

NOC GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY

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President's Message

by Nancy Bird

Hello Everyone!

I hope each one of you had a wonderful summer and got in some vacation time.

Our club has been busy! In July we worked at the La Habra Day Camp for a morning. Don Eschbach and Don and Ofelia Warthen helped the children cut and polish cabs then Loretta Ogden and Kathy Eschbach helped them set the stones in necklaces, bolas, or key chains. I used Jane Livezy's material to talk about fossils. Bill and Izzie Burns talked about rocks and minerals and filled up an egg carton with examples. Bill Burns also brought geodes which he broke and gave the kids. And Don Ogden took pictures. The children seemed to love it all and us adults had a good time, too.

Loretta and Don Ogden have the workshop up and running thanks in large part to Don Eschbach. I even got to go and cut and polish my 1st stone! After all these years.

Don Eschbach has been having wire-wrapping classes, we had the Pearl Seminar, and we are getting geared up for doing a day talking about fossils at the Children's Museum. And Don Warthen has been very involved with the Chamber of commerce.

And a big THANK YOU to Jay and Kathy Valle for a wonderful summer pool party.

This has definitely not been the lazy days of summer.

I hope we can keep this energy going-it makes it so much more fun to have an active club.

See you at the workshops and/or the meeting.

Refreshments

Don and Ofelia Warthen will bring the goodies for the September meeting. Thanks to Jay and Kathy Valle for bringing the goodies to the June meeting.

NOC Club Activities

Board Meeting — Sep. 12, 6:00 p.m.

Field Trip — To be announced.

Camp Paradise — Sep. 3-9, & 10-16

Deadline for NOC News — Sep. 17.

Jade Cruise — Jan. 19-22, 2007

September Meeting

Date: September 12

Time: 6:00 p.m. Board Meeting

7:00 p.m. Main Meeting

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

Program: This month we will start the program with excerpts from a documentary called "Death Valley Memories". Very interesting and enjoyable.

Then we will have show and tell. Because we have had a busy summer of wire wrapping, lapidary and jewelry classes, along with gem and mineral shows attended. Bring articles you made or collected for the show and tell.

It will be great fun.

Competitive Exhibits

Bill and Izzie put in a NOC case with club jewelry and lapidary articles at Angels Camp.

The results:

Trophy #1 - Open, North Orange County Gem & Mineral Society.

Shows and Events

September 22, 23, 24 2006, San Bernardino, CA

Orange Belt Mineralogical Society
6th Annual Rock, Gem, & Jewelry Tailgate
Ball Park
6707 Little League Drive in San Bernardino
Hours: Fri./Sat. 9 - 6; Sun. 9 - 4
Mike Woolery (909) 882-6806
Al Carrell (951) 961-5988

September 23-24 2006, Downey, CA

Delvers Gem & Mineral Society
Woman's Club of Downey
9813 Paramount Blvd
Hours: Sat. 10 - 6; Sun. 10 - 4
Teresa Widdison (562) 867-1521
Email: twiddison72@aol.com

October 14 2006, West Hills, CA

Woodland Hills Rock Chippers
Eighth Annual Gem & Mineral Show
22700 Sherman Way
Hours: 10 - 5
Virgina Rotramel (818) 790-7598
Email show@rockchippers.org

October 14-15 2006, Trona, CA

Searles Lake Gem & Mineral Society
"Gem-O-Rama"
Searles Lake Gem & Mineral
13337 Main Street
Hours: Sat. 7:30 - 5; Sun. 7:30 - 4
Bonnie Fairchild (760) 372-5356
Email jbfairchild@verizon.net

October 21-22 2006, Whittier, CA

Whittier Gem & Mineral Society
Whittier Community Center
7630 Washington Avenue
Hours: 10 - 5 both days
Jay Valle (626) 934-9764
Email res19pnb@verizon.net

November 4-5 2006, Lancaster, CA

Palmdale Gem & Mineral Club
"Rock n Gem Roundup"
Antelope Valley Fairgrounds
2551 West Avenue H
Hours: 9 - 5 both days
Susan Walblom (661) 943-1861
Rodney Shillings (661) 400-5198
Email: slchaisson@yahoo.com
Website: pgmc@antelecom.net

November 11-12 2006, Anaheim, CA

American Opal Society
Clarion Hotel Anaheim Resort
616 Convention Way
Hours: Sat. 10 - 6; Sun. 10 - 5
Website: opalsociety.org
Jim Lambert (714) 891-7171
Email: jlamb777@yahoo.com

Notice of Renewal

I just received a "NOTICE OF RENEWAL" for my Rock & Gem from "Readers Payment Service".

This notice is not from Rock & Gem. It is a private company that has no association with Rock & Gem.

If you get one of these notices please disregard it.

Don Warthen

Lapidary Equip for Sale

18 " Slab Saw - Highland Park
New Saw blade in box
10" - 8" - 6" Saws
Grinders Polisher, etc.

Joe Ishida 562 914-8330
Call for Prices

Members in the News

Members in the news in **July**.

Beatriz Garcia Dela Rocha
Chuck Lortz
Marilyn Kline
Norberto Elicker

Your gemstone is Ruby.
Your flower is Larkspur or Water Lily.

Members in the news in **August**.

Walton Wright
Sandy Mogan

Your gemstone is Sardonyx
Your flower is Poppy or Gladiolus

Members in the news in **September**.

Dave Swanston
Don Ogden
Don Warthen
Eleanore Pleines
Irene Veloz
Loretta Ogden
Melody Hanson
Mike Maneth
Randi Hetrick
Robyn Hawk

Your gemstone is Sapphire.
Your flower is Aster or Morning Glory.

Membership Corrections

Bill & Izzy email - iznbill@aol.com
Valle, Jay & Kathy
email - res19pnb@verizon.net
Remove Phylis Radbaugh
Nancy Bright Ph - (909) 576-3288

Why Be An Officer?

By Norm & Lucille Hewer Metro-Detroit Club,
via *CFMS Newsletter*, Sep 2006

Why be an officer? It can only mean meetings, rallies, dinners and lots of work. You'll sometimes get the blunt end of the stick and all complaints are headed in your direction. Are these your thoughts when approached by your nominating committee? If so, why not look at the other side of the card?

You attend an executive meeting. It isn't long and you discover what it takes to keep the club moving forward. Not only that, but now you are a part of the decision making team and your fellow officers are the people you park next to at the rallies or sit next to at the dinners. Together you generate new ideas for the year or maybe a single event to be presented to your members. It's business, fun and fellowship, and better yet, another night out.

At your rallies and dinners you discover how fortunate you are, as being involved you realize how many members you really begin to know. This is one of the greatest opportunities you will have. The friendships you will make within your clubs and other clubs will always be a very valuable memory of your duty as an officer.

Work! Yes, but because of the membership you would serve, it isn't as bad as one might think. There is always someone there to pitch in. They may not always volunteer, but are always there willingly when asked.

Serving your club as an officer is a privilege and a very rewarding experience. The joys are endless and the results gratifying because you were a part of it. Why be an officer? For all the right reasons: friendships, involvement, decision making and most of all, enjoyment. It's a great experience—as we know.

I hope that everyone has now read the article and will bear this in mind when the need for officers in their unit is required.

Without dedicated officers our club would not function. We have many members with an abundance of talent, and I hope this may motivate them to come forward and share in the rewards of participation.

NOC Board Meeting Minutes June 13, 2006

by Pat Felix, Secretary

The meeting was called to order by President, Nancy Bird, one hour prior to the general membership meeting. Board members in attendance were Nancy Bird, Don and Ofelia Warthen, Don and Kathy Eschbach, Loretta Ogden, Pat Felix, Floyd Allen, Frank Winn, and Jay and Kathy Valle.

Pearl Seminar, 7/22/06: Bev will be available as an extra teacher; Kathy will handle food. (Nancy and Loretta arranged the Pearl Seminar.)

The City of La Habra person in charge of children's programs (Steve) is leaving in one week; his replacement is unknown yet.

A couple of club members are needed to supervise kids at Jurupa. Nancy will talk to the Day Care people. There was some discussion regarding spending one or two days with the kids.

Show recap: The show was definitely profitable for the club, and the dealers all seemed to be happy with their profits, so overall, it was a good thing.

The banner was up for only three days, instead of two weeks, due to a date mistake on it by Vertical Presence, who did the banner. It was suggested that the show could have been advertised better, and that next year, it would be good to appoint specific people to be in charge of advertising.

In the kitchen, the food was good, but the kids left too early; drinks and snacks should have been continued past 2 p.m. They do want the job again next year, and it was suggested that they raise their prices in order to increase their profit.

The grab bags of rocks sold out, so it was suggested that next year, we could use more. A "plus" for next year is that we probably won't have to buy geodes or cases, which ate into our profits this year.

It was recommended that we need to get a date for next year's show right away, since the calendar for the community center fills up a year in advance. The CFMS show next year is 6/23/07; ours could be 6/2-6/3/07 or 6/9-6/10/07.

Nancy volunteered to be Show Chairman next year; however, her hip replacement surgery may be around the Fall or early Winter, so it was suggested that she may not be available to work on the Show when needed or consistently, and that perhaps someone who would be, could provide continuity. Don Warthen was asked if he would be Show Chairman again, and will consider it.

The La Puente Club still has 15-20 cases which they would like to get out of their storage unit. By Monday, 6/19, they will transfer them either into the NOC storage unit or into Nancy's garage.

Board meeting adjourned at 7 p.m.

NOC General Meeting Minutes June 13, 2006

by Pat Felix, Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by President, Nancy Bird. Several new members and guests were present.

Isabelle Burns recapped the CFMS Show, at which our club case was entered into competition. Our case received a blue ribbon, and our club received a stone plaque and a ribbon. Loretta Ogden accepted a trophy on behalf of our club at the Saturday banquet. Members who entered items in the case included Bob Cordero, Ofelia Warthen, Loretta Ogden, and Ginny Grafton. We received a total of 96 points; a few points were lost for lack of labeling on some items and uniformity of labeling on some others in the case. There were 41 cases altogether in the competition. There are fields of competition; our field was "Open", in which there were only three competitors.

Isabelle Burns is the Scholarship Chairman of the CFMS. She said she enjoyed awarding \$2,000 in scholarships to three college students majoring in geology, etc., because they were all so bright and promising.

There were many new members present at this meeting due mainly to the efforts of our Membership Chairman, Don Eschbach, at the Show on 6/3 & 6/4.

NEW MEMBERS:

Deb & Jerry Grey
Melody & Jennifer Hanson
Janet Harvey (Returning Member)
Randi Hetrick
Marilyn Kline
Grace Piccone
Don Rees
Carole & John Robinson
Mariana Rodriquez
Richard & Yolanda Schirer
Dave & Fran Swanston

PROGRAM: Loretta Ogden introduced David Burton and his daughter, Kerry Burton, to discuss opal. David is the owner of Lapidary International at Hobby City on Beach Boulevard. His knowledge captivated all present, and he brought examples of opals which were very unusual and beautiful, and passed them around. He was sorry to say that Hobby City itself, in which his business is currently located, is scheduled to be demolished for new construction by the city, and he is not yet sure where he will relocate.

PEARL SEMINAR: Plans for the Pearl Seminar this summer were reconfirmed for 7/22/06 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at the La Habra Community Center. The speaker will be Francis Lau, who owns pearl farms in China. Francis is a certified gemologist and a member of the Monterey Park Gem and Mineral Club. There will be pearls for sale at a very good price and instruction in buying and stringing pearls.

Correction to minutes of the last meeting: Nancy Bird's display in the La Habra Community Showcase will follow Bob Cordero's.

Don Warthen gave the Treasurer's Report for the month of May. The amount of money to be donated to the Boys and Girls Club of La Habra has yet to be determined by the Board of NOC.

The NOC Club summer picnic on 7/30/06 could be held at either Clark Park or at the Valle's. Information will be forthcoming.

Don Eschbach reported that classes on wire wrapping and making cabochons will be held in September so that all new members can be there.

Camp Paradise will offer classes for two weeks in September, '06, and for one week at Zzyzyx in March, 2007.

The meeting was adjourned at 9 p.m.

Safety

by Bill Buckner, AFMS Safety Chair
AFMS Newsletter, 6/03, via CFMS Newsletter p/06

Concerns of safety issues in our shops, studios, or whatever we call our places where we work with lapidary concerns and jewelry making.

1. Ventilation: either have enough room or have some way to get enough fresh air that there is no danger of breathing problems.

2. Eye safety: a pair of safety glasses (either prescription or goggles) are needed when using machinery and rocks or minerals. In breaking stones, sawing stones, grinding stones, or polishing stones small pieces of rock could hit your eye and cause damage.

3. Chemicals that we use: care should be taken to be extremely safety minded when we use these toxic chemicals. Follow directions on the containers. Most chemicals that mix with water should be mixed into water, not water added to the chemicals.

4. Storage of chemicals: they should always be stored in a safe place with a good cover on them and out of reach of small children. I try to store mine in a wood rack with wooden dividers between the bottles or containers. They should always be labeled properly.

A few DO NOT'S:

A. Do not store gasoline or use it in a room where have a gas water heater or any gas appliances with pilot lights.

B. Do not haul acetylene in a closed trunk or car or truck cab without at least two windows open at least two inches. When there is an acetylene leak enough gas might build up to cause an explosion.

C. Do not try to use tools or torches when you are drowsy from medication. In fact it is a good idea to rest a little while before you go into your shop if you feel tired or sleepy.

D. Do not forget ventilation.

Some DO'S:

A. Do be careful.

B. Do have a good time.

C. Do good work.

D. Do be available to help someone who needs it.

E. Do share your love of your hobby with others.

Be careful and do good work.

NOC Show

La Habra Community Center
June 3-4, 2006

By Don Ogden





OMYA Field Trip

May 17, 2006

By Don Ogden and Jay Valle

Mining of calcium carbonate at the OMYA mine. Calcium carbonate ore is rock of either sedimentary or metamorphic origin. Limestone, the sedimentary ore, is a rock formed from accumulation of hard parts of organisms or from direct precipitation from seawater due to chemical changes caused by marine life. The principal elements in calcium carbonate are calcium, carbon and oxygen. It has many commercial uses.



NOC Cabbing Class

By Don Ogden

The first NOC Cabbing Class was given to new members on June 28, 2006 at the La Habra community Center. The new members were: *Yolanda Schirer, Richard Schirer, Randi Hetrick, Melody Hanson, Marilyn Kline, and Frank Winn.*

Don Eschbach was the principal teacher with the help of *Jay Valle, Don and Ofelia Warthen.* All new members made beautiful cabs.

Kim Winn came to support her husband and I to help out.



Pearl Class 2006

By Don Ogden

The Pearl Class was given on July 22, 2006 at the La Habra community Center by Francis Lau of the Monterey Park Gem Society. Thirty one persons attended.



NOC Wire Wrap Class

By Don Eschbach

The first NOC Wire Wrap Class was given on July 25, 2006 at the La Habra community Center.

Don Eschbach was the principal teacher with the help of *Jay Valle*, and *Don Warthen*.

The students were: *Yolanda Schirer*, *Richard Schirer*, *Randi Hetrick*, *Melody Hanson*, *Marilyn Kline*, *Ofelia Warthen*, and *Loretta Ogden*.



La Habra Day Camp

July 24, 2006

By Don Ogden

Geology at the La Habra Day Camp at the La Habra Veterans Center was hosted by the North Orange County Gem & Mineral Society. Principal teachers were: Don & Kathy Eschbach, Bill & Izzie Burns, Don & Ofelia Warthen, Don & Loretta Ogden, and Nancy Bird President. The children learned how to make cabochons (precious stone cut in a convex shape), and created jewelry with them. They also had an introduction in Geology.

