

# The Rock Bag

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**Oxnard Gem & Mineral Society**  
**Oxnard, California**



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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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**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, Editor

**OGMS July Program - July 7<sup>th</sup>**  
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The coming month's program for the Oxnard Gem & Mineral Society will be in honor of the up and coming Jade Cove Field Trip (hosted by the Conejo Gem Club – July 31st & Aug. 1st). We will have another wonderful and interesting presentation by guest speakers Fred and Charlotte Ward.

On July 7<sup>th</sup>, the Ward's will be sharing their knowledge of "Jade – Treasure of the Ages". There will be slide show of the many gems Fred has photographed over the many years of his career with National Geographic.

Then, they will answer any of our questions on the subject of Jade and give us a better understanding of why this mineral is so valued, beautiful, and alluring.

After some brief announcements and guest greetings, the presentation will begin at 7:30 pm in the Thousand Oaks room of the Oxnard Performing Arts Center (800 Hobson Way, Oxnard). Afterward, the Ward's will be available to sign copies of their books and discuss the evening's topic.

Looking forward to seeing you, Brett VP-OGMS

**MINUTES OF THE MAY 5, 2010**  
**General Membership Meeting**

- Call to Order:** President Louisa Carey called the meeting to order at 7:30P.M.
- Minutes:** The Board minutes were corrected (show meeting). The General Membership minutes were approved as written.
- Membership:** We have 71 paid members at this time.
- Hospitality:** There were 30 members and 4 guests present. The guests were: Jay Gonzales, Bev Marinus, Ellen J. Butler, and Jeff Miller, 5 new members were welcomed.
- Treasurer:** We are solvent. The income and expenses were discussed. A motion was passed to pay the bills.
- Correspondence:** Show notices and ads were put out on the table.
- Ways & Means:** There was a Badge drawing, and several ticket drawings. We had some happy winners.
- Old Business:** The attendance at classes will be improved by paying for classes at registration/signup.
- New Business:** The Rock Box at the back table was donated in Lois Allmen's name.  
The Conejo show was a success.
- Program:** Tonight's program was a video on the 100 yr. Anniversary of the San Francisco earthquake. There was also a Silent Auction for LuNeal's rocks. The auction netted \$116.50.
- Officer Reports:**  
**1<sup>st</sup> VP:** The Pot Luck Dinner is next month. Bring service for yourself and come hungry!  
**2<sup>nd</sup> VP:** No show meeting in May.  
**3<sup>rd</sup> VP:** On May 8, there will be a trip to Somis for fossils.
- Federation:** There is a field trip to Blue Forest Wyoming coming up.
- Website:** The website is doing well. Students are enrolling thru the website.
- Editor:** Submit articles! We need more people to use their email addresses to receive their Rock Bag. It really cuts the expense of printing and postage.
- Library:** The library is open tonight.
- Education:** We've been educating! Classes are being spoken to. Egg cartons are needed. Brett is delivering Earth Science Kits in Simi. 70+ have already been delivered.
- Classes:** Jr. Lapidary and Wire Wrap ends this month. Opal and Adult Lapidary are on going through the summer. Enameling is on Tuesday night. Check the Rock Bag or web site for the schedule.
- Refreshments:** Next month is the Pot Luck Dinner.
- Adjourned:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 P.M. by Pres. Louisa Carey.  
 ~Lee Leighton - Rec. Sec.

**MINUTES OF THE MAY 12, 2010  
Board of Directors Meeting**

- Call to Order:** President Louisa Carey called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.
- Minutes:** The minutes were approved as written.
- Membership:** We have 76 paid members and 2 juniors at this time. We accepted Jay Gonzales, Beverly Marinas, Margaret Handa, Keith Jump, and two children - Samantha and Evan as new members.
- Treasurer:** We are solvent. Income and expenses were discussed. A motion was passed to pay the bills.
- Correspondence:** We need to send a thank you to our printer Dale Towne. We need to send the CFMS Scholarship Foundation money in Gilbert Wehner's name.
- New Business:** By law changes were discussed. Kay Hara will present some suggested changes soon. Boxes of books need to be picked up from Lois's house. The Scholarship Committee received the forms from Oxnard college.
- Officer Reports:**  
**1<sup>st</sup> VP:** Pot Luck Dinner June 2. The father of one of our speakers passed away. A condolence was sent.  
**2<sup>nd</sup> VP:** Insurance for the Show and two years of financial records were discussed.  
**3<sup>rd</sup> VP:** See the Rock Bag for field trips.
- Website:** The Field Trip photos have been changed
- Displays:** We have nice fluorite crystals for exhibitor gifts. The show flyers are ready.
- Education:** Changes to the Teacher Kits were discussed. Budget-out of the club, or out of the show? Show preparations are being done. Brett has 2 scheduled deliveries of Rock Boxes.
- Classes:** Jr. Lapidary and Wire wrapping will not meet in June and part of July due to a vacation. A motion was passed to buy 3 new emergency shut off valves for our torches. They will be used by the Silversmithing classes. It was suggested that we get a new sign for the lab so that new students can locate the building.
- Adjourned:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:00.

~ Lee Leighton - Rec. Sec.

**MINUTES OF THE JUNE 2, 2010  
General Membership Meeting**

- Call to Order:** President Louisa Carey called the meeting to order at 6:40P.M.
- Minutes:** The minutes were approved as written.
- New Business:** All business was postponed until the next meeting because of the Pot Luck Dinner.
- Program:** Tonight was the Pot Luck Dinner. A good time was had by all, and no one left hungry.
- Refreshments:** The refreshments for July will be done by Miriam.
- Adjourned:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

~Lee Leighton - Rec. Sec.

**MINUTES OF THE JUNE 9, 2010  
Board of Directors Meeting**

- Call to Order:** First V.P. Brett Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.
- Minutes:** The minutes were approved as written.
- Membership:** We have 77 paid members.
- Hospitality:** New member applications were discussed. A Rock and Gem subscription amount was discussed.
- Treasurer:** We are solvent. Income and expenses were discussed. A motion was passed to pay the

- bills. We discussed buying a computer program called "Net Fusion Objects", (\$99.00). We discussed online banking for use in the future and the club's possible use of Pay Pal.
- Correspondence:** Newsletters from other clubs were put out on the table.
- New Business:** The sale of our club organ was discussed. It should go in the Rock Bag, and then possibly to E-Bay. A woman has some marble available and some other items for sale. Jim is going to call her. Two students asked if the club had a Facebook account. We do not. It would be a great advertising opportunity. A fellow in Malibu has crystals of all shapes and sizes. It would be a great fieldtrip/buying opportunity.
- New Business:** The safety valves/adapters are not installed yet in the lab for the Silversmithing class. The show books have been picked up from Elaine.
- Officer Reports:** **1<sup>st</sup> VP:** F & C Ward will speak in July about Jade. Mineral photography was discussed. **2<sup>nd</sup> VP:** 6 dealers have paid so far. The show bank account is up to date. The library cases are all going well. Brett is handling the club's Fair case. **3<sup>rd</sup> VP:** The Topanga trip was a success.
- Federation:** Discussed: AFMS-CFMS show June 18-20 at Whittier & La Habra, CFMS Directors Meeting 6/19, Rockhound of the year award, All-American Club competition, the claims seminar, and the ZZYZX Earth Science Workshop on Nov 14-21. Show volunteers needed for the kids booth at the CFMS show. See Jim.
- Education:** API Grant of \$4500 received. The fossil boxes almost completed. Practical use boxes are being worked on. Next workday will be on 8/28 at Donna's. Books and rocks for schools were furnished for a school basket auction.
- Classes:** Albert made signs for next Durley Park sessions. The put-up and take-down of the signs was discussed. Safety valves and adapters for the lab were discussed. Classes are doing well and adult lapidary and opal will be going throughout the summer.
- Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:00.

~Lee Leighton - Rec. Sec.

### **A Memorial to...** **Gilbert Wehner** **1918-2010**

Upon Gil's retirement from the aerospace program, the family moved to Oxnard. He was active in many endeavors, the National Association of Retired Federal Employees, Santa Clara Social Seniors, Oxnard Bonsai Club, Institute of Electrical & Electronics Engineers, Volunteer Income Tax Assistance, and at St. John's Medical Center. You can't say that Gil sat on his laurels!

Gil and his wife Jean have been members of the Club for many years. They were active participants in an occasional fieldtrip and supported the Club in numerous capacities. Gil was always the silent, pleasant, supportive partner with his wife, Jean. Jean was Membership for several years when I first joined the Club. At show time they were always there to do whatever needed to be done.

He will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

~ Miriam Tetreault, Editor

### **Durley Classes**

Congratulations to our Class Instructors for a job well done! We had 122 enrollments between November and June 2010. As you may know, 66% of our club income comes from our classes. Speaking as a student, my skill level has grown while hanging out with a fun group of people. The instructors make this service to the community possible. Thank you for a job well done. ~Stephanie

## Like Low-Cost Lapidary Classes?

**For many years, the Club has provided low-cost instruction in the lapidary arts to thousands of students. This is made possible in large part by:**

1. The hard-working instructors (all of whom are unpaid volunteers).
2. The hard-working board members, officers and other unpaid volunteers who take care of all of the day-to-day affairs of the Club (like pulling together the Rock Bag, paying the bills, fixing stuff); and
3. The hard-working (oh, and did I mention unpaid?) volunteers who help us put on our most significant annual Galaxy of Gems show and the semi-annual potlucks.
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\*\*\* If you can help in anyway with these and other jobs that come up, please contact one of the board members. If you are taking some of the classes, please consider helping out. Thanks for your support of the Club.  
~Format via The Pegnatite, 3/10; Editor

## Club Pump Organ



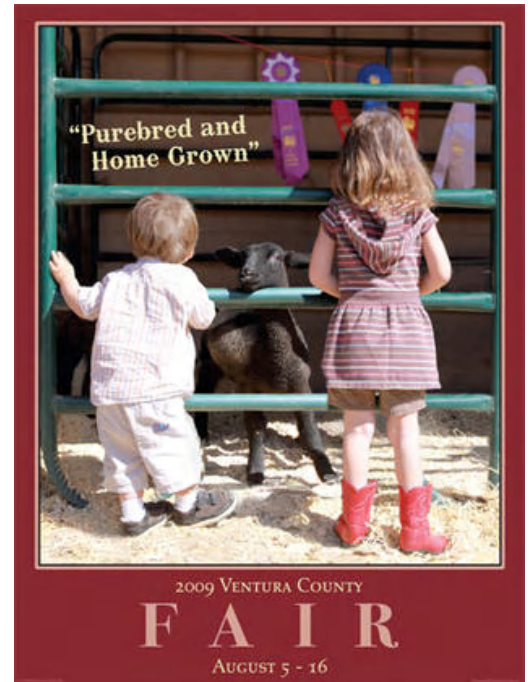
Here is the Club pump organ. We would like to sell it to a caring club member. This organ went on many fieldtrips in its hey-day to perform for the Sunday worship. Lois last performed on it at one of our Christmas parties. She has carefully stored it for many years since. It is in perfect working order, just needs a refinishing job. The many trips to the desert sort of did in the finish. It is 32" high, 32" wide, and 12" deep. We would like \$100 for it. If you know of anyone who would enjoy this great little pump organ, get in touch with Louisa or Miriam who is now storing it.

## Ventura County Fair Info August 5 - 16

It is easier than ever to take part in the Fair! As part of the Fair's efforts to "Go Green", the Entry Guide for the Fair is now available on line and next year will only be available on line. It is now possible to download a copy of the Entry Guide from the "Home" page of the OGMS website, [www.oxnardgem.com](http://www.oxnardgem.com).

Last year the Fair added doublet and triplet categories to appeal to all of us working with Opals. A tip from the judges to everyone entering cabochons - "Polish your girdles!" ~Stephanie

The Fair will need all the willing workers that are available during set-up, taking entries, floor walkers during the Fair and help in take down. If you can help in any capacity, call Laura Grayson at (805) 482-3052. If you want to display, be sure to call Laura to reserve a spot or to use a Fair case! ~Editor



## Welcome New Members

Keith Jump & Margaret Handa

Beverly Marinus

Jay Gonzalez

Pebble pups: Evan & Samantha Cirelli

## Fieldtrips

**Field Trips Upcoming:** Please let us know if you are going to go on the field trip. The weather can change, if we don't know you're going we won't be able to contact you if the field trip is cancelled. There will be maps and flyers at the club meetings. There are still people who show up for the field trip without notifying Mike or I, you can still be part of the field trip, but it is important that you let us know your going to attend.

**Please let us know if you're going to attend, e-mail or call us.** I have new truck; it's a white Ford F250 four wheel drive, crew cab, if you're looking for me, look for my truck.

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## July 31<sup>st</sup>, Sat. - Jade Cove

Nephrite Jade, Deb and I will be there July 28th Wed-Aug 1st Sunday (if your going to go on this trip let me know so you will have a place to camp.)

Our July field trip will be to Jade Cove, south of Big Sur. We will be looking for Nephrite Jade. It can be found along the shoreline. You can come up for the day or join us camping over night. Deb and I will be there Wednesday July 28th to Sunday August 1st. Day use free by side of road, camping \$22.00. No electric hookups. 45 campsites, half are assigned on a first come, first served basis. You now can reserve your campsite. See contact information below. 8 persons are allowed per site. Each site has a picnic table, grill and fire pit. Flush toilet restrooms and water nearby. Saturday night there will be a potluck dinner with our club and the Channel Islands Divers club which Robert and Debra are members.

**Directions:** From Ventura head north on Freeway 101, at San Luis Obispo, take Highway 1 north, towards the coast, to Morro Bay, continue on Hwy 1 north approximately 60 miles from Morro Bay to Plaskett Creek campground. Campground is on right side (east). Once at campground, look for a Conejo Valley Gem & Mineral sign next to the sign by entrance or by Robert's campsite #033. It is approximately 235 miles from Thousand Oaks, 3.5 - 4 hour drive time.

**Meeting:** Saturday Afternoon, July 31st. 2010, 10am-4pm. We will meet at Robert's campsite #033. There will be a short briefing of the site. Please remember to sign a release form to participate in the field trip. We will then drive south on Hwy 1 half a mile to a long pull out on right side (west) with a entrance to Jade cove. Use the stairs to climb over the fence and walk approximately 150 yards across a grass area to a switch back down to the cove, approximately 100 yards, use sturdy shoes. The bottom of the trail can be washed out so take your time. Walk over the bigger rocks at the basin to the center of the cove where there is a small beach. In the surf and along shore Jade can be found amongst the other rocks. Be careful and aware when collecting close to the surf zone.

**Mineral to collect:** Nephrite Jade, Serpentine, Actinolite, Soap Stone, Abalone shells.

**Tools:** Collecting bags, buckets, day pack, digging tools, rock pick, pry bar, eye protection, trowels, hand rake, hat, sunglasses, sunscreen, sturdy shoes, rubber boots or old tennis shoes, layered clothing, towels, change of clothes/shoes in case you get wet. Bring drinking water, lunch or snacks, also camping gear if you plan on spending the night. (The main tools to use are simple garden tools, a hand trowel and hand rake)

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Please let us know if you are going to go on the field trip, weather changes. If we don't know your going on the field trip, we won't be able to contact you if the field trip is canceled.

Color aerial photo of Sand dollar beach to Jade cove if you are interested, e-mail me and I'll send it to you.

**Reservations:** Recreation Gov. 877-444-6777 <http://www.recreation.gov>

**Links:** <http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/lospadres/recreation/camping/mrd/>  
[http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/lospadres/html/rec/recmap\\_mrd\\_5.htm](http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/lospadres/html/rec/recmap_mrd_5.htm) (Map)

Following two are Scuba Diving links, but have Jade Cove info  
[http://www.shorediving.com/Earth/USA\\_West/CalM/Jade\\_Cove/](http://www.shorediving.com/Earth/USA_West/CalM/Jade_Cove/)  
[http://www.cadivingnews.com/divespots.html?article\\_id=342](http://www.cadivingnews.com/divespots.html?article_id=342)

### **Field trips done: May 8th Sat 9am, Somis Fossils.**

We had good turnout for this field trip, over 50 rock hounds of all ages, from the tri clubs and other clubs. The weather was great for digging. We went to the hill and dug our sand dollar, scallops, clams, gastropods fossils. I think everyone went home with a sand dollar.

### **Upcoming Field Trips 2010:**

**The field trips listed below are tentative, they might change.** All are Tri Club field trip with Conejo, Oxnard or Ventura leading. Each month there will be information in the bulletin, and a flyer/map at the club meeting.

**August**-Greenhorn Mtns, rose quartz, garnets, epidote, tungsten

**September**-Acton-agate, small nodules, geodes

**October**-Independence/Bishop-Ammonites fossil, garnets, other minerals

**Nov**-Ant Hill, shark teeth fossils

Nov-Wiley's Well, nodules, geodes, agate, petrified wood

The Field Trip e-mail list is working, members have current, new information as I finish it. I get field trip information from other clubs at different times during the month, some with to short of notice for me to put in our bulletin. I will send direct monthly information, maps on club field trips, and updates on weather, other last minute factors that can affect field trips. If you want to sign up, no e-mail addresses will be printed, posted anywhere. Send me your e-mail addresses to mine below. I also updated the field trip information on the Conejo web site [www.cgmac.org](http://www.cgmac.org). The information is current and I'll keep updating as I add field trips. 2010 is here, the last few months the weather keeps getting warmer so we will go earlier or to places that are cooler. This time of year the weather is getting hotter so the times will be earlier, make sure we know you will be going; this applies to all field trips. I'd like members to let me know of places they'd like to go to? Were going to go to sites we've been to, but were going to have new sites. I do have several in mind. I've got most of 2010 field trips above, I'll be adding more later. The weather seems to change a lot and the economy can control our field trips, the dates above are fixed where there is a date the others I'm working it out. There's going to be a field trip for everyone, we'll have some close to home, and out of state trips, easy and harder field trips requiring chisels, sledges. Hopefully something for everyone. Most of the time I make sure I check out the sites, so when it finally becomes a field trip it can save time. Check out the website for updates. We've been getting good turnouts of rock hounds for our field trips; the upcoming field trips offer a diversity of collecting. With the weather cooler we will be heading out to the desert for collecting. Field trips are fun and you will find some nice specimens and make new friends. I find most people on field trips are friendly and nice willing to share in their knowledge and experiences.

See you there.

~Robert Sankovich, VP Field Trips Conejo/Ventura Clubs  
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## **U.S. Department of the Interior Bureau of Land Management News Release**

**California Desert District, Release Date: 05/17/10**

### **BLM Sets Restrictions for Campfires and Barbeques in California Desert Due to Rising Fire Danger**

[http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/info/newsroom/2010/may/cdd\\_fire\\_restrictions.htm](http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/info/newsroom/2010/may/cdd_fire_restrictions.htm)

Due to the danger of wildfires, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is requiring permits for campfires and barbeques on public lands in the California Desert. On other BLM public lands in Southern California, all campfires and barbeques are prohibited outside of developed recreation areas. Teri Raml, BLM Desert District Manager, said the restrictions are necessary due to rising seasonal temperatures combined with dry vegetation. "Above normal rainfall this spring treated us all to a spectacular bloom of wildflowers in the California Desert," she said. "Unfortunately that moisture and vegetative growth has dried out and increased our fire danger, requiring us to limit the use of campfires, barbeques, or portable stoves, or to require a permit. With everyone's cooperation, we can prevent the large wildfires that we have experienced over the years in this region. Reducing the threat to private property and the fragile desert ecosystem is of the utmost importance."

Raml said the restrictions are officially referred to as Stage I covering BLM managed areas, and Stage II, covering "State Responsibility Areas" (SRA). While Stage I Fire Restrictions apply to BLM lands in the California Desert, Stage II Fire Restrictions apply to SRA in Kern, Inyo, Los Angeles, San Bernardino, Riverside and San Diego counties. (Please refer to Fire Restriction Map on the CDD website: <http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/fo/cdd.html>.)

Stage I restrictions allow campfires and barbecues with a permit that can be obtained at all BLM field offices and fire/ranger stations, or from patrol personnel. Stage II prohibits campfire and barbecues outside developed recreation sites. Controlled flame devices such as portable stoves are allowed by permit. Raml warned that while the BLM appreciates the public's cooperation, non-compliance results in serious penalties by law. Any person convicted of knowingly/willfully violating these fire restrictions can be fined up to \$1,000, receive up to 12 months imprisonment, or both. That person also is liable for the damages and suppression cost of the

wildfire.

For more information or to obtain a permit contact the BLM California Desert District Office at (951) 697-5200 or local field offices in Barstow (760) 252-6000; El Centro (760) 337-4400; Needles (760) 326-7000; Palm Springs-South Coast (760) 833-7100 or Ridgecrest (760) 384-5400.

--BLM--California Desert District 22835 Calle San Juan de Los Lagos Moreno Valley, CA 92553

## **Tri Club Exhibitors AFMS/CFMS June 2010 Show**

By Rob Sankovich

### **Jim Brace-Thompson, VGMS/OGMS**

Division F, Fossils

Class F4, Fossil Plants & Animals. Description: An entry of 28 fossils from all major time periods and epochs and representative of the major life forms.

Master 1st Place, AFMS Trophy 32

Division B Minerals, Subdivision BT: Thumbnails Minerals

BT-1 Thumbnail minerals, any type. Description: An entry of 35 thumbnail minerals (minerals small enough to fit within a 1-inch cube) of various types and classifications.

Master, Second Division (no CFMS or AFMS trophy) However, this same exhibit received the Hamel Mineral Trophy, sponsored by the Conejo Gem & Mineral Club and given to "the best individual case of minerals, judged on quality alone."

Ventura Gem & Mineral Society entered the All-American Club Awards Contest. This contest asks those clubs that enter to provide a binder or scrapbook showing what the club did in various categories over the course of the previous year. Those categories were Service to Members & Guests; Publications & Publicity; Support for Regional Federations, AFMS, & Other Clubs; Community Relations; Government Agency & Legislative Relations; and Overall Format & Presentation. Out of 100 possible points, the VGMS entry received the highest score ever awarded, at 98 points! As a result, VGMS was acknowledged as First Place, Small Clubs from among all the 135 clubs within CFMS. The entry was then forwarded to AFMS and was awarded 1st Place Gold All-American Award for Small Clubs. (AFMS has 7 regional Federations and 650 clubs, in all.)

### **Ron Wise, VGMS/OGMS**

Division E Educational, Subdivision EGS: General Audience/Skill or Craft

EGS-5 Other, Mixed exhibit or some aspect of the hobby other than Mineral, Lapidary, Jewelry, Fossil Knapping, Knives

Master, 1st Place, CFMS Trophy

### **Diane Cook, VGMS/OGMS**

Division B Minerals, Subdivision BF: Minerals

BF-1 Personally collected minerals, unlimited size, Tourmaline Crystals Personally Collected

Novice, 1st Place, Blue Ribbon

### **John Cook, VGMS/OGMS**

Division F Fossils

F-6 Fossils from One Time Unit (Era, period or epoch such as Paleozoic, Permian or Miocene)

Trilobite Fossils

Master, 1st Place, CFMS Trophy

He also ranked in the First Division at the AFMS level, just 3 points behind Jim for the AFMS Fossil Trophy.

### **Robert Sankovich, VGMS/CGMC**

Division C Lapidary, Subdivision CW: One type of work. CW-10, Contoured Polished Specimen

Turritella Agate

Master, 1st Place, CFMS Trophy

Master, 1st Place, AFMS Trophy

Division A Open - A-8 Geographical Specialties. Nephrite Jade, Personally Collected

Master, 1st Place, AMFS Trophy

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**Stephanie Hagiwara, OGMS**

Division E Educational, Subdivision EGC: General Audience/Concept. EGC-1, Minerals

Novice, 1st Place, Blue Ribbon

On behalf of the Oxnard Gem & Mineral Society. Stephanie Hagiwara entered the CFMS Web Site Contest and won Second Place for her society web site from among all the 135 CFMS clubs!

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**Brett Johnson, OGMS**

Division B Minerals, Subdivision BU: Minerals unlimited by size. BU-7X One mineral series or one Species Fluorite - 3rd Place

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**Lydell Fong, CGMC**

Division A Open. A-5, Project

Necklaces – Novice

1st Place, Blue Ribbon

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**Jan Madsen, CGMC**

Division E Educational, Subdivision EIC: Informed Audience/Concept

EIC-1 Minerals. Gold Specimens

Advanced, 1st Place

Blue Ribbon Presidents Trophy

## Upcoming Shows

### July 10-11 19-20 2010, Culver City, CA

Culver City Rock & Mineral Club  
 Veteran's memorial Auditorium  
 4117 Overland Ave (Overland & Culver)  
 Hours: Sat 10-6; Sun 10-5  
 Robert Thirlaway (310) 213-7677  
 Email: [thirlawr@earthlink.net](mailto:thirlawr@earthlink.net)  
 Website: <http://www.CulverCityRocks.org>

### August 6, 7 & 8 2010, Nipomo, CA

Orcutt Mineral Society  
 St. Joseph's Church  
 298 S. Thompson Ave.  
 Hours: 9-5 daily  
 Wes Lingerfelt (805) 929-3788  
 Email: [Rocks4u@prodigy.net](mailto:Rocks4u@prodigy.net)  
 Website: [www.omsinc.org](http://www.omsinc.org)

### September 11-12 2010, Downey, CA


Delters 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](mailto:nancyjbird@verizon.net)

### 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](mailto:kimnoyes@gmail.com)  
 Website: <http://slrockounds.org>

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