

NOC GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY NEWS

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President's Message

by Nancy Bird

Have you come to a meeting yet this year? How about a field trip? And what are you going to do to help at our show? We need everyone to talk to our show chairman, Don Warthen, about what you can do.

Try to sell donation award tickets to friends, relatives, and neighbors. It's how we raise money for the year. At least buy \$5 worth yourself. And, if you can, donate something (gift certificate, jewelry, etc.). Or go around to businesses and ask them (I got one from Albertsons after bugging them 3 or 4 times). In other words make it a win win situation for all.

Pass out show flyers to clubs, businesses, neighbors, libraries, etc.

I need 6 inch and 1 gallon pots. I'm set for all the other sizes. I'll have a table with plants for sale at the show with the money going to the club. I could also use more cuttings of anything.

Isn't it great that it's warming up?

Important e-mail address

CFMS: <http://www.cfmsinc.org>
AFMS: <http://www.amfed.org>
BLM: <http://www.ca.blm.gov>
US Forest service: <http://www.fs.fed.us>
Amer Lnd Acc Assoc <http://www.amerlands.org>

Refreshments

Kathy & Don Eschbach will bring the goodies for the April meeting. Thanks to Floyd Allen for bringing the goodies to the March meeting.

NOC Club Activities

Board Meeting — To be announced
Field Trip — Cady Mountains April 29 - May 1
Deadline for NOC News — April 17.
Show Meeting — To be announced

April Meeting

Date: April 12
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Place: La Habra Community Center
101 W. La Habra Blvd.

Program: Sedimentary Rocks: The key to Past Environments

Returning to Grand Canyon, scientists peer into the geologic past. The movement of sediment and its deposition are covered, as are the processes of lithification and cementation that produce sedimentary rocks. Organic components of rock are also discussed.

April gemstone: Diamond
April flower: Daisy or Sweet Pea

Members in the News

Members in the news this month. Have a wonderful day.

Barbara Steed
Trini Hermosillo
Vicki Marks
Frieda Pool
Oscar Veloz
Joan Abramson
Dana Matula

Shows and Events

April 2-3 2005, Torrance, CA

South Bay Lapidary & Mineral Society
"Nature's Treasures"

Torrance Recreation Center
3341 Torrance Blvd.

Hours: 10 - 5 both days

Omer Goeden (818) 383-9279

E-mail: sageit@aol.com

April 9-10 2005, Hacienda Heights, CA

Puerta Hills Gem & Mineral Club
Steinmetz County Park Recreation Building 1545
S. Stimson Avenue

Hours: 10 - 5 both days

Paula Hess (562) 696-2270

E-mail: rp Hess@adelphia.net

April 23-24 2005, Lancaster, CA

Antelope Valley Gem & Mineral Club
Antelope Valley Fairgrounds
2551 West Avenue H

Hours: 9 - 5 both days

Armin Nimmer (661) 945-5769

May 7-8 2005, Anaheim, CA

Searchers Gem & Mineral Society
Brookhurst Community Center
2271 W. Crescent Aveue

Hours: Sat. 10 - 5; Sun. 10 - 4:30

H. Walter Mroch

May 14-15 2005, Yucaipa, CA

Yucaipa Valley Gem & Mineral Society
Yucaipa Community Center
349 Oak Glen Rd.

Hours: Sat. 10-5; Sun. 10-4

Lee Peterson (909) 794-0731

Email: res09ayd@verizon.net

June 4-5 Glendora, CA

Glendors Gems
Goddard Middle School
859 E. Sierra Madre

Hours: Sat. 10 - 5 Sun. 10-4

Bonnie Bidwell (626) 963-4638

E-mail: YBidwell2@aol.com

June 4-5 La Habra, CA

North Orange County Gem & Mineral Society

Jubilee of Gems Show

101 W. La Habra Blvd.

Hours: 10 - 5 both days

Don Warthen (626) 330-8974

E-mail: warthen@earthlink.net

June 10-12 2005, Roseville, CA

CFMS & Roseville Gem & Mineral Blast

Roseville (Placer County) Fairgrounds

800 All American City Blvd

(916) 630-1000

Web Site: www.rockrollers.com

Show Web Site: www.rockrollers.com/show.html

October 8-9 2005, Trona, CA

Searles Lake Gem & Mineral Society

13337 Main Street

Hours: Sat: 7:30 - 5: Sun. 7:30 - 4

Bonnie Fairchild (760) 372-5356

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via CFMS Web Site

Board Meeting

The meeting was called to order on March 22, 2005 at 6:30 by President Nancy Bird.

The new banner was discussed. Through Vanessa and the City it would cost \$818.19. Loretta Odgen will check with a client for a cheaper cost. Whatever the cost, the board voted to spend the money.

There was a discussion of awarding a prize to whoever sells the most donation award tickets.

May 14 is a Bead Seminar.

Rocky the Rockhound will be published in the La Habra Journal for children to color. We'll also have a scavenger hunt at the show.

Nancy Bird will get a bucket of polished rocks from Clarence Pool.

Bring your Jubilee of Gems t-shirts to the next meeting so we can change the date on the shirts.

A couple of Chamber of commerce events you might be interested in: April 28 at 7 a.m., breakfast at the Westridge Country Club and-Chamber night at Senor Campos May 24 at 5 p.m.

Meeting was concluded at 8 p.m.

How our world is changing

Via *The Rockhounder* 9/04 —
Courtesy of Dottie Jacobs

What did these tech terms mean 100 years ago?

LOG ON: Making a word stove hot.

LOG OFF: Don't add any more wood.

MONITOR: Keeping an eye on the wood stove.

DOWN LOAD: Getting the firewood off the truck.

MEGA HERTZ: When your not careful getting the firewood.

FLOPPY DISC: What you get from trying to tote too much firewood.

RAM: That thing what splits the firewood.

HARD DRIVE: Coming home in the winter time.

WINDOWS: what to shut when its cold outside.

SCREEN: what to shut when it's black-fly season.

BYTE: what them darn flies do.

CHIP: what you step in if you aren't careful in the pasture.

MODEM: What you do to the hay fields.

DOT MATRIX: Ole Dan Matrix's wife.

LAP TOP: Where the kitty sleeps.

KEYBOARD:..Where you hang keys.

SOFTWARE: forks and knives.

MOUSE: what eats the grain in the barn

MOUSE PAD: The hole where the mouse lives.

MAINFRAME: Holds up the barn roof.

PORT: Fancy flatlander wine.

ENTER: Northerner talk for "CMon in y'all".

CLICK: What you hear when you cock your gun.

DOUBLE CLICK: When the gun won't fire when you pull the trigger.

REBOOT: What you have to do right before bedtime when you forgot that kitty is still outside.

Insurance

By Fred Ott, Insurance Chairperson

Should you buy extra insurance when renting vehicles or equipment?

When renting vehicles or equipment, the question is often posed: "Should I buy the insurance coverage that is offered at the car or equipment rental agency?" Generally speaking, the safest thing to do is to buy the insurance - even if it may be a bit "pricey." This will typically eliminate any exposure that you may have pertaining to damage or loss to the rented item.

Renting vehicles: Most automobile insurance companies provide coverage to their clients for vehicles (but not equipment) that they rent for short periods of time. The coverage that is extended to the rented vehicles is usually the exact same coverage that is provided on the policy for your own vehicle.

Renting equipment: Most homeowners insurance policies provide limited coverage to things (other than vehicles) that you may rent (e.g. fire and theft), but they typically don't provide any coverage for damage that you do to such rented items.

In either of the above two situations, be sure to contact your own insurance agent to determine exactly what benefits you may enjoy under your existing automobile and homeowners insurance policies as well as what losses would not be covered.

ARCH IN THE PARK

Presented by: The Pacific Cost
Archaeological Society

When: Saturday April 30, 2005
10:00 am To 3:00 pm

Where: Ralph B. Clark Park

Cady Mountain Field Trip April 29 thru May 1

*by Don Eschbach
Field Trip Chairman
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The date for the Cady Mountain field trip was changed by the CFMS to the above Dates. (See attached info., from Bob Fitzpatrick, Field Trip Leader or the CFMS. I have been on these trips before and found a lot of beautiful minerals and a number of very interesting people from several different rock clubs. The Potlucks are terrific and the comradery around the campfire is the best!

I will pass around a Sign-up Sheet at the next NOC meeting or you can call me, or email me if you plan to attend. Looking forward to seeing you there.

CFMS Field Trip to Cady Mountains April 29 - May 1 2005

*by Bob Fitzpatrick
CFMS Field Trip Chair - South, 2005
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TRIPLOCATION - Northeast side of the Cady Mountains (Afton Canyon area)

WHEN - April 29 - May 1 2005 SPONSOR - CFMS Field Trip South

ORGANIZATION - CFMS

MATERIAL TO COLLECT - Red and yellow agate, jasper, (plume & sagenite) opalite, calcite rhombs, chalcedony roses, amygdules, green fluorite, onyx and much more.

LEADER - **Bob Fitzpatrick**

PROPOSED SCHEDULE - Early Friday will be for setting up camp. Friday around 1 p.m. I will be

leading a field trip. Each day around 8 a.m. we will be going to a different area to collect. There will be a potluck Saturday around 5 p.m.

DIRECTIONS TO CAMP SITE - I-15 Freeway East past Barstow for about 45 miles to Basin Road. Exit off ramp to the right and follow signs to camp site area. The road to the camping site should be okay for 2-wheel drive cars, trailers & motor homes. We will be camping just on the other side of railroad tracks.

VEHICLE - 4-wheel drive from camp to collecting areas. The desert road is sandy and in some areas has large rocks in it.

CAMP & FACILITIES - This will be dry camping, no water, no picnic tables, no toilets, no firewood to be gathered and no fees.

TOOLS - Collecting bags, rock hammer, eye gear, flashlights, spray water bottle, etc. camp chair (to sit in at night around the fire.)

SAFETY CONCERNS - Do not lick the rocks, use sun screen, stay away from rattlesnakes, use bug spray, be aware of flash floods, be extra careful and don't get lost.

CLIMATE & WEATHER - It can be hot during the day and cold at night, it could rain.

CLOTHING - Appropriate for this time of the year.

OTHER REMARKS - All club members and there guests are welcome to join us. Come for the day or camp out with us. Bring food, lots of water, a camera and lots of firewood for the campfire at night. If you need a motel or supplies they are available in Baker or Barstow. Don't forget we will have a potluck on Saturday night, so bring a dish to share and your own place setting. Each night after dark we will have a campfire where we can all join together and have a good time roasting marshmallows, telling jokes or just talking about the good OLE times. I should be arriving at campsite around 11 a.m. on Friday. Saturday and Sunday we will be leaving the camp at around 8 a.m. and drive to the collecting areas.

You must observe the AFMS code of ethics and sign a consent and assumption of risk waiver of liability form. Hope to see you there.

Surfing the Web Part Three: Lapidary Arts

By *Jim Brace-Thompson, Juniors Activities Chair*

In my February and March columns, I noted how today's kids are "wired-to-learn" via computers, the Internet, and the Google search engine. To help youth leaders capitalize on this now-natural proclivity of today's kids, I present Part Three in a 4-part series to provide annotated listings of Web sites organized around various aspects of the rock-hounding hobby. So far, we've covered fossils and minerals. This month: lapidary arts. Here are a few helpful sites to check out:

www.cfmsinc.org

Check under "Manuals," then "CFMS Slide & Video Program," and finally "Video Program Listing" for several how-to video programs available through the CFMS on everything from wire-wrapping to intarsia, soapstone carving, beading for beginners, lost wax casting, opal cutting, cabochon cutting, electroplating, enameling, faceting, and more.

www.rockhounds.com

First brought on-line in 1995, "Bob's Rock Shop" is the Internet's first 'Zine (or on-line magazine) for rockhounds. This is a non-commercial site has teamed with Rock & Gem magazine to provide a first-class resource on topical information and connectivity for hobbyists. It includes excellent reference lists of books on all aspects of lapidary arts.

www.gia.edu

This is the official website of the Gemological Institute of America, perhaps the world's foremost authority in gemology. You can learn about GIA courses, browse and shop for gemology instruments and books, and stay up-to-date on diamond and gemstone news and research.

www.theimage.com

This site includes an "Introduction to Faceting" guide with over 20 pages on the craft of faceting: its history, equipment, terminology, materials, and an abbreviated step-by-step guide.

socrates.berkeley.edu/~eps2/

Together with Hanna Cook-Wallace (a professional gemologist with a jewelry studio in Madison, Wisconsin), Jill Banfield of the UC-Berkeley Department of Earth & Planetary Science provides lessons on Gems & Gem Materials from an on-line course she offers. This is a terrific web site, packed with useful lapidary info.

www.tradeshop.com/gems/

These web pages provide a comprehensive introduction to gemology and the lapidary arts for the general public and a handy resource for the jewelry trade.

As with the sites I shared last month, these sites scratch just the surface of what's out there. You can make this into a fun activity for your juniors by encouraging them to surf the Web themselves for interesting sites related to the lapidary arts and having them share and report on what they find with their fellow members at your next meeting. Let's capitalize on the tools today's kids use for learning while-as always-having fun!



Broadwell Dry Lake Site Field Trip Report

*by Don Eschbach
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We arrived early Saturday, March 19 with representatives from three clubs; e.g., Whittier, North Orange County, and Pasadena.

We set-up our camp by 8:30AM and we were off to the Christmas Tree Agate location. The weather was great with clear skies, sunshine, and temperatures in mid 60. We found a lot of great Christmas Tree Agate and headed to a Copper mine after lunch.

At the copper mine we also found a lot of great minerals and a lot of neat places to explore. After a fun day of collecting, we all enjoyed a Potluck Dinner and talked about other great collecting areas.

Day Two, we headed for Lavic Siding and on the way we stopped at a Fluorite Mine where I found one small specimen. When we arrived at the Lavic Collecting area, I was truly amazed at the multitude of the multicolored Jasper that we found. There was more than enough for everyone.

At Lavic Siding we met up with the Searchers Club and accompanied them to Sand Canyon to look for various types of Agate, Jasper, and Onyx. The Sand Canyon location was also a success with a lot of neat minerals collected. We all had a terrific time, and I am looking forward to the next Field Trip to the Cady Mountains with the CFMS.

Don Eschbach on field trip



Federation Report

by Loretta Ogden
CFMS Director

Mark your calendar for the Roseville Gem & Mineral Blast on June 10, 11 & 12, 2005. You can get details on the web at www.rockrollers.com.

I have pre-registration, camping, competition and non-competitive exhibitor forms available at each meeting if you are interested in attending. It will be held in air conditioned buildings on the fairgrounds in Roseville and should be a great show to visit

I hope you are looking at Jim Brace-Thompson's Surfacing the Web articles in our newsletter. This month's article is Part Three: Lapidary Arts located on Page 5.

An Open House will be held at ZZYZX on Saturday, April 9, 2005. It is a great opportunity to see what goes on there if you have never attended ZZYZX. Pre-registration for the Open House is a must. You can visit with or without the dinner provided, there are no restrictions. A donation of \$12.50 per person is requested for the meal.

AFMS 2005 Program Competition deadline for entry is April 15. Any Club, Society, or member, with 2005 dues paid to a Federation affiliated with AFMS may enter. I have the forms if you are interested.

Zzyzx Earth Science Seminar date for 2006 is March 19-26.

Jay Valle on field trip



Outreach

By Stephen Blocksage Publicity/
Public Relations Committee

It has been said that in ancient China a test was used to determine if a person was sane or not. It involved a small stream with a pond. The person was given a pot and told to empty out the small pond with it. In order to do so the person had to dam the stream so that the water would not refill the pond as water was removed. In our clubs today the circumstance is opposite the ancient test if we are sane then we will make sure that the stream is indeed flowing into the pond since it is our object to refill the pond and not empty it.

What is this stream, it is the new membership both in terms of age of the new members and their time associated with our club. Without this stream the club will first shrivel and eventually die. A good portion of the work the club should do is in the area of maintaining the stream if the club is interested in tomorrow. To often the venerable gray heads, mine included, become concerned with matters not related to our own replacement in club membership.

Ask yourself when was the last time your club held a day when the public was invited in the form of an open house? Have you been to your local middle school or elementary school with a program teaching earth sciences or lapidary arts? Have you set up a display at your city hall or library identifying your club and what it offers? Have you contacted the earth sciences teachers in your area with offers to put on programs and to hold field trips for their students? Gone a summer science camp to put a seminar? Visited a Boy or Girl Scout Group? These programs are outreach where the club extends itself to become familiar to members of the community, especially those young people who will replace us all in the years to come.

Ask yourself this question if I were new to the community or had a new interest in our hobby how could I find our club? You may want to have somebody unfamiliar your club to try to do this to see how easy it is to find and then contact your club

or know when and where your club meets. You might be surprised at how hard you are to find Some ideas to ease the search problem include:

Associate your club name with one or more defined communities

Make sure that you have an Internet address that uses that association with e-mail response ability.

Maintain a phone number where a live person or at least voice mail response is available detailing when a response will be sent.

Make sure that your club is listed in the white pages with that community reference in place.

Passive advertising at places where people would buy mineral samples, fossils or crystals such as Natures Treasures, Natural Wonders and Discovery and lapidary stores in your area. Also advertise your field trips so the public can come along

Maintain a mailing address or P.O. box
Advertise at your own show and other clubs shows
Involve your club with community business shows and annual celebrations especially in parks and road closures.

Dedicate some of the annual budget to advertising in the form a banner with you clubs name and logo, a canopy so that you can have a booth to work from and so on.

Your community recreation and senior citizens directors should know about your club activities and meetings.

Several years ago a television program wanted to do a show on rockhounding they spent considerable time seeking a club in the Los Angeles area to do the show on. They finally found our club because we used the term rockhounds in our title. There are at least a dozen clubs in the greater Los Angeles area. What does that say about their and our ability to be contacted by a group experienced in doing investigative journalism? It also shows an opportunity for CFMS and its need to do public relations work then and now.



Roseville Gem & Mineral Blast Update

By Gloria Tomczyk, 2005 Show Chair

The Roseville Show is coming!!! The Roseville Show is coming!!! Are you ready? We have made plans, and are expecting you! Hotel reservations made? Show and Banquet forms sent in? Exhibitor/Demonstrator forms submitted?

Many people within the Roseville Rock Rollers Gem and Mineral Society have contributed outstanding ideas and action to make this an exceptional show. Over the past 9 months, talk has transitioned into ideas, ideas have created actions, and these actions are what will make this show a "BLAST."

Over the months, we have talked to many, many, CFMS folks, obtaining input, on what makes up a good show, trying to make it the way it has always been - Classy! We hope to provide a multi-faceted fun event, bringing items of interest, and new activities to this Roseville Federation show.

We have just added Metal Detecting, as our newest attraction. Have you ever entertained the thought of using a metal detector? You know, looking for lost treasures in the ground using a hand held electronic contraption that finds money and jewelry. This could be your golden opportunity to give this a go and see what it is all about. The "Sacramento Valley Detecting Buffs" will be on hand providing an opportunity to search for real coins, and answer questions, should you or your family decide to give it a try.

The Awards Banquet is REALLY coming together. I hope you have your tickets; you won't want to miss this one! I won't give up too much info on what we have planned for you, but I will say, IT WILL KNOCK YOUR SOCKS OFF!

Besides a top quality dinner, you will definitely want to bring your camera!

Sometime back I mentioned that GOLD NUGGETS (yes plural, more than one) would be raffled off at the Directors meeting, remember??? Well the only way you can get a chance on winning one of

them, is to simply attend the Saturday Director's meeting, at which time you will receive a ticket for the drawing. Nothing to buy, nothing to sell, JUST BE THERE! So do you have your reservations in yet?

Please take a look at our website for more information about the show: www.rockrollers.com

Museum Corner

By Debbie Bunn, Chair, Museum Committee

Nevada has some fine museums too. One of my favorites is the Northeastern Nevada museum in Elko, Nevada. Located along the main drag, this is one museum that's easy to find and has plenty of parking. When you enter the front door, you are at the fossil exhibits. This spectacular display features local crinoids, brachiopods, bones, and leaves. Many of them were collected and identified by Fossils For Fun member, Don Johns. There is also a mastodon on display that was dug up locally.

There are fine displays about local geology, ghost towns and mining camps and a really great mineral collection. You can learn about the local Basque culture, the old Chinese, and Native Americans, plus cowboy poetry. What makes this museum something out of the ordinary is the Wanamaker Wildlife Wing. Here you can see Nevada's largest collection of stuffed wild animals from around the world. I know that stuffed animals are not politically correct these days, but I found the collection fascinating. And it's the only way I'm likely to ever see a wooly nosed wombat.

The museum is located at 1515 Idaho Street, #775-738-3418. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 seniors, and \$1 children. Open Monday through Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Website: www.nenv-museum.org. Be sure to bring extra money for the great gift shop. There are books, paintings, jewelry, and all sorts of neat stuff. So the next time you are driving through Nevada on I-80; stop off in Elko for a couple of hours and visit the Northeastern Nevada Museum. You'll be glad you did.