



Ore-Cutts

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Please Read! New Meeting Times/Days!

The City of Santa Maria has decided to close the facility where we had our meetings. They have been allowing us to use the Elwin Mussel Senior Center from 7 to 9 pm for many years, at no charge. Suddenly, and without much notice, they now close the facility at 4:30 pm due to budget or the lack thereof.

We have found a new place to have our meetings, at the St. Joseph's Church where we have our annual show. The time will be 7 to 9 pm on the second Wednesday of each month.

So, please join us on September 8, 2010 in the Parish Hall at Saint Joseph's Catholic Church at 298 Thompson Ave., Nipomo, at 7:00 pm .

The program will be

The Display theme will be your Treasures from the show.

The refreshments will be Pies brought for us by Jan Ferguson, Jeannie Lingerfelt, Sandy Berthelot, Wayne Mills, and Elaine Von Achen.

Please mark your calendars with the new meeting dates: the second Wednesday of each month, at least for the rest of this year.

THE PREZ SAYS, September 2010

By Sylvia Nasholm, President OMS

On Sunday morning during the show I visited every dealer to thank them for their participation in our show and to solicit their comments on how we did, and what, if anything, we might improve on for next year's show. Without exception, they all remarked on how friendly our club members are, how well organized the show is, and what a particular treat it is for them to participate in the event. I want to

acknowledge to all of you how very proud I am to serve as your President, how very proud I am of all your hard work and dedication, how very proud all of you should feel for making our 43rd Annual Rainbow of Gems the unqualified success that it was.

From the planning stages to the end of the show, there were positive, wonderful compliments on how it all evolved - the layout, the set-up, the Thursday dinner, the exhibits & demonstrators, the snack bar, the sold out Treasure Chest, the fabulous BBQ, the overall excellent quality of items for sale by our dealers, and the breakdown on Sunday evening and Monday morning (we even had two dealers helping us clean up Sunday and Monday!). There was not one area of the show that did not receive compliments and it is because so many of you pitched in and made it so.

Every show has a few speed bumps, but almost without exception this year's did not involve the work accomplished by our club members and that is exceptional.

I've compiled a list of the comments made by the dealers and we will go over them in the weeks and months ahead and I'll be asking for your input at the September meeting.

Thank you all, you humble me with your generosity.

With the show behind us we can look forward to a fun fall. The Santa Lucia Rockhounds have their show on Sept 18 & 19 10-5pm daily and it is always worth the trip. The Jade Festival is October 8-10 (noon to 6pm, 10-6pm, 10-5pm) and the San Luis Obispo Gem & Mineral Society has another event in the Veteran's Hall at the Cayucos pier on October 16-17, 9-5pm daily. Not to be outdone, the Oxnard Gem & Mineral Society has their annual event November 20-21 (9-5pm & 10-5pm). Let's enjoy ourselves this fall!

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Celebrating birthdays in September are Bud Burgess, Dyana Cridelich, Peter Dettelis, Karen Dry, Sharon Duncan, Molly Kerlick, Joseph Martinez, & Marshall Reeves, very Happy Birthday! to you all.



Celebrating an Anniversary for September are DeeDee & Aldo Magri, and we wish you many more!

Open letter to OMS from our Hancock Earth Science Scholarship Winner

Dear Orcutt Mineral Society,

I would like to express my appreciation for your organization's extreme generosity. I was excited to learn that I was receiving a scholarship from the Allan Hancock foundation. Your organization went above and beyond with your generous gift. I was duly excited when I learned the size of the scholarship you, the Orcutt Mineral Society were awarding to me. This generous scholarship will allow me much more time to focus on schoolwork. Normally, I have to work for the family landscape business to cover my room and board, but the scholarship you awarded me amounts to about 100 hours of work I can now focus on school. That amount of time allows me much more freedom to study and focus on my school career and my future career in soil science. For these reasons, I would like to thank you and express my gratitude for your generous, humanitarian act of such a large donation in the form of a scholarship. I am a dedicated student who can guarantee you that it won't go to waste. Who knows, maybe someday I can become a professional addition to the Orcutt Mineral Society and help to further some future student's career. I would like to reiterate my appreciation and gratitude for such a generous scholarship. Thank you a thousand times over, Andrew Ritenour.

As promised in July, here is Steve Reigle's new address in case anyone would like to contact him:

6400 Torreon Ave.

Albuquerque, N.M. 87109

e-mail: sriegel16609@hotmail.com



Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History

Walking Among Dead Things

By Wes Lingerfelt

I missed the first field trip to the museum so when another opportunity arose to go, Jeannie and I just couldn't pass it up. The Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History has been described as a wondrous place and it didn't disappoint me. Somehow I became the Fieldtrip Leader on 21 August 2010 by default. I had hoped to have a full carload but evidently those who had planned to go had to cancel due to various situations. As it turned out the only other club members making the trip were Bill & Debbie Hood, John and Elaine Von Achen with grandson Joseph Martinez, grand-daughter Mariah Martinez and friend Adam Loera.

As I drove into the museum parking lot my cell phone rang and on the other end was Elaine asking, "Is that you?" I answered in the affirmative and we joined them in the museum entrance. After paying our entrance fee of \$7.00 for seniors (Non-Members: \$10/adult; \$7/senior (65 and over); \$7/Teen (13-17); \$6/Child (3-12), Children under 3 free,) we browsed the gift store where I bought a book and three geological maps of the Santa Maria valley area.



The crew at the museum

As we toured the museum following the map provided by the clerks at the entrance it soon became obvious there are a lot of "Dead Things" on display. They were posed in natural surroundings and appeared to be living things. The museum has done a

great job of depicting wildlife in its natural habitat. I particularly enjoyed the display of butterflies.



There are over 4000 Butterflies mounted here

Another fascinating area we visited was the Planetarium. The kids as well as adults really enjoyed this room full of cosmic wonders.



One of many images taken at the museum

After a truly fascinating and enjoyable time at the museum we journeyed to the Elephant Bar & Grille in Goleta, CA for lunch. The food and the service were marvelous. Getting there was a challenge for Elaine who was trying to follow me in her Honda. Somehow I got confused as to which lane was the right one and ended up darting across several lanes at the last minute to the exit from State Street on to the US 101 freeway. I was afraid I had lost her but she made it to the restaurant with no trouble.

I highly recommend a visit to the museum (I will definitely go again) and you can find out more on the web at: <http://www.sbnature.org/>

Editor's Note: the Hall of Gems and Minerals was also a very good display of large examples of some very showy minerals such as quartz, malachite, and a very large plate of natrolite-neptunite-benitoite as well as some very nicely faceted Benitoite. There is also a great display of florescent minerals that is set low enough for the kids to see and operate the button

that turns off the lights and turns on the ultraviolet lights, and the Oh's and Ah's.

This is not some dull, dusty museum. Everything is completely life-like, clean, bright and with many interactive displays. This one is definitely worth the admission price, over and over again!

Sunshine



Don Nasholm is recovering well from his recent hip replacement...enough to join us at the club breakfast...keep up the good work, Don!

Everyone else seems to be status quo. As always, if you know of any club member who is under the weather, please let Debbie Hood know. Also, if any club member is in need of any kind of assistance, please let Debbie or any other officer or board member know so we can get them the help they need. As always, the list of officers and their phone numbers is on the last page of every bulletin.

OMS Breakfast

By Debbie Hood

The August club breakfast was the 28th of this month at the Hometown Buffet in Santa Maria. There were about 18 members in attendance; the food was, as always here, plentiful and varied.

It was a surprise, and a good one at that, to see Don Nasholm join us. Don, you are walking much better than when we last saw you!

The Door prizes were a large Barite Rose from Oklahoma won by Margaret Henson, and a nice mother-of-pearl blister plaque, which Wes Lingerfelt won (and gave to Jeannie!)

It was nice to catch up with Paul and Sandy Berthelot, whom I sat next to. The breakfasts are a great way to get to know your fellow "Rockies" in a relaxed atmosphere. If you have never attended one, or haven't been in a while, consider investing an hour or so in the next one. You will be glad you did!



Rockhounding is MORE than a hobby; it's a PASSION!

CFMS Junk Science Alert!
SERPENTINE,
CALIFORNIA STATE
ROCK

By Shirley Leeson



By the time you read this, it may already be too late. California State Senator Gloria Romero, from the Los Angeles area has introduced SB 624, to strip Serpentine as the California State Rock. The reasoning is that serpentine is really ASBESTOS in disguise and causes mesothelioma. Dan Walters of the Sacramento Bee (Friday July 16, 2010 stated "Romero's office says the language originated with the Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization, an anti-asbestos group whose major sponsors are law firms specializing in asbestos litigation." These organizations say the bill is a "symbolic measure to correct this historic mistake." It may also give them more ammunition to pursue their lawsuits.

At the time of this writing the California State Senate has passed the bill, 36 - 0. Currently it's in the Assembly Committee on Natural Resources and the date of the bill (number unknown if it's different from the senate) coming to the floor in the Assembly is unknown. The really sad thing is there is no organizations who are opposing the bill. Contact your state Assemblyperson and ask them to vote no on this historical rock. Our serpentine was the first state rock proposed in the U.S. And with it was our state mineral - Gold.

Do something..... Do your homework, google State Rock - Serpentine. Most of the California Newspapers have given it a fair shake. Have you contacted your state senator and assemblyperson? I have.

P.S. They are NOT proposing another rock to take its place.... It will be left BLANK!

OMS Strikes Gold for Education with 2010 Treasure Chest

Wayne Mills, Treasure Chest Chairperson

The total income from the Treasure Chest this year is yet to be determined, but the gross proceeds are looking very good, less ticket costs (*Editor's note: for exact figures, please see Wes Lingerfelt.*) This is quite a bit more than we made last year,

according to OMS Treasurer Wes Lingerfelt. The Treasure Chest is one of the main areas that contributed to the gross proceeds of the show. The net profit from the show is the basis for another figure that is near and dear to my heart, the OMS Earth Science Scholarship.

Ten percent of the net proceeds from the show, plus \$350, go into the fund for the annual scholarships that OMS gives to local Junior Colleges. Last year, OMS was able to give a single scholarship to a deserving student from New Cuyama that tripled his annual income. But I digress. How was OMS able to turn 104 donated prizes into \$1500? We will try to answer that question below.

After last year's show, the board discussed ways to make all areas of the show better. Several suggestions concerned the Treasure Chest. Among these was separating the Treasure Chest ticket sales from Barbecue ticket sales. Another suggestion concerned the security of the Treasure Chest prizes.

At our April meeting, we began soliciting prizes for the Treasure Chest from the society membership. Prizes began to trickle in, and by Show time, we had about 35 nice prizes in the "chest". As the show opened, we began to get the donations of our dealers, thanks largely to the efforts of DeeDee "Gogettum" Magri, who came from Benecia to help with the Treasure Chest, as she has for the past several years. (Prior to her departure 2 years ago, DeeDee was the Chairperson for the Treasure Chest).



Some of our Treasure Chest prizes

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At our July meeting, a sign-up sheet was circulated, and 2-2.5 hour slots were assigned for working the Treasure Chest booth. These included the critical 3-5 shift on Sunday when the prizes were organized for the drawing and awarding of the prizes. Several names are on the sign-up list several times, and these folks deserve recognition, because without their help, the activity would not have gone as smoothly as it did. Among those working multiple shifts were Chelsea Mills, Betty Kern, Sally Griffith, Margaret Henson, and Barbara Strasbaugh. DeeDee worked tirelessly for much of the three days soliciting donations from the dealers and encouraging them to buy tickets. Jan Ferguson, Elaine Von Achen, Joseph Martinez, DeeDee Magri, Sharon Duncan, Betty Kern and Chelsea Mills were of great assistance during the mayhem of organizing and handing out the 104 prizes (plus the \$100 and \$50 first and second prizes). Amazingly, we got the whole process completed just 3 minutes before the show ended at 5:00 p.m.

Wayne handing out the \$50 second prize to Dorina Mathieu



Sharon Duncan helped hand out about half of the prizes that were not picked-up at the show. As of August 16, all of the prizes had been picked-up, delivered or mailed. Several of the folks who picked up their prizes were highly complimentary of the show and of the quality of the prizes in the Treasure Chest.

Wes St Clair and his big prize!

Wes St. Clair who won the 8.75-inch Lepidolite sphere that was



donated by Wes Lingerfelt was ecstatic. Wes Lingerfelt who won the “grand” prize \$100, was quite happy with his prize too.

ROCKHOUND CULTURE Making Cabs

Take a rock and check for fractures,
If the phone rings, don't answer,
You are quality testing.
Set your saw and slab a section,
If the phone rings, don't answer,
You are creating.
Outline your cab on a flat section,
If the phone rings, don't answer,
You are designing.
Trim your cab and shape it,
If the phone rings, don't answer,
You are sculpting.
Polish and set in your best style,
If the phone rings, don't answer,
You are perfecting.

Wear and admire in a mirror,
If the phone rings, answer,
It is time to tell the world!

Peter Martin, 2010, with apologies to E J Mudd, from Scribe July-Sept 2010

Hiddenite Find

By Debbie Hood

A nearly 65-carat emerald was found at a North Carolina farm that was once a treasure-hunters favorite. The community, 50-miles northwest of Charlotte, is called Hiddenite and rockhounds used to dig for emeralds there for \$3.00/day, and large numbers of beautiful gems have come from this site over the years.

The emerald is so large that it is compared to a brooch once owned by Catherine the Great, an eighteenth century Empress of Russia.

Large uncut crystals, some of good gem quality, have come from this source, but never has one been so large and high quality.

After being cut, the finished stone was about 20% of the original weight – slightly larger than a U.S. quarter and weighting about as much as a AA battery. Such loss in weight is not unusual as fractures, inclusions and other flaws are sawed away and then the facetter must decide on shape and cut, sometimes being limited as to orientation by the way the crystal handles light. Then the grinding away to form facets also reduces the weight.

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As our member Ralph Bishop is fond of saying, "There's always more in the bank." And in this case the best yet from this site came late to the party.

WD-40

A lady got up very early one morning and went outside to pickup the Sunday paper, she noticed someone had sprayed red paint all around the sides of the neighbor's brand new beige truck. She went over and woke him up and gave him the bad news. He was, of course extremely upset. And they stood there trying to figure out what could be done about the problem. They decided there wasn't much recourse but to wait until Monday, since nothing was open. Just then another neighbour came out of his house, surveyed the situation and immediately went to get his WD-40 out and cleaned the red paint off with it. Guess What! It cleaned up that paint without harming the original paint on the truck! I'm impressed!!

Water Displacement #40. The product began from a search for A rust preventative solvent and degreaser to protect Missile parts. WD-40 was created in 1953 by three Technicians at the San Diego Rocket Chemical Company. Its name comes from the project that was to find a 'water displacement' compound. They were successful with the fortieth formulation, thus WD-40. The Corvair Company bought it in bulk to protect their atlas missile parts. Ken East (one of the original founders) says there is nothing in WD-40 that would hurt you. *'IT IS MADE FROM FISH OIL.'* When you read the 'shower door' part, try it. It's the first thing that has ever cleaned that spotty shower door. If yours is plastic, it works just as well as glass. It is a miracle! Then try it on your stovetop... It is now shinier than it has ever been before.

- 1) Protects silver from tarnishing.
- 2) Removes road tar and grime from cars.
- 3) Cleans and lubricates guitar strings.
- 4) Gives floors that `just-waxed` sheen without making it slippery.
- 5) Keeps flies off cows.
- 6) Restores and cleans chalkboards.
- 7) Removes lipstick stains.
- 8) Loosens stubborn zippers.
- 9) Untangles jewelry chains.
- 10) Removes stains from stainless steel sinks.
- 11) Removes dirt and grime from the barbecue grill.
- 12) Keeps ceramic/terra cotta garden pots from oxidizing.
- 13) Removes tomato stains from clothing.
- 14) Keeps glass shower doors free of water spots.
- 15) Camouflages scratches in ceramic and marble floors.
- 16) Keeps scissors working smoothly.
- 17) Lubricates noisy door hinges on vehicles and doors in homes
- 18) It removes black scuffmarks from the kitchen floor! Open some windows if you have a lot of marks.

- 19) Bug guts will eat away the finish on your car. Removed quickly, with WD-40!
- 20) Gives a children's play gym slide a shine for a super fast slide.
- 21) Lubricates gearshift on lawn mowers.
- 22) Rids kids rocking chairs and swings of squeaky noises.
- 23) Lubricates tracks in sticking home windows and makes them easier to open.
- 24) Spraying an umbrella stem makes it easier to open and close.
- 25) Restores and cleans padded leather dashboards in vehicles, well as vinyl bumpers.
- 26) Restores and cleans roof racks on vehicles.
- 27) Lubricates and stops squeaks in electric fans.
- 28) Lubricates wheel sprockets on tricycles, wagons, and bicycles for easy handling.
- 29) Lubricates fan belts on washers and dryers and keeps them running smoothly.
- 30) Keeps rust from forming on saws and saw blades, and other tools.
- 31) Removes splattered grease on stove.
- 32) Keeps bathroom mirror from fogging.
- 33) Lubricates prosthetic limbs.
- 34) Keeps pigeons off the balcony (they hate the smell).
- 35) Removes all traces of duct tape.
- 36) Folks even spray it on their arms, hands, and knees to relieve arthritis pain
- 37) Florida's favorite use 'Cleans and removes love bugs from grills and bumpers.'
- 38) Protects the Statue of Liberty from the elements.
- 39) WD-40 attracts fish. Spray a LITTLE on live bait or lures and you will be catching the big one in no time.
- 40) Ant bites. It takes the sting away immediately and stops the itch.
- 41) WD-40 is great for removing crayon from walls. Spray on the mark and wipe with a clean rag.
- 42) If you've washed and dried a tube of lipstick with a load of laundry, saturate the lipstick spots with WD-40 and Presto! Lipstick is gone!
- 43) If you spray WD-40 on the distributor cap, it will displace the moisture and allow the car to start. Keep a can of WD-40 in your kitchen cabinet. It is good for oven burns or any other type of burn. It takes the burned feeling away and heals with NO scarring. Remember, the basic ingredient is FISH OIL

Caution

WD-40 is not an electrical contact cleaner. It leaves a sticky residue that can attract dust. WD-40 should never be used in locks for the same reason. Locks should be cleaned with isopropyl alcohol, allowed to dry thoroughly and lubricated with dry graphite powder.

Via SCRIBE April-June, 2009, via John Thomson, SCRIBE Member. Author Unknown.

Orcutt Mineral Society Board Meeting, Von Achen Home, Nipomo, CA., August 3, 2010



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

Members present were Wes Lingerfelt, Debbie Hood, Gloria Dana, Jan Ferguson, Sylvia Nasholm, Elaine Von Achen, Sandy Berthelot, Sharon Duncan, Mike Henson and Don Dana. Guests included Bill Hood and Paul Berthelot.

Minutes: Minutes from the July general meeting were printed in the August bulletin. Minutes were approved as printed.

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

Correspondence: Elaine Von Achen noted that a post card was received from Lithographic, LLC selling the new "Topaz & Diamond" 2011 calendar. We also received a newsletter from the Sun Valley Indian School.

Committee Reports:

Abused Children: None.

Annual Gem Show: John Von Achen will do trash detail again this year and he has the security guard lined up as well. Wes Lingerfelt has the raffle tickets and the Barbeque tickets printed and ready for sale. He has also completed the programs for hand out. Elaine Von Achen said she has 5 demonstrators lined up and 25 cases. Displays are completely full with no empty spaces. We need to check with Truman Burgess regarding wood for Saturday's barbeque. Wes will bring the items donated to OMS by Charles "Chuck" Hammond. They included a Lortone flat lap with two plates, a grinding plate and a polishing plate, a Highland Park 10" slab saw and a Star Diamond grinder polisher w/o a motor. The items will be on display at the show and bidding will close at the end of the show.

Breakfast: August's OMS breakfast will be held at the Home Town Buffet, 1431 S. Bradley, Santa Maria, on August 28th. It will start at 9:00 a.m.

Bulletin: Debbie Hood said the bulletin had gone out in the mail and was on line as well.

CFMS: None.

Education: None.

Field Trip: The August field trip will be held on the 14th and will be to the Santa Barbara Natural History

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Museum. Members will meet at the Elwin Mussell Senior Center at 8:00 a.m.

Highway Clean-up: The next clean-up will be held September 11th. Members will meet at Highway 101 and 166 on the South East corner at 8:00 a.m.

Library: None.

Membership: None.

Refreshments: Cookies donated by Truman Burgess, Debbie Hood, Don Nasholm and Pat McKay will be the dessert for the August meeting.

Scholarships: None.

Sunshine: None.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

The meeting was adjourned by President, Sylvia Nasholm at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Elaine Von Achen, Secretary, OMS

Orcutt Mineral Society General Meeting, St. Joseph's Church, Nipomo, CA., August 11, 2010

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

Mike Henson gave the invocation.

Joseph Martinez led the flag salute. Sheriff, Bill Hood, said everyone had badges.

Minutes: Elaine Von Achen read the minutes of the previous board meeting. Minutes were approved as read.

Treasurer's report: Wes Lingerfelt gave the treasurer's report. It was accepted as given. Wes gave a preliminary report of the Gem Show comparing receipts taken in for 2010 against receipts taken in for 2009. (*Editor's Note: If you would like to review this report, please see Wes Lingerfelt.*)

Correspondence: None.

Hospitality: Sharon Duncan reported 32 members and 13 guests in attendance. Guests included Mike Schmidt, Samantha Schmidt, Virginia Rogers, Owen Baynham, Rob Goodenough, Barbara Strasbaugh, Pedro Velasquez, Julia McLanahan, Austin Moore, Shasta Palmer, Scott Foster, Christina Halenda and Mike O'Donnell. Guests were greeted and thanked.

Refreshments: Margaret Henson thanked Don Nasholm, Pat McKay, Truman Burgess and Debbie Hood for bringing cookies.

Committee Reports:

Abused Children: Jan Ferguson reported the evening's prizes for the August drawing as a piece of malachite from Africa won by Mike O'Donald, a piece of Peridot in basalt won by Pedro Velasquez and a piece of citrine from Brazil won by Truman Burgess.

Breakfast: August's breakfast will be held at the Home Town Buffet, 1431 S. Bradley Rd. in Santa Maria at 9:00 a.m.

Budget & Audit: None.

Bulletin: The Bulletin is out and everyone received their copy.

CFMS: None.

Door Prize: There are some great prizes for this evening including some amethyst, a shark tooth, rock hammer, amazonite, geodes and much more.

Education: None.

Gem Show: Laura Gebhart commented on the fact that the donations for the treasure chest were very nice this year.

Historian: None.

Field Trip: The August field trip will be on August 21st and will be to the Museum of Natural History in Santa Barbara. Members will meet at Mussell Sr. Center at 9:00 a.m.

Highway Clean-up: Our next highway clean-up will be September 11 at 8:00 a.m. Members will meet on the south east corner of Highways 101 and 166.

Library: None.

Locker Clean up: None.

Membership: None.

Political Action Committee: None.

Property: None.

Scholarships: None.

Sunshine: Don Nasholm is having hip surgery as the meeting is going on. Ralph Bishop lost his mother Helen Bishop this past week.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Elaine Von Achen read a letter from Sylvia Nasholm to OMS members thanking everyone for their hard work in making a really successful "Rainbow of Gems" show this year.

The program for the evening is a film, "National Gem Collection" by the Smithsonian.

The meeting was adjourned by President Elect Gloria Dana at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Elaine Von Achen, Secretary, OMS.

There are 17,000 caves in the United States including 30 in State Parks, and 15 in National Parks. There are no caves in Louisiana or Rhode Island. *(From July OMS Program on Caves)*

NOTE:

(The following is tongue in cheek. Anyone who takes it seriously and complains, will be shot by the sheriff with his brand new gun that shoots super heated pepper spray)

Mid-Summer Madness - By Laws

The following amendments to the club by-laws are proposed for the year beginning 2011.

1. Members will be expelled from the club for throwing rocks at board members, even if provoked.
 2. All members must attend at least two meetings per year or their membership will be terminated.
 3. All members must buy the newsletter editor at least one drink per year or they may be satirized.
 4. All members must catch sight of the President at least once per year, or forever hold their peace.
 5. Field trip leaders will be expelled from the club if they lead trips to where there is no place to pee. *(Hey, Bob, did you get that?)*
 6. Members will be expelled from the club if they complain about anything. *Yes, you heard - anything!*
 7. All members must go on at least two field trips per year or their membership shall be suspended.
 8. Members will no longer receive the newsletter if they complain about the editor's sense of humor.
 9. Members will not receive the newsletter if they disagree with the editor's politics.
- At least two of the above amendments to the by-laws are being considered seriously by the board. Your problem is to guess which two and comply with them. *(hint: the editor likes Riesling.)*

Words of Wisdom

- A clean house is a sign of a broken computer
- The grass may be greener on the other side of the fence, but it still has to be mowed.
- **EDITORS are always WRITE.**
- Even if you are on the right track, You'll get run over if you just sit there.

September 2010 Calendar

Tuesday
Sept. 7, 2010
7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

OMS Board Meeting-at the home of Elaine Von Achen. For information call Sylvia Nasholm at 481-0923.

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Wednesday Sept. 8, 2010 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.	OMS General Meeting-St Joseph's Catholic Church. Program TBA Display: Fossils or Fossil Fakes • Refreshments-Pie
Saturday Sept. 11, 2010 8:00 to 10:00 a.m.	Roadside Clean up. After the cleanup, coffee and pastry at "Francisco's Country Kitchen" in Santa Maria.
Saturday, Sept. 18, 2010 8:00 a.m. till/?	Field Trip – The Paso Robles Club Show. Our Fieldtrip leader and his second in command are both unavailable, so we can all go to the Santa Lucia Rockhound's Show.
Saturday Sept. 25 2010 9:00 to 10 a.m.	OMS Monthly Breakfast- Sunrise grille. Sunset Ridge Golf Course, 1424 W. Fairway Drive, Santa Maria.. For information call Sylvia Nasholm at 481-0923.
October 2010 Calendar	
Tuesday Oct. 5, 2010 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.	OMS Board Meeting-at the home of TBA. All members are welcome at this business meeting.
Tuesday, Oct. 13, 2010 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.	OMS General Meeting-St. Joseph's Catholic Church, 298 Thompson Ave., Nipomo. Program TBA • Display- Jade • Refreshments- Cakes
Saturday, Oct. 16, 2010 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.	Field Trip to be announced. For further information, call Bob Bullock at 928-6372.
Saturday Oct. 23, 2010 9:00 to 10:00 a.m.	OMS Monthly Breakfast-at the Girls Restaurant in Arroyo Grande

CFMS SHOWS 2010

**September 3-6 2010, Fort Bragg, CA
Mendocino Coast Gem & Mineral Society**

Town Hall
Corner of Main & Laurel
Hours: Fri-Sun 10-6 -- Mon 10-4
Don McDonell (707) 964-3116
Email: ejwebb@mcn.org

**September 11-12 2010, Downey, CA
Delvers Gem & Mineral Society**

Woman's Club of Downey
9813 Paramount Blvd.
Hours: Sat 10-6; Sun 10-4
Nancy Bird (562) 697-0636
Email: nancyjbird@verizon.net

Website: <http://www.slogem.org/>
**September 18-19 2010, Redwood City, CA
Sequoia Gem & Mineral Society**

Community Activities Building
1400 Roosevelt Ave.
Carol Corden (650) 248-7155
Email: ccorden@comcast.net
Website: <http://sgms.driftmine.com>

September 18-19 2010, Paso Robles, CA

Santa Lucia Rockhounds
Pioneer Park
2010 Riverside Drive
Hours: 10-5 Daily
Kim Patrick Noyes (805) 610-0603
Email: kimnoyes@gmail.com
Website: <http://slrockounds.org>

September 18-19 2010, Stockton, CA

Stockton Lapidary & Mineral Club
Scottish Rite Masonic Center
33 W. Alpine Ave.
Hours: 10-5 Daily
(209) 946-0113
Email: footsey1@yahoo.com
Website: <http://www.stocktonlapidary.com>

September 25-26 2010, Monterey, CA

Carmel Valley Gem & Mineral Society
Monterey Fairgrounds
2004 Fairgrounds Road
Hours: Sat 10-6; Sun 10-5
Susie Harlow
Email: Susie@tghcpa.com
Website: <http://www.cvgms.org>

October 2-3 2010, Oroville, CA

Feather River Lapidary & Mineral Society
Oroville Municipal Auditorium
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