

NOC GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY NEWS

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Prez's Message

by Mike Maneth

Jeff had the Members put on a very interesting program last month with "My Favorite Rock." I think everyone had a lot of fun showing off their rock or rocks. Come out this month and see what he has in store for us.

Also to let us know how you will help put on your **SHOW**.

Yes, we need the followingGRAB BAGS, DONATION AWARD PRIZES, ROCK FOOD AND ANY CRYSTAL YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHOW OFF IN THE "CRYSTAL CAVE.

Don and Loretta have more donation award tickets for you to sell and flyers to pass out.

Program

by Jeff Parker

March Meeting

Date: March 10
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Place: Veterans Hall (Name change only)

Program for this month will be a video and **final tune-up for the show**.

Refreshments

by Sandy Mogan

Trini Hermosillo and JaneLivezey will provide Refreshments for our March 10 meeting.

Thanks to Patt Maggs and Irene Veloz for the delicious refreshments we had at our February meeting.

Co-Editors

by Don & Loretta Ogden

With the **show** only a few weeks away, the club needs all the help you can give. Donation award prizes, grab bags, sell lots of tickets, pass out flyers, set up your show case, help set up and make the show happen.

NOC Club Activities

by Don Ogden

Cab Classes at Walt Messemer's; 7-10 p.m.

every Monday & Wednesday Evening.

Regular Meeting — March 10

Field Trip to Stoddard Wells — March 20-23

Board Meeting — March 24

Deadline for NOC News — March 24

Our 14th Annual Show — March 28-29

Coming Shows and Events

MARCH 7-8, MONROVIA, CA

Monrovia Rockhounds

Masonic Temple

204 W. Foothill Blvd.

Hours: Sat 10-6 Sun 10-5

Mark Carney (626) 303-6355

MARCH 14-15, HAWTHORNE, CA

Northrop Grumman Gem & Min Club

NGRC Clubjouse

12329 Crenshaw Blvd., Gate 16

Hours: Sat 10-6 Sun 10-5

Jummy Lapham (310) 331-1406

MARCH 28 - 29, LA HABRA, CA

NOC Gem & Mineral Society

La Habra Clubhouse

200 W. Greenwood

Mike Maneth (562) 944-8628

Pat Maggs (562) 691-2840

Members in the News

by Don Ogden

HAPPY BIRTHDAY and have a wonderful day all of you who were born in March. Don't forget, birthday-ees present at the meeting will receive a birthday card with an enclosed lottery ticket.

Virginia Grafton - March 1

Gloria Lortz - March 3

Your gemstone for March is Bloodstone or Aquamarine and your flower is Daffodil or Jonquil.

March Gemstones Aquamarine and Bloodstone

by Izzie Burns

Aquamarine is a beryl. The color may vary from pale blue to a rich deep blue or blue green. In ancient times the color of the sea was considered the best, but modern people prefer the beautiful deep blue color.

The beryl family of minerals consist of other gem quality stones. Emerald, morganite, helidor and goshenite are beryls of different colors.

Bloodstone is a noncrystalline quartz that is a deep green with red drops on it; thus it is named bloodstone and has been thought of in history to have a religious significance representing drops of Christ's blood. Beautiful high quality blood stone makes nice cabochon for rings or other jewelry.

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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.

Show

by Ginny Grafton

Get your grab bags together! In addition of those who have already signed up, I have assigned cases to the following. If you do not want to put in a case please call (562) 865-2040.

Angie

Walt Wright

Walt Abramson

Joan Abramson

Internet Web Sites

NOC Gem & Mineral Society

<http://home.inreach.com/o-nocgms>

Lapidary Journal online.

<http://www.lapidaryjournal.com>

Pictures from Lapidary Class at Wedgeworth Elementary School

by Don Ogden



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Mike and Mary Maneth grew up in Verde Valley area of Arizona. The old copper mining town of Jerome was up on the hill and towns with smelters, like Clarkdale and Clemenseau, were close by. Growing up in this environment, it would be hard to not have an interest in mineral and rocks in general. They became even more interested after visiting the Petrified Forest and the Painted Desert. Trips to nearby Tuzigoot National Monument and Montezuma Castle and well gave them even more to think about regarding nature and their environment.

Mike went to three different High Schools in four years without moving; they just kept moving the school.

His Elementary School was in Cottonwood

at Clemenceau. Two of his high school years were in Clarkdale and he graduated in Jerome. Mike's early hobbies were riding motorcycles, and building and driving stock cars in races held in the Verde Valley.

Mary graduated from Clarkdale High School. After High School, she went to Nursing School in Los Angeles. Upon graduation, she returned the Verde Valley and joined the Marcus Lawrence Memorial Hospital in Cottonwood. Mike was working at the Smelter City Iron Works when he was involved in an accident which burned his clothes off (12/23/63) and ended up in the hospital.

In 1964 they were married and moved to Whittier. In 1980 they joined the Whittier Gem and Mineral Society, and joined the Delvers in 1991 and NOC in 1993.



Ofelia Warthen
& Izzie Burns



Casy Jr (Student)

General Meeting February 10

by Susan Hansen, Secretary

The **meeting** was called to order at 7:40 p.m. by President Mike Maneth. The **flag salute** was led by Irene Veloz.

Jeff Parker introduced the **program**-Our Favorite Rock.

■ Jeff led off with a piece of Woodworthia (petrified wood from AZ) and the following favorite rocks were presented.

■ Lotetta Ogden - (collects rocks with faces) rocks painted like buildings.

■ Don Ogden - radioactive rock formed by the atomic bomb at Trinity, NM.

■ Mike Maneth - fossil from Frazier Park.

■ Norberto Elicker - quartz, travertine, and "home rock".

■ Irene Veloz - (collects Indian fetishes) turtle inlaid with opal.

■ Ofelia Warthen - carving of a frog, she did at ZZyx.

■ Don Warthen - strawberry onyx, and a wire wrapped-polished heart.

■ Pat Maggs - geode from Owlhole, and some slabs.

■ Don Livezey - Indian artifact.

■ Jane Livezey - Auricularia (fossil pine cone) from Patagonia.

■ Jerry Grafton - Labradorite.

■ Ginny Grafton - pipestone and a pipestone pipe.

■ Susan Hansen - hematite and a geode.

■ Izzie Burns - chrysanthemum stone from Japan.

■ Bill Burns - Virgin Valley opal specimens and Jade from Jade Cove.

■ (Who did I miss?)

The **minutes** of the last meeting were in the bulletin.

Education - Jane Livezey put a case in at the Placentia Library with the help of Pat Maggs and Ginny Grafton.

Walt Wright told Izzie he will be available to do a **petrified wood seminar**. He can usually take 20 to 25 people, would need a place, and would need to set up a date. It was decided to table setting it up until later.

Show Advertising - Rock and Gem magazine lead time is 4 months. Jane thought it was 3 months like the others. Lapidary Journal has us listed. Jane sent the info to Shirley Leason before Christmas but it still hasn't appeared in the CFMS bulletin. Sandy Mogan sent an article to the La Habra Journal.

Show Security - Don O, Pat Maggs, and Norberto (two nights) volunteered to stay overnight.

Show Projects - Loretta O has a jug for the Apache tears. She suggested that if we have empty cases, we do "colors". Mike Maneth has the big piece of flagstone with Lizard tracks. Jane will help make bags and Loretta has fabric we can use. There was discussion on the Crystal Cave, lighting etc. Ginney made a motion that we purchase the quartz points from Izzie that she purchased at quartsite.

Show Demonstrators - Demos are set up.

Show Donations - We need donation award prizes. Loretta O has the flyers and tickets. Pat will put a display in the La Habra Library in March. There are display shelves at the community center that we would like to display in. Also Izzie brought some post cards and suggested we send them to friends and invite them to the show.

Treasurers Report - Bill Burns gave the treasurers report - accepted and filed. There will be a budget meeting before the next board meeting.

Hospitality - 28 members signed in. Pat Maggs and Irene Veloz brought refreshments. Trini and Jane for March.

Birthdays - Scratch tickets and birthday cards were given out to all those with Birthdays in January and February.

Summer BBQ - Pat Mogan brought photos from the summer BBQ.

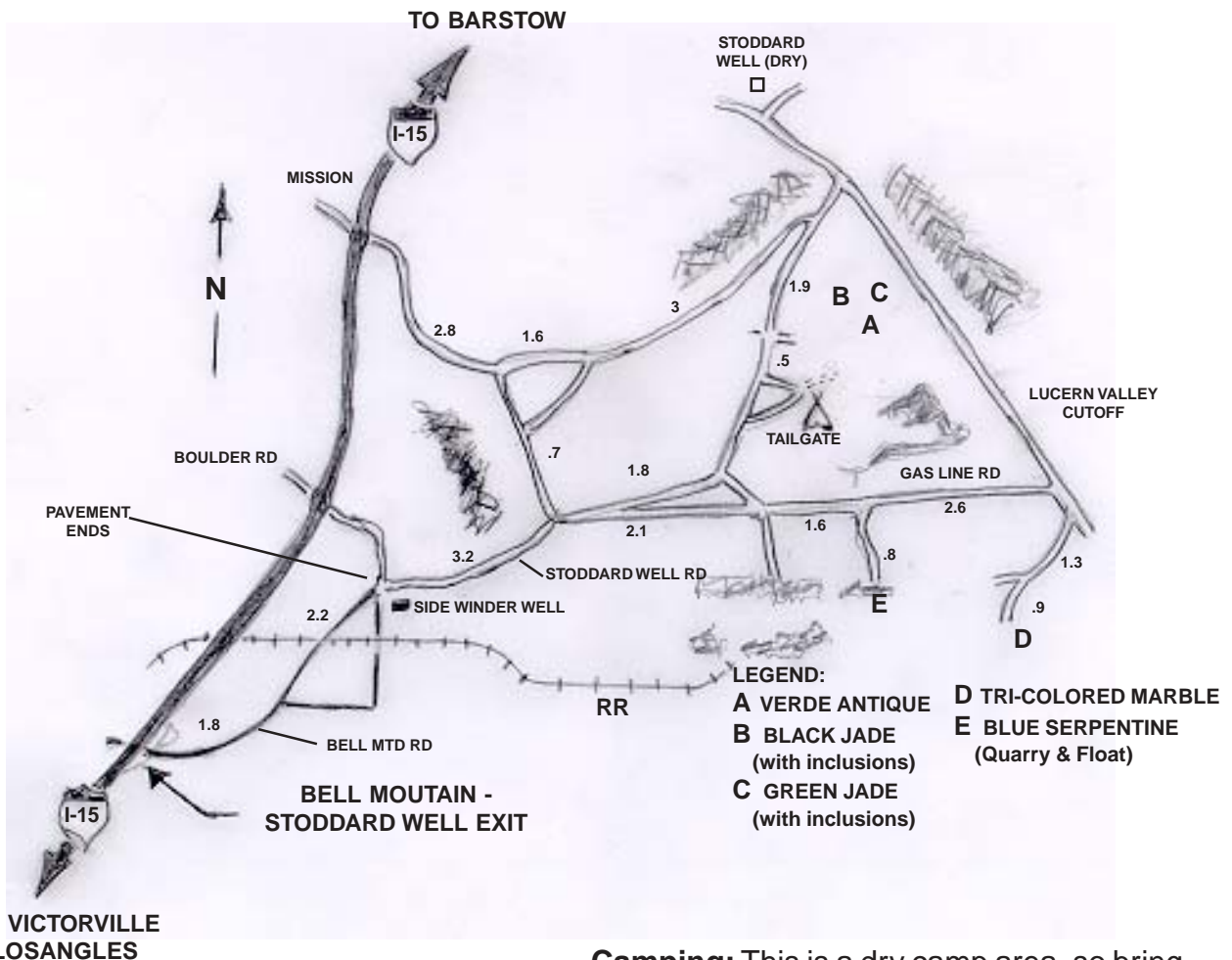
Drawings - Drawings were held by Loretta. We **need donations** for the **drawings** and also for the **show prizes**.

Field Trip - Next field trip to Stoddard Wells in March. Mike Maneth will lead a trip over the Presidents day weekend to Lavic Siding if anyone is interested in coming.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Pictures from Quartzite
by Don Ogden





TO VICTORVILLE
LOS ANGELES

March 20 - 23 Field Trip

by Don Ogden and from the 17th annual
Victor Valley Gem and Mineral Club Flyer

Our March field trip is to the 22th Annual Tailgate at Stoddard Well hosted by the Victor Valley Gem and Mineral Club. Collect Verde Antique - Tri-Colored Marble - Jade, and buy just about anything.

What is a tailgate? It all began about 21 years ago when the Victor Valley Gem and Mineral Club began hosting a free field trip and sale at Stoddard Well collecting area. The Tailgate is open to all clubs and rockhounds. Everyone is allowed to sell or buy just about anything. Most items for sale are related to gems, minerals, findings, and other related things, but you never know what you will see. The area is also noted for its abundance of rocks for collecting.

Camping: This is a dry camp area, so bring in your own water and other necessities. Supplies are available at the Bell Mountain service road. Roads are desert dirt and can handle motor homes with no problem.

Gem and Mineral Collecting: Verde Antique, and Green & Black Jade collecting areas are within walking distance from the Tailgate. The Verde Antique is in float and in a quarry. Jade with magnetite inclusions can be found in seams. Digging tools are needed for the better materials. Field Trips may take collectors to the nearby Sidewander Mountains to find Tri-Colored Marble which ranges from greys to dark green. A four-wheel drive is advised for this trip.

Directions: Take I-15 past Victorville, past Stoddard Well road, and turn off (right) at Bell Mountain - Stoddard Well Exit. Follow above map to the tailgate and camp site. NOC signs will mark the camping area. Bring fire wood and food for a 6 p.m. potluck on Saturday.

Lavic Siding Field Trip ... Feb. 14-16, 1988

by Mike Maneth

I left after the Delvers meeting Friday night, arrived at 1:30 a.m., put out signs, and went to bed. At about 8:00 a.m., Don Ogden knocked on my door. We walked around the area picking up Jasper. Then we took Don's Bronco across the railroad tracks and went out near the Bombing Range. When we returned, Oscar and Irene were parked by the motor home. We picked them up and went over to the Pisgah Crater in a light rain and then cross country to the Southern Cady mountains. Doing some plowing with Don's trailer hitch until we removed it. We found some small calcite crystals and Oscar got a piece of barb wire. Then we returned by the way of Ludlow to a late lunch in the motor home. Later Don had to return home.

After Oscar got all wet, (ask him about that)? Oscar and Irene went to Barstow for the night.

Saturday night was more rain, wind and trains.

Oscar and Irene returned Sunday Morning and we unloaded and unhooked the Jeep. Then we went back out to near the bombing range for Jasper. When we came back we saw Norberto's van by the motor home. After talking to him, he followed us in the van back across the tracks for more exploring. After another late lunch by Irene, we found a good road to the Cadies and Jasper Hill and then back to camp. Oscar may have a word or two to say about riding in back of the Jeep ... when we arrived at the motor home the Jeep has a front tire going flat.

Monday morning I came home. Norberto stayed to explore some more. We all enjoyed our trip, you should have been there.

The next trip will be to Stoddard Wells, Victor Valley Tailgate, March 20-21-22.

How about an Easter Trip? Any suggestions?



Don't Stop on Empty!

From AFMS Newsletter, Feb., 1998

There's a lesson we learned in our travel trailer on our way home from the Jackson Show. We stopped Friday afternoon in a trailer curd along Highway 50 out of Lamar, CO. Rain began during the night and soon turned to snow and by morning a blizzard was raging and drifts were several feet deep.

The blizzard continued all day Saturday with snow blowing into the trailer through the windows and door and by evening the electricity and phones were out and the court's water supply frozen. The wind blew even harder Saturday night but died down Sunday morning. However, drifts completely blocked the highway so that no traffic could get through.

The court had no propane so we were completely dependent upon the propane, water and batteries in our trailer as the temperature dropped to 13 F. Fortunately, we had not stopped on empty (except for our holding tanks).

After three very uncomfortable (but survivable) nights, the highway was plowed and by Monday afternoon we could continue on our way home, but we hate to think of how it would have been had we not had propane, water, good batteries and gas for the truck.

Quartzite Field Trip

by Don Ogden

The map was great but there were no signs. The Quartzite pictures on page 5 are worth a thousand words. The weather was great and the campfire was even greater. Next year, we can camp behind Clouds?

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

Lyme Disease An Elusive Illness

LA Times - February 20 1998

Lyme disease can be difficult to diagnose because the tick-borne illness causes a range of debilitating symptoms that can be interpreted as other diseases. The disease can be easily treated in its early stages and a vaccine should be available within the year. Here is a look at the infectious malady:

SYMPTOMS

- √ Tick bite
- √ Bull's-eye rash
- √ Flu-like discomfort
- √ Joint pain
- √ Fatigue
- √ Headache
- √ Lack of concentration
- √ Facial paralysis



If you believe you've been bitten by a tick, see your doctor immediately.

PREVENTION TIPS

- Wear long, light-colored clothing when outdoors, including long pants tucked into socks, long-sleeved shirts, and hats.
- Use tick repellent spray on outside of clothes.
- Avoid areas with long grass. When walking on trails, walk in the center and avoid the brush.
- Look for ticks after outdoor activities. They usually are found around the knees, neck, groin and back.
- If you find one, carefully pull it out without tearing the head.

Note: Most ticks need to be embedded for 12 to 14 hours to spread the disease. State health officials say only 1% to 2% of ticks in California carry the bacteria that causes Lyme disease.

