

NOC GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY NEWS

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President's Message

by Nancy Bird

As I write this the show is only two weeks away- by the time you read this it will have been over. A big THANK YOU to Don Warthen for all the work and to each and every one of you who helped.

We need a Show Chairperson for next year-can you do it? You don't have to do it alone as there are a lot of people to help. Please step up and volunteer.

This is short-I can't think of anything but our upcoming show-hope you all had fun.

Request to all members for bead donations for the Future Rockhounds table at the show. Please give them Janis Logsdon, (714) 529-4691.

Members in the News

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

*Jerry Conley
Ken Marks
Harry Howe
Roger Loest*

Your gemstone is Pearl or Moonstone or Alexandrite or Agate.

Your flower is Rose or Honeysuckle.

NOC Club Activities

Board Meeting — To be announced
Field Trip — Bowers Museum June 18
Show — June 4 - 5
Deadline for NOC News — August 17

June Meeting

Date: June 14
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Place: La Habra Community Center
101 W. La Habra Blvd.

Program

Intarsia, History and examples of art in the U.S.

The June program "Intarsia, History and examples of art in the U.S." is presented by Conrad (Connie) Grundke.

It features Native American History and Jewelry Intarsia that develops a bond between the Native American tribal art and our lapidary via Intarsia.

Conrad will bring along an Intarsia for a close-up look by the club.

Refreshments

Izzie and Bill Burns will bring the goodies for the June meeting. Thanks to Jonas Ruzgys for bringing the goodies to the May meeting.

Shows and Events

June 4-5 Glendora, CA

Glendora 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
00 All American City Blvd
(916) 630-1000
Web Site: www.rockrollers.com
Show Web Site: www.rockrollers.com/show.html

June 26-27 2005, Culver City, CA

Culver City Rock & Mineral Club
Culver City Veterans Memorial Complex
4117 Overland Ave., Culver City
Corner of Overland Ave. & Culver Blvd
Hours: Sat. 10-6 Sun 10-5
Smith, Bradford brad@greenheart.com

September 24-25 2005, Downey, CA

Delvers Gem & Mineral Society
Downey Women's Club
9813 Paramount Blvd,
Hours: Sat. 10 - 6 Sun. 10-4
Earl Liston (562) 865-1348
Email: ejliston5@juno.com

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
E-MAIL: jbfairchild@verizon.net

Proposed June 18, Field Trip to Bowers Museum Santa Ana

by Don Eschbach, Field Trip Chairman

The Bowers Museum is featuring "Mummies Death and the Afterlife In Ancient Egypt." The ticket prices are as follows:

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|-----------------------|---------|
| Adults | \$19.00 |
| Seniors (62 or older) | \$14.00 |
| Students | \$14.00 |
| Children under 5 | Free |

I would like to talk about this field trip at the next meeting to see what the interest is, and how many people would like to attend.

GIA Field Trip Report

by Don Eschbach, Field Trip Chairman

The May Field Trip for the Mineral Lecture at the GIA was a very enjoyable trip. Six members of the NOC met at Neimans Restaurant in Carlsbad for an enjoyable dinner and great conversation. After dinner, we caravanned to the GIA where we enjoyed looking at all of the beautiful exhibits of Tourmaline, Emeralds, Rubies, Diamonds, and many other beautiful examples of jewelry and specimens. We also enjoyed a terrific spread of appetizers and almost baseball size strawberries!

We then went to the lecture hall and were in awe of the beautiful Mineral Collection of Mr. Bill Larson. The highlight of the evening was when Mr. Larson told us about one of his prize possessions that he sold for an amazing 1.2 million dollars. Which just goes to show you that you may discover the next special specimen that could make you too a millionaire!

What are Certificates of Insurance?

By Fred Ott, Insurance Chairperson

On occasion, McDaniel Insurance Services, Inc. (the Federation's insurance agent/broker) receives a request from a club member asking for a "copy of the Federation's insurance policy" so that it can be given to someone else (such a fairgrounds organization or owner of property which is being used by that club) as "proof" of coverage.

There are two very important things to understand about the Federation's policy: 1) the "original" insurance policy is provided annually to the Federation; individual clubs do not receive a policy, just a "certificate of insurance". To provide copies of the complete policy to each club would add a very significant copying cost to each club that would be unnecessary. Also, 2) having a copy of the policy doesn't "prove" that the policy is "in force"; it merely shows that the policy was originally issued to the Federation effective the annual renewal of October 16th.

Instead, a Certificate of Insurance is issued by the insurance company through McDaniel Insurance Services, Inc. to your club (as the "requestor") as well as to the "third party" (fairgrounds, property owner, etc.); this is a legal document "proving" the existence of an "in-force" policy. It's a very simple process; just go to www.cfmsinc.org and access the Federation Insurance site and follow the instructions. The instructions will guide you through the process and provide you with the information needed to determine if there will be any additional premium needed for the certificate of insurance that you desire.

Should you have any questions, please contact McDaniel Insurance Services, Inc. at (805) 646-9948 or mcins@west.net.

Let the Show Begin !!!

By Gloria Tomczyk, 2005 Show Chair

Eighteen months after the Roseville Rock Rollers initial inquiry about hosting the Federation show, D-DAY is upon us. Opening day, June 10th is only days away, and I sincerely hope that all of you reading this will be part of this fantastic show.

DIRECTORS: The Directors meeting will not be held on the fairgrounds. By now you should have received the agenda in the mail notifying you of the location. If you missed that bit of info here it is again. The meeting will be held at the Woodcreek Golf Course Legends banquet room. This is a much nicer facility with food service on site, however they cannot accommodate food for all 75+ of us during lunch. There are other food sources in the surrounding area, along with food service at the fairgrounds that may be quicker. If you would like a map to Woodcreek Golf Course, please go to our website: www.rockrollers.com and look up "maps."

BANQUET: For those you receiving this newsletter early, we have extended the banquet registration deadline. We will be accepting reservations for the awards banquet until June 3. If you plan on attending, or know someone that would like to attend, but are late in submitting payment and registration form, please email Terry Yoschak at: rockrollers@hotmail.com. Please let her know that you will be sending in your payment right away, and we can take care of you.

FIELD TRIPS: We will be offering field trips on Saturday and Sunday to the "Original 16-1" working underground gold mine. Please call Jim Barton for reservations at: 916-773-0458. Also on Saturday, another field trip to "Sierra College Natural History Museum." The website has further information. Directors please pass this information onto your club members, as they may not know all the details about this enormous show. Be sure to check out our website for further information/updates/maps at: www.rockrollers.com

I hope to see all of you there with your club vests on, enjoying your stay, finding treasures that make you happy (our silent auction will have some really spectacular items) talking to folks you may not have seen ages, and just plain ole having a darn good time!

NOC General Meeting Minutes - May 11, 2005

by Susan Hansen, Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 by President Nancy Bird, who led the flag salute.

Present were 25 members and 2 guests.

Jubilee of Gems Show

Don Warthen gave the Show Report: There will be another show meeting on Thursday at 6 p.m. The banner is ready to pick up Wednesday or Thursday. Izzy has the dealers lined up.

Demonstrators are lined up, too. Jonas has donated a beautiful yellow amber that he faceted.

Loretta made some bags for grab bags, a meeting was set for May 21st. at Nancy Bird's at 1 p.m. Bring rocks to fill the bags, we need to identify the rocks and put a list in each bag.

We still need security people to spend the night on Friday and Saturday. Don Eschbach., Don Warthen. and Don Ogden will pick up the truck on Friday, and laborers, and pick up the cases from Baldwin Park, and store in room across hall until tables are ready. U-haul truck should be reserved ahead.

Pearl and Bead seminar will be Saturday, May 14th at the La Habra Community Center, you can bring beads or Frances will have pearls some beads, and kits that you can buy to make necklaces. Bring tools. Will help with knotting, wire and bead stringing.

Program was introduced by Loretta. Jay manned the computer Power Point slide show on Agate – “Agate Uber Alles”. The program was the winning AFMS program entry, and still has a few audio bugs, but shows beautifully photographed banded agates in glorious color.

Refreshments enjoyed were provided by Jonas & Valeria.

Drawings were held by Loretta.

Minutes for last 2 meetings were on the table for members to review.

Treasurers' Report by Don Warthen, the main expense is the storage room, \$110 per month paid biannually, due in June. We will look into other alternatives to store our show supplies and materials.

Izzy Burns was the AFMS scholarship honoree last year. Part of the scholarship funds were stolen a few years ago and not recovered, and they are going to be short of funds for the coming year. Clubs are requested to donate 1\$ per member to the fund to allow it to continue. A motion was made to donate 1\$ per member, the motion was amended to donate \$100 to the unrestricted scholarship fund, seconded and passed unanimously. The treasurer's report was approved.

Displays & Education – Ginny Grafton requested sign up if want to put in a case, there was a list earlier that has been misplaced. There are some trays of agate and copies of some of the publications on agate mentioned in the program.

Federation Report by Loretta – June 10-11-12 is the CFMS show in Roseville – week after our show. She read from the CFMS bulletin, which has the nomination of Bill and Isabella Burns for Education through Sharing, submitted by Loretta.

Program for June – may be auction, not yet set.

La Habra Chamber night at Sr. Campos on May 24, city officers act as waiters as a fund raiser for the chamber. Sign up sheet is available.

Old Business: Izzie and Bill ate at Applebee's and talked to the waiter and manager about the show & received a donation of 3 \$10 gift certificates. They are also members of the Chamber. We also need to contact Home Town Buffet and see if the Bee can come again this year.

Field Trips: Don Eschbach reported on the terrific trip to the Cady Mountains, display on table of some of the material found. Next field trip on May 18 to GIA – program on mineral collections – info is in the newsletter.

Social Secretary – Jane Hendrixson had surgery and had to go back in the hospital with complications, we wish her well and will get a card for her.

The meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

Are Your Savings Bonds Still Earning Interest?

By Ted Littman, NOCCC
via Orange Bytes , Nov 2005

I came across the answer to this important question at the U.S. Treasury web site (http://www.treasurydirect.gov/indiv/research/indepth/res_indepth.htm) and I would like to share it with other folks, especially seniors:

Products In Depth

Find detailed information on Treasury securities and the auction process in this section of our site.

Have you ever wondered whether your Treasury securities have stopped earning interest? Securities no longer earning interest should be redeemed or cashed.

Savings Bonds That Have Stopped Earning Interest

It's important to periodically check your savings bonds to make sure that they're still earning interest. This is especially true for Series E bonds and Savings Notes since (unlike the H and HH series) you don't receive regular interest payments from Treasury. The table below will help you determine if your bonds have stopped earning interest.

The following savings bonds no longer earn interest:

| Series | Issue Date |
|------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| F | May 41 - Mar 65 & Dec 65 - Mar 75 |
| H | Jun 52 - Mar 75 |
| HH | Jan 80 - Mar 85 |
| Sav Note | May 67 - Oct 70 |
| A, B, C, D, F, G, J, K | All Issues All |

If your bonds have stopped earning interest, you should cash them.

In general, savings bonds earn interest for different lengths of time depending on the series of the bond and, in some cases, when the bond was issued. Use the table below to determine how long your bonds will earn interest.

| Series | Date of Issue | No. Years Bonds Earn Int |
|-----------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| E | May 41 - Nov 65 | 40 years |
| EE | All Issues | 30 years |
| H | Jun 52 - Jan 57 | 29 years; 8 months |
| HH | All Issues | 20 years |
| I | All Issues | 30 years |
| Sav Notes | All Issues | 30 years |

Marketable Securities That Have Stopped Earning Interest

Marketable securities – Treasury bills, Treasury notes, Treasury bonds, and Treasury Inflation-Protected Securities (TIPS) – have maturities ranging from a few days to 30 years. If you own Treasury marketable securities, you should know when they mature and be sure to watch this website for bond calls – cases where Treasury stops paying interest on bonds prior to the scheduled maturity date.

Shop Hints and Tips

from Tumble Rumble March 2005
Via Lapidarian

To remove fossils from sandstone, place the stone in water until soaked. Set aside to drain for about ten hours. Then place it in the freezer until frozen, about ten to twelve hours. Let the sandstone thaw until it disintegrates then screen the loose material to separate the fossils from the sand.

You Don't Mean It!!

from the Trilobite, Via Pegmatite - 1/92

Paul Revere's apprentices, during the cold winter days working in an unheated shop, donned their winter underwear with the first chill of fall and neither removed nor washed it until the weather improved. Over this period of time, the daily dust of silver accumulated in the fibers of the material. In the spring the heavy underwear was burned for many reasons, and the silver reclaimed. So it is said, this is how we got the term: LONG JOHN SILVER.

AFMS FRA Merit Badge Program

By Jim Brace-Thompson, Juniors Activities Chair

I've been very pleased to award several AFMS Future Rockhounds of America merit badges this spring to kids in a number of clubs. Some clubs have made the badge program a centerpiece of their youth activities for 2005. For instance, the Woodland Hills Rock Chippers have crafted a year-long schedule, all laid out on a spreadsheet, with merit badge activities incorporated as part of their monthly program, homework assignments, weekend field trips, and their annual show. They've done a truly superb job of planning their kids' program and are to be congratulated and emulated!

Across the U.S., approximately 30 clubs and societies are finding good ways to utilize the badge program to enhance their efforts to involve kids in the hobby. Some clubs, such as the Flatirons Mineral Club in Colorado, have also found that the badge program is getting adult club members more involved by volunteering to guide kids through workshop safety and the basics of crafting their first cabochons.

However, only a handful of those 30 clubs currently using the AFMS FRA Merit Badge Program are located here in our own California Federation. I encourage all who read the CFMS Newsletter to spread the word to sign up more societies. My goal is to have at least 50 clubs nationwide using the merit badge program by year's end. Let's see if we can have a good number of those 50 right here in our own Federation!

Along with this article, I'm including the sign-up sheet that describes the merit badge program and makes it easy for you to sign up your club. (Or you can simply call or email me - 805/659-3577, jbraceth@adelphia.net.)

See Loretta for signup sheet.

Let's all utilize this program to further efforts to help our kids learn the science and craft of our hobby while-as always-having fun! (Ed. Note: See form in the back of this issue and on the CFMS web page.)

Museum Corner

By Debbie Bunn, Chair, Museum Committee

Some of you coming up to the CFMS show in Roseville this June, may want to take a side trip to the nearby Napa Valley wineries. If you do, plan to spend a couple of hours at the Calistoga Petrified Forest. This private park/museum is located at the far end of the valley, just past the tourist town of Calistoga. This is a pleasant, shaded area for a picnic lunch (or a place to "sober up" after visiting those wineries).

The .4-mile trail is mostly paved or compacted dirt. Only the last .1 of a mile has any elevation gain worth mentioning. Guided tours are offered periodically, or you can take the self-guided trail that includes information about present day vegetation as well as eleven stops to show off the petrified wood in situ.

Most of the petrified trees are redwood. There is some pine, too. Most of the redwoods were over 2000 years old when they were buried 3 million years ago. The longest tree excavated is 105 feet in length and 6 feet in diameter. As you walk along the path, watch for unmarked chunks of wood—but remember—no collecting!

There is a very nice little museum and gift shop. The gift shop has a little bit of everything. Local wood, polished wood from around the world, T-shirts, books, ice cream, chips, film, etc.

The Petrified Forest is open daily 9-6. Winter 9-5. 4100 Petrified Forest Road. Calistoga, Ca. 94515, #707-942-6667, www.petrifiedforest.org

What could be more perfect than an afternoon at the Calistoga Petrified Forest? Wine, and petrified wood. It doesn't get any better than that.

CFMS Sponsored Cady Mountains Field Trip April 29 to May 1, 2005

by Don Eschbach Field Trip Chairma

Kathy and I arrived early Friday and were joined by Jay Valle who arrived about the same time. Jay suggested that the three of us take a short trip to the Mojave Dry Riverbed where Kathy Eschbach found a beautiful Plume Jas-agate, one of the best samples of the day. From there, we went back to camp and went out with the rest of the group to Baxter where we collected many good samples of Jasper, Banded Blue Agate, and many other minerals.

Saturday, Jay Valle, Don Ogden, and myself headed out with the rest of the CFMS group to the

Fluorite Mine area. We found a lot of great examples of Calcite, Jasper, Onyx and Sagenite. About 4:00 PM we headed back to camp for a great Potluck and enjoyed a fun time around the campfire. In all, there were approximately 80 people and lots of great stories to hear!

On Sunday we headed out to an area that had been closed for a long time where we able to enjoy collecting nice samples of Sagenite and more Banded Blue Agate. All of the areas that we went to required 4-wheel drive and thanks to Jay Valle, Kathy and I were able to go to these great collecting areas. We all had a great time and look forward to the next trip.



Early Morning Campfire



On the way to the Fluorite Mine area.



Jay 4-Wheeling



Cathy and Don at the 1st stop

CFMS Sponsored Cady Mountains Field Trip
April 29 to May 1, 2005



Five NOC Members (Don & Kathy Eschback,
Don Ogden, Jay Valle, and Pat Mogan)



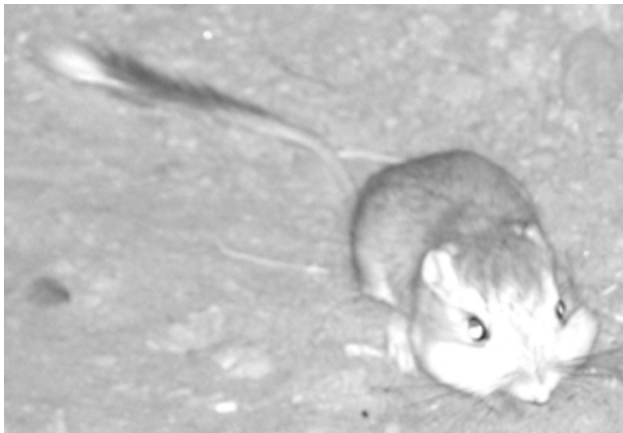
Jay and His Digital Camera



Big Bird



Mud Pots



What is it?



Rockhound with an Umbrella