

# The Rock Bag

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**Oxnard Gem & Mineral Society**  
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## Oxnard Gem & Mineral Society

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The Oxnard Gem & Mineral Society is a non-profit organization formed to increase our knowledge in geology, mineralogy and other such related fields in the earth sciences. We classify, cut, grind and polish rocks and minerals for our personal collections and to display at club shows. We learn from each other through club speakers, programs and monthly fieldtrips. We co-operate with other clubs to encourage others to participate in our activity.

The Oxnard Gem & Mineral Society is a member of the State of California Federation of Mineralogical Society and the National Federation of Mineralogical Society.

**Meeting held:** 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month at 7:30 P.M. Potlucks: 6:30 P.M.

**Place:** Performing Arts Center, 800 Hobson Way, Oxnard, CA (Thousand Oaks Room)

**Dues:** \$15.00 per adult; \$2.00 per junior member (age 12 to 18 years)

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Ways & Means	Jean Wise		647-4393

**Classes:** Silversmithing & Casting: Nancy Bogart, Albert Rubio & Jean Smith  
Lapidary, Opal & Wirewrap: Kay Hara, Dan Gealy, Brett Johnson & Don Minster  
Location: Durley Park, 950 West Hill Street, Oxnard, CA 93030

**Editor:** All members are encouraged to offer an article of interest or any suggestions as to what their interests are and what they'd like to see in the Rock Bag. Remember it is your bulletin! Articles can be submitted by an e-mail attachment or in writing by the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month.  
Thanks, Miriam

**\*\*\* This will be the last Rock Bag for those of  
you who haven't paid your 2010 dues!**

**The Prez sez...**

Spring has always been an exciting time for me, and 2010 is no exception. The VGMS show was awesome. It had a great turnout and with the judges for the California Federation there, also a wealth of information. The question on everyone's mind? How to get the same response from the community for all our shows. I went on my first field trip in ages to Tajiguas Beach. With the weather turning back to beautiful, it was hard not to enjoy myself. I even brought home some nice pieces of petrified whale bone too boot. Now I suppose I will have to get some lapidary work done. It will have to wait until after my vacation. Ah yes a vacation. I'm flying out to Florida and then driving back to California. Coast to coast making stops along the way to pick up some rocks. I cannot wait to hit Arkansas, loaded with a diamond field and crystal clear quartz. To hunt for my birthstone, in my birth month, with time to kill and lots of open road makes for quite a happy president! See you all at the April meeting.

~ Louisa May Carey

**APRIL PROGRAM**

On April 7th, we will have our Member Sponsored Silent Auction. This is open to everyone interested in getting something new to add to their collection and an opportunity for anyone wanting to get rid of some things from their collections.

Everyone is requested to bring at least three items from their collections to donate to the Auction. We would like to see those extra minerals, spare cabochons, miscellaneous jewelry, assorted tools, various nonessential fossils, additional rough stones to be worked, surplus slabs ready for cabbing, and all other gems of plenty.

The General Meeting will start at 7:30pm in the Thousand Oaks Room of the Oxnard Performing Arts Center on April 7th. After some brief announcements and guest greetings, the Auction will start at 7:45pm. Refreshments will be available all evening.

This will be fun for all ages and a great way to start a collection for your junior rockhounds. Bring the kids and show them all about this exciting hobby.

So, bring as many of your donations as you can carry and do not forget plenty of cash (small bills, please), because you never know what might be on the Auction tables that you can not live without.

~Brett, VP-OGMS

**MINUTES OF THE MARCH 3, 2010  
General Membership Meeting**

<b>Call to Order:</b>	President Louisa Carey called the meeting to order at 7:30P.M.
<b>Minutes:</b>	The minutes were approved as written.
<b>Membership:</b>	We have 58 paid members at this time.
<b>Hospitality:</b>	There were 23 members and five guests present. The guests were: Kristine Black, Howard Walther, Stephanie Garcia, Bunny Shank, and Julie Hart.
<b>Treasurer:</b>	We are solvent.
<b>Correspondence:</b>	Show notices and ads were put out on the table.
<b>Ways and Means:</b>	Gifts were given to the guests.
<b>Program:</b>	LuNeal's Silent Auction was the program tonight. Brett displayed a nice collection of

whalebone and spoke on the upcoming trip to Tajiguas Beach. He gave directions on how to get there and displayed photos of the locations of his finds.

**New Business:** The lab remodeling project is going to be on Saturday if it doesn't rain. Jennifer Friedman is starting the Enameling Class on Tuesday March 16.

**Officer Reports:** **1<sup>st</sup> VP:** The next program will be a member sponsored silent auction.

**2<sup>nd</sup> VP:** The fliers are available for our show.

**3<sup>rd</sup> VP:** The Harris House is open in Santa Paula this Saturday. The Ventura show is this weekend at the Ventura Fairgrounds.

**Federation:** Plan to attend the next National Federation Show. Applications for Camp Paradise are on the table. Competitive exhibiting instruction will be given at the Ventura Show this weekend.

**Editor:** Send in articles.

**Website:** The website is being used regularly. It is a nice website!

**Education:** 4 classes at Mupu School were spoken to. The Education Committee-Books for Schools is in the process of delivering books to 20 school districts, one book for each school.

**Classes:** The classes are going well. New classes will be starting soon.

**Displays:** People have been donating fluorite for our show.

**Refreshments:** The refreshments in April will be done by Anne and Laura.

**Adjourned:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 P.M. by President Louisa Carey.

~ Lee Leighton, Recording Secretary

### MINUTES OF THE MARCH 10, 2010 Board of Directors Meeting

**Call to Order:** President Louisa Carey called the meeting to order at 7:45P.M.

**Minutes:** The minutes were approved as written.

**Membership:** We have 58 paid members at this time. Dues need to be paid by the 15<sup>th</sup> of March. We have two new members: Stephanie Garcia, and Bunny Shank. The roster is being prepared for the April meeting.

**Treasurer:** We are solvent. Income and expenses were discussed. A motion was passed to pay the bills.

**Correspondence:** New fliers were passed around for examination.

**Old Business:** \$100 was spent at the Harris House to buy 120 lbs of rocks. Filing a claim for the Club was discussed

**New Business:** The Ventura Show was a success. The Ventura Club offered thanks to all who helped at their show. Kay Hara discussed silver bars for the silent auction. They are a good investment. It was decided that loaning display cases is logistically infeasible. Kay also discussed the upcoming scholarship for our club. Jean discussed Silversmithing equipment needs, \$950 estimated is needed.

**Officer Reports:** **1<sup>st</sup> Vice President:** Next program will be the member-sponsored silent auction.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President:** There was a show meeting tonight.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President:** See the Rock Bag for upcoming fieldtrips.

**Federation:** The show is coming up. The CFMS website has the entry forms. Land closures are being discussed.

**Education:** The books are coming along well. Speakers are needed for after- school presentations. The book program is \$100 under budget. The last 5 boxes are to be delivered soon. A workday will be scheduled for show items. A motion was passed to buy 3 books for the library.

**Classes:** The Silversmithing Class was discussed. A motion was passed to buy 4 sets of hand tools

for the students @\$32.95 a set. A new class season is approaching.  
**Adjourned:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 P.M. by President Louisa Carey.  
 ~ Lee Leighton, Recording Secretary

## Enameling Class

Learn to create beautiful pieces of art or jewelry using vitreous enamel. Enamel may be sifted or painted onto copper or fine silver to create one of a kind unique jewelry. No experience or talent is necessary just the desire to learn a new technique. The incorporation of adding a set stone in your finished piece of jewelry ties enameling into the lapidary world.

We will be learning the techniques of sifting and cloisonné (small cells of enamel surrounded by thin wire.) We will be creating pins, pendants and in a more advanced technique creating bowls and wall pieces.

Materials will be supplied. If you want to use fine silver, larger pieces of copper, enamel on steel plaques, or bowls, then you must provide your own or the instructor will supply at an additional cost. Additionally, if the student wants to use other enamels they will have to provide their own.

Classes will be held on Tuesday mornings (8 classes) from 9:30 am to 11:30 am at Durley Park. The first session will **start March 16**. Course fee is \$35. + cost of materials (dependent on what you choose).

Please contact Jennifer Friedman for registering and if you have any questions. Also visit her web site to see what enamel is all about. [www.jenniferfriedmanstudio.com](http://www.jenniferfriedmanstudio.com) Jennifer Friedman 805-647-1383

## Field Trips - South North Cady Mountains By Shep Koss & Adam Dean

**WHEN:** April 17-18, 2010

**WHERE:** North Cady Mountains near Afton Canyon area, off Basin Road exit by I-15 about 45 miles east of Barstow

**MATERIAL:** Adam Dean's favorite spots for agate, jasper, calcite, green and purple fluorite, sagenite, opalite and much more.

**SPONSOR:** California Federation of Mineralogical Societies (CFMS)

**PARTICIPANTS:** Open to all CFMS members and guests This trip is an overnighter with dry camping near the railroad side tracks off Basin Road.

**DIRECTIONS:** Take the Basin Road exit off I-15 about 45 miles east of Barstow and turn right (south) for 1.3 miles to fork in road. Take the left road for 3.8 miles to the railroad tracks and cross the tracks to the campsite. Use caution. The campsite can accommodate RVs and tents.

This is dry camping with no facilities whatsoever. Bring water, firewood, clothing for any type of weather hot or cold wet or dry, food and a full tank of gas. High clearance and 4WD

recommended for all sites. 2WD ok to the camping area if driven with care as many spots may have windblown sand. Roads to some sites may have deep sand. Potluck dinner Saturday night - bring a contribution. You must observe CFMS/AFMS Code of Ethics and sign a consent and assumption of risk waiver of liability form. Be aware that this is a remote and undeveloped area. Collect responsibly. For question regarding April's field trip:

**Adam Dean:** [theagatehunter@verizon.net](mailto:theagatehunter@verizon.net)

**Shep Koss:** [theshepster@webtv.net](mailto:theshepster@webtv.net)

By now you all know that the Ant Hill trip was cancelled at the last moment due to impending severe weather creating hazardous conditions on the hill slopes. Examining those hill slopes that morning showed most were buried in collapsed overhang burying the fossil layers. Thankfully we didn't have a large group

there risking burial as has happened before. Be sure to attend the Cady Mountain weekend trip this month. Weather should, at this time of year, cooperate. But be sure to contact us in case of last minute changes. Saturday of the fossil trip I still found about a dozen people waiting in the steady rain who didn't get the cancellation notice. The legality of collecting fossils at Ant Hill has also been brought into question necessitating more research. Also contact Adam or Shep about interest in another Double Tourmaline weekend so we can notify the owners of those mines on attendance. See Field Trip Reports on last year's trip. The upcoming trip is tentatively planned for late June or early July. ~ Adam & Shep

### **Insurance** **CFMS Liability Insurance** **By Bud McMillin & Patt McDaniel**

Bud's question: If we are on a field trip and car pool, is there any coverage under our CFMS liability policy to cover society members riding in the car in the event of an accident? ~ Bud

Patt's answer: There is no coverage for members in the sense of accident coverage, but if a passenger holds CFMS and its officers and volunteer responsible for their injuries, the policy would respond. The liability insurance of the driver would, of course, be primary. To reduce risk, it is best to let people optionally arrange for their own carpools, if they wish.

The following are quotes from the CFMS insurance brochure:

"If volunteers are using their own autos in the business of the club (such as going to the bank or moving a display) and are involved in an at-fault accident, they are not only personally liable, but the club may also be held liable. This coverage is designed to protect the club in that event. This insurance covers only damages over and above coverage provided under other policies in force at the time of an occurrence resulting in a claim. Drivers are responsible for their own liability and should carry insurance. We recommend that you ask your automobile insurance agent for at least \$500,000 CSL (Combined Single Limits) or greater. The clubs should not allow an individual to drive on behalf of the organization unless it has been determined that the individual has at least minimum legal limits of coverage."

and: "Never arrange carpools for others or assign rides. Only responsible parties with auto insurance should be asked to drive their own vehicles on behalf of the organization (for example: moving displays or trips to banks or printers)."

~ Patt Wilson McDaniel  
McDaniel Insurance Services



### **CFMS TAX ADVISOR** **IRS NEW FILING REQUIREMENTS** **By Mike Kokinos**

In 2007 the Internal Revenue Service announced a new annual electronic filing requirement for small tax-exempt organizations.

Beginning in 2008, small tax-exempt organizations (almost all our societies) that previously were not required to file returns may be required to file an annual electronic notice. Form 990-N Electronic Notice (e-postcard) for tax-exempt organizations not required to file Form 990 or 990-EZ. This filing requirement applies to tax periods beginning after December 31, 2006.

Last year societies that did not have Federal tax exemption, attempted to file Form 990N. These were rejected even though the EIN (tax identification number) was provided.

The IRS exempt staff originally told me that the EIN master file database would be used for filing the Form 990N. This was not the case. If you tried filing and were rejected, I recommended calling the IRS Exempt Organizations at toll free (877) 829-5500.

If your Society was unable to file for lack of an EIN, you must obtain it first. In some cases, you might not be sure the Society has an EIN. Chances are the Society actually has an EIN. Check with the Society's banking institution. They are required to obtain an EIN before allowing a bank account to be opened.

**WARNING**

Please make sure Treasurer's and other officers are aware of this new requirement. The new requirement requires the IRS to revoke the tax-exempt status of any organization that fails to meet its annual filing requirement for three consecutive years. Late filing will not be a problem as it is a new program. Societies using a calendar year should file by May 15. Late filings should be completed as soon as possible

To file, go to the IRS website (irs.gov) do a search on 990-N. It will lead you to the site to file this electronic form. Those societies with gross receipts over \$25,000 should check filing requirements. In most cases only the Form 990EZ will be required.  
 ~ Mike

**THE OLYMPIC 'STONE'**



**Old time Curling Stone**

Did you watch the 12 days of Curling at the Olympics? Were you as fascinated with those silvery stones sliding down the ice, bashing one another, slipping by each other seeking to be last and best? The curling stone is granite and is defined by the World Curling Federation: "it is circular in shape and weighs between 38 and 44



**Modern granite curling**

pounds, has a maximum allowable circumference of 36 inches, must be a minimum of 4.5 inches in height has a handle and bolt attached The handle, attached to the stone by means of a bolt that runs vertically through a hole in the centre of the stone, allows the stone to be gripped and rotated upon release. The top and bottom of a curling stone are concave. The surface in contact with the ice, known as the running surface, is a circle 0.25 to 0.50 inches (6.3 to 13 mm) thick." This narrow running surface is where the ice and the stone interact. On properly prepared ice, the stone's path will bend (curl) in the direction the front edge of the stone is turning, especially toward the end of its motion. The degree of curl depends on several factors, including the preparation of the ice and the flattening of common paths to the house during the game. The Scots, in particular, believe that the best-quality curling stones are made from a specific type of granite called *ailsite*.

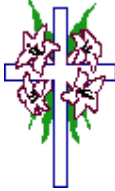
According to the Scottish Curling Stone Company, ailsite has very low water absorption, which prevents the action of freezing and melting water from eroding the stone. In the past, most curling stones were made from this granite but the island is now a wildlife reserve and is no longer used for quarrying. Kays' of Scotland has been making curling stones since 1851 and has the exclusive rights to Ailsa Craig granite, granted by the Marquess of Ailsa, whose family has owned the island since 1560. The last "harvest" of Ailsa Craig granite by Kays' took place in 2002, yielding 200 tons (note: Kays' statement is that they harvested 1,500 tons, sufficient to fill anticipated orders through at least 2020). Kays' of Scotland has been the exclusive manufacturer of curling stones for the exclusive manufacturer of curling stones for all three Olympics where curling has been a medal sport.



**Fingast Curling Club Scotland 1854**

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## Monthly Planner

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## Upcoming Shows

**April 10-11, 2010, Lancaster, CA**

Antelope Gem & Mineral Society  
Lancaster High School  
44701 - 32nd Street West  
Hours: 9-5 daily  
Vivian Watts (760) 373-1309  
Email: [Vivea22@yahoo.com](mailto:Vivea22@yahoo.com)  
Email: [av\\_gem@yahoo.com](mailto:av_gem@yahoo.com)

**April 24-25, 2010, Newbury Park, CA**

Conejo Gem & Mineral Club Show  
Borchard Park Community Center  
190 Reno Rd. & Borchard Rd.  
Hours: Sat. 9-5 - Sun. 10-4:30  
Robert Sankovich (805) 494-7734  
Email: [rmsorca@adelphia.net](mailto:rmsorca@adelphia.net)  
Website: <http://www.cgamc.org>

**April 30 - May 1-2, 2010, Bishop, CA**

Lone Pine Gem & Mineral Society  
Tri-County Fairgrounds (Robinson Bldg.)  
Corner of Sierra St. & Fair Drive  
Hours: Fri. 6-9, Sat. 9:40-4, Sun. 10-3  
Francee Gaham (760) 876-4319  
Email: [franceem@quet.com](mailto:franceem@quet.com)

**May 1-2 2010, Anaheim, CA**

Searchers Gem and Mineral Society  
Brookhurst Community Center  
2271 West Crescent Ave.  
Hours: Sat. 10 - 5, Sun. 10-4:30  
Marty Swiderski  
Email: [Martin.Swidersky@jacobs.com](mailto:Martin.Swidersky@jacobs.com)  
Website: [www.searchersrocks.org](http://www.searchersrocks.org)

**May 15-16 2010, Yucaipa, CA**

Yucaipa Valley Gem & Mineral Society  
Yucaipa Community Center  
34900 Oak Glen Road  
Hours: Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-4  
Bill Jochimsen (909) 790-1475  
Email: [bjm2285@aol.com](mailto:bjm2285@aol.com)  
Website: [www.yvgms.org](http://www.yvgms.org)

**June 4-6 2010, Woodland Hills, CA**

Rockatomics Gem and Mineral Society  
Pierce College  
6201 Winnetka Ave., Woodland Hills  
Hours: 9 5  
Gary Levitt (818) 993-3802  
Email: [Show@Rockatomics.org](mailto:Show@Rockatomics.org)  
Website: [Rockatomics.org](http://Rockatomics.org)