

# NOC GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY NEWS

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## President's Message

by *Don Ogden*

All the show assignment were set in the January meeting. The tickets and flyers are ready. At this time we need one more dealer. Mike is working on it. A rock dealer will replace our rock table this year. However, we will still sell and cur geodes.

At the February board and general meeting we will be discussing the NOC calendar for 2000. Where to go on field trips, and a chairman. Assign a Christmas party committee. We, also, need to talk about setting up a booth at The La Habra Days celebration.

**Dues are due!** If you have not already paid, please send your dues to:

Don Livezey.  
1722 Virginia Place  
Placentia, CA 92870

## February Meeting

Date: February 8  
Time: 7:30 p.m.  
Place: La Habra Community Center  
101 W. La Habra Blvd  
Program: Slide show on Alaska

## Refreshments

by *Oscar Veloz*

Don and Ophelia Warthen are on the refreshment list to bring goodies for our 8 February meeting.

Thanks to Irene and Oscar Veloz for bringing the refreshments we had at our January meeting

## NOC Club Activities

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

Board Meeting — February 8, 6:30 p.m.

Regular Meeting — February 8, 7:30 p.m.

Field Trip — TBD

Deadline for NOC News — February 22

### Board Meeting - February 8, 1999

**Meeting** – There will be a board meeting prior to the general meeting on February 8 at 6:30 p.m.

## Program

by *Loretta Ogden*

Don't miss the February 8 meeting! Our speakers will be Don and Jane Livezey. They will show slides of an Educational Cruise Ship to Alaska.

## Members in the News

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

*Frances Toemmier - Feb 2*

*Challmer 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.

HAPPY belated BIRTHDAY and apology to  
*Trudy Jensen - Jan 15.*

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## Shows and Events

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*via CFMS Web Page*

**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 8-9** Hacienda Heights, CA  
Puente Hills Gem & Mineral Club, Inc.  
Steinmetz Park  
1545 S. Stimson Ave.  
Hours: Sat. 10-5 Sun 10-4  
(909) 594-6177

**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](mailto: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

# General Meeting January 11

by Susan Hansen

**Meeting** – The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Don Ogden.

**Flag Salute** – The flag Salute was led by Bill Burns.

**Birthdays** – Loretta not doing birthday cards this year. It was suggested that we go back to drawing a ticket/number and give 5\$ if person is present.

**Program** – The program was on “Americas Crown Jewels, The Grand Canyon”.

**Refreshments** – Irene and Oscar Veloz provided the refreshments.

**Minutes of Last Meeting** – Minutes of the last meeting that appeared in the newsletter were approved.

**Treasurer’s Report** – Don Livzey gave the report. In December, we bought the 1<sup>st</sup> prize for the show, paid for the Christmas party and sent the budgeted donations. We also sent a donation in memory of Bob Berg to CFMS. We are also establishing a \$200.00 stipend for graduate students in geology at CSU Fullerton.

**Hospitality Report** – Irene gave the report. There were 20 members and one guest present at the meeting.

**Education Report** – Virginia Grafton gave the report. She discussed next Friday’s presentation at the Concordia Lutheran School. Last Saturday was the earth science day at Wedgeworth Elementary School in Hacienda Heights.

**Drawings** – \_\_\_\_\_ won the main prize.

**Federation Report** – Izzie Burns was not present. The insurance cost to clubs per member was raised, but a better deal.

**Field Trip Report** – The next field trip is to Quartzsite for QIA show. CFMS is sponsoring a trip to the Hauser Geode Beds on Monday.

**Library Report** – Jane Livezey announced that she got an evaluation form from the Sheraton as to how we liked the dinner and service at the Christmas party. She also brought a schedule for classes at California Craft.

**Show Report** – Jeff was not present, but the committees/chairmen in place are:

Security ..... Bill Burns  
Geode cutting ..... Mike Maneth and Jerry Grafton  
Krafty Korner ..... Angie Harwood and Mary Maneth  
Volcano display ..... Don Warthen, assisted by Ginny G. and Don O.  
Grab bags ..... Ginny G.  
Dealers ..... Mike Maneth  
Tickets/flyers ..... Don O.  
Donation award prizes . Loretta O., Susan to assist  
Announcer ..... Pat  
Spinning wheel ..... Joan A. and Trini H.  
Set up/tear down ..... Norberto  
Get truck ..... Don Livezey  
Kitchen ..... Oscar Veloz  
Fri. Dinner ..... Trini H.  
Displays ..... Ginny G.  
Signs ..... Loretta O.  
Demonstrators ..... Al H.  
Banner ..... Oscar V. and Don O.  
Publicity ..... Jane L.  
Money boxes & change Don L.  
Buy rocks at Q ..... Don O.  
Buy raffle prizes at Q ... Loretta O.

Discussed possibility of a silent auction in the Volcano room.

Took names at meeting of those who want to put in a case at the show.

If you want to put in a case call Ginny at (562) 865-2040.

**Refreshment Assignment** – Ophelia and Don Warthen will bring refreshments to the February meeting.

**Old Business** –

**New Business** – Will send \$25.00 donation in memory of Adele Hunsinger Huber to CFMS.

**Meeting Adjourned** – 9:10 p.m.

# Education Report

## NOC EARTH SCIENCE CLASS

By Virginia Grafton

Twelve members (*Bill and Isabella Burns; Norberto Elicker; Jerry and Virginia Grafton; Alfred and Trini Hermosillo; Don and Jane Livezey; Don Ogden; and Don and Ofelia Warthen*) of our NOC club arrived promptly at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, January 15, 2000 at the Concordia Lutheran School.

Seven stations were set up as follows:

- 1 – Station 1 was a sand box filled with stones. All grades sifted for small stones or polished stones.
- 2 - Station 2 was a table with rough and finished crystals and a large amethyst crystal. All grades were told about the properties of the crystals, how they were formed, etc.
- 3 – Station 3 was a table with fossils and fossil books for all grades. All grades touched the fossils and browsed through the books.
- 4 – Station 4 was a tumbler on the floor. The first through third grades just watched. The fourth through sixth grades were told how the grits worked.
- 5 – Station 5 had 3 cabbing machines working with finished items to look at. It was show and tell for the first through fourth grades. The fifth and sixth grades made and mounted cabs.
- 6 – Station 6 was cutting a rock with a diamond saw. It showed all grades what a rock looked like before being cut and after.
- 7 – Station 7 was metal detecting for all grades. Coins were hid in the grass and were detected 1-cent, 5-cents, 10-cents, 25-cents. Next time we need nails and bottle caps.

The children were put in groups of 4 or 5. Younger ones had an adult in each group. The groups had 5 minutes at each station and 1 minute for going to the next station.

The 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades had a longer time to make and mount cabs.

### Classes were scheduled as follows:

Time	Grade	Children
9 to 9:45	Preschool	40
9:50 to 10:35	Pre-kindergarten	36
10:40 to 11:25	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	24
11:30 to 12:15	3 <sup>rd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	24
12:15 to 12:45	Lunch	
12:45 to 1:30	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	20
1:45 to 3:00	5 <sup>th</sup> and 6 <sup>th</sup> Grades	16

In summary, an all day schedule is too much. The classes should be held to a maximum of three hours.





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## SHARE YOUR FIELD TRIPS

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By Richard Pankey, Field Trips – North

*(Please make sure that your Field Trip Leader Chairperson gets a copy of this article and share it with the rest of your organization.)*

What I enjoy most about being a rockhound are the field trips. My wife, Betty, and I, with our 2 dogs, going off in our trailer to the desert, the mountains, or the ocean beaches. Spending time with other rockhounds collecting rocks and the camaraderie of happy hours, campfires, and pot luck dinners. Getting out to enjoy nature. I enjoy going on field trips and I enjoy leading field trips. A basic philosophy for me for a field trip is “the more the merrier”. I have been leading field trips for about 10 years. My trips are open to everyone who is a considerate rockhound and who abides by the AFMS Code of Ethics.

In the January CFMS Newsletter Beverly Moreau reported on the addition of the Field Trip page to the CFMS Web Site. The purpose of the Field Trip page is to announce field trips that the sponsoring society is willing and able to share with others. Don Ogden, our Web Master, is currently finalizing details for the layout and content. The next step is to get field trips to announce on the new web page. Steve Ivie, Field Trips-South, and I will be coordinate the submission for our respective parts of the state. I am not sure exactly where the dividing line is, so if you are unsure you may send your field trip information to me. (Our addresses are in the back of the CFMS Newsletter.) The best and fastest way to submit the field trip information is by email. If email is not available then mail us the field trip announcement. The field trip announcement must include the date of the trip, location, material to be collected, and field trip contact. I strongly suggest an email contact, whether it is the leader or some other person who will help out.

Because of space restrictions, we will not be posting the field trip announcement fliers on the web page, just pertinent information and the name, telephone number and email address of the person to contact for more information and to sign up for the trip.

Now we need field trips to post on our new Field Trip web page. As you are planning field trips for this coming year, consider sharing them with other rockhounds if the locale is appropriate. Your club does

not have to share all of your field trips, but it would be great to share some.

Once the Field Trip Page is on-line, and you see a trip you would like to attend, contact the leader for details and to let them know you will attend. Never just show up.

I am very pleased and excited that we will soon have this new way to announce and share field trips. It will provide us with the opportunity for more trips, to learn about new and different collecting sites and have a greater variety of locations. It is also a great way to make new rockhound friends around the state.

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## AMETHYST

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*By Joan Abramson*

From deep within a distant mine  
Brazilian geodes hugged their gems.  
Such amethysts of brilliant shine  
Soon graced fair royal diadems.

The purple sought by ancient kings—  
Rich color from sea mollusks low—  
Was rivaled only by the rings  
And pendants setting queens aglow.

Valued more than gold by some,  
Placed in crowns or scepter head,  
This color of a ripened plum  
Was both pursued and coveted.

Purple shadows, violets,  
Have kinship with this lofty hue,  
But far more lasting briolettes  
Of amethyst stay bright and new.

Other gems may now be sought  
With greater eagerness than these,  
But amethysts have always caught  
Both prince and pauper loyalties.

“Precious” is a faulty term—  
A matter of a Mohs’ degree.  
Each finder must himself affirm  
This lovely stone’s pure majesty.