

# NOC GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY NEWS

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## Prez's Message

by Loretta Ogden

As I was reading the presidents message from September 1993 I was stuck by the similarities to the things I had planned to say. It seemed appropriate to say DITTO.

## Prez' Message

by Walt Messemer

Hi! We were low in attendance at our September meeting. I hope you are all back from your vacations now. We need volunteers for our 1994 NOC show. See Izzie (Mike or Pat) to ask what you can do to help her put the show on. We are still holding classes in cabbing at my house. We will have classes in other crafts if you so desire. Please let the Board know what your interests are.

It's Loretta again: Seems as though new classes would be a good idea. Also new students for the cabbing class.

## Programs

by Virginia Grafton

### October Meeting

Date: October 14  
Time: 7:30 p.m.  
Place: La Habra Sr. Center, Assy. Rm.  
Speaker: Susan Hansen

On October 14 we will have an excellent photographic presentation of the mineral specimens that can be found on the Trona field trip. It will be a slide show of Searles Lake and its economic mineral deposit.

## Coming Attractions

### NOC Club Activities

Cab Classes at Walt Messemer's; 7-10 p.m.  
every Monday & Wednesday Evening.  
Regular Meeting — October 14  
Field Trip to Trona  
(see **Crystal Gazing**) — October 11,12  
Board Meeting — October 28

### Shows and Events

OCTOBER 1 thru 5 JOSHUA TREE, CA  
Sportsmans Club of Joshua Tree  
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Hours: 8-5 each day  
John Eden (760) 362-4652

OCTOBER 8-9 ONTARIO, CA  
Pomona Rock Hounds  
Masonic Hall  
1025 N. Vine Ave.  
Hours: Sat 10-6 Sun 10-5  
Doris Hietikko (909) 622-0546

OCTOBER 11-12 TRONA, CA  
Searles Lake Gem & Mineral Society  
13337 Main St.  
Hours: Sat 8-5 Sun 8-4  
Check for special field trips  
Bonnie Fairchild (760) 372-5356

OCTOBER 11-12 LANCASTER, CA  
Valley Gems & Mineral Club  
9050 ½ West Ave J  
Hour: 9-5 each day  
Connie Wilhelm (805) 942-1570

OCTOBER 11-12 VICTORVILLE, CA  
Victor Valley Gem & Mineral Club  
San Bernardino County Fairgrounds  
14800 7<sup>th</sup> St.  
Hours: Sat 9-5 Sun 9-4

OCTOBER 18-19 WHITTIER, CA  
Whittier Gem & Mineral society,  
Whittier Masonic Temple  
7604 So. Greenleaf Ave.  
Hours: Sat 10-6 Sun 10-5  
Les Roy (562) 943-8634

NOVEMBER 1-2 FONTANA, CA  
Kaiser Rock & Gem Club  
California Steel Industries  
9400 Cherry Ave.  
Hours: Sat 10-6 Sun 10-5  
Gary Palmer (760) 366-2990

NOVEMBER 1-2 RIVERSIDE, CA  
Valley Prospectors  
Jurupa Mts. Cultural Center  
7681 Granite Hill Dr.  
Hours: 9-3 each day

**Field Trips**  
*by Bill Burns*

OCTOBER 11-12 TRONA, CA  
Trip will be a joint club effort with no one in particular as leader. (See *Crystal Gazing* for directions to Trona.)

NOVEMBER 1-3 AFTON CANYON  
Trip will be led by Bill and Izzie Burns. Collection will include Agate, Fluorite, Calcite, and Jasper.

**Refreshments**  
*by Sandy Mogen*

Susan Hansen and Trini Hermosillo are on the Refreshment list to bring goodies for our 14 October meeting. Thanks to Sandy Mogan for the delicious refreshments we had at our September meeting.

**CAMP PARADISE**  
by Loretta Ogden

We had another wonderful CFMS camp experience. The place was extra gorgeous and the facilities were more than we have come to expect. The people from the church did a very nice job taking care of our dietary needs while the teachers and field trip leaders tended to our more academic needs. All were happy and it is unanimous Bill, Izzie, Florence and Ray have had another successful Earth Science Studies Camp.

Anyone who is considering going next year *otter* and if not you really *otter*. ***Word borrowed from the 1998 CFMS Show Entertainment & Promotion Committee.***

**Members in the News**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY and have a wonderful day all of you who were born in October.

Susan Hansen - 10/11  
Pam Hubbel - 10/12  
Ofelia Warthen - 10/20

Your gemstone is Opal or Tourmaline.  
Your flower is Calendula or Cosmos.

**General Meeting September 9**  
*by Susan Hansen, Secretary*

The **meeting** was called to order at 7:42 by Vice-President Virginia Grafton.

The **program** was presented by Ray Wallace on flint knapping. He talked about how he got started and the process. He said he got a lot of information on the Internet.

The **business meeting** started at 9:03 and the flag salute was led by Susan Hansen.

**Hospitality**-Sandy reported there were 8 members and 4 guests and our speaker present. Refreshments were provided by Pat and Sandy Mogan.

## General Meeting (Continued)

**Field Trips-** Mike M. reported there is a trip to Lavic Siding on Sept 20 -21st. The Delver's show is Sept 13 & 14. October 11 and 12<sup>th</sup> is Trona/Searles Lake show. Nov 1 & 2 is a field trip to Afton Canyon.

**Thanks** to Pat and Sandy Mogan for the BBQ this summer.

**Education-** Virginia reported that she and Joan Harvey put cases in first grade classrooms in Huntington Beach. Ginny and Jerry G. will take tumbler, polishers and saw to the school on Thurs. Sept 25<sup>th</sup>, to do a presentation to 6 1<sup>st</sup> grade classes.

**Old Business-** Pat wants a work party to paint the banner. He has the stencils and sign. Video projector purchase has been tabled.

**New Business-** Oct Program-? Pizza party or?? Nominating committee-President appoints 1, board appoints 1, 3 selected from floor. Mike Maneth, Pat Mogan, Sandy Mogan were selected. Pat and Sandy volunteered to host the meeting-date to be set at the board meeting.

**Get well-** Adele Huber is home from hospital, Trini Hermosillo had surgery, Lucille Howe is recovering from surgery, and Walt Abramson is doing better after his surgery.

Meeting **adjourned** at 9:20 p.m.

## Board Meeting September 23

*by Susan Hansen, Secretary*

The **meeting** was called to order by Vice-President Virginia Grafton.

**Seven** board members and one guest were present. The minutes of the June board meeting were handed ut. The minutes of the September general meeting were read.

**Nominating committee-** The board appointed Loretta Ogden, Ginnie (as acting president) appointed Susan Hansen as Chairman. The meeting will be Sept 30<sup>th</sup> at Mogen's, about 7 p.m. Ginnie will contact Loretta and make sure date is OK.

**Program for October** will be a slide show on Searles Lake Minerals. Ginnie won't be at the meeting but will send the slide projector. The slide program is coming from CFMS.

**Treasurer's Report-** Bill Burns presented report as printed on his new computer's quicken program. One of the CD's comes due in Dec., he will keep some of the money out for '98 show expenses.

**Field-Trips-** Mike Maneth reported the Trona Show is Oct 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. The first field trip is Saturday at 9 a.m., so will probably have to go out Friday. Hopefully those who attend will bring some samples to show along with the slide show at the meeting on 10/14. The Monterey Park Club is going to Bower's Museum in Santa Ana on Oct. 12<sup>th</sup>, to see the Jade Exhibit from Taiwan. The exhibit will be there until March, our club might want to arrange a trip date. Nov. 1 thru 3 is trip to Afton Canyon. Holtville for Thanksgiving.

**Refreshments** for October meeting is Susan Hansen, Ginny won't be there and she had signed up too. Sandy Mogan said she would see if can get and alternate (Trini if she's able to).

**Federation report-** Izzie Burns reported she and Bill went to the Idaho Falls Federation show. They had made up napkins with the show logo printed on then using a computer print shop program. We may be able to do something like that. They went to the Federation meeting in Ventura at the show there. Izzie has to miss the Visalia meeting in November. Bill will go as alternate. CFMS voted to adopt the Afton Canyon area with BLM. There is legislation in committee on Fossil collecting.

**Show report-** Loretta not present. Sandy brought in some crafts as something we could do for the show. Norberto wants to do a video of Mike cutting a geode for advertisement for the show.

**Old business-** Projector Don Ogden has the catalogs. Izzie found a place in Pasadena that might have it. She will get the information for us.

Present at the meeting was **guest Irene Veloz**. Irene was at the September meeting. She also came in July and August and waited for us until she got a hold of someone at the city who called and finally told her we didn't meet in July or August. Irene lives in Anaheim and wanted to come to a few meetings before deciding if she wants to join. Thanks to Irene for her patience and persistence.

Meeting **adjourned** at 8:15 p.m.

## CFMS News

by Izzie Burns, CFMS Director

Some how my calender has gotten very busy in 1997. I missed seeing you at the last meeting and will miss the next one. I was coordinating the CFMS Earth Science Studies program at Camp Paradise at Clipper Mills, California in September.

A beautiful spot that you might wish to go to next year. During the October Meeting I will be in Jackson, Mississippi at the AFMS Meeting, serving as third vice president. We will be leaving tomorrow for Ridgecrest Advisory Council Meeting. Things are just too busy.

The CFMS Show Meeting at Ventura was very good. They voted to adopt the Pink Hills collecting area. Bill & I, and representatives from some other clubs are working on that. October 2, BLM Barstow is having an open house at there new site, 2601 Barstow Rd., Barstow. Bill is leading a field trip into the Northern Cady Mountains on November 1, 2, & 3. Everyone is welcome to join him. We will camp off of Basin Road. Dick Crow of the BLM was a guest lecturer and maintained a booth at the show. He had a map that showed all of the old collecting areas and ask for people to add any others. He ran that map trough a computer scanner and reported that after the next two desert programs - the Endanger Species Act and the Fort Irwin expansion that only 7.7 of our old collecting areas will remain open to drive in and collect. You can walk into Wilderness areas and collect, but you can not collect in National Parks.

Our Fall CFMS Meeting is scheduled for November 8. Officers will be elected and installed at that time. Beverly Moreau, who is president elect will be installed as president. Beverly (Muriel) Berge is a nominee for secretary. She will be running against Beverly Hafeli. President elect nominee is Ken Kruschke 2nd Vice President Gene Rutledge, Treasurer, Wes Lingenfelter. I will only be able to attend a part of that as I am facilitator for the Soroptimist Region Youth Forum in Laguna Saturday morning. I hope to give a report on that meeting in person at the November Meeting before leaving Wednesday for a BLM Meeting in El Centro.

## Interim Editor

by Don & Loretta Ogden

We are all sorry to lose Vicki Marks as our bulletin editor. She is too busy right now with her job, her work on her doctorate and her husband in Arizona. She did a great job and hopefully she will be able to take it up again in the future. Thank you for all the time and effort you gave to NOC Vicki.

## Nominating Committee Report

by Don & Loretta Ogden

The Nominating Committee will place the following names into nomination at the October meeting. Then nominations will be called for from the floor. The election will take place at the November meeting.

President - Mike Maneth  
1st VP -  
2nd VP - Sandy Mogan  
Treasurer - Bill Burns  
Secretary - Susan Hansen  
Federation Director - Izzie Burns  
Director - Loretta Ogden  
Director - Pat Mogan  
Director - Don Ogden

## Crystal Gazing *..field trip..* (map on last page)

by Jon Fults (*Delvers - Delvings*)

Trona, Ca. October 11 & 12. This annual event is sorsored by the Searles Lake Gem and Mineral Society. Once a year the North American Chemical Company (NACC) allows collecting on their property. During th 9 a.m. Saturday tour to Seares Lake you can watch NACC technicians make tons of specimen grade hanksite, borax, sulfahalite, trona, and cubic halite gush onto the normally dry salt surface for your collecting pleasure. This tour annually draws about 600 people (800 last year) and is believed to be the largest mineral collecting tour in the country. At 3 p.m. Saturday there will be atour to gooey, black mud containing very large hanksite and borax crystals and clusters weighing up to 100 pounds.

## Crystal Gazing (Continued)

The 9 a.m. Sunday tour will be to brine pools containing the beautiful, natural pink, Searles Lake halite. To collect pink halite you will need a bar and a heavy hammer. Registration for all Searles Lake tours requires a \$5.00 donation per vehicle and begins one hour before departure. Wear sacrificial clothes and rubber boots if you have them. There will also be a free tour to collect fluorescent rocks Saturday evening at 7 p.m. The show provides guided bus tours of the chemical extraction plants of NACC. We will also provide information for self guided tours of the Trona Pinnacles national Scenic Area.

The show also features 18 mineral dealers and 50 mineral and hobby displays. The show and parking are free. You can camp at NACC's Valley Wells recreation area (\$5.00 fee). Drive through Trona and continue north five miles. Watch carefully for the turnoff to the right (East). Also there are full hookups at Trona Trailer Park (619) 372-5371, and Adobe Village RV Park (209) 291-1239.

To reach Trona, drive north of 395 to Red Mountain. Just north of Red Mountain turn onto the Trona Road. Continue north until the Trona Road joins 178. Continue north on the Trona Rd. (178) until you reach Trona.

## Nomination Notes

We were not very successful as a committee to name a new slate of officers this year. We either heard the word no or I am unable to do that or there was no answer at all. Consequently we traded jobs among ourselves or the former officers. It is very difficult to do this without the support and enthusiasm from the whole club.

May of the people before named said they would do it if no one else would so what I and so many others are hoping for are nominations from the floor. Please think about it and see if you can't possibly do one of the many jobs that need **you**.

Remember **we** are a non-profit organization and bound by state regulations.

## Classify Yourself, Club Member

*Anonymous*

Are you an active member,  
The kind that would be missed;  
Or are you just contented  
That your name is on the list?

Do you attend the meetings  
And mingle with the flock;  
or do you stay at home  
An criticize the and knock?

Do you take an active part  
To help the club along;  
Or are you satisfied to be  
The guy who "just belongs"?

Do you work on committees,  
To this there is no trick,  
Or leave the work to just a few  
And talk about the clique?

For many of our members  
Who "never volunteer,"  
We're in need of helping hands,  
That's all too plain and clear.

Our society could prosper  
With a little more of "you";  
To make our club better,  
There's much that you can do.

So come to the meetings regularly  
And help with hand and heart;  
Don't be just another member  
Join us! Take an active part!

Think it over member  
You know what's right from wrong;  
Are you an active member,  
Or do you "just belong"?

