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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

**The Prez Sez.....**

Life is short....open your presents early.

**March Program**

On Wed., March 2nd, Oxnard Gem & Mineral Society will have a return to the Books for School program by revisiting the Face Of Earth DVD. This is one of the DVD's to be acquired and donated to our local school libraries by the Tri-Club Education Committee.

Explosive volcanic eruptions, strong earthquakes, annual flooding, and even humans have contributed to the constant changes on the Earth's surface. We will uncover the deep mysteries of our Planet with top geologists, using state-of-the-art computer animation and stunning photography. These in-depth and compelling programs explore how these forces shape the Earth and how, in turn, the Earth has shaped our evolution. We will watch some of these informative programs found in this wonderful DVD.

The General Meeting will start at 7:30pm in the Thousand Oaks room of the Oxnard Performing Arts Center on March 2nd with some brief announcements and guest greetings. The presentation will start with an introduction to the DVD material, then we will break for a Special return of the LuNeal Collection Silent Auction while we have refreshments and fellowship.

See you then, Brett VP-OGMS

**Show: Gem and Mineral Show of 2011**

It is never too early to start preparing for our next show **Galaxy of Gems**. All booths and areas will need donation assistance at the show. Only you the general membership can make this happen. With this, I ask each and everyone to start now. Items for the Country Store/Books, Plants and pots, donations for Raffle, Prizes for Kids, Games-Polished Rocks, Rocks for Silent Auction, check with Donna for any items needed for Education.

Give of your time at the show to help in all booth areas. I am hopeful each and everyone will do his/her best.

Thanks in advance for your help,  
Norb Kinsler Show Chairman

<b>DON'T MISS: THE VENTURA GEM &amp; MINERAL SOCIETY SHOW MARCH 5-6<sup>TH</sup></b>
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## **Membership:**

**! Last Chance !** Membership dues are past due!

**BUT, if you render your \$15.00 membership fee before March 15<sup>th</sup>,**

**You will still be included in the 2011 roster.**

Adult membership is \$15.00.

Ages 12-18 year old membership is \$2.00

Please make checks out to O.G.M.S. and send to **Anne Lewis** 2231 Mono St. Oxnard, Ca. 93036

### **Special Greetings & A Big Thank you to Dave Castle.**

Our own last member from years 1968 -1975ish has graciously donated a large number of shark's teeth. He has also given a website to help you identify any in your collection.

**[www.buriedtreasurefossils.com](http://www.buriedtreasurefossils.com)**

### **CFMS Field trip**

FIELD TRIP - South

March 26 - 27, 2011 - Sat/Sun 9am

Jalama Beach, Lompoc, CA

To be Led by Robert Sankovich and Adam Dean

Co-Chairs, CFMS Field Trips - South

Material to be Collected: Agate, jasper, petrified whale bone, travertine onyx, and fossils

Contacts:

Co-Chairs, CFMS Field Trips - South

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Adam Dean 909-489-4899 [theagatehunter@verizon.net](mailto:theagatehunter@verizon.net)

Please let us know if you are going on the field trip, the weather can change, if we don't know your going we won't be able to contact you if the field trip is cancelled.

**Field Trip: Our March field trip will be to Jalama Beach. We will be looking for Agate, Jasper, Petrified Whale Bone, Travertine Onyx, and Fossils. They can be found along the shoreline.**

You can come up for the day or camp over night. Day use \$8.00, Dogs \$3.00 (current rabies vaccination required.) camping \$20.00-\$30.00, with electric hookup \$30.00 Campsites are assigned on a first come, first served basis. One site to one vehicle. Limit 1 additional vehicle per campsite \$10.00. 98 campsites, all

overlooking the ocean or beach front. Each site has a picnic table and BBQ, with hot showers, restrooms and water nearby. 29 sites offer electrical hookups, and dump stations are available. Robert will be camping. The weather can be windy, cold, wet, sunny so plan for all.

Directions: From Ventura head north on 101, past Santa Barbara, just past Gaviota as the 101 goes inland take the State Hwy 1 turn off, marked Lompoc/Vandenberg. Go north approximately 13.5 miles to Jalama Beach County Park turn off. Turn left, west, drive approximately 15 miles to Jalama Beach County Park. Approximately 122 miles from Thousand Oaks, 2.5-3 hour drive time.

Meeting: March 26th 27 th Sat/Sun morning, 9am 2011. Meet at my campsite, look for my campsite # on a sign near the park entrance and a CFMS sign on my white F-250 Ford Pickup 4x crew cab. 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 walk along the beach south of the parking lot, approximately 2.5 miles, to an area that has cement on the side of the hill. Along the beach you can find petrified whale bone, agate, jasper in shades of brown, honey, gold, and clear. Travertine Onyx can be found north of the parking lot approximately 1.5 miles.

Tools: Collecting bags, buckets, day pack, digging tools, rock pick, pry bar, eye protection, trowels, hat, sunglasses, sunscreen, sturdy shoes, newspaper for wrapping fossils, layered clothing, towels, change of clothes/shoes in case you get wet. Drinking water, lunch or snacks. camping gear if you plan on spending the night. There will be a potluck Sat night.

Map: E-mail Rob or Adam and we will send you the maps for Jalama Beach.

Jalama Beach County Park Star Route, Jalama Road, Lompoc, CA 93436

Recorded Information (805) 736-6316, Park Office (805) 736-3504

Links: <http://www.countyofsb.org/parks/parks06.aspx?id=9186&terms=jalama+beach>

[http://www.santabarbara.com/activities/camping/jalama\\_beach/movies/MOV00362.MPG](http://www.santabarbara.com/activities/camping/jalama_beach/movies/MOV00362.MPG)

## MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 2, 2011

### GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

- Call to Order:** President Louisa Carey called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.
- Minutes:** The minutes were amended. Jim is presenting awards at the CFMS show at Anderson. Aurion's name was misspelled.
- Hospitality:** There were 20 members and 5 guests present. The guests were: Richard Weber (CGMC), Mary Pat Weber (CGMC), Mary Meeker, Tina Holme, and Kitty Merrill.
- Treasurer:** We are solvent.
- Correspondence:** Show notices and ads were put out on the table. The Santa Barbara Show was discussed. Dave Castle and sharks teeth were discussed.
- Ways and Means:** The guests were given gifts.
- New Business:** The Ventura show is in March. Display cases are limited, so if you have a case-bring it.  
The Conejo show is Apr 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. Cases are available.  
A motion was passed to buy 2 flat laps and an All-in-Wonder. The price should not exceed \$1,100.
- Program:** Tonight's program by Brett was on how to properly set up a

display case. The first step is getting the proper interior dimensions. Brett discussed inserts, risers, effective use of space, displaying single or multiple pieces, and the arranging of the display. There was a question and answer period.

**Officer Reports:** 1stVP- In Mar. there will be a video from the "Earth" series and a LuNeal silent auction. April will be the Mem. Spon. silent Auct. 3<sup>rd</sup> VP- See Rock Bag for field trips.

**Federation:** The Federation show in 2013 will be at the Ventura Fairgrounds. It will be sponsored by the Oxnard, Ventura, and Conejo clubs. An idea for the theme is needed, as well as volunteers. Info is avail. on the classes at ZZYZX and Camp Paradise. The annul Federation show in May at Anderson was discussed.

**Editor:** Submit articles. Send them to Louisa or the website.

**Website:** A blog spot is going to added to the website

**Library:** The library is open tonight. A mobile book rack was discussed.

**Education:** Pebble Pups met tonight at 6:30 just prior to our meeting. All children are welcome. The Goldwing Children's Museum was discussed. They are expanding and they need help from the rock clubs. Volunteers are needed for classroom talks.

**Classes:** Classes are doing well. New sessions are starting soon.

**Refreshments:** Laura, Jenn, and Esther will do the March refreshments.

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

Lee Leighton,  
Recording Secretary

## MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 9, 2011 BOARD MEETING

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

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

**Membership:** We have 41 paid members. Don't forget to pay your 2011 dues.

**Treasurer:** We are solvent. Income and expenses were discussed. A motion was passed to pay the bills. We need to keep the Rock and Gem account open until all the checks are in.

**Correspondence:** Correspondence was discussed. Emails have been received for membership.

**NewBusiness:** Diamond Dan released "Minerals of California". It was discussed buying these as a Tri-Club purchase. A DVD was given to Louisa for the Pebble Pups. After the Pebble-Pups finish with it, it is to go into our library. Efforts are being made to support the Pebble-Pups. Badges were discussed.

**Old Business:** The purchase of the machines approved at our last meeting has been completed. They will be delivered shortly.

A lab key for Brett is not currently available.

A rolling library bookrack was discussed.

**Officer Reports:** 1<sup>st</sup> VP- In March we will continue with the video program "Earth". We will also have the LuNeal silent auction. April will be the member sponsored silent auction

2<sup>nd</sup> VP- There was a brief show meeting tonight. The Show books

are now balanced. A motion was passed for \$200 to buy children's Show items (arrowheads, shark's teeth, and pyrite). Show fliers are being worked on.

3<sup>rd</sup> VP- See Rock Bag for field trips.

**Federation:** ZZYZX Mar 27-Apr 3. Apps are available. May 13-15 is the Federation Show at Anderson. Camp Paradise- Sept 5<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>. Raffle tickets are available.

**Editor:** Submit articles by Tuesday the 22<sup>nd</sup>

**Website:** The new website hosting fee is \$11.99 a year. A motion was passed to buy a 3 year subscription. Our website will offer a blog section for OGMS subjects.

**Education:** Janice has volunteered to speak at the children's classes.

**Displays:** Petrified wood slabs were examined for the cases.

**Classes:** For the purpose of presenting our positions on the lab to the city, we need to meet with our contact person Diane. It will be necessary to have an agenda for this meeting. Our security has been compromised. Subjects discussed were accountability, door locks, restrooms, our liability insurance, responsibility for the lab, what city employees have keys, and other security problems. Getting a new facility for the lab would be another solution.

**Adjourned:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 P.M. by Pres. Louisa Carey.  
Rec. Sec. Lee Leighton

## FEDERATION NEWS

### Lapidary Workshops & the Annual Statewide CFMS Show

With the Earth Science Studies Workshop at Zzyzx taking place March 27-April 3, it's probably too late to enroll now if you haven't already, but we'll have forms with phone numbers of the workshop chairs at our March meeting. And here's a reminder of the two other big annual events on the horizon, sponsored by the California Federation of Mineralogical Societies:

The statewide **CFMS Show & Convention** is **May 13-15** in Anderson (near Redding). You can compete for trophies with your exhibits and explore the surrounding area with 7 self-guided field trips that will be on a map for all show attendees. They'll also have speakers and programs and a wide variety of dealers. Show flyers and packets will be at our March and April meetings, or you can go to the show web site at **www.superiorcal.com**. Info is also available on the CFMS website: **www.cfmsinc.org**. (The February CFMS Newsletter, posted to the website, contains exhibitor application forms and other info.)

Finally, the **Earth Science Studies Workshop at Camp Paradise**, up in the north country, offers two sessions this fall: **September 4-10** and **September 11-17**. (**Please note:** These dates have moved up a day from what was originally advertised.) Classes include faceting, ming trees, lapidary, soft-stone carving, silversmithing, lost wax and silver casting, wire art, copper enameling, lampwork bead making, beading, PMC3 clay and dichroic glass. An application form is available on the CFMS website, **www.cfmsinc.org**, plus we'll have 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. And if you're really, really lucky, you can go for just \$5! CFMS is raffling off a spot for a week at Camp Paradise. The raffle will be held during the CFMS Show in May. If you'd like to buy one of the \$5 raffle tickets (or get 5 tickets for \$20), contact:

*Jim Brace-Thompson.*

**Reminder:**

The Conejo Gem & Mineral Club in Thousand Oaks will sponsor their annual show April 16-17 at Borchard Park, 190 Reino Road at Borchard Road, in Newbury Park, just off the 101 after you crest the grade. For further details, check their web site, [www.cgamc.org](http://www.cgamc.org), or contact Rob Sankovich, (805) 494-7734, [rmsorca@adelphia.net](mailto:rmsorca@adelphia.net). Even if you're not interested in entering an exhibit in either the VGMS or CGMC shows, we encourage all club members to attend these shows, shop among their dealers, participate in their silent auctions and kids events, and enjoy the many interesting displays.

**March 5-6 - ARCADIA, CA**

Monrovia Rockhounds, Inc.  
Los Angeles Co. Arboretum & Botanic Gardens  
301 Baldwin Ave.  
Hours: 9 - 4:30 daily  
Jo Anna Ritchey (626) 359-1624  
Email: [vgms\\_editor@roadrunner.com](mailto:vgms_editor@roadrunner.com)  
Website: [www.moroks.com](http://www.moroks.com)

**March 5-6 - VENTURA, CA**

Ventura Gem & Mineral Society  
Seaside Park, Ventura Co. Fairgrounds  
10 W. Harbor Blvd.  
Hours: Sat. 10-5; Sun. 10-4  
Andy Anderson (805) 987-0043 /  
[lilliananderson@juno.com](mailto:lilliananderson@juno.com)  
Email: [vgms\\_editor@roadrunner.com](mailto:vgms_editor@roadrunner.com)  
Website: [www.vgms.org](http://www.vgms.org)

**March 11-13 - VICTORVILLE, CA**

Victorville Valley Gem & Mineral Society  
Tailgate at Verde Antique Quarry (Stoddard Well)  
Bell Mountain/Stoddard Well exit from I-15  
Hours: 8-5 daily  
Brett Ward (760) 954-4323  
Email: [Bretts88@verizon.net](mailto:Bretts88@verizon.net)  
Website: [www.vvgmc.org](http://www.vvgmc.org)

**March 12-13 - TURLOCK, CA**

Mother Lode Mineral Society  
Turlock Fairgrounds  
900 N. Broadway  
Hours: Sat. 10-6; Sun. 10-5  
Bud & Terry McMillin (209) 524-3494  
Email: [Bud.mcmillin.b7y@statefarm.com](mailto:Bud.mcmillin.b7y@statefarm.com)  
Website: [www.turlockgemshow.com](http://www.turlockgemshow.com)

**March 17-20 - SAN BERNADINO, CA**

Orange Belt Mineral Society Tailgate  
Little League Western Region Headquarters  
6707 Little League Drive  
Hours: Thu 12-5, Fri 9-6, Sat 9-6, Sun 9-3

Ann Teuscher, (909) 297 6652

Email: [amansfield@live.com](mailto:amansfield@live.com)

Website: [www.obmsrocks.webs.com](http://www.obmsrocks.webs.com)

**March 19-20 - ESCONDIDO, CA**

Palomar Gem & Mineral Club  
Orfila Vineyards  
13455 San Pasqual Road  
Hours: Sat. 9-5; Sun. 10-4  
Michael Nelson, (760) 580-5902, (760) 741-7369 (cell)  
Email: [manelson1@cox.net](mailto:manelson1@cox.net)  
Website: [www.palomargem.org](http://www.palomargem.org)

**March 26-27 - ANGELS CAMP, CA**

Calaveras Gem & Mineral Society  
Calaveras Co. Fairgrounds (Frog Town USA)  
Hwy 49 in Angels Camp  
Hours: Sat. 9-5; Sun. 9-4  
Tak Iwata (209) 928-5579  
Email: [Tak2me@msn.com](mailto:Tak2me@msn.com)  
Website: [www.calaverasgemandmineral.org](http://www.calaverasgemandmineral.org)

**March 26-27 - TORRANCE, CA**

South Bay Lapidary & Mineral Society  
Ken Miller Recreational Center  
3341 Torrance Blvd.  
Hours: Sat. 10-5; Sun. 10-4  
Craig & Kathy Polliard (310) 533-4931  
Email: [kipolliard@yahoo.com](mailto:kipolliard@yahoo.com)

**April 8-10 - VISTA, CA**

San Diego County Council of Gem & Mineral Societies  
Antique Gas & Steam Engine Museum  
2040 N. Santa Fe Avenue  
Hours: 9-5 daily  
Ray Pearce (769) 726-7570  
Cathy Davis (858) 278-9987  
Simon King (619) 991-2226  
Email: [raysrocks@cox.net](mailto:raysrocks@cox.net)

**April 9-10, PARADISE, CA**

Paradise Gem & Mineral Society  
Elks Lodge  
6309 Clark Road  
Hours: Sat 10-5; Sun 10-4  
Manuel Garcia (530) 877-7324  
Email: [mmpg@earthlink.net](mailto:mmpg@earthlink.net)  
Website: [www.paradisegem.org](http://www.paradisegem.org)

**April 16-17 - NEWBURY PARK, CA**

**Conejo Gem & Mineral Club**  
Borchard Park Community Center  
190 Reno Road  
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>



**Northern California Treasures**  
May 13, 14, and 15, 2011  
California Federation of Mineralogical Societies, Inc.  
**Show and Convention**

Shasta District Fairgrounds  
Briggs St. - Anderson, CA  
8 Miles South of Redding, CA

Hours:  
Friday: 9am-5pm  
Saturday: 9am-5pm  
Sunday: 10am-4pm

Raffle  
Speakers  
World Class Displays  
Silent Auction  
Free Demonstrations

Adults: \$4.00  
Seniors: 65+ \$3.00  
Children: 13-18 - \$2.00  
Children: 12 and Under - Free

Minerals  
Fossils  
Beads  
Gems  
Jewelry  
Jewelry Supplies

Lots of stuff!  
Loads of Fun!

Come for Lunch and  
stay through closing!

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Paradise Gem and Mineral Club - Paradise, CA.  
visit us at: [www.superiorcal.com](http://www.superiorcal.com)

***You Are Invited to Attend  
The Oxnard Gem & Mineral Society's  
Pebble Pup Meeting***

Calling all Pebble Pups! Guests are always welcome at our meetings! Our Pebble Pup meetings are designed for rockhounds under 18 years old.

**We meet at the:**

**Oxnard Performing Arts Center  
Thousand Oaks Room  
800 Hobson Way  
Oxnard, California 93030**

**Date: 1st Wednesday of the Month**  
(excluding holidays)

**Time: 6:00 PM - 6:45 PM**

These meetings feature fun, free, earth science activities for kids. The core group is between 4th - 8th grade but we also have activities for Pebble Pups that are younger or older. The focus will be the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies Future Rockhounds of America program along with other activities, workshops and field trips.

The Number 1 goal of the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies Future Rockhounds of America program is to reach out to as many kids as possible to fan whatever budding interest they may have in rocks, fossils, and lapidary arts. The program consists of an FRA Membership patch, 15 badges (Rocks & Minerals, Earth Resources, Fossils, Lapidary Arts, Collecting, Showmanship, Communication, Field Trips, Leadership, Earth Processes, Earth in Space, Gemstone Lore & Legend, Stone Age Tools & Art, Gold Panning & Prospecting, and Rocking on the Computer), and a "Rockhound Badge" for kids who earn 6 of the 15 badges.

**Bring your friends, brothers and sisters and have some fun.**

For more info visit: [www.oxnardgem.com](http://www.oxnardgem.com) or e-mail: [pebblepup@oxnardgem.com](mailto:pebblepup@oxnardgem.com)

