

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



It's that time again--time for another show--and everyone is really doing their part. I think we are going to have a great show this year.

I want to thank everyone in advance for all the hard work that I know will be done, and that has been done.

Thank you very much.

Don Warthen, President

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PROGRAM

MARCH MEETING

Date: March 8  
Time: 7:30 p.m.  
Place: La Habra Sr. Center  
Assembly Room  
Speakers: Loretta Inforzato  
and Izzie Burns

The March program will be something new and different. Everyone should bring a flash light and be prepared to relax.

Izzie will be part of the program. She will show us some valuable techniques in arranging displays in our show cases.

Loretta

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COMING ATTRACTIONS

NOC CLUB ACTIVITIES

Cab Making Classes in Walt Messemer's Garage, 7-10 p.m. Mon. & Wed.	
NOC Show Work Day at the Burnes' House	March 6
Regular Meeting	March 8
Field Trip to Stoddard Wells (see page 4)	March 11-13
NOC Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Assembly Room	March 22
NOC Show Setup and Show	March 25-27



ARE YOUR DUES OVERDUE?

This will be your last bulletin if you don't get your DUES in to Don Livezey.

Please mail your check to him at the following address:

1722 Virginia Place, Placentia, CA 92670

COMING ATTRACTIONS (Continued)

SHOWS AND EVENTS

Monrovia Rockhounds, State & Co. Arboretum, Ayers Hall, 301 N. Baldwin Ave., Arcadia	3/5,6
Ventura G&MS, Ventura Co. Fairgrounds 10 W. Harbor Blvd., Ventura	3/5,6
Stoddard Well Tailgate Stoddard Well Rd., Victorville	3/11-13
Pasadena LS, Lamanda Park Masonic Temple 2425 Seneca St., Pasadena	3/12,13
Kern Co. Min. Soc. of Bakersfield Wood Identification Seminar	3/18-20
North Orange Co. Gem & Min. Soc. La Habra Clubhouse, 200 W. Greenwood, La Habra	3/26,27
CFMS/El Cajon Valley G&MS Show & Convention San Diego Co. Fairgrounds, Del Mar	4/8-10
Zzyzx Earth Science Seminar	4/17-22
Snyders Pow Wow	5/6-8
AFMS/South Central Federation Show Astro Arena, Houston, TX	6/23-26

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NOC DAY TRIP

You are invited to a one-day outing to the San Bernardino Mountains Saturday, March 19, to see thousands of daffodils. Bring your lunch, and eat it at the Hansen-Grafton cabin. If the snow is too deep, the trip will be cancelled. Call 909-867-9120 for more information; call from March 17 after 6 p.m. See map below.

Ginny Grafton



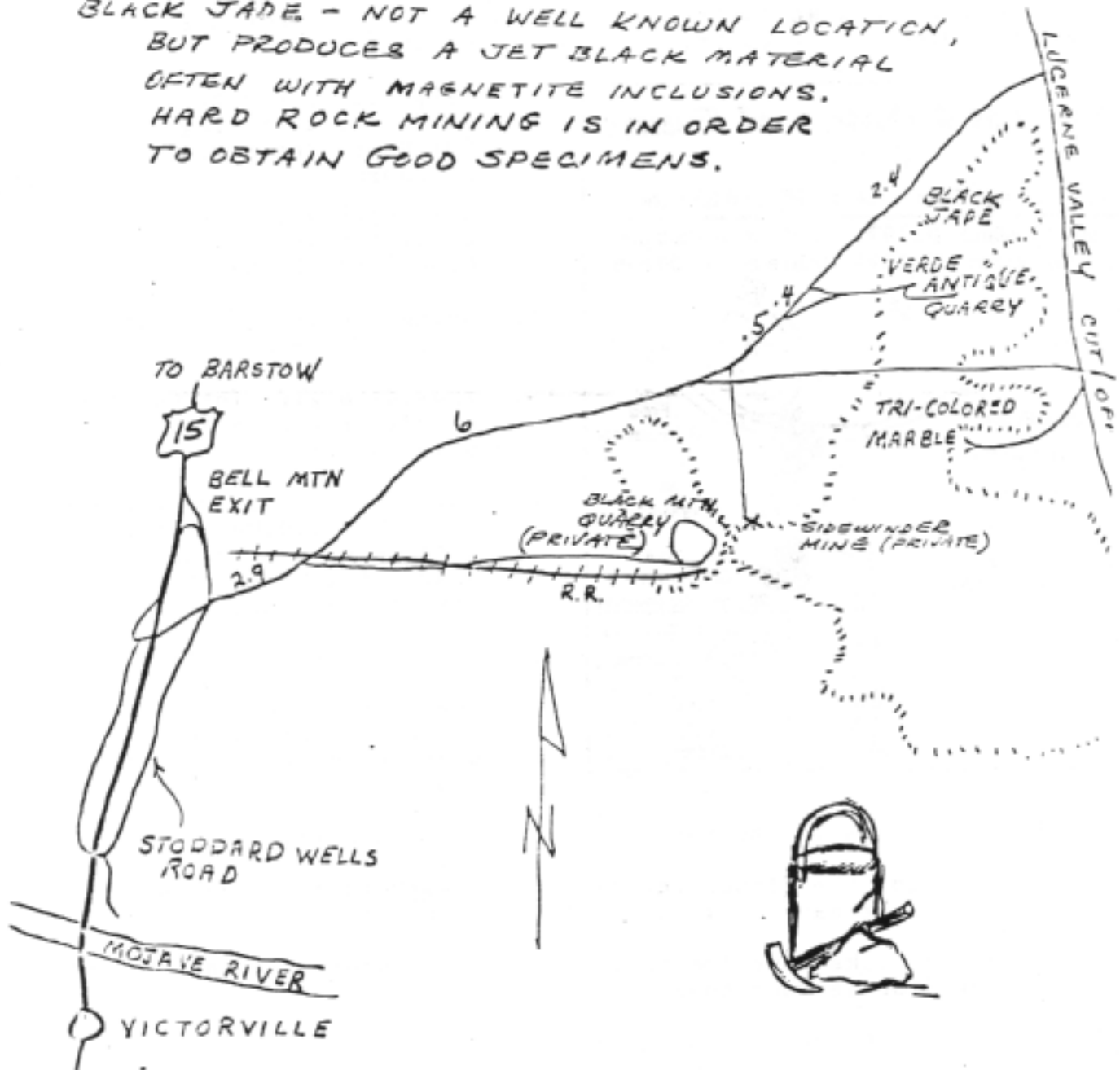
FIELD TRIP

STODDARD WELLS - March 10 to 13, 1994

This month I hope more can join us for the Stoddard Wells trip. There will be tailgate selling and field trips for tri-colored marble, verde antique, and black jade with magnetite. It will be from Thursday through Sunday. I will have more information at our March 8 meeting.

Bill Burns, Field Trip Chariman

BLACK JADE - NOT A WELL KNOWN LOCATION,  
BUT PRODUCES A JET BLACK MATERIAL  
OFTEN WITH MAGNETITE INCLUSIONS.  
HARD ROCK MINING IS IN ORDER  
TO OBTAIN GOOD SPECIMENS.



REFRESHMENTS

Jerry and Ginny Grafton, and Virginia Page will be bringing refreshments to our March meeting.

Thanks to Bill and Izzie for bringing the delicious goodies we enjoyed last month.

Adele Huber

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JUBILEE OF GEMS - OUR SHOW

Many committee people are working hard to make this the best show NOC has ever presented. Soon it will be time for every member to make their contri-

butions. If you have any questions about the needs for your show, just ask or call me (818) 288-2896. Below is a reminder list:

**Annual Jubilee of Gems Show**  
**North Orange County Gem & Mineral Society**  
 Saturday, March 26, 1994 10:00 a.m. — 6:00 p.m.  
 Sunday, March 27, 1994 10:00 a.m. — 5:00 p.m.

- Dealers
- Displays
- Door Prizes
- Demonstrations
- Free Rock to Children

Free Admission  
 Free Parking

La Habra Clubhouse  
 200 W. Greenwood

Geddes for sale —  
 Cutting available

1. Help with setup Fri. 3/25 at 9 a.m. at Storage room, 901 South Beach Blvd., La Habra.  
 Help with setup at 12 noon at club house, 200 W. Greenwood, La Habra.
2. Bring 2 pies to the kitchen on Friday or Saturday.
3. Provide a gift for Donation Awards or donate \$5.00. Give to Loretta.
4. Sell Donation Award tickets. For every \$10.00 sold you will receive a chance to win a \$20.00 gift certificate at any of our dealers.
5. Be prompt to help in the kitchen, sales table, or wherever you have volunteered for at least three hours of help during the show.

6. Exhibit cases may be set up after 5 p.m. on Friday.
7. Join us for the dinner for all of our workers and dealers at 6 p.m. on Friday (provided by Trini Hermosillo).
8. Help with take-down immediately after the show on Sunday and/or at the Storage room Monday at 9 a.m.

This is your show and you are needed.

Izzie Burns, Show Chairman

NOC SHOW (Continued)

FROM DESK OF THE CHEF --

I desperately need a few good people to help in the kitchen. Everyone please remember to bring your two pies to the kitchen the weekend of the show.

Don Ogden

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KRAFTY KORNER

Our club show is just a few weeks away. We are hoping to have a lot of wonderful and unique items for our first "Krafty Korner." Still looking for ideas? Scrap material can be turned into pot holders or hot mats. Hand-made items, small stuffed toys, childrens toys, small or medium vases for flower arrangements, dolls, something that you think can be sold for \$5 and under. Put a cutting or new plant into a house or garden planter. If you don't feel 'crafty,' how about looking around the house for one or two items you are tired of. They may be someone else's treasure.

If you would like, you can bring them to the Burnses' house March 6 and Angie will pick them up, or bring them to our March 8 meeting or March 25 setup day.

Please price your items.

Remember that what you bring you are responsible for taking home if it doesn't sell. We have a few storage problems.

Thanks! Thanks! Thanks!

Angie and Jane L.

BEGGING LETTER - DONATION AWARDS

Please if you have anything ready for the donation awards bring them to our March meeting. It will help a great deal to have the time to get them ready before the week of the show. Thanks for your help.

Loretta

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HISTORIAN

Help! I am still hoping to get some more 1993 pictures of NOC events for the historian's book. If you could contribute please bring them to the March meeting.

Jane Livezey

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DISPLAY

Bring Aquamarine and/or Bloodstone for display. I want to apologize to Angie for not mentioning the lovely pieces of petrified wood she brought to display last month. Sorry Angie.

Ginny

EDUCATION

There are two birthstones for March. They are bloodstone and aquamarine. Does anyone know why there are two?

Bloodstone, also called Heliotrope in Great Britain, is a nearly opaque variety of chalcedony. It is a dark grayish green color scattered with spots of bright red jasper resembling blood, giving the stone its name. It was frequently used in the early church as the material for engraved sacred objects in which the red spots represented blood stains and was called St. Stephens Stone. Hematite is sometimes called bloodstone because its powder is red. The red in bloodstone is caused by iron oxide.

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EDUCATION (Continued)

Aquamarine is a beryllium aluminum silicate of a blueish green to a greenish blue color. In the same family are emerald (green), morganite (pink), and golden beryl (yellow). Common beryl is pale green to white. Most comes from the granite pegmatites of Brazil where crystals weighing several kilos have been found. Other deposits are in Russia, Madagascar, the U.S. and Afghanistan. Greenish beryl from Brazil and Madagascar assume the bluish color characteristic of aquamarine when heated in an electric furnace to 450°C. Heat treating light green or yellow green beryl to a blue is acceptable as aquamarine. Large rich blue stones are valuable.

The color is due to iron and the stone shows a pleochroism (it shows three different colors in different crystal directions). It is imitated by blue glass which faithfully reproduces the color but not the pleochroism. However, it is most often imitated by synthetic spinel.

Light green corundum is often called oriental aquamarine.

Ginny

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MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

Walt Wright will be teaching again at the Petrified Wood Identification Seminar in Bakersfield in March.

Bill and Izzie Burns gave their Friday Plume Agate program to the Puente club last month.

Angie Harwood is displaying rocks and minerals at the Pico Rivera Library. There will be flyers in the case to advertize our show.

Bill Burns became a proud great grandpa on January 10! Everyone is doing fine, including Bill.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to all who were born in March. Enjoy your day.

- Ginny Grafton, 3/1
- Gloria Lortz, 3/3
- Derek Tufnell, 3/3
- Wayne Loest, 3/30



Your gemstone is Aquamarine or Bloodstone.

Your flower is Daffodil or Jonquil.

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CLUB NEWS AND MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Walt Messemer will have a class in case liner making. It will be in his garage and most likely on the 19th of March. More information will be given at our March 8 meeting.

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REGULAR MEETING, 2/8 -- Loretta introduced our speakers for the evening, Bill and Izzie Burns.

Trini conducted the door prize drawings. Winners were: Mike Maneth, Loretta, Don W., Walt M., Ed Rost, Vickie Marks, Jerry Conley, Al Hermosillo, (and one other that I missed).

Harry Howe would have won the \$5 if he had been at the meeting. So the amount to be won at our March meeting will be \$10. This is a new part of our door prize drawing session. Every member has a chance to win \$5 at our Regular Meetings, but that person must be at the meeting that night or they won't win!

CLUB NEWS AND MEETING HIGHLIGHTS (Continued)

Don L., Treasurer, reviewed the 1993 budget and presented the 1994 budget. Club members approved the new budget.

Izzie gave her NOC show report. Chalmer Steed and Jerry Conley volunteered for security. Loretta announced that two silver bars will be our main prize. Don Ogden passed around a sign-up sheet for kitchen duty. Angie gave her Krafty Korner report. Ginny asked if anyone else wanted to exhibit. Walt M. has all his demonstrators. Bill B. reported on the sales table.

Izzie talked about the upcoming CFMS events--Zzyzx 4/17-22, Pet. Wood Seminar 3/18-20, the RV Safety Seminar 5/13-15, Del Mar Federation Show 4/8-10, and the 1996 AFMS/CFMS Show.

Bill B. reported on field trips to Quartzsite and the Whittier club claim. Other plans are to Stoddard Wells; maybe to hunt quartz crystals near Bishop or to the northern Cadys on Memorial Day weekend.

Ginny explained about the beautiful exhibits brought by members--Ginny & Jerry, Chalmer, Jane & Don L., Ray Rees, and Angie.

Ginny had a sign-up sheet for people wanting to take classes at Walt's house.

Izzie read a thank-you note from Ron Chong for members who came to teach the kids at the Hacienda Heights Youth Science Center in January.

Jane L. introduced our guests Vickie and Ken Marks.

Don W. asked for a volunteer to be our Social Secretary.

Chalmer suggested that NOC have club cards. Izzie pointed out that in order to collect anything in the state of Utah one needs to have club identification.

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BOARD MEETING, 2/22 -- Don L. gave his treasurer's report.

Don W. read a letter from the Southwest Rockwrangler. They are closing their workshop and have lots of things to sell. Sale hours are: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Place: 1824 Rosecrans, west of Western. Date: March 4 and 5.

Loretta will be doing our March program.

Izzie reported on the CFMS show, Pet. Wood seminar, and the 1996 AFMS/CFMS show.

Walt M. will have a case liner making class in his garage. Details will be given at our March meeting.

Bill B. reported on the trips to the Whittier claim and Stoddard Wells. At Easter we will be going to the Cadys, camping at Basin Rd. April is the CFMS show.

Jane L. gave her hospitality report.

Izzie asks each member to give her an item they have made or found to display in our club case at the CFMS show.

The Board approved giving a ticket to each guest for a drawing that will be held at our Regular Meeting.

Don W. will take care of getting us club membership cards.

Virginia Page

FIELD TRIP RECAP

Quartzsite - Jan. 30 to Feb.7,1994

THE USUAL CROWD OF NOCers arrived at Quartzsite sometime during this time and dealers smiled and welcomed us as we made various purchases and "washed out our wallets." Isabella and I ran a booth at Tyson Wells for the American Lands Access Association. We had fun, met new people and gave out literature on government bills that will make restrictions on our hobby. Each night we returned to the NOC Campsite to see what great values had been found and what new birds Adele had purchased.

Saturday night was our Potluck! About 40 people attended, and after eating our fill we gathered at our huge campfire. We had been joined by the Orange Coast Gem and Mineral Society and some Capistrano Valley Gem and Mineral Society members. A merry time was had by all.

President's Holiday Field Trip - Feb. 18 to 21, 1994

Isabella and I had attended the Indio Date Festival where she had judged the cases, but we left Friday about 1:00 pm and saw great dark clouds ahead of us. We decided to go by the freeway instead of cutting thru to Barstow. In Banning we met the torrents of rain and near Devore we had hail. (Isabella said it was sleet.) We continued on to the Whittier Club Claim and spent a cozy night in our motorhome.

Saturday morning, with the sun shining bright, Ralph and his grandson, Josh, came and we were soon joined by Ken and Vickie Marks. We left at 10:00 for Mule Canyon. The hills had been washed clean and were just spectacular. Colorful jasper, colemanite, ulexite, was collected and the brisk north wind kept us wide awake. Bill and Ken didn't get to make the lovely walk up, up, up, to the silver onyx as the Bronco had a flat that needed repair. Ralph has a gorgeous piece to show from our endeavors and Vickie and Izzie have the sniffles to show how they braved the blustery cold winds and many tales to tell of the 4 wheelers who attempted the hills.

That night the potluck was delicious as we enjoyed the campfire from the Burns' Microwave and sang "Goodnight Ladies" early as Bill played his guitar.

Even though the weather reports were that the Cajon Pass was snowed in, the Alvord Mountains beckoned. I knew that next week this area may be closed for desert tortoise habitat, so we made the excursion. The fellows had a great treat seeing the old gold mine. The black quartz material mined before 1891 produced over \$50,000 in gold. Did any of you see any of that ore? This mine was operated by several different firms until 1970. We collected some blue calcite and colorful jasper.

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FIELD TRIP RECAP (Continued)

As we looked at the black clouds approaching, Ralph encouragingly said, "See that clearing ahead, this rain is going to go right over us." So we went to my favorite little hill to look for palm wood. By now there was a gentle rain falling, but as it patted on our rain coats the entire hill lit up with the beautiful blue, pink, red, brown, yellow and black pieces of agate and jasper. We felt like we were kids in a candy store. The rain soon subsided and we enjoyed our collecting. I think everyone found a piece of palm.

After our strenuous collecting, we enjoyed dinner at Peggy Sues. We were enjoying the trivia and the clever menu of the fifties when Josh wrinkled his nose as he read "Love Letters in the Sand"-wiches and said, "That is sick".

Monday the sun was shining bright and Ken and Vickie were enjoying it, but we had been gone nearly a week so we drove over the snow covered ground of the Cajon Pass for home.

Bill Burns

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PROGRAM RECAP

We had an interesting program presented at our February meeting by Bill and Izzie Burns on Friday Plume Agate. We are looking forward to seeing the slide show portion at a future date.

Loretta

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TORTOISE HABITAT

The federal government has designated 6.4 million acres of desert to protect the desert tortoise. Most of this land is in California. In 1990 the tortoise was declared an endangered species. A number of reasons were given for the decline of its population.

Ranchers are experiencing severe economic hardships. They have been denied vehicle access to maintain pipelines that supply water to cattle and wildlife. These water systems are on federal land. The ranchers were told to keep their stock away from vegetation that

tortoises eat. One rancher says the tortoises are doing better around the cows than in the Desert Tortoise Natural Area near Mojave. Officials have said the reptiles have had a severe decline in this 'Natural Area.'

It is not clear how the government of these 6.4 million acres will be handled. Officials say any decision to ban or limit activities will be made on a case-by-case basis.



--this information was taken from an article in the L.A. Times, 2/8/94

Virginia Page

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CFMS NEWS

- March 7 - Entries for Competitive Exhibits are due for CFMS show
- March 18-20 - Petrified Wood Seminar at Bakersfield
- March 30 - Advanced registration for CFMS show closes
- April 7 - Theme Competition Applications are due
- April 8-10 - CFMS/El Cajon Show & Convention, Del Mar Fairgrounds
- April 17-22 - Earth Science Studies at Zzyzx
- May 13-15 - RV Seminar hosted by NOC

-- Izzie

ORANGE COUNTY COUNCIL NEWS

1996 Show planning meeting at 4:30 pm, Friday, April 8, 1994 in Tower Building at the Del Mar Fairground (during the CFMS Show.) If you can not attend this meeting, but wish to give your input, please let me or someone who is attending know.

The Officers and Committee Directors for the show will be elected at that time. Show Chairman, Isabella Burns, was elected at the last meeting, and Ray Meisenheimer has been appointed as our show coordinator. Suggestions for Officers and Committee Directors are:

Office	Nominee	Additional Nominees
Assistant Show Chairman	Dick Knox	_____
Recording Secretary	Cleo Wardlow	_____
Corresponding Secretary	Phylus Delio	_____
Treasurer	_____	_____
Committee Directors		
Dealer	Don George	_____
Exhibits	Dick Knox	_____
Facilities	Bill Burns	_____
Hospitality	George Mitchell & Marge Jacobs	_____
Programs	Clare Gagnor & Arlene Billheimer	_____
Publicity	Bob Jones	_____
Other committees		
Three projects by the societies	_____	_____
Meeting Hostess/Host	_____	_____
Show Record	Don Ogden	_____

Many sub committees will be working with these elected people.

We will select a theme for our show and accept designs for a logo. The CFMS will be 60 years old in 1996 and was started in Riverside. Suggestions are:



- Birth of the Golden Bear
- 60th Anniversary
- Heritage of Gems
- Coming Home
- Down by the Riverside
- Valencia Gold (Valencia Oranges were propagated here)
- Mission Gem
- Touch of Elegance
- Picture Perfect

Your suggestion \_\_\_\_\_

Future Meetings will be planned and other pertinent info discussed at this meeting. Don't forget, every member of any gem and mineral society in Orange County is invited to this meeting. If you can not attend, your suggestions are very welcome. Ideas and suggestions from others have been greatly appreciated.

Izzie Burns