

NOC GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY NEWS

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President's Message

by Don Eschbach

I would like to remind everyone that we have changed the "Silent & Live Auction" to our Tuesday, October 14 Meeting. It is important to note that this meeting will start earlier than normal because it will also include Officer Nominations. **This meeting will start at 6:00 PM.** Please try to be on time, as we will conduct Officer Nominations from 6:00 PM to 6:30 PM prior to the 7:00 PM Silent & Live Auction, which will be open to the public at that time. Please be thinking of items to bring for this very important "Fundraising Event." My thanks to Izzie Burns, Nominating Committee Chairperson and her committee for choosing an excellent slate of Officer nominees for the next two years.

Loretta Ogden who is in charge of our Christmas Installation Dinner, announced it will be held Tuesday, December 9 at the La Habra Community Center with the theme, "Christmas Around The Campfire." Loretta encourages Western Apparel be worn.

I want to give a special thanks to Jay Valle, Pat Mogan and our son, Richard Eschbach who worked very hard along with myself to move all of the storage items in our old storage facility to our new storage facility (A-1 Self Storage) on Sunday, September 21. It was a lot of hard work and I really appreciate their help and dedication to our club.

That's all for now. Kathy and I look forward to seeing you at the October 14 Meeting for a fun-filled Live & Silent Auction!

Refreshments

Thanks to Jay & Kathy Valle for bringing the goodies to the September meeting. Mary Ruiz and Kathy Eschbach will bring the goodies to the October meeting.

NOC Club Activities

Board Meeting — TBD
Field Trip — Searles Lake Club Show
Oct 11-12
Field Trip — Whittier Club Claim Nov. 1-2
Deadline for NOC News — Nov.17.
Show Meeting — TBD
Christmas Party — Dec. 9

Programs

by Nancy Bird

Date: October 14
Time: **6:00 p.m. Main Meeting**
(Nomination of Officers)
7:00p.m. - 9:00p.m. (Auction)
Place: La Habra Community Center
101 W. La Habra Blvd.
Program: Silent and Live Auction -
Members should donate to the
auction. (See page 2.)

Members in the News

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

*Janine Arp
Misha Farinech
Bob Cordero
Susan Hansen
Yolanda Schirer
Ofelia Warthen
Frank Winn
Kim Winn*

Your gemstone is Opal or Tourmaline
Your flower is Calendula or Cosmos

Shows and Events

October 11-12 2008, Trona, CA
Searles Lake Gem & Mineral Society
"66th Gem-O-Rama"
Searles Lake Gem & Mineral Society
13337 Main Street
Hours: Sat. 7:30 - 5; Sun. 7:30 - 4
Bonnie Fairchild (760) 372-5356
Email: glgms@wvisp.com
Web site: <http://www.1.iwvisp.com/tronagemclub/tronagemclub.html>

October 18-19 2008, 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 1-2 2008, Anaheim, CA
American Opal Society
Clarion Hotel Anaheim Resort
616 Convention Way (off Harbor Blvd.)
Hours: Sat. 10-6; Sun 10-5
Jim Lambert (714) 891-7171
Email: jlamb777@yahoo.com
Website: opal.society.org

November 8-9 2008, Lancaster, CA
Palmdale Gem & Mineral Society
2551 W. Ave. H, Hwy 14
Hours: 9-5 both days
Email: SLChaisson@yahoo.com
Website: pgms@antelecom.net

December 6-7 2008, Barstow, CA
Mojave Desert Gem & Mineral Society
Cora Harper Community Center
841 S. Barstow Road
Hours: 10-5 both days
Gene Haines (760) 256-0595
Email: email@mdgms.org
Website: www.mdgms.org

Delvers Show



Picture Rock Display Case



Moving Train Display Case

Christmas Party

Loreta Ogden

Holiday in The Desert

Think about an evening around the campfire. Doesn't that sound good? Well that's what we have planned for our holiday party this year. Plan to be at the Community Center at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday December 9. It will be transformed to the Mojave including the campfire. We will have the traditional American faire with music and good cheer. Mark your calendar and call Don W or Loreta to make your reservation.

Silent and Live Auction

by Don Warthen

Our popular silent and live annual auction is this October meeting. Please bring your beautiful items to be auction off and your monies to bid on items of great value!

This great event will help with the Awards Banquet in December. Last years event was very exciting. So, again, we look forward to having a great Auction at our next meeting!

NOC Librarian To All NOC Club Members

by Yolie Schirer, NOC Librarian

Since I have obtained the position as the NOC Librarian, I received several boxes that contained books, magazines, DVD's, and VCR Tapes. I was also provided an extensive Library Checkout List dating back to 2002.

Items can be checked out for one month. In reviewing the Checkout List there appears to be several NOC Members that may have overlooked returning books, magazines, DVD's, and VCR Tapes to our Library. Please bring them to the October 14, 2008, meeting.

I will bring the Checkout List so the return dates can be posted by your name.

If you would like to contact me, I can be reached at (562) 944-9445 or email yolie11@ca.rr.com.

Thank you for your cooperation.

NOC Officers' Candidate Committee Report

by Isabella Burns, Chairman

We are proud to recommend these Officers for the next two year term: 2009-2010

President	Don Warthen
1st Vice President	Mike Beaumont
2nd Vice-President	Mary Ellen Ruiz
Secretary	Jay Valle
Treasurer	John Erskine
Director to CFMS	Loretta Ogden
Directors	Yolanda Schirer
	Misha Farinech
	Nancy Bird
	Ofelia Warthen
	Bill & Izzie Burns

La Habra Youth Committee Presentation

By Emily Marshall (Chairperson of Youth Committee), Dori Cooley (Vice-Chair of Youth Committee), and Tim Shaw (Committee Advisor)



NOC General Meeting Minutes La Habra Community center September 9, 2008

by Jay Valle, NOC Secretary

Call to Order: President Don Eschbach called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM, followed by the flag salute.

Attendance: The meeting was attended by 27 members & 8 guests.

La Habra Youth Committee: Dori Cooley (Vice-Chair of Youth Committee) and Emily Marshall (Chairperson of Youth Committee) made a presentation about the La Habra Youth Committee, the participants, activities of the committee and plans for this year (going "green"). They thanked the NOC for our financial support. Tim Shaw (Committee Advisor) spoke about his work in the local youth community, particularly with the Youth Committee. Question: how many members are on the Board of the La Habra Youth Committee?

Answer: Emily – 20 members on the Board this year, all in 7th to 12th grades.

Question: Do any other organizations donate money to the Youth Committee?

Answer: No, the rest of the Committee funds come from proceeds from High School Dances, tee shirts sales and other fund raisers. Don Eschbach added that they also worked the kitchen during our last show.

Tim Shaw also spoke about running for the open seat on the La Habra City Council and some of the challenges the City faces trying to keep on budget.

Program: Joe Girtner presented a program about the making of "Hollow-Ware".

<Break & Drawing>

June Minutes: There were no corrections to the June Minutes as posted in the September Newsletter so the minutes will stand as read.

Treasurer's Report: Don Warthen gave the Treasurer's Report for July & August. There were no corrections to the July/August Treasurer's Report so it will stand as read.

Field Trips: Jay Valle informed the members present that the next field trip will be to Ant Hill for shark's teeth and other fossils. It is a day trip and will be on Saturday, September 27. Filter masks, such as for painting, are recommended for people who are sensitive to dust or are concerned about Valley Fever.

Federation Report: Don Warthen and Izzy Burns informed us that the dates of the Xxyzx and Paradise workshops were being changed for next year. Xxyzx will happen in November, probably over Thanksgiving week and Paradise will be moved up into some time in spring.

Librarian: Yolanda Schirer has replaced Ofelia Warthen as the club librarian. She has taken possession of the library and will bring items to check out to the next regular meeting.

Programs: The annual Live & Silent Auction has been moved to the October Meeting which will start at 6:00 PM instead of 7:00 PM to allow the transaction of club business before the actual auction begins. Don't forget that we still need donations for both the silent and live auctions. In November, our speaker will be a photographer who takes pictures of jasper and agate, then prints them onto canvass. Note: If you went to the CFMS Show in Ventura you saw his work, maybe even bought some.

Refreshments: The September refreshments were provided by Jay & Kathy Valle. The October Meeting snacks will be courtesy of Mary Ruiz and Kathy Eschbach.

Show Report: Don Warthen gave the final numbers for the 2008 Gem Show. We are budgeted to give \$1,200 to the La Habra Youth Committee but because we did so well on the Show, we may consider donating more. Whatever we decide, the check will be presented at the City Council meeting the first Monday in October. A kickoff meeting for the 2009 show will be held on Tuesday, September 16 at the La Habra Community Center. We will discuss the committee assignments and changes to the show. Note: Next year's show has already been scheduled for the first weekend in June (June 6 & 7). We will also be discussing if we want to continue to do the Friday night event and the Thursday morning breakfast.

Social Secretary: Richard Schirer spent several days in the hospital over the summer.

Museum Committee (New): Don Warthen announced that the Museum Committee would be meeting Tuesday, September 30, 6:30 PM at the Community Center. All interested members should come to this meeting.

Workshop Committee (New): Mike Beaumont told us that he had been working with John Erskine and Nancy Bird to locate a site for our workshop. He is following up on several leads in La Habra and Uptown Whittier. On another note, Mike informed us that he has been in discussions with the city of Westridge about 50 boxes of fossils collected at the Westridge Golf Course which they may donate to the club.

Supplemental Agenda:

- President Don Eschbach reminded us that the October 14 regular meeting would be starting at 6:00 PM, not the usual 7:00 PM.

- Don Eschbach informed the members present that the Board had voted to bestow a Life-Membership on Walt Wright. This also requires a vote by the regular membership. Don said that Walt has been a staunch supporter of the NOC for many years. He has done numerous presentations without accepting any money, he's a mentor to our club and supports us at our show, displaying and explaining petrified wood. **MOTION to Grant an Honorary Life-Membership to Walt Wright** was made by Richard Schirer, **SECONDED** by Dave Swanston. The Motion was carried unanimously, none opposed.

- Don Eschbach presented the case for increasing the size of our club storage space. We have a lot of valuable equipment stored at people's houses which are currently outside under tarps. The new location will double our storage space and allow us to keep this equipment safe and dry until we are ready to use them. It is closer to the Community Center and has extended hours of 6 AM -10 PM which would allow us to return our show stuff back into storage Sunday night, rather than waiting until Monday morning. The new facility will cost the club an additional \$600.00/year. The Board had already approved the change but, since this requires an additional outlay in club funds, it must be approved by the general membership as well.

A MOTION to proceed with the Change of Storage Facilities was made by Mary Ruiz, **SECONDED** by Misha Farinech. The Motion was carried unanimously, none opposed.

- Don Eschbach told us that he had appointed Izzy Burns to be the Chairperson of the Nominating Committee for new officers. The Board had selected Ofelia Warthen to be their representative on the committee. Three more committee members were needed to be selected by the General Membership present. Mike Beaumont, Yolanda Schirer and Misha Farinech were nominated.

- The City of La Habra has informed us of new rules regarding the use of City Facilities for our meetings and functions. The rooms used must be as clean when we leave as when we entered otherwise we will be charged a cleaning fee.

- Don Eschbach let us know that Walt Wright has several saws, including a 36" slabbing saw which he would like to donate to our permanent workshop when we get it established. This makes finding a location for the workshop even more important. Izzy Burns pointed out that a block of money in our bank account was earmarked specifically for use in obtaining or maintaining a workshop. Walt also has 4 display cases 1 large case which needs a new liner and other work. He would like to see it donated to the La Habra Library to replace their smaller case. At present we don't have a place to store it but when the new storage location is ready we can take it. Don E. noted that such a donation to the library would enhance our reputation with the city.

New Business:

- Nancy Bird asked for field trippers to pick up extra rock specifically for grab bags. The 2008 Show received a donation of 7 buckets of rock from Eva Niedbalec of the Palomar Club, otherwise we would have been short.

- Shirley Leesan has posted a call for action for concerned rockhounds to write letters to their congressmen about a new wilderness bill by Diane Feinstein that will cover all of Southern California. The hope is to flood the offices of Senator Feinstein and other members of congress with letters against this bill.

-Ofelia Warthen informed us that the items in the display case in the front lobby of the Community Center has not changed since before our 2008 Show and asked members to provide rocks, etc. to replace the items currently on display.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Carnelian

History - Carnelian was named after the red-orange Kornel cherry, Carnelian was believed by the Romans to be a stone of courage—able to shore up confidence and strength. In ancient Egypt, the stone was placed on mummies to assist the dead in their journey to the afterlife.

Healing Properties - From antiquity, carnelian has been worn in cameos in the belief that it will ward off insanity and depression. In contemporary times, carnelian is thought by some to enhance self esteem, to combat feelings of inadequacy, and to increase physical energy. In the home, it is sometimes used as a talisman to protect against fire and misfortune. Carnelian is associated with the solar plexus chakra (the yellow chakra), in which imbalances are thought to cause digestive problems, as well as lack of confidence.

Description - Carnelian is a variety of chalcedony and is a micro-crystalline quartz. It appears in a vibrant range of fire-orange reds to brown-reds and has a dull, waxy luster (as opposed to the vitreous quality of crystal quartzes such as amethyst). The reddish tints in the translucent stone are due to one of its ingredients: iron oxide.

Mineral Information -

Chalcedony microcrystalline quartz group

Chemical Composition - SiO_2

Color - Flesh-red to brown-red

Hardness - 6 1/2 - 7

Specific Gravity - 2.58-2.64

Refractive Index - 1.530-1.539

Occurrence - Carnelian is found in India, Brazil and Uruguay. In India, the stone is treated with exposure to the sun that turns brownish tints to purer reds.

Whittier Club Claim

Field Trip * November 1-2

by Don Eschbach

Information on the Oaktree Inn for those who would like to stay in a room for the two nights:

Oaktree Inn

35450 Yermo Dr.

Phone: (760) 254-1148

Take the Ghost Town Road Turnoff

AARP or AAA Discount \$79.75 per night

Dinner is open 24 hours a day

Holloware

Tools used for making holloware (Danish-Type Silversmithing), and holloware made by Joe Girtner.



Ant Hill Field Trip - Northeast of Bakersfield

September 27, 2008

NOC members attending the field trip - Jay Valle, Don Ogden, Pat Mogan, and Frank Winn.



67th ANNUAL GEM-O-RAMA

Sponsored by the Searles Lake Gem & Mineral Society

October 11-12, 2008 Saturday 7:30AM to 5PM - Sunday 7:30AM to 4PM
SLG&MS Lapidary and Show Building - 13337 Main St. (corner of Main & Trona Rd.)

TRONA, CALIFORNIA

OUTSTANDING SHOW - FREE ADMISSION

FIELD TRIPS

SEARLES DRY LAKE - (2 1/2 hour trips on Saturday, 4 1/2 hours on Sunday)

Registration: **7:30-9:00 am** and **1:30-2:30 pm** - you must register during these times to go on field trips

Mud Trip- Saturday Only - Departure 9AM- Cluster & barrel hanksite, trona, borax - **\$10 per car**

Blow Hole - Saturday Only - Departure 2:30PM- Hanksite, halite, borax, sulfohalite - dry surface- **\$10 per car**

Pink Halite - Sunday Only - Departure 9AM- In brine, beneath hard salt - **\$15 per car**

Pinnacles National Natural Landmark - Self guided, info at show - **FREE**

Searles Valley Minerals' Plants - **Saturday only**: 11,12, 1 and 2 - in bus - **FREE**

SEARLES LAKE PINK HALITE

FROM THE SOURCE - WHOLESALE PRICES

All Pink Halite collected with permission of Searles Valley Minerals

OTHER SHOW ACTIVITIES

20 Dealers - 50 exhibits - Geode cutting and sales - Demonstrations - Games - Gem dig - **Free** parking

Snacks & drinks - **Grand Prize Drawing** - Hourly door prizes

Good Food in Catered Cafeteria in Show Building

LUNCH: Sat. and Sun. - 10AM to 4PM **DINNER**: Fri. (\$7.00) and Sat. (\$8.00)- 5PM to 7PM

COMMUNITY EVENTS

PANCAKE BREAKFAST- TRONA COMMUNITY CHURCH (2 blocks north of show)

Sat. 6 to 10AM, Sun. 6 to 10AM - **Adults \$4.00, children under 7 \$2.00**

Large groups - make advanced reservations for prompt service - call (760)372-5106

HISTORY HOUSE & OLD GUEST HOUSE MUSEUM - Sat. 10AM to 4PM, Sun. 10AM to 2PM

FORMER TRONAN'S PICNIC @ Round School - 10AM-3PM, Lunch 12 noon

TRONA ELKS LODGE DINNER - Sat. starts at 3PM, **\$8.00**, Deep pit BBQ, beef & pork

ACCOMMODATIONS

VALLEY WELLS RECREATION AREA - 5.3 miles north of show, **\$5/vehicle (dry camp, no resv.)**

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Visit our web page at www.1iwvisp.com/tronagemclub/ or call Jim or Bonnie Fairchild (760)372-5356

Note: above times and prices for show may change - check here for updates - updated on 13 September 2008

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