

NOC GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY NEWS

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President's Message

by Nancy Bird

This was my first year as President. I want to thank Don Warthen for helping me through the year.

We had a great show led by our show chair Don Warthen and his wife Ofelia. With the aid of the Show Committee, they did a great job and deserve a big pat on the back. The show went very well and everyone else who helped out deserves a hearty Thank You.

Loretta Ogden provided wonderful programs from the Falls of the Ohio to the New Medicare Pharmacy Program.

Thanks to our Field Trip leaders Don Eschbach and Jay Valle who generated excellent field trips - Opal Mountains - Stoddard Well - Broadwell Dry Lake - GIA -Cady Mountains - Bowers Museum.

Isabella Burns and Janis Logsdon organized a Future Rockhounds of America (FRA) group for Juniors.

We had a Bead Seminal, a Silver Clay Class, and a profitable Auction.

Come to our annual Christmas Dinner and Installation of Officers. Trini has a lot of surprises planned and the food should be wonderful. Please come. Installation of officers will follow the dinner.

Don't forget to bring food and toys for the City of La Habra to distribute.

As the holidays approach, I want to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season. I look forward to seeing everyone at the Christmas Dinner.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!! And I hope you all have a great New Year.

Program

Our program for December will be the Annual Christmas Dinner followed by the installation of Officers for 2006 and 2007.

NOC Club Activities

Board Meeting — To be announced

Field Trip — CFMS Annual Field Trip to Gold Rock Ranch - Dec2-4,2005.

(See Don Eschbach or Jay Valle for info.)

Show — June 3-4, 2006

Next Show Meeting — TBD

Deadline for NOC News — Dec 17

Christmas Party/Officers Installation — Dec 13

CFMS Show & Convention — June 9-11, 2002
Angels Camp, CA

December Meeting

Date: December 13

Time: 6:00 p.m.

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

Refreshments

Thanks to Don and Ofelia Warthen for bringing the goodies to the November meeting.

Members in the News

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

Pat Mogan

Jane Hendrixon

Your gemstone is Turquoise

Your flower is Holly or narcissus

Shows and Events

via Internet

January 27-29 2006, Redlands, CA

Southern Calif. Micromineralogists
41st. Pacific Micromount Conference
2024 Orange tree Lane
Hours: Fri. 3 -10; Sat. & Sun. 8 - 10
Paul M. Adams (310) 336-6927
Hours: Fri. 3 - 10; Sat. 8 - 10
Email: paul.m.adams@aero.org

February 17-26 2006, Indio, CA

San Gorgonio Mineral & Gem Club
"Date Festival" Riverside Co. Fair & Date Festival
Gem & Mineral Bldg. #1
46-350 Arabia Street
Hours: 10 - 10 daily
Gert Grisham (951) 849-1674
Email: grish1@msn.com

March 4-5 2006, Arcadia, CA

Monrovia Rockhounds, Inc.
LA Co. Arboretum & Botanical Garden
301 North Baldwin Ave.
Hours: 9 - 4:30 both days
Janie Duncan (626) 358-8151

March 11-12 2006, San Marino, CA

Pasadena Lapidary Society
San Marino Masonic Center
130 Hunting Drive
Hours: Sat 10 - 6, Sun 10-5
(626) 355-6964 or (626) 914-5030
Todd Neikirk (323) 256-4992

June 3-4 2006, La Habra, CA

North Orange County Gem & Mineral Society
Jubilee of Gems Show
La Habra Community Center
101 W. La Habra Blvd.
Hours: 10-5 both days
Don Warthen (626) 330-8974
Email: warthen@earthlink.net

June 9-11 2006, Angels Camp, CA

CFMS Convention and
Calveras Gem & Mineral Society Show
Calveras Co. Fairgrounds
Hours: 10-5 daily
Website: calaverasgemandmineral.org



Rocks Around the World

via LA Rocks

<http://mars.jpl.nasa.gov/rockworld/>

This is the Rocks Around the World program to help NASA identify the Geology of Mars.

You mail them a fist size rock with your name and where you found it, and they post on their website the Spectrographic data of your rock. Then, they can compare it to the different Spectrographic data of the rock of Mars.

Good luck, and check out the above website.

What Makes Silver Tarnish

*from Chips & Tips, via Ghost Sheet 12/96
via The Pegmatite Oct/05*

Silver does not oxidize, or "rust", on exposure to air. Compared to most other elements, it is not particularly reactive. It does react with sulfur or sulfur compounds, like hydrogen sulfide in the air, forming tarnish – a compound that is chiefly silver sulfide.

Silver is also tarnished by many sulfur-containing organic compounds, including proteins like the albumin in egg whites. A threat to the family silverware is posed by rubber bands, which are vulcanized with sulfur compounds.

NOC General Meeting Minutes - Nov 8, 2005

by Janis Logsdon

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by President Nancy Bird. The salute was led by Nancy Bird.

17 members and 1 guest were in attendance. There was no speaker as this was the night for the annual club auction.

Refreshments: Lots of wonderful holiday cakes and pies were provided by Don and Ofelia Warthen. Thank You!

The December meeting will be the club Christmas party Trini is planning the feast.

Business Meeting: Minutes of last months meeting were amended with the final date of the Christmas Party. The party will be held at the LH Community Center on December 13. Happy hour will start at 6:00 p.m., BYOP. Mexican buffet dinner will start at 6:30 p.m. The price per person is \$10, each member can bring one guest for \$10, each additional guest is \$15.

Treasurers' Report: Don Warthen outlined the club's current financial status.

Show Report: Don Warthen reported that to date 2 dealers have paid for the '06 show and one inquiry has been made. Jay Valle reported that he is looking into acquiring 13 display cases for \$35 each. Discussion proceeded as to whether or not club members would be allowed to purchase a case or if the club should just buy and store all of them. All club members must be alerted that they may have to supply their own display case.

Don Warthen announced that for the 2006 show we would have a third room where the La Habra Art Association will set up a display of 30 artists.

Kitchen services are still up in the air with three possibilities to consider: 1. La Habra kids; 2. Pizza Club; 3. Jerry's Hot Dogs. There is also the consideration to have a Kettle Corn stand.

Show publicity is out already to magazines.

Assignments for various aspects of the show have been given to Don Eschbach for demonstrations, greetings and announcements to Kathy Eschbach along with Barbara, Loretta, and Trini, and Janis Logsdon for the youth room. The Silent Auction and the Black Lights room are still open for assignment.

Don Eschbach is looking into an outside security service one idea is to utilize the La Habra police department volunteers program.

Field Trip Report: A trip to Wiley Wells has been set up for the Thanksgiving weekend, November 23-27. The December trip will be Gold Rock Ranch on Dec. 2-4. Jay Valle also announced the Whittier trip to Stonewall Pass.

Federation Report: Was given by Loretta Ogden, who, along with Nancy Bird will be going to the Federation business meeting in Visalia.

Librarian: Pat Feliz not present.

Programs: December annual Christmas Party/ Installation dinner.

No Old Business.

New Business: Izzie is in charge of the large case at the front entrance of the LA Community Center. With the show theme Cornucopia of Crafts (or Gems) all members are invited to place two pieces of their work in the case. Please let her know what you will be placing in the case.

Izzie also made known to club members that Gloria Lords, a member for many years, had passed away and reminded us that the clubs bylaws contain a \$25 endowment fund for such occasions.

Books are still available one for \$16.50 and two for \$10 please contact Izzie if you would like to purchase one of the titles.

Loretta announced that the Ogden Lapidary workshops will begin in January 2006.

Nancy Bird reminded everyone that the Opal Show will take place Nov. 19 and 20 in Anaheim. Also that the Barstow show will be held Nov. 26 and 27.

Nancy also read a thank you note from June and Don and suggested that we send them an invitation to the Christmas party.

Nominating Committee: Final elections were held and filled for the following offices:

2nd VP: Don Eschbach

Secretary: Pat Felix

Directors: Ofelia Warthen

Floyd Allen

Kathy Eschbach

Janis Logsdon

The auction started with so many beautiful items to bid on! Don Warthen was a terrific Auctioneer and great fun was had by all.

Meeting and auction adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

PC-Link

by Don Ogden

Would you like to transfer files between computers in an easy-to-use environment - such as copy-and-paste or drag and drop. There is a USB cable and software application at COMPUSA that does just that - "USB Link Cable". It's great for transferring and swapping files.

The USB cable with installed software provides peer-to-peer file transfer between two computers via the USB port. It provides true plug-n-play capability while transferring files at a much greater speed than traditional file transfer products via serial or parallel port. You get around 2 to 5 Mbps of smooth file transfer rate.

Software and Driver Installation - Before you can use the cable, you must first install the driver for the cable and the application software. Since the software is going to connect two computers, you have to install the driver and the software on both or all of the computers you want to transfer files between.

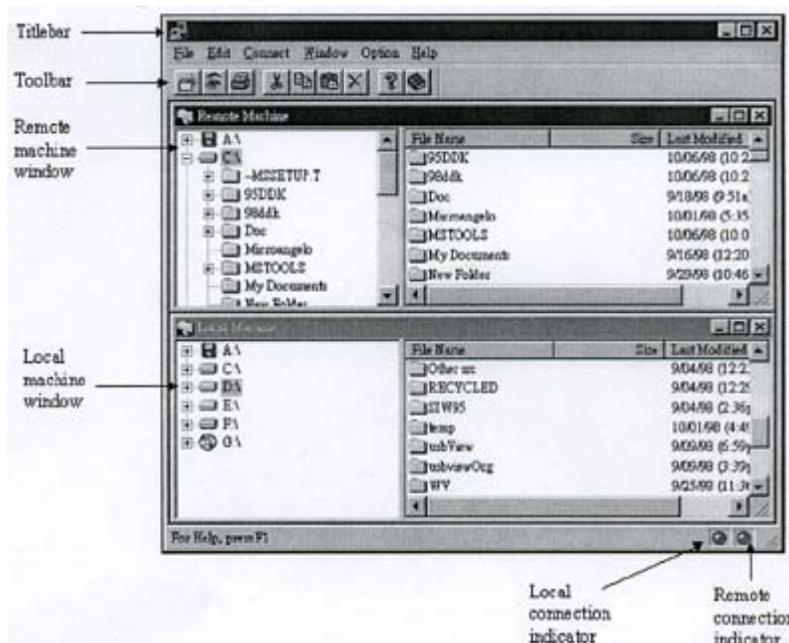
When the software and driver are installed in both computers, a PC-Link icon appears on each desktop window. Now, you can connect the cable between the two computers and establish a link between them by clicking on both PC-Link icons.

When a link is established between the two computers, a Local and Remote Computer window appears on each computer. The Local window on each computer represents its File Manager (similar to the Windows Explorer File Manager). The Remote window represents the File Manager on the other computer.

When the Local and Remote windows are displayed on each computer, file transfer between them can be made. Now, it's a simple task for transferring files and folders between the two computers. Just Drag-and-Drop or Copy-and-Paste to transfer selected files or folders from the Local computer window to the Remote computer window or vice versa.

If you only have a need to transfer files between any computers (with USB ports), this is the way to go. It's very fast, easy-to-install, easy-to-use, and inexpensive.

COMPUSA © - 8' USB Link Cable
Data Transfer Rate from 4 to 8Mbps
USB Host-to-Host Communication
Single Cable Solution for Communication
PC & Mac Compatible
Great for Transferring or Swapping Files
\$24.99



Curative Legends of Gem Stones

by Bill Gissler, Slide and Video Librarian

On a recent trip to England I was amazed to see the number of books on the shelves about gemstones as medicines. The alleged medicinal powers of gemstones make astonishing reading.

They were meant to work in three ways; - the actual presence of the stone affected the cure; the stone was powdered or eaten; or the gem was rubbed on the afflicted part of the body. No doubt some people were cured, since the effect of suggestion itself may solve psychosomatic illness.

AMETHYST was once thought to protect the wearer from sorcery, from the elements, to sharpen the sense of sight; and that it might be helpful in treating blood clots by helping to dissolve them.

AQUAMARINE is said to strengthen the body's immune system. It was believed that aquamarine helped to cure problems of the throat, stomach, liver, and jaws, and to protect from poisons. It was used as a stone for meditation.

CHRYSOCOLLA was believed to prevent arthritis and other diseases of the bones and digestive tract. Chrysocolla may be worn to improve psychic ability and aid in meditation.

CORAL is said to aid in the circulation of the body and to enrich the blood. It was said it may also staunch the flow of blood from a wound, possibly cure madness and was used against skin troubles, sore eyes and tuberculosis.

EMERALD, the gem of spring, has been used throughout the ages as an antidote against weakness

and pains of the internal organs. It was used as an antidote for poisons and for poisoned wounds. It was also reputed to help heal bites and stings of venomous creatures.

FIREAGATE was said to help alleviate problems relating to the stomach, spleen, and as an aid against diabetes. It was also believed to help speed up the healing of cuts and burns.

GARNET, as an amulet, it is supposed to be a remedy for hemorrhages of all kinds, as well as all inflammatory diseases. It is supposed to be an aide for rheumatism and arthritis.

MALACHITE was considered a sure cure for cholera and all kinds of colic, and possibly an aid for those suffering from asthma. It is said to be an antidote to radiation, possibly including that absorbed by workers at video terminals.

QUARTZ. There are many varieties of quartz and each is believed to have special properties. Smoky Quartz is said to ease heart diseases, and muscular deterioration. Rose Quartz was reputed to be one of the best stones to use in curing migraine and other headaches. Rock Crystal Quartz is supposed to keep the wearer free from strain and be a protection from homesickness.

TURQUOISE, some believe, may bring the wearer good luck, health and happiness. It has been used to treat malaria, heart complaints, eye problems and nasal passages.

To learn more about the curative powers of gemstones, the CFMS Slide and Video Programs Library has a 46-slide presentation:

F-128 - Prepared by Shirley Turski

It was the AFMS 1997 slide program competition award winner.

CFMS Dues and Insurance

by Richard Pankey, CFMS 2nd VP

It is that time of the year again. The time when each society is to send in their:

- Dues, which help pay for the 3 Newsletters, the services, the representation, the workings and the support that each society receives from CFMS and AFMS.
- Insurance payment that protects each society with liability coverage for show, field trips meetings and more.
- The Officer Change Form so that the Federation knows who you are, where you are and how to contact you.
- Your supplemental insurance payment that protects your equipment and meeting place.
- Your membership rooster as of December 31.

This is your rooster for 2005, not your 2006 rooster. These are the members who have been protected with liability insurance all year.

The dues of Membership Societies for CFMS are \$1.50 annually per individual member, regardless of membership classification. The only exception is for CFMS Honorary members. Some clubs have interpreted this as meaning club or society honorary members, also. The intent of the Bylaws was to exclude CFMS Honorary members only. A change to the Bylaw was made in 2003 to add "CFMS" in front of Honorary in ARTICLE IV DUES: Section 1: to clarify any misunderstanding.

At our November 12th Directors' Meeting the directors approved a \$1.00 increase in the insurance charge to a total of \$6.00 per "active" member." As defined by our insurance company (the basis for our rate) an "active member" is any member who attends one or more functions each year. This includes activities such as, but not limited to, general membership meetings, annual picnics, Christmas gathering, field trips, participation in shop or classes, etc. Any attendance and/or participation in a club activity creates liability exposure and therefore requires payment of the insurance charge. Our insurance renewal date was October 16th and the Federation has already paid the entire premium for this year.

Dues are due and payable by January 1st based

on your membership list as of December 31st, which should accompany the dues payment. Dues and insurance for 2006 are \$7.50 for all classes of members and for all "active members." The dues/insurance payment form is in this Newsletter along with the Officer Change Form or they are available from your Director.

The Officer Change Form is very important to your society and to CFMS. It is contact information for your society and the information used to prepare the CFMS Society Roster. It is important to your club that this form is completely and accurately filled out so that your club information is up to date. This is the contact information that the Federation uses to notify your club, your Federation Director and your members of Federation news, events and happenings. The importance of filling this form out completely was pointed out several times at the Directors' Meeting. Too many clubs fail to provide contact information: addresses, telephone numbers and email addresses. We need more than just a PO box, especially when your mail is only picked up once or twice a month. At a minimum we need club contact information and the addresses of the 3 people that you designate to receive the CFMS Newsletter. If you don't want your officer's addresses, etc., published please state that and Pat won't publish them in the roster. However, they need to be on file with our Executive Secretary so that CFMS can contact your club.

The Information from your Officer Change Form is used to prepare the Society Roster. The Society Roster is your link to the Federation and its member societies; it tells us who you are, where you are, where and when you hold your meetings, to whom to send the CFMS Newsletters and how to contact you. It is extremely important that each society provide an email address/contact as well as a telephone number. Email is faster and less expensive. It is also very helpful to at least include email addresses for the Bulletin Editor and Field Trip Chairman.

When paging through this year's roster I was amazed at how many societies had no email address listed and several without any telephone number listed. I am contacted on occasion by interested rockhounds looking for a local club in their area but all I can tell that there is a club but no way to contact them. A lost opportunity for everyone!

Please send your dues payment, membership list and officers change form to Pat La Rue before the end of January.

In Memory of Gloria Lortz

We were saddened the other day, when Chuck phoned, to learn that Gloria passed away on October 13. She had not been well for sometime. They had sold their home in Arcadia and moved to Chula Vista to be near their daughter.

Chuck and Gloria had been members of North Orange County GMS for several years. When they retired, they traveled most summers in their motor home. They had purchased a small home in Yuma, Arizona where they spent most of the winter months.

They enjoyed the Rockhound Hobby; field trips and lapidary work were their greatest interest. Bill and I enjoyed many trips with them.

Chuck's new address and phone number is:

Chuck Lortz
128 C Mountain View Drive
Chula Vista, CA 91910
Phone (616) 691-1011

Izzie

Jewelry Making for Us Dummies of All Ages

by Jim Brace-Thompson, Juniors Activity Chair

For years now, my wife Nancy has been collecting beads at show after show and at small shops here, there, and everywhere. She's built up quite a collection. The only problem: those beads are all still sitting in a box rather than strung around her neck!

To encourage her to get a start, I recently visited my local bookstore here in Ventura. I was very happy to find a brand new book that's just right for novices like Nancy and me: *Jewelry Making & Beading for Dummies*, by Heather Dismore and creative consultant Tammy Powley. It's part of the infamous "for Dummies" series published by Wiley Publishing, Inc. In step-by-step fashion, with ample illustrations and photos, as well as frequent icons alerting you to

"Tips," "Warnings," and "Technical Stuff," this book gives the raw beginner everything he or she could possibly want to get up-and-running without fear.

More to the point **for the purposes of a Juniors Activities column, the book devotes a full chapter to "Making Jewelry with Kids."** It provides great tips for how to arrange a "kid-friendly" workspace and how to make for easy clean-up once your jewelry-making session is done. It also provides suggestions for how to pick out suitable projects for kids of varying ages and abilities (3- to 4-year-olds, 5- and 6-year-olds, 7- to 10-year-olds, 11- to 13-year-olds), and how to create masterpieces out of various materials: beads, clay, papier-mâché, etc.

This looks like a terrific book, and not just for dummies, but for all of us, especially if you work with kids! As for my wife Nancy, well, I'm afraid the book has joined the books, videos, and how-to pamphlets I've purchased over the years to get her started on crafting jewelry from the growing collection of rough opal she's also been building alongside her box of beads. Some day, yes some day, I'm sure I'll be getting her to roll up her sleeves, crack open these books, and start crafting while-as-always-having fun!

From the Editors Desk

by Don Ogden, Editor

The job of an Editor is to be in the center of communication between the club officers and the membership. Communication is the key to success of any organization. It is a dialogue and in our case between the NOC and the member. It is a two-way exchange.

In the coming year I am asking Officers, Committees, and Membership to submit articles for publication in the NOC News. Without your support, members will not know about our many activities and other important topics

I hope to hear from you for participation in this communication. Thank you all for your support and contributions.

Field Trip Report

by Don Eschbach, co-Field Trip Chairman

Field Trip to the Whittier Club Honey Onyx Claim area on Oct. 22-24, 2005

Kathy and I arrived early on a beautiful Friday morning Oct 21 and met Jay Valle at the gate to the Whittier Club claim. We setup camp and since it was still early in the morning the three of us headed out to the Rodman Mountains.

It was an awesome day with crystal clear blue skies and two beautiful Hawks flying above us. We headed to a Petroglyph Canyon area that Jay had told us about.

The Canyon was full of wonderful and unique Petroglyphs. There must have been several hundred Petroglyphs (see attached photos). Then we headed back to camp where other field trip members had started to arrive.

Saturday morning, a few more people arrived, NOC members Don Ogden and Pat Mogan, as well as members from the Whittier and Pasadena clubs for a total 11 rockhounds and campers.

We lined up the vehicles and headed out to the Red Plumed Agate location. We collected for about an hour and then we were off to (what I call), the "Bill and Izzie Burns Collection Site."

At the Bill and Izzie Collection area, everyone found a multitude of agate, jasper, and palm wood, and I mean some beautiful specimens of everything that we found. We stayed at this location for about two hours after which we headed out for another area that Jay knew about.

This area had some nice jasper and jasagate. We were all having a terrific day with beautiful blue skies and also with our terrific field trip leader, Jay Valle who led us to all of the wonderful collection areas. It was now time to head back to camp for the Potluck.

The Potluck was fantastic! We all sat around and ate terrific food, wine, and soft drinks.

Following dinner, we all sat around the campfire and enjoyed telling and hearing stories told by the members.

Sunday morning we headed out to Paul Bunyan Agate area where we collected some nice red plume agate and then it was off to the Mule Canyon area.

Our first stop was the tailings of the Silver Onyx Mine where we had lunch and collected a few nice specimens. We were then off to the red and yellow jasper area and again collected some nice material.

Our last stop was the Algae Agate Collection area and again we collected some very nice specimens. It was time to head back to camp for an end to a really terrific field trip.

Please join us on future field trips, it's a great way to get away, relax, spend time with new and old friends, and enjoy the great outdoors!

Field Trip To the GIA Museum October 26

The GIA hosted it's quarterly Lecture on "Creating For Collectors: The Collaborative Effort" with Jim Grahl as the presenter.

These lectures are always educational and enjoyable, and I encourage our club members to attend future Lectures. We usually meet for dinner followed by refreshments at the GIA Museum prior to the Lecture. There is always a lot to learn and enjoyable company as well! Looking forward to seeing you at the next Lecture!

December Field Trip CFMS Annual Field Trip to Gold Rock Ranch

This trip is open to all rockhounds that agree to abide by the AFMS Code of Ethics, the directions of the field trip leader, and practice safe rockhounding.

A Consent and Assumption of Risk Waiver of Liability form must be signed upon arriving at the campsite.

TRIPLOCATION - Gold Rock Ranch, 12 miles west of Yuma AZ on S-34 (Ogilby Road).

WHEN - December 2, 3, 4, 2005.

SPONSOR - CFMS Field Trip, South.

ORGANIZATION - CFMS

MATERIAL TO COLLECT - Dumortierite, Petrified Palm Wood, Kyanite and much more.

LEADER - Bob Fitzpatrick. Please notify me by 11/20/05, if you plan on attending. Feel free to call or email me if you have any questions or need more information: Phone: 951) 845-3051 Email: RURocky2@aol.com

PROPOSED SCHEDULE - Each day we will be going to different collecting areas. All trips will leave at 8:00 a.m. SHARP (Arizona time) from the campgrounds. Assemble at 7:45 for details and instructions for each day's trip.

DIRECTIONS TO CAMPSITE - The ranch is located 12 miles west of Yuma on I-8, then north on S-34 (Ogilby Road). Go 9 miles on S-34, then turn left on Gold Rock Ranch Road, go 1-1/2 miles and you're there. Check-in at the ranch office in the store.

VEHICLES - The roads to the ranch and campgrounds should be okay for most cars, trailers and motor homes. From the campsite to the collecting areas, 4wheel drive or high clearance vehicles are recommended.

TOOLS - Collecting bags and boxes, digging tools, rock hammer, eye gear, spray water bottle, etc., Be sure to bring your camp chair to sit in at night



Rodman Mountain Petroglyphs



Jay Valle at the Petroglyphs



Show Report

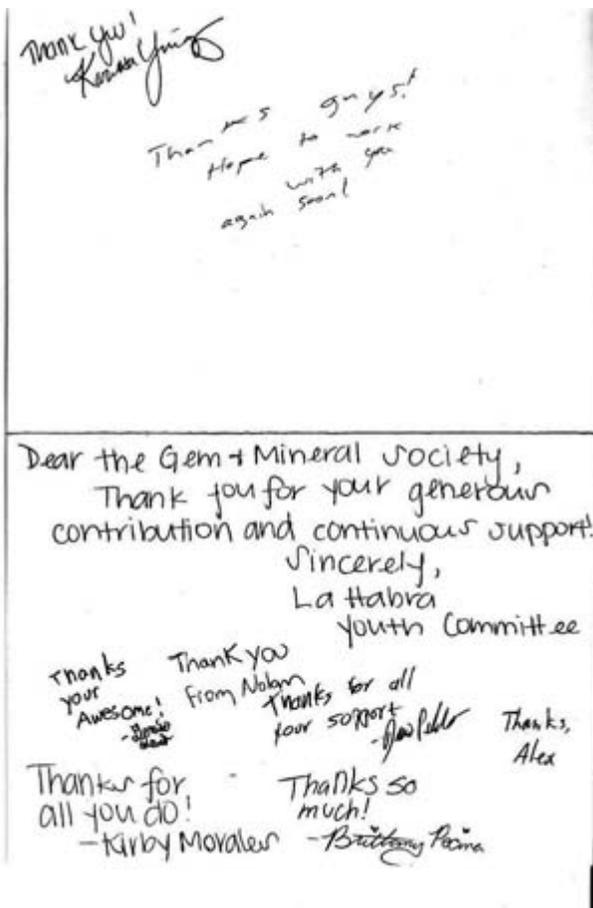
by Don Warthen, Show Chairman

The show is coming along fine. We are going to use the big case this year to show case the members of NOC. We are asking everyone to prepare one or two items to be shown in the case. We are going to use pictures of each member as labels in the case, so your work will be shown with your picture. Please let Izzie know what you are going to show.

If you have any ideas or want to help with the show just speak up, don't wait to be asked.

I meet with the youth Counsel last night and the kids and they want to be more involved and will be very helpful next year at the show.

They gave us the following think you card.



Meeting Before Christmas

by Loretta Ogden

Twas the meeting before Christmas
and all thru the community center.

The rockhounds were gathering
to have a good dinner.

The tree is all trimmed and they bring food and
toys as they do good deeds
to match the need.

They all dressed so nappy and none are sassy.
As they are well fed by Trini and led by Nancy.

The chime has rung and it is time for fun.
Get ready and run.

They are ready to rest before put to the test.
We will all do our best to bring in the New Year
Rocking.

Christmas Dinner and Installation of Officers

Where: La Habra Community

When: December 13, 2005

Social Hour: 6:00 p.m.

Dinner: 7:00 p.m.

Food: Buffet Style Mexican Food

Salad

Chili Rellenos

Chicken Enchiladas

Picadillo

Rice and Beans

Cheesecake

Punch and Coffee

Installation of Officers

Prizes and Christmas Game

Cost: \$10 per person

Bring to the party: food contributions for the needy and new unwrapped gifts for children. The City of La Habra will distribute the donated items.