

NOC GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY

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President's Message

by Nancy Bird

Hi Everyone!

I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving and are getting ready for the next couple of holidays. May each and every one of you have a Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year.

What a fabulous pair of auctions we had at the last meeting! Thanks to all who donated items and bid on all the treasures we did better than we've ever done. I did make a mistake by putting the Rosary which had been won by Eleanore Pleines in the wrong pile. If you found it in your stuff would you please return it to either me or Eleanor-thanks.

Loretta Odgen and I are in the final planning stages of our Christmas dinner. We hope you will all come-we will have great food and always lots of fun. If you plan on being there but haven't signed up yet, let Don Warthen and/or me know. It's \$12 per person and you should bring an unwrapped toy and can goods.

Well, it certainly has been a productive 2 years but I'm more than glad to hand over the reins. I know you all will help Don Eschbach in any way you can. I wish him the very best as our new President.

See you at the dinner-Nancy Bird

Refreshments

In December, Gaetano's Italian Restaurant will supply the goodies. Thanks to Marilyn Kline and Randy Hetrick for bringing the goodies to the November meeting.

NOC Club Activities

Board Meeting — TBD

Field Trip — Nov., Opal Mountains, Date TBD

Deadline for NOC News — Dec. 17.

Show Meeting — Dec. 6

Jade Cruise — Jan. 19-22, 2007

Christmas Dinner & Installation of Officers

Date: December 12

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Place: Gaetano's Italian Restaurant
2429 Whittier Blvd., La Habra, CA



Members in the News

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

Jerry Frey

Jane Hendrixon

Pat Mogan

Your gemstone is Turquoise

Your flower is Holly or narcissus

Shows and Events

January 20-28 2007, Redlands, CA

The Mineralogical Society of Southern CA
42nd. Pacific Micromount Conference
San Bernardino County Museum
2024 Orange Tree Lane (exit North on California
St. from I-10
Hours: Fri. 7 - 10; Sat. 10 - 10; Sun. 9 - 12

February 16 - 25, 2007, Indio, CA

San Gorgonio Mineral & Gem Society
Riverside County Fair & National Date Festival
Gem amp; Mineral Building Bldg #1
46-350 Arabia Street
Hours: 10 am - 10 pm
Bert Grisham: (915) 849-1674

March 3-4 2007, Arcadia, CA

Monrovia Rockhounds
Los Angeles County Arboretum & Botanical Garden
301 N. Baldwin Ave.
Hours: 9 - 4:30 both days
Jo Anna Ritchey
Email: j.ritchey@verizon.net
Website: www.moroks.com

March 3-4 2007, Ventura, CA

Ventura Gem & Mineral Society
The Ventura Gem Show: Gems; Minerals, Lapidary
Arts, & Fossils
Seaside Park- Ventura County Fairgrounds, 10 W.
Harbor Blvd.
Hours: Sat. 10 - 5; Sun. 10 - 4
Ed Clark (805) 983-0028
Email: clarkoe@adelphia.net
Website: www.vgms.org

June 2-3 2007, La Habra, CA

North Orange County Gem & Mineral Society
La Habra Community Center
101 W. La Habra Blvd.
Hours: 9 - 5 both days
Don Warthen (626) 330-8974

Christmas Party

by Nancy Bird

The Christmas Party will be **December 12** at
**Gaetano's Italian Restaurant 2429 Whittier
Blvd., La Habra, CA (between Beach and Valley
Home)** starting at 6:00 p.m.

The food will again be provided by Gaetano's in
La Habra.

The menu will be

Salad,
Chicken Parmesean,
Baked Zitti,
Dessert.

Wines are for purchase..

The cost will be **\$12 per person**-please send your
checks to Don Warthen asap. Make checks payable
to NOC Gem & Mineral Society.

Don Warthen
15455 Tetley Ave.
Hacienda Heights, CA 91745

Anyone not contacted or who has changed their
mind-please let me know-Nancy Bird (562) 947-
6845 or nancyjbird@earthlink.net

PS: Bring unwrapped gifts and food for the needy.

Installation of the NOC officers for 2007 will
follow the dinner.



June 15-17 2007, Lancaster, CA

CFMS Convention & Show
Palmdale Gem & Mineral Club
Antelope Valley Fairgrounds
Hours: 9-5 Daily
Email: pgmc@antelecom.net

NOC General Meeting Minutes November 14, 2006

by Jay Valle

Nancy called meeting to order and led flag salute.

21 Members, 2 guests present.

No corrections to the October Meeting Minutes.

Treasurer's Report:

- Storage rental is due and has increased again.
- The Directors and Officers Insurance deductible had been reduced due to more participation by more clubs.

2007 Show Report:

- Don Warthen reported that Show jobs are still available.
- Show will be the first weekend in June.
- Show meeting called for December 6 (Weds), 6 pm at Community Center

Federation Report:

- Loretta informed us that the CFMS dues was increasing.

Field Trip:

- Jay Valle said that the Thanksgiving Weekend field trips would be to Opal Mountain, led by Jay Valle and to Wiley's Well, the CFMS field trip led by Bob Fitzpatrick. Contact Jay Valle for directions and information if you plan to go. We are joining the Whittier and Pasadena clubs on the Opal Mountain trip.

Librarian:

- A booklist has been produced for members to select from. Ofelia also brought a selection of books for members to check out.

Program for December: Christmas dinner at Gaetano's Italian Restaurant in their banquet room.

- December 12 at 6 pm. Sign up and pay \$12.00/person including guests.
- Bring canned goods and unwrapped toys to donate.

Workshop:

- Tuesdays at 6 PM at Don & Loretta Ogden's house. Call Loretta to let her know you are coming.

Refreshments:

- Kathy Valle asked for volunteers to sign up for 2007 refreshments.

Old/New Business:

- Izzy burns said that the Monterey Park Club has invited NOC to participate in their 10th Anniversary Celebration Christmas Dinner Dance Party/Officers Installation.
- Saturday, December 2, 2006, from 6:30 to 11:00 pm.
- Contact Lester Wong at (818) 749-3522 or Francis Lau at (626) 573-2953

Election of Officers: Don Warthen read the slate of Officers voted on at the last meeting. Nancy opened nominations from the floor - there were none. Loretta Ogden moved that the nominations be closed and motion was seconded. The vote was unanimous that the proposed slate of officers be accepted.

Slate of Officers:

President - Don Eschbach
1st VP - Nancy Bird
Treasurer - Don Warthen
Director - Don Ogden
Director - Richard Schirer

Offices that are midterm and not voted on at this time:

2nd VP - Don Eschbach * this office will be vacated and will be filled per the bylaws in Jan.
Secretary - Pat Felix * this office will be vacated next year and will be filled per the bylaws.
Director - Ofelia Warthen
Director - Bill & Izzie Burns (two people holding this office jointly)
Director - Frank Winn

Silent Auction was started and BREAK TIME was observed. After break, Main Auction was begun and silent auction closed. The Main Auction continued until about 8:50 PM when the bidding was stopped due to time constraints. The money was collected for both auctions and the meeting was adjourned by the President at 9 PM.

Field Trip to the Calico Area November 4 - 5

by Don Ogden

The field trip was hosted by three clubs: the North Orange County Gem and Mineral Society, Pasadena Lapidary Society, and Whittier Gem and Mineral Society.



Friday we checked in at the Oak Tree Inn, in Yermo, and two parties camped at the Whittier Club's claim which is near the Inn.

We had dinner at Penny's Diner with apple pie for desert.



After dinner, we went to our room, chatted, and surfed the Web using the Inn's wireless connection.



Don Warthen Surfing the Web



Group Chatting

Saturday

After breakfast at Penny's Diner, Jay Valle led us to the Whittier Club's claim. Our first stop was at the Red Moss Agate location.



Richards first rock



We are off to "Bill Izzie Burns Site". Where we collected Palm Wood, Agate, and Jasper.



Bill & Izzie Burns Site

After lunch, Joe Goetz led us to 2 locations where we looked for Palm Wood.



Joe Goetz Site

Saturday night we had our pot luck at a 50's restaurant called "Peggy Sue's. There, we had a nice enjoyable dinner and listened to 50/60's music while we all "stuffed ourselves" with terrific food. The evening ended with a warm campfire tended by Jay Valle at the Whittier Honey Onyx Mine campsite.



Peggy Sue's Diner

Sunday

We had breakfast at Penny's Diner. After breakfast, Dave Kelty lead us to an area near the Calico Early Man Site. This was a terrific location with desert Roses, Palm Wood, Agate, and Jasper.



Dave Kelty's Area



We are off to the Marble location when the front wheel drive car got stuck in the sand.

After getting stuck in the Sand, we ran into a little difficulty with the road we were on ... it turned out to be impassable. Dave Kelty and Jay Valle did a terrific job in getting us all turned around and rerouted to the Marble location. At this location sever people found tiny Garnets on the surface of the Marble.



We went back to the Inn to freshen up for our final dinner at Peggy Sue's.



The top floors of the Inn were occupied by Rail Road workers. They said some trains are two-miles long.



Help Prevent Home Water Damage

by Bill and Izzie Burns
via CFMS Newsletter 12/06

When we returned from the AFMS Convention and Show, we were met with water damage caused by a broken refrigerator ice maker line. The house had water everywhere, mold and mildew in the carpet and walls, warped parquet floor, etc.

Two months later repair work is still not complete. State Farm Insurance is being very helpful so I'd like to share what they recommend to reduce water claims. Anyone of these could prevent much stress.

- Turn off the water supply to the washing machine after each use.
- During freezing conditions, allow water faucets to drip and keep cabinet doors open; insulate pipes that are exposed and accessible.
- Have the roof inspected for wear and replace as needed.
- Inspect the water heater for signs of leaking or corrosion regularly.
- Know where and how to turn off water to the house.
- Inspect washing machine hoses, supply line, ice makers, dishwashers, and other appliances that use water.
- Turn off water at the main line when you are going to be away from the house for an extended period of time.
- When going on a vacation, ask a neighbor, friend or relative to check your home several times while you are away.
- If your city has a Neighborhood Vacation Protection Plan which checks the outside of your house frequently, sign up for it.

We now have a copper ice maker line and when we are away from home for some time, we will give a neighbor a key to check our house and will sign up for the Monterey Park Vacation Protection Plan.

I'm A New Member

from Canaveral Moonstone
via CFMS Newsletter 12/06

I see you at the meetings
but you never say "Hello"
You're busy all the time you're there,
With those you already know.
I sit amongst the people; Yet I'm a lonesome guy;
The "New Members" are as strange as I,
and the "Old Timers" pass me by.
But darn it, you people asked me in,
And you talked of fellowship;
You could just step across the room,
But you never make the trip.
Why can't you nod and say "Hello"
Or stop to shake my hand,
Then go sit among your friends?
Now that I'd understand.
I'll be at the next meeting,
Perhaps a nice evening to spend;
Do you think you could introduce yourself?
I want to be your Friend.

Shop Hints

from Chips 'N Splinters 10/06

Most palm roots have a ring of agate around the eye and a colored center. Cut across the center to bring out the eye. Cutting diagonally across the roots produces an elliptical eye. Source: Agate Explorer, via Rocky Tales 9/2005

Anyone who works with flat silver in making jewelry discovers that sooner or later, every scratch in the metal has to be removed. Common transparent contact paper from the discount store (the sticky kind with the removable backing) is the answer. Place on each side of the silver sheet for protection. What's more, it accepts and holds on permanent ink pen lines and will not pull loose when you are sawing through it. Source: Agate Explorer, via Rocky Tales 9/2005

When tumbling rocks, you can add desert sand to the first grit in the tumbler. Place plain white rice in with the stones for the last polishing. This will do a wonderful job and the rice will keep the stones from chipping. Source: The Hourglass News, via Rocky Tales 9/2005