



# Ore-Cutts

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Please join us on September 13, 2011 at 7:00 pm at the Luis Oasis Senior Center, 420 Soares Ave. in Old Orcutt for a program on the various options for sites for next year's show.



• Display is Agates, but as always you are welcome to bring any rocks/minerals that you would like to share.

• The dessert will be Pies brought to us by Jeannie Lingerfelt, Jan Ferguson, Sandy Berthelot, Lucky Virgin and Wayne Mills.

suggestions or recommendations for a site you think we have not yet considered, please let us know.

Now, just a note, things may get a little easier, kids are back at school, the weather is still beautiful, and we still have some time.

The field trip to Jalama Beach was a lot of fun, and exhausting. We all certainly got our exercise that day! Jalama Burgers are awesome! Also, thanks to Ralph Bishop, I learned Jalama means a "bundle of reeds" in the Chumash language. Thanks Ralph! Also, thankfully, we found out about the weird state antiquities laws, so no one would get arrested for collecting anything in violation of them. (*Collecting is verboten at Jalama Beach now.*)

It's nice being with you, and I look forward to seeing you at the next general meeting and receiving your input. Till then, sincerely, Gloria.

## Prez Box

By Gloria Dana

Hey folks, well it's been a busy month and we got through our annual Rainbow of Gems show ok. There may have been a few bumps in the road but overall, you all did a wonderful job and I want to thank each and every one of you who worked so hard!

Setup was remarkable; the kitchen help was outstanding; hospitality and raffle/treasure box, displays, BBQ, I can't name each and every one but it was *all* magnificent and we couldn't have done it without you!

It's been a great ten year run at St. Joseph's Church in Nipomo, but as you may have heard, we have to change the venue of the show. Your board has been looking at, reviewing, and analyzing many different locations available for such large events throughout the Central Coast; we assure you we will find the right location to continue this wonderful tradition for another 44 years and more. If you have any

## IT WAS A GOOD RUN!

By Wes Lingerfelt

We had a good run of 10 years with St. Joseph's Church in Nipomo, CA. After 4 new priests that worked with us over the years with a friendly attitude we finally came upon one that did not like our activity or us. I suppose it was inevitable as not all people understand our mission or us. In fact there are some people that probably believe we are crazy nuts for going out into the desert and digging up rocks to



make beautiful things to wear and treasure. So be it! We will move on!

Regarding the last show at St. Joseph's, it was successful regardless of the obstacles placed before us. We will be able to make reasonable donations to scholarships and our other charitable causes. We didn't do as well as last year, but it was acceptable. I will give a full report of the show at the next meeting so do not miss it.

I will also report on what we have discovered up to current time regarding a new place for holding the show. That might be another good reason to make the September 13<sup>th</sup> meeting. I hope to see you there.

## **SUPERWOMAN**

By Sylvia Nasholm

It seems like an appropriate time and place to let all of you know of the heroics of one of our members. Without question, Elaine Von Achen saved the day and we all owe her a debt of gratitude.

Just a little background: several months ago we had a club member ask to take on the responsibility of the snack bar at our Rainbow of Gems show. We were aware she knew her way around the kitchen and we all agreed to help her in any way we could. We were off and running! A few months before the event, she dropped out of sight. No calls, no notes, no emails, just silence. About a month before the show, she mailed back books she had borrowed from the club's library, no note, just the books. WOW! Your esteemed Board took a collective gulp at the news and Elaine immediately stepped to the plate and took on the job. In a few short days she had it all planned out and chores delegated and that snack bar ran as though it had been planned for ages.

Elaine and I were buying up meat and she had crock-pots running nonstop producing quality product for her BBQ Beef sandwiches. Jeannie was at her house helping to put together huge quantities of egg salad and ham salad. Both ladies spent hours baking their specialties for sale.

We all pitch in with what we can; I just think you all should be made aware of the amazing effort put forth by Elaine. No complaining just old fashioned "let's get it done". She deserves our gratitude and a big round of applause as well.

## **Sunshine**

Sandy Berthelot has come through her



second surgery for a detached retina and is doing very well. Her vision in that eye is still blurry, but that is in part due to the medication she must use for a while, she was able to make it to the breakfast to everybody's delight. Wes Lingerfelt has gotten his blood sugar down to a better range, but is having headaches again since his "miracle-working" Doctor moved to Arizona and he has not yet found another who treats it in just the same way. We hope that the rest of you are all staying hale and hearty!

Our sincere sympathies go out to Elaine Von Achen, and Joseph & Mariah M. at the loss of Elaine's mother and the children's grandmother. Mariah is our newest pebble pup, and Joseph's little sister.

## **OMS Treasure Chest Profits**

### **From a Great Team**

Wayne Mills, Treasure Chest Chair

This year's Treasure Chest was again successful, coming close to last year's total despite the absence of our engaging "front lady" Dee Dee Magri, and our current weak economy.

This year's success is due largely to the generosity of our dealers and members who donated some great prizes, and the selfless efforts of several OMS members (and one non-member) that I would like to recognize. Margaret Henson, and Mike and Samantha Schmidt pulled multiple shifts at the booth, as did my friend Vicki from Santa Barbara, and Samantha was especially engaging and helpful at showing and handing out the prizes at Sunday's drawing—hope she is available next year. Margaret brought in extra revenue by going around to the dealers to save them the trouble of coming to the



*Wayne Mills calling out the winners*

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booth to buy their raffle tickets. Great idea Margaret!

Mike Schmidt and Bob Bullock were very helpful moving the prizes cases in and out of the building on two nights and two mornings of the show.

Deborah Hood did a great job recording the prizewinners, and Sharon Duncan and my friend Vicki efficiently handled organizing and handing out the prizes. We gave out a little less than half of the 89 prizes at the show, so Sharon was kind enough to make sure the Santa Maria and Nipomo area prizes made it to the winners there. I handed out the prizes in the AG area, and wound-up mailing six of the prizes after trying (unsuccessfully) to deliver one in Buellton. Vernon Deck was kind enough to deliver one of the heaviest prizes (a gem Sodalite candle holder) to a pleased patron in Bakersfield.

This year, ticket sales were handled separate from sales of barbecue tickets, tee shirts and other OMS apparel and it seemed to work out well. We accounted for all the tickets that were sold, though we sold fewer tickets than were printed. So for all this, I want to again thank the Treasure Chest Crew.

## Jade Festival

**20th Annual Big Sur Jade Festival OCTOBER 7th, 8th and 9th, 2011.** Friday 12 pm - 6 pm. Saturday 10 am - 6 pm. Sunday 10 am - 5pm. The 20th Annual Big Sur Jade Festival will be held at Pacific Valley School, located 60 miles south of Monterey, 40 miles north of Cambria on beautiful Hwy. 1, across from Sand Dollar Beach, in the Los Padres National Forest.

This event is a benefit for the Pacific Valley School PTO and the South Coast Community Land Trust. The Big Sur Jade Festival features jade and other lapidary arts by artists from all across the USA, Canada, and New Zealand.

It is one of the largest lapidary shows of its type in the world.

The festival also features selected vendor art, fine food and 3 days of live entertainment.

**Admission is Free !!!**

**Daily Lectures by** David Fredericks, world-renowned author of [TimelessJade.com](http://TimelessJade.com) and [TimelessArtifact.com](http://TimelessArtifact.com), was the keynote speaker for the 19th Annual Big Sur Jade Festival.

David put on a two-hour microscopic, interactive display of jade and jadeite artifacts and specimens for those who attended the event.

The microscopic investigation was presented each day of the festival.

Along with specimens from around the globe, the public was invited to bring a few of their own items about which they were curious

For General Questions Info Please contact Kirk Brock, P.O. Box 1349, Carmel Valley, CA 93924 831-659-3857 or 831-402-1143.

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthday greetings go out to those who are having birthdays in September: Bud Burgess, Dyana Cridelich, Peter Dettelis, Karen Dry, Sharon Duncan, Molly Kerlick, Joseph M., & Marshall Reeves. Happy Birthday & Many more!



There is no listing for any member celebrating an anniversary in September. But, as always, our best wishes go out to anyone we missed!



## CFMS NEWS:

### Public Lands Advisory Committee – South

*John Martin – PLAC –*  
[Southplac-south@antelecom.net](mailto:Southplac-south@antelecom.net)

### Help Save Our State Parks

A California State Park needs your help. The California State Mining and Mineral Museum [http://www.parks.ca.gov/default.asp?page\\_id=588](http://www.parks.ca.gov/default.asp?page_id=588) is on the closure list for California State Parks along with 70 other State Parks. Assembly Bill 42 (AB 42) has the potential to save this and all 70 State Parks slated for closure. See the bill at the link below: [http://www.legislature.ca.gov/cgi-bin/port-postquery?bill\\_number=ab\\_42&sess=CUR&house=B&author=huffman](http://www.legislature.ca.gov/cgi-bin/port-postquery?bill_number=ab_42&sess=CUR&house=B&author=huffman)

AB 42 would allow the California State Parks Department to enter into an operating agreement for the development, improvement, restoration, care, maintenance, administration, or operation of a unit or units of the state park system, as identified by the director, with a qualified nonprofit organization that exists to provide visitor services in state parks, facilitate public access to park resources, improve

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park facilities, or provide interpretive and educational services. If AB 42 is enacted it means that a Qualified Nonprofit Organization can operate the park and the park can remain open. AB 42 has passed the Assembly and is currently in the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Water where it has been approved for vote on the Senate floor. The current status of AB 42 is it has been placed in the senate appropriations suspense file pending further action. The California State Legislature in summer recess from August 1, 2011 to August 15, 2011. Now is the best time to contact your elected state official and ask them to support the passage AB 42 so some of our states parks can remain open. Your state legislator can be found by going to:

[http://www.legislature.ca.gov/legislators\\_and\\_districts/legislators/your\\_legislator.html](http://www.legislature.ca.gov/legislators_and_districts/legislators/your_legislator.html) and entering your Zip code, then to their Webpage where you can contact them with an email requesting their support in getting AB 42 out of suspense file and to a vote on the Senate floor and then to the whole legislature for approval. Your action today can help save our California State Mining and Mineral Museum and other State Parks from closure. More on how you can help, from the Sierra Sun Times: <http://goldrushcam.com/sierrasuntimes/index.php/news/mariposa-daily-news-2011/109-july/2913-how-you-can-helpkeep-the-mining-a-mineral-museum-in-mariposa-ca-open>

### ***Become Pro-Active and a Rockhound Activist:***

The Public Land Use Pendulum may have reached the end of its travel extreme and may be headed in the other direction toward more reasonable Multiple Use Public Land Management. However the environmental activist groups still have plenty of money and lobbying power to buy the congressional support for their agendas. Several pieces of legislation have been introduced during the current session of congress that when enacted will help to create a multiple use road map for America's Public Lands. These new pieces of legislation not only will give direction to the Public Land Managers to manage our Public Lands for Multiple Usage but will provide congressional oversight, restrictions and regulations to the agencies responsible for our public lands management. Most of the current pending legislation restricting the usage or special interest groups usage is stalled in committee and with the

greater needs of our country at stake may be left in limbo for some time.

The following proposed bills are worthy of review by rockhounds and multiple use users of our deserts and forestlands where collecting and recreation takes place:

- H.R. 758: National Monument Designation Transparency and Accountability Act
- H.R. 1581 and S 1087: Wilderness and Roadless Area Release Act of 2011

- H.R. 1996: Government Litigation Savings Act

The current status and text of these pending bills may be found on the *Active Legislation* page of the ALAA Website [www.amands.org](http://www.amands.org) and deserve review and consideration by rockhounds and users of our Public Lands. These bills when enacted will help in keeping Public Lands open to all public lands users. The following pending legislation, if enacted, may put more use restrictions on California's deserts and mountain forest areas:

- H.R. 113: Angeles and San Bernardino National Forests Protection Act

- H.R. 41: Beauty Mountain and Agua Tibia Wilderness Act of 2011

- H.R. 281: Los Padres National Forest Land Exchange Act

- S. 138: California Desert Protection Act of 2011

The current status on the above bills along with California Renewable Energy projects, which have a direct effect on Public Land Access and usage, can be found on the *Active Legislative – California* page of the ALAA Website [www.amands.org](http://www.amands.org) and deserve review and consideration by rockhounds and users of our Public Lands.

## **A CALL TO ACTION; Save our California State Mining & Mineral Museum!**

**By Jim Brace-Thompson & Darci Moore**

Our California State Mining & Mineral Museum is endangered! We've received the following letter from Darci Moore of the Museum, asking your assistance to save the Museum from the knife of budget slashes. We urge all CFMS members reading this article to spread the word far and wide—to your



fellow members at your next society meeting and in your next society newsletter and on your society web site. And don't stop there: get the word out via letters-to-the editor in your local newspapers to urge everyone, not just us rockhounds, to make their voices heard in the manner Darci suggests below:

*I wanted to let you know that the California State Mining and Mineral Museum which houses and displays the Official California Collection of gems and minerals is on the State Parks closure list. This is the third year we have been on the closure list but unfortunately it is looking very dire for us this year. In an effort to garner grassroots support to keep the museum open we have created a Facebook page. We would like to invite your members to comment or voice their concern over the closure of this museum. This collection was started in 1880 by the State legislature and has been on continuous display for 131 years. The collection contains approximately 14,000 specimens from all over the world and from California. It is anticipated that if we close, it will be by July 1st 2012. If that happens it is very likely that the collection will be put into storage. This is a premier collection on the west coast and spawned collections in many of the other western states. We would appreciate any help you and your members could provide. If you could pass the word in your newsletter as well it would be appreciated. There is a link on our Facebook page to the California State Parks Foundation which provides suggestions about how to help.*

The link to our Facebook page is:

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/California-State-Miningand-Mineral-Museum/192306770823629>

We need your help to spread the word! If you would like more information or have questions, please feel free to contact me: Darci Moore, Curator II, California State Mining and Mineral Museum, (209) 742-7625, [dmoor@parks.ca.gov](mailto:dmoor@parks.ca.gov).

## **"US TROOPS FOOLED BY PHONY AFGHAN GEMS"**

From [so-cal-rocks@yahoo.com](mailto:so-cal-rocks@yahoo.com), 8/24/2011

Basically, U.S. (& other) military personal, in Afghanistan, are being fooled by local Gem Dealers into purchasing their FAKE gems, telling them they can resell these gemstones, when they get back to the

States, and make a big profit.

The owner of a jewelry store near a Colorado military base, has stated, "Unfortunately, the majority of the stones are fake, and even those that are authentic are not cut correctly, or are downright, unattractive."

We must watch out for these stones, and if you have friends or relatives, in the Afghan area, warn them about this scam. Tell them, if they are to purchase any gemstones while "in country", check the references of the merchant.

## **2011 Trip to Alberta, Canada**

By Margaret Henson

On June 21st, at 3:45 pm we boarded Amtrak's Sunset Limited heading for Portland Oregon. Our seats were comfortable and the scenery beautiful. We traveled thru central California, then Oregon arriving in Portland the next afternoon. We were met by my brother Dan and his wife Beth.

We had two days to repack and get ready for our trip north by car. We left Portland on June 24th. The weather was overcast with only a few sprinkles here and there. We drove thru Seattle and Tacoma Washington we crossed into Canada near Nook Sack Washington. Then on to Chilliwak Canada where we spent our first night. The countryside was beautiful, so green with lots of wild flowers, small waterfalls everywhere. We took Highway 1 thru the Okanogan Valley, Past Big Shuswap Lake finally arriving in Rebelstoke late in the afternoon where we spent the night.

The next morning we were off early heading for Banff and our destination of Canmore. The snowcapped mountains were spectacular surrounded by fluffy clouds. Wildflowers everywhere and the rivers are such a beautiful blue. We arrived at our condo in Canmore early in the afternoon. It was very nice land only a short distance from Banff National Park. The town of Canmore is small surrounded by towering snowcapped mountains just like a picture post card.

The next morning we headed for Lake Louise via the Bow Valley Parkway. We drove thru Banff National Park, got a fantastic picture of an Elk grazing alongside the road. We had a picnic overlooking the Bow Valley River, then on to Lake Louise. The walk was a little steep for Mike but he



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made it ok. It was well worth it. Lake Louise was so beautiful, set in the high snow capped mountains surrounded by all the green, and the water was a beautiful shade of aqua blue. Then on to Lake Moraine, which was equally as beautiful. There were Gray Jays everywhere, quite large gray and black birds, very friendly. I have seen the Alps in Germany; these mountains are equally as beautiful.

The next morning we went to the Ammonite Factory in Canmore. We took a short tour given by the owner. It was very interesting he told us what they were, and how they were collected and prepared for sale. The ammonites are becoming very scarce and require much time and care to produce the spectacular specimens. They have so many in their shop, very beautiful and very, very expensive. We bought a carved malachite bear for Mike's birthday. We all enjoyed our visit to the shop even my brother who doesn't have our love for rocks.

That afternoon we went to the town of Banff. There was a nice rock shop there along with many other nice shops. It was called Rocks and Gems. They had a lot of very nice specimens, kind of pricey, but we were surprised to find we had most everything they had already.

The next day we decided to head north to the Columbia Ice fields to see the glaciers. The drive was very nice, the road good and the scenery spectacular. We didn't get rain until we got to the Saskatchewan Glacier, then it poured buckets. We got lots of pictures and also saw Crowfoot Glacier, Bow Lake and Alhabasca Glacier. Everywhere there were creeks coming down the mountains and so many wild flowers. We stopped to get some close up pictures of the flowers. All the road signs were in English and French, and also in metric, which takes a time to convert distance and speed.

The next day we left Canmore for Cranbrook. We saw bears and deer along the highway. It was really neat. We stopped at a rest area in Kooteney National Park for a picnic. We ate fast, because the mosquitoes were having a picnic on us, they were huge.

The next day we left early for Waterton National Park and Red Rock Canyon. We drove thru the

buffalo paddock in Waterton Park and got some great pictures of the buffalo munching on the wild flowers then on to Red Rock Canyon. The rock is so red. With the water from the creek running over the rocks it is really pretty. Then on to Waterton Lake, it was Sunday and the town was so crowded that we found a nice rest stop out of town to get some pictures and see the lake up close. The water was so clear but not the blue of Lake Louise. Mike bought me a cute jade cat, then on to Cardston where we spent the night.

We crossed the border back into the United States, and we got an early start battling the mosquitoes that were trying to hitch a ride with us. No problems crossing the border, we all had our past ports in order. Now I can use my cell phone again, it is too expensive to call from Canada. We spent that night at Beth's parents' home in Prosser, Washington. We had a nice visit and watched the 4th of July fireworks from their deck. The next day we drove on to Portland.

In all, our trip covered 2432 miles by car and a little over 2000 miles by train. We had a very good time. My brother isn't interest in rocks so all Mike and I could do was watch from the car window.



### **Orcutt Mineral Society Board Meeting - Jan & Stan Ferguson Home, Arroyo Grande, CA. August 2, 2011**

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

Members present were Wes Lingerfelt, Debbie Hood, Gloria Dana, Jeannie Lingerfelt, Sylvia Nasholm, Elaine Von Achen, Sandy Berthelot, Mike Henson and Jan Ferguson. Guests were Paul Berthelot, John Von Achen, Margaret Henson, Bill Hood and Stan & Brenna Ferguson.

**Minutes:** Elaine Von Achen read the minutes from the July general meeting. Minutes were approved as read.

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

**Correspondence:** None.

**Committee Reports:**

**Abused Children:** None.

**Annual Gem Show:** Wes reported that there is some question from St. Joseph's church staff and the Priest as to what OMS is allowed to do this year on



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church grounds and new requirements. As it stands at this time, everything should proceed according to plan but there will definitely be changes in the future.

**Breakfast:** August's breakfast will be held at the Sunrise Grill at the Sunset Ridge Golf Center, 1424 Fairway Drive, Santa Maria, CA. on the 27<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.

**Bulletin:** The Bulletin is on line and has been mailed.

**CFMS:** None.

**Education:** None.

**Field Trip:** This month's field trip will be to the Las Padres National Forest on Saturday, August 13th. Members will meet at the Elwin Mussell Senior Center at 8:00 a.m. Bring a jacket, water and a sack lunch.

**Highway Clean up:** The next highway clean up will be held September 10. Members will meet at Highway 101 and 166 on the South East corner at 8:00 a.m.

**Library:** None.

**Membership:** Elaine Von Achen read an application for membership from Mariah Martinez. Debbie Hood made a motion that we accept Mariah for membership. Sandy Berthelot seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**Refreshments:** Refreshment for August will be cookies donated by Don Nasholm, Laura Gephart, Geary Sheffer, Erica Erskine, Debbie Hood and Truman Burgess.

**Scholarship:** Sylvia Nasholm had a long conversation with Shannon Proulx, Director of Scholarships with the Foundation for Santa Barbara City College. Following their talk, Shannon sent Sylvia much information on how the foundation works and how they choose the scholarship recipients. Sylvia turned over the information to Elaine who (as part of the scholarship committee, will get together with Wayne Mills to study the information to possibly include Santa Barbara City College in our list of colleges we give scholarships to.

**Sunshine:** None.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:**

Gloria Dana noted that we are in need of a President for the coming year (2012).

August's program will be photos of our Gem Show. August's display will be treasures from the show. The meeting was adjourned by President, Gloria Dana at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Elaine Von Achen, Secretary, OMS

**Editor's Note:** *In this spot should be the August General Meeting Minutes, but the demon that lives in my computer has been up to his old tricks again. Elaine, our dependable secretary, got them to me in plenty of time, and I transcribed them into the newsletter, and deleted the original from Elaine. At some later point I realized they weren't there and could not reconstruct them. Elaine & John are off on their vacation and won't be back until Mid-October. So, the devil lost them. (We know that's the case because Wes can testify that I never delete anything!) That's my story, and I'm sticking to it! They should be available at the next meeting. I hope!*



We hope everybody enjoyed a great Labor Day!

## Bench Tips

By Brad Smith

For those of you who are interested in learning basic lapidary (cutting and polishing gemstones) Lapidary Journal - Jewelry Artist Magazine offers a free download of an E-book called "The

Complete Lapidary Experience: Hunt, Cut, and Set Gems".

This collection of articles takes you on a field trip to collect rough moonstone then through the cutting and polishing phases and finally to setting the stone in a piece of jewelry. Being able to cut or modify a gemstone opens up whole new areas of jewelry making and gives greater depth to the feeling you get when you reply "Yes, I made it myself"

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Get the free E-book at:

[http://jewelrymakingdaily.com/Lapidary-Hunt-Cut-Set/?utm\\_source=megalist&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=mg110525e](http://jewelrymakingdaily.com/Lapidary-Hunt-Cut-Set/?utm_source=megalist&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=mg110525e)

### •EMERY BOARDS


The sanding boards for doing your nails are one of my favorite finishing tools. I use the ones with a thin foam core. They have enough resistance to sand just the high points off a flat surface and yet give a little when you're trying to smooth off a curved surface. Plus they're inexpensive and come in a variety of grits. Some grits are so fine they give an almost finished surface. Pick up a few at a beauty supply company or at your local dug store.

### •DENTAL FLOSS

When testing the fit of stone in a bezel, it's all too easy to get it stuck. Often the only way to free it is to drill a hole in the bottom and push it out with a needle. To avoid this, lay a piece of dental floss over the top before you press the stone in. Then just pull on the string to remove the stone.

More BenchTips by Brad Smith are at  
[groups.yahoo.com/group/BenchTips/](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/BenchTips/)  
 or [Facebook.com/BenchTips](http://Facebook.com/BenchTips)

September 2011 Calendar	
Tuesday Sept. 6, 2011 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.	OMS Board Meeting-Hensen Home. All members are welcome at this business meeting. For information call Gloria Dana at 929-6429. For directions Call Mike Henson at 934-1308.
Saturday Sept. 10, 2011 8:00 to 10:00 a.m.	Roadside Clean up. Meet at southeast corner of junction of Hwy 101 and Hwy 166. After the cleanup, coffee and pastry at "Francisco's Country Kitchen" in Santa Maria.
Tuesday Sept. 13, 2011 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.	OMS General Meeting-Luis Oasis Senior Center, 420 Soares Ave., Old Orcutt <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Program on new show sites</li> <li>• Display: Agates</li> <li>• Refreshments-Pies</li> </ul>
Saturday Sept. 17, 2011. 8:00	OMS Field Trip: To Paso Robles Show at the Pioneer Park.

am to 5:00 pm	
Saturday Sept. 24 2011 9:00 to 10:00 am.	OMS Monthly Breakfast- at Hometown Buffet at 1431 S. Bradley Road, Santa Maria. For information call Sylvia Nasholm at 481-0923.
October 2011 Calendar	
Tuesday Oct. 4, 2011 7:00 to 8:30pm.	OMS Board Meeting- Hensen Home. All members are welcome at this business meeting. 
Tuesday, Oct. 11, 2011 7:00 pm to 9:00.	OMS General Meeting - Luis Oasis Senior Center, 420 Soares Ave., Old Orcutt Program: TBD <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Display- TBD</li> <li>• Refreshments- Cake</li> </ul>
Saturday Oct 15, 2011 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.	OMS Field Trip to be announced
Saturday Oct. 22, 2011 9:00 to 10:00 am.	OMS Monthly Breakfast- The Girl's Restaurant, 1237 E. Grand Ave., Arroyo Grande, Ca. For information call Sylvia Nasholm at 481-0923

## CFMS SHOWS 2011

### September 10-11 - DOWNEY, CA

Delvers Gem & Mineral Society  
 Woman's Club of Downey  
 9813 Paramount Blvd.  
 Hours: Sat 10-6; Sun 10-4  
 Guynell Miller (562) 633-0614

### September 17-18 - STOCKTON, CA

Stockton Lapidary & Mineral Club  
 Scottish Rite Masonic Center  
 33 W. Alpine Avenue  
 Hours: 10-5 Daily  
 Jan Bradley or Dorothy Tonnacliff (209) 629-3837 / (209) 603-4539  
 Email: [slmcs@juno.com](mailto:slmcs@juno.com)  
 Website: <http://www.stocktonlapidary.com>

### September 24-25 - MONTEREY, CA

Carmel Valley Gem & Mineral Society



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Monterey Fairgrounds  
2004 Fairgrounds Road  
Hours: Sat 10-6; Sun 10-5  
Matt Biewer (831) 659-4156  
Email: [mattbiewer@aol.com](mailto:mattbiewer@aol.com)  
Website: <http://www.cvgms.org>

**October 2 - FALLBROOK, CA**  
Fallbrook Gem & Mineral Facility  
123 W. Alvarado St, Ste. B  
Hours: 10-4 daily  
Janice Bricker  
Email: [fgms@sbcglobal.net](mailto:fgms@sbcglobal.net)  
Website: [www.fgms.org](http://www.fgms.org)

**October 8-9 - TRONA, CA**  
Searles Lake Gem & Mineral Society  
13337 Main Street  
Hours: Sat; 7:30-5; Sun. 7:30-4  
Jim & Bonnie Fairchild (760) 372-5356  
Email: [slgms@iwvisp.com](mailto:slgms@iwvisp.com)  
Website: [www1.iwvisp.com/tronagemclub](http://www1.iwvisp.com/tronagemclub)

**October 15 - WEST HILLS, CA**  
Woodland Hills Rock Chippers  
First United Methodist Church  
22700 Sherman Way  
Hours: 10-5  
Mary Beth Pio  
Email: [info@rockchippers.org](mailto:info@rockchippers.org)  
Website: [www.rockchippers.org](http://www.rockchippers.org)

**October 15-16 - ANDERSON, CA**  
Shasta Gem & Mineral Society  
Shasta District Fairgrounds  
Briggs Street  
Hours: Sat. 9-5; Sun. 10-4  
Steve Puderbaugh (530) 365-4000; Cell (530) 604-2951  
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Website: [www.shastagemandmineral.com](http://www.shastagemandmineral.com)

**October 15-16 - PLACERVILLE, CA**  
El Dorado County Mineral & Gem Society  
El Dorado County Fairgrounds  
100 Placerville Drive  
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**October 15-16 - SANTA ROSA, CA**  
Santa Rosa Mineral & Gem Society  
Veterans Memorial Auditorium  
1351 Maple Ave  
Hours: Sat. 10-6; Sun 10-5  
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**October 15-16 - WHITTIER, CA**  
Whittier Gem & Mineral Society  
Whittier Community Center  
7630 Washington  
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Marcia Goetz (626) 260-7239  
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**October 22-23 - LOS ALTOS, CA**  
Peninsula Gem & Geology Society  
Los Altos Youth Center  
One N. San Antonio Road  
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**Our Field Trip For Sept will be to support our sister club:**

### SANTA LUCIA ROCKHOUNDS 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL ROCKHOUND ROUNDUP

# ROCK, GEM & MINERAL SHOW



**September 17 & 18, 2011**

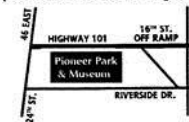
Saturday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sunday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Dealers • Exhibits • Raffle Prizes • Youth Activities  
Silent Auction • Demonstrations • Games • Fossils  
Shark Teeth • Food & Fun

### Pioneer Park & Museum

2010 Riverside Avenue • Paso Robles, California  
(South of Mid-State Fairgrounds)

Free  
Parking



Free  
Admission

Contact: Dale Conrad, Show Chairman 805-226-0719  
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sphere maker + 3-4 sets of cups. Sunbeam grinder-  
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Lapidary brand Ultrasonic drill + 4 heads  
Dremel stands – 2 small 3" x 3" vise  
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