

NOC NEWS

**NORTH ORANGE COUNTY GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY, INC.**

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**Meetings**

**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*

In the last CFMS Newsletter, Jack Williams CFMS President expressed concern about the declining membership in the many local clubs as well as the CFMS. Here at NOC we have seen a decline in membership over the years and at the same time we have been struggling with several different program that will benefit the community and attract new members at the same time.

With many of our collecting areas being closed and the ageing of our members many are worried that the "Rock Hound" may go buy the wayside. I have been developing a plan that I think will address this problem. I will be presenting this idea to the club before the show. In the mean time, I would like each of you to think of ideas that may address this problem.

The show seems to be well in hand, but we are going to need help with setup/take down, signs, security, demonstrating and much more. This will be our biggest show as a local club and should be a great success.

## March Meeting

Date: March 11  
Time: 7:30 p.m.  
Place: La Habra Community Center  
101 W. La Habra Blvd.

## Refreshments

*by Nancy Bird*

Verle Stadel will bring the goodies for the March meeting. Thanks to Oscar and Irene Veloz 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 14-16

Deadline for NOC News — March 17.

## Programs

*by Don Warthen*

Our program for the month of March is "Knapping" to shape stones, i.e. flint or obsidian, by breaking with tools. This is detailed how to tape. Everyone should find it interesting.

## Editor's Note

We need articles for the NOC News from its members.. If you, the majority of our readers have tips, poems, show reports, field trip reports, or other rockhound info; please submit them for incorporation in the newsletter..

## Members in the News

IIAPPY 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

via CFMS Web Page

### March 1=2 2003, 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  
Fee to enter The Arboretum  
Jo Anna Ritchey (636) 359-1624 /  
j.ritchey@verizon.net

### March 8-8, 2003 San Marino, CA

Pasadena Lapidary society  
San Morino Masonic Center  
3130 Huntington Drive  
Hours: Sat 10 - 6 Sun 10 - 5  
Mariene Kyte (626) 794-0519

### March 14-16, 2003 Stoddard Well, CA

Victor Valley Gem & Mineral Club  
Tailgate and Sat Field Trip 9 am  
Hours: unscheduled all day  
Bill Harper (760) 947-6383  
robokx22@earthlink.net

March 15-16m 2003 Hawthorne, CA  
Northrop Grumman Gem & Mineral Club  
12303 Crenshaw, Entrance 16  
Hours: Sat 10-5 Sun 10-4  
Jimmy Lamham (310) 784-0407

### March 22 - 23, 2003 Torrance, CA

South Bay Lapidary & Mineral Society  
Torrance Recreation Center  
3341 Torrance Blvd.  
Hours: Sat 10 - 6 Sun 10 - 5  
Omer Goeden (818) 353-9279

### April 5-6, 2003, 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 12-13, 2003, Boron, CA

Mojave Mineralogical Society, Inc.  
Boron High School Multipurpose Room  
26831 Prospect Street  
Hours: Sat 9-5 Sun 9-4  
David Eyre (760) 762-6575

### May 3-4, 2003, Anaheim, CA

Searchers Gem & Mineral Society  
Brookhurst Community Center  
2271 West Crescent Ave.  
Hours: Sat 10-5 Sun 10-4  
Nancy Norlund (714) 960-6957  
Karen Fox (714) 832-3580

### June 21-22, 2003, La Habra, CA

North Orange County Gem & Mineral Soc.  
World of Gems  
La Habra Community Center  
101 W. La Habra Blvd.  
Hours: Sat 10-5 Sun 10-4  
Bill & Isabella Burns

### AFMS/CFMS SHOW & CONVENTION

Sponsored by:

Del Air Rockhounds, Inc.

June 5, 6, 7, 8; 2003

Thurs-Sat 10:00 to 6:00  
Sunday 10:00 to 5:00



*Seaside GEM boree*

Seaside Park (formerly Ventura Fairgrounds)  
10 W Harbor Blvd. Ventura, CA 93001

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## Field Trip Gold Rock Ranch February 28, March 1, 2 - 2003

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*by Bob Fitzpatrick, CFMS Field Trip Chair South*

I will be leading a field trip on Feb. 28, March 2nd & 3rd to the Gold Rock Ranch area. Come for a day or come and stay as long as you would like to. We will be collecting Dumortierite, Petrified Palm Wood, Kyanite and much more.

We will be camping at or near the ranch. The ranch is located 12 miles west of Yuma on 1-8, then north on S-34 (Ogilby Road) just 9 miles, then left on Gold Rock Ranch road for 1 & 1/2 miles and you are there.

Everyone who would like to stay at the ranch needs to contact the ranch and make arrangements. Their web site is <http://goldrockranch.tripod.com/orGold.RockRanch@cs.com>. The new rates at the Ranch are for any available site (with or without utilities) at \$20.00 per night. We honor Passport America, Enjoy America, Happy Camper and Coast to Coast Good Neighbor for half the daily rate. At this time we are in overflow and have only electric sites available with 15 amp service.

The chuckwagon will be open the days you are here. They serve breakfast and lunch from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Arizona time. On March 1 we are having a 1950's day with a rock-n-roll dance at 7 p.m. by Jim Thompson with lots of contests (\$5.00 per person) and a dinner at 5 p.m. that night (lasagna) for \$5. per person. No rental units are available at that time.

If you can't or don't want to stay at the ranch, there is a lot of open desert nearby to dry camp in. Or, you can get a room in Yuma. But plan on being at the ranch at 8:00 a.m. to eat breakfast. We will be leaving from the ranch at around 9 a.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Saturday we will be going to the Kyanite Mine. Sunday to the Indian Pass Road area to collect Dumortierite, Palm Wood and much more.

You must observe the AFMS code of ethics and sign a consent and assumption of risk and waiver of liability form.

For more information, email me at RUROCKY2@aol.com or RockhoundBob@aol.com  
Bob Fitzpatrick, CFMS Field Trip Chair South

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## NOC Field Trip

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*by Isabella Burns*

Jan. 26 to Feb. 2 - e\Eight members of our club took the trip to the QIA Pow Wow and camped in Ruth's Parking lot just east of the Pow Wow. People shopped at the various areas - Tyson Wells, Main Event, Desert Gardens, as, well as, the Pow Wow. It was a very quiet week every where. Some members attended the "Old Timers' Auction". Is Bill really going to flash you with that belly button light? Don Ogden attended the Scribe Meeting.

We had several happy hours and the group all went to Sweet Darlenes for her Friday Night Fish Fry.

The Tucson GMS Show and all of the extras was attended by five members. That seemed like a record for California attendance. There again there were over twenty places to shop. Bill and I manned the AFMS booth and met many old friends from through out the country and some new friends, also. The Highlight of the week was having dinner with Don and Ofelia at Pinnacle Peak, but ask Don how he lost his heart there.

The exciting thing was the tools and supplies that Don purchased to expand to a new phase of the hobby. I was able to get a lovely 14k gold chain with a presentation box for our first prize for the show.

Bill finally received the copper nugget that he bought two years ago in Wisconsin. It is really nice.

Our next Field Trip will be Stoddard Wells in March..

## March 14 - 16 Field Trip

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

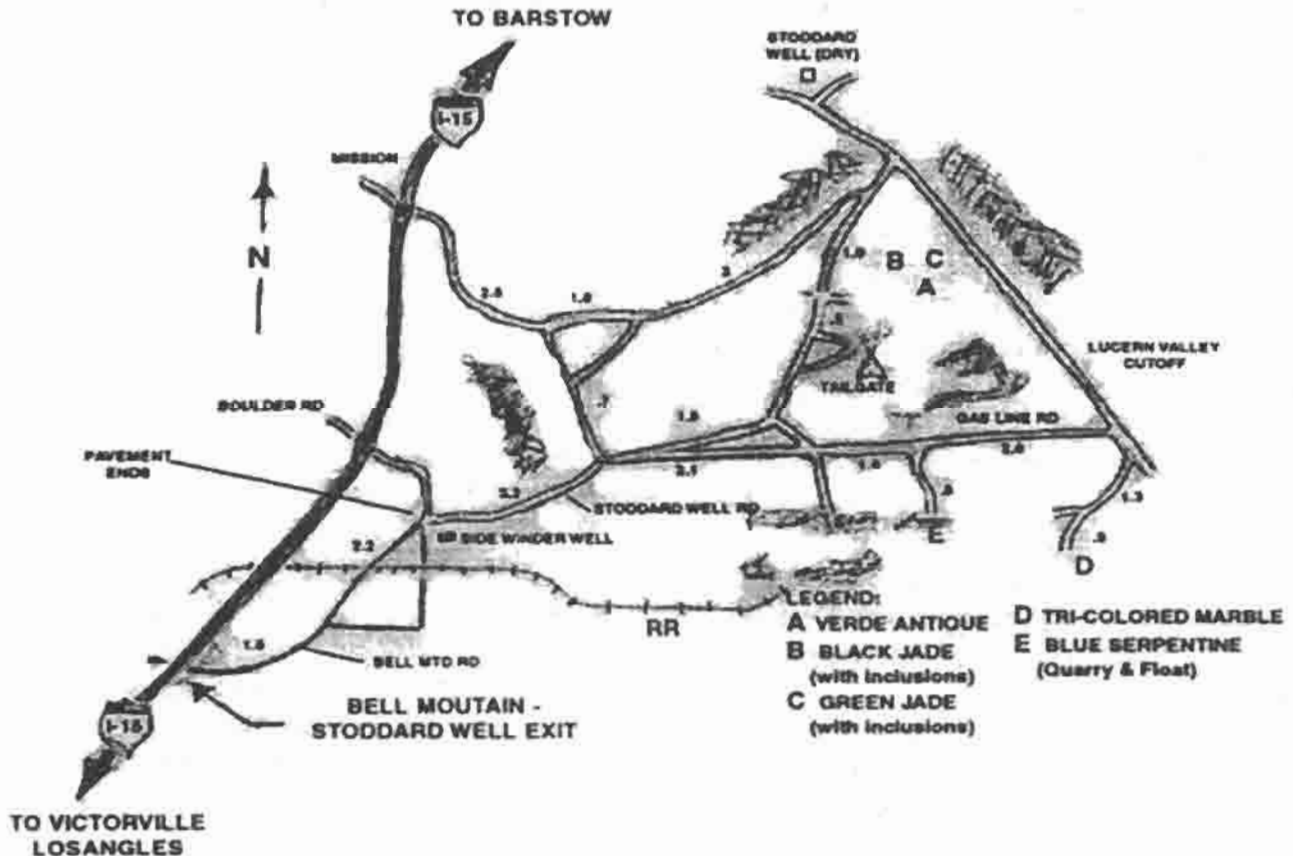
Our March field trip is to the 27th Annual Tailgate at Stoddard Well hosted by the Victor Valley Gem and Mineral Club. Collect Verde Antique - Tri-Colored Marble - Jade, and buy just about anything.

**What is a tailgate?** It all began about 26 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 magnetite 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.



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## NOC General Meeting February 11, 2003

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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 Nancy Byrd.

Don introduced Lisa Babalonia-Jones, a paleontologist from Ralph B. Clark Park, who presented a program on the Geologic history of the area and the fossils found there. She also had some fossils to display.

Don announced that Jonas will be donating a faceted stone that he did. Al will make a mounting for it, to be the grand prize at our show. Jonas brought in several beautiful stones for us to choose from. Members come and look at them and vote on which they would prefer.

Refreshments tonight were provided by Oscar and Irene Veloz. There is a sign up sheet going around to sign up for the rest of the year.

Donation/door prize drawings were held by Verle Staddell. Floyd won the main prize, a carved covered bowl. Ofelia won the White Elephant- a Lincoln Log Key Chain.

### **Business meeting:**

The minutes were printed in the bulletin, and were approved as printed.

Don Livezey gave the treasurer's report. He also reported on the Budget committee meeting. The committee-Don Warthen, Don Livezey, Don Ogden, Bill & Izzie Burns-met and drew up a proposed budget, which was presented to the members. Ofelia moved we accept the budget as proposed, The motion was seconded by Ginny Grafton, and the motion passed.

Federation report -Federation Director not present.

Education - no activity to report. We had proposed a class, lapidary, beading, other?, 3 weekends after the show, so people could sign up at the show. The class is to be held at the community center, and had arranged for 2 rooms in front. When Don went in to sign the contract, they had a fee attached that hadn't been mentioned earlier. After some discussion, Don got it lowered to \$77. We would have to charge attendees. Last year the class was held at Don and Ofelia's, we had about 20 people, and charged \$3, which covered the cost of hamburger and sodas for the lunch Don

fixed. We would probably need tables, and to have something to cover the floor if we bring the equipment.

Field trip report-Quartzsite had good weather, but a small crowd. Of note was the 2 new signal lights in town. Tucson is this weekend. March trip is the tailgate show/party at Stoddard Wells March 14-15-16, by the Victor Valley GMC.

Walt Wright had agreed to lead a trip after the show-carpool and use CBs. We want to advertise it at the show. The trip would cover the coastal areas in Orange County, since it would be summer, and much of the Saddlebacks would be closed due to fire hazard.

Show Report-Iz & Bill are at Tucson this week. Iz told Don that the dealers are lined up. Danke's have another commitment. Hills are coming. Lapidary Originals is coming. We got Geodes at Quartzsite, so should have enough for about 3 years. We haven't been able to contact Mike Maneth about cutting.

Once we join the Chamber of Commerce, we should get a list of members. We have a 2 page letter explaining about the club and the show, and asking for prize donations. We would acknowledge donor businesses in the flyer/newsletter. It was suggested that we add that we are members of the Chamber, and add a flyer with the letter.

### **New Business:**

Communications: 1) Searchers want us to exhibit in their show again, May 3-4. 2) City of La Habra sent us a thank you letter for the \$50 donation to operation Santa Claus. 3) CFMS sent a letter on a program on putting in a case, in Monrovia.

I Love La Habra Days will be 1st weekend in April. We would need people to work for the 2 days, no machines, just displays and handouts(?). Try and arrange 3 hour segments. Most of the people who usually work it will be gone. That weekend is beginning of Zzyzx, and is also the La Puente club show. Don is going to make a Rockhound cutout, J. Valley will take pictures of kids with it-digital so get almost instant computerized pix. Set up is Friday night. Nancy said can help set up and work some on Saturday.

The tallies on the stone selection was read and the stone chosen was an aquamarine. Izzie and others have donated some gold for Al to use for the mounting.

The meeting adjourned at 9:03 pm.

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## Protecting Privacy

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*Forwarded by Bill Patillo via CFMS Newsletter*

You need to be aware of a potential personal privacy issue related to the popular search engine Google (<[www.google.com](http://www.google.com)>).

There is a new feature that makes it possible to type a telephone number into Google's search bar, click the search button, and have a MapQuest page returned as a result. Any person wishing to discover the physical location of a phone number, be it a home or business address, could use this feature to locate a physical street address, and receive explicit directions on how to get there from anywhere in the country.

One positive use of this feature could be to determine the location of, say, an adverse party for whom you may only have a telephone number. On a negative note, this feature could also be used by an angry party to find out where you live. Google has made available an option that will allow anyone to remove their telephone number from the database that is linked to the mapping feature.

You will first need to check if your number is listed in this manner by attempting a search - entering your full telephone number separated by dashes (e.g., 404-524-5811). If your number is on record, an icon resembling a telephone will appear next to the first or second entry on the results page (your name and address). Clicking on this icon will take you to a page containing a description of the service, and a link to request your number be removed from the database.

[Ed. Note: Can't believe how many references there are to our home phone number! Seems as if every AFMS and EFMLS newsletter, website and magazine which has our phone number shows up! We're not easily "findable" with a map because we use a post office box as our address and our phone is unlisted, but it's pretty mind-boggling to realize just how "public" we all are.]

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## Selecting Material for Cabochons

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*by John Sinkankas*

A beginner is often confused by the great variety of cabochon material offered for sale. Selection should be based on quality. Carefully inspect the material of your choice. It must be solid, free of any cracks or holes, and be uniform in texture. Certain kinds of jasper contain soft spots because all the pores did not fill up with the silica-bearing solutions. Check slabs of this kind by wetting the surface and watching to see if water remains on top or is soaked up. The material with soft spots will not polish.

Many slabs are displayed at dealers' tables in flat pans of water. Porous spots will soak up the water so it is best to allow the selected slab to dry thoroughly. To check it for uniformity in texture, hold it up to a strong light at an angle.

When the beginner chooses a material for his/her first attempt at gem cutting, agate, such as Montana, Mexican or Brazilian is a good choice. These agates are hard and tough enough to allow for mistakes that will be made and corrected. It is wise to make the first cabochon about one-half inch in size and gradually work on larger cabs as one gains experience.

*(from The Pegmatite, 2103; via The Pick & Shovel, 9/02 Original source unknown)*

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