



## Birthdays

Jeannie Beattie  
January 2nd

Tom Gastineau  
January 4th

Jules London  
January 7th

Pat Nuernberg  
January 11th

Jim Curriden  
January 20th

Wes Wilson  
January 21st

Kathy Holst  
January 23rd

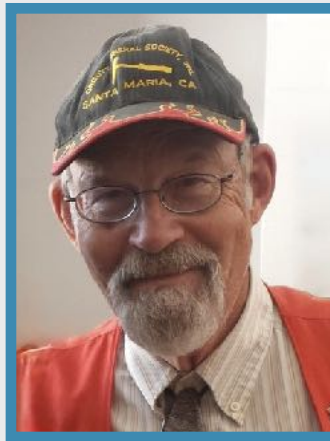
Lisa Casillas  
January 26th

Elaine Von Achen  
January 30th

## Anniversaries

Don and Silvia Nasholm  
January 10th

## The Prez Box - January 2026



I want to begin by thanking Joe for leading our club for the past two years. I feel the club has prospered under his guidance, and our membership has grown. Many other members have contributed to our success, and (those folks who came to the Annual Meeting) saw many of those as our outgoing and incoming Officers and Board

members were announced later in the meeting. Sincere thanks go to the Lingerfelts who have hosted our monthly Board meetings for the past two years on their comfortable, covered and heated patio. A special shout-out to Jeannie who has provided delicious, hand-made treats for most of those meetings.

We have several ideas for next year's programs, and I **solicit our members help** with a few of them. Please think about sharing some of your specific Lapidary talents, or some of your favorite self-collected rocks at upcoming programs. Please also bring displays for our monthly meetings—either appropriate to the monthly theme (agate for January), or anything else. If you are willing to give a program, or to participate in one with a couple of other folks, **please let me know soon**. I would like to do a program with 3 or 4 folks (I'll be one of them) talking about 3 or 4 of their favorite self-collected rocks, fossils or minerals in February. Please also let us know about any specific topics you would like to hear about in future programs.

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## January 2026

**January 5** at 7:00 pm - Board Meeting in Wes Lingerfelt's Garden

**January 10** at 8:00 am - Highway Clean-Up at the SE corner of Highway 101 and 166. Breakfast to follow.

**January 13** at 7:00 pm - General Meeting at the Oasis Senior Center.

Presentation: Amazing Agates

Display: Your favorite agates

**January** Field Trip - TBD

## February 2026

**February 2** at 7:00 pm - Board Meeting in Wes Lingerfelt's Garden

**February 10** at 7:00 pm - General Meeting at the Oasis Senior Center.

Presentation: TBD

Display: TBD

**February** Field Trip - TBD



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In January, we will start working towards our August show, and hopefully finding some places for field trips. Some locations you can visit on your own or with a friend are shown in my You Tube Video "[Rocks and Fossils of the Central Coast](#)", and in an article in the **September 2015** Edition of the Ore-Cutts. Both are available on our [website](#).

One of our big challenges for 2026 is moving our (9' x 40') sea train storage off of the Von Achen property by June. If anyone has any ideas about this, I would really like to hear them. Also, we will need a Bulletin Editor after February. I am sure Tara will help anyone who is up to the task.

I will close by wishing one and all the happiest of Holidays and a wonder-ful New Year. I look forward to seeing you all at our January 13 General Meeting.

Wayne W. Mills, President 2026

## Photos From the Annual Meeting





## Photos From the Annual Meeting Continued















## Upcoming Rock and Mineral Shows

### **January 17-18, 2026** - Exeter, CA

Tule Gem and Mineral Society

Contact: [ebcalpoly@aol.com](mailto:ebcalpoly@aol.com)

Website: <http://tulegem.com>

### **February 28-March 1, 2026** - Vallejo, CA

Vallejo Gem and Mineral Society

Contact: (707) 644-9764,

[vgms01@yahoo.com](mailto:vgms01@yahoo.com)

Website: <http://vjgems.com>

### **February 28 & March 1, 2026** - Newark, CA

East Bay Mineral and Lapidary Club

Contact: (510) 353-3787, [info@ebml.club](mailto:info@ebml.club)

Website: <http://ebml.club>

### **February 12 - March 1, 2025 (13 days)** - Indio, CA.

San Geronio Mineral and Gem Society

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[peggyrichard@yahoo.com](mailto:peggyrichard@yahoo.com)

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### **March 7-8, 2026** - Ventura, CA

Ventura Gem & Mineral Society

Contact: (805) 312-8467, [info@vgms.org](mailto:info@vgms.org)

Website: <http://www.vgms.org>

### **March 13-15, 2026** - Apple Valley, CA

Victor Valley Gem and Mineral Club

Contact: (760) 490-8401

Website: <http://vvgmc.org>

### **March 15, 2026** - Fallbrook, CA

Fallbrook Gem and Mineral Society

Contact: (760) 728-1130, [info@fgms.org](mailto:info@fgms.org)

Website: <http://www.fgms.org>

### **March 28-29, 2026** - Lancaster, CA

Antelope Valley Gem and Mineral Club

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Website: <http://AVGem.weebly.com>

### **March 28-29, 2026** - Lemoore, CA

Lemoore Gem and Mineral Club

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## Asbestos Fountain at Expo 67 in Montreal, Canada



Here is an interesting nugget of geologic interest. The Quebec Asbestos Mining Association donated this huge block of rock to the Expo 67 World's Fair as part of a public relations campaign. At the time, asbestos had recently been suspected of causing cancer and the association was trying to do damage control. The block was installed in "Asbestos Plaza" for the fair, but was removed and replaced with a less interesting rock. The Expo 67 guidebook refers to the sculpture as a "block of asbestos ore" and is likely serpentine.

## In Case You Missed It - LEGO Mineral Collection

This mineral collection Lego kit was released just in time for Christmas. The set was designed by an actual Geologist and shows off some familiar geologic favorites. Pyrite, an Amethyst Geode, Blue Fluorite, Watermelon Tourmaline, Reddish-Pink Rhodochrosite, and Tangerine Quartz.

The set is \$59.99 at [lego.com](https://www.lego.com), but lucky rock-hounders found it at Costco for \$48.99 before it was sold out. Happy hunting if you want your own.



## OMS Membership

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