

# NOC GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY NEWS

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## President's Message

*by Don Eschbach*

Hi Everyone,

January 1, 2009, is just around the corner. It is hard to believe that my 2-year Presidency of NOC Gem & Mineral Society is rapidly drawing to a close. During these past two years, we have accomplished a lot during my tenure, which could not have been successful without the support and hard work of our officers, committee chairpersons, and committee members. Looking back over the past two years, I am most proud that we now have begun the process of developing an Earth Science Museum and Workshop. Although we have a long way to go, we have made great strides in laying the groundwork for educating the public and especially the Youth of La Habra, in the field of Earth Science. In addition, we have been most fortunate to have the support of the City of La Habra including the La Habra Youth Committee. Kathy and I have attended many of the La Habra Chamber of Commerce events and have met a multitude of people who "Love La Habra," as we do!

I also felt it was important to establish a Web Site for our club with links to the La Habra Chamber of Commerce. We now have a wonderful Web Site created by Don Ogden. If you haven't seen it yet, go to [www.nocgms.com](http://www.nocgms.com) and click on the various tabs. We also needed Club Patches and Colored Letterhead, which we did not have before. We now have a supply of Club Patches and are using Colored Letterhead. We also reestablish our status as a 501(c)3 non-profit organization with the IRS and also rewrote and re-certified our Articles of Incorporation.

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## NOC Club Activities

Board Meeting — TBD  
Field Trip — TBD  
Show Meeting — TBD

## Christmas Party & 2009/10 Officer Installation

### 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

## Members in the News

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

*Janine Arp  
Wendi Erskine  
Natividad Farquhar  
Pat Mogan  
Charles O'Neil  
Jerry Turner  
Kathleen Turner  
Kathy Valle*

Your gemstone is Turquoise  
Your flower is Holly or Narcissus

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## Shows and Events

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### **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](mailto:email@mdgms.org)  
Website: [www.mdgms.org](http://www.mdgms.org)

### **March 7 - 8 2009, Arcadia, CA**

LA Co. Arboretum & Botanical Garden  
301 North Baldwin Ave. (1 block South of I-210,  
Foothill Freeway)  
Hours: 9 - 4:30 both days

### **March 13, 14, 15 2009, Stoddard Wells, CA**

Victor Valley Gem & Mineral Club  
33rd Annual Tailgate  
Held off Stoddard Wells Road in Apple Valley  
Hours: 10-5 Daily  
Tailgate Map (Google): N34.670650 W117.108983  
(760) 243-2330  
Website: [www.vvgms.org](http://www.vvgms.org)

### **March 14-15 2009, San Marino, CA**

Pasadena Lapidary Society  
San Marino Masonic Center  
3130 Hunting Drive, San Marino  
Hours: Sat. 10 -6 , Sun 10-5  
Drew Wilson (626) 298-1534  
Email: [todrew@sbcglobal.net](mailto:todrew@sbcglobal.net)

### **April 17, 18, 19, & 6 2009, San Jose, CA**

54th Annual CFMS Show, Nature's Showcase  
Hosted by the Santa Clara Valley Gem & Mineral  
Society  
Santa Clara County Fairgrounds  
334 Tully Road  
Hours: 10-5 Daily  
Email: [info@scvgms.org](mailto:info@scvgms.org)  
Website: [www.scvgms.org](http://www.scvgms.org)

### **May 30 -31 2009, Glendora, CA**

Glendora Gems  
859 E. Sierra Madre Ave. Glendora  
Hours: Sat. 10 - 5, Sun. 10-4  
bonnie Bidwell (626) 963-4638  
Email: [Ybidwell2@aol.com](mailto:Ybidwell2@aol.com)

### **June 6-7 2009, 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](mailto:warthen@earthlink.net)  
Website: [nocgms.com](http://nocgms.com)

### **Northwest Federation (NFMS) / AFMS**

July 30 - Aug 2  
Combined Show hosted by Billings G&MC  
Holiday Inn Grand Montana  
5500 Midland Rd.  
Billings, MT  
Hours: 10-5 Daily  
Contact Person: Doug True (406) 670-0506  
Email: [dtruefossils@yahoo.com](mailto:dtruefossils@yahoo.com)  
Website: [www.amfed.org/nfms](http://www.amfed.org/nfms)  
NFMS/AFMS Show Website: [www.amfed.org/nfms/nfmsshow.htm](http://www.amfed.org/nfms/nfmsshow.htm)

### **November 7-8 2009, Lancaster, CA**

Palmdale Gem & Mineral Society  
Antelope Valley Fairgrounds  
2551 W. Ave. H, Hwy 14  
Hours: 9 - 5 both days  
Susan Chaisin-Walblom (661) 943-1861  
Email: [SLChaisson@yahoo.com](mailto:SLChaisson@yahoo.com)  
Website: [palmdalegems.org](http://palmdalegems.org)

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## Refreshments

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Thanks to Izzie Burns and Loretta Ogden for bringing the goodies to the November meeting. December will be the Christmas Party and Officer Installation dinner.

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## NOC Officers Elected for 2009/2010

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Elected at the November 18 meeting 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)

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## CFMS Officers Elected

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CFMS Officers elected 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 Susan Chaisson-Walblom

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## Safety

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*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.

**Jay** be aware!

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We have enjoyed outstanding Field Trips, our Annual Show gets bigger and bigger every year, great Programs and Speakers at our meetings, a superb Live and Silent Auction, numerous Fundraisers, and I have had the honor of teaching many Wire Wrapping Classes. We have also conducted numerous educational classes for the youth and adults.

My sincere thank you to all of you for the honor of serving you as your President and your endless support.

Wishing you a wonderful Holiday Season,

Don Eschbach, President

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## Dues are Due

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Dues are due. Please mail them to:

Don Warthen  
15455 Tetley street  
Hacienda Heights, CA 91745-4416

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## Thank You

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*by Loretta Ogden*

My sincere Thank You to all of you who so generously donated to the meeting raffle. We have had a great time and it is beneficial. If you have any new or fun ideas for next year let me hear about them. As much as I enjoy doing this job I am absolutely willing to give it up so someone else can have the fun of it. If you are interested, lets talk.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all of you but especially those of you I won't see at our Annual Holiday Installation Dinner.

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## NOC General Meeting Minutes La Habra Community center November 18, 2008

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*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 25 members & 3 guests.

**Program:** Mike Woodward takes pictures of rocks and minerals and prints them onto canvas. He spoke about his photographic techniques and philosophy using a slide show featuring his artworks.

### <Break & Drawing>

**October Minutes:** Misha Farinech said that his name had been misspelled in the October Minutes. There were no other corrections to the Minutes as posted in the October Newsletter so the minutes will stand as read with corrections.

**Treasurer's Report:** No report.

**Field Trips:** Jay Valle informed the members present that there are 3 field trip opportunities for the next few weeks. The official club field trip for November 27-30 will be to join the CFMS at Wiley's Well. The unofficial trip is to Afton Canyon where Jay Valle will be camping and collecting over the Thanksgiving Weekend. The last field trip will be to the Calico Mountains, led by Adam Dean (CFMS) and is a 1-day trip on December 13. Maps and information are on the table.

Jay Valle said that he wants to form a field trip committee and asked for interested members. Don Eschbach, Don Ogden and Frank Winn all volunteered to be a part of the committee.

**Vote on 2009 Officers:** A vote was taken by secret ballot on the Proposed Slate of Officers for 2009. It passed unanimously.

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2nd Vice-President:	Mary Ellen Ruiz
Secretary:	Jay Valle
Treasurer:	John Erskine

Directors:	Loretta Ogden: CFMS
Director	Yolanda Schirer
	Misha Farinech
	Nancy Bird
	Ofelia Warthen
	Bill & Izzy Burns (shared pos)

### Supplemental Agenda:

- President Don Eschbach asked Izzy Burns if the Puente Club Bank accounts at Indy Mac had been transferred and she informed us that the transfer had been completed.

- Don Eschbach informed the members present that the Board had voted to require 2 signatures on future NOC checks for security reasons. There will also be 2 alternate signers in the event the primary account signers are not available.

- Don Eschbach told us that we were forming a By-Laws Committee to review our club By-Laws for possible changes or corrections. Izzy Burns will chair the committee which will meet early next year.

- Christmas Installation Dinner: Tuesday, December 9, 6:30 PM at the La Habra Community Center. This year's theme: "Christmas Around the Campfire". Loretta Ogden said that it is a Western Theme party and asks people to get into the spirit of the event and dress "Western" or at least comfortably. Don Eschbach reminded us to bring unwrapped toys or non-perishable food for the City of La Habra's Operation Santa program which provides a special holiday season for underprivileged children.

- We are invited to go to the Jewel Tunnel on November 23 from 10 AM to 4 PM. Details are in the bulletin.

- Don Eschbach received a complaint from a Community Center employee who stated that one of our members was demanding extra tables. Don requested that we let the designated people in our club who have established relationships with the Community Center know what you need. The current designees are: Don & Ofelia Warthen and Don Eschbach. If one of the designated people is not available, please be polite.

## More Regular Business:

**Federation Report:** Bill Burns presented the report. He said that the CFMS Business meeting at Visalia had occurred and some things decided. Dues will be increasing again this year by 50 cents, bringing the combined CFMS/AFMS dues to \$8.00/club member. The CFMS made \$14,000 on the show at Ventura. Next year, Xxyzx will happen in August and the Paradise Workshop will be in May and will only be a week long instead of the current 2-weeks.

**Refreshments:** The November refreshments were provided by Izzy Burns and Loretta Ogden. The sign-up list for next year's snacks will be available at the January meeting. January refreshments will be provided by Nancy Bird & Jay & Kathy Valle, and in February's meeting will be refreshed by Dave & Fran Swanston and Frank & Kim Winn.

**Programs:** The January 2009 program will be a slide presentation by Rick Lazinski from Fullerton College, about the "Classical Geology Sites of Europe."

**Social Secretary:** Eleanor sent around a Happy Birthday card for Jerry Grafton who is celebrating his 96 birthday.

**Museum Committee (New):** Mike Beaumont informed us that the search for Museum and Workshop locations goes on with nothing to report at this time.

## New Business:

- John and Wendi Erskine told us that they were celebrating their 13th Anniversary tonight by coming to our meeting.

- Nancy Bird asked how many grab bags we had in storage. She requested that members donate rocks for grab bags and that field trippers collect extra rocks to use at our show.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Jay Valle, NOC Secretary  
November 19, 2008

## CFMS News

### Camp Paradise date has been changed!

The date has been moved to a one-week spring schedule, May 17-23, 2009. Classes will include **faceting, Ming trees, lapidary, soft stone carving, silversmithing, lost wax & silvercasting, beginning thru advanced wire art, copper enameling, lampwork bead making, PMC3 clay and dichroic glass fusion.** There will be some classes with limited space, so preference will be given to first-time students.

Camp Paradise is located 45 miles east of Marysville, CA, on Hwy. 21 (Clipper Mills). The facilities are a rustic church camp, rooms have double or bunk beds. Bathrooms and showers are communal and located in each building. Housekeeping is the responsibility of each guest. RV spaces with electricity and water are available. Pets are allowed in the RV area only. Since this is a church camp, alcohol is a no-no. Attendance is limited to 75; nine spots already taken.

The fee is \$350.00 per person. Cancellations prior to April 26, 2009, will incur a \$25 administration fee. Note: No refunds or cancellations after this date unless a substitute is found. (Registration forms are available on the CFMS web site [cfmsing.org]).



Ogden family at Camp Paradise in 1997

## Images of Stones & Fossils

Mike Woodward's photography was at our November 18 meeting. His photography is printed on gallery wrap canvas, giving these images the feel of an abstract of a painting. Check out his web site:

[www.Mike WoodwardPhotography.com](http://www.MikeWoodwardPhotography.com)

