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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)

OGMS Officers for 2016

President	Donna Knapton
1 st Vice President (Program)	Louisa Carey / Jean pSmith (co-chair)
2 nd Vice President (Show)	Diane Cook
3 rd Vice President (Field trips)	Bob Driskell, Larry Knapton, Adrian Ruiz, Carolyn Howe (co-chair)
Recording Secretary	Laura Driskell
Treasurer	Miriam Tetreault, Stephanie Hagiwara (co-chair)

Appointed Officers

Corresponding Secretary	Laura Driskell e-mail:info@oxnardgem.com
Displays/Exhibits Editor	Open Karen Kish e-mail:info@oxnardgem.com
Education Director	Donna Knapton e-mail:info:@oxnard.com
Federation Director	Louisa Carey
Historian	open
Hospitality	Candy Marshall, Janice Albertsen
Librarian	Carolyn Howe
Member at Large	Adrian Ruiz
Membership Secretary	Carolyn Howe
Public Relations	Norb Tackman
Parliamentarian	Laura Driskell
Pebble Pups	Louisa Carey
Refreshments	Candy Marshall, Laura Driskell
Scholarships	Kay Hara
Sergeant at Arms	Bob Driskell
Ways & Means	Larry Knapton
Webmaster	Stephanie Hagiwara
2016 Show Officers	
Chair	Diane Cook
Publicity	Open
Exhibitors	Open
Vendors	Miriam Tetreault

Classes: Silversmithing & Casting: Nancy Bogart, Jean p-Smith
Lapidary, Opal & Wirewrap: Kay Hara, Brett Johnson
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

President's Corner

Here's the end of another year! The show is being wrapped up and we are heading to the Christmas Dinner and installation of new officers. Looking forward to Adrian's fried turkeys and the ham and Kay's singing group again, as always. This is a meeting to get to know each other a little better and tell everyone about all the things you got accomplished this year and the new wet grinder you want Santa to bring you. This is a fun, relaxed meeting with fellowship with old friends and new. So bring your pot luck dish—the club supplies turkey, ham, drinks and rolls—and your place setting and we will see you there!

Both the old and new board will meet together in the T.O. room on the 15th, so if you are on the incoming or outgoing board, come and help the new members get acquainted with their jobs.

Program for the December Meeting:

Wednesday, December 7th, 2016, Oxnard Gem & Mineral Society will be hosting

Our Annual Holiday Feast & Changing of Officers!

With special guests to sing us into the season too.

The Turkey, Ham, dinner rolls, butter, coffee, and punch will be provided by the Club. We ask that you bring your own place settings and a dish that feeds 4-5 people.

Last Names starting with:

A-H bring Salads

I-P bring Appetizers

Q-Z bring Hot or Cold Meals

When in doubt bring *Desserts*

Come eat and be merry!

The pot luck will be held in the **Ventura** room of the Oxnard Performing Arts Convention Center (800 Hobson Way, Oxnard) at **6:30pm**. We will eat, followed by installment of our new Officers and Committee members, with Entertainment throughout.

Happy Holidays,

Louisa May Carey

VP-OGMS

December Pebble Pups Program

Calling all Pebble Pups!

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Louisa

Family of Gordon DoBell

Our condolences go out to the family of Gordon DoBell. He was a great friend to our club. We had never visited his ranch near Holbrook, AZ that he or Tanya had not made a donation to the club, especially the kids and educational program. He had another heart attack in late June and as his son said "It's a long way to the hospital from here"

He had great quality petrified wood and the best price around. We are happy to say that his son, Noah is going to do his best to carry on the tradition started by Gordon's Dad, before him. Tanya, who most people think should be nominated for the friendliest person in the world, is still very upset, but has a new job and is thinking about moving to town.

Gordon also left 3 children and at least one sibling. Another Rockhound gone to explore Paradise with so many of our friends.

Donna

The Night Before Christmas

(Rockhound style and with apologies)

By *Edna F. Pauli*

Golden Spike Gem and Mineral Society

'Twas the night before Christmas and all through the house
Not a creature was stirring, there wasn't room for a mouse.
With geodes and nodules under table and chair,
A wee little mouse can't squeeze in anywhere.

The children were nestled all snug in their beds
As visions of fossil fish swam through their heads,
And Mother, dreaming of opals and me of a lap,
Had just settled down for a long winter's nap.

When out in the street there 'rose such a clatter,
I jumped out of bed as mad as a hatter,
Stumbled down stairs, two at a time,
Just as our clock tolled its 3 a.m. chime.

I opened the door and took a long look,
The sight that I saw there would make quite a book.
For parking in front with a roar and a squeak,
Was dear old St. Nick in a well-loaded jeep.

He paused just a moment to check his long list
And make doubly certain no one would be missed.
There's agate, onyx, turquoise, and rhodonite,
Carnelian, crystal, sapphire and malachite.

He named every stone I ever had heard,
And my heart was so happy it sang like a bird.
For rocks to a rockhound are really a must
Right next to that stuff labeled, "In God we trust."

It took quite a while to do this little chore,
But as soon as he'd finished, he came straight for our door
And I can't understand, though I've honestly tried,
But before I could turn, he was right there inside.

He spoke not a word but went straight to his work
And I stood there and watched though I felt like
a "jerk,"

For he knew what I wanted more than I did myself
And was wise beyond reason, this right jolly old elf.

The gifts he had brought were trips for next year,
And the making of new friends from far and near,
The singing of old songs around campfires bright,
And being with the gang every rock meeting night.

He picked up his pack and prepared to depart
And I gave him my thanks from the bottom of my heart.
For friendship we know is a wonderful gem,
And the principal key to Peace Among Men.

He sprang to his jeep, and stepped on the gas
And left 'mid the snowflakes which sparkled like glass,
But I heard him exclaim as he drove out of sight,
"Happy Christmas Rockhounds and to all a good night."



Via Wikipedia

Field Trips

DECEMBER

DEC 3 [Clear Creek \(OGMS\)](#) Oxnard Gem & Mineral Society, Field Trips
Dec 3 - Dec 4 · 1 guest Oxnard

The 2016 OGMS Show

This year's OGMS Show was a very successful endeavor. We had some very clever demonstrators attending this year as always. We had so many great vendors that supplied tools for the kind of work we do, and choices of beautiful stones to bring home. The sales and booths went off without any difficulties. People won prizes with the tickets they purchased. It was a great show overall!



Camp zzyzx

CFMS Earth Science Study Camps

We invite you to join us at the Earth Science Seminar being held at the Desert Studies Center, Soda Springs (Zzyzx) located approximately 50 miles Northeast of Barstow, CA. Off I-15 at Zzyzx Rd. Facilities are rustic, dormitory style rooms with bed, mattress & desk. Cleaning is the occupant's responsibility. You must bring bed linen or sleeping bag, and any creature comforts you may desire i.e. lamp, throw rug, ice chest. RV parking is approximately 1/4 mile from the Center and has no facilities of any kind. All restrooms and showers are in separate buildings at the center and are communal. The Earth Science Committee reserves the right to accept or deny applications as they deem appropriate. This area is designated by the Government as a Desert Studies Center; consequently, **NO PETS ARE ALLOWED**. A limited number of reservations are available and an early application is recommended. Subject to change these classes will be offered: **LAPIDARY, BEADING, WIRE ART, FIELD TRIPS, SILVER FABRICATION, ADVANCED WIRE ART, PRECIOUS METAL CLAY, SOFT STONE CARVING, FACETING, ALTERNATIVE CASTING**. The fee for the week is \$400.00 per person and includes quarters or RV space, three meals per day, and classes. Additional charges may be assessed for material furnished by instructors. **IF YOU USE YOUR RV YOU CAN SAVE \$50.00 / Day Trippers Cost is \$200 for the week NO CANCELLATIONS AFTER MARCH 1, 2017 unless a replacement is provided. A \$25.00 Administration Fee will be assessed for cancellations prior to March 1, 2017. Please complete the Registration form and Mail with full payment; Payable to CFMS MAIL APPLICATION TO: AUDREY HARVEY 3363 Tuxford Place Thousand Oaks, CA 91360 805-492-2253**

CAMP ZZYZX

MARCH 26TH – APRIL 1ST, 2017

FOR INFORMATION ONLY CONTACT: Marion Roberts 209-538-0197 email: mvroberts1@comcast.net REGISTRATION FORM DEADLINE MARCH 1, 2017 Applications received after this date will be placed on a stand-by list and considered only when a vacancy exists. Please use block printing: (A) Mr. Mrs.

Ms _____ (B) Mr.
 Mrs. Ms _____
 Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Phone _____ E-Mail _____

ROOM ASSIGNMENT FOR SINGLE APPLICANTS ONLY. RV ___ DORM ___ Day Tripper ___ ROOM REQUEST FOR MEDICAL OR PHYSICAL REASONS. PLEASE DESCRIBE _____ SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS ___ DIABETIC ___ OTHER ___ EXPLAIN _____ DO NOT

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COPROLITE FOSSILS

Coprolites form in much the same way as any other fossil - the original organic material is infused with water containing dissolved minerals, and as the minerals crystallize, the original material is slowly replaced by stone. Most people, when handed a coprolite for the first time, go and sniff it as their first impulse. But it smells of nothing but stone, because that's all it is now, technically speaking. Coprolites are at a disadvantage from the start in the fossil-forming process. Generally speaking, the quicker to decay an object is, the less likely it is to successfully fossilize. Fossilization takes time, and if the whole thing rots before it can finished, well, no fossil.

[1]. That's why hard and durable objects, such as bones and teeth, are much more common fossils than soft tissues, or coprolites. Coprolites were first identified as what they actually are, by a woman named Mary Anning (21 May 1799 – 9 March 1847). Mary Anning was a fossil collector and paleontologist from southern England, and noticed these odd stones inside the abdominal areas of the ichthyosaur fossils she was collecting. When she broke them open, she noticed they had fragments of fossilized fish bones and scales. In 1829, Anning's observations led a geologist named William Buckland to propose that these stones were the digested remnants of the dinosaurs' last meals, and he gave them the name of coprolites. Those fossil fragments inside coprolites contain a wealth of scientific information, for anyone who really wants to look closely. The kinds of fossils contained in the coprolite can tell us a lot about the environment the creature was living in, by what it found in the area to eat. It also reveals the creature's preferred food sources, such as whether it was an herbivore or a carnivore, and sometimes it will even reveal what parasites plagued its creator. And, yes, we have Coprolite from Madagascar, presumed to have been left by a giant turtle. The Rockhounder learn a lot about its intestinal systems. That's pretty much a given. The challenge, of course, is in determining exactly which species of creature left a particular coprolite behind. In some cases, when there are a lot of fossilized remains of a particular animal around, it's easy to make a good guess. And in some cases, as with Mary Anning's fossils, the coprolites were petrified while still within the animal's body. But with a more isolated coprolite specimen, it can be very difficult. Early human settlements left the occasional coprolite as well, so they have archaeological value as well as geological value. As it turns out, we can learn about our own history from them. A human coprolite found in a cave in Oregon revealed the existence of a long-lost 13,000-year-old society

[2]And a research team from the University of Colorado, studying an ancient Anansi settlement in Colorado known as Cowboy Wash, uncovered human remains showing what they believed to be evidence of cannibalism. They tested a coprolite found nearby, and discovered it contained a protein only found in human muscle tissue, confirming their theory

[3].Oddly enough, coprolites from dinosaurs and other prehistoric beasts are often used in jewelry. Due to the mineralization, many of them have bright and beautiful coloration. And, well, you get a great answer to give when someone says, "Ooh, what a pretty necklace! What stone is that?" Some people may think coprolites are disgusting, but like any other fossil, they're also windows into a lost and wondrous past on this planet.

Sources:

[1] <http://discovermagazine.com/1996/jun/whatthedinosaurs786>

[2] <http://www.foxnews.com/scitech/2012/07/12/fossilized-human-feces-hints-at-long-lost-13500-year-old-west-coast-culture/>

[3] <http://www.smithsonianmag.com/people-places/anasazi.html?c=y&story=fullstory> via Rockhound Times article at <http://www.rockhoundtimes.com/coprolites.html>

Source: *File:Coprolites with Inclusions.jpg* - <https://en.wikipedia.org>



Crafted by Bob and Karen Kish

Minutes

Minutes of the November 2016 OGMS Board Meeting

Minutes of the OGMS Show Meeting 11/10/16 OPACC

Call to order 6:10 p.m. Diane Cook, Show Chair, presiding

Attendees: Diane Cook, Donna Knapton, Larry Knapton, Laura Driskell, Carolyn Howe, Stephanie Hagiwara, Kay Hara, John Cook, Bob Driskell, Barbara Reinhart, Paulette Mireles.

Program: Bob Driskell will update the PDF of the program, based on the 2014 program, with new info. He will take the file on a thumb drive to a printer, or email to an officer for printing.

Hospitality: Class brochures and club brochures, should be on the hospitality table. Stephanie wants to put up signs directing show-goers to the website for classes.

Publicity: Miriam has printed up 1,250 paper flyers, which are available for hand-outs.

Next year's show flyer is a color postcard, with mailing information in the back. Diane proposed that we have 5,000 printed so we can hand them out at all the shows coming up. We can put cards out at the Hospitality and Raffle tables, and at the "resting" tables in both rooms. The cards will need to be placed in sealed boxes with slots at the top, for the security of information. The show is on Eventbrite, an event listing site. The VC Star information is not up to date, so John Cook will help get our info listed. Banners were printed up for a small fee, however, the city requires a permit now to put banners on public or private property. Donna and Larry will put up a couple and see how it goes.

Education: Some Girl Scout and Boy Scout troops are coming to the show, and they need to fill out their paleontology booklets before the show, in order to earn their paleontology badge. Diane said that she asked Steve Mulqueen of VGMS to attend the show, so he can answer basic geology questions. Packets are ready for teachers, but not the rocks, and the activities are almost all ready.

Exhibitors: Diane has 41 exhibitors signed up. More are needed.

Kids booth: Louisa will have a parent to help, and some kids. She will need a couple of volunteers to rotate in and give others a break. The specimens for the kid rock bags have been labeled and packed. Louisa will host a rock stuffing party at her house on Monday, Nov. 14. Any members that want to help are invited to be there after 11 a.m. An email will go out with address and directions.

Silent Auction: There will be enough material for the auction, thanks to Bob Backus.

Raffle: Tickets are for sale now, and Kay needs prize donations.

Plants: Carolyn will have nice plants to sell, including donations from Backus'. Carolyn will need a couple of helpers to rotate in and help.

Sales: The sales booth takes up a lot of room at hospitality. Stephanie Hagiwara said she can run the sales booth, so T-shirts and hats will be at the back of the hall. There will need to be a couple of volunteers to rotate in and help with sales. Brett Johnson was asked for the banners that he printed up last year. Inventory and pricing for shirts, bags, posters needed.

Trailer: Diane and John looked at the trailer in storage, and it needs to be pulled out away from the wall in order to get into the back door.

Memorial case suggestions: Fred Ward's collection of gem books in a case, a small memorial in a case for donators.

Food: 27 Exhibitors have RSVPd for Friday dinner. Need sign ups for sheet cakes and jello salad for the dinner.

Meeting adjourned, 7:33 p.m. by Diane Cook.

Respectfully submitted, November 10, 2016

Laura Driskell, Recording Secretary

Minutes of the OGMS Board Meeting 11/10/16

Call to order, 7:35 p.m., Donna Knapton, presiding

Meeting minutes from October: motion by Bob Driskell to accept minutes as printed in the Rock Bag. Motion seconded, passed.

Federation: John Cook will attend the Federation meeting in Visalia for OGMS. John Cook will continue to be the Federation representative for OGMS in 2017. Louisa ordered the triangles and bars for the end of the year.

Program: December meeting is holiday potluck. Turkeys will be cooked by Adrian Ruiz and Driskells will cook Ham. An email will go out for volunteers to sign up to bring dishes.

Show: Meeting just held. Diane will call restaurants regarding Saturday dinner for the group.

Field Trips: One trip in November, one in December. Both are on the OGMS website, www.oxnardgem.com. Bob Driskell requested reimbursement for the scouting mileage.

Treasurer: Bills and deposits discussed. Motion by Diane Cook to pay bills, seconded and passed.

Membership: We have 65 members, 15 Juniors. Dues are due for 2017.

Editor: Discussion regarding SCRIBE. Stephanie will renew the subscription for one seat, and share with Editor.

Refreshments: Next month's refreshments will be served at the potluck.

Ways & Means earned \$59 last week for the General fund. In January, funds will be needed for Tucson.

Classes: Current session is ongoing. Jean will forward information to the Corresponding Secretary. Torch-fire enameling class will be held at the end of the session.

Scholarship: CSUCI scholarship was awarded, and candidate is invited to the show.

Old Business: Displays & Exhibits chair is still open.

New Business: The By-Law Committee review information should be re-printed for all to review. Discussion regarding the review committee, and what we need to approve for later.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m., by Donna Knapton
Respectfully submitted, November 30, 2016
Laura Driskell, Recording Secretary

December Birthstone is Tanzanite



Source: *File:Zoïsite (Tanzanite).jpg* -
<https://en.wikipedia.org>



Source: *File:Trichroic Tanzanite Crystal - violet & burgundy.jpg* -
<https://en.wikipedia.org>

Minutes of the OGMS General Meeting, November 2016

Minutes of the OGMS General Meeting, November 2, 2016, OPACC

Meeting called to order, 7:30 p.m. Donna Knapton, presiding.
Pledge of Allegiance led by Bob Driskell.
Ways & Means (Larry Knapton) provided welcome gifts for the guests.

Minutes: Donna Knapton asked for motion to approve October meeting minutes. Motion by Lee Leighton, to accept minutes as published in Rock Bag. Motion seconded, passed.

1st VP: Program tonight is show setup. December program is Holiday Potluck.
Field Trips: November trip is Gem Hill in Rosamond. Info on table and website.
Membership: We still have 65 adults, 15 Pups. Member dues are due now.
Treasurer: We are solvent, bills paid.
PP: Louisa gone, Knaptons ran meeting.
Federation: Field trip posted for Nov. 5th, Cady Mountains.
Library: Will be turned over to new Librarian, Kathy.
Education: Working on show.
Scholarship: CSUCI awarded and recipient invited to holiday potluck.
Refreshments tonight: Carolyn H, Laura D, and Bonnie Thannum. Next month: Potluck at 6:30, bring a side dish and your place settings.

Old Business: Nominations and Elections. Donna passed out a list of nominated officers. Corrections to the list: Donna Knapton continues as President, Adrian Ruiz is not Historian, Janice Albertsen is Hospitality. Donna asked for a motion to accept the slate of officers; Kay Hara moved, Bob Driskell seconded, motion passed.

During break, Ways & Means held raffle drawing while refreshments and silent auction went on. Lee Leighton won Arkansas quartz in the badge drawing, while John Cook won the Bonus drawing of a carved jasper unicorn. Congratulations to all the winners.

PROGRAM: Diane Cook presented a slide show on Gem Show setup through teardown. Each part of the procedure was covered, and volunteers were requested. Sign-ups for Friday cake were taken. More exhibitors are needed – please sign up!

Announcements: 1. Show meeting at 6 p.m. next Thursday 11/10, followed by Board Meeting at 7 p.m.
2. December 7th General meeting, Holiday Potluck, 6:30 p.m.
3. OGMS is invited to attend Jewel Tunnel with VGMS, December 3rd and 10th. Must take badge to prove membership. Watch for more info.

Meeting adjourned by Donna Knapton, 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, November 30, 2016
Laura Driskell, Recording Secretary

Application for Lou & Marie Haake Scholarship

Mr./Mrs./Ms. _____

E-Mail address: _____ Phone: _____

Mailing address: _____

Are you a member in good standing with O.G.M.S. at this time? Yes () No () When does the session you are applying for start? _____

How much is the Tuition for the class you are applying for? _____

Have you had any other training in the field you are applying for, such as classes? _____

Have you done service to O.G.M.S.? Example: Held office, Worked on Committees, Volunteered on work days (Show, getting Durley ready, rock boxes, etc.)

What would you like us to know when considering your application? _____

Lou & Marie Haake Scholarship Guidelines

1. Applicant must be a current OGMS member in good standing.
2. Submit a written application form to the nominating committee in a timely manner. Deadlines will be put forth for each scholarship to be awarded and end at midnight of the due date.
3. Shall not have any formal training in the class they are applying for (self-taught is the exception). Entry level classes **only** are qualified.
4. Scholarship candidates are aware there are chemicals, metals, large machinery, lack of ramps etc. Due to limited finances of O.G.M.S. we cannot accommodate special needs. Applicant is required to sign our Liability Waiver. Applicant must become familiar with all the class safety rules and the general shop rules.
5. We will only consider application for one scholarship per term, per person.
6. At the discretion of the nominating committee, the scholarship may be awarded to multiple applicants in one scholarship term.
7. The instructor of the pertinent class will have the final say in the entry and continued attendance of any individual into their class.
8. Disruptive behavior can be cause for dismissal at the determination of the instructor.
9. The scholarship winner will forfeit the remainder of the class if two consecutive classes are missed, without extenuating circumstances.
10. Service to the club will be a consideration in the applicant's favor, which would include: holding an office or committee obligation or regular attendance at club "work" activities such as the show and/or show preparation.
11. If the successful applicant cannot attend the class session applied for they forfeit the scholarship and must reapply for any later session. The scholarship may not be transferred to another term or person by the applicant.

**We would like to take this
opportunity to
Wish all of our members a very
Merry Christmas, Happy
Holidays, And a
Happy and Prosperous New
Year!**



Via Wikipedia