

NOC GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY

NOC NEWS

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President's Message

by Nancy Bird

Hello Everyone-

Plans are progressing nicely for our show. The last show meeting we had a representative of the La Habra Art League and we worked out the details of having then in the Avocado room during our show. This should increase our attendance and give our show an extra "flavor."

Have you sold an donation award tickets yet? I think it's important for each of us to donate something. The list of possibilities is endless. If you are really stuck, money or a See's Candy certificate works well. If each of us could get a donation from a local business, it would be great. Or pick something up at an upcoming show.

Speaking of which-do you go to other shows? It's important to show our support of other clubs. Wear your badge, buy donation award tickets, talk to members, and drop off our flyers. The list of upcoming shows is in this bulletin or can be found at www.cfmsinc.org.

The date of the club yard sale is Sat., April 22 with the setup the day before. It will be held at my house at the border of Whittier and La Habra. The address is 10126 S. Grayling Ave., Whittier. The cross streets are Valley Home and Russell. In our budget it says we make \$300 at this sale-so I hope you all are getting things ready for it.

And to be a broken record-bring things for the raffle at the meetings!

See you in March-Nancy Bird

Refreshments

Eleanore Pleines will bring the goodies for the March meeting. Thanks to Cathy and Jay Valle for bringing the goodies to the February meeting.

NOC Club Activities

Board Meeting — March 14, 6:00 p.m.
Field Trip — Stoddard Wells, March 10-12
Deadline for NOC News — March 17.
Show Meeting — To be announced

February Meeting

Date: March 14
Time: 6:00 p.m. Board Meeting
7:00 p.m. Main Meeting
Place: La Habra Community Center
101 W. La Habra Blvd.
Program: Sedimentary and Vein Agates - Once again the Wisconsin Lapidary club has come up with an award winning slide show. I think you will all enjoy this very much.

Welcome to New Members

Vicki Flynn
and
David Miller

Members in the News

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

Virginia Grafton

Your gemstone is Bloodstone or Aquamarine.
Your flower is Daffodil or Jonquil.

Shows and Events

March 4-5 2006, Arcadia, CA

Monrovia Rockhounds Inc.
The Arboretums of LA County
301 N. Baldwin Ave.
Hours: 9 - 4:30 both days
Janie Duncan (626) 358-8151

March 11-12 2006, San Morino, CA

Pasadena Lapidary Society
"Magic From The Earth"
San Marino Masonic Center
3130 Huntington 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
101 W. La Habra Blvd.
Hours: 10 - 5 both days
Don Warthen (626) 330-8974
E-mail 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
Web Site: calaverasgemandmineral.org

via CFMS Web Site

Carson City

The state launched a free 2-1-1 telephone service Thursday to assist citizens who need almost any kind of help. Read more at:

http://www.reviewjournal.com/lvrj_home/2006/Feb-10-Fri-2006/news/5812489.html

Daughters Birthday

A dad is on his way home a bit late from the office when he realizes that it's his daughter's birthday and he has not bought her a gift.

So he stops at a toy store to buy his daughter a Barbie.

Inside he sees a Barbie display and asks the salesgirl how much the Barbies are.

The girl responds: "Which one? We have:

Gymnasium Barbie: \$19.95

Volleyball Barbie: \$19.95

Shopping Barbie: \$19.95

Surfer Barbie: \$19.95

Disco Barbie: \$19.95

and Divorced Barbie: \$299.95

Shocked, the man asks, "Why is Divorced Barbie \$299.95, but the others are \$19.95?"

Exasperated, the girl responds:

"Sir, Divorced Barbie comes with":

Ken's car

Ken's house

Ken's boat

Ken's clothing

Ken's furniture

Ken's jewelry

Ken's money

Ken's computer, and

Ken's best friend

Curious Ben

Ben walks into a post office one day and sees a middle-aged, balding man standing at the counter methodically placing "Love" stamps on bright pink envelopes with hearts all over them. He then takes out a perfume bottle and starts spraying scent all over them.

Ben's curiosity gets the better of him; he goes up to the balding man and asks him what he is doing. The man says, "I'm sending out 1,000 Valentine cards signed, 'Guess who?'"

"But why?" asks Ben.

"I'm a divorce lawyer," the man replies.

NOC Meeting Minutes

February 14, 2006

by Jay Valle

Nancy called meeting to order and led flag salute.

The speaker, Joe Girtner, was introduced and he presented a program on art knives.

After a break, the door prizes were drawn.

Two Corrections to the January Meeting minutes:

- Kathy Valle to do the Silent Auction at the show, not Kathy Eschbach.

- Greeters at the show will be Loretta Ogden and Kathy Eschbach.

Treasurer's Report: Don Warthem presented the proposed 2006 budget worksheets. Don showed the end-of-year figures for 2003 through 2005. It was noted that last year, 2005, the club went \$812.53 in the red. A discussion followed about ways for the club to save money, including reducing how much is spent on the Installation Dinner and our storage costs. Fund raising options were discussed. Kathy Eschbach reminded Don of a previous Board decision to look into Security for the show (not in budget). After the discussion period, a motion to accept the budget as written was made and seconded and then unanimously accepted by the membership present.

It was announced that a Show Meeting will be held February 21 at 6:30 pm at the Community Center.

Field Trip: Don Eschbach said that the field trip would be to Tecopa area on the weekend of February 18 - 20. We are joining the Whittier and Pasadena clubs on this combined trip.

Don Eschbach informed us of an upcoming GIA lecture about estate jewelry buying.

It was reported that the meeting was attended by 14 members and 2 guests.

Our Librarian, Ofelia Warthem is preparing an inventory/book list of the club-owned library. She will submit it to Don Ogden to be published when it is complete.

Loretta Ogden said that workshops could start at her house in Spring (May?). Our program for next month will be a video.

It was reported that the Puente Hill rock club is going under. They have been invited to join the North Orange County Gem & Mineral Society (us) but are still considering their options. No decision has been made yet.

The display case by the front door of the Community Center has new material in it, thanks to Jonas and Floyd.

The final words from Nancy: Go to other club's gem shows, wear your badge to advertise our club, and just be friendly.

NOC Board Meeting Min.

February 14, 2006

by Nancy Bird

The meeting was opened at 6:00 Pm by President Nancy Bird. The minutes stand as published.

Vicky Flynn and David Miller were voted into the club-welcome!!!

Show report-there will be a sign up sheet for members displaying facets of our hobby in the large case next meeting.

The President should email the Board meeting agenda previous to the meeting (we'll see). We will hold the Board meeting in another room from now on.

The Pearl Seminar will be 2-3 weeks after the show.

The yearly picnic will again be at the Valle's. Date to be announced.

The yard sale will be at Nancy Bird's April 22, set up the 21st. We will advertise in the Pennysaver.

The LaPuente club is folding.

Show Committee

by Don Warthen

Good news!! The Youth Committee has agreed to do the kitchen.

Also the city has apparently lessened the rules on the skirting for the tables. We now do not need to have "fire retardant skirting" so we can now get some prices on other skirting.

Recognizing a Stroke

via LA Rocks

My mother sent this to me after she received it from my nieces in-laws.

Then a few days later, a friend of mine had a stroke on his birthday. We had all seen him and celebrated his birthday the day before and had not noticed anything ...but we didn't know what to look for! (he getting better, by the way)

READ IT!! THIS CAN SAVE SOMEONE'S LIFE!!!

During a BBQ a friend stumbled and took a little fall - she assured everyone that she was fine (they offered to call paramedics) and just tripped over a brick because of her new shoes. They got her cleaned up and got her a new plate of food - while she appeared a bit shaken up, Ingrid went about enjoying herself the rest of the evening. Ingrid's husband called later telling everyone that his wife had been taken to the hospital - (at 6:00 p.m., Ingrid passed away.)

She had suffered a stroke at the BBQ - had they known how to identify the signs of a stroke perhaps Ingrid would be with us today.

It only takes a minute to read this-

A neurologist says that if he can get to a stroke victim within 3 hours he can totally reverse the effects of a stroke...totally.

He said the trick was getting a stroke recognized, diagnosed and getting to the patient within 3 hours which is tough.

RECOGNIZING A STROKE

Thank God for the sense to remember the "3" steps. Read and Learn!

Sometimes symptoms of a stroke are difficult to identify. Unfortunately, the lack of awareness spells disaster. The stroke victim may suffer brain damage when people nearby fail to recognize the symptoms of a stroke.

Now doctors say a bystander can recognize a stroke by asking three simple questions:

1. ***Ask the individual to SMILE.**
2. ***Ask him or her to RAISE BOTH ARMS.**
3. ***Ask the person to SPEAK A SIMPLE SENTENCE (Coherently)
(i.e. . . It is sunny out today)**

If he or she has trouble with any of these tasks, call 9-1-1 immediately and describe the symptoms to the dispatcher.

After discovering that a group of non-medical volunteers could identify facial weakness, arm weakness and speech problems, researchers urged the general public to learn the three questions. They presented their conclusions at the American Stroke Association's annual meeting last February. Widespread use of this test could result in prompt diagnosis and treatment of the stroke and prevent brain damage.

A cardiologist says if everyone who gets this e-mail sends it to 10 people; you can bet that at least one life will be saved.

BE A FRIEND AND SHARE THIS ARTICLE WITH AS MANY FRIENDS AS POSSIBLE, you could save their lives.

One Night

Late one night a mugger wearing a ski mask jumped into the path of a well-dressed man and stuck a gun in his ribs.

"Give me your money," he demanded.

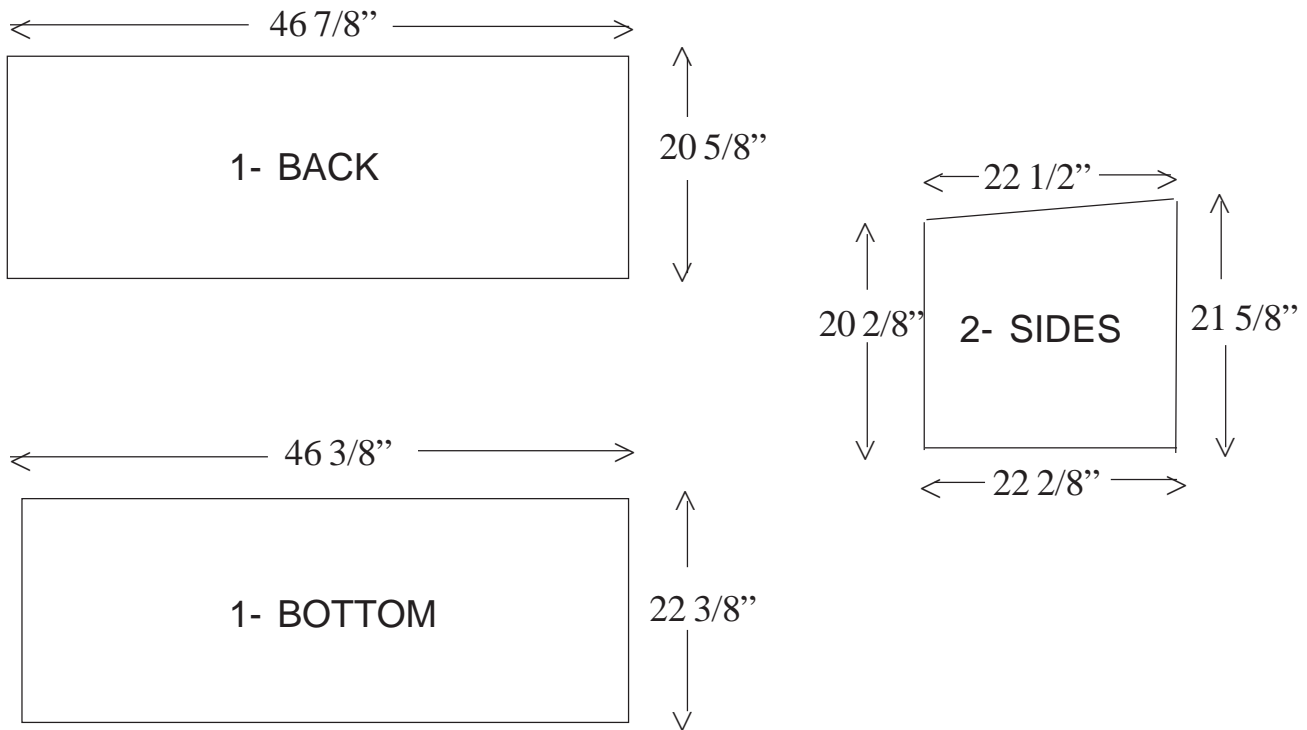
Indignant, the affluent man replied, "You can't do this - I'm a US Congressman!"

"In that case," replied the robber, "give me MY money!"



Liners for Club Cases

by Don Eschbach



A New Friend

I made a new friend today. It was there all along and I never noticed it on the right side of my keyboard between the Window Key and the Control Key. I don't even know its name, so I call it the Menu Key. Why? Because when you press it, it opens up a drop down menu for whatever program you're in. The menu includes all the information you would see if you right clicked, so I guess you could also call it the Right-Click Key.

So, next time you're typing away and need an edit menu or some other feature that you normally right-click to get, just head down to the Menu Key. Pretty soon it'll be your friend too.

