

The Rock Bag

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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 6:00 P.M. prior to the 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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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 3rd Wednesday of the month. Thanks, Editor

The Prez Sez....

Hello out there,

Right out of the gate I would like to congratulate everyone that attended, entered, and volunteered at the 2011 Ventura County Fair. In just our club alone we took home a serious collection of ribbons, plaques, and trophies. For those who exhibited I sure hope to see some of the items at our annual show in November.

On another note, the changing of officers (although this happens in December) will come up quickly. If you have ever thought about holding an office, now is a great time to think about what office would fit you best. Maybe you could share a job with a fellow member? There are jobs for all types of people and skill sets. It is so important to have new voices involved so that we can grow as a club and community. If you would like any information on a specific job please let me know.

In the meantime Rock On,
Your Prez, Louisa May

P.S. A **special thank you** to Carol for her donation of "The Tanzanite Story", from Gemstone Adventures Series, & to Abe and Esther for their donation of "A Pocket Guide To Rocks & Minerals". Both items will be available to check out of our library in September.

Calling All Pebble Pups!

Oxnard Gem and Mineral Society's Pebble Pups are the younger members of our club and they have their own meeting. We would love to have you come and join the fun. The meeting begins at 6:00 pm every first Wednesday of the month, in the Thousand Oaks room at the Oxnard Performing Arts Center



Junior, Mommy would like to talk to you about your rock collection.

*by Erston Barnhart
via Hy Grader 3/94*

We welcome anyone from 5 years up to 18. Children must be accompanied by a guardian, parent, or sponsor. There is a onetime fee \$15 which covers any supplies needed and is an automatic membership for a year.

It is a badge program too! The American Federation of Mineralogical Societies also known as the AFMS, has created a program that includes 15 different badges to earn. We cover everything from identification, testing through fun experiments, safety, field trips, and more. It is a great place to see what wonderful things the world of rocks and minerals has to offer. Plus the BONUS of building your own collection too.

Feel free to contact us on the website with any questions you might have.

~Louisa Carey

SEPTEMBER PROGRAM

This coming Sept. 7th, the Oxnard Gem & Mineral Society will have a special guest presentation from Steven Wolfe on the subject of, "Petrified Wood - What is It?!"

This will be a follow up from the Walt Wright Petrified Wood seminar held Aug. 26th, 27th, & 28th in downtown Ventura. Steven has been a vendor and collector of fossil wood for many years. At the meeting, he

will present a basic knowledge of these fascinating fossils, explain what turns ordinary wood to stone, where most petrified wood is found in California, and how to become a successful collector like himself.

As a side note, Steven will be the premier vendor at our next Gem Expo this Nov. 19th & 20th. He and his Father, Tom Wolfe, will be at in front as you enter the Show. If you have a special wood need and request, ask if he can get it and bring it to the Show.

The meeting will be held in the Thousand Oaks room of the Oxnard Performing Arts Convention center (800 Hobson way, Oxnard) at 7:30pm. The presentation will start after some brief announcements and guest greetings.

So, come join us for a wonderful and informative discussion of Petrified Wood with Steven Wolfe and stay for the refreshments and fellowship. See y'all then, Brett VP-OGMS

Minutes of the August 3, 2011 General Membership Meeting

- Call to Order:** President Louisa Carey called the meeting to order at 7:40 pm.
- Minutes:** The minutes were approved as printed in the Rock Bag.
- Hospitality:** There were 24 members and 5 guests present. The guests were: Will Mathis, Nichole Gardner, David Richardson, Brian Miller & Mary Meeker.
- New/Old Business:** ~It was motioned, seconded and passed to raise the limit the Board may spend to \$500.
~Stephanie was presented with her 1st place award from the AFMS for her outstanding work on the Club website.
- Chair Reports:** **1stVP - Programs:** Tonight was a CD on the Arkansas Crater of Diamonds St. Park. August program will be by Tom Wolfe on petrified wood.
2ndVP - Show: Still need someone to take over running the Store and Plants booths.
3rdVP - Fieldtrips: Ron, filling in for Jennifer: August the wood seminar 26-28; Tourmaline mine later?; September Camp Paradise; October 8-9, Trona with John Cook adding little extra; November the CFMS meeting and Wiley Wells 24-27.
Federation: Jim reported Rules added a new category on knapping (Ron reciprocated this!). Mariposa Mining Museum closing because of budget problems. Orcutt tailgate show this coming weekend.
Ways & Means: Drawings - Badge: Veri; Others: Emily, Louisa, Stephanie, Kay, Miriam. Total: \$48.00.
- Program:** CD on the Crater of Diamonds State Park in Arkansas. Norb T. told of his experience there in 1982, of finding a canary yellow 1.6 carat diamond which he had faceted for a ring for his wife Gerry. An interesting place to visit, especially right after a good rain storm to expose the stones. The stones are located in the gravel layer. You wet screen them and then hopefully sort them out from the gravel. Just like you do with the Montana sapphires.
- Classes:** Will resume in September.
- Refreshments:** Were enjoyed by everyone as we socialized. Next month goodies will be supplied by Lina Cousineau and Jennifer Flatten. Thank you ladies!
- Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm by President Louisa Carey.
~Miriam Tetreault, Acting Secretary

Minutes of the August 10, 2011 Board Meeting

- Call to Order:** 1st V.P. Brett Johnson 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:** Will Mathis was approved as a new member.
- Ways & Means:** \$48 was collected at the meeting.
- New Business:** Louisa said that we are working on the new member binders. In the binders we need to discuss show jobs and officer duties. The creation and sale of tote-bags was discussed.
- Old Business:**
 ~The Audit will be done after the fair.
 ~Albert's name needs to be removed from the P.O. signatory list.
 ~We will postpone buying the agate book until a later date.
 ~Forming a committee to amend the by-laws was discussed. They need to determine new spending limits for the board and present them to the General Membership. Also, they will suggest general changes to the by-laws.
- Officer Reports:**
 1st VP- T-shirts for the show were discussed.
 2nd VP- There will be a show meeting next month. There was a show meeting tonight.
 3rd VP- See Rock Bag for field trips. On Aug 26, 27, 28, there will be a Petrified Wood Seminar (\$85). It needs your support.
- Federation:** The Tri Club Show is coming. There is a theme contest. If you have a good idea for a theme, send it in. The state's funding for parks was discussed. Tourism is down.
- Library:** The shelves for the library are being ordered.
- Scholarship:** Kay Hara spoke on the Lois Allmen Memorial Scholarship. Our \$500 scholarship needs to be funded with a check from us.
- Education:** Pebble Pups are progressing well. The badge program was discussed. Diamond Dan supported activities were discussed for Pebble Pups. Emily Ruiz is earning Pebble-Pups badges for her work with the club and the fair. Rock Box checking volunteers are needed.
- Classes:** The hole in the ceiling has not been repaired. Theatrical items are still being stored in our area. Dry wall repairs were discussed. These repairs need to be done by the city or a licensed contractor. Is a permit needed? Brett still needs a key. Lockout devices were discussed. Waiving supply fees for volunteering was discussed. Stephanie spoke of her discussions with Diane from the city.
- Adjourned:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 P.M. by 1st V.P. Brett Johnson.
 ~ Lee Leighton, Recording Secretary

Durley Classes

Spread the word - Enrollment for the Lapidary and Jewelry Arts Program has begun for the Fall session. Just contact the instructor to reserve your space. Here is the list of **class start dates for Silversmithing** and contact info: Greetings, and thank you for your interest in OGMS Silversmith classes!

[Please read this email in its entirety](#)

Registration is open as of today, and I will accept registrants on a first-come basis. I will place you in the class of your choice, space allowing. **If you receive a class position you will be sent, via email, registration materials and instructions for remitting your class fee.** Because we have limited class openings for new students **your class fee will need to be pre-paid in order to secure your registration.** If your fee is not received within two days of registration your spot will be offered to the next person on the list.

****Intermediate Silversmith, Monday mornings, 9:00- noon- Albert Rubio- Easy Prong Setting is the subject for this session.**

*A casting class may be offered later this season. If you are interested, please contact me via email to be placed on a separate email list. Please see ****requirements below.***

Class meets weekly, Monday, September 12, through October 31 2011.

Beginning Silversmith, Tuesday evenings, 7:00 to 9:30- Nancy Bogart

Class meets weekly, Tuesday, September 13, through November 1, 2011.

Beginning Silversmith, Wednesday mornings, 9 am to noon- Jean pSmith

Class meets weekly, September 13- November 2, 2011

For consideration of safety and order, positions for three (3) new students are available per session. All additional class positions are offered to returning students. The classroom limit determined by the individual instructor. Returning students may sign up directly with their instructor.

**** Intermediate classes are available only to persons with prior silversmith experience. Applicants must be competent in basic metal working skills including: Torch handling and soldering, saw piercing & finishing techniques. Applicants must demonstrate knowledge of processes such as riveting, roller printing, torch maintenance and safety procedures etc. Intermediate students are expected to source their own materials and tools, although some materials may be provided by the instructor for a fee.**

If you wish to apply for a position in the Intermediate class you must call to schedule an interview prior to the start of the first class for the session that you wish to enroll in.

Class fee: \$55.00, may be paid in cash (please make cash payments in person) or by check. Checks payable to OGMS. Sorry, we do not currently have a PayPal account available for OGMS.

Materials fee: Because silver prices have been climbing the materials fee may be \$55.00 or more. Please note that this additional materials fee for your first project(s) will be required on the first day of class. This fee is payable to your instructor. ***If you have your own silver materials sufficient to create the cabochon pendant project- or if you wish to purchase through your own vendor, please note this when you are registering so that we don't over-purchase materials.*** A list of required materials can be supplied upon request. **You need to have the specified materials for the project, no substitutions.**

The class fee is non-refundable. It is recommend that you carefully consult your calendar to be sure that you will be able to attend all classes. Do not register for classes if you have vacation planned or other obligations that would keep you from attending class. **It is vitally important that the first class be attended promptly and in its entirety, as this class deals with all safety aspects. This class cannot be made up if missed. If you do not attend the first class you will not be allowed to attend the session, and no refund will be made for your class fee.**

This process will be repeated at the beginning of the next class session. Persons put on the waiting list for the current session will receive early notice, so that they will have opportunity of first refusal to register for class before subsequent candidates.

To register please phone me at (805) 382-4592. Please call within the hours of 8:00 am and 8:00 pm daily. If you are connected with voicemail please leave your name and phone number/best time to contact, and the class session that you wish to attend. Please do NOT leave multiple messages. Calls will be returned in the order received.

Prior to registering, please check your schedule for the session dates to insure that you do NOT have any vacation (including school breaks for your children), jury duty or other obligations that would conflict with your attendance. No refunds will be made for missed classes or your inability to attend due to schedule conflicts.

New students: Classes start at the time stated. If you are unable to arrive on time, please do not sign up for class. Late arrivals inconvenience both the instructor and the other new students.

You will need to call me at (805)382-4592 to receive a position, or, if the class is full to be placed on the current waiting list. There are three positions available per class for the wait list.

Thank you again for your interest,
Jean pSmith, OGMS Silversmith Instructor

Start up times

Jr. Lapidary	Friday 6:30 - 8:30 PM	September 2	Dr. Kay Hara (805) 525-7634
Wire Wrap	Saturday 9:30 - 11:30 AM	September 3	Kay Hara (805) 525-7634
Enamel	Tuesday 9:00 AM - Noon	September 27	Jennifer Friedman (805) 647-1383 or by e-mail: enamel@oxnardgem.com
Lapidary	Thursday 7:00 - 9:00 PM	September 15	Don Minster (805) 485-8226 or by e-mail: lapidary@oxnardgem.com
Opal	Saturday 9:00 AM - Noon	September 17	Don Minster (805) 485-8226 or by e-mail: opal@oxnardgem.com

Silversmithing

Class meets for 8 weeks		Fee: \$55 plus material fee	
Class Meets:	Monday Mornings	Tuesday Evenings	Wednesday Mornings
Time:	9:00AM – Noon	7:00 – 9:30PM	9:00AM – Noon
Instructor:	Albert Rubio	Nancy Bogart	Jean pSmith
	Instructor Approval Needed	Beginning Silversmithing	Beginning Silversmithing
Next Session Starts:	Sept. 12 - Nov. 2, 2011 Nov. 7 - Jan. 11, 2012 Jan.16 - March 7, 2012 May 7 - June 27, 2012	Sept. 13 - Nov. 3, 2011 Nov. 8 - Jan. 12, 2012 Jan.17 - March 8, 2012 May 8 - June 28, 2012	Sept. 14 - Nov. 4, 2011 Nov. 9 - Jan. 13, 2012 Jan.18 - March 9, 2012 May 7 - June 29, 2012
To register contact: Jean pSmith at (805) 382-4592		Or by email: silversmithing@oxnardgem.com	

Enamel

Class Meets: Tuesday Mornings	Time: 9:00 am - 11:00 am
Next Session Starts:	September 27 - November 15 December 6 - Jan. 31, 2012 Feb. 7 - March 27, 2012 April 10 - May 29, 2012
Class Meets for 8 weeks	Fee: \$35.00 + \$10.00 Materials Fee
To register contact:	Jennifer Friedman 805-647-1383
Or by email:	enamel@oxnardgem.com

Wire Wrap

Class meets for 8 weeks	Fee: \$35 plus material fee
Class Meets: Saturday Mornings	Time: 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM
Next Session Starts:	September 3 - 17 October 1 - October 29 November 5 - January 7, 2012 January 14 -

To register contact:	Dr. Kay Hara (805) 525-7634
Or by email:	wirewrap@oxnardgem.com

Lapidary

Class meets for 8 weeks	Fee: \$35
Class Meets: Thursday Evenings	Time: 7:00 – 9:00 PM
Next Session Starts:	September 15 - November 3 November 10 - January 5, 2012 January 12 -
To register contact:	Don Minster (805) 485-8226
Or by email:	lapidary@oxnardgem.com

Jr. Lapidary

Class meets for 8 weeks	Fee: \$35 (adult free) + \$10.00 Materials Fee
Class meets: Friday Evenings	Time: 6:30 – 8:30 PM
Next Session Starts:	September 2 - 16, September 30 - October 28 November 4 - January 13, 2012 January 20, 2012
To register contact:	Dr. Kay Hara (805) 525-7634
Or by email:	jrlapidary@oxnardgem.com

Opal Cutting

Class meets for 8 weeks	Fee: \$35 plus material fee
Class Meets: Saturday Mornings	Time: 9:00 AM – Noon
Next Session Starts:	September 17 - November 5 November 12 - December 31, 2011 January 7, 2012
To register contact:	Don Minster (805) 485-8226
Or by email:	opal@oxnardgem.com

Acton, California Tri-club fieldtrip September 24, 2011

Fieldtrip: With the activities this year and Ventura County Fair this month the trip leaders thought a close one-day trip would be nice. The Tri-Counties fieldtrip for September will be to Acton, which is about 80 miles from Ventura and North on interstate highway 14.

Directions: From Ventura, CA take Hwy 126 to Interstate Hwy 5; proceed south to California Hwy 14. Drive north on Hwy 14 towards Palmdale and turn off on Crown Valley Road; turn left under the freeway towards the Mac Donald's parking lot.

Meeting: Saturday morning we will meet at Mac Donald's North of interstate highway 14. Take the Crown Valley Road exit and turn left. We plan to leave McDonalds at 8:00 a.m. for the first hunting site. Pray for a sunny day!

Materials: We will be collecting for banded agate, Jasper, agate nodules and other specimens. If time permits and weather cooperates, we may explore other sites in the area. Do not forget to bring water, food for lunch and snacks, hat and sunscreen.

Leader: Ron Wise, Email: clintwise@hotmail.com Phone: 805-647-4393

Membership

Welcome new member Will Mathis!

Congratulations!!!

To all of you great members that put displays in the Gem & Mineral building at the Ventura County Fair. You did yourself proud! The Club accounted for 37 firsts, 33 seconds and 22 thirds. Below is the Club case, by Stephanie.



pleasant evening, when thunder and suddenly huge drops arrived. Everyone cleared out in a flash. The evening activity was obviously cancelled. Sunday a lot of us packed up to leave, as it was still showering. Don't know if some of the diehards toughed in out and went to rose quartz again. Attending from our club: Larry & Donna Knapton, Brett Johnson, Averi Diner, Louisa Carey, Jennifer Flatten, Norb Kinsler & myself, Miriam Tetreault. There were some guests of ours: Louisa's brother, Chester Elvin, friend Jenny Medrano and sons, Mylan & Curran; with Brett was: Brett Bednorz, Brian & Greg Miller.

~ Miriam Tetreault

Rose Quartz - Greenhorns July 29 -31

A great time was had by all who put up with the flies and mosquitoes! Friday evening a long line of cars went to the Scheelite, Garnet & Epidote site. Not sure what they found, as I stayed in camp. Louisa arrived Friday evening after dark! Have no idea how she navigated that road in the dark, braver than I. Saturday everyone chiseled out lots of rose quartz. Saturday eve about 30 - 40 brave souls gathered for a nice potluck. We were sitting around the fire for a



2013 CFMS SHOW THEME CONTEST

Each CFMS Show & Convention typically has a theme. For instance, the 2011 theme is “Northern California Treasures.”

The Tri-Clubs of Ventura County will be hosting the 2013 CFMS Show & Convention, and we solicit your help in coming up with our theme! We’re holding a contest for the best theme, which will be selected by the Show Committee from all entries. The winner will receive two free banquet tickets for the Show Awards Banquet and a Certificate of Acknowledgement during the Awards Ceremony.

To get your creativity flowing, here are sample show themes from local club shows and past CFMS shows: “Artistry from Nature,” “Pageant of a Thousand Gems,” “Galaxy of Gems,” “Rainbow of Gems,” “The Golden Bear Show,” “Art in Stone,” “Gold Coast Treasure Trove,” “Jump for the Gold,” and “Seaside GEMboree.”

Submit your idea by September 1 to your club’s representatives on the Show Committee. For Conejo, that’s Rob and Deb Sankovich. For Oxnard, that’s Stephanie Hagiwara and Louisa Carey. For Ventura, that’s Diane Cook or Jim Brace-Thompson. The show committee will be selecting and announcing a winner this fall once all entries are in. Put your own personal and creative stamp on our 2013 show!

2013 CFMS SHOW THEME ENTRY FORM

NAME _____

NAME OF CLUB YOU BELONG TO: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____ E-MAIL: _____

THEME IDEA: _____

Please return form at your club meeting, or email to one of the following:

CONEJO: Rob Sankovich: rmsorca@adelphia.net
 Deb Sankovich: sankovichdeb@yahoo.com

OXNARD: Louisa Carey: big_176@yahoo.com
 Stephanie Hagiwara: purplehawk@hotmail.com

VENTURA: Jim Brace-Thompson: jbraceth@roadrunner.com
 Diane Cook: johndianedaisy@yahoo.com

DEADLINE has been moved up from Sept. 1st to the 8th!!!!
GOOD LUCK TO EVERYONE

Oxnard Gull Wings Museum

Greetings, fellow VGMS members! As I've noted at the past couple of meetings, I've recently joined the Advisory Board of the Gull Wings Children's Museum in Oxnard. It's a museum dedicated to hands-on learning about the sciences, with a focus on young kids (mostly pre-school through elementary school age). They've recently created a great simulated Ice Age fossil dig site, where kids can sift through the ground for fossil mammoth bones and other Ice Age creatures. If you haven't been to Gull Wings recently, I encourage you to check it out (418 West Fourth Street, Oxnard; website www.GullWings.org). They've been revamping and updating many of their exhibits.

I've volunteered to help them revamp their geology exhibit. As part of that, we want to create a display with a focus on Ventura County and neighboring areas of southern California. Thus I'm seeking donations of local rocks and fossils. Since this is a hands-on museum, we're especially seeking relatively large, sturdy specimens that could hold up to many hands (and the occasional drop on the floor). But we'll also have displays enclosed behind glass, so smaller, more delicate fossils and minerals are also welcomed. We also want to construct a fluorescent display, so if you have any rocks that glow in the dark (especially rocks and minerals from California, Nevada, or Arizona), we're seeking those as well. Finally, they've already started assembling a display on the Gold Rush and mining in California, so we're also seeking any mining artifacts, real or simulated.

If you can help, please reply via this email and/or give me a call at (805) 659-3577, and we can arrange a drop-off. Here's thanking you in advance!

Sincerely, Jim Brace-Thompson, VGMS Educational Outreach
(805) 659-3577 email: jbraceth@roadrunner.com

A Call to Action: Save our California State Mining & Mineral Museum!

Our California State Mining & Mineral Museum is endangered! The CFMS has 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 OGMS members reading this article to spread the word far and wide—to your fellow members at your next society meeting, in your 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-Mining-and-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
 ~ Jim Brace-Thompson & Darci Moore

Upcoming Shows

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 - PASO ROBLES, CA

Santa Lucia Rockhounds
 Pioneer Park & Museum
 2010 Riverside Avenue
 Hours: 10-5 daily
 Dale Conrad (805) 226-0719
 Email: Conrad@att.net
 Website: <http://slrockhounds.org>

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: slmshow@juno.com
 Website: www.stocktonlapidary.com
 Email: slgms@iwvisp.com
 Website: www1.iwvisp.com/tronagemclub

September 23-25 - SAN BERNARDINO, CA

Orange Belt Mineralogical Society
 Western Regional Little League Park
 6707 Little League Dr.
 Hours: 9:00 a.m. to Dusk daily
 Steve Williams (909) 389-8680
 Email: ironelk@ymail.com
 Website: <http://obmsrocks.yolasite.com>

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
 Website: 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
 Website: www.rockchippers.org

Oxnard Gem & Mineral Society

Invites you to display at our 2011 Galaxy of Gems Show

Our theme this year is "PETRIFIED WOOD". The Show will be held on November 19th & 20th at the Oxnard Performing Arts Center (800 Hobson Way, Oxnard). Set-up times for your case will be Friday, November 18th between 1:00 pm and 9:30 pm and on Saturday before 9:00 am.

Camp space is available at no cost to exhibitors (sorry, no hook-ups). Society guards will be on duty around the clock for security and members will be on hand to assist you in loading / unloading or in any other way that will make your stay enjoyable. A complimentary dinner will be served to exhibitors at 6:00 pm on Friday.

We would be honored to have you take part in our Show and would appreciate hearing from you as soon as possible. Please fill out and return the below entry form to:

OGMS c/o Brett Johnson

5138 Corbina Way

Oxnard, CA. 93035

or email your information to: bj9709@yahoo.com

NAME: _____ TEL: _____

ADDRESS: _____ EMAIL: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

I WILL EXHIBIT A TOTAL OF _____ CASES.

I WISH TO BORROW _____ CLUB CASES. (OGMS CASES ARE 48"x24"x24")

I HAVE _____ OF MY OWN CASES, WHICH ARE _____ " WIDE _____ " HIGH, & _____ " DEEP

MY OWN CASES WILL BE: UPRIGHT _____ FLAT _____

A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF MY EXHIBITS: _____

CAMPING? _____ FRI. NIGHT DINNER? _____ HOW MANY IN YOUR PARTY? _____

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