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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.

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 2nd Wednesday of the month. Thanks, Editor

Happy New Year Everyone!!!!

The Prez Sez....



Happy New Year! 2011 is going to be great. I have lots of ideas and can't wait to get started. CFMS president Jim Brace-Thompson gave the 2011 theme "The Year of the Child". My goal is to find the kids in the community and the kid in all of us. Starting in January I will start the meeting at 6:00pm for pebble pups, and their parents, and any club members if interested. The regular meeting will start at 7:30 as usual. Spread the word, stay tuned, and see you at the next meeting. ~Louisa, Your Prez

JANUARY PROGRAM

Come join us this January 5th, for a presentation of our goals to make 2011 "The Year of the Child".

We will discuss the Books for Schools program, hear about the Oxnard Parks and Recreations office's programs for our kids, and learn what our new President of the California Federation of Mineralogical Society has in store to promote more activities and education for the next generation of rockhounds.

The General Meeting will start at 7:30pm in the Thousand Oaks room of the Oxnard Performing Arts Center on January 5th. The presentation will start after some brief announcements and guest greetings. Refreshments will be available mid-evening, then we will proceed to the general business.

This will be informative and inspiring. There will be great ideas to help promote junior rockhounds to our exciting hobby. So, come join us and bring your own thoughts and questions.

Looking forward to seeing you, Brett VP-OGMS

Minutes of the December 1, 2010 General Membership Meeting

- Call to Order:** We started eating at 6:30 pm. **1st V.P.** Kay Hara started the meeting. **3rd V.P.** Brett Johnson conducted the business part of the meeting. President Louisa Carey could not attend due to an accident. She was missed.
- Minutes:** The minutes were accepted as written
- Membership:** We have 76 paid members at this time.
- Treasurer:** We are solvent.
- New Business:** The show was great. Thanks to everyone!
We voted for the best of the children's coloring pictures.
- Program:** Tonight's program was the Pot Luck dinner and the installation of the 2011 officers. The dinner was great. The ham and the turkey were perfect, as well as the salads, side dishes, and desserts. No one left hungry! A good time was had by all. Jim Brace-Thompson installed the officers. He presented each officer with a gift box containing a different gemstone. The installed officers were:
President: Louisa Carey/Mom stood in
1st VP: Kay Hara
2nd VP: Norb Kinsler
3rd VP: Brett Johnson- Jennifer Flatten
Treasurer: Stephanie Hagiwara
Recording Secretary: Lee Leighton

Officer Reports: 2nd VP- There will be a show meeting.
 3rd VP- See the Rock Bag News for fieldtrips. A field trip was discussed for petrified wood.

Editor: Submit articles.

Adjourned: The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 P.M. by 3rd V.P. Brett Johnson.
 ~ Lee Leighton, Recording Secretary

Minutes of the December 8, 2010 Board Meeting

Call to Order: President Louisa Carey called the meeting to order at 8:00 pm.

Minutes: The minutes were accepted as written.

Membership: We have 76 paid members at this time. 2011 dues are due by 1/02/11

Treasurer: We are solvent. Income and expenses were discussed. A motion was passed to pay the bills. Saving money by e-mailing the Rock Bag News was discussed. Scholarships were discussed. The club financial statement for 2010 was discussed.

1. A motion was passed to merge the two checking accounts.
2. Add Louisa Carey as a signatory to the Chase account.
3. Open a new Education checking account at Santa Barbara Bank and Trust.
4. Add Stephanie Hagiwara and Louisa Carey as signatories on the new account.

Correspondence: Letters were passed to the treasurer. State reporting requirements were discussed. Raffles were discussed.

New Business: CFMS show and convention May 13, 14, 15th at Anderson, Ca. Marge Koch - send \$25 to the CFMS Scholarship Fund. The Children's Museum is revamping. They have a new facility. They need permanent displays. This would be a great time to get and promote Pebble-Pups. Establishing a meeting time for Pebble-Pups were discussed. The age range of the children is important. New member packets were discussed.

Old Business: There will be no December garage sale.

Officer Reports: 2nd VP- There was a show meeting tonight.
 3rd VP- See Rock Bag for field trips.

Editor: Submit articles. The Editor's schedule for the Rock Bag was discussed.

Website: The website is doing well.

Displays: Government Center display cases were discussed.

Classes: Discussion for lab use after classes was tabled. The Durley Park ladies restroom was rekeyed. Our key doesn't work anymore. It is now being opened in the morning. A key is needed. Safety considerations are important.

Adjourned: The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 P.M. by Pres. Louisa Carey.
 ~ Lee Leighton, Recording Secretary

Membership Dues are Due!

Please remit your 2011 dues as soon as possible to:
 Anne Lewis 2231 Mono Street Oxnard, CA 93036
 You can also pay her at the meeting.

The dues are \$15.00 per adult, \$2.00 per youth

If you have any corrections in how you are listed in the roster, contact Anne or Miriam

Please welcome new member: Dave Meier

Durley Class Instructors

A huge "Thank You" to all of our class instructors for all of your hard work! Between July and November we had 75 enrollments for our classes. As a student, I value the dedication and skills of all of our instructors. I know my skill level has increased and all the students have had fun while learning. As a club, I want to acknowledge we are supported financially by the classes. In 2010, 63% of the club income came 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 H.

Durley Lab Renovations

Volunteers have been hard at work building storage shelves and organizing the Lab! It took one work day and months of pre-planning to accomplish this long awaited goal. As part of the Durley Lab transformation, we are refurbishing lapidary equipment and have acquired two Titans. None of these changes could have happened without the hard work of our volunteers. Thank you for donating your time and labor! ~Stephanie H.

A Memorial for Margaret Caldwell 1930-2010

Margaret and her husband Bill were long time members of the Club. They were active in the classes, fieldtrips, and Margaret did refreshments for quite awhile. At show time they were always in evidence. She loved plants and had quite a menagerie in her large yard. What a pleasant, class act, gracious lady!

A Memorial for Marjorie Frey 1918-2010

Marjorie was a very loyal, active member for years with her husband Gordon. She held numerous offices and helped Gordon with the fieldtrips. She always urged Gordon along with his playful rivalry with Bob Reagan. Gordon and Bob were always trying to one up on each other, to the amusement of the members. It usually came out much in the favor of Gordon. Her most recent activity was as an official greeter at the show. She did that until way up in her 90's. A sweet, quiet lady who will be greatly missed.

Oxnard College Volunteers!

These students gave of their free time to help us out during the Show. They were from the Geology and Oceanography classes. The instructors should be very proud of them. ~Donna Knapton

Nicolas Rouvier
Renata Cano
Maria Mendez
Cristina DeLeon
Stephen Barra
Neyva Salazar
Jahai Shaw
Carmen Jimenez
Lupe Bautistia
Jacqueline Rodriquez

Ila Marie Woods
Yldegart Navarro
Athena Cervantes
Beatriz Equihua
Jessica Shaw
Maria Torres
Anthony Romero
Tanya Suintinella
Phil Holmes

Veronica Diaz
Amberly Chojnacki
Laura Anderson
Amber Ramirez
Sergio Chacon
Rosa Enfante
Eric Jackman
Beatriz Esuihua
Marc Pajaud

Show Donations

These member generously donated their goodies to help with the show:

Norb Kinsler: Sterling silver chain, One ounce pure silver commemorative coin.

David Rodriguez: Two hand-made sterling silver rings with mounted stones & one set of sterling silver earrings.

Louisa Carey: Herzog wine set.

Anne Lewis: Garnet & rice pearl bracelet.

Jack Lewis: One agate and two obsidian ear rings.

Larry Knapton: Two gemstone bird carvings.

Norb Tackman: Four magnetic bracelets, one bird carving, carved stone vase, large pink and large green brilliant cut glass replicas.

Cynthia Baumgartner: Dichroic glass pendant.

Jerry and Marion Jurewicz: Three stone spheres, two stone eggs, garnet necklace, stone mounted belt buckle.

Donna Knapton: Books an dinosaurs, astronomy - moon, rhyolite.

Lina Cousineau: Two cross stitch kits, ten necklace/ear ring sets, one bracelet/ear ring set, two brooches.

Lee Leighton: Several ear ring sets.

Brett Johnson: Fluorite crystals, fluorite carved angels, onyx egg.

Jim Brace-Thompson: Sand dollar fossil, meteorite.

Stephanie Hagiwara: Sodalite ear rings, jade belt buckle.

Miriam Tetreault: Calcite sphere, glass paperweight sphere, belt buckle, four agate nite lights,

Nick Duncan: Maine jasper pendant.

Jane Stowe: Red stone ear rings.

Laura Driskell: Cast pine cone pendant.

Our dealers contributed to the benefit of the Show:

Gary's Jewelry - Gary & Janice Robertson: Sterling silver amethyst pendant.

Jewels of The Earth - Diana: Wire-wrapped fluorite pendant.

Lapidary Originals: Lapis pendant.

Spencer Opal Mines - AJ and Claudia Couture: Opal pendant & necklace.

Andy & Sonia DeLong: Abalone pendant & beggar bead necklace.

Rocks & Relics - David Richter: Alabaster candle holder.

Crystal Monster - Miao Yang: Carved white stone cormorant.

Backus Lapidary - Bob Backus: White jade sphere.

To all who so generously donated, my deepest thanks for your unfailing generosity and support. Because of you we have a successful raffle every year. My ongoing special thanks to Marjorie Frey for the silver ingots she donated in remembrance of Gordon. We will continue to offer them as prizes at the annual show and our member supported silent auctions as long as they last.

Have an outstanding 2011! ~K Hara - Raffles, 2010

Show Appreciation

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to all the members and friends who pitched in and helped with the show, their dedication and persistence was amazing. It was their terrific work that made the show such a success. We made a nice profit and our attendance was up. Thank all of you!!! Have the very best in the coming New Year. ~Editor

Quartzsite, AZ January 2011

Tyson Rock Show 1/7 - 1/16 Tyson Sell A Rama 1/21 - 1/30 Tyson Craft 2/4 - 2/13
RV Tent 1/22 - 1/30 Pow-Wow 1/19 - 1/23 Desert Gardens 1/1 - 2/28

Quartzsite Arizona, is a gathering of lots of rockhounds, dealers for a huge show of minerals, fossils, rocks, with some of the best prices I've seen for specimens. It lasts more than a month. There are several hotels in Blythe, one in Quartzsite, and one in Ehrenberg. There is a links below about it. Lots of different material, you can buy or trade for some of it.

Links: <http://www.desertusa.com/Cities/az/quartzsite.html#anchor832166>
http://www.desertgardensrvpark.net/Desert_Gardens_Rock_Gem_and_Mineral_Show.html
<http://www.quartzsitegemandmineralclub.org/>
<http://www.quartzsitetourism.us/>

Next year 2011 I will not be VP Field trips for the CGMC or VGMS. Mike Miller CGMC and Ron Wise VGMS will be VP Field trip leaders. If your interested in being a co-field trip leader with them contact them, or the nominating committee. I will be the CFMS field trip south leader with Adam Dean. I'll still be doing field trips in 2011. There will be a good variety of field trips next year. There still will be a Tri club field trip to Bishop Trip for garnets and ammonites. Adam and I will work out the CFMS field trips for 2011, they will be on our bulletins and the CFMS website and the tri clubs.

See you there.

~Robert Sankovich

VP Field Trips Conejo/Ventura Clubs

rmsorca@adelphia.net 805-494-7734

TRI-CLUB FIELDTRIPS 2011

Tentative Schedule

Contact fieldtrip leader to confirm that there is a fieldtrip scheduled

January	Quartzsite			
1-28	Desert Gardens			
7-16	Tyson Wells			
8-23	Main Event			
21-30	Sell-O-Rama			
22-30	RV Show			
19-23	Pow - Wow			
??	FT Arizona	Ron Wise		928-927-5776
February				
12	Tijiguas Beach	9:00 to 2:00	Whale Bone	tides 8:30 to 4:00
14	Santa Paula Museum	case removal		
March				
3-6	VGMS Show & set-up			
12	South Cady Mountains			
11-13	Victor Valley Tailgate			
27-2	ZZYZX			

Contact: Ron Wise: 929-927-5776 or Jennifer Flatten: 949-812-1967

Careers for Mineral Collectors

Did you ever think that maybe someday your love for minerals could become a career? When I was young people would ask me, "What do you want to be when you grow up?" How would you answer this question? Since you love minerals and mineral collecting so much, perhaps you might want to go to college and study to become one of the following professionals in the field of minerals and mineralogy.

Mineral Dealer To be a mineral dealer you will need training in minerals (geology) and also in business. You will need to know not only how to identify good mineral specimens, but you will also have to know how to advertise and sell them. Most mineral dealers travel many, many miles every year and attend dozens of

mineral shows where they sell their specimens. Most dealers also sell their specimens on the internet. Some even have a mineral shop where travelers can stop in, look over the specimens and buy what they like. Eventually you will also need to buy new specimens from other companies or even go into the field and dig for your own.

Mineralogist Mineralogists are geologists who specialize in the field of mineralogy. Professional mineralogists study and analyze the minerals found in a certain location. This often requires many hours in the field actually collecting mineral and rock samples for further study in the laboratory. The information they gather can be used to find ores for starting a mine, for example. Mineralogists are hired by mining companies, petroleum companies and also by governments (like the United States Geological Survey, also known as the USGS).

Museum Curator If you really love specimen mineralogy, you may want to specialize in being a museum curator. A “curator” is a person who takes care of the specimens in a museum. As a mineral museum curator, you would keep a record (a catalog) of all the specimens in the collection, plan and prepare the displays for the public to see, buy and trade for new specimens for the collection, remove any specimens that are no longer wanted or needed. A college degree in mineralogy with some specialized learning in the curation of a mineral collection would be necessary.

Professor You may want to teach others about minerals and mineralogy. Colleges and Universities all over the world hire Professors and Associate Professors to teach classes about minerals, their properties, forms and uses. Professors have a lot of learning to do before they can teach, so you will need to go to college and earn a Ph.D. degree (at which time you will be called Doctor _____).

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White Buffalo Turquoise

Don't Be Fooled By Imitations



Many stones are called “white buffalo turquoise” and there is a lot of confusion as to what truly is a white turquoise. This article will reveal what is the reality. There is a widely quoted source that comes from the Miami Valley Mineral and Gem Club in their newsletter of January, 2002 Vol. 48 #1. It relates that back in 1993, stones were found in a turquoise mine that did not resemble the deep color of turquoise that has been used in Native People's jewelry for centuries. It was so pale that it looked like porcelain.



At the time the name of the mine where it was found on the Shoshone Reservation near Battle Mountain, Nevada was called Dry Creek. Since that time the name has changed but for the purposes of this article we will continue to refer to it as Dry Creek turquoise. The way turquoise gets its color is from heavy metals that are present in the ground where it forms. Blue turquoise occurs when there is copper present, which is the case of the majority of Arizona turquoises. In Nevada, there is more iron present, thus Nevada turquoises are usually more green. The lack of any specific color consistency makes the Dry Creek stones distinctive and unique from other turquoises. It is the most pale of all the turquoises in the world. Because this stone is so rare

and so pale in color, the Shoshone Indians named it “Sacred Buffalo” turquoise after the **legend of the white buffalo**. The Shoshone Indians are not known for their jewelry work



so they sell or trade the Sacred Buffalo turquoise to the Navajos in Arizona and New Mexico, who then work it into beautiful jewelry. Authentic Dry Creek or Sacred Buffalo Turquoise is also called **white buffalo turquoise**. It should never be confused with other stones that are called “white buffalo” which are actually howlite, magnesite, and other white stones that usually have gray and

black matrices in them (**matrix** is the dark minerals that show up within the stone). While howlite, native to California, and other white stones are very beautiful and are used often in Native American made



jewelry, they are definitely not turquoise. We call them the “white buffalo stone”, but never call them “turquoise”. Another name for these white stones is “appaloosa” for the black spots that sometimes appear in the stone. Howlite can also trick you when it is dyed a turquoise color (a.k.a. Tidy Bowl Turquoise). In honest circumstances, this dyed stone can be an inexpensive substitute for turquoise carvings, beads, and stones set in jewelry. The Dry Creek mine has been closed, so there are few stones to work into jewelry. Native American jewelry designers say that **Dry Creek Turquoise is "beyond rare"**.

Article from www.native-american-market.com; via **Golden Spike 12/10**

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Upcoming Shows

January 28-30 - REDLANDS, CA

Mineralogical Soc. of So. California
 Micromounters Symposium
 San Bernardino County Museum
 2024 Orange Tree
 Hours: Fri. 5 - 10; Sat. 9 - 10
 Sun. Field trip time to be set
 Dr. Robert Housley (714) 697-4435
 Email: rhousley@its.caltech.edu
 Website: mineralsocal.org
 (click on micromounters)

February 18-27 - INDIO, CA

San Gorgonio Mineral & Gem Society
 Riverside Co. Fair & National Date Festival
 Gem amp; Mineral Building Bldg #1
 46-350 Arabia Street
 Hours: 10 - 10 daily
 Bert Grisham: (915) 849-1674 Email:
bert67@verizon.net

February 25-27 - NEWARK, CA

Mineral and Gem Soc. of Castro Valley
Newark Pavilion
6430 Thornton Avenue
Hours: Fri. and Sat. 10 - 6; Sun. 10 - 5
Lary Ham, show chair - (510) 887-9007
Email: showchair@mgscv.org
Website: www.mgscv.org

February 25-26 - NORTHRIDGE, CA

Del-Air Rockhounds
Northridge United Methodist Church
9650 Reseda Blvd.
Hours: Fri. 3 - 9; Sat. 10 - 5
Chris S. Ward
Email: chris_ward678@yahoo.com
Website: delairrockhounds.blogspot.com

March 5-6 - ARCADIA, CA

Monrovia Rockhounds, Inc.
L. A. Co. Arboretum & Botanic Gardens
301 Baldwin Ave.
Hours: 9 - 4:30 daily
Jo Anna Ritchey (626) 359-1624
Email: vgms_editor@roadrunner.com
Website: 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
Email: vgms_editor@roadrunner.com
Website: www.vgms.org

March 11-13 - VICTORVILLE, CA

Victorville Valley Gem & Mineral Soc.
Tailgate at Verde Antique Quarry
(Stoddard Well)
Bell Mt./Stoddard Well exit from I-15
Hours: 8-5 daily
Brett Ward (760) 954-4323
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Website: www.vvgmc.org

