

NOC GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY NEWS

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Prez's Message

by Mike Maneth

I hope everyone had a nice and safe Christmas and New Year. To follow Loretta's excellent leadership, as your president, I will be needing a lot of help from all of you to try and meet the standards she has set for this club.

Now we must get down to the real work for our show. It's only three months away. Most of the committees are filled by if you are not on one ask what you can do. Sell tickets, fix up your case and look in your rock pile for "Rock Food" that we can use for a table or place setting. Call Pat or Myself if you have something to add to the show.

Sorry we could not attend the Christmas Party. Heard it was a great party.

Program

by Jeff Parker

January Meeting

Date: January 13
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Place: Veterans Hall (Name change only)
Speaker: Well kept secret

NOCG&MS on the Internet!

NOCG&MS now has a presence on the internet as shown on the last two pages of NOC NEWS.

Special thanks are due to **Jeff Parker** who dedicated many hours getting our home page on its way. You are invited to access our new home page at (<http://home.inreach.com/o-nocgms>).

Interim Editor

by Don & Loretta Ogden

We need articles from all the members. Share some of your lessons learned as a rockhound. This month MEMBERS SPOTLIGHT features Don and Loretta Ogden, since no one responded.

We would like to have different club members featured each month. So, send in a photo, and an article of your rockhound experience. If you need help in writing an article, use Walt and Joan Abramson article that appeared in the November 1987 NOC New as a guide.

NOC Club Activities

Lapidary Class for Science Club — January 10
9: 30 a.m. at Wedgeworth School, Hacienda Hgts (See **Izzie** for directions. Also, she **needs lots of help**.) We will be preparing cabs for the students at Walt's class on Wed, Jan 7.
Cab Classes at Walt Messemer's; 7-10 p.m.
every Monday & Wednesday Evening.
Regular Meeting — January 13
Field Trip to Quartzite — February 4 - 8
Board Meeting — January 27
Deadline for NOC News — January 27

Refreshments

by Sandy Mogan

Sandy Mogan will provide Refreshments for our January 13 meeting.

Thanks to all who provided for the delicious refreshments we had at our November meeting.

Coming Shows and Events

FEBRUARY 4 - 8, QUARTZITE, AZ
QIA Pow Wow

FEBRUARY 13-22, INDIO, CA
Southern Calif Micro Mineralogist
Pacific Conference
San Bernardino County Museum,
2024 Orange Tree Lane
Juanita Curtis (562) 427-0657

FEBRUARY 21-22, NORTH HOLLYWOOD
Del-Aair, Sierra Pelona, VIP, &
Woodland Hills clubs
Valley Plaza Rec Center
12240 Archwood St.
Hours: 10-5 both days
Mary Backus (805) 758-9886

FEBRUARY 17 - MARCH 8, IMPERIAL, CA
Imperial Valley Gem & Mineral Soc
Gem & Mineral Bldg, Calif Mid-Winter
Fairgrounds - Hwy 86
Hours: Noon -10 Fri 10-10 Sat & Sun
4-10 Mon thru Thur
Jacque Swerdfeger (700) 344-6230

MARCH 28 - 29, LA HABRA, CA
NOC Gem & Mineral Society
La Habra Clubhouse
200 W. Greenwood
Mike Maneth (562) 944-8628

JULY 3- 4, MONTEREY, CA
CFMS Show & Convention
Monterey Fairgrounds
2004 Fairgrounds Rd.
Kay Carter (408) 422-0530

Members in the News

HAPPY BIRTHDAY and have a wonderful
day all of you who were born in January.
Alice Livezey - Jan 16
Don Livezey - Jan 17
Pat Maggs - Jan 23
Jane Hendrixson - Jan 27
Your birthtone is Garnet.
Your flower is Carnation or Snowdrop.

Christmas Party & Officer Installation

by Don Ogden

The annual Christmas party and installation of NOC Gem & Mineral Society officers was held at the El Pescador restaurant in Whittier on Friday December the 5th. The dinner was delicious. We were entertained by Kay Young and the up and coming STAR Peter Young.

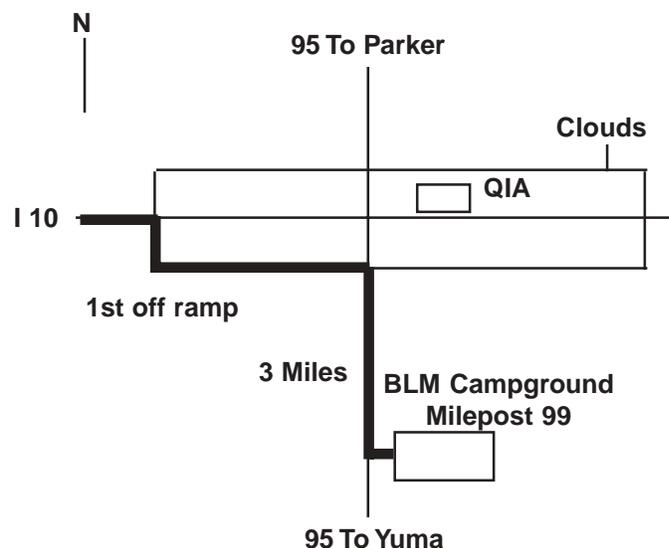
Many gifts (food and toys) were given by members to the City of La Habra for distribution.

A special thanks from all to **Trini Hermosillo** for putting on a great Christmas Party.

The following members, elected at the November meeting, were installed by Izzy at the Christmas Party. Many of the rich and famous were present for the installation of officers.

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

Map to Quartzsite Campsite



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Don and Loretta Ogden have

been avid rockhounds since 1992. Don, a native of Indiana and Loretta from Minnesota but both long term California transplants, first started collecting rocks when they became members of the North Orange County Gem and Mineral Society. Don became interested after one of their early dates to the Orange County Fair, Loretta was a little reluctant but has since found it a fun and rewarding hobby. They were married in 1995 and were friends for six years before that.

Don has four children and Loretta has one. They have three grand children so far and are looking forward to at least a few more.

Don is nearing the end of a long career at Lockheed and Loretta owns and operates at Plumage, a beauty salon in Brea, Ca.

To say they are avid rockhounds is not quite the whole story. They have found a difference in the way they collect. Don is the happiest in the wild and Loretta is in her element in the great rock store at the shows etc. They have shown each other the beauty of the others ways and Don now appreciates the fun and excitement of the shows and Loretta has learned to love the look and peace desert and the trailer. Most of all they both enjoy the fellowship of rockhound.

Field Trip to Quartzite

by Don Ogden

Our February field trip is to Quartzite. The QIA Pow Wow is scheduled from February 4 to 8. Cloud's will also be open. Bring firewood as we usually have some beautiful evenings for campfires. Be prepared for cold nights. Weather permitting, we will have a potluck dinner Saturday evening at 4:30 p.m. California time.

We will camp next to the Delvers. The easiest way to get to the campsite is to take the first off ramp, turn right, then left and drive thorough Tyson to Hwy 95, turn south and drive one or three miles to the La Posa BLM campground (South Area) on the east side of the highway. There is usually a large group of signs. Look the signs over and see if we have one posted (NOC Gem & Mineral Society). Also look for Delvers or SWBA signs (pie plates). The SWBA is the Blue Grass group.

General Meeting November 11

by Susan Hansen, Secretary

The **meeting** was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by President Loretta Ogden.

The **flag salute** was led by Jeff Parker.

A **pizza potluck** was held prior to the meeting.

Loretta has the packets of tickets for show awards for members to pick up.

Hospitality - 18 members signed in, with 2 guests, Tom Messemer and Irene Veloz. Head count was 26, so a few forgot to sign in. Loretta announced that Bonnie Renner is doing very poorly. She has been ill for some time.

The next meeting will be the Christmas party. Bring toys and food for donations. The cost to members is \$10 /person. Some felt it was too much, there was a discussion of cost vs expenses for the party and for club social events.

Field trip report by Mike Maneth - he got there late but had a great time. There were 49 people from as far away as Arizona, 22 clubs were represented. Samples of the Fluorite found is on the auction table brought by Norberto Elikier. Thanksgiving trip is to Holtville. Bill Burns had a strobe flashing light that he got at Radio Shack. Pat Mogan moved that the club purchase a flashing light for the Field Trip leader. It was seconded by Don Ogden, and passed unanimously.

The treasurers report was given by Bill Burns. Main expenses for last month was the storage room.

Federation report by Issie Burns, they attended the AFMS meeting in Jackson, MS. AFMS will now send 3 copies of the bulletin, so we need to let them know who to send them to. Izzie gets a copy as she is now the second Vice President of the American Federation. (3 cheers for Izzie.)

ALAA has been accepted as the lobbying vehicle for AFMS. Two bills are in process, one relating to fossil collection and one to gem and mineral collection. The club can contribute to ALAA no more than 5% of income under Non-profit rules. Individual members can also join.

An Education through Sharing Certificate was awarded to Walt Messemer. Izzie presented him

with the certificate tonight.

CFMS announced the scholarship honoree last weekend at their Fall meeting-Virginia Grafton. She will select the school to receive it.

Classes - the club has cards/tickets for classes. \$25 for 12 classes. If used for longer workshops will probably 2 punches. Treasurer Bill Burns has the cards.

Jane Livezey announced that she bought our library, we have 8 videos, please sign up for them. If you take one out now - get to keep it until January meeting. Videos are: Lapidary, Lost Wax Casting, The Complete Metalsmith, Gems of the World, Fire Agate, Bead Stringing and Cabochon making.

Election was held, ballots passed out and counted. The four who were nominated for Directors came out even 19, 19, 19, 20. Izzie Burns made a motion that we have 4 directors this year, the motion was seconded and passed.

Show - there was some discussion on Dealers, we are trying to replace Silver Specialties (findings), who retired. We have had a good balance among our dealers so far, and would like to keep it. Don O will do the flyers on his computer. Mike announced there will be a show meeting next Tues. 11-19 at 7:30, probably here or at the library. He will check to see if we can use this room for the show meeting.

The meeting adjourned for the silent auction.

Membership Dues

are due now!

Dues are due January 1, 1998. Individuals pay \$10, a family pays \$15, and a junior pays \$3. Pay your dues to Bill Burns, Treasurer.

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