

NOC GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY NEWS

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January 2000

President's Message

by *Don Ogden*

The year 2000 problems are here if there are any.

Our first goal this year is to have a great show with all members participating. Flyers and tickets are printed and will be passed out at the meeting or mailed as required. Jeff needs volunteers, please sign up.

Our next goal should be getting new members.

(1) Give gift certificates (one-year membership in the NOC) at the show.

(2) Have one-day field trips and field trips with other clubs via the LA-Rocks.

(3) Put cases in the Orange Co. Fair.

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

January Meeting

Date: January 11
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Place: La Habra Community Center
101 W. La Habra Blvd
Program: Americas Crown Jewels, The Grand Canyon.

Refreshments

by *Oscar Veloz*

Oscar and Irene are on the refreshment list to bring goodies for our January 11 meeting.

Thanks to Al and Verle Stadel for bringing the refreshments we had at our November meeting

NOC Club Activities

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

Classes for the Youth Science Center Junior
Wedgeworth Elementary School
16949 Wedgeworth, Hacienda Heights
January 8, 9:30 am till 1:00 p.m.

Board Meeting — January 11, 6:30 p.m.

Regular Meeting — January 11, 7:30 p.m.

Quartzsite Field Trip — January 26-30

Deadline for NOC News — January 25

Program

by *Loretta Ogden*

The program this month will be a short but very good video on one of Americas Crown Jewels, The Grand Canyon.

We really need the time to finish manning the committees for the show. Any and all ideas are welcome and will be considered by Jeff Parker our Millennium Show Chairman. So please every one possible come full of ideas, energy and a will to work.

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 gemstone is Garnet.

Your flower is Carnation or Snowdrop.

Shows and Events

via CFMS Web Page

January 8-9 Exeter, CA

The Tule Gem & Mineral Society
Veterans Memorial Building
324 North Kaweah St. (State Hwy. 65)
Hours: 10-5 both days
Mary Reed (559) 784-6394

February 18-27 Indio, CA

San Gorgonio Mineral & Gem Society
Riverside County National Date Festival
Gem & Mineral Building
46-350 Arabia
Hours: 10-10 daily
Don Grisham (760) 845-1978

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
Webpage - <http://sites.netscape.net/gemman777>

March 3 Phoenix, AZ (Attn. Ken Marks)

Maricopa Lapidary Society
Wild Horse Domes Event Center
Wild Horse Pass Road & 48th Street
Hours: Fri. & Sat. 10-6 Sun. 10-5
Dug Duffy (602) 973-4291

March 4-5 Arcadia, CA

Monrovia Rockhounds
Arboretum of LA County at Ayers Hall
301 Baldwin Ave.
Hours: 9-4:30 both days
Mark Carney (626) 303-6355

March 4-5 Ventura, CA

Ventura Gem & Mineral Society
Seaside Park (Ventura Co. Fairgrounds)
Hours: 9-5 both days
Jay Baumler (805) 644-3962

March 11-12 San Marino, CA

Pasadena Lapidary Society
San Marino Masonic Temple
3130 Huntington Drive
Hours: Sat. 10-6 Sun. 10-5
Alex Sergienko (323)258-1394

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

March 18-29 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

April 15-16 Boron, CA

Mojave Mineralogical Society Inc.
Boron High School - Multi-purpose Room
Hours: Sat. 9-6 Sun. 9-4

May 6-7 Anaheim, CA

Searchers Gem & Mineral Society Inc.
Brookhurst Community Center
2271 W. Crescent Ave.
Hours: Sat. 10-7 Sun. 10-4:30

July 8-9 Culver City, CA

Culver City Rock & Mineral Club
Culver City Veterans Memorial Complex
4117 Overland Ave.
Hours: Sat. 10-6 Sun. 10-5
Brad Smith (310) 472-6490

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

September 23-24 Downey, CA

Delvers Gem & Mineral Society
Woman's Club of Downey
9813 Paramount Blvd.
Hours: Sat. 10-5 Sun. 10-4

Merry Christmas “Time”

By Joan Abramson

Millennium-a word that's much abused,
Even as our closing days spawn fears.
Rival Y2K is often used,
Recalling accurately two thousand years.
Yet both recall the travails of the past
Concerning mankind's journey through the dark,
Hoping bitter lessons learned will last,
Remembering that love has left its mark.
Instead of shadows, we can face the light.
Such marvels beckon as an era ends.
Tomorrow's challenge is do what's right,
Making Earth and all its people friends.
A holy gift in that first century
Set time's division-"Anno Domini".

HAPPY NEW YEAR “2000”

By Joan Abramson

How can we write “20” now
After “19” all this time?
Perhaps old habits can be changed;
Perspective levels every climb.
Y2K is not a hoax
Year's Day is still the same, .
Ever offering us a choice
Within ourselves, a higher aim.
Yesterday is past indeed;
Eagerly we turn the page,
Accepting what each day will bring,
Rejoicing we're part of this Age.



In Memory of Adele Huber

By Isabella Burns

Adele Huber, a member of NOC, who worked on shows, served on committees, and attended most affairs, has died. She passed away December 31, 1999 and services were at Rose Hills on January 5, 2000. She was preceded in death by her husband Everet (Hunsie) Hunsinger. Afterward she married another rock collector, Bill Huber, who also, preceded her in death.

She loved field trips and collected many rocks. She especially liked to display them in the jewelry that Bill made.

Adele was born in New York and raised with her two brothers and sister in the east. She worked as a private secretary in New York until 1945 when she moved to California. In a month, she met Hunsie and they were married three months later. Hunsie said, "She came, she saw, she conquered." For eleven years, they owned and operated a nursery in Artesia. After selling it, Adele pursued a career in education and taught several years. They loved to travel and collected rocks through out the U.S. including Alaska. They had one son, Wesley, who was living in the home and caring for Adele until her recent illness.

Bill Huber, also, loved to travel and they made many trips, such as to Beleice, He made many beautiful pieces of jewelry which Adele loved.

Federation Report

DEDICATION OF HISTORICAL ROCK-COLLECTING AREA

By Isabella Burns

A dedication of the Imperial and Riverside County Geode Area (known as Hauser Geode Beds) as a Recreational and Educational Rock Collecting Area is scheduled for January 31, 2000 at the collecting site. This will permit the continued collecting of geodes, nodules, and other rocks and minerals in the area. There will be some rules for us to follow to help protect the threatened and endangered species in the area. Jim Strain is working out the details of routes that will be open, rules when digging, trash removal, etc.

This area has been collected since the first humans came into the area. The Indians made tools from some of the material. A driver on the Butterfield Stage Route was the first known person to find the geodes. Years later his son, Joel Hauser, was challenged to find the place where his father had found beautiful geodes; thus made the area famous. CFMS clubs have made many field trips here through the years.

When in 1990, the desert tortoise was listed as endangered under the National Environmental Policy of 1969, Sue Hickman said to me that this could be more of a problem for our rock collecting than the California Desert Protection Act. Since then we have monitored the studies that have been done regarding the endangered desert tortoise and other animals and plants added to this list. Three plans for the protection of these endangered species are being developed - The Northern and Eastern Colorado Desert Coordinated Management Plan (NEMO), The Northern and Eastern Mojave Desert Plan (NEMO), The West Mojave Plan.

The NEMO Plan includes the geode sites where we have collected for years as being an Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC). When the Environmental Impact Statements were completed, Dick Crowe explained this at the CFMS Show and Convention in Ventura in 1997. He also, has given presentations at the Holtville Rockhound Round Up, to several societies, and at the 1998 Field Trip South Seminar at the Whittier Club Claim.

The idea of losing another collecting site concerned Jim and I; so at the July 2 CFMS Meeting at Monterey, we requested the support of the CFMS Members to pursue the concept of a rockhound park to be established in this geode area. When Jim Strain ask Ed Hasty, the California State BLM Director, at that time, about our idea of a rock-collecting park, he gave us his approval. Jim has about completed the efforts to make this area of Riverside and Imperial County a Recreational and Educational Rock Collecting Area. He still needs to make sure roads, rules for use, and other details are completed, and we will be ready for the dedication of The CFMS Recreational and Educational Collecting Area on January 31, 2000. Everyone is welcome to join us for this prestigious occasion. When plans are completed, information will be available from Jim Strain, Isabella Burns, and at www.cfmsinc.org

Field Trips

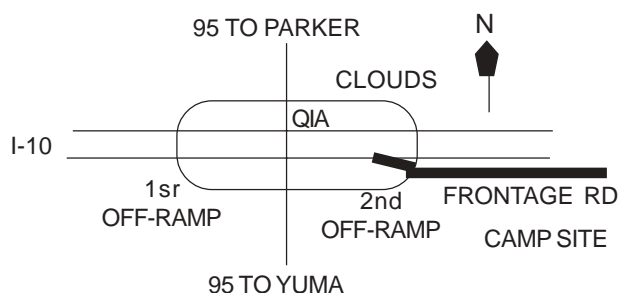
by Don Ogden

January 26-30 - Our January field trip will be combined with the Delvers to Quartzsite.

The QIA show is scheduled from January 26-30. Cloud's will also be open but we **can not** camp there. Some go the week before so that they can pick up bargains at the Main Event on the West end of town.

We will camp in an area just past Quartzsite and south of the frontage road which parallels the I-10. The easiest way to get to the campsite is to take the second offramp, turn right, then left and drive east on the frontage road parallel to I-10. The camp area is south of the Frontage Road., just past the culvert. There are many camped here, so please put out pie plate signs or NOC signs to help our members find each other.

Bring firewood as we usually have some beautiful evening for campfires. Be prepared for cold nights. Weather permitting, we will have a potluck dinner Saturday evening at 4:30 p.m. California time.



Big Rocks

By Dick Friesen
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One day an expert in time management was speaking to a group of business students and, to drive home a point, used an illustration those students will never forget. As he stood in front of the group of high powered overachievers he said, "Okay, time for a quiz."

Then he pulled out a one-gallon, wide-mouthed Mason jar and set it on the table in front of him. Then he produced about a dozen fist-sized rocks and carefully placed them, one at a time, into the jar. When the jar was filled to the top and no more rocks would fit inside, he asked, "Is this jar full?" Everyone in the class said, "Yes."

Then he said, "Really?" He reached under the table and pulled out a bucket of gravel. Then he dumped some gravel in and shook the jar causing pieces of gravel to work themselves down into the space between the big rocks. Then he asked the group once more, "Is the jar full?" By this time the class was on to him. "Probably not," one of them answered.

"Good!" he replied. He reached under the table and brought out a bucket of sand. He started dumping the sand in the jar and it went into all of the spaces left between the rocks and the gravel. Once more he asked the question, "Is this jar full?" "No!" the class shouted. Once again he said, "Good."

Then he grabbed a pitcher of water and began to pour it in until the jar was filled to the brim. Then he looked at the class and asked, "What is the point of this illustration?" One eager beaver raised his hand and said, "The point is, no matter how full your schedule is, if you try really hard you can always fit some more things in it!"

"No," the speaker replied, "that's not the point. The truth this illustration teaches us is: If you don't put the big rocks in first, you'll never get them in at all." What are the 'big rocks' in your life?

God; your spouse; your children; your loved ones; your education; your dreams; a worthy cause; teaching or mentoring others; doing things that you love;

time for yourself; your health; your significant other. Remember. to put these BIG ROCKS in first or you'll never get them in at all.

If you sweat the little stuff (the gravel, the sand) then you'll fill your life with little things you worry about that don't really matter, and you'll never have the real quality time you need to spend on the big, important stuff (the big rocks).

So, tonight, or in the morning, when you are reflecting on this short story, ask yourself this question: What are the 'big rocks' in my life? Then, put those in your jar first.

My Favorite Christmas Present

By Loretta Ogden

Thank you, all of you. This is the first time I have ever been glad a plan didn't come together. Not to say we would not have enjoyed the wonderful voice of Bev Moreau. When I heard she was not well and unable to do her musical program I had such a feeling in the pit of my stomach. Exactly at that moment I overheard a conversation going on next to me that was about a party where they had shared Christmas memories. WOW the light came on and it was like I had a cure for that feeling.

Little did I know that it was to be my most treasured memory of this Christmas. That is the reason I started out thanking all of you. Yes you all gave me a present. Some were warm and fuzzy, some were heart wrenching and tearful and some were funny and laughable. All were wonderful!

I'm sure we can appeal to Bev to sing for us another time and when I told her about the memories she also had little tears in her eyes. I suspect she is a little sentimental like me.

PS
By Don Ogden

I guess Loretta got so wrapped up in sentiment. She forgot to mention how nice the hotel was and that the food was good. Everyone looked nice and liked the door prizes.

Preliminary NOC Calendar 2000

Jan	??	Old and New Board Meeting
	??	Youth Science Workshop in Hacienda Heights
	11	Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m. General Meeting at 7:30 p.m.
	26-30	Quartzsite AZ Field Trip
	29	SCRIBE Annual Workshop and Symposium at Wuartzsite
	31-2/4	Wiley Well District Field Trip CFMS Field Trip
Feb	08	Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m. Board General Meeting 7:30 p.m.
	26-27	Field Trip - Lavic Siding
Mar	14	Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m. General Meeting at 7:30 p.m.
	17-19	Stoddard Wells Field Trip
	24	Show Setup
	25-26	Show
Apr	11	Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m. General Meeting at 7:30 p.m.
	9-16	ZZYZX
	??	Field Trip with Delves - Paul Bunion (NW of Barstow)
May	9	Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m. General Meeting at 7:30 p.m.
	30	Field Trip (Memorial Day)
Jun	13	Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m. General Meeting at 7:30 p.m.
	??	Field Trip?
Jul/Aug		No Meetings
Aug	4-6	CFMS Show & Convention (Riverside, CA)
Sep	10-17	Camp Paradise
	12	Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m. General Meeting at 7:30 p.m.
	23-24	Field Trip
Oct	10	Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m. General Meeting at 7:30 p.m.
	13-15	RFMS/AFMS Show in Moab, UT
	21-22	Field Trip
Nov	14	Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m. General Meeting at 7:30 p.m.
	??	CFMS Business Meeting
	23-24	Field Trip (Thanksgiving)
Dec	12	Annual Christmas Dinner and Officer's Installation

Christmas Party

