

NOC GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY NEWS

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President's Message

by Don Eschbach

Hey, how about that Auction? The Auction was a great success and Don Warthen did an outstanding job as Auctioneer!

Veterans Day falls on the second Tuesday in November; therefore, **“we have changed the November NOC General Meeting to the third Tuesday of the month — November 18.**

Loretta Ogden is putting together a fantastic Christmas Installation Dinner. It will be held, Tuesday, December 9 at 6:30 PM, at the La Habra Community Center with the theme, “Christmas Around The Campfire.” Loretta encourages Western Apparel be worn. The charge for the dinner is \$10.00 per person. Please send your checks to Don Warthen or you may bring your check to our next meeting on Tuesday November 18. Don Warthen's address is: 15455 Tetley Street, Hacienda Heights, CA 91745-4416. Please be sure to telephone Loretta Ogden at (909) 598-2457 to make your reservation.

We still need a “Show Theme” for our June 2009. Some suggestions include, Bling!, Local Geology, California Faults, Earthquake Country and the many Facets of Earth Science. Put your thinking caps on and contact Don Warthen with your suggestion(s).

Jewel Tunnel Imports will be holding their Annual Open House for local Gem & Mineral Clubs to attend. I will need a count of how many people are planning to attend this event so that Jewel Tunnel staff can plan food and refreshments. The Open House will be held on Sunday, November 23 at 10:00 AM. Their address is: 13100 Spring ST., Baldwin Park, CA 91706-2283. (I will ask for a count at our November 18 meeting.)

NOC Club Activities

Board Meeting — TBD
Field Trip — Whittier Club Claim Nov. 1-2
Show Meeting — TBD
Christmas Party — Dec. 9

Programs

by Nancy Bird

Date: November 18
Time: **7:00 p.m.**
(Election of Officers)
Place: La Habra Community Center
101 W. La Habra Blvd.
Program: If any of you went to the Federation show in June you probably saw Mike Woodward's photography. It is absolutely fabulous how he makes “rocks” appear like art. This will be a great opportunity to get some unique presents so don't miss it!

Members in the News

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

*Jerry Grafton
Jane Livezey
David J. Miller, Jr.
Mary Ellen Ruiz
Richard Schirer
Fran Swanston*

Your gemstone is Topaz
Your flower is Chysanthemum

Refreshments

Thanks to Mary Ruiz and Kathy Eschbach for bringing the goodies to the September meeting. Izzie Burns and Loretta Ogden will bring the goodies to the November meeting.

Shows and Events

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

Christmas Party & 2009/10 Officer Installation

Loretta Ogden

Christmas Around the Campfire with American Food, Music, and Fun

Date: December 9
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Place: La Habra community Center
101 w. La Habra Blvd.
Cost: \$10.00 per person
Send check to: Don Warthen
15455 Tetley St.
Hacienda Heights, CA 91745-4416
For reservations
Call: Loretta Ogden (909) 598-2456

Beading

by Dee Holland, CFMS Rules Committee

The CFMS Executive Board will be considering authorizing the CFMS Rules Committee on a one year trial basis the new BEADING section in CFMS competition. The Beading section will be part of the packet sent out to all directors. Two Master and Two Advanced Trophies will be added for this one year only.

The reason for this is as follows: The CFMS show will be in April, 2009. We have people within the CFMS who (we hope and urge) will enter this competition. We'd like to have CFMS on the cutting edge of this Beading proposal so we can take the information we learn in April to the AFMS Uniform Rules Committee meeting in July in Billings, MT.

Also included in the packet for the CFMS Fall Business meeting (November) will be the Supplemental Rules usually found in the January issue of the CFMS Newsletter. This is being done in November so that the information is out early enough for the April CFMS show. The only exception in the Supplemental Rules is the suspension of the Ultra-Violet Trophy by Greg Anderson until further notice.

Safety

*via Rock Rattler 10/96, Rock Rollers 8/07, and
Del-Air Bulletin 1/08*

Licking rocks can be dangerous, and even FATAL!! Always use water from a squirt gun or bottle to wet stones. At least one death has been attributed to a fungus contracted from licking a rock specimen.

Materials containing Arsenic, Mercury, Selenium, some of the Boron and even Phosphate minerals can be deadly.

Elect Your NOC Officers for 2009/2010

by the Nominating Committee

Isabella Burns - Chair
Ofelia Warthen
Mike Beaubont
Yolanda Schirer
Misha Farinech

The Nomination Committee officers nominations for the NOC 2009/2110 term are:

President:	Don Warthen
1st Vice-President:	Mike Beaumont
2nd Vice-President:	Mary Ellen Ruiz
Secretary:	Jay Valle
Treasurer:	John Erskine
Directors:	Loretta Ogden: CFMS
Director	Yolanda Shirer Misha Faraneck Nancy Bird Ofelia Warthen Bill & Izzy Burns (1 position shared)

Voting shall be by secret ballot at the November NOC business meeting.

Each of the above nominations is for a two- year term.

CFMS Officers Election

via CFMS Newsletter

The Nominating Committee submitted the following individuals for the 2009 officers of the CFMS. The election will be held at the Fall Business Meeting in Visalla, CA on November 9, 2008.

1st VP/Pres. Elect	Fred Ott
2nd VP	Jim Brace-Thompson
Treasurer	Bud McMillin
Secretary	Tony Fender
Secretary	Susan Chaisson-Walblom

Dues of CFMS Member Societies

by Lois Allmen

Due to the deficit budgets that have been run by the AFMS and CFMS for the past several years, an increase in dues of Fifty Cents (\$.50) for each member of each club was discussed at the July, 2008 CFMS Meeting in Ventura. It was recommended by the Executive Committee that the Directors approve the raise at their November, 2008 meeting in Visalia. The proposed change is as follows (note: change in wording is underlined):

ARTICLE IV, Dues Section 1, the Dues of Membership Societies.

The dues of Membership Societies shall be Two Dollars (\$2.00) annually per individual member of the local society, regardless of membership classification, including Junior Members, but excepting CFMS Honorary Members. The dues shall be payable on January 1st of each year based on a membership of December 31st of the previous year, a membership list for which shall accompany the dues payment.

Revised 11/08

Note: Dues are currently \$1.50 per member, of which \$.50 is forwarded to the AFMS. Another \$6.00 per member pays for our basic liability insurance policy for a total of \$7.50 per member. This increase, of \$.50 (\$.25 to AFMS and \$.25 to CFMS) would make the total \$8.00 per member.



NOC General Meeting Minutes La Habra Community center October 14, 2008

by Jay Valle, NOC Secretary

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

Attendance: The meeting was attended by 32 members and 6 guests.

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

November Meeting Date Change Reminder: Don Eschbach reminded us that the next regular meeting will happen on November 18, the 3rd Tuesday of the month, due to Veteran's Day occurring on the November 11 this year (the Community Center will be closed for the holiday.) Don Ogden will put this information into the November bulletin and on the NOC webpage.

Nominations for 2009/2010 Officers: President Don Eschbach thanked Izzy Burns for her work as chairperson of the Nominating Committee and asked for the results. The Nominating Committee which consisted of Izzy Burns (Chair), Ofelia Warthen, Mike Beaumont, Yolanda Schirer and Misha Farinech came up with the following proposed slate of officers for the 2009/2010 term.

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Director	
	Yolanda Shirer
	Misha Faraneck
	Nancy Bird
	Ofelia Warthen
	Bill & Izzy Burns

Don Eschbach then asked for nominations from the floor. There were no additional nominations. He then instructed us that the members present at the November Meeting would vote on the proposed slate of officers by secret ballot.

The meeting was adjourned and setup began for the silent and live auctions.

Jay Valle, NOC Secretary
October 23, 2008

Whittier Club Claim Field Trip * November 1-2

by Don Ogden



You Think English is Easy

via Scribe July/Sep 2008

Can you read these right the first time?

- 1 - The bandage was **wound** around the **wound**.
- 2 - The farm was used to **produce produce**.
- 3 - The dump was so full that it had to **refuse** more **refuse**.
- 4 - We must **polish** the **Polish** furniture.
- 5 - He could **lead** if he would get the **lead** out.
- 6 - The soldier decided to **desert** his dessert in the **desert**.
- 7 - Since there is no time like the **present**, he thought it was time to **present** the **present**.
- 8 - A **bass** was painted on the head of the **bass** drum.
- 9 - When shot at, the **dove dove** into the bushes.
- 10 - I did not **object** to the **object**.
- 11 - The insurance was **invalid** for the **invalid**.
- 12 - There was a **row** among the oarsmen about how to **row**.
- 13 - They were too **close** to the door to **close** it.
- 14 - The buck **does** funny things when the **does** are present.
- 15 - A seamstress and a **sewer** fell down into a **sewer** line.
- 16 - To help with planting, the farmer taught his **sow** to **sow**.
- 17 - The **wind** was too strong to **wind** the sail.
- 18 - Upon seeing the **tear** in the painting, I shed a **tear**.
- 19 - I had to **subject** the **subject** to a series of tests.
- 20 - How can I **intimate** this to my most **intimate** friend?

Let's face it - English is a crazy language. There is no egg in eggplant, nor ham in hamburger; neither apple nor pine in pineapple. English muffins weren't invented in England nor French Fries in France.

Sweetmeats are candies while sweetbreads, which aren't sweet, are meat.

We take English for granted, but if we explore its paradoxes, we find that quicksand can work slowly, boxing rings are square and a guinea pig is neither from Guinea nor is it a pig.

And why is it that writers write but fingers don't fing, grocers don't groce and hammers don't ham?

If the plural of tooth is teeth, why isn't the plural of booth, beeth? One goose, 2 geese. So one moose, 2 meese? One index, 2 indexes?

If teachers taught, why didn't preachers praught?

Doesn't it seem crazy that you can make amends but not one amend? If you have a bunch of odds and ends and get rid of all but one of them, what do you call it?

Sometimes I think all the English speakers should be committed to an asylum for the verbally insane. In what language do people recite at a play and play at a recital, ship by truck and send cargo by ship, have noses that run and feet that smell?

How can a slim chance and a fat chance be the same, while a wise man and a wise guy are opposites? You have to marvel at the unique lunacy of a language in which your house can burn up as it burns down, in which you fill-in a form by filling it out, and in which an alarm goes off by going on.

English was invented by people, not computers, and it reflects the creativity of the human race, which, of course, is not a race at all. That is why, when the stars are out, they are visible, but when the lights are out, they are invisible.

PS. - Why doesn't **Buick** rhyme with **quick**?



Don Eschbach and Don Warthen presenting the NOC donation to the La Habra Youth Committee at the City Council meeting.



**NOC Silent and Live Auction
on October 14, 2008**

