



Birthdays

Jeannie Beattie
January 2nd

Pat Nuernberg
January 11th

Kathy Holst
January 23rd

Sir Paul Howard
January 28th

Elaine Von Achen
January 30th

Anniversaries

No anniversaries in January

Who is Bringing Snacks?

The club will provide donuts at the General Meeting on January 9th.



The Prez Box - January 2024



Goodbye 2023, hello 2024!

Here's hoping you had a very merry Christmas and a happy healthy new year! It seems like yesterday we were working on the gem & mineral show; and hello, next week we meet with the school district again to plan the next year. A big, big thank you to EVERY ONE of us that helped...you made the show another success.

A special thank you to Sally Griffith for her hard work, especially with vacancies on the board...she kept our club afloat, survived Covid, and she managed to grow the club in the process...commendable! I am very thankful for a full board, and I hope to fill her shoes!

Our January meeting is our organizing meeting. What do we want and expect this new year? Where can each of us help? What do we want from our club? The general meeting on January 9th will start with a presentation of "Agates" by Wes, then we will have each board member give a 2-5 minute introduction of themselves and what they hope to accomplish this year as part of our team. We will pass out signup sheets as usual, one for refreshment commitments, and one for ideas for both field trips and education. What can we do for you? What are your interests? Are you more interested in local rocks and minerals, or global? What about interest in a fossil presentation? Do you have any new ideas for our annual show this year? (August 2-4, 2024 tentative).

My hopes/aspirations for 2024 is to get an educational lab established so members can learn how to use equipment, how to

January

January 8 at 7:00 pm - Board Meeting in Wes Lingerfelt's Garden

January 9 at 7:00 pm - General Meeting at the Oasis Senior Center

January 13 at 8:00 am - Highway Clean-up at the southeast corner of Highway 101 and 166 East.

January 20 - Field Trip to Jalama Beach. Meet in Lompoc at the Home Depot at 10 am. Home Depot Address is: 1701 E Ocean Ave Lompoc, CA 93436

The December field tip to Jalama Beach was cancelled due to unfavorable tides. January 20th will have tides in our favor. Expect an email from Joey about the trip. Her contact information is also in the back of this newsletter.

February

February 5 at 7:00 pm - Board Meeting in Wes Lingerfelt's Garden

February 6 at 7:00 pm - General Meeting at the Oasis Senior Center

February 17 -Field Trip TBD



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wire wrap, and more. This is currently being set up by Joey Nichols and Joe Goetz so it's already happening! Once the lab is fully functional, it will most likely be on Saturdays. Also, remember that Don and Silvia host a silversmithing class at the Oasis Senior Center on Fridays.

We want to alternate field trip months with highway cleanup months. However, we already have a field trip scheduled in January for Jalama Beach even though January is a highway clean-up month. Any special requests for field trips? Please share with Joey.

Some dates to remember; Monday, January 8th is the Board Meeting, and Tuesday, January 9th is the general meeting.

Remember that all of us are what makes our events successful from field trips, presentations, and our annual show. Know it! Own it! Do it! Lets have some fun!

Thank you, Jeanne



Silversmithing Classes at Oasis Senior Center

Did you know that our OMS members, Don and Silvia Nashholm, teach a silversmithing class at the Oasis Senior Center? They are teaching most Friday's from 1:00 pm to 3:30 pm. If you come to our general meetings, you already know how to get there so please support them.

You don't have to be a senior to take these classes. The Oasis Senior Center is open to all ages!

Orcutt Mineral Society Board Meeting - December 4, 2023

Call to Order: 7:07 pm by Sally Griffith

Members present: Wes Lingerfelt, Sally Griffith, Wayne Mills, Tara Machin, Renea Sutcliffe, Joey Nichols, Cary Holst, Jan Ferguson, Jeanne Watkins, and Joe Goetz, Absent: Betty Campbell

Previous Minutes: No Updates

Treasurer's Report: The fourth quarter report will be given at the general meeting on January 8th, 2024.

Correspondences: AFMS Newsletter, Santa Barbara Gem Faire Post Card, Bill for Post Office Box, and a CA Sales Tax Bill (Jeanne says this is a mistake)

Refreshments: Donuts will be provided at the general meeting on January 8th. Jan will pick up everyone's favorites.

Committee Reports:

1. **Bulletin**-The highway clean-up from November will be in the January bulletin
2. **CFMS**- Renea reported the CFMS general meeting. Ventura will be hosting the CFMS show for 2024. CFMS is looking for rock clubs to host a three day show for them in 2024, 2025, 2026. Jeanne and Wes might need to talk later. Wes is against us hosting a show. CFMS also wants everyone to get a copy of the newsletter. We can print them or email them out to our club. Renea will do a 5 minute presentation in January giving an overview of what CFMS is. We will continue posting notes from the bulletin in the OMS newsletter.
3. **Membership**- 4 applications for new members were approved by the board.
4. **Field Trips**- January 20th will be the next field trip to Jalama Beach. Meet in Lompoc at the Home Depot at 10 am. We will not have a field trip on December 16th due to

the ocean tides. Joey to update everyone via email this week.

5. **Adopt-A-Highway**- We finally got the checks from the state for our clean-ups in May, July, and September. We got \$750 from the state for our club.
6. **Annual Awards Banquet**- We have 27 guests confirmed. We don't have the 35 members needed to have a private room. Decorating will begin around 11 am. The lunch begins at noon. The board discussed whether we might want to do a pot luck in the future. Members will investigate options next year. Renea to purchase 8 poinsettias for decorations.
7. **Education**- No updates
8. **Library**- No updates
9. **Sunshine**- Renea is having a birthday! She got a cute plant at the board meeting. We will be sending another card to Debbie and Bill.
10. **Scholarship**- No updates
11. **Show:**
 - Renea is already getting requests for the 2024 show. We are tentative for the first week in August (August 2, 3, and 4), but we cannot confirm the show date with the high school until February.

Old Business: None

New Business:

- The club needs a credit card. We will look into this after the first of the year

Program: No program in December, the next general meeting will be January 8th, 2024

Display: No program for December

Adjourned: 7:56 pm

Respectfully Submitted by Tara Machin



Orcutt Mineral Society Annual Meeting - December 9, 2023

Call to Order: at 12:45 pm by Sally Griffith

Invocation: Wes Lingerfelt

Pledge of Allegiance: Sally Griffith

Members: 23 Members and 2 Guests

Agenda:

12:45 pm - Members introduced their guests

12:55 pm - Sally gave her President’s report for 2023. The annual show was a great success in 2023, but it took up most of the Board’s time at meetings so not all of the clubs goals were achieved last year. Jeanne will address the new goals for 2024 once she takes over as President in January. Sally also said that our presentations at the general meetings were great this year. All in all it was a great year.

Sally also introduced the 2024 officers and directors.

- Immediate Past President - Sally Griffith
- President - Jeanne L. Watkins
- President Elect - Joe Goetz
- Secretary / Bulletin Editor- Tara Machin
- Treasurer - Cary Holst

1:05 pm - Jeanne gave a brief treasurer’s report for 2023. A more detailed 4th quarter report will be given out at the general meeting on January 8th. Jeanne said that the cash flow was good for the year. We made less money on the annual show, but we are planning on spending less money on radio advertising next year.

1:08 pm - Awards and Recognitions - Renea was given a special member of the year award since she did so much work on the annual show for 2023. Officers and directors for 2023 were given their awards for service.

1:10 pm - Wes Lingerfelt swore in the new board members for 2024.

- Wes Lingerfelt
- Jan Ferguson
- Renea Sutcliffe
- Wayne Mills
- Joey Nichols

1:30 pm - New President, Jeanne Watkins gave a pep talk to the members. Her goals for the year include (1) organizational binders for the annual show so that the new generation of members can learn how to put on a successful show, and (2) she would like to find a place to have equipment for club members to use. Joey Nichols responded by telling everyone that she wants to set up a club facility and that she has been working with Joe Goetz to figure out all the legal and logistics. Wes had already agreed to help with equipment demonstrations for club members.

1:40 pm - Gift Exchange

Adjourned: 2:30 pm

Respectfully Submitted by Tara Machin

Photos from the Annual Meeting





Photos by Kathy Holst, Cary Holst, Jeanne Watkins, and Tara Machin

Photos from the Annual Meeting



There are more photos posted on our website. Please go to omsinc.org to see more.

Upcoming Rock and Mineral Shows

January 20-21, 2024 - Exeter, CA
Tule Gem and Mineral Society
Contact: Gayle Bingaman, Show Chairperson,
(559) 802-6029, bandgbing@aol.com
Website: <http://www.tulegem.com>

February 17-18, 2024 - Antioch, CA
Antioch Lapidary Club
Contact: (510) 693-9075,

kellyplumb900@yahoo.com
Website: <http://antiochlapidaryclub.com>

February 24-25, 2024 - Vallejo, CA
Vallejo Gem and Mineral Society
Contact: (415) 254-1506,
dduhonvgms@gmail.com
Website: <https://vjgems.com>

More information can be found on the CFMS website at cfmsinc.org

Highway Clean Up News from November

by Wes Lingerfelt

On a cool and crisp November morning eight hardworking OMS members showed up at the intersection of CA-166 and US101 to a reduced parking area due to Caltrans installing an elaborate array of traffic lights. We also had some prospective members helping with the clean-up. They were Steve & Lisa Siemens and Marty Lingerfelt. The members present were Joey Nichols, Sally Griffith, Wes Lingerfelt, Geary Sheffer and Wayne Mills.

Pickup areas were assigned and the work began. It would prove to be a harder task than usual as the road was much more littered this time. You can readily see the result of the high landfill fees as the highway has become a dumping ground for what should be going to the landfill. As the following pictures show we found a large bed frame, a busted toilet, a large box of empty beer bottles, a box full of clothes and Marty found 55 cents in coin. We also found a major highway sign had been knocked over and lying on the ground. A total of 9 bags of trash were removed from the highway.

Upon finishing the cleanup we gathered at the Mayor's Place cafe for snacks where Steve Siemens won the drawing for a nice money clip.



AFMS / CFMS News - January 2024

By Wayne Mills, SLR CFMS Rep.

The following summaries are intended to give the reader a hint of what is contained in the current newsletters. If any of these topics are of interest, PLEASE take the trouble to look up the newsletter on the AFMS or CFMS website.

CFMS cfmsinc.org

President's Box (Marcia Goetz) In her first message as President, Marcia gave thanks to Bob Rush for his work in many CFMS Positions including Vice President, Treasurer, and Executive Committee. She also gave thanks to Kim Fiala for a great year (2023) as CFMS President. Marcia is looking forward to a great year of shows, programs and activities. (Page 1)

Information on insurance contacts, newsletter subscriptions, CFMS Website, Donations and Endowment Fund. (Page 2)

2023 All American Club Yearbook (Diane Cook) Deadline for entry is January 20, 2024. Send applications to johndianedaisy@yahoo.com. (Page 3)

Juniors (Jim Brace-Thompson) Jim is seeking 3 judges for the 2024 AFMS Juniors Achievement Awards. (Two age groups). Deadline is March 1, 2024. Prize will be awarded at the AFMS Ventura Show May 25.

2024 AFMS Show and Convention (Jim Brace Thompson) FOLLOW THE MERMAIDS to the AFMS Federation show in Ventura, CA on May 24-26. The second hint to the Mermaid contest is included.

Rockhound Soapbox (John Martin) Update on rock collecting under the Mojave Trails National Monument Plan (MTNM) and the Draft Expansion of Chuckwalla Springs and Joshua Tree National Monuments which includes rock collecting, but has a slim chance of passage. (Page 4)

CFMS Rockhound of the Year Award (Chris Ward) there have been several entries from California, but none from the Central Coast. 2 nominees from Ventura GMS, and one from Victor Valley (Page 5)

CFMS Golden Bear Award (Jim Brace-Thompson) Looking for nominees for this award. (Page 6)

Reminders (Pat La Rue) Club Insurance is due by January 1, delinquent on March 1. Officer change forms are also due. Note three officers (Bulletin Editor plus?) to receive free CFMS Bulletins. Forms on page 10.

CFMS Historian - Club Record Retention (Jennifer Haley) What records should you keep, and what can you toss? (Page 8)

Upcoming Shows and Conventions, and the 2023-2024 Committee Chairs are listed on pages 11 and 12.

Camp Paradise Dates are August 16 and August 31, 2024. More information on page 13.

AFMS amfed.org

There is no AFMS newsletter in the month of January.



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The ORE-CUTTS (named after William Orcutt) was first published in 1966. Member Helen Azevedo was the first editor. The Orcutt Mineral Society was founded in 1958, and was also named after Orcutt who was 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 in Los Angeles. The La Brea Tar Pits are one of the most significant fossil finds in paleontological history.

OMS is a non-profit organization dedicated to stimulating an interest in the earth sciences. The club 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.

