another location nearby for multi-colored marble on the 6<sup>th</sup>. We plan to host campfires on the night of the 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. Please let me know if you are interested in this activity.

Our show this year (our second at Nipomo High School) was outstanding for many reasons, primarily due to the hard work of several of our members who pitched in and "got 'er done".

We continued our bi-monthly highway clean-ups of Highway 166 east of 101, though with dwindling attendance. There were only 6 folks at our last clean-up. We need more folks to show up if this activity is to continue.

We continued our scholarship donation of the last two years to SBCC, and were rewarded with a wonderful program on Ice-Age mammals of Vandenberg by Dr. Gray with the support of some of our scholarship winners.

Yesterday, I just gave my second educational program of the year. This one was to 4<sup>th</sup> graders at Branch Elementary. It was a 2-hour event, with a slide program and talk in the first hour, and rock and mineral identification lab in the second hour. Boy was that noisy!

So the year comes to a close. So many folks have helped us get through it. Notably, the board and officers who will be recognized shortly, all the folks who helped at the show, including my cousin Vernon Deck and Mike Schmidt who were great helps at moving tables and again to Mike who was a great help with the kid's activity at the show, Renea Sutcliffe who did a great job managing the kitchen for our show, both Mike and Margaret Henson who opened their home for our board meetings, Jeannie Lingerfelt and Elaine and all other folks who provided treats for the board meetings and through out the year. Thanks to Bill Hood for his photography and for arranging today's meal, To Debbie Hood for keeping the presses running for another year, and to Wes who did almost everything else. I ask you to give your full support to Elaine and to her board in the coming year, and wish you all a happy, healthy, prosperous and exciting Christmas and New Year.

## Incoming President's (Elaine Von Achen's) Plans for 2014



Well, first I would like to thank all of you for electing me as President/secretary for this next year. I am really looking forward to a good year with lots of enthusiasm.

This past year has seen some new activities and events and I would like to not only continue them in the coming year but to add to them. We had our first tailgate at the Von Achen's last May and it was well attended and our dealers did well. We are already planning another tailgate for 2014.

There were some good field trips last year and I think having one every other month and having a different member leading the trip was a success. I have some ideas for coming field trips and would like to continue in the same format. As some of you know, John and I joined the Paso Robles Club on a trip to the White Knob Quarry in Lucerne Valley. It was a day and evening trip where we brought home calcite and lots of fluorescent material. We had a good time and I thought our members might enjoy that same trip as well. I was also thinking about another trip to the Santa Barbara Natural History Museum. I know we have done that trip before, but it is an informative trip with lots to see and we always have a good time. It is usually the same handful of people who go, and if we could get a lot of you who haven't been there to attend, I think you would enjoy yourself.

2013 was the second year for the new venue (Nipomo High School) for our annual Rainbow of Gems show held in August. I love the location. I was standing in front of Olympic Hall and looking out over the parking lot at the vendor set-ups and everything looked so sparkly and clean on the nice asphalt as opposed to dirt. We greatly enhanced the junior's activities by adding a treasure hunt and "sifting for treasure" where little ones could sift through sand and find shark teeth, amethyst, polished stone and lots more.

We bought rock and dinosaur tee shirts for kids and had a lot of requests for rock and dinosaur tee shirts for adults.

My hope for 2014 is that we can continue with the things we added last year and find some new and exciting ideas to add to what was a successful show.

As for our monthly OMS meetings, we had some really good programs in 2013. We started off in January with "Agates Uber Alles", February with "The art of wire

wrapping” and went into March with a great program on Dinosaurs by Richard Wade. We had “Gem Tree Making” in April, “Soap Stone Carving” in May and “Our favorite field trips” in July. August brought us a slide show of our Gem Show and September was a great program on “Thunder Eggs” by Barbara Bilyeu and Galen Moyer. In October Mike Schmidt told us about “Gold Panning” and in November Dr. Robert Gray told us all about “The Fauna of the Rancho La Brea Terraces”.

In February I plan to send around a suggestion sheet and will ask members to write down other programs they would like to see happen. I would like your suggestions on future field trips as well.

We had 6 new members join OMS in 2013. They include Amy McDaniel, Annette DeHate and Debbie Sprague as senior members and Hunter Pease-Bullock, Mikayla Casil-Bullock and Adam Loera as junior members. I would like to see that number double in 2014.

Again, thank you and with your support I look forward to a great new year.

### ANNUAL MEETING AWARDS

At our annual meeting, three members received special recognition for their outstanding contributions to the society.

**Hunter Pease-Bullock** was given a certificate as Junior Rockhound of the Year for his work in the Kitchen during our annual show.



**Deborah Hood** was given an Outstanding Service Award for her exceptional work as our bulletin editor for almost 7 years, between February 2006 and December 2013, including winning the CFMS trophy for Best Small Bulletin in 2011.



**Wes Lingerfelt** was awarded the member of the year award for his continued and outstanding service to OMS. Part of the citation for his award follows:

Any observant person who has been to two or more meetings or any of our functions probably is aware that there is a person in our society who is not only outstanding in his contributions, but is indispensable to all facets of our operations. The person I have in mind has not only enriched our organization since he joined in 1983, he helped the Society recover from an IRS cancellation of our tax exemption in 1994. He became CFMS Treasurer in 1997 and 1998. He held 3 other CFMS positions around that time as well. In 2002 he was inducted into the National Rockhound and Lapidary Hall of Fame upon my recommendation, and he was also made our Member of the Year that year.

He has been president of OMS three times (1989, 1995 and 1996), OMS Golden Bear recipient in 1996, CFMS Director and OMS Treasurer forever, assistant bulletin editor and computer technician for many years, and has organized and taken care of the dealers at our shows for as long as I can remember. Like any outstanding member, Wes is present at most club activities, including our bi-monthly highway clean-up where he faithfully brings the hats, vests, pickers and bags (or arranges to have them brought to the site in his rare absence). He cheerfully helps members with their lapidary-related questions and projects, and often supplies prizes for our various activities from his vast, private lapidary stock.

I am pleased to again recognize Carroll “Wes” Lingerfelt as the **Outstanding OMS member for 2013**.



## KIDZ ROCKS

By Jim Brace-Thompson, CFMS Junior Activities Chair

Earlier this year, CFMS Visual Programs Chair Sharon Rogow alerted me to “Kidz Rocks, Inc.,” an on-line business out of Canoga Park, CA, founded and run by Alan Scalone. Per his website, Alan notes a goal of providing “minerals that foster children’s curiosity in the world around them and a love of learning; minerals with vibrant colors, unique crystal shapes and interesting combinations of minerals that not only attract a child’s interest but provide excellent learning opportunities.” I’ve explored his website and I’m happy to report he has succeeded!

Kids can buy individual specimens, pre-made collection kits, or build their own custom collection kits with 100 rock, mineral, and fossil specimens to choose from. Most specimens are larger than 2 to 3 inches, not the little chips often sold by scientific supply houses. Kidz Rock also offers smaller sized bagged minerals for use by teachers and schools, or by junior leaders of local gem and mineral societies. Prices are kept deliberately low by Alan purchasing directly from miners (or collecting himself) and minimizing middlemen. And he provides FREE education pages. Beneath photos of the rocks offered is a clickable “Learn about This Rock” link that pulls up information about the chemistry and characteristics of the mineral, the origin of its name, where it’s found, how it’s used, and fun facts on colorful sheets that can be downloaded and printed. Some of the links also include brief educational video clips. And you can sign up for a newsletter.

I encourage you to check out Kidz Rocks at [www.kidzrocks.com](http://www.kidzrocks.com) or by calling 1-888-KIDZ-ROCKS. In addition to Alan’s formal goal of

“inspire a love of learning,” it looks like a lot of fun

## NEWS FROM THE SANTA LUCIA ROCKHOUNDS (PASO ROBLES)

Wayne Mills

The evening of December 16, I attended the Santa Lucia Club Christmas party at the Culinary Institute in Paso Robles. It was a nice gathering, and the chatter was lively. A couple of interesting things that came out of the meeting were that their new president is Richard Smithen who has held the position several times in years past, and that the club will now meet in the Community Center in Templeton, as opposed to Pioneer Park. Their Show venue will probably be at the Paso Robles Fairgrounds on the first weekend in May, 2014. Since they still have no field trip chairperson, some of their members will probably be joining us on some of our trips in the coming year.

### ORCUTT MINERAL SOCIETY-BOARD MEETING

Home Of Mike & Margaret Henson,  
Santa Maria, CA.  
December 3, 2012

President Wayne Mills called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. Members present were Wes Lingerfelt, Jeannie Lingerfelt, Elaine Von Achen, Jan Ferguson, Wayne Mills, Debbie Hood and Mike Henson. John Von Achen and Margaret Henson were guests.

**Minutes:** Minutes of the November general meeting were approved as printed in the December, 2013 newsletter.

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

**Correspondence:** Elaine reported various newsletters.

### Committee Reports:

**Annual Gem Show:** None

**Breakfast:** There will be no breakfast in December. Bill Hood is thinking about some possible venue changes for the breakfasts in 2014.

**Bulletin:** The bulletin is on line and has been mailed. It has been noted that we will need a new bulletin editor as Debbie Hood has resigned that position effective immediately. Wes and Wayne will pinch hit until this position has been filled.

**CFMS:** The CFMS will hold their annual show May 30th and 31st, 2014 at the Pomona Fairgrounds, Pomona, CA.

**Education:** Wayne will be giving a lab and program on rock and mineral identification for the Branch Elementary School 4th graders on December 6. He will have 28 kids.

**Field Trip:** November's field trip was held on Saturday the 23rd at Cliff Brewen's tailgate in Paso Robles. Wes and Jeannie Lingerfelt attended and Wes said Jeannie did some damage while there in the form of some Bruneau Jasper, Parrot Wing and a slab of marble that someone had sketched a picture on as well as some wine glasses. Sounds like they had a good time.

Wayne mentioned a field trip put on by the AFMS to be held July 31 to August 4 in Terry, Montana. He thought this could be a fun trip. They will look for Montana agate, jasper, petrified wood, fossils including ammonites, and possibly dinosaur bones.

**Highway Clean-up:** The next highway clean-up will be held Saturday, January 11th. Members will meet at Highways 101 and 166 on the south east corner at 8:00 a.m. Wes noted that at the November clean-up there were so few people who turned out to help that it took until 10:30 before they were finished. He wondered if there was some way of getting more members to help or perhaps if enough members don't show up that we cancel for that month. Wayne is going to see what the state requires, i.e.: if the clean-up has to occur every other month. Lisa Azevedo won a nice Brazilian Agate in the November drawing.

**Library:** None

**Membership:** Elaine read an application for membership from Adam Loera for a junior membership. Debbie Hood made a motion that we accept Adam for membership. Jan Ferguson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**Refreshments:** Refreshment for the January General Meeting will be donuts. Margaret Henson will pick up five dozen.

**Scholarship:** None

**Sunshine:** Sandy Berthelot has been having medical difficulties and is not well. We are thinking of you Sandy.

**Rainbow of Gems Show:** None

**Old Business:** Wes noted that we have been renting out our tables to various groups for the amount of \$3.00 per table, per event and thought we might want to increase that amount. He did some research online and found that tables were renting from as low as \$6.50 and as high as \$9.00 per table per day. He also documented two round trips to San Luis Obispo and said it took 15 gallons of gas and with the price of gas it was costing a minimum of \$45.00 for delivery and pick-up. Elaine Von Achen made a motion, that to be competitive, we increase our table rental to \$6.00 per table per event (which could be three days) and that we charge a \$50.00 delivery fee. This will be effective January 1, 2014. Mike Henson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**New Business:** Wayne mentioned that the Ventura Gem Show will be held March 1st and 2nd, 2014. He also noted that our Rainbow of Gems Show for 2014 will be held August 1st through the 3rd.

It was noted that Elaine and John Von Achen offer space for our storage unit and do not charge a yearly rental fee. Wes Lingerfelt made a motion that John and Elaine's annual dues be covered as compensation. Jeannie Lingerfelt seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Wayne is working on the agenda for December's annual meeting.

Wayne will submit newsletters to the CFMS for the best bulletin, Best article and for best poem categories for the 2013 bulletin contest.

Joe Azevedo donated a Ken-A-Vision Micro-projector for the club to have and to use. He also donated complete sets of Rock & Gem magazines and complete sets of Gem & Minerals magazines as well as some incomplete sets of both magazines. It has been decided that we will offer these for sale to our members. They will be bundled by year and will be sold for 50 cents each. As an example, a complete set of Rock & Gem for the year 1973 will cost \$6.00. A set of 6 Rock & Gem for 2004 will be sold for \$3.00. They will be available at our February meeting.

It has been noted that we need to remind members that they can sell items at our general meeting. They get 1/2 a table for a cost of \$5.00.

Our annual luncheon meeting will be held Saturday, December 7 from 12:00 to 3:00 at the Santa Maria Terrace on East Main Street. Members are asked to bring donations of food for the Salvation Army and donations for our abused children's fund. They can also bring a rock related gift with a value of \$10.00 for our gift exchange. This is not mandatory.

January's meeting will feature a CFMS program on agates.

The meeting was adjourned by President Wayne Mills at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Elaine Von Achen  
Secretary, OMS

### ORCUTT MINERAL SOCIETY--ANNUAL MEETING

Santa Maria Terrace, Santa Maria, CA  
December 7, 2013

President Wayne Mills called the meeting to order at 12:20 p.m.

Roger Lehman gave the invocation.

Joseph Martinez led the flag salute.

Our only guest was Velvedeen Elder who was introduced and thanked.

Wayne gave the annual presidents report (2013 in review).

**Minutes:** Elaine Von Achen read the minutes from the December 3, 2013 board meeting. Minutes were approved as read.

**Treasurer's report:** Wes Lingerfelt gave the treasurer's report. It was accepted as given. He also talked about our organization being a 501C (not for Profit Corporation) and the things we do to continue our nonprofit status. He mentioned that in 1986 there were 198 clubs belonging to the federation and at present that is down to 102. He is encouraging members to be more actively involved. Given the current trend our Society is not sustainable.

Wes also gave the proposed budget for 2014. Debbie Hood made a motion that we accept the proposed budget. Bob Bullock seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**Correspondence:** Elaine reported some newsletters from other clubs along with a request for food items from the Salvation Army.

#### **Committee Reports:**

**Breakfast:** January's breakfast will be held at 9:00 a.m. on the 25th at The Girls Restaurant, 1237 E. Grand Avenue, Arroyo Grande, CA.

**Bulletin:** Wayne asked members to submit articles, poems and rock related items for the newsletter.

**Education:** Wayne gave a program to 4th graders recently, which he said was well received. He read three of the thank you cards he received and they were really cute.

**Highway Clean up:** The next highway clean up will be held Saturday, January 11th. Members meet at highways 101 and 166 on the south east corner at 8:00 a.m.

**Membership:** Elaine introduced Adam Loera, as our newest junior member.

**Awards & Recognition:** The 2013 slate of officers and board members were called to the front and Wayne presented them with their pins.

We then had the 2014 slate of officers and board members take the oath of office and they were installed as follows:

**President:** Elaine Von Achen

**President Elect:** Dyanna Cridelich

**Treasurer:** Wes Lingerfelt

**Secretary:** Elaine Von Achen

**Immediate Past President:** Wayne Mills

**Board Members:** Sandy Berthelot, Jan Ferguson, Mike Henson, Jeannie Lingerfelt and John Von Achen.

Wayne presented Hunter Bullock with the **Junior Rockhound** award for 2013 for going above and beyond with his help in the snack bar at the annual Rainbow of Gems show this past August.

Wayne also awarded Debbie Hood with a certificate for six years of service as OMS bulletin editor and gave her a nice piece of Chrysoprase.

Wayne chose Wes Lingerfelt as the President's Choice for outstanding member of the year for OMS. This award is not given every year, but at the President's discretion. Wayne said Wes is the glue that holds our Society together and is always willing to do any job that needs to be done. He was awarded a plaque and is the 4th person to receive the award. It was started in 2008 and given to Elaine Von Achen. It was next awarded in 2010 to Mike & Margaret Henson and in 2012 was given to Wayne Mills. All of the above names and years are engraved on the plaque and it is passed down from one recipient to the next.

Elaine gave the New President's Pep Talk, mentioning her hope for continued fun and informative monthly programs as well as new and interesting field trips. She is also looking forward to input from our members and hopes to increase membership this coming year.

Following Elaine's talk, Sylvia Nasholm hosted the gift exchange. There were some very nice rocks as well as rock equipment, books and more. I think everyone was pretty happy with their gift.

Members brought canned food for the Salvation Army and Wes will deliver all food items along with a check from OMS for \$50.00.

Wes played a guessing game for the Poinsettia center pieces and the following people took home a plant: Joseph Martinez, Velvedeen Elder, Brenna Ferguson, Dyanna Cridelich, Hunter Bullock, Peter Dettelis and Keith McKay.

New President, Elaine Von Achen, adjourned the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Elaine Von Achen,  
Secretary, OMS

#### **A CALL TO ALL MEMBERS:**

OMS needs your rock related donations for Door Prizes for the year 2014

## OMS Calendar January 2014

Tuesday, Jan. 7 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.	OMS Board Meeting, home of Mike and Margaret Henson. Call 934-1308 for directions. All members are welcome at this business meeting.
Tuesday, Jan 14 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.	OMS General Meeting—Luis Oasis Senior Center. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Program- CFMS Agate Program</li> <li>• Display- Agates</li> <li>• Refreshments-Doughnuts</li> </ul>
Saturday, Jan. 11	Highway Clean-up, 8 a.m. S.E Corner Rtes 101/166 East
Saturday, Jan. 25 8:30 to 9:30 a.m.	OMS Monthly Breakfast- <b>The Girl's Restaurant,</b> 1237 East Grand Avenue, Arroyo Grande

## February 2014

Tuesday, Feb. 4 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.	OMS Board Meeting, home of Mike and Margaret Henson. Call 934-1308 for directions. All members are welcome at this business meeting.
Tuesday, Feb. 11 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.	OMS General Meeting—Luis Oasis Senior Center. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Program- Metal Detecting by Wayne Mills</li> <li>• Display- unique metal objects, anything else!</li> <li>• Refreshments-Cookies</li> </ul>
Saturday, Feb. 22 8:30 to 9:30 a.m.	OMS Monthly Breakfast- Sunset Grill Restaurant 1424 Fairway Drive Santa Maria

## CFMS Calendar

### JANUARY 2014

#### January 18 - 19: EXETER, CA

Tule Gem & Mineral Society, Visalia  
 Exeter Veterans Memorial Building  
 Highway 65, 324 N Kaweah Avenue  
 Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4  
 Contact: Pepper Okada, (559) 733-5842  
 Email: [Pepperok@clearwire.net](mailto:Pepperok@clearwire.net)  
 Website: [www.tulegem.org](http://www.tulegem.org)

### FEBRUARY 2014

#### February 15 - 24: INDIO, CA

San Gorgonio Mineral & Gem Society,  
 Banning Riverside County Fair & National  
 Date Festival  
 46350 Arabia Street  
 Hours: 10 - 10 daily  
 Contact: Bert Grisham, (915) 849-1674,  
 (951) 288-9025 cell  
 Email: [bert67@verizon.net](mailto:bert67@verizon.net)

#### February 21 - 23: NEWARK, CA

Mineral & Gem Society of Castro Valley  
 Newark Pavilion  
 6430 Thornton Avenue  
 Hours: Fri & Sat 10 - 6; Sun 10 - 5  
 Contact: Cathy Miller  
 Email: [info@mgscv.org](mailto:info@mgscv.org)  
 Website: [www.mgscv.org](http://www.mgscv.org)

#### FOR SALE

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#### White's Spectrum XLT Metal Detector

Second search coil, and accessories. \$300.00

Call Bill Hood at (805) 481-6860 for more information

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#### FOR SALE

#### Vigor Centrifugal Casting Machine Model CA-1030

with cylindrical guard and several different crucibles.

**8 ½ inch Burn-Out Oven** which will hold a 4-inch flask and operates on 110V standard current.

Included with the above are wax ring patterns, electric wax pen, investment vibrator, tongs, flux and more – everything you need, except the metal, to start making gold, silver or other metal jewelry. Price for all is \$250.00 Contact Roger Lehman at (805) 349-2030.

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## CFMS Earth Science Study Camps

**CFMS offers opportunities to learn lapidary and jewelry-making techniques in two distinctively different settings:**

- Zzyzx is located in Southern California's Mojave Desert near Baker
- Camp Paradise is located in Northern California's Plumas National Forest near Clipper Mills

**2014 Camp Zzyzx Dates:**  
**March 30 - April 06, 2014**  
**Application Form**

**Camp Paradise Dates:**  
**Generally held 2 weeks in early September**  
2014 Dates to be Determined

### CUTTING A BOLT

Whenever you have to cut a threaded bolt shorter, it's often difficult to get the nut to thread back onto it. And the smaller the bolt, the more difficult it is to restore any distorted threads. The problem is easily solved with the use of a nut. Here's how I do it.

First, screw a nut onto the bolt before cutting it. Grip the bolt in

a vise by the threaded section that is to be sawed off. Then saw the bolt to the desired length, taper the end with sandpaper or file, and unscrew the nut from the bolt. Unscrewing the nut over the freshly cut end of the bolt will straighten out any damage that sawing and filing did to the threads. Gripping the bolt by the piece to be sawed off localizes any crushing damage to the piece that will be thrown away.

*Bench Tips by Brad Smith are at*

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/BenchTips>

The Pasadena Lapidary Society  
Presents The  
2014 Annual Statewide Show & Convention  
of the  
CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF MINERALOGICAL SOCIETIES  
"California's Gem & Mineral Bounty"  
FAIRPLEX, Building 5, Pomona, CA

May 30, 31 & June 1, 2014  
Friday & Saturday, 10 AM to 5 PM  
Sunday, 10 AM to 4 PM

Admission:  
Adults \$5, 3-day pass \$12  
Seniors 60+ & Military \$4, 3-day pass \$10  
Juniors (13-17) \$3, 3-day pass \$7  
Kids 12 & Under - Free w/paid Adult

Items, Minerals, Beads, Rocks, Fossils, Jewelry, Dealers, Exhibits, Speakers, Demos, Raffles, Silent Auctions, Kids Activities

Fairplex, Building 5, 1101 McKinley Ave., Pomona CA  
Parking in Lot 3 for \$10  
For more information contact 626 260-7239

## Holiday Eating Tips

*Submitted by Paul Berthelot*

1. Avoid carrot sticks. Anyone who puts carrots on a holiday buffet table knows nothing of the Holiday spirit. In fact, if you see carrots, leave immediately. Go next door, where they're serving rum balls.
2. Drink as much eggnog as you can ~ and quickly. It's rare!!! You cannot find it any



other time of year but now. So drink up! Who cares that it has 10,000 calories in every sip? It's not as if you're going to turn into an eggnog-alcoholic or something. It's a treat. Enjoy it. Have one for me. Have two. It's later than you think. It's Christmas!

3. If something comes with gravy, use it. That's the whole point of gravy. Gravy does not stand alone. Pour it on. Make a volcano out of your mashed potatoes. Fill it with gravy. Eat the volcano. Repeat.

4. As for mashed potatoes, always ask if they're made with skim milk or whole milk. If it's skim, pass. Why bother? It's like buying a sports car with an automatic transmission.

5. Do not have a snack before going to a party in an effort to control your eating. The whole point of going to a Holiday party is to eat other people's food for free. Lots of it.

6. Under no circumstances should you exercise between now and New Year's. You can do that in January when you have nothing else to do. This is the time for long naps, which you'll need after circling the buffet table while carrying a 10~pound plate of food and that vat of eggnog.

7. If you come across something really good at a buffet table, like frosted Christmas cookies in the shape and size of Santa, position you self near them and don't budge. Have as many as you can before becoming the center of attention. They're like a beautiful pair of shoes. If you leave them behind, you're never going to see them again.

8. Same for pies ~ apple, pumpkin, mincemeat. Have a slice of each. Or if you don't like mincemeat, have two apples and one pumpkin. Always have three. When else do you get to have more than one dessert? Labor Day?

9. Did someone mention fruitcake? Granted, it's loaded with the mandatory celebratory calories, but avoid it at all cost. I mean, have some standards.

10. One final tip: If you don't feel terrible when you leave the party or get up from the table, you haven't been paying attention. Re-read tips; start over, but hurry, January is just around the corner. Remember this motto to live by:

Life should NOT be a journey to the grave with the intention of arriving safely in an attractive and well preserved body, but rather to skid in sideways, chocolate in one hand and wine in the other, body thoroughly used up, totally worn out and screaming "WOO HOO what a ride!"

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