



Ore-Cutts



Come join us on May 8th at the Mussel Senior Center for a program on “*Stump Tha Expurts*” bring your weird, unidentified rocks and the club’s old-timers will try to figure out what they are, or make up a good story anyway.

An “expurt” is defined as a former drip. No reflection on the folks who will facilitate this program, but we can’t exactly be called experts. But Wes, Ralph and Wayne, among others, will try to identify some of your “mystery rocks”, and maybe give you an idea of how they formed. (Hopefully, you will be able to tell us where they came from). So, it would help if you brought some rocks to look at. We might also digress into how to find “the good stuff”. Hope to see you there!

Please remember that the monthly display is only a suggestion. You can always bring your newest treasure (found or bought), latest project, or any other cool rocks, fossils or minerals you have lying around the house. This is the place to share your passion!

Refreshments will be Cake provided to us by Sharon Duncan, Gloria Dana, Dee Dee Magri, and Elaine Von Achen.

Round the world to Tucson Gem Show via Germany.

By Sir Paul Howard.

While exhibiting a showcase of Queensland agates at the Munich agate show in Germany in 2005 I was asked to provide a similar showcase of Queensland agates for the Australian exhibit at the ‘Minerals Down Under’ show at Tucson in 2007. I accepted. It was a good reason to attend the biggest gem show in the world again.

I have been there 10 times now. The gregarious nature of the people in the gemstone trade and the enormous variety and huge amounts of material that is available for sale each year is a memory never forgotten.

Flying from Brisbane to Singapore, then to Frankfurt is a 22-hour flight. Arrived at 6am to a cold morning of minus 3 degrees. During the week I was there the cold went down to minus 5 degrees.

I was met by Peter Jeckel, a legend in the agate world of Europe. He was my host for a week. Peter had nice accommodation arranged for me and had an extensive itinerary planned to fill in every minute of the week, including a visit to his agate studio, two days in Idar-Oberstein, the agate and jewelry Capitol of the world. Also visits to rock shops, jewelry factories and agate specialist private collections with stunning specimens. The Gemstone museum and the Mineral museum are considered two of the best in the world.

The Gemstone museum is closed during the winter, but Peter had arranged for it to be opened for me with two English-speaking guides. I felt very privileged. They allowed me to take any photos I wanted to and they satisfied all my questions. The exhibits were suburb, too many to mention here, but the skyline model of New York in Quartz was fantastic. In the Mineral museum I remember huge Quartz crystals two meters high and a specimen of Malachite with Azurite, must be the best in the world. Peter took me fossicking for agates in a vineyard. The temperature was minus 5 degrees and the frozen ground was like concrete. Found nothing. We spent a day at the huge Heidelberg castle and saw the biggest wine cask in the world and the history of medicine.

Continuing my journey westward to America; my next stop was a Wirecraft school in Florida. I learnt more about sculpture wirecraft. I made 17 pieces in four days, impressed my instructor. Nearly got wiped out with a Tornado, which struck a township just a few miles south of where I was staying. I witnessed massive damage.

Next stop was rockhound friends in Alabama; saw more private collections, a Historical village and a helicopter museum. Then a long flight to Tucson in Arizona, for the 53rd annual gem show. I was met at the airport, taken to dinner then to my motel. Next day I set up my showcase of Queensland agates, one of 50 Australian exhibits; and for four days the biggest gem show in the world was on. I saw and photographed some fantastic mineral specimens from Australia. One big opal from Yowah was the symbol of the Australian minerals exhibit; but it was the huge slab of West Australian Tiger Iron that was the most impressive specimen. It was about two meters long, 700mm deep and 100mm thick. It got a lot of attention.

In the words of the show chairman, and I quote, “In recent years it has been the great pleasure of the Tucson Gem and Mineral Society to highlight minerals and gems from various continents around the world and none surpass the beauty of these minerals from Down Under.”

Near that same spot was a life-size carving of the ‘American woman’ from a 21-ton block of Colorado white marble. The man who carved this impressive woman used six models to get her “right”. I got one of the signed chips from the block.

After the show, I flew to Houston in Texas, to be a guest speaker to the Houston Gem and Mineral Society. I stayed with the President of the club who took me fossicking along the Rio Grande River at Falcon Lake where I found some nice plume and moss agates. I saw a lot of the city of Houston including the very impressive Mineral museum, the Pioneers memorial, and the tallest monument in U.S.A. While I was there, the Pasadena Gem Show was on, so I went to that show too. The road system in that city must be the best in the world; I was most impressed.

After two weeks of wonderful hospitality with three different hosts, I flew to California and stayed with another rockhound friend who is a sphere maker. The following weekend was the Ventura Gem Show. I

helped him set up his stand with 178 spheres as well as a lot of Lapidary gear, jewelry and gemstones. It was a very busy show with lots of money around. I even got my photo in the local newspaper on the Sunday and hundreds more people came. While I was there I did a bit of teaching wire craft, cut a lot of rocks and was guest speaker at the Orcutt Mineral Society where I am an honorary life member.

Returned home after two months away with a broken suitcase and five kilos of my agates stolen from my luggage. Luggage handlers can be very rough with your luggage sometimes, but I have received compensation.

Editor’s Note: Sir Paul did an outstanding job of teaching 2 OMS members and 1 guest the art of wire wrapping. They have made many beautiful pieces of jewelry since Paul’s departure.

Adopt-A-Highway

Wayne Mills, Wes Lingerfelt Co-Chairs

The normal clean-up date (3rd Saturday of odd months) was changed to the 31st of March due to our Porter Ranch trip. Perhaps because of the change, we had a poor turn-out-only 6 “regulars”. Thanks are due to Wes, Jeannie and Marty Lingerfelt, Geary Sheffer, Don Nasholm and yours truly for their efforts.

Clean-ups in March-May are considered part of the “Great American Clean-up”. And we did a pretty good job on our 2+-mile stretch. Oddities this time included a Cadillac hood ornament, a satin tablecloth, a calculator, several losing Lotto tickets, a lighter, a plastic baby spoon, 10 empty strawberry boxes, a broken adult CD, bungee cords, and a gallon jug of whole milk turned to cottage cheese. The clean up took most of two hours, then we enjoyed our coffee, biscuits and pie at Francisco’s in Santa Maria. Geary Sheffer was kind enough to draw my ticket for the prize. But he got one at the April meeting.

Bakersfield Rockhound Rendezvous

Wayne Mills, Ore Cutts highwayman

About a half hour before the March OMS breakfast (4th Saturday of the month) I headed to Bakersfield for the 6th or so annual show put on by Lou Helfrich, President of the relatively new Southern San Joaquin Gem and Mineral Society. The show was all weekend, held at the Bakersfield Fairgrounds at Ming and P Street in B town. I planned to go over and back in one day this year, so got moving early.

I was happy to escape the marine layer that often causes gloomy skies over the Central Coast this time of year. I lost it just past Tequesquet Reservoir as I headed east on Route CA166. I enjoyed the blue skies and geology of the area through the Cuyama Valley, and delighted in the asters that were in full bloom along the route. Spring, finally!



It was interesting to note the change in the color and shape of the mountains near Cuyama, and on the east side of the San Andreas Fault, as you start down the steep grade to Maricopa. I don't remember having done this before.

I took Route 33 north out of Maricopa, and then I transitioned to Route 119 out of Taft then to 99 north. Made it to the fairgrounds about 10:35 after a one-



hour fifty-minute drive. The show looked similar to previous years, but it had a new component—a whole new set of indoor dealers.

There were a nice variety of dealers—some familiar faces, and some new ones. I talked awhile with Suzanne Smith, a relatively new bead dealer with some really old beads. One strand had a \$3000 price tag! It was beads made in Africa, as well as a few other exotic pieces.



There were some great fossil and mineral dealers including Dale Harwood (that guy is EVERYWHERE!), and I even saw some new



materials, and that is getting harder to do after a couple of trips to Quartzite. One of my favorite new stones is this Mexican fire opal. I think the name is a misnomer, because it

lacks fire, and it did not appear to be opal, but by whatever name, it is pretty neat!

I got some more Mary Ellen Jasper from Lucy Tunnel's friend Bob, along with an invitation for our club to go back to Lucy's for another field trip. Sounds good to me!



Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthday greetings go out to Helen Dobler, Stan Ferguson, Kelly Tapper, Christine Clason, Kay Vollmer, and Ken Kreh. Anniversary congratulations are due to Wes & Jeannie Lingerfelt, and to Kathy Collison and her husband. "And many more" to all of you!

Let it Be(ad)

Wayne Mills, Ore Cutts Stringer

While the history of glass making is somewhat cloudy, glass is thought to have been discovered in Mesopotamia (Iran) about 4500 years ago. The earliest use of glass appears to have been in making beads and other small ornaments. As with many arts, glass bead making has blossomed since that time, and many unique and beautiful forms have been developed. The forms include the eye-type and Cornaline d'Aleppo that we have already discussed, and many others including chevron, Ojime (Japan), Jatim (Indonesia), combed glass (Syria), and millefiori (**thousand flower**) beads.

Millefiori are the product of a fusion between two glass making techniques. Developed in Murano, an island in the Venetian Lagoon of Italy, in the 15th Century, these beads start with rods (murrine) composed of various layers of glass that are drawn into long tubes, and then cut into canes. The canes are then pressed into the surface of another bead while it is still hot, making a mosaic of the same or different types of murrines. These flower-like patterns make attractive and durable beads, as they are still popular 500 years after their birth. (There is some evidence of Millefiori-type beads being made in Ptolemaic Egypt, hundreds of years earlier than the 15th Century.) Millefiori has also been incorporated into vases, pendants, and paperweights. It is a painstaking technique, as each murrine must be made, cooled and cut and then



incorporated into a new bead by hand. The millefiori beads pictured above were recently made in Africa. They sell for about \$12 per strand, while the originals might go for 10 times as much.

For info about Millefiori made in Africa:

<http://www.wetcanvas.com/Articles2/10054/258/>

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Millefiori>

<http://www.schmuckperlen.com/millefioristory.html>

Jewelers Unite

Ore Cutts Staff

At our July general meeting we would like to have a display of our member's jewelry efforts. We have several talented jewelers in our midst, and feel it would be instructive (and fun) to show off their efforts at the same time.

Please bring (only) four pieces of jewelry that show off your varied talents. These should fit on an 8-inch square. Please also bring along a card with your name on it that would also fit on the square. If you want to have price tags on the jewelry, that's OK too, you might get some orders!

We're looking for silverwork, beadwork, wire wrap, and any other kind of original, member-made jewelry.

Bytes and pieces

By Ore Cutts Staff

Came across this when researching Milliflori. It is a Beader's Forum.

<http://www.electricminds.org/venice/conf/posts.js.vs?cc=2&conf=10&top=28&p1=0&p2=-1>

Rockhound pages. Take the quiz to see if you are a rock expert!

<http://www.fi.edu/fellows/fellow1/oct98/index2.html>

Ask a geologist a question that you have about earth science: Ask-A-Geologist@usgs.gov

GEM SHORTS

Care & Feeding of Freshwater Pearls

By Debbie Hood

Freshwater pearls are produced in freshwater beds like rivers and lakes, by a different species of mollusk than the saltwater variety. Freshwater pearls were in use by the Indians when the Europeans arrived and a thriving business existed along freshwater rivers and lakes that eventually morphed into button production when shell buttons became popular. There is a thriving business in this country producing, pearls, buttons, and "seeds" for saltwater pearl makers to seed their mollusks with. Freshwater pearls from Lake Biwa, Japan were the impetus for

them to become popular, but due to pollution their production has dropped drastically.

Freshwater pearls are also produced from a different part of the mollusk. They tend to have more of a variation in color, as well as shape, as opposed to pearls produced in salt water. Odd shaped pearls are frequently called Baroques. Fresh or salt water, pearls are very rarely round. Many freshwater pearls are coming in different shapes these days from "faceted" to crosses, Xs, and other fancy shapes.

When saltwater pearls are cultured, and virtually all of them are these days, a seed, or irritant, is introduced into the oyster or mollusk to cause it to coat the irritant with nacre, the coating that makes a pearl shiny and beautiful. The irritant inserted is made perfectly round and can be seen in an x-ray. A natural pearl will not have a perfectly round center in it under x-ray, and they are very valuable pearls. They are usually oval in shape and not perfectly round as well.

The country of Bahrain still sells natural pearls, but very few, if any other countries are producing them anymore. There are still mollusks out there making pearls but not in the numbers there once were, due to over fishing and pollution mainly, certainly not in great enough numbers to support the industry.

Another thing worth noting, older pearls are usually much better pearls, because many of the pearl beds in China, where most freshwater pearls are now being grown, are polluted, and they are pulling the pearls up after only one year, which makes the nacre on them thinner. So, if you find some old ones at a pawn shop that are in good condition, they are often much better quality than what you can find new today.

- ❖ Wear your pearls often, the natural skin oils help to protect pearls' luster.
- ❖ After wearing pearls, just wipe them off with a soft cloth.
- ❖ Should your pearls become soiled, first try wiping them gently with a soft cloth with warm water and mild dish soap. If this is not sufficient, they may need to be re-knotted on new cord.
- ❖ Always use hair spray *before* you put on your pearls. The chemicals in the spray can damage the nacre.
- ❖ Always apply your makeup and perfume *before* you put on your pearls to protect the pearl nacre from damage.

- ❖ Never use an ultrasonic cleaner for cleaning your pearls.
- ❖ Ionic cleaners can be used to clean pearls without damage.
- ❖ Never use a cleaning solution with ammonia or use abrasive cleaners such as cleanser to clean your pearls.
- ❖ If your pearls get wet, never *hang* them to dry out. This could stretch the silk cord out of shape. It is best to always store them flat, not hanging.
- ❖ Protect your pearls from sunlight, and harsh environmental conditions such as extreme temperature changes, extreme dryness and damp.
- ❖ Always store pearls in a soft cloth bag or jeweler's case so gemstones and the metal parts of other jewelry will not scratch them.
- ❖ Unlike diamonds, your pearls are not forever, but your pearls can be enjoyed by many generations if properly cared for.

Article based on contributions from knowledgeable jewelry makers from around the world via <http://www.wire-sculpture.com>.

Age-Old Rocks

By Ore Cutts Staff

The oldest rocks in the world are the Acasta Gneiss, a granitoid-greenstone complex found near Yellowknife in the NW Territories of Canada. These rocks are 4.03 billion years old.

<http://www.geol.umd.edu/~tholtz/G102/102arch1.htm>

The world's oldest sedimentary rocks date to 3.75 billion years before present, and were found in Hudson's Bay, Quebec, Canada.

http://www.eurekalert.org/pub_releases/2007-02/uoca-wor020507.php

MEMBER PROFILES

Linda Kolasinski: On the Road Again

By Wayne Mills

Born and raised in Santa Maria, Linda has seen a lot of changes in this once quiet town that is now the largest in Santa Barbara County. Linda, who joined OMS in 2005, celebrated her 40th wedding anniversary with her husband Bob in January of this year.



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They have 3 children (Sandy, Cindy and Rob), and 8 grandchildren. Linda retired from her job as a checker at Lucky's Market in 1994, a year after Bob retired from his position with GTE.

They have been traveling about 6 weeks a year since that time in their cab over camper.

Since 2000 they have come up with a wonderful way to choose their vacation spots. They take turns picking the places visit. This summer, Bob has chosen to visit North and South Dakota and Montana. It is fortunate that Linda has taken a recent interest in rocks, because there are some GREAT rock, fossil and mineral collecting in those three states!

Linda took up rock collecting about 3 years ago, to find something of interest to do with her grandsons. Her children gave her a 6-pound capacity tumbler for Christmas that year, and she has gone through several tumblers full since that time. Each load takes about 2 weeks to process.

She hasn't been on any field trips with OMS yet, but Linda and Bob have had some great ones of their own. They have collected dinosaur bone, meteorites and thunder eggs in various locations, but her favorite trip was one where they collected nothing! A couple of years ago they came across Emerald Creek in Idaho. Emerald Creek is in the Idaho panhandle, near St. Maries in Benewha County. It is a State Park where visitors are allowed to screen the gravels for the Idaho State Gem, Star Garnet. Idaho and India are the only places in the world where star garnets can be found. Linda and Bob arrived near dusk, and saw how dirty some of the diggers had gotten (it's tough work, but somebody has to do it...). Since there was not enough daylight to get started, some of the diggers were kind enough to share their bounty with them. (Not kind enough to give away any of the larger



Garnets from Emerald Creek (Forest Service photo)

crystals that can be up to a couple of centimeters in diameter, but kind enough to make Linda a happy camper).

We wish Linda and Bob many more years of wedded bliss, and many more back-road adventures to exciting places like Emerald Creek. Actually, this

month they're off to Gem Hill in North Carolina. Can't wait to hear about THAT trip! *More information on Emerald Creek, Idaho can be found on line at: <http://www.fs.fed.us/ipnf/rec/activities/garnets/index.html>*

Elaine's Porter Ranch Field Trip



Bob's Porter Ranch Field Trip



Rock Quiz?

Congratulations go out to Paul Berthelot who called in with the correct answer to April's Quiz. The element *Carbon* is found in the hardest and the softest of minerals (Diamond and Graphite). ***Who says you can't learn in your sleep?***

The question for May is: ***Where was the first American Gold Rush?*** Call Wayne with the right answer.

Orcutt Mineral Society Board Meeting Mussell Sr. Center, Santa Maria CA April 2, 2007

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Debbie Hood.

Board Members present were Bob Bullock, Wayne Mills, Sylvia Nasholm, Wes Lingerfelt, Debbie Hood, Sandy Berthelot, Gary Sheffer, Dee Dee Magri and Elaine Von Achen. Guests included Bill Hood and Paul Berthelot.

Minutes were read by Elaine Von Achen and approved as read.

Treasurer's report was given by Wes Lingerfelt and accepted as read.

Correspondence: Elaine Von Achen reported Newsletters received from San Geronio Mineral & Gem Society, Capistrano Valley Rock & Mineral Club, Santa Cruz Mineral & Gem Society and South Bay Lapidary & Mineral Society. We received notice of a rock liquidation sale April 13, 14, 15 and 20, 21 and 22, 2007 in Westminster, Ca. A thank you card was received on behalf of Helen Dobler thanking OMS for all the memories from past years and asking that she be removed from our mailing list, as she is no longer able to read our newsletter. After some discussion it was decided that Elaine would write a letter and see if she, by chance, has any old OMS Bulletin's for our archives, as she was a past editor. We also received an application for membership from Bud Burgess along with a check for dues. He still needs to attend one more general meeting to be eligible for membership, but Wes Lingerfelt made a motion to accept Bud as a new member if he is in attendance at our next monthly

meeting. Bob Bullock seconded motion. Motion passed.

Committee Reports:

Field Trips: Bob Bullock said he would not be here for the April trip to Mt. Figuroa and as it was the same day as locker cleanup it was decided to postpone it until a future date.

Newsletter: Debbie Hood said that the newsletter was ready and would be going out on April 4. Wes Lingerfelt was going to try to have it on the Internet by April 4 as well.

Education: Wayne Mills said that he would be an "Old Prospector" for the Dana Adobe Heritage Days. Wes Lingerfelt said that scholarship checks in the amount of \$500.00 have been sent to both Hancock College and Questa College.

CFMS: Wes reported sending a check in memory of Frank & Mary Sausa for the CFMS memorial but that a memorial for Jill Nelson had been overlooked and that he would send it right away.

Highway Cleanup: The March 31st cleanup had 6 people in attendance and was deemed successful.

Library: None

Refreshments: None

Annual Gem Show: Wes reported that he had 26 dealers signed-up.

Sunshine: Mike Henson has a cold. Debbie Hood's mother had surgery and is doing well.

Old Business:

Elaine Von Achen said she had contacted Gary Elam, "Dr. Magic", and that he was available for our entertainment for our annual luncheon meeting in December. After some discussion a motion was made by Wes Lingerfelt that we ask "Dr. Magic" to present a magic show for the entertainment portion of our December meeting. Bob Bullock seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Debbie Hood set a deadline of June 1 to receive job descriptions for the manual.

There was discussion of the president's award and it was decided that we would put it on hold for the present time and see if the Federation was to come up with an alternative. If they don't, we can, at that time, try to come up with something on our own.

Elaine Von Achen suggested possibly doing surprise grab bags for our Annual Gem Show using paper bags rather than sewing bags. There was also discussion on possibly setting up a table across from the treasure chest and selling the bags there as well as balloons and color books. It would alleviate the crowd at the treasure chest table and perhaps help

with grab bag sales. Elaine offered to be in charge and Wayne Mills said he would assist.

New Business: None

Meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m. by President, Debbie Hood.

Respectfully submitted:

Elaine Von Achen, Secretary, OMS

**Orcutt Mineral Society General Meeting
Mussell Sr. Center, Santa Maria, CA**

April 9, 2007

President Debbie Hood called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Elaine Von Achen gave the invocation.

Joseph Martinez led the flag salute.

Bill Hood, Sheriff, noted everyone had a nametag.

There were 26 members and 1 guest present. Guest was Bud Burgess who had submitted a membership application and was voted on at the April 2, 2007 board meeting. He paid his dues and became a member at the general meeting.

Minutes: Elaine Von Achen read the minutes of the April 2, 2007 board meeting. Minutes were approved as read.

Treasurer's Report was given by Wes Lingerfelt and accepted as read.

Correspondence: Elaine Von Achen reported newsletters from San Geronio Mineral & Gem Society, Capistrano Valley Rock & Mineral Club, Santa Cruz Mineral & Gem Society and South Bay Lapidary & Mineral Society. She also read a letter notifying our members of the 58th Annual Gem & Mineral Show on June 27, 2007 at the Jefferson Co. Fairgrounds in Madras, Oregon. We received notice of a rock liquidation sale on April 13, 14, & 15 and April 20, 21, & 22, 2007 in Westminster, Ca. A thank you card was received on behalf of Helen Dobler thanking OMS for all the memories from past years and asking that she be removed from our mailing list, as she is no longer able to read our newsletter.

Committee Reports:

Newsletter: Debbie Hood announced that the April newsletter was out and asked if there was anyone who had not received it.

Gem Show: Wes Lingerfelt reported that all inside spaces have been sold out. A dealer has signed up for room 1 and will have three tables. We still have outside spaces available.

Refreshments: Dee Dee Magri said the night's refreshment would be cookies provided by Debbie Hood, Truman Burgess, Virginia Rogers and Don Nasholm.

Abused Children: Jan Ferguson reported an amethyst, a copper specimen; a piece of malachite from the Congo (donated by Linda Kolasinski) and a Lilac and Camellia bouquet (donated by Wayne Mills) would be the items for the evening's raffle.

CFMS: Wes Lingerfelt said the newsletter was full of information on up-coming shows and that he had registration forms for many of the different shows for anyone interested.

Sunshine: Mike Henson has a cold and wasn't able to be here tonight and Bob Bullock was over in the valley with his wife, Rosie, who had surgery so he was unable to be at the meeting as well. Rosie is doing well following the surgery.

Annual Dinner: Elaine Von Achen reported that the entertainment for December's luncheon meeting is all lined up.

Scholarship: Wes Lingerfelt reported that scholarship checks in the amount of \$500.00 each has been sent out to both Hancock College and Cuesta College.

Field Trips: The field trip for April has been cancelled as Bob Bullock needed to be out of town and the fact that it fell on the same day as locker clean up.

Locker Clean up: Gary Sheffer announced the next clean-up will be on April 14, 2007. It was decided that, following the clean up, everyone would meet at the shopping center across from Nunes Market on Highway 1.

Highway Clean up: Wayne Mills reported 6 people turned out for the last clean up and that Gary Sheffer pulled his own ticket for the door prize. Since he had won at the last clean up he pulled another ticket to give someone else a turn. Wayne presented him with a token door prize.

Library: Gary Sheffer now has labels for our books and tapes.

Breakfast: Gloria Dana said that the next monthly breakfast would be at CJ's on Grand Avenue in Arroyo Grande at 9:00 a.m. April 28, 2007.

Raffle: Wayne Mills listed a few of the items for tonight's raffle as follows: ½ Carat peridot, Mili bracelet, Blue Forrest wood, rainforest agate, sodalite bird and much more.

Political Action: Don Dana said that he was in the process of reading all the material he had available.

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He's trying to get through all of the publications and bills and update himself on what's happening.

OLD BUSINESS:

Debbie Hood said that she would like to see job descriptions by the end of June so that we could get them in the manual.

Wes Lingerfelt said that the Redbook's have been passed out. If anyone hasn't received his or hers, please let him know.

Debbie Hood said that she was still trying to decide what to do with the box of agates that Sir Paul Howard had donated to the club.

Laura Kasteal announced she would be leaving in a week for No. Carolina and is willing to bring back rock from "Gem Mountain" for anyone interested. Cost is \$45.00 for a small box and \$100.00 for a big box.

NEW BUSINESS: None

The display for April is calcite and Wes reminded everyone to check out the display table.

The program for April is a demonstration on silver smithing given by Wes Lingerfelt.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Elaine Von Achen, Secretary, OMS

In Memoriam

Ore Cutts Staff

OMS received word that Bob Ernst, owner of Sharktooth Hill and endower of the Buena Vista Museum in Bakersfield, passed away On April 11. There will be a Memorial service for him at the Buena Vista Museum on Saturday, April 21st, at 1:00 pm. The Museum is located at 2018 Chester Avenue in Bakersfield. He was 70 years old. Bob was a fossil visionary who developed Sharktooth Hill, one of three areas of special geological or paleontological significance in California.

A chuckle: The doctor recommended a patient lose 75 pounds of excess weight. He told him to run five miles a day for the next 200 days. Exactly 200 days later, the patient called him and complained that he was unhappy with the program. "Didn't you lose the weight?" Asked the Doctor. "Yes, of course," admitted the patient, "but now I'm a thousand miles from home

From The Petrified Digest 8/00 via Montana Council Reporter 10/01 via Golden Spike News 11/01



A saw cutting a piece of stone was selected when the first bulletin, ORE-CUTTS (namesake, William Orcutt) was first 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 1989, 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, scholarships, and other opportunities for families and individuals to pursue an interest in 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

May 2007 Calendar

Tuesday May 1, 2007 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.	OMS Board Meeting-Elwin Mussell Senior Center. All members are welcome at this business meeting.
Saturday May 12, 2007	Field Trip To Big Sandy Creek – Details at the meeting 8 May, 2007
Tuesday May 8, 2007 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.	OMS General Meeting-Elwin Mussell Senior Center. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program-Stump the Experts with Your Weird Rocks • Display: Mystery Rocks • Refreshments-Cakes
Saturday May 19, 2007 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.	Roadside Clean up After the clean up, coffee and pastry at "Francisco's Country Kitchen" in Santa Maria.
Saturday May 26, 2007 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.	OMS Monthly Breakfast at "The Mayor's Place" at 181 W. Tefft Street in Nipomo, on the patio.

A foot is a device for finding a rock when you are looking the other way! OUCH

via Golden Spike News 8/01

June 2007 Calendar

Tuesday June 5, 2007 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.	OMS Board Meeting-Elwin Mussell Senior Center. All members are welcome at this business meeting.
Saturday June 9, 2007 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM.	Semi-Annual Meeting & BBQ at Pioneer Park bring a dish to share and rocks for the silent auction.
Saturday June 16, 2007	Field Trip to be announced
Saturday June 23, 2007 9am. to 10 a.m.	OMS Breakfast - TBA

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May 12-13 2006, Reno, NV

Reno Gem & Mineral Society
"Jackpot of Gems"
Reno Livestock Events Center
Exhibit Hall 1350 N. Wells Ave.
Hours: Sat. 10 - 5; Sun. 10 - 4
Call: (775) 356-8820
Website: renorockclub.com

June 2-3 2007, Glendora, CA

Glendora Gems
859 E. Sierra Madre
Hours: Sat. 10 - 5; Sun. 10 - 4
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June 2-3 2007, La Habra, CA

North Orange County Gem & Mineral Society
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101 W. La Habra Blvd.
Hours: 9 - 5 both days
Don Warthen

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Advice For Rockhound Watchers

Can you spot a rockhound? The species isn't rare.
You can tell him by his honest face, and his willingness to share.

You can tell him as he saunters by, his eyes glued to the ground.

No matter where he goes, he's sure there's gemstones to be found.

You can tell him by his friendly smile, he's an all-round pleasant guy;

But the sure-fire way to spot him, is the flashy bola tie!!

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Via Beehive Buzzer 11/01

Two promotional coupons for the California Federation of Mineralogical Societies 68th Annual Tri-State Convention and Show. The top coupon is for the Palmdale Gem and Mineral Club, celebrating 50 years in Palmdale. It lists various activities like Gem, Mineral, Fossil, Jewelry, Beads and Lapidary Art, and mentions over 50 dealers in the Poppy Pavilion. It also lists special events like Metal Detecting Demonstrations and Treasure Hunt, and provides admission and parking information. The bottom coupon is for the Antelope Valley Fair Grounds, held on June 15, 16, and 17, 2007. It provides the show hours (9:00 AM to 5:00 PM) and the website (www.palmdalegems.org). Both coupons feature the organization's logo and a large text box stating: "This Coupon is good for \$1.00 off General Admission when presented at the Show".