

NOC GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY NEWS

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January 1, 2006

President's Message

by Nancy Bird

I want to wish each and every one of you a Happy and Healthy New Year and I hope Santa was real good to you.

We had a wonderful Christmas dinner. Trini basically donated the raffle prizes. She and her daughter made the room beautiful and the food great. Big thanks to Trini.

This should be another great year for the club. Don Warthen is working real hard again to put on another memorable show. Jay Valle and Don Eschbach are planning great field trips, and Loretta Odgen is working on wonderful lectures for our meetings.

We've solved the problem of cases when we recently bought 14 from a club in the Valley. They are being stowed temporarily in my garage. If anyone would like to buy one they are \$45 each. Pay Don Warthen and pick it up here. They collapse to about 6- inches flat and come with lights. Jay Valle and Don Eschbach bought 2 each. We had to take 7 homemade wooden tables (8 ft. X 2 ft.), which we really don't need, along with the cases. We will discuss what to do with the tables at the next board meeting.

Jay Valle, Don Eschbach, and I talked about having a club garage sale in the spring like the Whittier club did. We could hold it here-this is a great place for garage sales. What do you think?

Hope to see you at the next meeting.

Refreshments

Nancy Bird will bring the goodies for the January meeting like she did last January.

NOC Club Activities

Board Meeting — Jan 10 at 6:30 p.m.

Field Trip — Thur Mine — Jan 21-22

Show — June 3-4, 2006

Next Show Meeting — Jan 6, 2006 at 6p.m.

Deadline for NOC News — Jan 17

CFMS Show & Convention — June 9-11, 2006

Angels Camp, CA

January Meeting

Date: January 10

Time: 6:00 p.m.

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

Board Meeting: 6:30 p.m. before main meeting.

Program

Our program for January will be Reflections on NOC by Don Ogden. It will be a slide-show from 1999 (Diamond Daze show) to 2005.

Members in the News

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

Don Livezey- January 16

Jane Hendrixson - January 27

Your gemstone is Garnet

Your flower is Carnation or Snowdrop

News FLash! *** Ofelia Warthen's **** artwork showing at the Whittier Hall. (See page3.)**

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

Quartzsite, AZ 2006

The Main Event

January 6 - January 31, 2006

Tyson Wells Rock/Gem/Mineral Show

January 6 - January 15, 2006

Tyson Wells Sell-A-Rama

January 20 - January 29, 2006

Tyson Wells Art & Craft Fair

February 3 - February 12, 2005

SCRIBE Meeting & Editors Symposium

Senior Citizen's Center
Moon Mountain Road
January 29 - 8:30 a.m. MST

Hobby, Craft & Gem Show

February 2 - February 6, 2005

Pow Wow 40th Annual

January 25 - January 29, 2006

Prospectors Panorama 4 Shows

from November 1, 2004 - February 13, 2005

Desert Gardens Gem & Mineral Show

January 1 - February 28, 2006

Show/Swap Meet Sites

Laughlin, NV 2006

Cloud's (outside) Jan 6 - Feb 5

Clouds (inside) Jan 13-22

MERRY CHRISTMAS 2005 Greece

by Joan Greenlees Abramson

Mystic Greek isles in a sapphire sea—
Each one unique with its own history.

Religion portrayed a significant role,
Reaching from gods to the Orthodox soul.

Yesteryear, over 2000 B. C.,
Crete was creating ornate pottery.

Heracles' feats, Odysseus the roamer,
Recorded in verse by remarkable Homer.

Island of Paros with marble so white,
Santorini exploded, its rim a great height.

The vineyards were lovely, producing the wine;
Mashing of olives made oil so fine.

Acropolis standing, both regal and pure—
So may the spirit of Greece long endure!

HAPPY NEW YEAR Lessons

by Joan Greenlees Abramson

How the millenniums with their great span
Attributed progress to yearnings of man.

Pericles brought in the Greeks' golden ages,
Projecting democracy through many stages.

Yesterday's model we use as our own!
New buildings still copy the old ones of stone.

Ever new cultures absorbed parts that last.
When New Year's Day comes, we examine our past -

Yearn to restore a time without strife,
Eager for knowledge and truth for our life.

Always the cycles of history turn,
Rendering lessons there's still time to learn.

Ofelia Warthen City Hall Lobby Artist

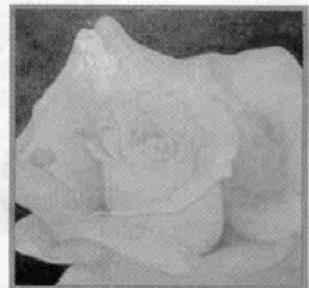
Portraits and Still Life
Paintings

Having loved painting from an early age, Ofelia Warthen has studied art at both Cerritos and Rio Hondo Colleges. She is a member



of the La Habra and Whittier Art Galleries and has showed at the La Habra Borders Book Store in June 2004. She has studied portraiture under Linda Muniz and Veronica Kortz and is presently working under Mr. Lau in the Whittier Art Gallery. Ms. Warthen will be showing in the Whittier City Hall lobby January 9 through February 24.

For more information on the City Hall Lobby Art Program, please call Community Services at (562) 464-3360.



Metal Smithing Is It Dangerous?

by Don Monroe, AFMS Safety Committee Chair

Students in my beginning silver classes often ask if the class is dangerous. The answer to this question can be both *yes* and *no*. If you listen to the instructions given by the instructor, it is *very* unlikely that any sort of injury will result but we must always be aware and be very careful because minor injuries are not uncommon.

We all learned, probably before age two, that fire will burn you, as will hot metal, hot water and all other hot things. I open each new class with a brief lecture discussing the things in the classroom that can cause an injury. Students will often be afraid of the torch and need some instruction and encouragement when soldering. I always tell them that while the torch is an obvious hazard, it is really not the piece of equipment that is responsible for most injuries. During the years I have been teaching, I have never had a student suffer a serious injury but we do not want to see even small cuts, scrapes or burns. Almost all of the injuries result from polishing equipment used improperly. A buffing machine will “grab” a piece of jewelry being polished and sling it away and can cause severe injuries if it snags a finger or hand in the process. Surprisingly more buffing/polishing injuries result from the flexible shaft machines. While using a Foredom, Dremel, or similar machine with small buffing wheels or cratex-type wheels, the edge of the piece will catch the wheel and run around behind the piece being polished. This often results in a bent mandrel, that can hit the hand and cause a nasty cut.

Eye injuries are a category where none of us provides enough care for ourselves and those around us. We should wear safety glasses or some type of eye protection. We all know that, but so few of us do what we should. I must confess that I

am not as religious about eye protection as I should be.

We use a variety of chemicals in our workshops and some of them deserve more caution than we give them. Think about the following list:

Pickle solution for cleaning silver. (It is an acid you know!)

Flux for cleaning silver definitely requires ventilation to avoid breathing dangerous fumes.

Blackening or other solutions used to create a patina.

Alcohol and acetone which are not only flammable but should not be breathed.

These are just a few of those that we use. Should we not read the MSDS sheets (Material Safety Data Sheets) that come with many of the products? If we don't get the MSDS for new materials we purchase, I am sure that suppliers will jump at the opportunity to send us one. It is the law!

The last type of injury that I want to discuss is the common cut. Almost everything we handle can cause a cut. Paper cuts are most annoying and can become infected. Knives, jeweler's saws, broken glass and sharp edges of work pieces can open cuts. We keep first aid supplies handy and, for ourselves, we use super glue. Not being licensed medical personnel we do not treat the students with super glue but we describe for them the potential benefits. My dermatologist (who saved my life) uses super glue for small incisions with great success. It is my understanding that this material was actually developed for battlefield use in Viet Nam and I have been impressed with it. Might be worth having a discussion with your physician and get his (or her) opinion.



Safety

by Chuck McKie, Safety Chair

Quick Quiz

What are the disasters the American Red Cross responds to: A - floods, B - tornadoes, C - residential, fires, or D - hurricanes? Answer: C!

Home fires are almost always preventable. Yet sadly every year, more than 4,000 people die in home fires and over 25,000 are injured.

Fire Prevention

Instruct children to tell an adult right away if they find matches or lighters or see someone playing with fire, matches, or lighters.

Children should also know that candles are a frequent cause of devastating fires in homes. Candles must be kept well away from any combustible/flammable items or materials and must never be left unattended. The increasing popularity of candle usage has led to a dramatic increase in the number of tragic fires.

In case of a power outage, families should use flashlights for emergency lighting, not candles. In 2002, more than 18,600 fires started with candles.

Make Your Home Fire Safe

Install a smoke alarm outside each sleeping area and on each additional level of your home. If people sleep with doors closed, install smoke alarms inside sleeping areas.

Use the test button to check each smoke alarm once a month. When necessary, replace batteries immediately. Replace all batteries at least once a year.

Vacuum away cobwebs and dust from your smoke alarms monthly. Smoke alarms become less sensitive over time. Replace your smoke alarms every ten years.

Consider having one or more working fire extinguishers in your home. Get training from the fire department in how to use them.

Consider installing an automatic fire sprinkler system in your home.

Plan Your Escape Routes

Determine at least two ways to escape from every room of your home. Consider escape ladders for sleeping areas on the second or third floor. Learn how to use them and store them near the window.

Select a location outside your home where everyone would meet after escaping.



Ofelia Warthen, Chamber and James Gomez



Bill Burns, Nancy Bird and Kathy Eschbach



Don Warthen and Jay Valle



Forest Rhoads and Don Ogden

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by Thomas Hess, CFMS Co-Field Trip Chair

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LOCATION - Rodreguez Canyon, near Banner CA.

WHEN - Jan 21- 22, Camp over allowed.

SPONSOR - CFMS Field Trip South, and claim holders of the Thursday Mine.

ORGANIZATION - CFMS and The Diehard Rockhounds.

COST - Free * Mine Owners have certain restrictions.

MATERIAL TO COLLECT - Schrol (Black Tourmaline), Rubielite (Pink Tourmaline),Verdite (Green Tourmaline), Beryl, Aquamarine, Beryl Common, and the Best Lepidolite in the world. (We think so.) It is possible to pan for gold in the washes or run offs in the canyons all around. There are several well known Gold mines in this area all with fresh air and blue sky.

LEADER -Thomas Hess, CFMS, Yuciapia Gem and Mineral club member, and Founder of the Diehard Rockhounds.

PROPOSED SCHEDULE

January 21

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Phone no. 951-767-9466.

9:00 a.m.- Leave for mine.

9:15-9:30 a.m. - arrive at Banner R.V park and store.
Pick up any others wishing to meet here.

9:45 sharp - Take dirt road near R.V. park to Mine.

January 22

10:00 a.m. an additional escort will be provided for those wanting to go Sunday only.

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Fieldtrip will end at dark on Sunday.

Digging allowed during Evening. - Lights provided

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VEHICLE - A high clearance truck or 4x4 is recommended. No non 4x4 vehicles will be allowed up the last stretch of the road to the mine. Aprox 1/16th of a mile. Most vehicles always make it to the bottom of the mine.

CAMPGROUNDS & FACILITIES - Dry camping area, no water, no services, no hookups, no toilet.

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 around the fire at night. Pry Bars, Sledge Hammers (hard rock mining!)

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

CLIMATE & WEATHER - We are planning on nice weather-sunny days; cold clear, star filled nights may be present The mine is at 4500 feet above sea level. But remember it can rain this time of year so be prepared and plan ahead.

CLOTHING - Appropriate for this time of year.

GENERAL INFORMATION - Come and join us for the day or camp out with us. Bring food, lots of water, cell-phone, walkie-talkies, GPS, first aide kit, camera, flashlight and For additional information:

Email me at Thomascarlhess@yahoo.com

Or call 951-677-3007 after 6 p.m.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS - Every one must bring a **5 gallon bucket** and place their name on it in bold letters. There is a limit to the amount of lepidiolite that is removed for free. The Limit is 50 lbs. We figure that is aprox. a 5-gallon bucket full. All other lepidiolite is available for \$2.00 per pound.

THURSDAY MINE HI FIRE WARNING - No open fires will be permitted at the Thursday Mine. Only propane grills will be allowed.

From the Editors Desk

by Don Ogden, Editor

Following is the NOC roster that I have in my database and has not been updated for some time. Please check it out and let Don Warthen or me of any changes required.

Last Nam	First Name	Address	City	State	Zip	Ph_No	e-mail
Abramson	Joan	1410 Lombard St.	Vista	CA	92084	(760) 758-2790	
Allen	Floyd	20400 Via La Mancha	Yorba Linda	CA	92886-3034	(714) 777-5159	fpalyn@juno.com
Bird	Nancy	10126 S. Grayling Ave.	Whittier	CA	90603	(562) 947-6845	nancybird@earthlink.net
Burns	Bill & Isabella	1038 Bradshawe	Monterey Park	CA	91754	(626) 288-2896	iznbil@aol.com
Conley	Jerry	211 Oakland Dr.	La Habra	CA	90631	(562) 697-5201	
Cordero	Bob	15855 Parkland Dr.	Hacienda Hgts.	CA	91745	(626) 336-9727	RLcordero1@aol.com
Dela Rocha	Beatriz Garcia	8037 Sargent Ave.	Whittier	CA	90602	(310) 908-1351	
Dunn	Kurt	29164 Ave de las Flores	Quail Valley	CA	92587	(909) 244-5511	
Elicker	Norberto	750 Cressna Dr.	Crescent City	CA	95531	(707) 464-4801	
Eschbach	Don & Kathy	12430 S. Maybrook Ave.	Whittier	CA	90604	(562) 943-8736	donkathyesch@access4le
Felix	Pat	5425 Calle Vista Linda	Yorba Linda	CA	92887-2404	(714) 970-1496	LouisAFelix@aol.com
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Hansen	Susan	18827 S. Alfred Ave.	Cerritos	CA	90701	(562) 865-2040	sunkeysen@aol.com
Harwood	Angie	8733 Elba St.	Pico Rivera	CA	90660	(562) 692-4540	
Hawk	Robyn	3030 San Juan Dr.	Fullerton	CA	92835	(714) 526-6836	robynahawk@yahoo.com
Hendrixson	Jane	1341 N. Walnut St.	La Habra	CA	90631	(562) 691-9595	
Hermosillo	Alfred & Trini	5421 Carley Ave.	Whittier	CA	90601	(562) 695-8037	gifzbytrina@webtv.net
Howe	Harry & Lucille	1615 West Rd.	La Habra Heights	CA	90631	(562) 947-5111	
Ishida	Joe & Chiyo	15126 Aolia St.	Whittier	CA	90604	(562) 941-8330	
Livezey	Don & Jane	1722 Virginia Place	Placentia	CA	92870	(714) 524-6280	jdive27@aol.com
Loest	Roger	56 Ajax Rd.	Florissant	CO	80816-8126	(000) 000-0000	rwlpumpman@juno.com
Logsdon	Janis	1034 Pecan St.	Brea	CA	92821	(714) 529-4691	breaajan@yahoo.com
Lortz	Chuck	128 C Mountain View Dr	Chula Vista	CA	91910	(616) 691-1011	
Maneth	Mike & Mary	14516 Placid Dr.	Whittier	CA	90604	(562) 944-8628	
Marks	Ken & Vicki	3200 E. First St.	Long Beach	CA	90803	(562) 434-8879	vmarks@compuserve.com
Marks	Ken	2143 W Ironwood Dr.	Chandler	Az	85224	(602) 821-1338	kmarks50@cox.net
Matula	Dana	14072 Montgomery Dr.	Westminster	CA	92683	(714) 893-6032	xrzycat@aol.com
Miller	David & Karen	722 S. Birch St.	Santa Ana	CA	92701-5612		
Mogan	Pat & Sandy	1520 Nabal Rd.	La Habra Heights	CA	90631	(562) 697-4715	
Muise	Margarite	8217 Ginniss Green	Buena Park	CA	90621	(714) 994-5748	muisem@hotmail.com
Nehring	Nancy	547 W. Commonwealth Av	Fullerton	CA	92832	(714) 501-4956	
Ogden	Donald & Loretta	20904 Trigger Lane	Diamond Bar	CA	91765	(909) 598-2456	donogden@aol.com
O'Neil	Charles & Helen	1524 Commonwealth	Fullerton	CA	92633	(1) 330-3282	
Pleines	Eleanore	805 N. Lincoln St.	Orange	CA	92867-7050	(714) 997-5100	elezeber@aol.com
Pool	Clarence & Frieda	8321 Passons Blvd.	Pico Rivera	CA	90660	(562) 949-1383	
Radebaugh	Jack & Phylis	P.O. Box 363	Pinon Hills	CA	92372	(619) 868-2258	
Rhoads	Forest	2230 Auralia St.	Newport Beach	CA	92660-4132	(949) 640-5395	Farwestr@earthlink.net
Ruzgys	Jonas & Valeria	2425 Glenoaks Ave.	Anaheim	CA	92810-3226	(714) 826-0158	
Stadel	Al & Verle	5806 Newlin	Whittier	CA	90601	(562) 696-1677	vastadel@aol.com
Steed	Chalmer & Barbara	19221 Stonecrest Lane	Yorba Linda	CA	92686	(714) 779-0351	
Stoll	O.T. & Zelma	7611 Granada Dr.	Buena Park	CA	90621-1212	(714) 524-6915	otstoll@otstoll.com
Sumrow	Debbie & Mark	5001 Sharon Drive	La Palma	CA	90623	(714) 670-9409	
Valle	Jay & Cathy	1421 Latchford Ave.	Hacienda Heights	CA	91745	(626) 934-9764	Jvalle@aqmd.gov
Veloz (97)	Irene & Oscar	5101 E Paseo De Grace	Anaheim	CA	92807	(714) 970-7143	lveloz@beckman.com
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