

The Rock Bag

May 2012 • Vol. 50/5

Oxnard Gem & Mineral Society

P. O. Box 246 • Oxnard, CA 93032

www.oxnardgem.com



J. pSmith, Editor
editor@oxnardgem.com

Presidents Corner

Our thanks to Fred and Charlotte Ward for their very interesting and informative program on diamonds. Much of the information on colors was new to me. Many samples were on display for viewing. Brett Johnson reports that the fliers/poster are ready for our next show featuring opal. Please check with Brett if you have specimens that he can use for the club display.

Miriam has returned from her world cruise, which she says was very pleasant, Welcome home Miriam!

OGMS would like to thank past members Gordon and Marjorie Frey. Marjorie Frey bequeathed many fine specimens of Petrified wood and rock slabs and other materials to OGMS in her will. Further information will be brought forward as the board has time to properly discuss how materials and specimens will be used in accordance with the wishes of our late member.

I hope everyone had a wonderful Easter, I know my Great Grandchildren enjoyed it! ~Norb K. President

The Rock Bag Needs a new Editor

Dear Rock Bag readers, I wish to inform OGMS club members that the Rock Bag will need a new editor. Although I was happy to step in to relieve Miriam when she decided that it was time to hand it off after her many years of Editor duties, I find that my schedule (silversmith class teaching & admin., and familial duties) is far too cramped to be able to continue as editor for future editions. If you have time available, about 8 hours a month for the collection and editing duties plus attending the board meeting (not necessary but helpful) please consider lending your time and skills to the club as new editor of the Rock Bag. The editor will need to have appropriate software to lay out pages for print, and also create a digital edition for web delivery. Software can include Microsoft Word, Adobe InDesign, Quark or any software that can produce a PDF document.
~Jean pSmith, Editor

The Rock Bag

May 2012 • Vol. 50, issue 5

The Rock Bag is the newsletter of the Oxnard Gem & Mineral Society



Mining Amethyst in Thunder Bay May Program

Wednesday, May 2nd, 2012, Oxnard Gem & Mineral Society will be hosting our friends Mary Pat and Richard Weber. The lecture topic will be *Mining Amethyst in Thunder Bay, Ontario, Canada.*

The meeting will be held in the Thousand Oaks room of the Oxnard Performing Arts Convention Center (800 Hobson Way, Oxnard) at 7:30 p.m. The presentation will start after greeting our guests, refreshments, and short business meeting.

~Rocks Rock, Louisa May Carey, VP-OGMS

Calling all Pebble Pups!

At our May meeting we will start looking at "Mineral Fun" with Diamond Dan Publications. We have already touched on structure and hardness of minerals. Now let's get into some of the other properties they have to offer. Do they spark? Are they magnetic? Come test and see.

Newcomers always welcome.

The meeting will be held in the Thousand Oaks room of the Oxnard Performing Arts Convention Center (800 Hobson Way, Oxnard) at 6:00 p.m.

Oxnard Gem & Mineral Society General Info

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 field trips. We cooperate 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.

Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 P.M.. Pebble Pups meet each month at 6:00 P.M., prior to the general meeting. Meetings featuring Pot lucks start at 6:30 P.M.

OGMS meetings are held at The Oxnard Performing Arts Center, 800 Hobson Way, Oxnard, CA (Thousand Oaks Room)

Annual Dues: \$15.00 per adult; \$2.00 per junior member (age 12 to 18 years).

We welcome members of the community to join us as a guest for any general meeting.

Minutes of the April 4, 2012

OGMS General Membership Meeting

Call to order: 7:30pm, President Norb Kinsler, presiding. Bob Driskell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes: Lee Leighton moved to accept minutes of March meeting as printed in Rock Bag. Seconded and approved.

Hospitality: 20 members present, and five guests: Gloria Blanchard, Mary Meeker, Jeff Miller, Karyn Newbill (joined), Ashley Davis.

1st VP, Programs: Not present. Tonight's program, LuNeal Silent Auction, fossils.

2nd VP, Show: Not present.

3rd VP, Field Trips: Kanan Road and Deerhill Park for agates and petrified wood fossils, Saturday April 14. Flyers on table.

NEW BUSINESS:

Norb Kinsler spoke to the club regarding an acquisition of

materials from Mr. and Mrs. Frye. Club voiced opinions regarding legality of auction or sale.

Federation News: Poster contest for 2013 Fed Show (May 30 – June 2), theme "California Rocks!"

Library News: New books to be purchased at Conejo Show with approval from board. New book added to library, "The Frugal Collector" by Bob Jones.

Classes: Wire wrap starts this Saturday. No sign-ups for Jr. Lapidary, class cancelled.

Refreshments for May: Laura Driskell, Frank Gonzales. Break for Refreshments and LuNeal Silent Auction.

Adjournment: Norb Kinsler adjourned meeting at 9 p.m. Respectfully submitted, Laura Driskell, Recording Secretary.

OGMS Membership

OGMS has another new member...WELCOME Karyn Newbill. She is interested in field trips and collecting minerals. Also welcome new Junior members- Evan Cirelli and Samantha Cirelli- whose mother Margaret Handa is already an OGMS member

2012 Roster is HERE! Stop by the table at the next meeting. If you prefer to have it mailed or emailed, please email me at johndianedaisy@yahoo.com. Thank you. Diane Cook.

If you have not already sent in your membership this will be your last issue of The Rock Bag. ~ Ed.

OGMS 2011- 2012 Officers

President	Norb Kinsler		644-6450
1 st Vice President (Programs)	Louisa Carey	big_L76@yahoo.com	(503) 309-6147
2 nd Vice President (Show)	Brett Johnson	bj9709@yahoo.com	822-3836
3 rd Vice President (Field trips)	Ron Wise	clintwise@hotmail.com	647-4393
Recording Secretary	Laura Driskell	driskellmom@yahoo.com	485-2983
Treasurer	Stephanie Hagiwara	purplehawk@hotmail.com	986-2006

OGMS 2011- 2012 Appointed Standing Committee Chairs

Corresponding Secretary	Louisa Carey	big_L76@yahoo.com	(503) 309-6147
Displays/Exhibits	Brett Johnson	bj9709@yahoo.com	822-3836
Editor	Jean pSmith	editor@oxnardgem.com	642-5779
Education Director	Open		
Federation Director	Louisa Carey	big_L76@yahoo.com	(503) 309-6147
Historian	Adrian Ruiz		
Hospitality	Carol Drescher		644-7242
Librarian	Jim Brace Thompson	jbraceth@roadrunner.com	C(805) 659-3577
Member at Large	Kay Hara	kharafdoc@aol.com	525-7634
Membership Secretary	Diane Cook	johndianedaisy@yahoo.com	647-8517
Public Relations	Norb Tackman	ntack@sbcglobal.net	647-2538
Parliamentarian	Lee Leighton	ameritus@sbcglobal.net	647-4594
Refreshments	Laura Driskell		485-2983
Sergeant at Arms	Bob Driskell		485-2983
Ways & Means	Jean Wise		647-4393

EVENTS CALENDER

Field Trips

No May field trips scheduled

Club Shows

June 30- July 1 Culver City Rock & Mineral Club, 51st annual **Fiesta of Gems** Veterans Memorial Auditorium 4117 Overland Avenue, Culver City, California Free parking & admission

April 2012

OGMS Board Meeting

Call to Order: 7:30pm, President Norb Kinsler presiding.

Minutes: March Board Meeting minutes were accepted as published in the Rock Bag.

Treasurer: We are solvent. Discussed bills to be paid; deposits to be made. Diane Cook made motion made to pay bills, seconded and approved. LuNeal action raised more money for scholarships.

1st VP, Programs: Louisa is on her trip to China.

May's program is by Dick and Mary Pat Weber of the Conejo club, regarding "Amethyst Mining in Thunder Bay, Canada".

2nd VP, Show: Nothing of note.

3rd VP, Field Trips: Agoura Hills and Oak Park, Kanan Road, April 14.

Membership: Member Directory is published and available. New member application for Karyn Newbill. Application approved.

Federation: Advanced registration form for CFMS show available. Poster contest for 2013 show.

Classes: Silversmith and wire wrap are started. No junior lap class. (*correction next Silversmith session starts 2nd week of May ~Ed.*)

Historian: Not present.

Education: Still need chair for this office.

Editor: Jean needs articles by middle of month. Jean told Stephanie that the City requested phone number of OGMS contact, regarding scheduling repairs to Durley Park. Norb will be contact, others will be scheduled in shifts if necessary during repairs.

Website: No news.

Library: Jim Brace-Thompson reports that \$47 remains from library book fund; some purchases to be

Camp Paradise Sept. 2012

You can now download the application for Camp Paradise online at <http://www.cfmsinc.org/>. Camp Paradise offers adult earth science education the first and second weeks of September. Classes include Beginning Faceting, Soft stone carving, glass working, wire jewelry, Silver casting and much more. Located in the Plumas National Forest near Clipper Mills, California, Camp Paradise is a long established favorite arts retreat and is always filled quickly. Sessions are divided to Week 1, Sept. 2-8 and Week 2, Sept. 9-15. Applicants should read the application carefully prior to sign-up. Any questions should be directed to Camp Paradise Registrar, Anna Christiansen, (209)847-1173

made at Conejo show. A few books from Frye collection that could be used in library.

OLD BUSINESS

Repairs done at Durley Park shop. City will be starting renovation to bathrooms and snack bar soon.

Regarding the Frye Collection: Norb read notice sent to Rock Bag re: donation of materials and equipment willed to club, and passed around photos of items.

OGMS will provide a list of donated materials to the heir and tax attorney for them to show tax donation. Suggestions from board members regarding its disposition include the following:

1. Portions of materials and equipment to be available to members and guests during silent auctions through the year (one or more).

2. Portion of materials to be made available to the public at 2012 OGMS Show silent auction.

3. Portion of materials to be donated to CFMS 2013 Tri-County Federation show for silent auction, proceeds of which are divided among the participating clubs.

4. Remainder of items from all silent auctions and shows to be offered to Steve and Tom Wolfe and other vendors/dealers for purchase at wholesale price.

5. Items that club members choose as best examples of Frye donation could be kept for a memorial show case.

NEW BUSINESS

Candidates for scholarships are being screened.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Driskell, Recording Secretary

April 22, 2012

Enter the Poster Contest for Our 2013 CFMS Show

As you know by now, the tri-clubs of Ventura County will sponsor the 2013 statewide CFMS show and convention. And, thanks to Valli Davis of the Ventura club, we have a theme: "California Rocks!" I hereby announce a poster/flyer contest, with a deadline of June 15 so we can be sure to have flyers printed up to have at the Ventura County Fair to initiate our publicity efforts within our local community and to have at the 2012 CFMS Show in Riverside this July. The design on the poster should be picked up and reflected in the design of the flyer. (The flyer should be postcard size, or 4.25 X 5.5.) Submit all entries electronically to me not later than June 15: jbraceth@roadrunner.com. If you can't do an electronic version, please bring hardcopy to me at our May or June meeting, and I can scan it. Your poster and flyer should reflect the theme of "California Rocks!" and it should include such basic info as the following: Annual Statewide Show & Convention of the California Federation of Mineralogical Societies; May 31 through June 2, 2013; Ventura County Fairgrounds; sponsored by the Conejo, Oxnard, and Ventura Gem & Mineral Societies. Start rocking!

- Jim Brace-Thompson, 2013 CFMS Show Publicity Chair

The "Half-a-Million-Nickels" Campaign: Support the CFMS Endowment Fund!

As reported in earlier newsletters and at our monthly meetings, the California Federation of Mineralogical Societies has instituted a "half-a-million-nickels" campaign to raise \$25,000 for the CFMS Endowment Fund this year, which—among other things—goes toward supporting scholarships for college students in the earth sciences. While \$25,000 may sound like a lot, it comes down to less than \$185 per club that holds a CFMS affiliation—or 3,700 nickels. We can do this! At each meeting, we ask that you drop your spare change in the pot—and by spare change, we include crisp dollar bills, five-dollar bills and bills of other denominations! How is OGMS doing as a club in this effort? Well, so far, we've raised \$19.94. By the way, just by comparison, the running total thus far from our neighboring Ventura club is \$66.08. Are we REALLY going to let VGMS beat OGMS??? Also, if we continue at this rate, by year's end, we will have only raised \$59.82 toward the goal of \$185. Come on! We can do better than that! Let's all show our support for our California Federation by keeping those nickels rolling in! Word-on-the-street is that the Federation will be awarding a prize-to-be-announced to the club raising the most money.

- Jim Brace-Thompson, CFMS Past-President

The American Federation Show Raffle

For those with the ways, means, and desire, the annual national American Federation of Mineralogical Societies Show & Convention takes place this July in Wayzata, Minnesota. I hear it's going to be an especially good show for agate lovers. But you don't have to journey to Minnesota to participate! They'll be holding a raffle to support their Endowment Fund, and you don't need to be present to win. They've got some truly outstanding items, things like a Hi-Tech Diamond Company 6-wheel cabbing unit (#1; value, \$1,500), a Slant Cabber Machine (#2; value, \$600), All-U-Need flat-lap machine (#3; value, \$490), a Trim Saw (#4; value, \$440), a star ruby ring (value, \$1,000), and all sorts of minerals, lapidary works, and more. There's even a small collection of fossil teeth from Sharks Tooth Hill. (I wonder who donated that?)

To see photos of the prizes and details on purchasing raffle tickets by mail, go to the AFMS website at <http://www.amfed.org/endow2012.htm>. You can also contact Colleen McGann, P.O. Box 224, Santa Clara, CA 95052-0224, phone (831) 212-1951, email colleen.mcgann@hds.com, or Pamela Hecht, 25393 Oak Street, Calumet, MI 49913, phone (906) 337-2274, steverox@up.net. Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20, with checks made payable to "AFMS Endowment Fund." They'll hold a separate raffle for the four machines described above, and to qualify for those, you would write Prize #1, #2, #3, or #4 on the front of your ticket. To be entered for all the other prizes, just leave the front of the ticket blank. Your name and address should be printed on the back of any and all tickets you purchase so they'll know where to mail any winnings. In last year's AFMS raffle, one OGMS couple got lucky, with a prize going to Ron and Jean Wise. May the force be with you.

- Jim Brace-Thompson, AFMS Juniors Program Chair



I WANT YOU! To enter the "California Rocks" poster contest!

to publicize the 2013 CFMS Show & Convention taking place at
The Ventura County Fairgrounds Friday, May 31 thru Sunday,
June 2, 2013

Send your design as an electronic attachment to:
Jim Brace-Thompson
jbraceth@roadrunner.com

Include both a full poster design and a companion flyer
design directly tied to elements in your larger poster
(for crafting 3.25 X 4.5 postcard-sized flyers)

DUE DATE: JUNE 15, 2012

2012 Statewide CFMS Show & Convention: Have You Signed Up to Enter an Exhibit Yet?

As noted previously, the next statewide CFMS Show & Convention will be hosted by the Valley Prospectors in nearby Riverside July 13-15. If you've ever thought about moving up a notch and competing for a trophy with a mineral, fossil, or lapidary exhibit, this represents a great opportunity. Two copies of the rule book for competitive exhibits are in our club library and can also be accessed from the AFMS website, under "Uniform Rules" at <http://www.amfed.org/rules/rules.htm>. If you're not yet confident about entering competition, consider entering a non-competitive exhibit. At our monthly meetings, I'll have show packets with info about the show and with exhibitor application forms on our take-one table. The Show Chair and contact person is Steve Schubert (phone, 951-943-0535; email, meschubert@hotmail.com). For updates and postings about the show, keep an eye on the CFMS website (www.cfmsinc.org) as well as that of the Valley Prospectors (www.valleyprospectors.net)

-Jim Brace-Thompson, CFMS Past-President



CFMS GOLD AND GEM SHOW

Hosted by Valley Prospectors
July 13 – 15, 2012



- Dealers to supply your every need
- Demonstrators to share their expertise
- Great displays and informative speakers
- Silent auction and great prizes
- Gold panning and equipment
- Gold, jewelry and gemstones

Riverside Municipal Auditorium
3485 Mission Inn Avenue
Riverside, CA 92501

General admission: \$5 adults – \$4 seniors (60+) – \$3 12 - 17 – kids under 12 free with pd adult
Metered parking on street and city lots on weekdays – free parking on weekend
Show hours: Friday and Saturday 10 – 5; Sunday 10 – 4

Contact: Steve Schubert, show chairman (951) 943-0535 email: meschubert@hotmail.com
Pat LaRue, asst show chairman (909) 874-5664 email: bplarue@earthlink.net