

NOC GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY NEWS

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Prez's Message

by Don Ogden

This month is busy with activities, Quartzsite field trip, then a booth at I LOVE La Habra Street Fair, and a field trip to Lavic Siding.

Remember our show is just around the corner, next month that is. Ginny Grafton mailed Tickets and Flyers. If you need more tickets or Flyers let Ginny know. Verle Stadel is rounding up people to put their cases in the show. Loretta is home after another foot operation, and getting well for the show.

The NOC booth at the I LOVE La Habra Street Fair can bring in new members.

The revised By-laws will be given out at the February meeting, and mailed to those that did not attend.

The classes will be scheduled after we get back from Quartzsite.

Hope to see "You All" at the next meeting.

I LOVE La Habra Street Fair

by Jane Livezy

Our club will have a booth at the I LOVE La Habra Street Fair this year. The Fair will be held **February 12th, 13th, and 14th**. We will set up Friday at 12 noon with the actual fair opening at 4:00 PM.

We will be representing the club to the community and showing them some of the things we do. This seems to be the best opportunity to get new members afforded us by the city so lets all turn out and show them how involved we are. Remember this is where our great friends Pat and Sandy Mogan first became aware of us.

For more information see **Jane Livezey** either at the February meeting or call her at (714) 524 6280.

February Meeting

Date: February 9
Time: 7:30 PM.
Place: La Habra Sr. Center, Assy. Rm.
Speaker: Susan Hansen
Program: Slide Show of Lavic Siding

NOC Club Activities

Cab Classes at Walt Messemer's; 7-10 p.m.
every Monday & Wednesday Evening.
Regular & Board Meeting — February 9
I LOVE La Habra St. Fair — February 12 - 14
Field Trip to Lavic Siding — February 27 - 28
Deadline for NOC News — February 23

Refreshments

by Sandy Mogan

Trini Hermosillo and Oscar Veloz are on the Refreshment list to bring goodies for our 9 February meeting.

Thanks to Sandy Mogan and Loretta Ogden for the delicious refreshments we had at our January meeting.

Members in the News

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

Frances Toemmier - Feb 2

Chalmer Steed - Feb 3

Zeke Wilder - Feb 9

Verle Stadel - Feb 23

Alfred Hermosillo - Feb 26

Al Stadel - Feb 27

Your gemstone is Amethyst.
Your flower is Primrose or Violet.

CFMS Show & Convention
County Fairgrounds
Turlock, CA
June 18-20, 1999
Mother Lode Mineral Society
Al Troglin & Dennis Stuart
<http://www.bell21.com/motherload/>

Shows and Events

FEBRUARY 12-21 INDIO, CA
San Gorgonio Mineral & Gem Society
Riverside Co. Fair & National Date Festival
Hours: 10-10 each day
Bert Grisham (909) 849-1674

FEBRUARY 27-28 N. HOLLYWOOD, CA
Del Air Rockhounds
Sierra Pelona Rock Club
VIP Gem & Mineral
Woodland Hills Rockchippers
San Fernando Valley Gem Fair
Valley Plaza Recreation Center
12240 Archwood St.
Hours: 10-5 both days
Gary Stanford (805) 259-9440

MARCH 6-7 VENTURA, CA
Ventura Gem & Mineral Society
Seaside Park (Ventura Co. Fairgrounds)
Hours: 9-5 both days
Richard Jioras (805) 646-7184

MARCH 6-7 MONROVIA, CA
Monrovia Rockhounds
Masonic Temple
204 W. Foothill Blvd.
Hours: Sat 10-6 Sun 10-5
Kris MacFarland (626) 337-8596

MARCH 20-21 HAWTHORN, CA
Northrop Grumman Gem & Mineral Club
NGRC Clubhouse
12329 Crenshaw Blvd., Gate 16
Hours: Sat. 10-6 Sun 10-5
Jimmy Lapham (310) 331-1406

MARCH 27-28 LA HABRA, CA
North Orange Co. Gem & Mineral Society
La Habra Clubhouse
200 W. Greenwood
Hours: Sat. 10-6 Sun 10-5
Loretta Ogden (909) 598-2456

MARCH 27-28 BORON, CA
Mojave Mineralogical Society Inc.
Boron High School - Multi Purpose
Show Chairman: David Eyre (760) 762-6575
Publicity: Roy Eyre (760) 762-6555
Tailgating - camping - field trips
P.O. Box 511; 93596-0511

Field Trips

by Don Ogden

FEBRUARY 27 - 28 - Our second field trip this month will be to Lavic Siding. Lavic Moss and Jasper is of high quality as shown in the slide program.

Lavic Siding is approximately 40 miles east of Barstow, take Hector Rd. off ramp at stop sign. Turn right, go 200 feet to another stop sign, then turn left. Go until you cross railroad tracks, continue on to a tree in the road (Lavic Road), turn right about 1/4 mile, then turn left. Go to bottom of hill park or camp there. This is a dry camp. Take your needs with you.

Not all the jasper is moss - you have to look for the moss, but it is plentiful. Cabs out beautifully. In addition, there is evidence of Indian camping because there are broken arrowheads, chipped scraping stones, and other evidence. There are other kinds of material in the area including chalcedony roses.

FEDERATION REPORT

by Isabella Burns

All American Award Program

Bob and Dot Beachler, Co. Chairman of the 1999 All American Program proposed some new ideas last year and were successful in developing and getting some new form approved. The original plan for the All American club was to Help each society become better and give a format to help it improve. Through the years this turned into a competition as to who could send in the most information about their organization.

This reestablishes the goals:

Encourage local club members to share their expertise and enthusiasm for the hobby within their respective regions

Provide a model for organizing an annual historical account for the posterity of each club, and

Offer an opportunity for national recognition for exceptional clubs

The new form is an evaluation of the quality based on standard of excellence. Gold, Silver, Bronze awards are granted for achievement of points in an appropriate scoring range at the CFMS level. Top reports will be sent on the AFMS where only one award will be given to top point clubs.

With the form of questions, a report of 100 pages or less must be sent to the chairman by March 31. Jerry Turner approved at the December Board meeting our sending in a report; So I am requesting information from all members in the these areas:

0 points Club Info (The facts, I can do that)

30 points Service to Members & Guests (programs, etc.)

15 points Publications and Publicity (articles in newspapers, etc.)

20 points support of Federations and other clubs (attendance at conventions, other club shows, programs for other clubs, etc.)

15 points Community relations Boys and Girls Club, displays at libraries, Fairs, schools, etc.

10 points Government Agencies (number of comments to agencies, serving on government agencies, etc.)

10 points overall presentation.

Ginny Grafton is collecting this info and your help is certainly appreciated.

Show and Tell Your Treasures

suggested by Chalmer Steed

Chalmer suggested that each meeting we display our treasures for show and tell. This would show the new and prospective members what we do.

Since we are having a slide presentation on Lavic Siding and going there: bring the material collected there to the February meeting.

Co-Editors

by Don & Loretta Ogden

We need articles from all the members. Share some of your lessons learned as a rockhound.

Do you nee Saw Blades

Pat Maggs has two:

20 inch

16 inch

Show Report

by Loretta Ogden

We are progressing at a normal pace, done in the nick of time. Does that sound familiar? I seem to live that way but for the show this year I would like us all to have a moment to take a deep breath before the crowds line up at the door. We still need chairs for the following committees:

- Security
- Spinning Wheel
- Set Up/ Tear Down
- Simulated Metal Mine

If you have not volunteered for a job please consider one of these. It takes all of us to have a successful show and that is what we are all striving for.

I am told Angie and Mary are desperately seeking hand crafted items and plants for the Krafty Korner. All donations will be greatly appreciated.

Susan has a goal to draw three prizes an hour through out the show so lets all help her to make it a reality.

Chef Oscar has some great plans for gourmet lunches and appetizers. Pies and cakes will give him a thrill. He also has a sign up sheet for apprentices in the kitchen.

A Foreman for the Simulated Metal Mine is needed - so talk to Loretta about that union job.

Does anyone have casino experience? The spinning wheel needs **YOU**.

We also have a great need to make our dealers feel safe with two people spending the night both nights.

Will someone please volunteer to pick up the truck and the crew at the job center? Is there an electrician in the membership? We need help with set up.

These things seem to get done every year because we all know what needs to be done and we do it. Please forgive a nervous co-show chairperson and talk to me about it. I need your support.

Education

by Virginia Grafton

Volcanic Glass

Pumice: (Latin for foam) a volcanic rock formed from lava which is full of gases and so when it solidifies it is full of pores (holes). There is so much air in pumice (up to 85%) it can float in water. It is usually light grey to yellowish, rarely red.

Scoria: Pumice like crusts full of holes found on lava flows. It is more compact than pumice and usually red.

Perlite: is composed of small pea-sized shell-like forms. They are chemically of rhyolite composition and called rhyolitic glass. On heating, perlite foams up and is sold in garden shops for aeration of soil. It is also used as a filter and insulating material.

Apache Tears: we found perlite in Superior, Arizona but the perlite there is all mined out now. The Tears are modular obsidian fragments. Many stories about these stones are told. One is that they are found where an American Indian died. Another is they are tears of Indian women whose men have been killed.

Obsidian: a compact natural glass. It is named after the Roman Obsius who in Ancient times brought a piece of obsidian from Ethiopia to Rome. In the Stone Age obsidian and flint were used for utensil and weapons because of their sharp edge. They are 5 to 5-1/2 in hardness. In Mexico as late as the 16th century it was used for knives, scrapers and arrow heads. Nowadays it is used for sculptures, cult objects and costume jewelry.

Snowflake Obsidian: The spherical inclusions are crystals of feldspar or cristobalite other minerals which have grown from the crystals center radiating out until stopped by the cooling down of the lava.

Tuff: forms as a deposit from volcanic ash blown into the atmosphere.

Budget Meeting - Jan 2, 1999

by Virginia Grafton

The 1999 budget was reviewed and approved by the budget committee.

Discussion: Increase in cost of storage:

Rental now: \$1300 for storage room
\$ 200 for truck
\$ 50 for helpers to load
Expenses \$ 1520

Sale of rocks \$ 380
Spinning wheel \$ 155
income \$ 535

We could not have a sales table except for geodes and find another dealer for outside. Only need to store banner, tables, plastic & rollers, and a few kitchen supplies.

Board Meeting - Jan 2, 1999

by Virginia Grafton

Called to order by Don Ogden - 4:30 p.m.
Assigned committee chairmen for 99. Each Director shall be chairman of a committee. Other chairmanships taken by consent of members.

Discussed work shop Jan 9 th at Hacienda Heights science class.

Don O. or Don W. will pick up machines.
Walt's Lapidary class has made 30 pre-formed cabs.

Sue will bring micro scope.

Jerry will bring tumbler.

Izzy has finding & material for making jewelry.

Virginia has educational material.

Jane Livesey will bring rock board.

Bill & Izzy will bring coffee & donuts.

Go to lunch after class.

Want to determine dates for special classes and try to coordinate program and maybe field trips (see Preliminary NOC Calendar 1999).

People who volunteered to teach a class can choose the month best for them.

Stained Glass - Don Warthen & Ginny G.

Wire Wrap - Don Warthen

Carving - Verle Stadel

Glass Etching - Verle Stadel & Loretta O

Bead Stringing or redesigning old jewelry - Ginny Grafton

Wire Necklace - Ginny Grafton

Water Falls - Chuck Pierce

Cabbing - Walt Messemer (ongoing)

Some classes may cost \$10 plus materials.

By Laws change: recommended by the board. Have 5 directors instead of 3. Also that all elected officers stay in office for 2 years. Notice has been printed in Jan. Bulletin and will be presented at the Jan meeting, and voted on at the Feb meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 and reconvened at 6:45 and approved repair of the club GPS.

Adjourned at 6:50

Prayer for Rock Hounds

submitted by Virginia Grafton

May you hunt rocks as long as you want to, and want to as long as you can.
May your feet never stop walking to the call of the rock filled land.

With a smile on your face and a partner who really can trot, and a helping hand of friendship as you reach for that glistening spot.

May you never forget the struggle when you finally are loaded down, and someone reaches out to help you over the uneven ground.

May you never become a rockhound that knows all, and there's no more to learn. In the midst of the muddle, come out of your huddle, could be you that made the wrong turn.

And as long as your hunting, enjoy it, and the friends that you'll make 'fore your done
With a smile and a song, keep tramping along
'Cause you go through all this for fun.

General Meeting - Jan 12, 1999

by Virginia Grafton

Called to order by Don Ogden - 7:30 p.m.
Irene and Oscar received their badges.

Pat Maggs and Don Livezey received birthday card.

Program: Slides from CFMS: Agate & Petrified Wood from Big Bend Area Texas & Mexico. Sue was sick so Ginny did the program.

Break: Show tickets and flyers were given out. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Each family has \$10 or 12 tickets.

Drawing of prizes

Minutes of previous meeting. Comments on Christmas party were printed in bulletin and approved.

Treasurers report and proposed budget for 1999 was approved.

Show - Dealers: Since our expenses have gone up, the fee for dealers has been raised to \$185, except for the Nugget Man (\$100) and Hills on the stage. (\$150). Suggestions made to sell the Glass case. No action.

Show - Advertising: Jane Livesey asked should we participate in "I Love La Habra Day" Feb 12, 13, & 14? Motion to participate MSC. Grafton will bring 10 X 10 easy up. Jane will get people signed up to man the booth, set up and take down. Will have tumbler, cabbage machine and display items: posters, rocks, etc. People manning booth to have rocks in their pockets to give to kids.

Show - Library: Pat has approval to put display in La Habra Library and in the cases in the Sr. Center. Jane & Don L., Pat M., Ginny & Jerry G. will go to the Sr. Center the 1st week of March.

Research shows most people learn about the show from the banner. Jane L would like some stationary. Don O will make some.

Show - Banner: Need measurement for ropes on banner. Need rope. Pat M. will check with city workers. Need to paint the banner. Agreed to do this Sun Jan 17 at Don's and Lorrets's home.

Show - Krafty Korner: Angie asked where the flag she donated to the club is? No one has seen it. Not in the store room. Angie wants hand made items and plants for the Krafty Korner.

Show - Grab Bags: Its grab bag time, start getting rocks together for bags. 10 bags with 8 identified rocks needed from every one.

By-Laws: changes recommended were printed in the bulletin and read at the meeting.

1. Add 2 more directors - to be appointed by the president. MSC

2. Make elected officers term 2 years. MSC 16 for and 2 against.

Education: Michael Sweeny, President of Sutters Gold mining Co. wants to make a dude ranch for Aannabe 49'ers. He would have paying visitors mingle with working miners on underground tunnels, tours of a grinding mill, a museum shop, and you could pour your own gold bars for a price. It has been approved by Armador County. It is on Hwy 49 between Armador city and Sutter creek. East of Sacramento.

Showed Fancy card and letters form 5 - 1st graders classes taught by Jerry and Ginny Grafton. Discussed some educational material. Approval to buy 5 sets of materials.

Thanks given to those providing food and toys at the Christmas meeting.

Directions given for camping at Quartzsite. Pot luck Saturday evening 4:30 CA time.

CFMS show in Turlock. Bulletin board with all information in back of room.

ZZYZX - April 11 -18 applications available from Izzy.

New Business: Jane L - library; wants to update Gem Trails

Meeting adjourned 9:30

Board Meeting - Jan 12, 1999

by Virginia Grafton

Called to order by Don Ogden - 9:450 p.m.

1. Need to ask city for more tables and chairs for meetings or consider new meeting site.

2. Put request for craft item in bulletin.
3. Grab bags wanted - 10 bags with 8 identified stones put in bulletin.
4. Have By-Laws for everyone at next meeting.
5. Two applications for membership given out. one more person expressed intent to join. Irene to give names to Ginny for badges.
6. Need more flyers for members. Jane will need ? thousand for schools. (see last year)
7. Loretta will make book marks with show info to leave in library.
8. "I Love La habra Days" Feb 12, 13, 14. Give stone to kids. Have in pocket or apron. Get Geodes at Quartzsite. Biil Burns will buy 100 lbs.
9. Need 8 prizes for monthly raffle. Have \$150. Izzy will get things at Quartzsite.
10. Classes: Ginny will call volnteers to set up schedule of classes.
11. Next month program: Lavic Siding slide program from CFMS.
12. Next month field trip: Feb 27 - 28 to Lavic Siding. Have members bring samples of what is gotten there.
13. Paint banner Sun Jan 17 at Don and Loretta's. Find out what kind of paint to use.

Meeting adjourned 10:10

About the Board Meeting

by Don Ogden

Virginia Grafton asked: "Do you think it will work having the board meeting after the regular meeting? People like to visit after the meeting.

If you have a time limit on each chairperson's report you should tell them so they can plan for it. It is a good idea. If there is some thing that would take longer, we could make a display and just tell what was set up like Izzy did with info about the CFMS show. May need extra time at break to look at thing."

What does the club membership think ?

Preliminary NOC CALENDAR 1999

Feb	3-7	Quartzsite AZ Field Trip
	09	General Meeting at 7:30 p.m., Board Meeting to follow
	12-14	I LOVE La Habra Street Fair Booth
	27-28	Field Trip - Lavic Siding
Mar	09	General Meeting at 7:30 p.m., Board Meeting to follow
	19-21	Stoddard Wells Field Trip
	26	Show Setup
	27-28	Show
Apr	13	General Meeting at 7:30 p.m., Board Meeting to follow Program: Chuck Pierce/ rock water falls??
	11-18	ZZYZX
	23-25	Field Trip with Delves - Paul Bunion (NW of Barstow)
May	11	General Meeting at 7:30 p.m., Board Meeting to follow
	28-31	Field Trip (Memorial Day) Cerro Gordo??
Jun	08	General Meeting at 7:30 p.m., Board Meeting to follow
	18-20	CFMS Show & Convention (Turlock, CA)
	??	Field Trip?
Jul		No Meetings
Aug		No Meetings
Sep	14	General Meeting at 7:30 p.m., Board Meeting to follow
	17-19	Field Trip
Oct	12	General Meeting at 7:30 p.m., Board Meeting to follow
	15-17	Field Trip
Nov	09	General Meeting at 7:30 p.m., Board Meeting to follow
	25-28	Field Trip (Thanksgiving)
Dec	14	Annual Christmas Dinner and Officer's Installation

Y'all Flock to Turlock

This June see a great show and have a great time in Turlock at the CFMS Show hosted by the Mother Lode Mineral Society of Modesto. This is a diamond anniversary celebration, the 60th annual CFMS Show, and the 60th anniversary of the Mother Lode Mineral Society joining the CFMS.

The best of features will be there, displays, demonstrators, dealers, and competitive exhibits.

Make plans now to be in Turlock for a great Show and Celebration June 18, 19, and 20, 1999. They have spacious buildings and would be proud to have you as a guest exhibitor, or better yet kick it up a level and enter a competitive exhibit.

Turlock has it all on site, the show, the meetings, the banquet, a restaurant, and lots of RV camping sites.

See you in Turlock.

Sincerely,



Ken Kruschke
1999 CFMS President

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