

The Rock Bag

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

The Oxnard Gem & Mineral Society is a member of the State of California Federation of Mineralogical Society and the National Federation of Mineralogical Society.

Meeting held: 1st Wednesday of each month at 7:30 P.M. Potlucks: 6:30 P.M.

Pebble Pups meet each month at 6:00 P.M. prior to the meeting

Place: Performing Arts Center, 800 Hobson Way, Oxnard, CA (Thousand Oaks Room)

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

OGMS Officers for 2016

President	Donna Knapton
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2 nd Vice President (Show)	Diane Cook
3 rd Vice President (Field trips)	Bob Driskell, John Cook, Adrian Ruiz, Carolyn Howe
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Corresponding Secretary	Laura Driskell
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Ways & Means	Larry Knapton

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

Another busy month behind us! I am really glad to see the return of our Rockbag! Way to go, Karen!

We spent a week in Tucson in February exploring the newest and the best of the mineral world. We made the last half day of the Western Look Show with the “Crème de la Crème” of the best minerals in the world. Not only are the minerals the most beautiful, a good many cost more than my house! We made several trips to Electric Park, the 22nd St. Show and the old Inn Suites (Tucson City Center) and checked out the Hotel Row shops. We went to the Main Show on Thursday. Steve Mulqueen came with us and we meet our oldest son, Mark (Megan's Dad) and LeeAnne. It is great to see a big show through the eyes of a “newby”. The awe and enthusiasm is so much fun to see. We have a great hobby! We had a long talk with Thomas Nagin about the new season of “Mineral Explorers” which sounds great and starts in August. The downside, we all ended up sick—was it the dealer from India, the hagglers from Morroco or maybe the fellow from Australia. The world is in Tucson! Lots of new and sometimes exciting things for our hobby! Something new for our collection, something new for the club!



March Program

We will have a LuNeal Silent Auction along with a Program from our Library.

March Pebble Pups

Program Calling all Pebble Pups!

Dinosaurs!

We are at chapter three on Dinosaurs. Very exciting stuff! Come finish your dioramas, and see what is next on the history trail of the biggest things to roam the earth. Don't worry if you missed the first or second chapters. Pebble Pups always has room for new pups to jump into the fun. Newcomers always welcome and never go home empty handed. The meeting will be held in the Thousand Oaks room of the Oxnard Performing Arts Convention Center (800 Hobson Way, Oxnard) the first Wednesday of the month at 6:00pm

Rocks ROCK!

Louisa

Local Gem & Mineral Shows

March 5 - 6: VENTURA, CA

Ventura Gem & Mineral Society
Ventura County Fairgrounds
10 West Harbor Blvd.
Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4
Contact: Show Chair, (805) 312-8467
Email: info@VGMS.org

April 16 & 17 THOUSAND OAKS, CA

Conejo Gem & Mineral Club
Borchard Park Community Center
190 Reino Road @ Borchard Road
Hours: 10am – 5pm Daily
Rob Sankovich (805) 494-7734
rmsorca@roadrunner.com
www.cgamc.org

Membership

Time to pay Membership Dues!

If your dues are not paid by April 1st, you will then be dropped for the Rock Bag.

So, make sure your dues make it to Carolyn.

Field Trips

OGMS Clear Creek December 2015

I went up early on Friday to do some reconnaissance on the area and to set out the guide markers. The day was partially overcast and very windy. It had rained the night before and I was worried that the road in might be muddy or flooded out. To my pleasant surprise, most of the ground had dried and it made for very little dust. The road was very well maintained and the weather was perfect for outdoor activity. At approximately the 6 mile mark driving in from the area entrance, Clear Creek road made a button-hook straight up the canyon wall. I decided to try and go up this road as far as I could (safely) alone. The road was steep in spots, very narrow and during its entirety fraught with serpentine curves and hairpins. 6 miles later I found myself at the summit of the Diablo Range within eye-shot of Idria. Idria is a closed mercury mine which has been declared a "Super-fund" site for cleanup.

The entire way in I was passing some very interesting specimens of what looked like serpentine and jadeite on the roadside. A bit further down the other side of the peak and I found a location that had a small fence and a large cave above it on what looked like an old access ramp. There were several pieces of what looked like chrysocolla blended with Serpentine, most covered in a yellowish honey-combed crust. I dutifully loaded a couple of small chunks, and one rather large chunk into the Jeep to bring back and use as examples for the following day's excursion. At this point the sun was moving rapidly toward the horizon so I decided to head back to Coalinga and dinner!

I was pleasantly surprised to find Bub (Howard) Keith of the Mariposa club camped in the room 2 doors down at Laura Lodge. I had met Bub and his wife during a trip a couple of years back to Lavic Siding. We hooked up and headed to The Michoacán Restaurant for dinner. Bub shared that he had gone just a bit further toward Idria and found another spot for collecting so we put that on the trip agenda. All was well in Coalinga.

Saturday found the air outside a cool 41° in Coalinga. We left town around 7am in our separate vehicles and made our way to the rendezvous location at Clear Creek. Near the meet spot my thermometer read 23° so it was definitely chilly! The road was frosted in spots, and there was a tundra-like covering on many of the grassy clearings along the way. Our designated staging area was Oak Flats Campground and we had 5 in attendance: Eric Stokes (Conejo), Howard Keith (Mariposa), Thomas Retzer (Guest), David Springer (Ventura), and myself, Bob Driskell (OGMS/ VGMS). I did a brief show & tell about what to look for and we headed up Clear Creek road to staging area 5. An interesting footnote: the creek was actually frozen in most places where it crossed the road! We collected 45 minutes in Clear Creek streambed, and compared notes. There was some nice serpentine and what looked like jadeite, but to a man we all wanted to head up top for the "good stuff". Adios streambed!

I lead the team tracing my steps from the previous day, and we made it to the first collecting area without mishap. To say the least, everyone was excited! The collecting near where we parked was excellent, but up top where the cave and outcropping was, turned out to be even better! To a man, we all collected up to hundreds of pounds of mixed-quality Plasma Agate, much of which was suitable for lapidary. The colors ranged from bright turquoise-blue to forest green and honey-yellow. Many samples were flecked and streaked with red cinnabar highlights. After 2+ hours of slogging up and down, digging and loading, we decided to take a short food break, and head to site 3.

At the final stop, Bub mentioned that he had spotted a large "yard rock" of Plasma agate that he needed help with. Once we finished filling our vehicles with all we could carry, we headed to Bub's Boulder and gang manhandled the large rock into the bed of his truck. This marked the final specimen collected, and we all packed up to leave. To say the least, we were all very satisfied. I checked back in to the Laura Lodge and settled in for the night.

The California Gemstone Mine was scheduled for Sunday, and I had reserved at least 4 spots. As it turned out, I was the only one who intended to go, so I made a judgement call and cancelled the reservation. On Sunday morning I gathered up my stuff and headed home. The drive was very pleasant and there was no traffic to speak of.

While not the highest attendance trip of the year, I feel that the Clear Creek trip was probably my favorite trip of 2015. The location was beautiful, the weather was pleasant, and the material was out of this world. I am planning to make another Field Trip in early 2016 to Clear Creek, armed with more knowledge of where and how to get the "good stuff". Keep an eye out for this trip, you won't regret it.

Bob Driskell

**California Federation of
Mineralogical Societies, Inc.**

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Description:</u>	<u>Field Trip Sponsor:</u>
Sat., Mar 26	Lavic Siding, CA , for Lavic jasper, which can come in a multitude of colors and can be brecciate, layered or solid with veins of white, black or blue agate. <u>DETAILS</u>	CFMS Field Trips-South
Apr 1 - 5	Owens Valley, CA area for copper related minerals, quartz and other crystals, gold, amazonite, blue beryl, and more! <u>OVERVIEW</u> <u>DETAILS (1)</u> <u>DETAILS (2)</u>	CFMS Field Trips-North/South
Apr 29 – May 1	Topaz Mtn., North west of Delta, UT , for topaz crystals, bixbite (red beryl), pseudobrookite crystals, and hematite crystals. Attend all or any of the 3 days. <u>DETAILS</u>	CFMS Field Trips-North. Hosted by Roseville Rock Rollers Gem & Mineral Society

"Blast from the Past"

Here are pictures for the "Blast from the Past" part of the Rock Bag. This is from an Arizona trip in Oct. 2011 that went to Rock Art Ranch and Dobell's petrified wood ranch. Pictured are Brian Miller, Brett, two unidentified boys, Steve Mulqueen (Ventura) in back, Mike Miller (Conejo), Donna Knapton, Megan King, and Brett Johnson.



Poster Contest

We Want You!



To enter the

“Ventura Rocks the Nation”

To publicize the 2017 CFMS-AFMS Show & Convention taking place at the Ventura County Fairgrounds in June of 2017.

Send your design as an electronic attachment to:

Diane Cook at info@vgms.org

Poster Contest

Please include both a full poster design and a companion flyer design directly tied to the elements in your larger poster (for crafting 3.25 x 4.5 postcard-sized fliers)

Winner will received two (2) free banquet tickets to the 2017 show Awards Banquet on Saturday night and a Certificate of Acknowledgement during the Awards Ceremony.

DUE DATE: June 1, 2016

Show will be held in Ventura 2017

Minutes

Minutes of the OGMS General Meeting, February 3, 2016

Meeting called to order at 7:35 pm, Donna Knapton, presiding.

Adrian Ruiz led Pledge of Allegiance.

Hospitality: We had 3 guests. They received gifts from Ways & Means.

Recording Secretary: January Meeting Minutes emailed to members. Miriam Tetreault moved to approve the January minutes as presented. Motion seconded, passed.

Co-Treasurer: Miriam Tetreault reports the club is solvent, bills are paid.

1st VP, Programs: Louisa and Jean, Feb. program is TBA.

2nd VP, Show: Last month, the result of the member poll was "Feldspar", which means we all need to dig out our best examples of labradorite, moonstone, and other feldspar specimens.

3rd VP, Field trips: Feb. 14th, Tajiguas Beach with Ron Wise; March 12, Castle Butte with Bob Driskell.

Corresponding Sec: Laura states that mail included membership renewals, newsletters, coupons.

Membership: Dues are due! New membership applications to be approved next week.

Federation: 2016 CFMS show coming up fast. Lodging will be crowded, so make reservations now.

Pebble Pups: Second month of Dinosaur Program, with dioramas built by the Knaptons.

Education: Donna Knapton, Tri-Club Education Committee met; doing inventory of rock boxes for schools, and need a source of books for donations.

Library: is not out due to the LuNeal Silent Auction.

Displays & Exhibits: Need a person to do the exhibits; the case is with Brett Johnson.

Refreshments: Thanks to the February snack volunteers, Janet B and Jamie P. Please remember to "Feed the Kitty", for punch and coffee purchase. March volunteers: Carolyn Howe and Nancy Bogart.

Classes: Advanced Silver starts Feb. 15th. The attendance is low on Wednesday, as with Jr.

Lapidary on Fridays. Wire wrap starts new session on Saturday.

Historian: Still needs to scan items and condense boxes.

Old Business: Found 10 old patches and 3 vests in one of the closets in the meeting room. Bought denim for vests.

Accounting audit was completed, and results will be reported to Board next week.

New Business: None

Ways & Means: Door prizes for the guests. Drawing prize tickets available during break. Badge Drawing won by Jean pSmith, and Bonus Drawing won by Louisa Carey. (Ways and Means made \$83 from LuNeal Auction tonight.)

After Refreshments and W&M drawing: Tonight's Program is National Geographic presents Death Valley. This DVD came from the Ventura County Library, and can be checked out there.

Announcements: Health Watch for members Anne Lewis, Janice Albertsen, Candy Marshall, and Carla Leighton.

Upcoming Events: Ventura Show, first weekend of March. Conejo Show in April. Next General meeting March 2, 2016.

There being no further business, Donna Knapton Adjourned the meeting at 9:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Driskell, Recording Secretary, February 20, 2016.

PAGEANT OF A THOUSAND GEMS

42th Annual Show, Exhibitor Invitation

April 16th & 17th 2016

The Conejo Gem & Mineral Club cordially invites you to be a Exhibitor at our coming show, "Pageant of a Thousand Gems", to be held at Borchard Park, 190 Reino Road, Newbury Park, There will be club member guards on duty at all times, but the club does not provide insurance coverage or responsibility for the loss or damage to your property or equipment. We will serve dinner at 6:00 p.m. Friday night for all demonstrators, exhibitor and workers. Camping is available and is Set up: Friday, April 15th 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Show: Saturday, April 16th 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Sunday, April 17th 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. All exhibits must remain on display until the show closes on Sunday at 5:00 p.m. Please Fill in the form below and return it to us by March 31, 2016. If you have a special request or need additional information, please call us at 805-358-3035 or 805-494-7734.

Thanks!

Diane Grizard or Deb Sankovich
1630 Charmy Ct. 1961 Havenwood Drive
Moorpark, CA 93021 Thousand Oaks, CA 91362
805-358-3035, 805-582-7451 (805) 494-7734

Kevin_and_Diane@msn.com sankovichdeb@yahoo.com

(Detach on above line and save for your record)

EXHIBITOR _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____

STATE _____

ZIP _____

PHONE _____

CLUB _____

DO YOU NEED TO BORROW A CASE? YES _____

NO _____

(Limited number available)

IS YOUR CASE UPRIGHT? _____

FLAT _____

NUMBER OF CASES _____

WIDTH OF CASE: _____

HEIGHT OF CASE: _____

DEPTH OF CASE: _____

TYPE OF EXHIBIT(S) _____

WILL YOU JOIN US FOR DINNER ON FRIDAY NIGHT? YES/NO, HOW MANY? _____

Mojave Trails

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BARACK OBAMA, President of the United States of America, by the authority vested in me by section 320301 of title 54, United States Code, hereby proclaim the objects identified above that are situated upon lands and interests in lands owned or controlled by the Federal Government to be the Mojave Trails National Monument (monument) and, for the purpose of protecting those objects, reserve as part thereof all lands and interests in lands owned or controlled by the Federal Government within the boundaries described on the accompanying map, which is attached to and forms a part of this proclamation. These reserved Federal lands and interests in lands encompass approximately 1.6 million acres. The boundaries described on the accompanying map are confined to the smallest area compatible with the proper care and management of the objects to be protected.

All Federal lands and interests in lands within the boundaries of the monument are hereby appropriated and withdrawn from all forms of entry, location, selection, sale, or other disposition under the public land laws, from location, entry, and patent under the mining laws, and from disposition under all laws relating to mineral and geothermal leasing, other than by exchange that furthers the protective purposes of the monument or disposal for the limited purpose of providing materials for repairing or maintaining roads and bridges within the monument consistent with care and management of the objects identified above.

The establishment of the monument is subject to valid existing rights. If the Federal Government acquires any lands or interests in lands not owned or controlled by the Federal Government within the boundaries described on the accompanying map, such lands and interests in lands shall be reserved as a part of the monument, and objects identified above that are situated upon those lands and interests in lands shall be part of the monument, upon acquisition of ownership or control by the Federal Government.

The Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) shall manage the monument through the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) as a unit of the National Landscape Conservation System, pursuant to applicable legal authorities, to protect the objects identified above.

For purposes of the care and management of the objects identified above, the Secretary, through the BLM, shall within 3 years of the date of this proclamation prepare and maintain a management plan for the monument and shall provide for maximum public involvement in the development of that plan including, but not limited to, consultation with tribal, State, and local governments.

Nothing in this proclamation shall be construed to preclude the renewal or assignment of, or interfere with the operation or maintenance of, or with the replacement, modification, or upgrade within or adjacent to an existing authorization boundary of, existing flood control, utility, pipeline, or telecommunications facilities that are located within the monument in a manner consistent with the care and management of the objects identified above. Existing flood control, utility, pipeline, or telecommunications facilities located within the monument may be expanded, and new facilities may be constructed within the monument, but only to the extent consistent with the care and management of the objects identified above.

The Secretary shall work with appropriate State officials to ensure the availability of water resources, including groundwater resources, needed for monument purposes.

Except for emergency or authorized administrative purposes, motorized vehicle use in the monument shall be permitted only on roads existing as of the date of this proclamation.

Non-motorized mechanized vehicle use shall be permitted only on roads and trails designated for their use consistent with the care and management of the objects identified above. The Secretary shall prepare a transportation plan that designates the roads and trails where motorized or non-motorized mechanized vehicle use will be permitted.

Laws, regulations, and policies followed by the BLM in issuing and administering grazing permits or leases on lands under its jurisdiction, including provisions specific to the California Desert Conservation Area, shall continue to apply with regard to the lands in the monument, consistent with the care and management of the objects identified above.

Nothing in this proclamation shall be deemed to enlarge or diminish the jurisdiction of the State of California, including its jurisdiction and authority with respect to fish and wildlife management.

Nothing in this proclamation shall preclude low level overflights of military aircraft, the designation of new units of special use airspace, the use or establishment of military flight training routes over the lands reserved by this proclamation, or related military uses, consistent with the care and management of the objects identified above.

Nothing in this proclamation shall alter the Department of Defense's use of the Restricted Airspace established by the Federal Aviation Administration. Further, nothing in this proclamation shall preclude (i) air or ground access for existing or new electronic tracking and communications; (ii) landing and drop zones; and (iii) readiness and training by the U.S. Armed Services, Joint and Coalition forces, including training using motorized vehicles both on and off road, in accordance with applicable interagency agreements.

Nothing in this proclamation shall be construed to alter the authority or responsibility of any party with respect to emergency response activities within the monument, including wildland fire response.

Nothing in this proclamation shall be deemed to enlarge or diminish the rights of any Indian tribe. The Secretary shall, to the maximum extent permitted by law and in consultation with Indian tribes, ensure the protection of Indian sacred sites and cultural sites in the monument and provide access to the sites by members of Indian tribes for traditional cultural and customary uses, consistent with the American Indian Religious Freedom Act (42 U.S.C. 1996) and Executive Order 13007 of May 24, 1996 (Indian Sacred Sites).

Nothing in this proclamation shall be deemed to revoke any existing withdrawal, reservation, or appropriation; however, the monument shall be the dominant reservation.

Warning is hereby given to all unauthorized persons not to appropriate, injure, destroy, or remove any feature of the monument and not to locate or settle upon any of the lands thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twelfth day of February, in the year of our Lord two thousand sixteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and fortieth.

BARACK OBAMA

Sorry to say we will not be able to enjoy the Mojave Desert anymore.



Help Louisa Carey with her School Equipment

THE STORY:

Louisa Carey is one of THOSE people. You probably know someone that burns the candle at both ends and maybe in the middle too? That's Louisa. She works ALL the time, AND takes courses in Gemology, AND leads an awesome kids gem and mineral group (Pebble Pups) for Oxnard Gem & Mineral Society. She also holds a board position there- and has done so for many years. One of her duties is to attend CFMS meetings in various parts of California- which means devoting long weekends and driving hundreds of miles to do so. Louisa is also dog mom to a sweet little border collie named Harley, who is with Louisa wherever she goes. Now add to this that Louisa is also single, and tries to fit in some personal time once in a while, and you will see just how densely packed her life is! She is getting closer to completing her Graduate Gemologist degree, but mentioned the other day that it can be slow going because sometimes she has to borrow equipment to get the work done. So in order to help make Louisa's life a little easier, some of the OGMS members decided that we would set up a fund raiser to help her purchase some of the tools that will make her life easier. The GIA website shows some of equipment that the students can purchase and it is kind of pricey! However, the students get a good discount, so we figure that \$2000 should be able to get her a good selection of gear. So if you are a friend of Louisa's or an OGMS club member, Pebble Pup parent or someone that wants to see a very cool, hard-working gal succeed, please donate what you can!

<https://www.crowdrise.com/loisacareysgraduategemologistequipmentfund>

