

# NOC GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY NEWS

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## Prez's Message

*by Mike Maneth*

This year is rapidly coming to an end. If the nominating committee called you, I hope that you jumped at the chance to fill a position on the 1999 NOC Board. We need you to help your club achieve it's goal of expanding the study and interest of earth science or just going out and licking some rocks with new people.

## October Meeting

Date: October 13  
Time: 7:30 PM.  
Place: La Habra Sr. Center, Assy. Rm.  
Speaker: Larry Hoskinson  
Program: An Australian Opal.

## Co-Editors

*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 Susan Hansen.

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 Joans article that appeared in the November 1997 NOC News as a guide.

## NOC Club Activities

Cab Classes at Walt Messemer's; 7-10 p.m.  
every Monday & Wednesday Evening.  
Regular Meeting — October 13  
Field Trip to Lavics Sideing — Date TBD  
Board Meeting — October 27  
Deadline for NOC News — October 27

## Shows and Events

SEP 30 - OCT 4 JOSHUA TREE, CA  
Sportsmans Club of Joshua Tree  
6225 Sunburst  
JAMBOREE/TAILGATER  
Hours: 8-5 each day  
Info (760) 366-2915

OCTOBER 10-11 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 10-11 LANCASTER, CA  
Valley Gems & Mineral Club  
9050 ½ West Ave J  
Hour: 9-5 each day  
Connie Wilhelm (805) 942-1570

OCTOBER 10-11 VICTORVILLE, CA  
Victor Valley Gem & Mineral Club  
San Bernardino County Fairgrounds  
14800 7<sup>th</sup> St.  
Hours: Sat 9-5 Sun 9-4  
Gil Gilbert (760) 868-6900

OCTOBER 17-18 WHITTIER, CA  
Whittier Gem & Mineral society,  
Whittier Masonic Temple  
7604 So. Greenleaf Ave.  
Hours: Sat 10-6 Sun 10-5  
Marcia Arday (626) 339-3538

NOVEMBER 7-8 FONTANA, CA  
Kaiser Rock & Gem Club  
California Steel Industries  
9400 Cherry Ave.  
Hours: 9-5 Both days

**CFMS Show & Convention  
County Fairgrounds  
Turlock, CA  
June 18-20, 1999**

*Mother Lode Mineral Society  
Al Troglin & Dennis Stuart  
<http://www.bell21.com/motherload/>*

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**Field Trips**

*by Mike Maneth*

NOVEMBER - The November field trip will be to Lavics Sideing. The field trip leader and date will be announced at the next meeting.

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**Refreshments**

*by Sandy Mogen*

Susan Hansen and Trini Hermosillo are on the Refreshment list to bring goodies for our 13 October meeting. Thanks to Sandy Mogan for the delicious refreshments we had at our September meeting.

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**Nominating Committee Report**

*by Don & Loretta Ogden*

The Nominating Committee will place 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.

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**Members in the News**

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

*Susan Hansen - 10/11  
Ofelia Warthen - 10/20*

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

**Trona Annual Event**

*by Jon Fults (Delvers - Delvings)*

**Crystal Gazing**

Trona, Ca. October 11 & 12. This annual event is sponsored 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, sulfohalite, 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.

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.

## General Meeting September 8

by Susan Hansen, Secretary

The **meeting** was called to order at 7:45 by President Mike Maneth.

The **flag salute** was led by Virginia Grafton.

**Minutes** of last meeting in bulletin were approved.

**Treasurer's Report** - Bill Burns gave written report as of 8/31/98.

**Program** - Izzy Burns presented a CFMS slide show on Lake Superior Agate.

**AFMS show** - Bill and Izzie Burns, and Ginnie and Jerry Grafton attended the show in Michigan last month. There were 41 field trips on the Upper Peninsula including one to look for agates.

**Education** - Ginnie and Izzie showed some copper material and Agates from Michigan.

**Show Report** - Mike reported the deposit was made to the city for the clubhouse (location for the 1999 show). We haven't been able to find a source to purchase the banner yet.

Mike and Jerry will cut the geodes.

Angie will headup the Krafty Korner.

She recommends plants be started now so they will be rooted when we sell them.

Jane Livezy will push the publicity.

Izzy will round up the demonstrators.

Mike will recruit the dealers.

Susan will beg, borrow, and gratefully except the donation awards.

Ginny will grapple with the grab bags.

Loretta will purchase the grand prize (an ounce of gold, silver, and copper).

**Federation Report** - Izzy attended the AFMS and CFMS meetings.

**AFMS** - Bill Burns was installed as the 1st regional Vice President of the American Federation. AFMS now has a contest for video programs. The AFMS committee on the Internet is projecting links between federations and clubs.

**CFMS** election in California - problems with illness of some of the officers. 2nd VP not going to run, Treasurer resigned due to health prob-

lems. Muriel Berg is running for the Treasurer position. Bob Stoltz will be running for President.

**CFMS** - Jade cove opened as of June 15th. The proposed rockhound park at Wiley's Well was discussed because the locals picketed against it. New plans coming out for 3 desert tortoise areas and additional endangered species areas that would take most of the desert areas. Ginnie Grafton got a plaque from CFMS for the scholarship honoree.

**Hospitality** - Sandy reports 17 members are present, Sandy provided the refreshments.

**Birthdays** - Those present were acknowledged with a birthday card and a lottery ticket (Bobbie, Loretta, Don, and Mike).

**Donation drawings** - Bobby got the first prize, a copper specimen.

**Field trip** - Delver's Show 9/26-27.

**Old business** - none.

**New Business** - Al and Trini talked to David Cruz, a TV anchorman about publicity for our show. He would need to see something that we do first. Then, he will present it to his boss for the OK to cover our show.

**Nominating committee** - selected (Al and Trini Hermsillo, Sandy Mogan, Irene Veloz, and Bobbie Wayne). They will meet on 9/14 at Sandy Mogan's home.

The **meeting adjourned** at 9:33 PM.

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### Factlets

~~ Some folks are not hard of hearing; they are hard of listening.

~~Living with a saint is much more grueling than being one.

~~A happy marriage is a union of two good forgivers.

~~The darkest hour is only 60 minutes long.

~~Nothing is as hard to do as getting down off your high horse gracefully.

~~"Money" is something that things run into and people run out of.

~~Did you know...AHOY. The old traditional greeting for hailing other vessels was originally a Viking battle cry? I didn't...DID YOU .

## NOMINEES FOR 1999 CFMS OFFICERS

**President - Kenneth Kruschke**  
**1st Vice President/Pres. Elect - Beverley Hafeli**  
**2nd Vice President - Bob Stultz**  
**Secretary - Jo Anna Ritchey**  
**Treasurer - Jack Williams**

**Kenneth Kruschke** is currently serving as First Vice President/President Elect of CFMS.

**Beverley Hafeli** is currently serving as Secretary for CFMS. She also has served on the CFMS Scholarship Committee (3 years, 1 as Chair) and has held chairmanships of Education Through Sharing (4 years), All American (3 years), Society Aids (2 years) and has taught Ming Tree Construction and Gem Stone Picture Making at Camp White Meadows and Camp Minaluta for 3 years at each camp. She also has served on CFMS Nominating Committee. Beverley has been a member of Napa Valley Rock & Gem Club for 20 years, where she has served as President, Vice President, Federation Director (3 years), Education and Community Services Chair, Historian, Membership and Program. Bev also has belonged to Calaveras Gem & Mineral Society for 8 years and has served as Federation Director and Bulletin Editor.

**Bob Stultz** is currently serving as CFMS Show Consultant and has done so for 5 years. He was CFMS Show Coordinator to Oxnard Gem and Mineral for the 1993 CFMS Show. Bob served as Show Chairman for the 1985 CFMS Show and the 1990 AFMS-CFMS Show. He also served CFMS as Museum Chairman, Dealer Liason, and worked with CFMS Show Committees on 2 CFMS Shows. Bob has been a member of the Conejo Gem & Mineral Club for over 25 years, serving 11 years as Federation Director, 6 years as President and many years in various club chairmanships. For 19

years he was Operational Supervisor over 250 employees for the retail business.

**Jo Anna Ritchey** is currently serving as CFMS Field Trip Chairman-South. She has also served as CFMS Bulletin Aids Chairman and as CFMS Assistant Bulletin Aids Chairman. Jo Anna is Secretary for SCRIBE and has been asked to repeat. She is very active in two societies - Monrovia Rockhounds and Pasadena Lapidary. She has served Moroks as Representative (2 years), President (2 years), Vice President (2 years), CFMS Federation Director (10 years) and has edited their bulletin for many years. She has served Pasadena as Secretary. Jo Anna has a B.S. in Business Administration and Accounting, a M.A. in Teaching and a B.A. in History and Political Science.

**Jack Williams** is currently serving on the CFMS Financial Advisory Committee. Jack has been a member of Glendale Lapidary & Gem, Palos Verdes Gem & Mineral, Glendale/Verdugo Hills Gem & Mineral and El Dorado County Gem & Mineral. In these societies he has held positions of President (5 years), 1st Vice President (3 years), 2nd Vice President (4 years), Director (5 years), Show chairman, Dealer contracts, and Federation Director. Jack demonstrates his fiduciary and ethical background as Supervisor of Los Angeles County Biomedical Electronic Engineering Department of Hospitals (18 years). He served on the Board of Directors of Harbor Employees Federal (30 million dollars), Credit Union (9 years) and as President for 3 years.

**These highly qualified people are submitted for your vote by the CFMS Nominating Committee for 1999 term.**

Mary Andersen, Chairman  
Shirley Leeson  
Dick Pankey  
Jeane Stultz  
Toni Ewers  
Charles Leach, Alternate

## CAMP PARADISE

by Oscar Veloz

At Camp Paradise I spent a full week immersed in one of my favorite hobbies, “Rocks”. Lectures on geology and gold were given during the evenings and field trips and classes filled the morning and afternoon.

On my first field trip I found two large serpentine rocks, so large Bills Blazer kept groning all the way back to camp, or was that Bill? The visit to the Yuba Feather Museum was very interesting with an excellent display of 1800 history from buildings, tools and photographs. I also collected Yuba Blue on the Yuba River trip.

I attended Al Whitney's faceting class all week and faceted a piece of quartz into a brilliant cut. It looks like a diamond.

The staff at camp was great with meals to match. I gained 10 pounds. It must have been our wild pig bar-b-que and delicious after dinner desserts. I can hardly wait for next year.



## Practice Safety

### - When Traveling!

By Richard **Pankey**, CFMS Safety Chairman

From September 1998 C.F.M.S. NEWSLETTER

Several months ago I began to realize how much traveling Betty and I do. Field trips to the desert and other remote places. Weekend shows in other towns. Vacations to visit relatives in other states. We spend a lot of time on the road and away from home. It got me wondering, "What if something happened to us, to both of us at the same time. How would whoever found us or emergency caregivers know who we are, and who to notify-, I decided to prepare an EMERGENCY INFORMATION SHEET that would have information about us, in one place, that I thought would be important and needed, not only by others, but would make it easier for us in an emergency situation.

Here is the information I used on our EMERGENCY INFORMATION SHEET:

1. Our full names, address, telephone number. Yes, this is on our driver's licenses, but it confirms whom this information is for and it will all be on one page.
2. Since our dogs travel with us most of the time, I included their names and a brief description. This alerts emergency people that we have pets with us to be sure that they are taken care of, also.
3. Next of kin names and telephone numbers. Because our family is somewhat scattered, we included our children as well as some other family members.
4. Name and telephone numbers for our medical insurer.
5. Name and telephone number of our vehicle Insurer.

Each person should tailor their own EMERGENCY INFORMATION SHEET to his or her specific needs and situation. Give enough information for correct identification, and so the right people can be contacted. Be careful not to give

too much personal information, just in case your EMERGENCY INFORMATION SHEET falls into the wrong hands.

If you make up an EMERGENCY INFORMATION SHEET, be sure to put it in places that are obvious and where it will be easily found. I put mine in the glove compartment of my car and pickup truck and in my trailer. I also sent a copy to each person named on my sheet. With the aid of the font size feature on my computer, I made a small version that fits conveniently in my billfold. Betty carries one, too.

PRACTICE SAFETY with planning and preparation when you travel. Be ready for an emergency.

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## Book Report

*An excerpt from the Sept. 98 CFMS Newsletter*

*JUNIOR ACTIVITIES REPORT*

*by Jim Brace-Thomson*

One book in particular came to my attention at the recent CFMS Show in Monterey:

Joseph W. Pfeifer's A SYSTEM OF MINERAL COLLECTING, which includes a "System Manual" and "The Collector's Catalog", both intended to help collectors organize and document their collections and their rockhounding activities.

As the author notes, "this system is an interactive reference that differs from other manuals and handbooks because of what YOU put into it ... The goal was to create a place for you to put everything and give you ease in retrieving it."

The "System Manual" contains a field trip organizer and logbook plus a checklist for field trip supplies; forms that allow you to record potential collecting sites; documentation for your collection; checklists to help you prepare for rock and gem shows and to record information collected during shows; forms to help you keep track of personal contacts; and an organizer to help in data collecting.

"The Collector's Catalog" provides a database-style set of forms alphabetically listing over 3300 mineral names. Each has areas to help you note important info about your specimens, such as, "locality, value, and collection reference numbers. This

# MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

## Susan Hansen

When I was in Long Beach Junior High, my mother was teaching earth sciences at Lynwood Junior High. On our vacations, we would drive to Minnesota. On the way, we would stop to take pictures of the rocks and mountains. Usually, my brother and I would pick up sample rocks (basalts, granites, schists, and such).

In 1961, my mother got an N.S.F. Grant to study Geology and Astronomy at Carlton College in Minnesota. We all went with her, and I attended classes too. I did better in Astronomy, than in geology. Geology was harder for me, but more interesting.

I took some geology classes in college and went on field trips. On the field trips, I collected rocks (some quartz but mostly basic rock types). I also worked in the geology Lab one semester at Cerritos College.

I went on to other things and didn't rediscover rocks and geology until 1985, when Izzie

Burns introduced us to NOC in time to be part of planning the 1988 Federation Show.

Through meetings and visiting different shows and clubs, I found out about the Southern California Mineralogical Society. I was also fortunate enough to meet Marian Godshaw and Jessie Hardman who introduced me to Microminerals and Micromineralogists (the minerals are micros - not the mineralogists).

I was lucky enough to attend the second ZZYZX Earth Science Seminar, and enjoyed bead stringing. I am still learning wire wrap. I do a little lapidary work but mostly just like minerals and the rocks they come from and/or are found in, and am curious about how they got there.

Besides NOC, I belong to the Southern California Micro-Mineralogists and the Mineral Research Society. Much of what I collect is what other rockhounds call "leverites". I can't help it, I like rocks.



resource helps you keep a checklist and evaluation of your collection in one convenient spot, plus it also includes useful masters that you can Xerox and cut out to quickly and easily create labels for your collection.

The "System Manual" originally sold for \$34.95 and "The Collector's Catalog" for \$29.95. A combined value of nearly \$65, we're making both available to CFMS members for only \$15 (\$10 for the Manual and \$5 for the Catalog), plus postage. All proceeds will go to the CFMS Junior's Contingency Fund. Please advertise this special offer to both the junior and adult members of your club, and if folks are interested, they should contact me at my

new address and phone number:

7319 Eisenhower Street  
Ventura, CA 93003  
(805) 659-3577

We all have AFMS President Dee Holland to thank for this great opportunity. Dee generously donated a supply of the books during the recent CFMS Show in hopes of helping both beginning and advanced rockhounds find more enjoyment and value in their collections. Always remind your Juniors: The value of a collection ultimately lies in its documentation. Here's a system that makes it easy!

# CFMS EARTH SCIENCE STUDIES

APRIL 11 - 18, 1999

ZZYZX ROAD, SODA SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA



A CFMS Earth Science Seminar will be held at Soda Springs (Zzyzx) which is located 50 miles northeast of Barstow on Zzyzx Road.

These desert study classes will offer lectures on minerals, flora and fauna of the area; field trips to old mines and rock collecting areas; and instruction in our hobby/craft. Our primary goal is to provide a place to learn in the midst of good comradeship.

The facilities are very rustic. They are dormitory style rooms with a bed, mattress, and desk. Each person is responsible for cleaning his/her own room. Rest room and showers are provided in a separate building. As this is a desert area, no pets allowed.

Register for this exciting and interesting seven days by completing this form and mailing it with full payment by March 15, 1999. No cancellations after this date unless there is a replacement.

Send form and payment made out to CFMS to:

Florence Meisenheimer  
101 North Wake Forest Avenue  
Ventura, CA 93003  
(805) 642-3155

KEEP PART ABOVE THIS LINE

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
STREET CITY ZIP

I belong to \_\_\_\_\_ Society, a CFMS Member

Do you use a cane  or walker ?

Are you a diabetic , vegetarian ?

PLEASE CHECK THE ACTIVITIES THAT INTEREST YOU:

FIELD TRIPS

- \_\_\_\_\_ Old mines/boom towns
- \_\_\_\_\_ Rock collecting
- \_\_\_\_\_ Mineral collecting

LECTURES

- \_\_\_\_\_ Minerals
- \_\_\_\_\_ Flora & Fauna
- \_\_\_\_\_ Geological formations

WORKSHOPS

- \_\_\_\_\_ Bead stringing
- \_\_\_\_\_ Silver smithing
- \_\_\_\_\_ Sculpturing
- \_\_\_\_\_ Wire fabrication
- \_\_\_\_\_ Cabochons

FEES: Fees include rustic lodging, three meals per day, and workshops. There may be small additional fees for materials used in the workshops

Double occupancy	\$220.00 per person _____
Dormitory room	\$220.00 per person _____
RV parking	\$220.00 per person _____