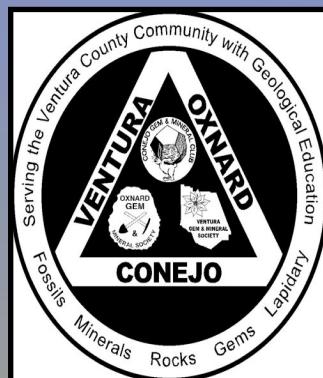
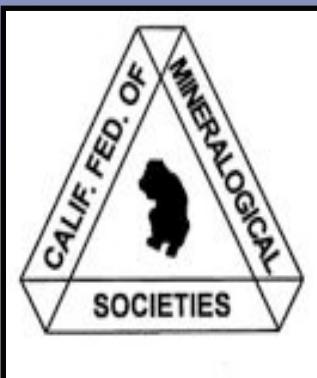


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The Oxnard Gem & Mineral Society is a non-profit organization formed to increase our knowledge in geology, mineralogy and other such related fields in the earth sciences. We classify, cut, grind and polish rocks and minerals for our personal collections and to display at club shows. We learn from each other through club speakers, programs and monthly field trips. 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.

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## 2013 Ventura County Fair OGMS Display Case Award Winners

**OGMS Club Publicity Case - 1st Award & Judge's Choice**

**OGMS Show Publicity Case - 2nd Award & Judge's Choice**

### Youth Division

**Joseph Pennock** - 1st Award & Judge's Choice - Variety of Minerals

**Nicholas Swanson** - 1st Award - Petrified Wood

### Adult Division

**Cynthia Baumgartner** - 1st Award - Images on Glass

**Mary Haake** - 2nd Award - Geodes

**Mary Haake** - 3rd Award & Judges Choice - Self Collected Fossils

**Stephanie Hagiwara** - 4th Award - Pyrite

**Brett Johnson** - 4th Award - Baja Collected Fossils

**Larry Knapton** - 1st Award & Judge's Choice - Mixed Minerals

**Larry Knapton** - 1st Award - Polished Petrified Wood

**Anne Lewis** - 1st Award & Best Bead Case

**Adrian Ruiz** - 2nd Award - Himalayan Mine

**Norb Tackman** - 1st Award - Jewelry Case

**Miriam Tetreault** - 1st Award & Judge's Choice - Sculpture

**Jean Wise** - 1st Award - Dugway Geodes

**Ron Wise** - 1st Award - Petrified Wood

**Ron Wise** - 1st Award- Cabochons with Parent Rock

## MINUTES OF THE AUG 7, 2013 OGMS GENERAL MEETING

By vote of the OGMS Board of Directors, the August meeting was cancelled in favor of a Field Trip to the Ventura County Fair, in particular, the Gem & Mineral Pavilion. Members, who worked at the Fair for a 3 to 4 hour shift, received free entry to the fair.

I saw many members of OGMS and VGMS at the Gem & Mineral Pavilion over the course of the Fair, in particular, Mary Haake and her daughter Mary Meeker, Lee Leighton, Adrian Ruiz, Brett Johnson, John and Diane Cook, Jim and Nancy Brace-Thompson, Angela Brown, Terry Wilson, Ron and Jean Wise, Rob Sankovitch, Nancy Bogart, Kay Hara, Bob Driskell, Marviene Vulpes and family.

It was a successful field trip and I hope we can do it again next year.

Respectfully submitted,  
Laura Driskell, Recording Secretary  
August 18, 2013



# MINUTES OF THE AUG 14, 2013 OGMS BOARD MEETING

**Call to order:** 7:00pm, Brett Johnson, presiding.  
Attendees: Brett Johnson, Don Minster, Carolyn Howe, Adrian Ruiz, Miriam Tetreault, Stephanie Hagiwara, Kay Hara, Bob Driskell, Laura Driskell.

1. Plants. Carolyn will speak with Anne Lewis after the field trip, and find out how many plants she has.
2. Raffle Tickets. Brett will have the tickets printed up this week and get them to Kay. Tickets can be printed both sides and include information for how tickets can be distributed.
3. Raffle Prizes. Question regarding silver bar as one of prizes. It attracts attention to the raffle. It will be listed as 1<sup>st</sup> prize, with \$100 second prize and \$50 third prize.
4. Kitchen. Laura Driskell and others will be in charge of refreshments. Lasagna went over well for dinner on Friday.
5. Vendors. Miriam has 7 vendors' paid deposits. Stephanie will publicize the Condor Agate vendor that will be featured.
6. Case gifts. Brett would like to get some agatized coral from Florida; Don Minster knows a distributor.
7. Lapel pins. We'll look into getting some done for the show.
8. Exhibitors. Forms are in the Rock Bag. We need to get them to the Leisure Village crafters.
9. Publicity. Ad in Rock & Gem, articles go to papers and radio and TV.
10. Trailer. Storage has been paid; Brett will receive the invoices at PO box.

## BOARD MEETING:

**Call to Order:** 7:52 pm, Adrian Ruiz, presiding.  
Attendees: Adrian Ruiz, Brett Johnson, Kay Hara, Bob Driskell, Don Minster, Miriam Tetreault, Stephanie Hagiwara, Laura Driskell.

**Minutes:** Motion by Stephanie Hagiwara to approve July Board Meeting minutes as published in the Rock Bag. Motion seconded, minutes approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Discussion of bills to be paid, deposits. Motion to pay bills, and accept Treasurer's Report, by Bob Driskell. Motion seconded and approved.

**Corresponding Secretary:** Junk mail and newsletters, ad for hand-held UV light.

**Membership:** No new members.

## OLD BUSINESS

**Website:** Stephanie wants to know if the members are interested in putting links for businesses on the website. Board has always voted against ad links. Carolyn Howe made a motion to keep the website the same. Motion was seconded and carried.

## NEW BUSINESS:

1. Stephanie will send information to the Rock Bag editor regarding CFMS Show in Florida.
2. Kay says he's been contacted regarding handing out scholarships to the recipients. Haven't heard from Oxnard College regarding awardees.

**1<sup>st</sup> VP, Programs:** September 4th, Dick and Mary Pat Weber, on Condor Agates. October 2nd, Steve Mulqueen, on evaporative minerals. November 6th, Show meeting. December 4th, Holiday Potluck and Entertainment.

**2<sup>nd</sup> VP, Show:** Show meeting just held.

**3<sup>rd</sup> VP, Field Trips:** August, Greenhorn Mountain trip. September, Bishop for garnets. October, Trona. November, Wiley's Well.

**Federation:** Camp Paradise coming up end of August.

## Classes:

1. Brett sent out email regarding shop and ramp; current news is that ramp issue has been resolved.
2. A locked, OSHA-approved cabinet compliance for chemical and hazardous materials for fire Marshall will need to be purchased. Jean pSmith will be arranging this.
3. The contract between OGMS and the City (if it exists), needs to be located. Jean pSmith and Adrian Ruiz will look through information in POD this week.

**Education:** Carried over to next Board Meeting.

**Editor:** Editor is ill, but send articles by email, copy Brett.

**Library:** Kay will review a book for next month.

**Displays & Exhibits:** Nothing to discuss.

**Adjournment:** Next Board Meeting, September 11.

Meeting adjourned at 8:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Laura Driskell, Recording Secretary  
August 18, 2013



## SEPTEMBER 4TH PROGRAM

### Colorful Condor Agates of Patagonia, Argentina

Presented by Mary Pat Weber, geologist and mineral collector. She will present the amazing story of how these agates were discovered, lost, and re-discovered by Luis De Los Santos in a remote, inhospitable region high in the foothills of the Andes Mountains. Specimens of these beautiful agates from her personal collection will be on display. Agates are found on every continent in the world and have been collected for thousands of years. They are comprised of quartz, one of the most common minerals on earth, yet exhibit some of the most complex patterns and variety of colors found in the mineral world. Every agate is unique but common characteristics and structures create distinctive and recognizable types that can be identified by region.

Don't miss this visual treat as we see some of the finest agate specimens created by Mother Nature.

## PEBBLE PUPS

### **Calling all Pebble Pups!**

Our Next Meeting will be held next month in Octobers General Meeting. Our Rockhound Louisa will be back from her trip, and that's when all the fun starts up.

### **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 7:30pm. The presentation will start after guest greetings and club business. Refreshments as always will be available.

Rocks Rock!



### **A Mining scene to Color**



-Courtesy of The Mini Miner

## THE OGMS BOOK CORNER

Hi OGMS,

Please Remember the rules when checking out a book:

1. You must be a current member with your dues paid, hopefully an active member.
  2. Up to three books can be checked out at one time.
  3. Books can be checked out for one month at a time you check them out at a meeting and bring them back the next following meeting. If you wish an extension, please arrange with the librarian.
  4. Books must be brought back in good shape; any damage must be reported. If a book is lost, please make every effort to replace it or pay for it. Some books are very valuable.
  5. If books are overdue a week, you will be called and reminded to return them ASAP.
  6. Any book(s) you have that are relevant to our hobby and are fairly current, in good condition that you wish to donate to the library, it would be greatly appreciated.
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I'm sure that you have seen on the news about a teenager who went to the Arkansas diamond mine and found a 4 carat diamond estimated to be worth \$17000 to \$20000 when cut.

Well we have a video called "How to Find Genuine Diamonds". Is about the Crater of Diamonds at Murfressboro, Arkansas. The video goes through the interesting history of the mine, The diamonds found there, and the museum of diamonds. It tells how and when is the best ways and times to find diamonds at the park which, by the way, is open to the public for a very nominal fee. They even supply you with digging and sorting equipment and expertise. Many diamonds were found glittering on the surface after a rain. So if you are interested in finding a diamond of your own, take a gander at the video in our library, get a drink and some snacks and watch an enjoyable 84 minutes watching TV.

Yur ole librarian,  
Kay Hara



## “CLUB FIELD TRIP TO GREENHORN MOUNTAINS” BY: CAROLYN HOWE



All those who went to the Greenhorn Mountains for Rose Quartz and etc. had some fun. The long, bumpy and dusty road to get there is a little tough but worth the time and effort at the end. The stones are still there and ready for the taking for all those who swing the hammer and bravely holding a chisel.

I found some stones on the ground. I had a great time, but it

was a little too hot. I feel many of us don't drink enough fluids and many people need electrolyte in heat and working conditions. If we all have some electrolytes with us we will at least be able to

consume and prevent any problems with the heat. The trip up to the top is a little steep while carrying our stones, but when we get to the top we have the satisfaction of being able to use those beautiful pink stones. Since I got there on Friday night I was able to go to get some Epidote and Garnet. Then up to get Scheelite (calcium tungstate)

that glow under black lights. Rob Sankovich was prepared to show us how the black light would show us which rock we wanted. Some of them were big and some small, some had many glowing spots and some had fewer. It was fun to pick them up.



The weather was comfortable for the most part. We didn't have any rain or thunderstorms, like we have had in the past when we went to the Greenhorns. Thankfully we didn't have any bugs biting us, even though I was prepared with products to repel bugs and treat their bites. I have always liked the field trip up in the Greenhorns, and might go again.

## 2013 OGMS SHOW REPORT

With most of the Show Chairs reporting in at last month's meeting, I think we are progressing on schedule for another great Show.

Raffle tickets were printed and will be available at the next general meetings. Raffle tickets will be for sale at: one (1) for \$1.00, six (6) for \$5.00, twelve (12) for \$10.00, or Twenty-Five (25) for \$20.00. Instruction for the You Choose Your Prizes program are printed on the back of every ticket. As a reminder, there will be several valuable and excellent items to choose from that will have a separate container for each prize. Pick the item(s) you would like to win, fill out your ticket stubs, and drop them in the item's container. If your stub is chosen for that item, you win! Fun. Contact Kay Hara for more information and prize donations.

The Plants booth has asked for more containers, so bring your cans, cartons, and tins to the next meeting. Make sure they have been washed and cleaned first.

The Show Volunteer sign-ups will be out on the welcome table during the general meetings. Be sure to check out when and where you can help out during the Show. We can't make this one of our greatest Gem and Mineral Shows without your help.

We have come to a decision as to what will be the Exhibitor's gift this year. Keeping with our Show's Theme of Agate, we will be offering the Exhibitors - Agatized Coral from Florida. Exciting and Beautiful stuff! Get your Exhibitor's form filled out, so you can have one of these awesome treasures too.



Finally, there will be a Show Meeting at the next board meeting, Wed. Sept. 11th at 7pm. I will need all the Show Chairpersons to attend the board meeting to report on the status and progress of that Chair.

See y'all there, Brett

## DURLEY PARK UPDATE/NEWS

As many of you know, the Durley Park facility was behind schedule for completion. Initially, we were set to be back in the classrooms by the end of June - but a SNAFU with installing the electrical panels caused a delay. By the middle of July, the contractor was able to get the panels installed and precede with final inspection. It was only then that the issue of the ramp to the Wire Wrap Room was brought to light.

Apparently the ramp, which transits the 6-inch rise from grade in the Main Classroom to the Wire Wrap Room, was incorrectly poured when it was originally installed decades ago. It did not meet current Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards. The ADA requires a 1:12 rise (12-inch length for each 1-inch of height). This would be theoretically possible, but the ramp ends at a door and had no 4-foot x 4-foot landing at the top before entering the next room. Because this issue was not initially addressed in the renovation plans (although the issue was spoken of prior to the commencement of the project by us and the contractor), the City Building Inspector would not sign off on the construction until the ADA requirements were met. The City found itself scrambling to correct the problem and proposed several options:

- 1) Cut a door through the newly constructed wall that has closed off the Wire Wrap Room from the Baseball Groups area to provide an entrance that is at grade with the outside, thus eliminating the need for a ramp entirely.
- 2) Wall up the doorway that allows passage between the Main Classroom and the Wire Wrap Room. This would cut off access to the Wire Wrap Room, and not allow it to be used for any other purpose or class. I'm sure the Baseballers would love to have the space.
- 3) Add the required platform to the floor space in the Wire Wrap Room and move the access door to a newly constructed alcove at the top of the ramp/landing.

The issue has been resolved with the redesign of the ramp to ADA Standards and the removal of the locking door to the Wire Wrap Room. Because the Project Manager was locked into this solution and is overwhelmed with dealing with this fiasco on his watch, he was felt our needs were mute as the City doesn't have a lease with us and we need to negotiate one with the Parks Dept. This information was brought to the Board and it was discussed that the original agreement with the Parks Dept. be found. We searched the Storage unit, Clubhouse lockers, and past members personal papers (Thanks for your understanding and help, Elaine Campbell, Lois & Bill Allmen's daughter). Nothing was found. We did narrow down the time frame of the finalized negotiations to probably May/June/July of 1982 (it was gleaned out through scrap books and Rock Bag articles). We need to present something to the City/Parks Dept. in order to establish some sort of position from which to renegotiate a lease.

Finally, the Fire Chief has questions regarding the use of equipment in our facility as well as chemicals stored there. We will need to purchase a steel HAZMAT cabinet to store the chemicals and welding gas tanks. Contact will be made to the Fire Chief, we will find out what his concerns are, and bring those to the Board for any necessary action.

# California visitor's rare find: A star-shaped piece of benitoite

By Bob Pool

Forget the Hollywood Walk of Fame refrigerator magnet, the Mickey Mouse ears beanie and the postcards of the Golden Gate Bridge.

Tourist Karina Ille will have a much more memorable souvenir of her California visit when she returns Sunday to her native Austria.

Last weekend the 21-year-old Ille discovered a rare star-shaped piece of benitoite in San Benito County, where this country's only mining spot for the gem is located.

That exclusivity prompted officials to proclaim benitoite as California's state gemstone in 1985.

And it was that proclamation that led Ille and her boyfriend to a spot outside of the Central Valley town of Coalinga on Sunday, where she and Henry Carradine and his parents spent the day searching for the elusive benitoite by sifting through piles of rocks hauled out of the California State Gem Mine.

The mine's operators pull the rocks from their open-pit dig and charge visitors \$70 each to spend the day searching for the mineral. Once suspected benitoite is discovered, visitors wash the rocks and study them under black lights in a darkened room outside of the mine. They are allowed to take home in quart zip-lock bags what they find.

That's how Ille discovered what she had. "This looks like a star," she said when the tiny rock glowed fluorescent-blue under the black light. "The guy who runs the place got freaked out when he saw it."

Mine owner David Schreiner acknowledges he was astounded when he looked at her find. "I got really excited by seeing that. Benitoite is the rarest gem in the world, and stars are even more rare. I suggested she photograph it and sell posters of it. What she found is worth a lot of money," he said.

But Schreiner said he was reluctant to place a value on Ille's stone. "I'd probably put a price on it too low," he said. "It's worth more than a diamond."

The most sought-after benitoite star is the six-pointed "star of David," which can be worth as much as \$50,000. Only about two dozen of them are known to exist.



Ille's tiny star has five points. Schreiner gave her a cotton-filled plastic pill bottle to carry it in so its points would not be damaged by other gems in her zip-lock bag.

She plans to carefully pack her star and her other benitoite samples in her carry-on bag when she and Carradine return to Austria. Both are students and concert musicians studying and performing in Vienna — she is a violinist and he is a pianist.

Carradine is a member of the family of actors. When prodded, he explains that actress Martha Plimpton is his cousin, actors Keith Carradine and the late David Carradine are his uncles, and the late actor John Carradine is his grandfather. His father, Christopher, is an architect and retired Disney Imagineer, and his mother, Carolyn, is an actress and artist.

Henry Carradine, 22, said he was looking up state trivia on the Internet when he discovered that benitoite was California's official gem. Further research told him that benitoite deposits are known to exist in Arkansas and Japan, as well as Coalinga.

He said the four of them learned of the rarity of benitoite when Caroline Carradine checked the Internet during their long drive back to Malibu, where Henry's parents live.

Ille said she was becoming worn out from hours of rock-sifting before the group went into the darkened room to look at their rocks under the black light.

"I'd started to fall asleep. It was getting boring," she said. But the fluorescent gems' purple glow under the black light energized her.

Next time she returns to California, she'll go back to the benitoite mine, she says now. "It was fun."

Pool, Bob. "California visitor's rare find: A star-shaped piece of benitoite." LA Times 17 Aug. 2013  
[Online] : 1+. Google. Web. 23 Aug. 2013.

### Exhibit: Prehistoric California ~ Opening September 14



Opening September 14<sup>th</sup> is the newest exhibit at the Santa Paula California Oil Museum, titled ***Prehistoric California***. This exhibit will enthrall audiences with fossils and history from California's ancient days, when larger than life animals covered the land. Visitors will see the skulls of some the most famous mega fauna such as the saber tooth cat, dire wolf, a prehistoric camel, horse and the formidable Harlan's ground sloth. Smaller mammals and marine fossils from the Miocene and Pleistocene will also be on display. The specimens on display will be from The Natural History Museum of Los Angeles, the Page Museum (La Brea Tar Pits), Santa Barbara City College, and the Ventura Gem and Mineral Society.

Opening day will be a fun family adventure with multiple hands-on activity stations (approximately 9 – 10 stations), fossil touch tables, and demonstrations offered for the junior paleontologist. At least three of the stations will be outside in the courtyard, including a fossil dig. The rest will be scattered throughout the museum.

Activities on Saturday, September 14th will start at 10am and go until 4pm. **We are looking for volunteers to help man the tables in two hour shifts (or more if you wish!).** Please contact Bonnie Walters, Museum Educator, at [bwalters@spcity.org](mailto:bwalters@spcity.org) or 805.795.9898. Thank you for your assistance!



Properties of certain gemstones are related to signs the zodiac signs or the months of birth. They are known as birthstones. In ancient times, the meaning of these stones was symbolized by their association with events in history. Birthstones are believed to possess energy of the ruling planets they are associated with. They are said to affect the emotional, as well as physical well-being of the wearer. They are also believed to possess healing powers. Gemstones associated with different months have different and special attributes.

### **Sapphire Gemstone**

Sapphire is a favorite all over the world, on account of its availability in vivid colors and its versatility. It is the traditional, as well as the modern birthstone of September. It is also the birthstone of Virgo, the sixth zodiac sign. Sapphire is also considered as the anniversary gem, for the 5th and the 45th years of marriage. Sapphire is one of the four most precious gemstones (the other three being, diamond, ruby and emerald). Along with ruby, it is a variety of the mineral, corundum. It exists in a myriad of colors, including pink, orange and lavender. However, blue sapphire is well-known and also highly prized. The name sapphire is believed to originate from 'sapphirus', the Greek word, meaning blue. It has been found in Sri Lanka, since the 7th century. It is also found in Australia, America, Myanmar, China, Thailand, Kenya, Tanzania and Nigeria. There was a notion, that the Earth is set on sapphire, and hence, the sky is blue. It is also believed that the Ten Commandments, were written on this gemstone. The ancient Egyptians associated sapphire with the 'eye of Horus' (the eye in the sky). It was also popular amongst the Romans, for its beauty. This gemstone was worn by kings, as it was believed to possess the property of wisdom. Whereas, priests used it, as it was also said to symbolize purity. It was used as an antidote for poison and also as a cure for a number of illnesses, in ancient times.

### **Properties**

Blue is the most prominent and popular color of sapphire. It is reminiscent of a cloudless night sky. The color, blue, is associated with trust, loyalty, wisdom, faith, understanding. These are also believed to be the significant properties of sapphire. It is associated with physical and emotional balance. Attributes like wisdom, purity and sympathy are linked with sapphire. It also stands for qualities required in a healthy relationship, like loyalty, faithfulness, truth, sincerity, constancy and reliability. Therefore, it signifies long-term relationships. It is also said to inspire clarity of thoughts and improve problem solving capacity. It is believed to protect the possessor from evil thoughts. In ancient times, it was used to perceive future. Hence, it is also believed, that wearing this stone strengthens the power of intuition.

### **Jewelry**

This stone is nearly as hard as a diamond, durable and easy to handle. The largest sapphire, the Star of India, is of 563 carats and is on display in a museum in New York city. The Kashmir sapphire, velvety blue in color, is considered the most superior variety. All kinds of sapphire jewelry; rings, earrings, necklaces; is available in a variety of enchanting designs. Necklaces or bracelets made using an assortment of sapphires in several colors are popular. As it stands for permanence in relationships, sapphire engagement rings are popular all over the world. There is also a belief, that the luster of the stone in an engagement ring diminishes if the partner is being unfaithful. Sapphire, the September birthstone, will prove to be an excellent gift for your beloved, as it expresses love, longing and respect. The gorgeous, bright blue sapphire will surely be appreciated!

# Digging Season Kick-Off - NIGHT DIG

The Ernst Quarries will be hosting a NIGHT DIG and BBQ on Saturday September 7, 2013, to kick off the 2013/2014 digging season. The price will be \$65, with digging from 6pm to midnight. BBQ will be served from 4:30-5:30pm. Please see the attached flyer for more information, reservations are required and space is limited.

**Slow Curve Activity**  
Come explore Slow Curve with its red and orange teeth in our newly opened **Fire Zone!** Newly cut areas on Slow Curve, and sifting spots are ready to be explored.

## Upcoming Digs with the Buena Vista Museum

The Ernst Quarries has again partnered with the Buena Vista Museum for four upcoming "Palio Digs."

The 2013 dates are:

**October 18-20  
November 15-17  
December 6-8**



## Digging Season Kick Off at The Ernst Quarries

Come join us on  
**Saturday September 7, 2013**  
for a Night Dig and BBQ

See the NEW "Slow Curve" and be the first to look for teeth in newly cut areas  
Reservations Required, BBQ served from 4:30pm-5:30pm  
with Digging from 6pm to Midnight

**\$65 Person - Online Payments Only**

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For more information visit the BV website: [www.sharktoothhill.org](http://www.sharktoothhill.org)

### Our Calendar Has Been Updated

The Ernst Quarries website and calendar at the bottom has been updated. The calendar now has info as far out as early December.

## UPCOMING SHOWS & EVENTS

### Sept. 7 & 8: DOWNEY, CA

Delvers Gem & Mineral Society  
Downey's Women's Club  
9813 Paramount Blvd.  
Corner of Paramount & Lubec  
Hours: Sat. 10-5; Sun 10 -4  
Email: Jon Fults  
[Fults007@gmail.com](mailto:Fults007@gmail.com)

### Sept. 28 & 29: MONTEREY, CA

Carmel Valley Gem & Mineral Society  
Monterey Fairgrounds  
2004 Fairgrounds Rd.  
Hours: Sat: 10-6; Sun 10-5  
Contact: Janis Rovetti (831) 372-1311  
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[www.cvgms.com](http://www.cvgms.com)

## 2013 AFMS/SFMS

*Convention and Show*

### Heavens and Earth

September 18th - 22nd, 2013

Convention Location

### Marriott Jacksonville

4670 Salisbury Road  
Jacksonville, FL 32256  
(904) 296-2222

Show Location

### Morocco Temple

3800 St Johns Bluff Road South  
Jacksonville, FL 32225

### Sept. 21 & 22: REDWOOD CITY, CA

Sequoia Gem & Mineral Society  
Community Activities Building  
1400 Roosevelt Ave.  
Hours: 10 - 5 Daily  
Contact: Preston Bingham  
(650) 368 6351  
Email: [preston.bingham@att.net](mailto:preston.bingham@att.net)

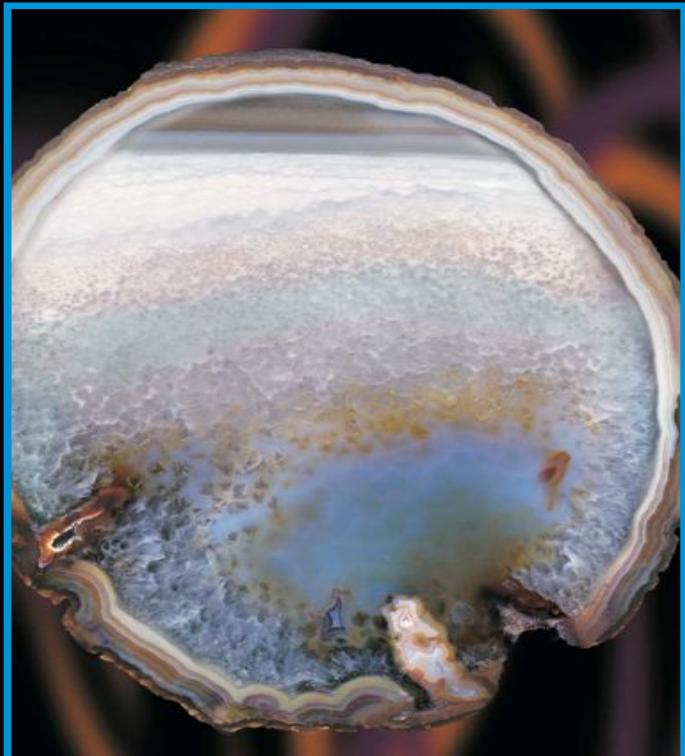
### Sept. 28 & 29: LODI, CA

Stockton Lapidary & Mineral Club  
Lodi Grape Festival Grounds  
413 East Lockeford St.  
Hours: 10-5 Daily  
Contact: Jerold Kyle (209) 368- 9411  
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### October 2 - 6: JOSHUA TREE, CA

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Sportsman's Club of Joshua Tree  
6225 Sunburst Street  
Hours: 9 - 6 daily  
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## OXNARD GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY



Proudly Presents the 44th Annual Galaxy of Gems Expo

**AGATE**  
"NATURAL ART BY DESIGN"

NOVEMBER 16-17, 2013

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## **Oxnard Gem & Mineral Society “Galaxy of Gems” Expo 2013**

We would like to invite you to Exhibit at our 2013 “Galaxy of Gems” Expo.

Our theme this year is “AGATE – Natural Art by Design”. The Show will be held on November 16th & 17th at the Oxnard Performing Arts Center (800 Hobson Way, Oxnard). Set-up times for your case will be Friday, Nov. 15th between 1:00 pm and 9:30 pm and on Saturday before 9:00 am.

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. Your exhibits must remain on display until the end of the expo on Sunday at 4:00 pm.

We would be honored to have you take part in our Show and would appreciate hearing from you as soon as possible. Deadline to submit your Exhibit Form will be Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>. Please fill out and return the below entry form to:

**Oxnard Gem & Mineral Society c/o Brett Johnson**

**5138 Corbina Way**

**Oxnard, CA. 93035**

or email the information below to: **bj9709@yahoo.com**

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**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **TEL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_ **EMAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY:** \_\_\_\_\_ **STATE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP:** \_\_\_\_\_

**WILL EXHIBIT A TOTAL OF \_\_\_\_\_ CASES.**

**WISH TO BORROW \_\_\_\_\_ OGMS CASES. (CASE INSIDES: 46inch x 22inch x 22in)**

**HAVE \_\_\_\_\_ OF MY OWN CASES, THEY ARE \_\_\_\_\_ inch WIDE by \_\_\_\_\_ inch DEEP**

**MY OWN CASES WILL BE: BOX \_\_\_\_\_ OR PONY UPRIGHT \_\_\_\_\_ / FLAT \_\_\_\_\_**

**A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF MY EXHIBITS: \_\_\_\_\_**

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**JOINING FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER? \_\_\_\_\_ HOW MANY IN YOUR PARTY? \_\_\_\_\_**

**DUE TO THE EXTREMELY HIGH INSURANCE PREMIUMS, OXNARD GEM  
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