

NOC GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY NEWS

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President's Message

by Don Eschbach

Hi Everyone,

It was so nice to see so many of you at the Christmas/Awards party. Many NOC members received awards... not just for doing their job as officers or club members, but also for making that "extra special effort" that helps make our club run smoothly.

It was an honor having Mayor Rose Espinoza, along with Past Mayor and current City Council member James Gomez and his lovely wife Brenda, and Mark Sturdevant, Executive Director, La Habra Chamber of Commerce. These honored guest help to promote our club to the City of La Habra.

I will be setting up a Wire Wrapping schedule before the end of January. This will be a series of three classes to start with. Please let me know about your interest in these classes and any other classes that you would like to see our club do.

We are already making great progress on our Jubilee of Gems Show scheduled for June 2008. On Friday evening June 6 we will host a special private, preshow event for local VIP's., e.g., numerous Chamber of Commerce members, police and fire department personnel, and city officials. As always and especially this show, we will need all club members to volunteer and/or help out with various jobs. The success of our show is a joint effort and cannot be accomplished without everyone's participation. Please contact me or Don Warthen if you would like to help out.

Wising all of you a healthy, happy, and successful New Year!

NOC Club Activities

Cab Classes at Loretta Ogden's — 6-9 p.m.
every Tuesday except meeting nights
Board Meeting — To be announced
Field Trip — Santa Barbara January 19
Quartzsite January 26-17
Deadline for NOC News — December 17.

Refreshments

Kathy & Jay Valle will bring the goodies to the January meeting. Kathy will have a sign-up list for the rest of the year.

Programs

by Nancy Bird

Our program for January is by our own member Mike Beaumont on the History of the North American Horse.

Members in the News

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

*Colin Arp
Kim Craig
Jane Hendrixson
Chiyoko Ishida
Don Livezey
Karen Miller
Jana Moreno
Nancy Nehring
Bernie Ruiz*



Your gemstone is Garnet.
Your flower is Carnation or Snowdrop.

Shows and Events

January 25-27 2008, Redlands, CA

The Mineralogical Society of Southern CA
43rd. Pacific Micromount Conference
San Bernardino County Museum
2024 Orange Tree Lane
exit North on California St. from I-10
Hours: Fri. 3 p.m. - 10 p.m., Sat. 8 -6
Sun. Field Trip to Lead Mountain
Information, Registration forms on Show page of
CFMS website - <http://cfmsinc.org>

February 15-24, 2008 Indio, CA

San Gorgonio Mineral & Gem Soc.
Riverside Co. Fair & National Date Festival
46-350 Arabia St. Indio
Hours: 10 - 10
Bill Grisham (951) 849-1674
Email: bert67@verizon.net

February 22-23, 2008, Northridge, CA

Delair Rockhounds
United Methodist Church
9650 Reseda Blvd. (at Superior St.)
Hours: Fri. 3 p.m. - 9:30 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Julia Marin (818) 886-7190
Email: jomarin@disextreme.com

March 1-2, 2008 Arcadia, CA

Monrovia Rockhounds
Los Angeles Arboretum
301 N. Baldwin Ave.
Hours: 9 - 4:30 both days
Jo Anna Ritchey (626) 359-1624
Website: www.moraks.com

March 8-9, 2008 San Marino, CA

Pasadena Lapidary Society
San Marino Masonic Temple
3130 Huntington Drive
Hours: Sat. 10 - 6, Sun. 10 - 5
Drew Wilson (626) 449-4910
Email: TODREW@sbcglobal.net

March 14 - 16, 2008 San Bernardino, CA

Orange Belt Mineralogical Society
Western Regional Little League Park
6707 Little League Drive
Hours: 10 - 5 both days
Emma Couveau (951) 288-6182

April 26-27 2008, Lancaster, CA

The Antelope Valley Gem & Mineral Society
Lancaster High School
44701 32nd St. W.
Hours: 9 - 5 both days
Jules Ficke (661) 943-5157
Email: av_gem@yahoo.com
Website: www.geocities.com.av.gem

May 31 - June 1, 2008 Glendora, CA

Glendora Gem & Mineral Club
859 E. Sierra Madre
Hours: Sat. 10 - 5, Sun. 10 - 4
Bonnie Bidwell (626) 963-4638
Email: Ybidwell2@aol.com

June 7-8 2008, 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
Email: warthen@earthlink.net
Website: nocgms.com

June 27, 28, 29 2008, Ventura, CA

California Federation of Mineralogical Societies
Ventura County Fairgrounds
Hours: 10-5 Daily
Bural LaRue (909) 874-5664
Email: bplarue@earthlink.net

October 18-19 2008, Whittier, CA

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

Letter from Joan

by Joan Abramson

This has been a good year for me. I've been healthy, take long walks daily and in the summer enjoy swimming. I'm active in a local book club whose members have stimulating ideas.

Over the years I've been a real "pack rat" and now I'm weeding out many things, including my filing cabinet. Out of curiosity I began counting how many poems I have written and it came to well over five hundred! I thought of the "fortune 500" people we hear about, many of whom have been corrupt, and it gave me the idea for my annual "Merry Christmas *Acrostic*" - My "Fortune 500."

My entire family will be with me for a Christmas celebration. Since they all live at some distance from each other, it will be wonderful to have them together here.

Have a happy healthy 2008.

Love Joan

! ** *Acrostic* - verse or arrangement of words in which certain letters in each line, such as the first, or last, when taken in order spell out a word, moto, etc.

! ** *Benison* - blessing



Poems by Joan

by Joan Abramson

MERRY CHRISTMAS 2007

My "Fortune 500"

Money makes "Fortune 500's" a class.

Ever increasing their status and wealth,

Recording the billions they've learned to amass,

Regardless of method (or maybe by stealth!)

Yet such prosperity shuns simple pleasures

Control of their assets brings envious praises.

How they soon fade, these ephemeral treasures!

Rewards came to me in composing quaint phrases,

Ideas in poems for family and friends,

Seeking rare imagery, rhythm and rhyme,

Topics for travels and weddings and trends,

Making my "Fortune 500" sublime!

Alive to great memories gold at its best..

Sharing my riches, fulfilling my quest..

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Contentment

Happiness is at the core of life,

Always ready to enrich the day.

People I admire soften strife:

Precious memories don't fade away.

Yearning for contentment? It is near!

Newly ripened fruit, a starry sky,

Ever changing seasons bringing cheer.

Words of challenge keeping hopes up high.

Yes, the darkness seems to checkmate dawn—

Earthquakes, floods and fires never rest.

As Time erodes, my twilight's *benison*

Rewards my life with joy, good health and zest.

Christmas/Awards Party

December 11, 2007



Birthstone for January is Garnet

*Submitted by Ofelia Warthen
Information from Gemstones of the World &
Don Warthen*

Garnet is a group of minerals that have been used since the Bronze Age as gemstones and abrasives. Garnets are most often seen in red, but are available in a wide variety of colors spanning the entire spectrum. The name “garnet” comes from the Latin *granatus* (“grain”), possibly a reference to the *Punica granatum* (“pomegranate”), a plant with red seeds similar in shape, size, and color to some garnet crystals.

Garnets species are found in many colors including red, orange, yellow, green, blue, purple, brown, black, pink and colorless. The rarest of these is the blue garnet, discovered in the late 1990s in Bekily, Madagascar. It is also found in parts of the United States, Russia and Turkey. It changes color from blue-green in the daylight to purple in incandescent light, as a result of the relatively high amounts of vanadium (about 1 wt.% V_2O_3). Other varieties of color-changing garnets exist. In daylight, their color ranges from shades of green, beige, brown, gray, and blue, but in incandescent light, they appear a reddish or purplish/pink color. Because of their color changing quality, this kind of garnet is often mistaken for Alexandrite.

Garnet species’s light transmission properties can range from the gemstone-quality transparent specimens to the opaque varieties used for industrial purposes as abrasives. The mineral’s luster is categorized as vitreous (glass-like) or resinous (amber-like).

Because the chemical composition of garnet varies, the atomic bonds in some species are stronger than in others. As a result, this mineral group shows a range of hardness on the Mohs Scale of about 6.5 to 7.5. The harder species, like almandine, are often used for abrasive purposes

Lore, Magic and Romance surround the garnet, and through the ages the stories and superstitions involving this prominent gemstone are many.

Garnets are said to bestow its wearer with guidance in the night, allowing him to see where others cannot. Legend has it, Noah hung a large garnet in the Ark for illumination.

Garnets have been thought to protect their wearer from nightmares, and dreaming about garnets meant a perplexing mystery would soon be solved.

So all you Rockhounds born in January are blessed when camping out, you will not need flashlights at night, just wear your garnets.

Museum Committee

by Don Warthen

The Museum Committee held a meeting on December 18th. This project seems to be getting off the ground and starting to move along. A preliminary committee was formed consisting of Don Eschbach, Mike Beaumont, Ofelia Warthen, Bill & Irzze Burns, Richard Schirer, John Erskine, and Don Warthen as chairman.

The next meeting is set for Thursday, January 10th at 6:00 p.m. Any one wishing to participate in the Museum planning, is welcome to attend and give their opinion.

Dues are Due

by Don Warthen

Dues for 2008 are now due. They can be paid at the January meeting or you can mail them to Don Warthen at 15455 Tetley Hacienda Heights, CA 91745.

Dues are \$20.00 for Family, \$15.00 for individual, and \$10.00 for Student Member (under 25 years of age and currently attending school).

8th Annual Petrified Wood Identification Seminar

by Debbie Bun via CFMS Newsletter 1/08

The Fossils for Fun Society, in cooperation with Sierra College, will present the 8th Annual Petrified Wood Identification Seminar, featuring Walt Wright, Paleobotanist, as lecturer.

Mark your calendars for March 14th through 19th, 2008 for this extremely popular seminar which will be held at Sierra College, Room 101, Sewell Hall, in Rocklin, CA.

This is your opportunity to learn about the complex and beautiful world of petrified wood. Become more knowledgeable about the woods in your own collection and about what and where to collect and buy. Learn about fossilization of wood: its age, origin, and occurrence, and how to identify kinds of petrified wood with simple tools.

Seminar Schedule:

Friday, March 14 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Saturday, March 15 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Sunday, March 16 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

On Monday, March 17th, Walt will lead an optional field trip which will be open to seminar attendees only.

For more information, contact:

Debbie Bunn at (916) 929-6665 or
Carole Lockhart at (916) 638-2314.



New California Law

*by Mike Kokinos, CFMS Tax Advisor
via CFMS Newsletter 1/08*

Current California law requires a tax-exempt organization that has obtained Federal exemption under I.R.C. Section 501(c)(3) to file a complete application for exemption and include the Federal application package. A fee of \$25.00 is required.

The new law is effective January 1, 2008. The California application package will include a Form 3500A and a copy of the Federal exemption letter. The \$25.00 filing fee is not required. The new law only applies where the Federal exemption is under I.R.C. Section 501(c)(3).

This new law almost exclusively affects societies that changed their exemption from another section of the I.R.C. to Section 501(c)(3) but did not follow up and change the California exemption. If this applies to your society, make sure the Form 3500A is not filed until January 1, 2008.

If your Society is able to take advantage of the new law, the Form 3500A can be downloaded from the Franchise Tax Board Website.

I will assist any Society that needs my help.



CFMS Field Trip

To Santa Barbara
January 19, 2008

by Jay Valle
NOC Field Trip Chairman
via CFMS Website

WHEN - January 19th, 2008.

Hosted by -

DelAir Rockhounds Trip leader: Jon Meredith
CO Host San Joaquin Valley Lapidary Society
CO Host Lewis Helfrich CFMS Field Trip
Chairman South
Both Clubs members of the CFMS Field Trip
Co-Op Southern CA.

Where - Santa Barbara, CA (Refugio, Gaviota, and El Capitan State Beaches)

Location/Directions - Refugio Beach is located 20 miles West of Santa Barbara on Highway 101 at Refugio Road.

Map - http://www.parks.ca.gov/lat_long_map/default.asp?lvl_id=242

Restroom - There are public restrooms at all sites, changing rooms at Refugio, and beach "showers" at all sites.

Materials Available - Fossil Whale bone, chert, fossil horse teeth have been found - in creeks, agates, jasper.

What Does It Cost? - Parking fees: \$8.00 per vehicle, fee good for all locations on same day

What do I Need? -

1. You will need Water, shoes, sandals, or old sneakers and old clothes you don't mind getting sandy and a towel or two.
2. Dry clothes for trip home a variety of warm garments (sweatshirts, jackets, etc.) temperatures could be anywhere from 45 to 75.

3. Citrus based hand cleaner for tar removal (there are natural seeps in the Santa Barbara Channel).
4. Food and/or beverages NO ALCOHOL (mini marts closed in winter).

Where Do We Meet? -

1. The day will start at Refugio State Beach at approximately 11 a.m.
2. With low tide at 1413 (2:13 p.m.), this will give us about 2 hours of collecting time here before moving to Gaviota or El Capitan for the low tide period.

Refugio has rock beds which are exposed during mean tide periods where whale bone can be found. This can be quite an eventful trip, depending on weather, wildlife, and civilians.

In January 2006, we collected over 200 lbs of bone as a group. This is a good trip for rockhounds of all ages, and for scout troops, etc.

Please E-Mail me for further information and number of participants going in your group at - Meredith@flashercrew.net.

Or those leaving Bakersfield contact Lew at - lewsrocks@bak.rr.com.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. All participants must sign a CFMS RELEASE OF LIABILITY prior to going on this trip. Lew will have the release and it will be distributed at the meeting site at Refugio State Beach .
2. No Guns or alcohol.
3. These trips are designed to be fun for both young and old . Profane language or disorderly conduct will not be tolerated and delt with accordingly.
4. Every day we are losing rock hounding places due to abuse and neglect. Please pack out more than you packed in .Take what you need. If you dig, fill it in when you are finished .

Hope to see you there:

Jon Meredith

Lew Helfrich (661) 323-2663

Knowing Where You Are Seminar

April 12, 2008

by Dick Pankey via CFMS Newsletter 1/08

Last October Dave Muster, our Field Trip -North chairman, conducted this seminar, which was received with rave reviews. Unfortunately the attendance was low. By popular demand this seminar is scheduled again for April 2008.

The purpose of knowing where you are is two fold. All field trip leaders and collectors need to know where they are and where they should not be. While we may collect on public land - BLM and Forest Service land - we cannot collect on private or claimed land without permission. It is the responsibility of the collector to know the status of the land on which they intend to collect. It is the responsibility of the field trip leader to know the status of the land and determine boundaries before people are led to an area with private land and/or claims.

This seminar addresses what you need to know about determining land status, choosing and reading maps, GPS and other tools.

The seminar will be held on Saturday, April 12, 2008 at the Community Presbyterian Church in Pittsburg CA. An announcement flier with details and directions will be issued in early January. This seminar is for field trip leaders, and all rockhounds that enjoy collecting; all members and guests are welcome.

Mark your calendar now, watch for the announcement flier and plan to attend this informative seminar.



Field Trip to Quartzsite, Arizona

January 26-27, 2008

by Jay Valle

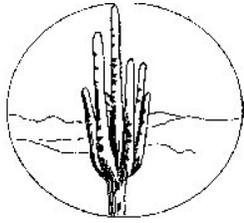
Quartzsite is our destination the last weekend in January. Jay Valle and (hopefully) others will be camping out along Dome Rock Road starting on Thursday, January 24 through Monday, January 28. Dome Rock Road is about 5 miles before you get to Quartzsite and is the last exit before you get to Quartzsite.

We will be in town for the Quartzsite Improvement Association (QIA) Show which includes displays and programs by the Roadrunners, the local rock club. The Roadrunners also lead several nice field trips to local areas (listed below).

If you can make it on other dates, a number of rockhound events are going on between January 1st and the end of February for your rock hounding pleasure.

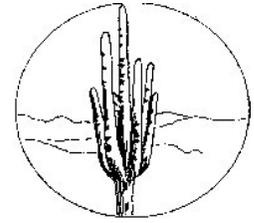
I will try to remember to have my cell phone on during the field trip in case you get lost or need to contact me. The number is (626) 602-5849 and my email is res19pnb@verizon.net if you want more information.





2007 - 2008 Quartzsite Show Schedule

- 1/1 - 2/28 Desert Gardens International Gem, Mineral Show
- 1/11 - 2/3 The Main Event
- 1/23 - 1/27 41st QIA Pow Wow Rocks & Minerals
- 1/30 - 2/3 Hobby, Gem, & Craft Show Big Tent Event
- 1/4 - 1/13 Tyson Wells Rock & Gem Show



Pow Wow Field Trips - During the QIA Pow Wow 2008

Hosted by Quartzsite Roadrunners Gem & Mineral Club

<http://www.qiaaz.org/schedule.htm>

Date	Trip #	Destination	Material	Miles **	Where we Meet
Wednesday	1	12-Mile	Agate, Fossils	12	North
January 23	2	Stone Cabin	Desert Roses	24	South
Thursday	1	Brenda *	Red Jasper	20	East
January 24	2	Bouse	Green Banded Rhyolite	12	North
Friday	1	Salome	Marble	20	East
January 25	2	Quartzsite	Alunite	4	West
Saturday	1	Plomosa Road	Jasper, Hematite	19	North
January 26	2	Aguila	Apache Tears	90	East
Sunday	1	Plomosa Road	Bacon Rock	15	North
January 27	2	Palo Verde	Pastilite	48	East

* High clearance vehicles only

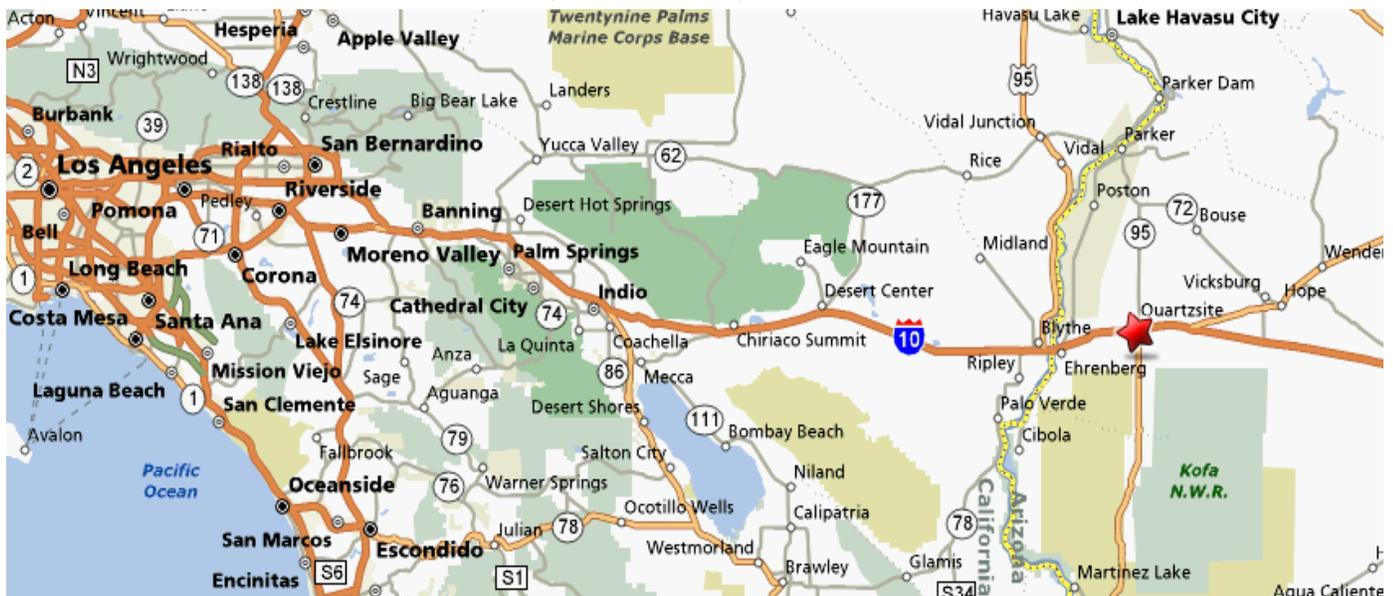
** Mileage figures are approximate and one-way.

All trips depart at 9 a.m. sharp. Come early and check in with the Wagon Master.
Wear comfortable walking shoes. Bring a hat, sack lunch and plenty of drinking water.

Meeting locations:

- North Tyson Drive east of the fire station off Hwy 95, north of Quartzsite
- South Hwy 95 near mile marker 103, south of Quartzsite
- East North side of Kuehn Street, east of Riggles Road (Exit 19)
- West West 0.6 miles on frontage road past Love's Truck Stop (at Exit 17), near Super 8 Motel

Take Hwy 10 all the way to Quartzsite



What is the CFMS

by Don Ogden

Have you ever heard of the CFMS (California Federation of Mineralogical Societies). Some of the new members as well as the old may never had. NOC is a member club. In the December 2007 news letter, Loretta mentioned the NOC members now serving on CFMS committees. Again, Don Warthen - Financial, Loretta - Education Thru Sharing, Jay Valle and Don Ogden - Internet, and Bill and Isabella Burns on Several.

If you want to find out more about the CFMS, visit the website that has a lot of information about it. Following is an article I wrote for the January 2008 CFMS news letter.

CFMS Website

The CFMS Website was updated to Y2008 in early December. Federation/Club Officers, Committee Chairs and Members should check out the site to see that their club, show, email, etc. information is correct. Your input is the only way the site can be corrected.

Following is a brief description of the site for those who have not visited it.

The CFMS Website is an information site. It's location is <http://www.cfmsinc.org>.

Across the top of the screen is a navigation table of contents (nav table). The nav table contains links to web pages that come up on the main area of the screen below it.

There are 12 nav table links. Welcome, Manuals, Forms, Calendar, Clubs, Email, Field Trips, Links, Newsletters, Photos, Shows, and Team.

The main area of the screen changes to the new page when you click on that nav table link.

For example, the Welcome page appears on the screen when the site is turned on. After that, the screen will change to the Form page when you click on the Form link.

Welcome page - Contains the Message Board, and quick links to CFMS info, Earthquake info, Flight arrival, etc.

Manuals page- Contains links to CFMS Slide & Video Program Library, Podium People & Speakers Directory, Society Aids Manual, and the Officers and Chairs Manual.

Forms page - Contains most of the CFMS forms.
Calendar page - Contains photos and some CFMS activity dates.

Clubs page - Contains pertinent information about all CFMS member clubs.

Email page - Contains member, Club/Society, and editors email addresses.

Field Trips page - Contains up and coming field trips and photos of previous trips.

Links page - Contains links to AFMS, other federations and CFMS club web sites.

Newsletters page - Contains links to all CFMS newsletters from December 1998.

Photos page - Contains links to club and federation events from 1999.

Shows page - Contains current CFMS club shows.

Team page- Contains links to current Officers, current Committee members, etc.

BLM Website

via CFMS News Letter 1/08

The Bureau of Land Management has an excellent website to which you can subscribe and receive periodic (normally weekly) emails. Each edition contains a lot of worthwhile information, some of which applies to rockhounding.

Just go to: <http://www.blm.gov/ca/news/newsbytes/>

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