

# NOC GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY NEWS

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## President's Message

by Don Warthen

The first half of 2001 is almost over and boy has it been busy. We had a great show some wonderful field trips and the programs have been terrific. We have just as much to do in the second half of the year. We may have a mine show at Adventure Park, and have some great field trips coming up. There will be a picnic on August 18th, the location to be decided but most likely will be at Clark Park, and we need to start planning the Christmas party.

Don Livezey, Ginny Grafton and my self met with representatives of the Autonetec Club. They are re- lent to relinquish their clubs identity (which I under- stand). Sso for the meantime, they will be invited to join us at our meetings and activates and give their members a change to see how they fell about joining us. Lets all make them welcome.

## Programs

by Irene Veloz

Our speaker for the month of June is Marilyn Morgan with RMW Paleo Associates who will speak about geological findings in La Habra Hills and the new Kiosk at Vista De Valle Park.

## Refreshments

by Oscar Veloz

Dana Matula and Joe Reed are on the refresh- ment list to bring goodies for our June 12 meeting.

Thanks to Irene and Oscar Veloz for bringing the refreshments to the May meeting.

## NOC Club Activities

Cab Classes at Walt Messemer's — 7-10 p.m.  
every Tuesday Evening (except Wednesday on  
Regular Meeting night).

Board Meeting — To be announced

Regular Meeting — June 12, 7:30 p.m.

Field Trip — To be announced.

Deadline for NOC News — June 17.

## June Meeting

Date: June 12

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Place: La Habra Community Center  
101 W. La Habra Blvd

Program: Our speaker this month will be Marilyn  
Morgan.

**The next meeting will be September 10. The  
Summer Picnic will be August 18** and the location  
will be mailed when decided.

## Members in the News

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

*Joe Reed - June 5*

*Jerry Conley - June 7*

*Ken Marks - June 8*

*Harry Howe - June 11*

*Roger Loest - June 12*

*Janet Harvey - June 28*

Your gemstone is Pearl or Moonstone or Alex-  
andrite or Agate.

Your flower is Rose or Honeysuckle.

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## Shows and Events

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*via CFMS Web Page*

**June 2-3** Glendora, CA  
Glendora Gems  
Goddard Middle School  
859 E. Sierra Madre  
Hours: Sat. 10-5 Sun. 10-4  
Mark Thompson (626) 335-3814

**June 11-17** Arlington, TX  
AFMS/SCFMS Convention & Show  
Hosted by Arlington G&M Club  
Arlington Convention Center  
Bill Wilson (817)483-1555

**June 22-24** Paso Robles, CA  
CFMS Convention & Show  
Hosted by The Santa Lucia Rockhounds  
California Mid-State Fairgrounds  
Bea or Sherm Griselle (805) 238-4366 /  
thegriselles@tcsn.net

**July 7-8** Culver City, CA  
Culver City Rock & Mineral Club  
Culver City Veterans Memorial Complex  
4117 Overland Ave.  
Hours: Sat. 10-6 Sun. 10-5  
Gary Strickland (310) 676-4523  
/ g.strickland@prodigy.net  
Brad Smith (310) 472-6490 / brad@greenheart.com

**September 22-23** Downey, CA  
Delvers Gem & Mineral Society  
Woman's Club of Downey  
9813 Paramount Blvd.  
Hours: Sat. 10-5 Sun. 10-4

**October 3-7** Joshua Tree, CA  
Sportsmans Club  
Sportsmans Hall  
6225 Sunburst Avenue  
Hours: Sat. 8-5 Sun. 8-3  
Gary Pallmer (650) 366-3430

**October 13-14** Trona, CA  
Sears Lake Gem & Mineral Society  
13337 Main Street  
Hours: Sat. 8-5 Sun. 8-4  
Bonnie Fairchild (760) 372-5356

**November 3-4** Oxnard, CA  
Oxnard Gem & Mineral Society  
800 Hobson Way, Oxnard  
Hours: Sat. 9-5 Sun. 9-4  
"Gems for the Holidays" (Jingle Bell Rock)  
e-mail webmaster@ogms.net

**November 3-4** Fontana, CA  
Kaiser Rock and Gem Club  
California Steel Ind. 9400 Cherry Ave.  
I-10 to Cherry Exit - then North about one mile on L  
Hours: 9-5 both days  
Jo Ann Watson (909) 355-7455

**November 24-25** Barstow, CA  
Mojave Desert Gem & Mineral Soc.  
Barstow Community Center  
841 S. Barstow Road  
Hours: 10-5 both days  
Bob Depue (760) 255-1030

**December 1-2** San Bernardino, CA  
Orange Belt Mineralogical Society  
Corner of E. Street and 31st Street  
Hours: Sat. 10-6 Sun. 10-5  
Tony Gilham (909) 820-2122

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## General Meeting May 8, 2001

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by Susan Hansen

The meeting was called to order at 7:42 p.m. by President Don Warthen.

The flag salute was led by Izzie Burns.

Irene Veloz introduced Pat McCarthy who presented a program on making Intarsia. He brought example pieces at different stages and some beautiful finished products. He also brought much of the equipment he uses to make them.

Jane Livezey announced we have 22 members and 3 guests present. We have one new membership application for Robert Cordero. Loretta made a motion that we accept his application, Susan 2nd and the motion was passed unanimously.

Ofelia Warthen held the donation drawings. Al Hermosillo won the first one (bungees) and Joe Reed won the white elephant – an orange cooler mug.

The minutes were printed in the bulletin and stand as printed.

Don Livezey gave the Treasurer's report and submitted a printed recap to the officers.

Federation report. Loretta Ogden reported that she has the forms for advance registration for the CFMS in June at Paso Robles. There was some discussion on whether we want to put in a club case. Case rental fee is \$15. Ginny Grafton moved that we put a case in, Chalmer Steed 2nd. it was passed. Loretta volunteered to put the case in. Bring articles to the June meeting.

Education– Ginny Grafton reports that the Women in Mining speaker we had sent her an announcement of a conference by the California Mineral Education Foundation in San Bernardino on June 28, 29. They will have 4 groups, k-3, 4-6, 7-9 10-12 (grades). Each participant will receive mineral samples, lesson plans, a video, and poster. She suggested NOC pay for 4 members to attend, one at each level. College credit or continuing education credit is available. After some discussion, the motion was made to send Ginny and to contact the schools and make available the \$50 fee to 2 teachers

to attend.

Field trips – There are some pictures on the back table of the last trip to Cady Mountains. There were signs that there are some people misusing the area. Our next scheduled field trip is in the fall. We need to check on when we can take the scouts to Jarupa. Discussion of whether the club, or members would pay for the kid' trip – bus, entry fees and lunch. More info to come.

Show report – Don. Warthen reported that Don and Jane Livezey will be co-chairmen of the next show. The building is reserved for our usual time next year. Now we have to start negotiating with the city.

We want to have a mini-show – demos, some cases – at same time as the swap meet at Gunn (now Explorer) park in Whittier. The Whittier show is Oct 21-22. We should have the mini show as far from that as possible time wise.

Oscar reported that the next meeting is June 12, Joe Reed is scheduled to bring refreshments, Dana Matula said she will help.

New business: Ofelia Warthen made a motion that we contribute to Walt Messemer for 5 years use of electricity for our classes, \$100. Loretta 2nd and the motion passed after some discussion.

Pat Felix from Autonetics and two other Board members from Autonetics were present. She gave a brief announcement regarding the status of their club, which lost its meeting and workshop sites after Boeing sold the facility. They sent the equipment out to member's houses. Only 8 or 9 members come to the meetings. They would like to get together on combining activities.

Don Warthen suggested we have a committee of 3 to discuss possibilities of combining or merging. The Autonetics members would do the same. They don't really want to lose identity but don't have many members who can join activities at this point in time. It was agreed that Don Warthen, Don Livezey, and Ginny Grafton would meet and come up with some options to present to them.

Don Warthen announced that we will have a picnic in August, probably at his house as Pat Mogen is building a new garage this summer and it probably won't be done by then.

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## General Meeting (Continued)

Social Secretary – Ofelia had surgery yesterday, Don Ogden is scheduled for surgery, Trini Hermosillo will be having surgery soon.

Dana Matula brought trailer parts, gold panning supplies she no longer has room for.

Membership cards are here from the Calif. State Mining and Mineral Museum. Pick yours up at the front desk.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m. by Don Warthen.

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## Members of the NOC Board

*by Don Warthen*

We will not have a board meeting before the regular meeting on June 12th so we'll try doing it through e-mail. I would like to hear from everyone if possible.

Don Livezey, Ginny Grafton and my self met with representatives of the Autonetec Club, they are relent to relinquish their clubs identity, they don't want to give up their name (I think that they really just want time to talk to their members) so for the meantime they will be invited to join us at our meetings and activates and give their members a change to see how they fell about joining us.

We will be sending them each a bulletin (about 25) they will get a list of names and address to Don Ogden they have also volunteered to reimburse us the cost

August 18th is the date that I think we should have our Bar-B-Q this year. Pat Mogan has started building of a new garage so his place is out for this year. I can have it at my house or we can go to Clark Park.

I understand that Irene has a speaker lined up for this month but I don't know the details.

I think we have some field trips in the works; Izzie has been so busy that it's hard to believe that she has had time to work on these.

As for education I would like to set up some one-day workshops, possibly at the community center.

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## Showcase

*By Loretta Ogden*

Lets all remember to bring something for the showcase in Paso Robles. The theme I have chosen is "One club and a lot of spice". So in other words everyone bring something that says what your interest is. I also invite the Autonetecs members to bring something for the case and I will identify you as such. If you do bring something please include your name and description and wrap securely for traveling. Include anything I will need to display such as stands etc. I will return all items at the next meeting or in this case at the summer picnic.

I am looking forward to seeing many of you in Paso Robles and at other events during the summer. Remember SHOWCASE Tuesday June 12, 2001

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## Safety Be A Life Saver

*by Chuck McKie, CFMS Safety Chair, 2001  
chuckmckie@aol.com*

Perhaps you can save your own life or the life of someone close and dear to you. HOW? By cleaning out your medicine cabinet. Most of us have bottles, boxes and tubes of medicine in our cabinets which have been there for years.

According to Capt. Elizabeth Caplener of the David Grant Medical Center, some medications change over time, losing their potency or turning into toxic compounds. If common antibiotics such as tetracycline degrade, they can cause life-threatening skin disorders.

### Where to begin?

Caplener points out that all prescription drugs

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## Safety (Continued)

have an expiration date on their labels. Over-the-counter medications have this information stamped on the package. If you can't find the expiration date, this may mean that you purchased the medication before the expiration-date law was enacted in the mid 1980s. If you can't remember what a prescription was for, you should also toss it -- even if its expiration date is still good.

"Once an infection has cleared, any antibiotics should be discarded immediately," Caplener said. "People who self-medicate using leftover antibiotics can build resistance to the prescription and mask the symptoms of their new problem. Furthermore, any old medications given to friends or family members can cause serious allergic reactions."

She cautions against throwing old medications in the wastebasket, where they can endanger children and pets. Instead, they should be flushed down the toilet in small quantities to ensure that no plumbing emergencies occur.

### Out with the old

The next step is to get rid of anything that's cracked, chipped, tipped or dirty. Now is the time to dispose of adhesive tape that's turned yellow and sterile gauze in tattered packages. The same goes for pills that are powdery, syrups that have separated, bottles with unreadable labels and any medicine that's changed color or developed an odor. You should also examine any tweezers and scissors in your medicine cabinet, making sure they're still in good working condition.

### In with the new

It's time to restock your cabinet. To prepare for minor mishaps and colds, consider purchasing the following supplies: acetaminophen, aspirin and non-aspirin pain reliever, activated charcoal, antibiotic cream, antacid, anti-diarrhea medication, antiseptic solution to clean cuts, bandages, gauze and adhesive tape, calamine lotion, cold and cough medications, cold pack, cotton balls and swabs, ipecac syrup and thermometer.

## Keeping medications safe

Your bathroom and kitchen are the worse places in the house to store medications. "The heat and humidity in these rooms can quickly degrade over-the-counter and prescription drugs," Caplener said. For example, nitroglycerin, used for chest pain, breaks down quickly when combined with moisture. Caplener suggests that all medications be kept in a cool, dark place, away from sunlight, heat sources and children. Although child-proof caps may make it difficult for youngsters to open containers, Caplener recommends keeping medications under lock and key if little ones are around.

## Read the small print

Make sure to read the instructions on all medications, including over-the-counter preparations. This will ensure that you take them properly. For example, if you combine certain laxatives with milk, you can dissolve the pill's coating before it gets to the lower intestines where it does its work. The result: possible stomach irritation and discomfort -- plus poor results.

## How much do you know?

Are you savvy when it comes to medications? Take this quiz and find out.

1. **Ipecac should be given to a child at the first sign of poisoning.**

**False.** Ipecac, a drug used to induce vomiting, can cause great damage if the poisoning is caused by corrosive or petroleum-based substances. Before administering ipecac, always call 911 or poison control center.

2. **The best place to store nitroglycerin is high in a closet away from children.**

**False.** People who take nitroglycerin for angina pain should have quick and easy access to it at all times. The best place for this medication is in the patient's pocket.

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### 3. It's dangerous to share medications.

**True.** Although you may think your illness is the same as a family member's, you may be wrong. The medication may not be effective, allowing the problem to escalate.

### 4. Generic over-the-counter drugs are as good as their branded counterparts.

**True.** Generic drugs are generally just as effective as brand names and much less expensive.

### 5. Herbal preparations are safe to take with prescription drugs.

**False.** Just because they're "natural" doesn't mean herbal remedies aren't powerful. In fact, many of them have side effects and some can cause trouble when combined with mainstream medications. Tell your doctor you're taking herbal supplements when medication is prescribed for you.

**Results: Five correct:** You're well informed about medication matters.

**Three to 4 correct:** It's important to exercise more caution when taking and storing medications.

**Zero to 2 correct:** You should discuss medications with your doctor. Poison Prevention Medications are too often linked to accidental poisoning in young children. America's poison control centers are contacted approximately 1.3 million times annually regarding potentially toxic drugs.

## References:

"Children Act Fast ... So Do Poisons"

For more information on Poison Prevention, call the Poison Prevention Council at (301) 504-0580 or go to their Web site at [www.cpsc.gov](http://www.cpsc.gov). The California Poison Control System's number is 800-876-4766.

*Via "Tailwind" March 16, 2001, CFMS Newsketter 05/01*

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## In Memory of David Gough

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My dear daddy, David Gough, left us to go to the angels on Monday, May 28, and even as he was in a coma, he was making jewelry and looking for beads he dropped! He was devoted to wire wrapping and all who were involved in it. It was a true honor and privilege for him to have been asked to teach at Camp Paradise and Zzyzx.

**We lovingly request any remembrances for him be sent to:**

St. Joseph Hospice  
1845 W. Orangethorpe Ave. Suite 100A  
Orange, CA 92868

or  
Ronald McDonald House  
383 S. Batavia St.  
Orange, CA 92868

or  
City of Hope  
Duarte, CA 91010

**Any cards or condolences that you might like to send may be sent to:**

Mrs. David Gough (Anna Lou)  
437 N. Wanda Dr.  
Fullerton, CA 92833

With thanks, Kris Sirca, Dave's daughter

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## Camp Paradise September 9 thru 16

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by Loretta Ogden

Wire wrap, faceting, casting, stone carving, cabling, bead stringing, silversmithing, glass bead construction workshops. Camp Paradise is located about 45 miles NE of Marysville, CA. Facilities: dormitories, RV parking, and modern kitchen. Fee: \$220 per person.

See Loretta Ogden for further information and sign up form.