

MAY MEETING

Date: May 12  
Time: 7:30 p.m.  
Place: La Habra Sr. Center  
Assembly Room

The Fluorescent Minerals Co. from San Gabriel will be giving us a program on fluorescent minerals. They will have displays to enhance their informative talk.

Walt Messemer



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DATES OF COMING ATTRACTIONS

NOC CLUB ACTIVITIES

Regular Meeting	May 12
Field Trip to Wiley Well (see page 2)	May 22-25
Board Meeting	May 26

SHOWS AND EVENTS

Palomar G&MC, National Guard Armory 304 E. Park Ave., Escondido	5/8-10
West Coast G&MC, Holiday Inn, Bristol Plaza 405 Freeway at Bristol, Costa Mesa	5/15-17
Conejo G&MC, Brochard Park 190 Reino Rd., Newbury Park	5/16,17
Yucaipa G&MS, Community Center First St. & Ave. "B", Yucaipa	5/23,24
Glendora Gems, Goddard School Gym 859 East Sierra Madre Ave., Glendora	5/30,31

IT DOESN'T COST MUCH

It doesn't cost a penny To shake your neighbor's hand. It's a universal language That people understand. A pleasant smile, a cheerful air, A friendly word or two, It's very hard to measure The good that it will do.	Oh sure, we all have problems, That we live with every day, And how to let them worry us, Is up to us to say. SMILE, a bit more often, It's easy if you try And soon you'll look at others frown And really wonder why.
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FIELD TRIPS

Our May field trip will be to Wiley Well. We will be joining other clubs and participating in a CFMS working field trip. Details are as follows:



**FIELD TRIP NEWS**

CFMS WORKING FIELD TRIP

PLACE: Wiley Well District (see Map on P.75 of Desert Gem Trails by Mary Frances Strong.) West of Blythe on I-10, look for the Wiley Well off ramp and follow the markers.

DATE: May 22, 23, 24, and 25, 1992

WHAT TO COLLECT: Nodules from several different collecting areas within the Wiley Well area. They vary in size from small (robin's egg size) to very large (basketball size) and it depends on how hard you want to dig. It is not guaranteed you will find anything, but your chances are very good. I have been there a couple of times and have not been disappointed. Some of the nodules I have cut have been very good, and some have been fair. There is a lot of material to be found there. Like I said, you may have to dig for it, but that is half the fun. Some of the areas we will be looking in are dangerous because of overhangs and deep pits. Caution and common sense will have to be practiced.

We will be camping on the BLM area like Coon Hollow or one of the many camping areas available. Our camp will be adequately marked (more info to come later). This will be a dry camp. There is no potable water for cooking or drinking, but there is water for cleaning up with. In the established campgrounds there are clean, pit toilets and campgrounds are clean and patrolled by BLM. We will be approximately 25 miles west of Blythe. In Blythe there are stores for supplies and for those who do not own an RV, there are motels available.

THINGS TO BRING: Eye protection. Picks and Bars. Rock Hammers, chisels. Fire Wood. Water and whatever else you desire.

We will have a Happy Hour on Saturday afternoon, the 23rd and a Potluck Dinner Saturday evening. Those of you who play a musical instrument might like to bring them so we can sing or just listen to good music.

From 1992 April CFMS Newsletter,  
Don Pomeranke, Field Trip So. - Bill Burns NOC F.T.Chairman

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REFRESHMENTS

Linda Driscoll and Telmo Baida will be bringing refreshments to our May meeting.

Angie Harwood and Betsy Messemer delivered and served the delicious cake and pastry that Ofelia Warthen made for our April meeting. Thanks everyone.



Adele Huber

EDUCATION

THE FELDSPAR MINERAL GROUP

Last month we studied the quartz mineral and found that this large group contains chalcedony, agate, jasper, opal, etc. This month we will look at some other of the silicate minerals, the feldspar group. This group is nearly as prevalent in the earth's crust as the types of quartz, but due to the fact that the crystals are not as hard as quartz they are more broken. Orthoclase and microcline are common feldspars found in granites. Pegmatites are another source of feldspars, and albite may be an indication of the presence of more precious gemstones.

Technically this is the mineral used as the hardness of six relation on the Moh Scale. Feldspar

is a potassium, sodium, calcium and barium aluminous silicate. The substitution of one alkali mineral for another makes for the different varieties of feldspar; and some crystalize in a different form to provide us with another mineral.

Common feldspar minerals that we know are albite, moonstone, amazonite (Amazon stone or Amazon jade), sunstone, and labradorite. These are used to make beautiful pieces of jewelry.

So please bring your examples of specimens from the feldspar group to share at our display table in May.

Izzie Burns, Chairperson

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GEMSTONE CUTTING CLASS

May 9 at 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. we will again have a class for both youth and adults at the La Habra Scout Hut, Idaho and Lambert. Please come help by using your expertise to teach others to learn the art of cabochon making, and other

lapidary skills; or you are welcome as a student. There is a \$12.00 fee to take the class. The \$5.00 supply fee for slabs, findings, etc., does not apply to NOC Members or Juniors (8-16).

Izzie

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MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

A HAPPY BIRTHDAY is wished to all born in May. Your birthstone is Emerald. Your flower is Lily of the Valley or Hawthorn. Have a great day!

- Lucile Howe, 5/7
- Ralph Weins, 5/7
- Dave Anthony, 5/8
- Valerie Blais, 5/10
- Joanne Hignett, 5/17
- Brian Kussman, 5/18



- Isabella Burns, 5/26
- Bill Burns, 5/28
- Tommy Beattie, 5/28
- Ed Rost, 5/30
- Joan Henry, 5/30
- Jane Anthony, 5/31

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THANK YOU -- The Anthony family sincerely thanks the North Orange County Gem and Mineral Society for its memorial gift to the CFMS Endowment Fund in the name of Thomas J. Anthony, who died January 3, 1992.

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS (Continued)

Two of our club members have recently been written up in local newspapers. Walt Messemer was interviewed by staff writer, Carlos Martinez, for an article about his hobby activities and how he got started cutting rocks. Al Hermosillo also was honored by being mentioned in a local paper that had an article about our show. There was a photo showing Al demonstrating his silversmithing skills at the show.

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Donna Boone, a long time NOC member, passed away. She was active in our club for many years. Our sincere sympathy to her loved ones.

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CLUB NEWS AND MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

REGULAR MEETING, April 14

Door prize winners were: Lee Hughes; Susan Hansen; Barbara Kester, one of our guest speakers; Ellen Peterson; and a number of guests. Telmo Baida won the grand prize--a beautiful clock.

It was announced that leftover food from our show's kitchen was donated to the La Habra shelter to feed the needy.

Frances Troemmler, Joyce Turner, and the Anthonys sent the club thankyou notes for the club's remembrance of their loved ones.

Bill Burns gave his field trip report. May 22-25 is the trip to Wiley Well District to join the CFMS Working Field Trip (South) group.

Walt Messemer told us what our next month's program will be.

Bill reported on the Palm Desert Congressional Committee meetings held April 4 concerning S-21.

Angie Harwood thanked those who helped her at the Country Store during our show.

There will be a sign-up sheet for those who will be serving as hosts, hostesses, or demonstrators at the Orange County Fair gem and mineral exhibit July 12 and 13.

Bill Burns expressed appreciation for all the get well cards he has received.

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CORRECTION:



Please correct a misspelled name on your new roster.

Loretta's last name should be:

Inforzato

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We have some new members to welcome. Their addresses and phone numbers will appear in next month's bulletin. We are happy to have the following as fellow members:

- Peter, Kay and Marty Young of La Habra Heights
- Kenneth and Robbi Barrett of Whittier
- Norberto Elicker of Norwalk

PROGRAM RECAP

Al and Barbara Kester presented a program at our April meeting on how to use resin. They took us through each step. The finished items (and there were quite a few) were offered to anyone who wanted one. We also received detailed written

instructions. It was fun to watch them work together so quickly and easily; and the results were beautiful.

We thank them both for a very interesting demonstration of another way to make rocks shine.

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RECAP OF APRIL FIELD TRIP TO OWL HOLE

A full moon, four days of fabulous rock hunting, good weather (except for some wind) and wonderful potlucks contributed to a great Easter trip. Walt and Joan arrived first and discovered the route into the planned camping rendezvous was too rough for motorhomes. We stayed in a large area at the turnoff instead, where every vehicle was nicely accommodated. Four trips were made into Owl Hole, where everyone found specimens of good sagenite. Bill Burns also discovered some lovely moss agate with plume. Walt found a hole from which nodules kept tumbling out--a rockhound's paradise!

Easter morning Walt and Joan led the group in a meaningful Sunrise Service. This was followed by a gourmet breakfast with traditional Easter decorations plus a mechanical chicken that was great entertainment.

Those attending our rock trip were:

Bill & Izzy Burns and their guest Marvin Derezin, Jerry & Ginny Grafton, Virginia Page, Don & Jane Livezey and Don's mother Alice Livezey, Bill & Adele Huber, Ellen Peterson, Russ & Lee Hughes and their grandson Craig Reesor and wife Sabrina and their children Trisha & Casey, Don & Ofelia Warthen, prospective member Raymond Rees, and Walt & Joan Abramson.

Three trips were made into the Indian Paint Rock area and everyone took as much as desired of the beautifully colored sandstone. The kids loved winning it on the Wheel at the show, so we all prepared for next year.

Those who couldn't make the trip missed a wonderful outing.

Walt and Joan Abramson

Saturday night our potluck was held in tight quarters because of wind, but the closeness made for good fellowship, and the hard workout of the day gave us hearty appetites. The wind abated enough to make a nightly campfire possible. Watching the bright moon rise over the mountaintop each night was a spectacular sight.



## FAREWELL TO HACKBERRY WASH

Many places have been lost--  
Milton's "Paradise" for sure;  
The Dutchman's mine was never found,  
And other spots are quite obscure.

And now Hackberry Wash is lost  
To rockhounds who, with happy cries,  
Dug the nodules from the ground  
And shouted, "Look at this! A prize!"

Our digging now has been withheld  
By people who don't understand,  
Unfortunates who never held  
A lovely geode in their hand.

Who never knew the heartfelt thrill  
Of seeking something yet unseen,  
The outside dull and nondescript,  
The inside crystals for a queen.

The rockhounds' work is but a scratch  
Upon these thousand acres wide;  
No one's diminished by their toil,  
A hobby built with love and pride.

They open up to untaught lives  
The treasures that the Lord has made,  
Giving of themselves, their time,  
Accomplishments unsung, unpaid.

So now we have to say, "Farewell."  
No more will picks on rocks resound,  
And treasures that we hoped to share  
Will now be hidden in the ground.

What good will come from unseen gems?  
Discovery will be unknown.  
Our youth will never have the joy  
Of finding beauty in a stone.

by Joan Abramson  
North Orange Co. Gem & Mineral Soc.

"Farewell to Hackberry Wash" was read by Bill Burns at the Congressional Committee meeting chaired by Senator Seymour at Palm Desert on April 4, 1992 to receive input on SR 21. The poem was entered into the Congressional Record.

Joan and Walt Abramson

Editor's Note: It is not too late to write to Senator Seymour and express our view on this bill.

CFMS NEWSCFMS SHOW

The following is a list of informational sheets available at the May 12th NOC meeting:

Map of the Hayward area  
 Pre-registration form (July 20 deadline)  
 Accommodations - in and around Hayward  
 Tentative schedule of events  
 Food information  
 Competitive exhibit entry blank  
 Competitive exhibit instructions  
 Non-competitive entry application

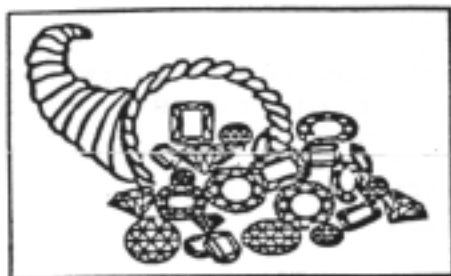


Please see me at our meeting if you are planning to attend this show. If you decide later, give me a call and I'll mail you the information.

Jane Livezey  
 Federation Director

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**CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF MINERALOGICAL SOCIETIES**  
**AUGUST HARVEST OF GEMS**

53rd Annual Show and Convention

August 21, 22 & 23 1992

Centennial Hall, Hayward, CA

Host Society: Mineral & Gem Society of Castro Valley

1992 CFMS SHOW AND CONVENTION UPDATE

All preparatory work -- the layout for dealers and exhibits, camping, meetings, and banquet facilities, etc. -- has been accomplished. The rest is up to you.

All exhibits, dealers, programs, and demonstrations will be in Centennial Hall. Competitive and non-competitive cases will be in Rooms 2 and 3; programs in Room 1. Dealers will be in the main hall and the large room adjoining it. Demonstrating dealers will be in Room 9. Guest and Special Exhibits will be in the main hall as well as in Room 7 and the entrance halls. We are utilizing all the space available; yet, it will not be cramped.

Camping and meetings will be at the California State University, high on the hilltop overlooking Hayward and the bay. We could not have asked for a more lovely site. Camping will be on paved parking lots close to the Administration Building, where the meetings and banquet will be held. We will provide a shuttle bus to take people to the show. For those camping, this is ideal as you will not have to move your rig.

We have excellent dealers covering all aspects of our hobby. We will have both demonstrating dealers and continuous demonstrations by CFMS members.

Food will be served in both Room 8 and in the adjacent patio area. Our cooks are planning some special fare for lunch, dinner, in-between snacks, and a barbeque. We are known for our good food -- come and enjoy.

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CFMS SHOW NEWS (Continued)

There will be a Cracker Barrel Session on Friday evening when you will have the opportunity of meeting the officers and other rockhounds. Saturday is the Awards Banquet, and Sunday is the Bulletin Editors Breakfast. Also, the Ye Old Timers are planning to have a breakfast.

Here in the Bay Area there is so much to see and do. You can take BART to San Francisco and all around for very little money, especially with the Senior discount. We will have some brochures on places you might want to visit before or after the show.

NOW THE REST IS UP TO YOU! Please send in your pre-registration requests as soon as possible. We need to know approximately how many will be attending the banquet and the Bulletin Editors Breakfast. Your Federation Director has all the forms, so please get them from him. The deadline for all applications is July 20, but don't wait until then. Also, guest exhibitors, please send back your exhibit form immediately in order to be included in the program. All groups and individuals wanting space for an activity must submit their request now as space is limited. All dealer spaces are filled.

We would like to see more entries in competition. This is what upgrades the exhibits and gives you incentive to do your best work. We can be proud of our accomplishments, even as beginners. Don't be afraid of competition. Send in your competition forms and give it a try. This is why we have competition in CFMS. You learn by doing!

We are trying to do our part to have an outstanding show and make your stay enjoyable. We are all in this together -- and it takes YOU to make the 1992 California Federation Show a success.

Vernon Korstad  
Show Chairman

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AFMS NEWS

The April 1992 AFMS Newsletter printed an article emphasizing the importance of continually promoting safety. Helpful tips for categories such as general safety, shop safety and field trip safety should be included in each bulletin.



**SAFETY HINT:**

Be sure that your road information is current. Check maps and make local inquiry if you're traveling into a remote area. Old mining roads which were negotiable several years ago may now be completely washed out. Some desert roads are too narrow in many places to turn a vehicle around and backing out can be difficult. If there is any question about the condition of a road ahead, get out and check it on foot before proceeding. -- DESERT SURVIVAL

Via Tumbler (Palos Verdes) 5/88