

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



It has come to my attention by several members that our Bylaws need revising. They would like officers to serve two years. It takes most of a year to arrange and get settled in. I will bring this up at the next Board meeting. I would appreciate your input. This will not affect present officers. It would become effective in 1995.

Walt

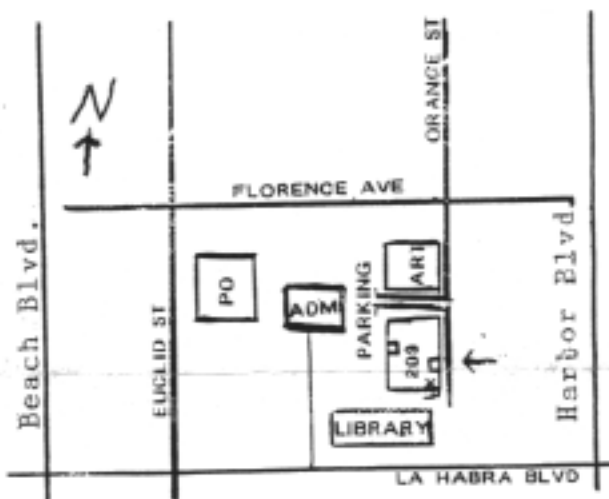
PROGRAM

JUNE MEETING

Date: June 8
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Place: La Habra Sr. Center
Assembly Room
Speaker: Toy Sato

We will be artfully entertained by Mrs. Sato with a new presentation she has been working on. She led us through the world of stones in Japan at one of our previous meetings.

Don Warthen



DATES OF COMING ATTRACTIONS

NOC CLUB ACTIVITIES

- Cab Classes at Walt Messener's; 7-10 p.m. Every Mon. & Wed. Eve.
- Bill Burns Retirement Party June 5
- Regular Meeting (Assembly Room) June 8
- Board Meeting (Assembly Room) June 22
- NOC Days at the Orange Co. Fair July 11,12
- Potluck/Pool Party at the Livezeys (see page 3) August 22
- Board Meeting (see page 3) August 22



It's time for those wonderful lazy days of summer. May they all be filled with happiness wherever you are.



DATES OF COMING ATTRACTIONS (Continued)

SHOWS AND EVENTS

Glendora Gems, Goddard School Gym 859 East Sierra Madre Ave., Glendora	6/5,6
Rockatomics G&MS, 8500 Fallbrook Ave., West Hills	6/5,6
CFMS Show/Convention, Ventura County Fairgrounds	6/25-27
El Cajon Valley G&MS, San Diego Co. Fairgrounds	6/25-27
Culver City R&MC, Veterans Memorial Auditorium Overland at Culver Blvd., Culver City	7/10-11
Montebello M&LS, Masonic Temple 4573 Durfee Ave., Pico Rivera	8/28-29
AFMS/RMFMS Show & Convention, Denver	9/16-19

SUMMER FUN

June -- The California Federation Show will be our June outing. It will be in Ventura June 25-27. Jane Livezey has all the details.

July -- Orange County Fair NOC days are July 11 and 12. We will be helping and demonstrating in the gem and mineral building at the Orange County Fairgrounds in Costa Mesa.

Aug. -- NOC members are invited to a potluck and swim party at home of Don and Jane Livezey on Sunday, August 22.

Sept.-- Our field trip will be the CFMS Field Trip South Workshop September 25 and 26, held at the Whittier Onyx Claim near Barstow.

An Angel baseball outing is in the planning stage.

Bill Burns, Field Trips

SWIM PARTY/POTLUCK at the home of Don and Jane Livezey August 22, 4 p.m. Please bring your favorite dish to share, and your swim togs. Beverages and tableware will be provided. Our address is: 1722 Virginia Place, Placentia, 92670; Phone No. is: (714) 524-6280. Please call and let us know if you are coming and get directions to our house. There will be a short Board meeting at 3 p.m. before the party.

Jane Livezey



FOR SALE -- Arlene Parks is selling all of her rocks. Her address is: 12048 Samoline Lane, Downey. Please call her before you go on (310) 869-7656. -- Mike Maneth

REFRESHMENTS

Don and Ofelia Warthen will be bringing refreshments to our June 8 meeting.



Thank you Ken and Robbie Barrett and Nina Wilcox for the delicious goodies we enjoyed at our May meeting.

Adele Huber

DISPLAYS

The gemstones for June are pearl, moonstone, alexanderite and agate. Let's see how many we can find in our collections to display at our June meeting.

EDUCATION

DESERT VARNISH

You're on a camp-out in the Mojave Desert. It's 101 degrees. You've been swallowing dust all day, and your mouth is unbearably dry. Your eyes sting from sweat dripping from your brow.

Suddenly you see something that seems to have made it all worthwhile. There, right in front of you, glistening up out of the sand, is just the right piece of jasp-agate. The deep yellow color is perfect for something you're trying to match.

Then comes the disappointment. You bend over and pick up your find. To your dismay, you find when you turn over the rock that the color is about twenty shades lighter than the exposed surface. The top of the rock has been darkened by a process that many rock-hounds refer to as "desert varnish."

So, just what is "desert varnish"? It's a hard, often shiny, coating of dark manganese oxide and clay minerals built up on a rock's

surface over a long period of time. No one knows exactly how this coating develops, but it does seem to come from a source outside of the rock. For example, even white quartz, which contains no manganese or clay particles, can get desert varnish.

One theory is that, when a rock is damp with dew, windblown particles of clay stick to it. A film of clay develops on the rock and draws solutions containing manganese up from the soil by capillary action (much like sticking the corner of a paper towel in water).

Well, no matter how desert varnish forms, the longer a rock is exposed in the desert, the darker it becomes. So, don't be fooled by color until you've seen the whole rock.

Gary Willens, NOC Member
from The NUGGET 10/90
Culver City Rock & Min. Club



MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to everyone born in June, July and August.

June -- Jerry Conley, 6/7
Roger Loest, 6/11
Harry Howe, 6/12
Russ Hughes, 6/13
Ellen Peterson, 6/27
Dana Matula, 6/29

Your gemstone is Pearl,
Moonstone, Alexanderite or
Agate.

Your flower is Rose or
Honeysuckle.

July -- Virginia Page, 7/4
Adele Huber, 7/8
Richard Ektarian, 7/10
Chuck Lortz, 7/18
Walt Messemer, 7/19
Norberto Elicker, 7/29
Walt Abramson, 7/31

Your gemstone is Ruby.

Your flower is Larkspur or
Water Lily.

Aug. -- Eileen Weins, 8/1
Hazel Loest, 8/3
Walton Wright, 8/7
Telmo Baida, 8/8
Bob Berg, 8/12
Ray Rees, 8/25

Your gemstone is Peridot or
Sardonyx.

Your flower is Poppy or
Gladiolus.

May your day be very special!



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CONGRATULATIONS to the Ogden family. Don became a proud grandpa recently and has been taking quick trips up north to see his son, daughter-in-law and new granddaughter.

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CLUB NEWS AND MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

BOARD MEETINGS -- There will not be a Board Meeting in July. In August the Board will meet at 3:00 p.m. at the Livezeys.

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Please add these three new members to your April 1993 roster. We are pleased to have them in our club.

CLUB NEWS AND MEETING HIGHLIGHTS (Continued)

REGULAR MEETING May 11 -- we had 33 members and 1 guest. Our guest was Brian Tracey; we hope he joins often.

DISPLAYS were brought by: Chalmer Steed displayed some of his beautifully faceted gems. He is just learning to facet and assured us that it really isn't hard to do. Don Warthen brought some material he and Ofelia recently collected at Hackberry Wash. He also brought some cut and polished stones of strawberry onyx he has done in Walt's cab class. Virginia Page brought a necklace she made at Ginny's bead stringing class. Susan Hansen displayed some beautiful synthetic gems.

Winners of the DRAWING were: Jane Hendrixson, Ralph Weins, Adele Huber, Don Warthen, Ken Barrett, Robbie Barrett, Ed Rost, Betsy Messemer, Loretta Inforzato and Mike Maneth.

BOARD MEETING May 25 -- Loretta volunteered to work on publicity flyers for the club.

Walt told about how well the students in his classes are doing.

Bill Burns gave his field trip report.

Jane has the forms to be filled out that hobby magazines need to advertise our annual local show. She will send them out in plenty of time (4 months before our show).

Jane suggested a trip to Fallbrook by bus to see gem shops and museum, including a dinner stop.

Bill Burns and Don Warthen gave the FIELD TRIP report. We were all invited to the Burnses for Bill's retirement party on June 5.

Bill talked about various restrictions and plans environmentalists and government officials are trying to carry out in our desert.

Don Warthen announced that Toy Sato would be giving us our June PROGRAM.

Mike Maneth was introduced by Walt as an HONORARY MEMBER of NOC.

Bernice Knappenberger was introduced by Loretta as our NEW MEMBER.

Don Ogden asked if anyone would like to go to an Angel baseball game. Another organization is going and we would go with them by bus. A show of hands indicated some were interested. This would probably be sometime in late summer.

Adele gave her REFRESHMENT report.

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Bill will call in to reserve Dec. 14 Christmas party at the Days Inn.

Walt talked about changing the Bylaws to have club officers serve two years instead of one. This will be brought up at our next Regular Meeting.

The need for updating committee work folders was discussed. It was agreed that out-going and in-coming chairpeople need to meet together in order to have a smooth transition.

Bill has put together a book of songs for our camp fire gatherings.

Jane brought some memorable pictures taken at our last field trip to the Southern Cadys.

LATE NEWS FLASH -- Izzie is coordinating the 1994 CFMS Show in San Diego. Our busy bee is at it again!

PROGRAM RECAP

Last month, Floyd Zukas described some of the famous diamonds of the world with a brief history of some. He also displayed beautiful replicas of some of the world's better known diamonds. It was a very interesting presentation.

Don Warthen, Programs

CFMS NEWS

All the years of effort and millions of dollars spent on the BLM-CDCA Studies will be for nothing if S21-Feinstein or HR518-Lehman bills passes. From the 12.5 million acres in the California Desert Conservation Area, remove the new proposed Parks (Death Valley, Joshua Tree, and East Mojave), then deduct the military reservations. There isn't much left for public recreation, etc., if the proposed 4.5 million acres becomes Wilderness.

Those of you who enjoy the desert and also you who do not approve of removing this land forever from people, please write or phone your views on this subject to:

HERE'S WHERE TO WRITE:

Senators:

Barbara Boxer-1700 Montgomery St., Suite 240,
San Francisco, Ca. 94111

Dianne Feinstein-750 -B- St., Suite 1030, San Diego 92101
1700 Montgomery St. Suite 305
San Francisco, Ca. 94111

CDCA _ Where to Write:

House Committee on Natural Resources
George Miller (Ca) (D) - Chairman
House of Representatives, Washington, DC. 20515

Senate-The Energy and Natural Resources Sub-Committee
J. Bennett Johnston (LA) (D) - Chairman
Senate Office Bldg., Washington, DC. 20510



This information is from Carmelita Swarts, Public Lands, CFMS NEWSLETTER May 1993.

AFMS NEWS

The CFMS selected Jessie Hardman as an Honorary Award Winner for the AFMS Scholarship Foundation for 1993. She will assist in the selection of two graduate students who are pursuing their advanced degrees in the earth sciences. The Foundation then provides scholarship grants for each student for two school years. Jessie certainly deserves this honor for her outstanding contributions to our hobby.

This information is from Louellen Montgomery, AFMS Newsletter 5/93.

Poor Old Rock Hounds

by Phyllis Deleo

To the tune of The Man Who Never Returned

Well there was a group of rock hounds that went to look for turquoise on that fate full day

poor old rock hounds

In their jeeps and trucks they rode thru the desert, looking for the Apache Mine

Chorus:

Did they ever return?

No they never returned and their fate is still unlearned.

poor old rock hounds

They will ride forever through the deserts of Mojave. they're the rock hounds that never returned.

Through the open windows they yell Martie throw me a sandwich as the jeeps go rumbling by.

Chorus:

Did they ever return?

No they never returned and their fate is still unlearned.

poor old rock hounds

Is that you rock hounds?

Is that you Charley?

Ow hoooooooooooooooooooo!

Submitted by Loretta Inforzato

This song was learned by those who went to Zzyzx the last week of March.

Denver

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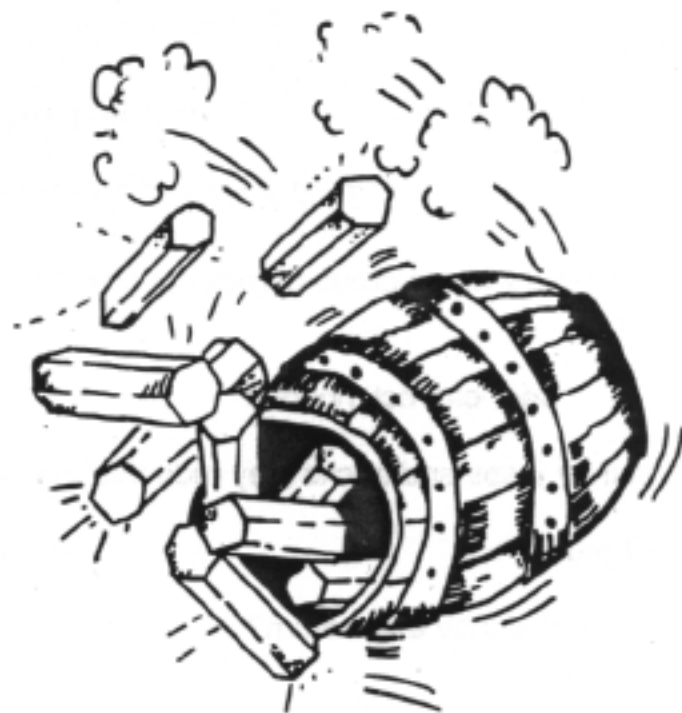
Roll out the Beryls

We'll have a barrel of fun!

September 16-19, 1993

**Denver Merchandise Mart
I-25 & Exit 215**

**Join us as we "Roll out the Beryls" for the
AFMS-RMFMS Show and
Convention. The Denver Show is bigger and
better than ever before!**



Anyone interested in attending the AFMS show please see Jane Livezey or Virginia Page for complete information and forms for competitions and registrations.

HANDY HINTS

POLISHING STONES: Stones sometimes develop fine threadlike scratches while being polished. These may be due to a speck of grit on the polishing buff. To clean, hold a strip of soft plywood, or Balsa wood, firmly against the buff while it is running. The grit will embed itself on the wood leaving the buff clean. -- from ROK-TOK, 4/93, via Gems & Minerals, Border Gem Chatter, 3/92 and STONEY STATEMENTS 5/93

TO TELL THE DIFFERENCE between nickel and chrome plating, blow on it. If the moisture clears without iridescence, it is chrome; if it leaves a rainbow it is nickel. -- from The Michigan Gem News 4/91 via Orange Coast Gazette 6/91

TOOLS: Put reflector tape on your hammer, pry bars, etc. It makes them easier to see when you lay them down. Your tools won't rust if you spray them with PAM or WD-40. -- from many, via BRECCIA 4/93

IN YOUR RV (OR AT HOME): -- French Herbalist, Maurice Messeque, says "If you hang a bouquet of dried tomato leaves in all the rooms of your house, you will not be troubled by flies, mosquitoes, or spiders. We have long depended on this method, a far healthier way to banish insects than by heavily spraying." -- from Ovyhee Gem, via Magic Valley Gem News 8/92 and BRECCIA 4/93

BOARD MEMBERS: DON'T FORGET OUR BOARD MEETING 8/22!

