

NOC GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY NEWS

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President's Message

by Don Ogden

Check the Sunshine Report for our club members (Pat Maggs, May Richardson, and Walt and Joan Abramson) that need your prayers.

We will be having a sign up for the Geological Journey bus trip at the meeting. If you can not attend the meeting and you want to go, call Izzie at (626) 288-2896. See Geological Journey for more information.

We are planning a Petrified Wood Seminar in the month of July to be hosted by our club. It will be held at Smiley Park and conducted by Walt Wright. The class will be limited to around 20 people. There will be not cost to our club.

Last but not least, please provide news or tips for our newsletter. Hope to see "You All" at the next meeting.

May Meeting

Date: May 9
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Place: La Habra Community Center
101 W. La Habra Blvd
Program: An Introduction to the Geological
History of the Los Angeles Basin

Refreshments

by Oscar Veloz

Loretta Ogden and Trini Hermosillo are on the refreshment list to bring goodies for our May meeting. Thanks to Norberto and Joe Reed for bringing the refreshments we had at our April meeting

NOC Club Activities

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

Board Meeting — May 9, 6:30 p.m.

Regular Meeting — May 9, 7:30 p.m.

Field Trip — TBD

Deadline for NOC News — May 23

Board Meeting - May 9, 2000

Meeting — There will be a board meeting prior to the general meeting on May 9 at 6:30 p.m.

Program

by Loretta Ogden

Don't miss the May 9 meeting! Our speaker will be Walt Wright. The program will be an introduction to the "Geological Journey", an eight-hour bus trip in June.

Members in the News

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

David Anthony - May 8

ValerieBlais - May 10

Isabella Burns - May 23

Bill Burns - May 28

Jane Anthony - May 31

Your birthstone is Emerald.

Your flower is Lily of the Valley or Hawthorn

Shows and Events

via CFMS Web Page

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
Co-Chairs: George Lux (714) 992-2757
Harry Nelson (714) 530-1365

May 6-7 Bakersfield, CA
Kern County Mineral Society
Kern County Fairgrounds
Hours: 10-5 both days
Gary Paddock (661) 589-3517

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
Angie Harwood (562) 692-4540

<p>October 12-15 Moab, UT Points and Pebbles Club Hosts Moab Valley Inn Show Chairman: Dean Richardson; 1223 North 1500 West; Moab UT 84532 (801) 595-6750</p>

Geological Journey

by *Isabella Burns*

A Geological Journey is being planned for the Monterey Park Gem Society and the North Orange County Gem & Mineral society for Sunday June 4, 2000. This will be an eight-hour bus trip with interpretations of the geology and stops along the way by Walt Wright. The Trip will take us over the San Gabriel Mountains to the Palmdale area with stops at Vasquez Rocks, Devils Punch Bowl, San Andreus Gaults, etc. It will be about two hundred miles and take about 8 hours.

The cost for the bus will be about \$550 for about 40 people: so a precharge of \$15.00 per person (unless I can find a better rate). If each club would put up \$100, the cost per person would be \$10.

The May program for our club is "an Introduction to the Geological History of the Los Angeles Basin presented by Walt Wright.

Other details will be provided after Walt, Bill, Izzie, and maybe Don make a dry run to time the trip and decide on stops, lunch, etc. If we can get an estimate of the number interested we can work from there.

Wanted

by *Loretta Ogden*

We are in need of raffle prizes again and can use some donations from the membership. This is a great way to show our specialties and sometimes recycle special items.

This job is also up for grabs so if you are interested please say so. It involves begging, bearing and bugging so if this is up your alley you are the one for us. Call me so I can bring you all the 3 B stuff.

Loretta:
Home (909) 598-2456
Smiley Park (909) 867-4608

General Meeting April 11

BY SUSAN HANSEN

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

Flag Salute – Don Warthen led the flag Salute.

Program – Loretta Ogden introduced the speaker, Claire Gagnon, who gave an Introduction to Faceting program. He is a member of the Faceter's Guild that meets on the second Tuesday, same as our meetings. He passed around copies of the Faceter's Guild newsletter, showing articles and the patterns for faceting in each one. They also have a monthly workshop and a mentoring program. They will be doing a symposium at the CFMS shop in Riverside in August. He brought a "sample" faceting machine – one of his old ones, and explained how it works. He also showed samples of rough materials and some finished stones that he has done. He explained the process and the equipment used at each stage.

The program for May will be Walt Wright on the Geology of Southern California, this will also be a preparation for the Geology Journey in June.

Refreshments – Norberto Elicker and Joe Reed provided the refreshments.

Minutes of Last Meeting – Minutes of the last meetin that appeared inthe newsletter were approved.

Treasurer's Report – The treasurer was not present, Don Ogden presented the report and the preliminary summary of the show expenses and income which Don Livezey had sent to him.

Hospitality Report – Irene Veloz announced that we have 22 members signed in, and she introduced the 6 guests- Erick & Debbie Ereth, Verna Martin, R.L. Ketchen, Jan Ekzarian and Bob Cordero.

Drawings – Loretta held the prize drawings, top prize was a beautiful faceted stone donated by our speaker, Claire Gagnon. It was won by Don Warthen.

Education Report – Ginney was not present. No All American Club information for 1999 was submitted. Will try for 2000.

Federation Report – Izzie was not present. Loretta gave some information.

Field Trip Report – The Easter field trip will be to the Cady Mountains, off Basin Road, a sign up sheet is on the back table. The Delver's Club is going out to Lavic Siding over Easter, and we are invited to join them as well, sign up sheet for that also.

Field trip in May - possibility of a 1day trip to San Diego museum to see the Dinosaur Eggs exhibit. We will see about a trip over Memorial Day weekend later.

Refreshment Assignment – Loretta Ogden and Trini Hermosillo will bring refreshments to the May meeting.

Show Report - Mike M. suggested we close at 5 on Saturday and 4 on Sunday, after that, it was really slow. He also suggested we shorten 5 legs on the back edge of canopy for better shade and water run-off if it rains. The new dealers were OK. It was quick to pack out without the sales table material. Chalmer mentioned that several people asked about the black light exhibit, it worked ok in the side room the last time we had it. Jerry Conley would do it again. Jane L. suggested we have black lights for sale, as well. There is a company in Upland that makes them.

Old Business – There was no board meeting held tonight due to a lack of a Quorum, many of the officers are at Zzyzx for the Desert Studies program this week.

General Meeting (Continues)

New Business – There are 2 cards on the back table for members to sign. One is for Freda Pool, who is in a convalescent home, one is for Pat Maggs, who had triple by-pass surgery and is going home from the hospital today.

Don announced that there will be a Geological Journey on Sunday, June 4, 2000, led by Walt Wright. It will travel through the San Gabriel Mountains out to Devil's Punch Bowl, over the San Gabriel Fault. Walt explains the geology of the area traveled over. The trip will take about 8 hours, and will cost \$15/person for the bus trip.

Meeting Adjourned – 9:15 p.m.

What's A Club Supposed To Do

*by John Blue
2nd Vice President
MWF*

INTROCUCTION

“Our members are all getting up in years and we can't find any younger people who are interested”. “Well we can't afford to have a speaker since there are only twelve of us”. “Oh we used to go on field trips, but it's hard to find places to go now and lots of our members are getting old”. “Oh! I could never be an officer and stand up front”. “Well I was President once so it is someone else turn^o”.

We can go on and on with what seem like favorite phrases in the lapidary and other hobbies. But such laments solve no problems so let us look at some of the things we individually can do to solve the problems of declining interest and membership in clubs to which we belong or have knowledge of.

The following paragraphs address just some of the problems that may apply to your organization and the solutions that may help in turning your club around. Use these as topics for discussion at your board meet-

ings; edit them to fit your needs for articles in your newsletter; expand on them to prepare guides or operating procedures for your new incoming officers.

“WHAT'S OUR MEETING REALLY LIKE?”

Place yourself in the shoes of a stranger who has just come to your monthly club meeting. First we must accept that he or she is there to learn of our hobby, not to learn how to conduct a business meeting or to hear of past exploits in field collecting or of member families. A second time visitor could well be there for the refreshments, as who hasn't participated in some elaborate “spreads” while visiting various clubs. Back to the first time visitor.

Do your members make newcomers feel welcome by greeting them and introducing themselves and other nearby members? If not, perhaps you need a member or members designated to watch for strangers prior to the start of the meeting so that they feel welcome and less like an outsider.

Does your meeting follow a schedule and an agenda or do you say it starts at 7:30 PM, but often it's 8 or 8:15 PM before there is a call to order. Many young couples have to pay a baby sitter and they are not eager to attend a meeting that drags just because of social chit chat between older members. Such socializing needs to be done long before the meeting is schedule' to start or after it is over.

Does your meeting move along or does it bog down in discussions of items that should have been handled by the board or submitted in writing so that officers could be prepared for the presentation of facts needed? Strangers realize most clubs have a business meeting, but they certainly aren't looking for a 45 minute diatribe on whether or not to purchase name badges.

Conducting a business meeting requires prior planning, formal procedures, and respectful member participation. If your club meetings are chaotic, perhaps it is time to hold or attend some training seminars for your board members, officers, and potential officers. It is also important that once procedures are established in your club, incoming officers need to be provided with such procedures and given

