

# NOC GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY NEWS

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## President's Message

by Don Ogden

The December Christmas dinner will be our last activity this year. Let us remember those members who passed away and are not here to share with us in our eighteenth anniversary and Christmas dinner.

The past year saw our meeting place change, a great show, joining up with other clubs on field trips, and have the CFMS insurance problem resolved.

As we enter Y2K, let us work together to solve the problems that may arise in the new year.

Last but not least. Articles are needed for the newsletter (Tips, Poems, Field Trip Adventures, etc.). See **Joan Abramson poem** on "Christmas Greetings to an Aussie Friend".

## Field Trips

Quartzsite, AZ - January 26 - 30

**Help!** We need a field trip chairman for Y2K.

LA-Rocks - The LA-Rocks have joint field trips for member CFMS clubs. A list of the field trips will be posted in the next newsletter, or at a meeting.

The CFMS is having a field trip to Wiley Well in conjunction with quartzsite. Information on the field trip will be in the next newsletter.

## Christmas Dinner & Installation of Officers

Date: December 14  
Time: 6:00 p.m. for cocktails  
Place: California Room at the Four Points Hotel, 1500 S. Raymond Ave. Fullerton  
Program: Christmas Dinner, Installation of Officers, and entertainment.

## NOC Club Activities

Cab Classes at Walt Messemer's — 7-10 p.m.  
every Wednesday Evening.

Christmas Dinner and Installation of Officers —  
December 14, 6:00 p.m.

Deadline for NOC News — December 29  
Classes for the Youth Science Center Juniors,  
Wedgeworth Elementary School  
16948 Wedgeworth, Hacienda Heights  
January 8 - 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

## Members in the News

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

*Bev Berg - Dec 5*

*Betsy Messemer - Dec 9*

*Pat Mogan - Dec 25*

Your gemstone is Turquoise.

Your flower is Holly or Narcissus.

## Youth Science Center Classes January 8

by Izzie Burns (via January 4, 1992 News)

January 8, 1999 --- Members of North Orange County Gem & Mineral Society will be giving a study lesson for the boys and girls on "How to make Cabs." Everyone is welcome to come help us acquaint these children with the wonders of our hobby. Time is 9:30 to 1.

The students are usually divided into groups and someone works with each group. One group is introduced to rockhounding, another is busy finishing a pre-

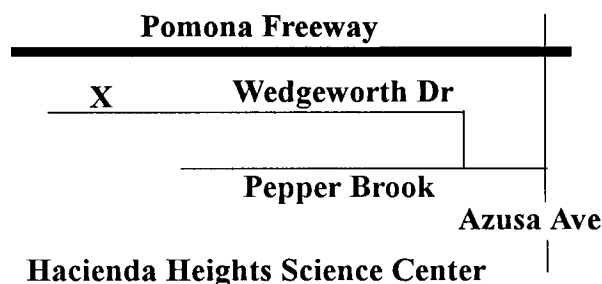
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formed cab (which our members have prepared at home in their shops), finally they set their finished cab into a mounting, and we see the proud look on their faces.

This will be the tenth year that we have been invited to present our program for the youth.

HACIENDA HEIGHTS BRANCH: located at Wedgeworth Elementary School Youth Science Center, 16949 Wedgeworth Dr. Room 8, Hacienda Heights, CA 91745



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## General Meeting November 9

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by Susan Hansen

**Meeting** – The meeting was called to order by President Don Ogden at 7:34 p.m.

**Flag Salute** – Jerry Grafton led the flag Salute.

**Birthdays** – Jeff Parker, Jane Livezey, and Jerry Grafton were presented birthday cards.

**Program** – Jane Livezey introduced Lisa Babilonia, Paleontologist from Ralph Clark Park. She spoke on the fossils being found there, showed some slides, and passed around some fossils from the area.

**Refreshments** – Al & Verle Stadel and Oscar Veloz provided the refreshments.

**Minutes of Last Meeting** – Minutes of the last meeting were in the newsletter, and were approved as printed

**Treasurer's Report** – Bill Burns gave the report and gave officers a copy for file. The report was accepted.

**Hospitality Report** – Irene Veloz announced that we had one guest (Rene Roy), and 24 members signed in as present.

**Education Report** – Ginny Grafton reported that she and Jerry went to the Concordia Lutheran School in Cerritos and gave presentations to pre-school through

6<sup>th</sup> graders. Another "Rock Study Day" is scheduled for Friday, Jan 14<sup>th</sup>. She suggested we make some preformed cabs and have the students do some cabs.

Hacienda Heights Earth Science day is Jan 8<sup>th</sup>, on a Saturday. We need members to help with the students and with working on the equipment, making cabs, and presentations.

**Federation Report** – Izzie Burns reported the CFMS has gotten another insurance, tentatively \$3.00 per member for each member club. CFMS field trip will be to Wiley Well, Jan 25<sup>th</sup> –31<sup>st</sup>, with a different site trip each day. CFMS had a suggestion that it put claims on the claims clubs have let go as casual use miner. She gave some of the information on how this works and some information on placer mines and lode claims. There is a group that wants to find about these abandoned claims.

**Field Trip Report** – This month (1) Horse Canyon – Don and Oscar are going out Thurs. (2) Holtville over Thanksgiving, Ginny and Jerry are going. Burns' are going for 1 day, Ogdens 1day, Warthens 1 day.

**Nominations** – ballots were done for election of officers.

President – Don Ogden

Vice President – Loretta Ogden

2<sup>nd</sup> VP – Irene Veloz

Secretary – Susan Hansen

Treasurer – Don Livezey

Directors – Don Warthen, Bill Burns, Oscar Veloz, and Jeff Parker

**Show Report** – The globe we bought for first prize was displayed. Jeff went over some of the committees.

Mike and Jerry G. will cut geodes, Krafty Korner – Angie and Mary Maneth, Donation Awards – Don Ogden is doing the tickets and flyers. Ginny is doing the grab bags (reminded members to bring ten (10) bags with eight (8) identified rocks).

**Security** – police are charging us for coverage during the hours we will be open, still need night security. We haven't heard back on the police department fees. Kitchen – Oscar.

**Dealers** – Mike Maneth –he has a dealer that is interested in taking over the sales table. Al moved we get a dealer in to sell rocks, there was some discussion of price, would need to agree that we still sell and cut geodes and rocks on the spinning wheel. The motion passed with one no vote.

**Christmas Party** - The Christmas party will be at the old Days Inn in Fullerton, now a Sheraton. The information is in the bulletin.

**Meeting Adjourned** – 9:35 p.m.

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## Christmas Greetings to an Aussie Friend

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by Joan Abramson

You say I have an accent—  
I think that you do, too!  
But still we can communicate;  
It's the best thing that we do

You speak in your vernacular:  
Two weeks is a "fortnight".  
You drive on the "opposite" side of the road,  
But we both get there all right.

We make a stop for gasoline;  
For you, it's "petrol" time.  
But these are petty differences,  
Just funny things in rhyme.

Our seasons are all opposite:  
At Christmas you're outside,  
Swimming, barbecuing steaks,  
A pleasant, warm Yuletide,

While Yanks turn up the furnace  
And put on woolen clothes!  
They're hoping for a Christmas  
That's white with winter snows.

When blizzards rage across our land,  
Snow plows work day and night,  
And many folks just stay marooned —  
They've given up the fight!

But here in California,  
We're different from the rest.  
Our climate is so much like yours —  
We both enjoy the best!

December days are shortened here;  
We get up in the dark.  
T.V. commercials push their wares,  
But we're not an easy mark.

We roam the malls for bargains,  
Battling the crowd,  
With repetitious carols  
Many decibels too loud.

But we all get in the spirit,  
As I'm sure you Aussies do.  
The superficial fades away.  
We cling to what is true:

Remembering the meaning  
Of this special time of year.  
The equator may divide us,  
But friendship draws us near.

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## Shows and Events

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via CFMS Web Page ([www.cfmsinc.org](http://www.cfmsinc.org))

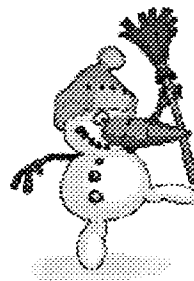
**2000 March 25-26 La Habra, CA**  
NOC Gem & Mineral Society  
La Habra Clubhouse  
200 W. Greenwood  
Hours: Sat 10-6 Sun. 10-5  
Jeff Parker (562) 946-0057

**2000 August 4-6 Riverside, CA**  
CFMS 61st Annual Show & Convention  
Hosted by Valley Prospectors  
Convention Center  
Hours: Fri. & Sat. 10-6 Sun. 10-5  
Bural LaRue PO Box 1657, Rialto, CA 92377-1657  
e-mail [bplarue@earthlink.net](mailto:bplarue@earthlink.net)

**2000 September 23-24 Downey, CA**  
Delvers Gem & Mineral Society  
Woman's Club of Downey  
9813 Paramount Blvd.  
Hours: Sat. 10-5 Sun. 10-4  
Angie Harwood (562) 692-4540

**2000 October 13-15 Moab, UT**  
AFMS/RMFMS Show & Convention

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FUN

CHRISTMAS PARTY

COME ONE

COME ALL

COME HOME

Four Points Hotel

1500 S Raymond

Fullerton, Ca

at the 91 Freeway

6:00 PM

Cocktails

7:00 PM

Dinner

MUSICAL PROGRAM

DOOR PRIZES

DECEMBER 14

\$10.00 ea.

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