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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: 1st Wednesday of each month at 7:30 P.M. Potlucks: 6:30 P.M.

Pebble Pups meet each month at 6:30 P.M. prior to meeting

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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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 3rd Wednesday of the month. Thanks, Editor

The Prez Sez....

Hello fellow Rockhounds, I do hope that everyone is having a super summer so far. This month I wanted to focus on one member of our club. She does so much holding two offices treasurer and website. Although she does a superb job as treasurer that is not what this address is about. I am talking website. I am talking about Stephanie Hagiwara. She has been recognized by the CFMS for just this very thing too.

In 2010 she received 2nd place in the CFMS website competition. When it came time to start thinking about submitting for 2011 she had her doubts. In the end she did decide to try again and well it sure paid off. I am so happy to report that she won **1st place!** How cool is that! Navigation of the cyber space is tricky, it takes some serious know-how to create and maintain a website. Stephanie is ahead of the game and lucky for us she is willing to share that knowledge.

I had the honor as President of OGMS to present the plaque, as she wasn't able to attend the CFMS Show and Convention in Anderson this year. Honestly I was very moved by this. To know that our club and every club is made up of special people who volunteer their time and efforts gladly, makes me proud. Stephanie is a great inspiration. Thank you Stephanie and thank you everyone for making this community a great place.

~Take care out there, your Prez, Louisa May

AUGUST PROGRAM

On Wed., August 3rd, Oxnard Gem & Mineral Society will present a video on "How to Find Genuine Diamonds in Arkansas".

The video share the history and stories of Crater of Diamonds State Park in Murfreesboro, Arkansas. It demonstrates some of the techniques to hunt for diamonds and where to look for them. We will watch about 25 – 35 minutes of this 84 minute video. The video and companion book will be donated to the Club library for further review and check-out.

The General Meeting will start at 7:30pm in the Thousand Oaks room of the Oxnard Performing Arts Center on August 3rd. After some brief announcements, Show business, and guest greetings; the video will start. Refreshments and discussions will be available afterwards. ~ Brett VP-OGMS

Do More

By William Arthur Ward

Do more than belong; participate.

Do more than care; help.

Do more than believe; practice.

Do more than be fair; be kind.

Do more than forgive; forget.

Do more than dream; work.

~ source unknown

Minutes of the July 6, 2011 General Membership Meeting

Call to Order: President Louisa Carey called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Minutes: The minutes were accepted as written.

Hospitality: There were 17 members and guests present. The guests were: Sandy Burgess, Karen White, Richard Bogart, Jennifer Prentice, Jeff Everts, and Deliala.

Treasurer: We are solvent. Income and expenses were discussed. A motion was passed to pay the bills. By-law changes were discussed. The \$150 spending limit needs to be amended

upward. A motion was passed to pay \$500 for our share of the upcoming Federation show, and \$700 for the lock out-tag on the security switches in the lab.

Correspondence:

Show notices, ads, and fieldtrip fliers were put out on the table.

New-Old Business:

Suspended for the Pot Luck Dinner.

Officer Reports:

1st VP- Tonight was the Pot Luck Dinner. A good time was had by all and no one went away hungry! Next program-not decided

2nd VP- Keep the show in mind----Be ready. College students will be helping this time. We need items for the Country Store and volunteers for set-up, take down, and in the booths. There will be a show meeting in August.

3rd VP- See Rock Bag for field trips. The Greenhorn Mtn. fieldtrip was discussed. It will be "dry camping." It was suggested that using the paved road would be better than using the dirt road for access.

Education:

The Tri-Club Education Committee will meet next Tuesday at 7:00pm. Next Saturday will be a workday for the Rock Boxes. Fifteen boxes will be worked on from now on instead of 30. The CD's were discussed.

Classes:

The instructors were thanked for all of their hard work.

Refreshments:

Carol and Laura will do refreshments next month.

Adjourned:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 P.M. by Pres. Louisa Carey.

~Lee Leighton, Recording Secretary

Minutes of the July 13, 2011 Board Meeting

Call to Order:

President Louisa Carey called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.

Minutes:

The minutes were accepted as written.

Treasurer:

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

Membership:

No new members.

New Business:

Louisa said that we are working on the new member binders. Revisions to the By-laws were discussed. The proposed changes must be presented to the general membership, and must be posted in 2 editions of the Rock Bag News.

Old Business:

The new shelf for the library was discussed. An additional PO box signatory was discussed. We need to proceed with the Audit. Diane has offered to help and the books are ready.

Officer Reports:

1st VP- Pending programs are Genuine Diamonds from Ark. and Steven Wolf on petrified wood.

2nd VP- There will be an August show meeting. There was a show meeting tonight.

3rd VP- See Rock Bag for field trips. The Greenhorn Mtn. trip was discussed. If you go, watch for the directional small signs. A Jade Cove trip is in Sept. China Lake petroglyphs were discussed.

Federation:

The Tri Club Show is coming. There is a theme contest. If you have a good idea for a theme, send it in. Our share of the early costs are \$500. The All American Club contest was discussed. Jim announced winners from the American Federation contest. Further discussion is needed on the contest. Accuracy is needed in publications. Jim says "Spread Facts, not Confusion." Camp Paradise is not changing ownership. To raise money, sponsorship may be the new way to go.

Education:

Pebble Pups are progressing well. The badge program was discussed. Diamond Dan supported activities were discussed for education and Pebble Pups. School Rock Box checking volunteers are needed. Training will be given. Pebble Pups, we need to have more articles by kids.

- Classes:** The \$700 needed for Lock Out-Tie Out was approved by the general membership. Louisa priced 5 gallons of mineral oil, \$250. The material fees are going up for the classes, not the fee for the classes. The problem may have been solved by the instructors.
- Adjourned:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 P.M. by Pres. Louisa Carey.
~Lee Leighton, Recording Secretary

“A RockHounds' Code of Ethics”

- I will** respect both private and public property and will do no collecting on privately owned land without permission from the owner.
- I will** keep informed on all laws, regulations or rules governing collecting on public lands and will observe them.
- I will**, to the best of my ability, ascertain the boundary lines of property on which I plan to collect.
- I will** use no firearms or blasting material in collecting areas.
- I will** cause no willful damage to property of any kind such as fences, signs, buildings, etc.
- I will** leave all gates as found.
- I will** build fires only in designated or safe places and will be certain they are completely extinguished before leaving the area.
- I will** discard no burning material - matches, cigarettes, etc.
- I will** fill all excavation holes which may be dangerous to livestock.
- I will** not contaminate wells, creeks, or other water supplies.
- I will** cause no willful damage to collecting material and will take home only what I can reasonably use.
- I will** practice conservation and undertake to utilize fully and well the materials I have collected and will recycle my surplus for the pleasure and benefit of others.
- I will** support the rockhound project H.E.L.P. (Help Eliminate Litter Please) and will leave all collecting areas devoid of litter, regardless of how found.
- I will** cooperate with field-trip leaders and those in designated authority in all collecting areas.
- I will** report to my club or federation officers, Bureau of Land Management or other authorities, any deposit of petrified wood or other materials on public lands which should be protected for the enjoyment of future generations for public educational and scientific purposes.
- I will** appreciate and protect our heritage of natural resources.
- I will** observe the "Golden Rule", will use Good Outdoor Manners and will at all times conduct myself in a manner which will add to the stature and Public Image of Rockhounds everywhere.
~ via Golden Spike 7/11

Durley Classes

A huge "Thank You" to all of our class instructors for all of your hard work! Between December and June we had 132 enrollments for our classes. By comparison, during the same period last year we had 121 enrollments. The bulk of the club's income comes from the classes. We appreciate all of your hard work, commitment and just plain enjoyment that each of you bring to your classes. Congratulations for a job well done! ~ Stephanie

FEDERATION NEWS

Last Call for CFMS Earth Science Studies Workshops!

As of this writing, there's still time to enroll in the **CFMS Earth Science Studies Workshops at Camp Paradise**. Two week-long sessions are offered: **September 4-9** or **September 11-17**. Classes include faceting, soft stone carving, cabochon making, enameling, wire art, beading, lampwork bead making, glass fusion, precious metal clay jewelry, chain mail, copper enameling, scrimshaw, metal casting, and silversmithing. An application form is on the CFMS website, www.cfmsinc.org; plus we've had the forms on our take-one table at our monthly club meetings. At \$350 per person per week (which includes rustic housing

and food in addition to the classes), this is a real bargain. Club members who have attended in past years all report having a great time among fellow rockhounds and learning new aspects to the hobby.

AFMS Show & Convention in Syracuse: A Recap

OGMS is one of 135 clubs affiliated with the California Federation of Mineralogical Societies, which in turn is one of 7 regional federations affiliated with the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies. All told, there are nearly 650 societies like ours. As CFMS President this year, I traveled with Nancy to represent the CFMS at the AFMS Annual Show & Convention during the Fourth of July week in Syracuse, New York. There were meetings, field trips, meetings, a boat ride up the Erie Canal, meetings, awards presentations, meetings, rocks to buy, and—oh!—did I mention? More meetings...

Some of those meetings actually resulted in interesting news to report. Stephanie Hagiwara won a prize-to-be-announced with the OGMS web site. Come to the August meeting to see exactly what prize that was (and—congratulations, Stephanie!). Lowell Foster of our neighboring Ventura society, won 4th Place nationally in the Bulletin Contest for his work last year publishing the VGMS newsletter. The Syracuse society, which hosted the show, was named All American Club-of-the-Year and also took 1st Place in the Bulletin Contest. ALAA held a business meeting while also discussing land access issues. During the AFMS meeting, approval was granted for me to expand the AFMS Future Rockhounds of America Badge Program that I started 8 years ago; I'll be adding 5 new badges starting in 2012. I also did a co-presentation on juniors activities with Darryl Powell (aka, "Diamond Dan") during the convention itself and was able to interact with a whole roomful of very active junior leaders from around the U.S. At yet another meeting, changes were approved for the Uniform Rules that govern competitive exhibiting. These include making *Fleischer's Glossary of Mineral Species* the official reference book for mineral displays. The most recent edition, by Malcom Black and Joseph Mandarino, was published in 2008; if you don't have this manual, copies can be obtained from The Mineralogical Record, www.minrec.org. Knapping was also added as a new category for competitive exhibiting. This was thanks to our own Ron Wise! Up to now, there has been no category for knapping, and Ron entered a display of his work under "Educational" when the AFMS Show was held last year in La Habra. Federation officials liked his display so much, they're now adding knapping as a whole new category. Way to go, Ron!

~ Jim Brace-Thompson

Petrified Wood Seminar

News flash about the petrified wood seminar to be held in Ventura, CA on August 26-28, 2011. At the present we have 29 interested sign-ups for the seminar, with 9 deposits to guaranteeing them a spot in the class. Walt Wright has stated that he did not want more than 35 participants in the seminar. If you would like to secure a guaranteed seat in the seminar send a deposit check of 85 dollars to VGMS at P.O. Box 4747 Ventura, CA 93007. Please note that we will not cash the check until the seminar. Second you will be guaranteed a full refund until August 19, 2011. If interested contact Ron Wise at 805-647-4393 or email clintwise@hotmail.com. Better yet secure a spot in the seminar with an \$85.00 deposit to VGMS and send to Ron Wise at P.O. Box 4747 Ventura, CA 93007.

Additional note: Steve Wolfe will bring his microscope and computer so everyone can view the specimen at the same time on a large screen. You may bring a specimen to the seminar and possibly get it identified.

~ Ron Wise

Upcoming Shows

August 5-7 - NIPOMO, CA

Orcutt Mineral Society
St. Joseph's Church Recreation Hall
298 S. Thompson Ave.

Hours: 10-5 daily
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