

◆ NOC NEWS ◆

Volume 16 Issue 3

Editor: VICKI MARKS

MARCH 1997



LAPIDARY
CLASSES AT
WALT
MESSEMER'S
EVERY
WEDNESDAY
15528 East
Woodcrest
Drive,
Whittier
() () () ()

MARCH
REFRESHMENTS
will be
brought by
Izzie & Bill
Burns, Angie
Harwood

THANK YOU FOR
THE DELICIOUS
FEBRUARY RE-
FRESHMENTS,
BOB LAUTERIO
AND OFELIA
WARTHEN

APRIL
REFRESHMENT
BY: Jane
Livezy and
Linda Parker

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Loretta Ogden

I hope all of you or at least a lot of you make it to the meeting this month. It is the last one before the show and we need all your input. Al will be there with the diamond he worked so hard to get for us as our prize. So the moral of the story is wear your sunglasses because it is going to sparkle in La Habra on Tuesday!

After the show is over we will be planning some more events so put in your suggestions. We included a questionnaire in the last newsletter and received two of them back. We were hoping for a better response than that but since we didn't, should we assume you are happy with everything just the way it is or what? Answers anyone.

See you at the meeting.

*SHOW UP! UP!
WIN A DIAMOND!
SEE GREAT DIAMOND COPIES
2 SEALED BID AUCTIONS SAT.
and SUN NIGHTS Be there to win!
EAT WONDERFUL FOOD
WIN GREAT PRIZES
SPIN THE WHEEL OF FORTUNE
CUT BEADS AND BUY, BUY....*

ASK HOW YOU
CAN HELP AT
OUR SHOW!

MARCH 11th PROGRAM

From Virginia Grafton

Tom Carter and his sister will tell about "Miracles of the Laboratory." The O.J. Crystal Company manufactures the Ramaura Cultured Ruby, Nicholas Created Alexandrite and Empress Cultured Emeralds. They will have a display of faceted stones, rough forms for faceting and cutoff pieces for mel'ee and cabochon cutting. Gemstones and specimens will be available at wholesale prices. He will explain the state of the art technique for growing the stones in the laboratory. It sound like a fascinating program, bring friends!



BILL SAYS, "DUES ARE DUE"

Be sure you get your dues in ASAP so your name and all info will be in the April Bulletin. If anyone knows of any address changes, let Vicki or Loretta know.



TRIPS AND PLACES TO VISIT

CLUB TRIP - MARCH 15-16 TO STODDARD WELLS

NO EASTER TRIP HAS BEEN PLANNED

APRIL 26-27 = CFMS FIELD TRIP at the Sierra Paloma Claim off Clay Mine Road out of the city of Mojave.

ASK:
"WHERE
CAN YOU
NEVER
WEAR
WHITE
PANTS?"

SPEAKING OF FOSSILS . . .

You might like to visit a one-acre park in Aliso Viejo, CA, that was at one time one of the most famous fossil areas in the county. This little park is called 'Fossil Reef Park' and displays just a "peek" of the remnants of what was once a gigantic reef of fossils that stretched six miles across the Saddleback Valley, but may have really covered well over 20 square miles before it was all covered over (except this small park) by homes, asphalt and concrete. Think of the thousands of fossils lying there, still waiting to be found!! To reach this small park go north on Golden Lantern and Moulton Parkway from Dana Point to Via Lomas (one street past Alicia). Turn right and the park is about half a block up the street on your left.

(via *Chips 'N Splinters*, 12/95)

A PETRIFIED WOOD FACT

By Harland Spencer

Many pieces of petrified wood, especially from the northwest, have a center that looks like wood but with a layer of chalcedony or pumice between the center and the outside. This indicates that the tree was green when it was buried in hot ash. The water in the green wood evaporated, making the wood shrink. The outside was made into a cast by the heat, so the areas left between the wood and the cast were filled with chalcedony, making beautiful pieces of wood.

From Rock Digest via Pegmatite

MARCH 8-9 TURLOCK, CA
MOTHER LODE MINERAL SOCIETY
Stanislaus County Fairgrounds

MARCH 8-9 SAN MARINO, CA
PASADENA LAPIDARY SOCIETY
Masonic Temple
3130 Huntington Dr.

MARCH 15-16 HAWTHORNE, CA
NORTHROP GRUMMAN GEM & MINERAL
NGRC Clubhouse 12329 Crenshaw Blvd.
Gate 16

MARCH 15-16 SALINAS, CA
MONTEREY BAY MINERAL SOCIETY
Spreckels Veterans Memorial Bldg.
5th & Llano St.

SHOW NEWS from GINNY GRAFTON

- Let Ginny know if you want to put a case in our show - (562) 865-2040. *March 22-23rd!*
- Counting on the following putting in a case: Walt Abramson, Joan Abramson, Joan Henry, Don Levezey, Joe Isheda, Walt Wright, Bev Berg. (You weren't at the meeting, so I signed you up, call me if you can't put a case in).
- Also, bring 10 grab bags with 8 identified stones in each. We will have more cloth bags at the March meeting for you, or you can make your own.
- **REMEMBER: EACH FAMILY SHOULD BRING 2 PIES OR A CAKE FOR THE SHOW!**

Show needs needs needs

AL HERMOSILLO ASKS THAT EVERYONE GET A DONATION AWARD TO HIM FOR THE SHOW

DON OGDEN NEEDS HELP WITH SET-UP.

COME HELP SET UP FRIDAY NIGHT, DINNER WILL BE SERVED, BRING YOUR OWN UTENSILS!



WE NEED MORE SECURITY VOLUNTEERS!

Helping Hand



Hello Betsy M., hope you are seeing things through new eyes!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL YOU MARCH LEPRECHAUNS

BIRTHSTONE: Bloodstone or Aquamarine
FLOWER: Daffodil or Jonquil

Ginny Grafton - 1st
Gloria Lortz - 3rd
Derek Tufnell - 3rd



Gloria and Charles new address is 5707 E. Hgh 80 #151, Yuma Arizona, 85365



Grandma McNab was a most tidy soul—
Her laundry a sparkling delight.
The lye soap was right, the colors were bright,
Perfection her ultimate goal.

The desert she loved, but the wind was no friend.
She dreaded each powerful gust.
Her house filled with dust; her hair got all mussed.
She yearned for each gale to end.

She decided to wash on one calm Monday morning
And gathered the clothes in a pile.
If garments could smile with mischievous guile,
They'd have uttered a most timely warning.

The items were fastened with strong wooden pins
To anchor them down "just in case."
She'd have a quick race if the wind changed its pace—
A battle that nobody wins.

FROM
JOAN
ABRAMSON

*"Have you
ever
wondered
how some of
our desert
roads got
their colorful
names?"*

A zephyr came first that made the line dance
Soon followed by hurricane force.
Like a galloping horse without a true course
Fled the blouses, the shirts and the pants.

Grandpa's red underwear prancing with glee
Gave a cholla a hearty embrace.
The chemise of Aunt Grace all bordered with lace
Dangled high in a Joshua tree.

The desert then blossomed with diapers white
(Cousin Willie now blushes to say)—
Like snow on display on a glad Christmas Day,
Festooning the desert with light.

Aunt Mabel's large bra of material soft
Was caught in a cactus so spiny.
She cried with voice whiny, "I wish it was tiny!"
Like a banner it floated aloft.

Grandma's own bloomers of XXX Flour
On a creosote bush finally landed.
Her anger expanded; she screamed and demanded
That Grandpa retrieve them that hour.

The poor man tried hard, but the wind's will was
stronger—
The apparel resisted release.
The house knew no peace, from the wind no surcease,
'Til Grandma could stand it no longer.

She couldn't disguise the disgust in her eyes
When the E P A cited for litter.
Though she wasn't a quitter, the fine made her bitter.
Her future she'd have to revise.

She opted to move from their desert abode
To try their luck down in the city.
She wished no one's pity and tried to be witty
As she christened the Wild Wash Road.

by

Joan Abramson

Board/General Meeting Highlights by Susan Hansen

The meeting was called to order by President Loretta Ogden at 7:32 p.m.

The flag salute was led by Ed Rost.

Virginia Grafton introduced the program on Stones and their superstitions by Earl and Kathryn Burch.

Refreshments were provided by Ofelia Warthen and Bob Lautario.

Drawings were held by Pat Maggs.

The name drawn for the membership "pot" was Ken Marks, who was not present, so it carries over to next month.

Treasurer's report was given by Bill Burns. He presented the proposed budget for '97, which was voted on and approved after some discussion. He reminded members that dues are due.

Minutes had been handed out, and were approved as printed.

Hospitality/membership-23 members signed in but Sandy counted 29 heads, and our 2 speakers, who didn't sign in as guests.

Refreshments for March will be provided by Bill and Izzie Burns and Angie Harwood.

Education report by Ginnie Grafton-the club received \$85.00 from the workshop at the Hacienda Heights science center. Display material was brought in by Jeff and Linda Parker, copralite, a stalactite piece, plume agate, and fossil fern which fluoresces. Mike Maneth brought in some specimens of Jade that he has been polishing.

Snow Report-Izzie had the SCBA number which we need to give when we send or call promotional/publicity information to broadcast media. Trini volunteered to contact some TV stations prior to the show. Loretta had some of the cloth bags members made and brought to hand out. We are asking each family/member to donate 10 bags with 8 identified rocks in each. Jeff Parker got 1,000 stone arrowheads, there was some discussion on whether we want to put one in each bag. Loretta thinks there is too much risk to children reaching into the bags and getting cut, because the arrowheads are sharp. It was decided not to put them in the grab bags.

Angie is going to put a display case in at the Pico Rivera library. Loretta asked to see about putting in display cases in other libraries, i.e. La Habra.

Other business:

Mae brought an article on Senior benefits.

The club received a thank you letter for the Christmas presents and food we donated.

The meeting adjourned at 9:54 pm

KRAFTY KORNER STORE

By Angie Harwood & Mary Maneth

Time to get some of your crafty items ready. Needs are:

- Handmade items.
- Small & large plants.
- Jars of jam & jelly, etc.

Look around and see if there are items that you don't want or need, have no use for - then bring them on Friday the 21st or early Saturday before the doors open for the show. Price your items or we will. All items not sold should be taken back or given away.

Your editor attended the Maricopa Show in AZ, and enjoyed many new show ideas plus saw lots of great stuff! If you get a chance to go, it is worth seeing. This is a big club of about 300 members. Since neither Ken or I received a phone call, I guess we didn't win the prize for 'how much the petrified log weighed.' Where is Walt W. when you need him!

COLOR ME COLOR ME

COLOR ME COLOR ME

NOC DIAMOND GEM SHOW

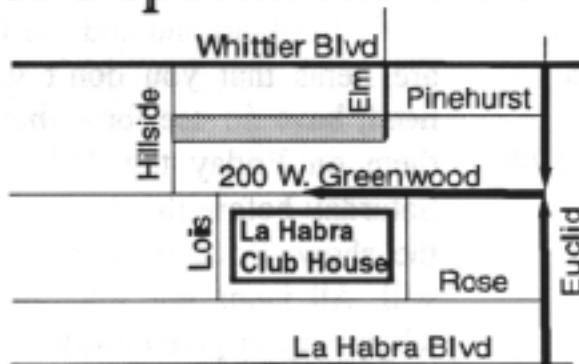
La Habra Clubhouse
200 W. Greenwood
La Habra, CA
Sat & Sun
March 22 & 23, 1997
10 a.m. Till 5 p.m.



Bring me to the SHOW
For a special raffle ticket.

FREE
ADMISSION

SNACK BAR



For information /Loretta / 714-671-0588 or 714-529-4419



"GOLD COAST TREASURE TROVE"

Seaside Park, Ventura County Fairgrounds

June 20-21-22, 1997

SPECIAL "SEA STAR" COMPETITION

The Ventura Gem & Mineral Society will be sponsoring a Sea Star (Star Fish) contest at the 1997 CFMS Show in Ventura, June 20, 21, & 22, and the Show Committee would like to invite everyone to enter. There will be six categories and a trophy will be offered in each one. These trophies will be awarded only once at the GOLD COAST TREASURE TROVE SHOW.

The six categories are Carving, Jewelry, Intarsia or Mosaic, Lapidary Art, Scrimshaw, and Natural Form. Only one entry per person in each category is allowed but a person may enter more than one category. The entry must be a single piece but may contain other figures that would contribute atmosphere or add to the overall design of the entry. However, the Sea Star must be used as the central figure.

The rules and an entry form will be published in a future issue of the CFMS Newsletter and extra copies may be reproduced or requested from Jeane Stultz, 624 Randy Drive, Newbury Park, CA 91320. A separate application must be filled out for every category entered and all entries must be received by June 1, 1997. A single show entry badge will be issued to each contestant, regardless of how many entries a person submits.

We'll be looking for you in Ventura. Entries should be sent to:

Jeane Stultz
624 Randy Drive
Newbury Park, CA 91320



"GOLD COAST TREASURE TROVE"

CFMS show hosted by the Ventura Gem & Mineral Society
June 20-21-22, 1997 (10-6 Friday & Saturday, 10-5 Sunday)
Seaside Park, Ventura County Fairgrounds
Ventura, California

Internet URL: <http://www.west.net/~jns/vgms/>

1997 ADVANCE REGISTRATION FORM (Deadline is June 1, 1997)

NAME _____ PHONE # _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

SOCIETY _____

SHOW REGISTRATION

OTHER NAMES _____

_____ ADULTS AT \$4.50 3-DAY PASS \$10.00 TOTAL \$ _____

_____ 60+ & 12-18 AT \$3.50 TOTAL \$ _____

_____ UNDER 12 FREE WHEN ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT

_____ TOTAL SHOW REGISTRATIONS TOTAL \$ _____

EVERYONE 50¢ OFF WITH FLYER

CAMPING RESERVATION

I WISH TO CAMP (CIRCLE DATES) JUNE 18 - 19 - 20 - 21 - 22

EXPECTED DATE & TIME OF ARRIVAL _____

_____ DAYS AT \$12.00 PER DAY TOTAL \$ _____

TYPE OF RV: _____ 5TH WHEEL _____ TRAVEL TRAILER _____ MOTOR HOME _____ TENT

THERE ARE NO HOOK-UPS _____ LENGTH _____ EXTRA VEHICLE

CAMPERS MUST PURCHASE PRE-REGISTRATION ENTRY BADGE (EXCEPT FOR EXHIBITORS AND DEALERS)

BANQUET RESERVATION - SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 1997 AT 7 PM

PLEASE MAKE _____ RESERVATIONS AT \$19.00 PER PERSON TOTAL \$ _____

BULLETIN EDITORS' BREAKFAST - SUNDAY, JUNE 22, 1997 AT 8 AM

PLEASE MAKE _____ RESERVATIONS AT \$10.00 PER PERSON TOTAL \$ _____

PLEASE MAKE CHECK OR MONEY ORDER PAYABLE TO "GOLD COAST TREASURE TROVE"

REMITTANCE MUST ACCOMPANY REGISTRATION

MAIL TO: Wayne Ehlers
171 Tahquitz Drive
Camarillo, CA 93012

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

NO REFUNDS AFTER JUNE 15, 1997