

NOC NEWS

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**Day and Location:**

With the exception of July, August and December, meetings are held at 7:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month at the La Habra Community Center, 101 W. La Habra Blvd., La Habra.

The La Habra Community Center is located west of Euclid on La Habra Blvd.

For current meeting information, please call (909) 598-2456

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The objective and purpose of the North Orange County Gem and Mineral Society is to disseminate knowledge of mineralogy and the earth sciences and to encourage study in these subjects through means of: the presentation of public exhibitions, lectures, slide programs; field trips for explorations, study and collection of specimens; the preparation, publication and distribution of articles and studies pertaining to mineralogy and the earth sciences; the promotion of scientific research in these fields; the encouragement of interest among young people and the fostering of classes in mineralogy and lapidary arts; and all other means which are appropriate to the accomplishment of the primary objectives set forth.

*Annual Membership Dues: Individual, \$10; Family, \$15; Juniors, \$3.*  
*Visitors are always welcome at our regular meetings and field trips.*  
*The North Orange County Gem & Mineral Soc. does not yet have a Junior Division.*  
*Material contained in this newsletter may be used if credit is given.*

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## President's Message

*by Don Warthen*

Once again it's time to say good bye to an old friend and colleague. Bob Henry was laid to rest February 23, 2002. Many members of the NOC were in attendances. Joan Henry brought some of Bob's rocks to share with his friends.

In lieu of flowers, a scholarship fund has been established in his name: Robert C. Henry Jr. Scholarship c/o Lincoln Financial Advisors contact Ann Poloko or David Staab at (888) 999-06544.

We were able to get the word out through Jane's telephone and the e-mail. Anyone who would like to be added to an e-mail list for such occurrences but do not want the bulletin via e-mail can send me their e-mail address (warthen@earthlink.net).

On to a happier note, Ofelia and I went to Tucson where we got together with Bill and Izzie and had a great time. The Stoddard Well tailgate will be on March 15 - 17, and our show on March 23 - 24. We will need some help setting up the show on Friday March 22. We still need some one to stay over one night as security. We also need everyone to wear your vests and be visible at the show. The show is shaping up as a great one and I think everyone will have a good time.

## March Meeting

Date: March 12  
Time: 7:30 p.m.  
Place: La Habra Community Center  
101 W. La Habra Blvd.

## Refreshments

*by Oscar Veloz*

Izzie and Angie will bring the goodies for the March meeting. Thanks to Trini Hermosillo for bringing the goodies to the February meeting.

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## NOC Club Activities

Cab Classes at Walt Messemer's — 7-10 p.m.  
every Wednesday Evening.  
Board Meeting - To be announced  
Field Trip -- Stoddard Well - March 15-17  
Deadline for NOC News — March 17.

## Programs

*by Irene Veloz*

Our program for the month of March is a video "Collecting Earth's Treasures".

Discover the world of collecting Earth's Natural Treasures. See gems, minerals and fossils from museums and private collections around the world. Plus, America's greatest treasures from the Gem Hall of the Smithsonian. Experience the beauty of these natural wonders and the art of collecting them.

This program is hosted and narrated by Bob Jones, a mineral collector, and internationally known writer and lecturer and also a member of the Rockhound Hall of Fame.

## Members in the News

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

*Virginia Grafton - March 1*

*Gloria Lortz - March 3*

*Derek Tufnell - March 3*

Your gemstone is Bloodstone or Aquamarine.  
Your flower is Daffodil or Jonquil.

## Shows and Events

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*via CFMS Web Page*

### **March 2-3 2002, Arcadia, CA**

Monrovia Rockhounds, Inc.  
The Arboretum of Los Angeles County,  
Ayres Hall  
301 N. Baldwin Ave., Arcadia, CA 91007  
Hours: 9-4:30 both days  
Jo Anna Ritchey (636) 359-1624 /  
j.ritchey@verizon.net

### **March 15, 16, 17 2002, Stoddard Well, CA**

Victor Valley Gem & Mineral Club  
E-mail for directions or call  
Hours: unscheduled all days  
(760) 243-2330  
Nick (760) 246-7117 (8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.)  
E-mail: gbeall5084@aol.com

### **March 16-17 2002, Hawthorne, CA**

Northrop Grumman Gem & Mineral Club  
12329 Crenshaw Blvd. (Gate 16)  
Hours: Sat 10-6 Sun 10-5  
Jimmy Lapham  
E-mail: [Lapham@earthlink.net](mailto:Lapham@earthlink.net)

### **March 23-24, 2002, Boron, CA**

Mojave Mineralogical Society, Inc.  
Boron High School Multipurpose Room  
Prospect Street  
Hours: Sat 9-5 Sun 9-4  
David Eyre (760) 762-6575

### **March 23-24, 2002, La Habra, CA**

North Orange County Gem & Mineral Soc.  
La Habra Clubhouse  
200 W. Greenwood  
Hours: Sat 10-5 Sun 10-4  
Don & Jane Livezey (714) 524-6280 /  
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### **March 23 – 24; Torrance, CA**

South Bay Lapidary & Mineral Society  
Ken Miller Recreation Center  
3341 Torrance Blvd.  
Hours: Sat 10 - 6 Sun 10 - 5  
Doris Turney (310) 322-2556

### **April 6-7 2002, Haciends Heights, CA**

Puente Hills Gem & Mineral Club, Inc.  
Magic In Rocks  
Steinmetz Park  
1545 Stimson Avenue  
Hours: 10 - 5 both days  
Bob Hess (562) 696-2270

### **April 27-28 2002, Lancaster, CA**

Antelope Valley Fairgrounds  
155 East Avenue  
Hours: 9-5 both days  
Olan Flick (661) 943-3882

### **May 4-5 2002, Anaheim, CA**

Searchers Gem & Mineral Society  
43rd Annual Show. America's Treasures  
Brookhurst Community Center  
2271 West Crescent Ave.  
Hours: Sat 10-6 Sun 11-4:30  
Betty Nelson (714) 530-1365 / [bethar@msn.com](mailto:bethar@msn.com)  
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### **July 12-14 2002, Placerville, CA**

CFMS 23rd Show & Convention -  
Treasures of the Sierra Nevada  
El Dorado County Mineral and Gem Society  
El Dorado County Fairgrounds  
100 Placerville Drive  
For more info: (530) 622-3038

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#### **Phone Number Correction**

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## In Memory of Bob Henry

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Bob Henry a former member of the NOC Gem & Mineral Society passed away on Feb 13, 2002. Following is a poem dedicated to Bob at his funeral.

ODE TO A SCOTSMAN  
(To Bob Henry ... my friend)  
by S.C. Dunham

To empty chair where he always sat  
Beckoned hard to my eye  
Every time I looked I saw him there  
Smiling so very wry  
Gruff and grumpy, an acerbic wit  
A tongue like sharpened steel  
Were but thin veneers that couldn't hide  
Something so much more real  
Most all who knew him could see right through  
The front that he put up  
And we knew that just beneath his crust  
There dwelt a brimming cup  
Filled with humor, love, and all good things  
That made him who he was  
And we were better for knowing him  
Who became part of us  
I smile each time that I think about  
Something he'd said or done  
And it softens the pain that I feel  
Now that his race is run  
Heaven is now a much brighter place  
And laughter rings God's throne  
While Jesus smiles and the angels cheer  
Bob Henry has come home!

### Bob Henry in Tennessee in 1999



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## Show News

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By Jane and Don Livezey

We're getting there! What else do we need? We will NEED warm bodies! Plan on helping whenever you can March 23-24. The kitchen and spinning wheel still need some volunteers. I'm sure Bill Burns would like some relief talking to people about field trips, and Izzy could use help working with kids making rock collections.

We have 4 security vests which will be available at the front table. Just walking the floor looking official would be a help for our dealers.

We want to be sure to thank anyone, outside the club, who has been especially helpful for our show. If you will give us the names and addresses we will make sure they get a special club thank you card.

#### *Things to remember:*

- √ Turn in your donation award tickets.
- √ Bring pies etc. for the kitchen.
- √ Donate an item for the prize case.
- √ Help out the Krafty Korner with a home-made item, a good quality "what-not" or some potted plants.
- √ What did we forget?

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## California Crafts Supply

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The (*California Crafts Supply, 2511 W. La Palma Ave. Units J & K*) class/workshop schedule for January through April, 2002 is now posted on the internet. The schedule will no longer be mailed.

To obtain a schedule, go to:

<http://www.california-craftsupply.com>

# Safety - Fireplace Heating

By Chuck McKie, CFMS Safety Chairman 2002  
Via City of Phoenix Source 1997

Baby it's cold outside. I'm freezing. Let's start a nice warm fire. Hand me that charcoal lighter fluid and a match. Whoa! Wait a minute! Lets think about that!

## FIREPLACES AND CHIMNEYS DID YOU KNOW THAT...

A fireplace removes more heat from your house than it puts in? Even though you are roasting in front of an open fire, the temperature of the room is not changing significantly and can even be dropping? There is no chemical on the market that will clean a chimney? You lose more heat through a fireplace opening, than through the equivalent size hole in the wall? Burning trash in your fireplace will damage your chimney and create a safety hazard? As little as one millimeter of creosote lining the chimney can reduce a stove's efficiency by up to 15 percent?

## A HEATING DEVICE

Infrared energy is radiated outward from the fire. This energy is converted to heat on the surface it strikes, such as skin, the surface of a chair or your clothes. But if something comes between you and the fire, you notice the difference. The temperature of the air has not gone up one degree, and chances are it has dropped because air needed to supply the fire comes from outside at much cooler temperatures.

A wood stove, accompanied by a glass enclosure on the fireplace, is the best way to heat with wood. The average volume of air that is pulled through an open chimney in an hour is equal to twice the total volume of air in your house. This varies slightly depending on the chimney and the size of the house but not by much. So all night while your furnace is busy pumping hot air in, the chimney very efficiently pumps the hot air out. This is why glass enclosures are important in helping to stop heat loss.

## CHIMNEY CAPS

There are five good reasons to have a chimney cap:

1. It keeps out the rain. Rain can soak into the mortar joints, weaken them and, therefore, weaken the chimney. If you have a metal firebox, rain will cause rust. If you have a wood stove insert, rain will rust it rapidly.
2. A cap will keep out birds and other varmints. Bird droppings down the chimney can cause a bad smell and a breeding ground for mites.
3. Installing a chimney cap can prevent roof fires, as its spark arrestor will trap the hot embers.
4. A cap inhibits down-drafting. Back-puffing of smoke can result from several factors. One of these is down-draft-

ing, blowing smoke back down into the room.

5. A cap keeps out leaves. Leaves can choke a flue and set off a chimney fire in a dirty flue.

## KEEP IT ALL CLEAN

A build-up of creosote in a chimney is a potential fire hazard. Dust-like carbon deposits called creosote collect on the inside of a chimney flue, impairing the draft. Creosote is a natural by-product of burning wood. The build-up will vary depending on the type of wood most used in the fireplace.

Softwoods, including pine and artificial logs, produce the highest level of creosote. These burn fast and leave a high deposit of creosote. Juniper is a little better. The best woods to use are hard woods, which include cedar, oak and mesquite. These burn slower, hotter and leave fewer deposits of creosote.

Creosote burns with an intense flame that can damage mortar. In a matter of seconds the fire spreads up through the flue, as the creosote is burning, creating a draft that only helps the fire burn. This is a chimney fire; it sounds like a roar, like a rocket taking off in your living room. If you think you have a chimney fire, leave the house and call 9-1-1.

The National Fire Protection Association recommends that chimneys be inspected once a year and cleaned if needed. When used regularly, the chimney should be checked every six months. How do you know whether your chimney needs cleaning? You may be able to tell by using a powerful light and a mirror to look up the flue from the bottom. If the bricks look pink, you're okay. If they are black or furry looking, it's time for cleaning.

## FIREPLACE SAFETY

- Don't build a fire too big for the fireplace.
- Don't use fire starters such as charcoal lighter, kerosene or gasoline to start the fire.
- Fireplaces radiate heat just like space heaters so furniture and other combustibles should be kept a safe distance from the fire.
- Be sure the chimney is clean and in good condition.
- Be sure the damper is open before starting a fire.
- Don't burn trash in the fireplace.
- A screen or glass doors should cover the front of the fireplace to prevent sparks from flying out into the room.
- Seasoned wood is safer than green wood. Hardwoods have less creosote build-up than softwoods.
- Ashes should be removed into a metal container and allowed to thoroughly cool before being placed in the trash container.
- Don't leave small children alone in a room with a fire.
- Do not leave a fire burning when you go to bed or leave the house.

## NOC General Meeting February 12, 2002

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by Susan Hansen

The **meeting** was called to order at 7:30 PM by president Don Warthen.

The **Flag salute** was led by Loretta Ogden.

The **program** was presented by Steve Shearer on the Plains Indians. He and his wife, Anita, brought lots of artifacts to show.

**Drawings** were held by Ofelia Warthen. The main prize was a tool box won by Mike Maneth. The white elephant prize was a valentine clock won by Loretta. The minutes printed in the bulletin and were approved as printed.

The **bulletin** this month was **e-mailed** to members having an e-mail address, and also mailed. We are trying to save postage expenses and are trying to see how the e-mail bulletin works out. Please give Don O. your feedback.

**Treasurer's** report was given by Don Livezey and accepted as read. Don presented the report by the budget committee. Recap of proposed budget and actual amounts from last year was also given. Lucille Howe made a motion that the budget be accepted as proposed, it was seconded and passed.

**Communications received:** Rock and Gems magazine sent a check list for the club to complete. President Don W filled it out and sent it back. We received a list of upcoming exhibits at the Bowers Museum. It will be posted with Library materials.

**Bob Henry** had surgery to have a kidney removed today. There is a card for him in the back.

**Federation report:** Loretta reported on the upcoming CFMS show "Treasures of Sierra Madre" in Placerville, July 12-14. She has copies of the sign up and reservations sheets.

**Field Trips:** Burns are in Tucson. The March field trip is to Stoddard Well, March 15-17. Ginny Grafton proposed a "field trip" to see the Daffodils in the mountains.

**Show Report:** Jane Livezey reported that the banner will not be up the week of the show. However, it will go up prior to that week. The banner

can't go up the week of the show this year because the city of La Habra is having a family fun feast. Their program takes precedence over ours. So, publicity will be extremely important. Jane made a list of crafts stores in the area and asked for volunteers to take them some flyers. Security vests are available, members are requested to wear them when not busy and are walking around. Bill Burns and Don O will stay Friday night, and Forrest will stay Saturday night. We need one more for Saturday night. Mike, Jerry and Chalmer will do geode cutting. We have two sizes of geodes, need to decide on prices.

**Krafty Korner** needs things. They asked if we would put prices on them. Don't forget to take them back if they don't sell. Pot holders of any kind of material were requested last year. We will have sign up sheets in March, especially for the kitchen and spinning wheel. The tables are ordered. We need help at the warehouse on Friday, March 22, at 10 AM. Don L. will get the truck again. Don't forget to bring pics, cakes, cookies for kitchen to sell. Also bring Prizes for drawings. Demos and Dealers are set. We have a new dealer with African art this year. Posters should go up 2 weeks ahead. Trini II will do the Dinner Friday night.

The **meeting adjourned** at 10 PM.

## CFMS Officer Nominations

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by Toni Ewers, Nominating Committee Chair  
via the CFMS Newsletter

To: All Member Clubs of CFMS  
Subject: Nominations

Now is the time to make your nominations for officers of the California Federation - i.e. treasurer, secretary, 2nd vice-president, and 1st vice-president.

All nominations must be accompanied by their qualifications and must be received by the nominating chairman by June 1, 2002. (Refer to CFMS By-laws, pages 6 and 7.)

Toni Ewers  
12 Hillcrest Lane  
Boulder City NV 89005

**NOC Potluck and Simulated Campfire in the QIA Parking Lot at Quartzsite - Jan. 22, 2002**





**Autonetics and NOC Happy Hour and Sunset East of Quartzsite - Jan. 22, 2002**



**NOC Program on Plains Indians at La Habra Community Center - Feb. 12, 2002**



## March 15 - 17 Field Trip

by Don Ogden and from the 17th annual  
Victor Valley Gem and Mineral Club Flyer

Our March field trip is to the 26st Annual Tailgate at Stoddard Well hosted by the Victor Valley Gem and Mineral Club. Collect Verde Antique - Tri-Colored Marble - Jade, and buy just about anything.

**What is a tailgate?** It all began about 22 years ago when the Victor Valley Gem and Mineral Club began hosting a free field trip and sale at Stoddard Well collecting area. The Tailgate is open to all clubs and rockhounds. Everyone is allowed to sell or buy just about anything. Most items for sale are related to gems, minerals, findings, and other related things, but you never know what you will see. The area is also noted for its abundance of rocks for collecting.

**Camping:** This is a dry camp area, so bring in your own water and other necessities. Supplies are available at the Bell Mountain service road. Roads are desert dirt and can handle motor homes with no problem.

**Gem and Mineral Collecting:** Verde Antique, and Green & Black Jade collecting areas are within walking distance from the Tailgate. The Verde Antique is in float and in a quarry. Jade with magnatite inclusions can be found in seams. Digging tools are needed for the better materials. Field Trips may take collectors to the nearby Sidewander Mountains to find Tri-Colored Marble which ranges from greys to dark green. A four-wheel drive is advised for this trip.

**Directions:** Take I-15 past Victorville, past Stoddard Well road, and turn off (right) at Bell Mountain - Stoddard Well Exit. Follow above map to the tailgate and camp site. NOC signs will mark the camping area. Bring fire wood and food for a 6 p.m. potluck on Saturday.

