

NOC GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY NEWS

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January 2009

President's Message

by Don Warthen

Happy New Year to everyone,

We started the New Year off with a great installation dinner, thanks to Loretta and her helpers (Nancy & Kathy V) for a great meal. Mike provided the entertainment and had everyone line dancing. The singers were great and our own Wendi was the Bell of the Ball.

Even though I've been here before I still have a lot to learn and Don Eschbach sure set the bar high. He did a great job the last two years and we appreciate all his accomplishments.

Mike has some interesting programs lined up for us this coming year. Jay also, has some great field trips. If there is any place you would like to visit to prospect let Jay know.

There are a lot of interesting things I want to accomplish this year. I have scheduled the Community Center for the 4th Tuesday of each month starting in February to conduct workshops. I need your help to let me know what type of workshops you want. Some that I have been thinking about are; Cab making, wire wrap, beading, Chinese Knots, geology, gemology and faceting. I need to know what you want and who is willing to help to put the different workshops in place. You can call or email me with information on what programs you would like to have

We hope to have several fun activities this year. Ofelia is working on some educational programs and will probably start some beading classes after the show. We have started planning the 2009 show. We are working on setting up youth programs, a permanent shop and a museum. We will be establishing a scholarship committee and need your help.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the next meeting on January 13, 2009. Please let me know, if there is anything you would like to see the club accomplish. The accomplishments of the Club is your involvement, so please, I need your help!

NOC Club Activities

Board Meeting — To be announced
Field Trip — Quartzsite January
Deadline for NOC News — January 17.

Refreshments

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

Programs

by Mike Beaumont

Speaker: Rick Lozinski from Fullerton College

Topic: Classical Geology Sites of Europe and Canada

Description: Rick took a sabbatical in Europe to walk in the footsteps of the grandfathers of modern geology: James Hutton and Charles Lyell. The presentation will discuss what is there and how it impacts our views about the world around us.

Members in the News

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

Jane Hendrixson

Don Livezey

Karen Miller

Jana Moreno

Betty Newman

Bernie Ruiz



Your gemstone is Garnet.

Your flower is Carnation or Snowdrop.

Shows and Events

January 30 - february 1 2009, 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 (TBD)

February 13-22, 2009 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 27-28, 2009, 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 7-8, 2009 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 14-15, 2009 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

April 18-19 2008, Lancaster, CA

The Antelope Valley Gem & Mineral Society
Lancaster High School
44701 32nd St. W.
Hours: 9 - 5 both days
Vivian Watts (760) 373-1309
Email: vivlea22@yahoo.com
Website: www.geocities.com.av.gem

May 30-31 2009, 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 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
Website: nocgms.com

October October 17-18 2009, 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



MERRY CHRISTMAS 2008

by Joan Abramson

Hawaii — the Big Island
Magma seethed within confining
Earth, Ever ready to escape its grasp.
Rivers of destruction forced their birth —
Rare view from helicopter made us gasp!
Yellow-crimson flames rode molten rocks
Consuming foliage relentlessly.
Hardened lava cools in time and mocks
Rigidity—lush, fertile soil will be.
In contrast to eruption's roaring din,
Submissive dolphins came to entertain.
To swim with them and stroke their satin skin
Made awesome moments in their own domain.
And turtles came to feed, and colored fish
Swam 'round our legs—what more could
tourists wish!

HAPPY NEW YEAR

by Joan Abramson

Halleluiah — now it's over!
All debates have gone their way.
Posterity will judge the winner,
Placed into this wretched day.
Yesterday seems long ago;
Now is fraught with countless fears.
Even though the darkness hovers,
We have always shifted gears.
Yes, we can, and yes, we must!
Ending pessimistic taunts,
Arriving at a well-timed balance,
Reconciling needs and wants.

A 9-Letter English Word

via SCRIBE

What common English word is 9 letters long and each time you remove a letter from it, it still remains an English word, from 9 letters all the way down to a single remaining letter.

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Does Your Club have a flyer

by Kreigh Tomaszewski

via SCRIBE

My Club was recently contacted by a local hobby store. They carry a rock tumbler in their wares (along with grits, and a starter package of rocks); they have had so many recent inquiries that they tracked us down.

We are so embarrassed. We thought we were reaching out to the public, but we missed an obvious opportunity.

Does your local hobby store have a flyer advertising your club? If not, you are missing a great opportunity. We were quite pleased when we corrected the omission and found new members.

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.

Christmas/Awards Party

December 9, 2008





Christmas/Awards Party (Continued)



Things I learned when I was president

*by Trudy Martin
via SCRIBE Oct-Dec 2008*

Once over the hill, you pick up speed.

If it weren't for STRESS I'd have no energy at all.

Whatever hits the fan will not be evenly distributed.

Everyone has a photographic memory. Some just don't have film.

Going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than standing in a garage makes you a car.

Bills travel through the mail at twice the speed of checks.

Junk is something you've kept for years and throw away the week before you need it.

Experience is a wonderful thing. It enables you to recognize a mistake when you make it again.

Learn from the mistakes of others. You can't live long enough to make them all yourself.

Keep smiling. It makes everyone wonder what you've been up to.

2 Google Tips

by Don Ogden

Google is by far the most Popular search engine on the planet. Search results are many with links you can click on, like in tip 1 to see Walt's Petrified Wood Display. Tip 2 lets you find a definition of petrified wood.

1. Use **Double Quotation Marks** for an Exact Phrase Search.

When you want to search for an exact phrase in a Web page, you have to put it within quotes. Google searches the exact keywords in the order that you put them:

- a. Type following in Google Search.
“Walt Wright's Petrified Wood Display”
RESULT of web search:

Walt Wright's Petrified Wood Display

Walton (Walt) Wright is a Botanist/Ecologist/Paleontologist/Geologist and Paleobotanist. Mr. Wright claims his mother, who had a PHD in science & math, ...

www.cfmsinc.org/photos/y2004/nocshow04/wright/wr...

2. Find Definitions.

Google's "define" operator can help you look up word definitions. You simply need to include this operator in your search phrase to access definitions with just a click.

- a. Type following in Google Search.
define: Petrified Wood
RESULT of web search:

Definitions of Petrified Wood on the Web:

- *Petrified wood is fossilized wood. Minerals seeped into buried logs, replacing the original tissues with rock.*

www.enchantedlearning.com/subjects/dinosaurs/glossary/indexp2.shtml

- *Wood that is petrified, ie replaced by silica.*
www.inlandlapidary.com/user_area/glossaryP.asp

- *Petrified wood (from the Greek root "petro" meaning "rock" or "stone", literally "wood turned into stone") is a type of fossil: it consists of ...*

en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Petrified_wood

January Field Trip

Quartzsite Improvement Association's 43rd Annual Pow Wow Gem & Mineral Show

January 21 - 25, 2009

Our January field trip is the traditional visit to Quartzsite, Arizona for the QIA/Pow Wow Gem & Mineral Show on January 21-25, 2009. There are vendors as far as the eye can see and display cases inside the main building. During the Pow Wow the Roadrunners Gem Club lead field trips on each of the show dates (see field trip list below.) Though everyone generally does their own thing during this event, we try to camp in the same place so that we can enjoy campfires and dinners together in the evenings, after the shopping or field tripping is done. Right now there is some on-going discussion about where we are going to camp. That information should hopefully be available at the January meeting.

Pow Wow Field Trips - 2009

Hosted by [Quartzsite Roadrunners Gem & Mineral Club](#)

Date	Trip #	Destination	Material	Miles **	Where we meet
Wednesday, January 21	1	12-Mile	Agate, Fossils	12	North
Thursday, January 22	2	Stone Cabin	Desert Roses	24	South
Friday, January 23	1	Brenda *	Red Jasper	20	East
Saturday, January 24	2	Bouse	Green Banded Rhyolite	12	North
Sunday, January 25	1	Salome	Marble	20	East
Monday, January 26	2	Quartzsite	Alunite	4	West
Tuesday, January 27	1	Plomosa Road	Jasper, Hematite	19	North
Wednesday, January 28	2	Aguila	Apache Tears	90	East
Thursday, January 29	1	Plomosa Road	Bacon Rock	15	North
Friday, January 30	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
- <http://www.qiaaz.org/schedule.htm>

