

NOC GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY NEWS

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President's Message

by Don Warthen

Here it is April already, time is really flying by. Our field trip to Lavic Siding was fantastic; the weather was wonderful. We had great collecting of jasper everywhere and met new and old terrific friends. Jay has several great future trips lined up so try to come out and enjoy the great outdoors and great collecting!

The Education Committee has been very busy and we have had some great classes. We've had two wire-wrap classes and Mike held a interesting class on basic Geology. Dave Swanston will be holding a class on "The Exciting World of Fossils" on April 23rd starting at 9:30 AM at the Community Center, so sign up now. There will also be another beading & chain making class on April 28th. Check with the Education Committee for available seating and details. Call Ofelia for future class that may be of interest you.

The 2009 show is moving along, just fine. We have two more dealers signed up. At the next show meeting we will be finalizing the plans for the Thursday Morning Breakfast and the Friday Night Chamber VIP Mixer.

The 2010 show is still on the drawing board. We are still waiting for cost bids on the two schools that we have previewed. Mike is working extremely hard on organizing the show, but until we get the bids, we cannot move forward with a budget or other plans.

There are several other committees that are also hard at work and they all would like your feedback. They want to hear your ideas and remember the bylaws committee will not consider any recommendations that are not in writing.

See you all at the next meeting!

NOC Club Activities

Board Meeting — To be announced
Field Trip — To be announced at meeting
Deadline for NOC News — Apr 17.

Programs

by Mike Beaumont

Speaker: Rick Lozinski, the person who presented in January. The topic this time is Orange County Geology.

Refreshments

by Kathy Valle

Thanks to Don and Ofelia Warthen for bringing the goodies to the March meeting. Don & Kathy Eschbach, and Bernie & Mary Ruiz will bring the goodies to the April meeting.

Members in the News

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

*Joan Abramson
Allen Farquer
Nathan Farquer
Trini Hermosillo
Vicki Marks
Dana Matula
David E. Miller
Barbara Steed
Oscar Veloz
Julia West*

Your gemstone is Diamond
Your flower is Daisy or Sweet Pea

Shows and Events

April 17, 18 & 19, 2009 San Jose, CA

Santa Clara Valley G&MS/CFMS
Santa Clara County Fairgrounds
344 Tully Road, San Jose
Hours: Fri. 9-5, Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5
Frank Mullaney (408) 265-1422
E-mail: info@scvgms.org
Webpage: www.scvgms.org

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 2-3 2009, Anaheim, CA

Searchers Gem & Mineral Society
Brookhurst Community Center
2271 West Crescent Ave.
Hours: Sat. 10-5; Sun. 10-4:30
James Williamson (714) 995-9080
Email: showchair@searchersrocks.org
Website: <http://www.searchersrocks.org>

May 16-17 2009, Yucaipa, CA

Yucaipa Valley Gem & Mineral Society
Yucaipa Community Center
4900 Oak Glen Road
Hours: Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10 - 4
Bill Jochimsen (909) 795-2540
Email: webmaster@yvgms@yvgms.org
Weppage: www.yvgms.org

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

July 11-12 2009, Culver City, CA

Culver City Rock and Mineral Club
Veterans Memorial Auditorium & Rotunda
4117 Culver Blvd.
Hours: Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5
Robert Thirlaway (310) 213-7677
Email: thirlawr@gmail.com
Website: CulverCityRocks.org/fiesta.htm

August 7-9 2009, Nipomo, CA

Orcutt Mineral Society
Hours: 9-5 daily
Wes Lingerfelt (805) 929-388
Email: Rocks4u@proigy.net
Website: www.omsinc.org

October 17-18 2009, 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

Dues are Due

Have you payed your dues for 2009.

Please pay them. They can be paid at the April meeting or you can mail them to:

John Erskine
341 Dexford Drive
La Habra, CA 90631-4339

Dues are \$20.00 for Family, \$15.00 for individual, and \$10.00 for Student Member.

Diamond is Birth Stone for April

*Ref: Gemstones of the World by Walter Schumann
Submitted by Ofelia Warthen*

The name diamond refers to its hardness (Greek-Adamas, unconquerable). There is nothing comparable to it in hardness; it is therefore nearly imperishable. Its cutting resistance is 140 times greater than that of corundum. The Mohs' hardness is 10. However the hardness of a diamond is different in the individual crystal faces. This allows one to cut diamond with diamond. Care has to be taken during mounting because of perfect cleavage.

Diamond is formed at great depth (maybe 50 miles/80km or more) under great pressure by eruption in the volcanic pipes. It is carried with the rising kimberlite to the surface of the earth. There are diamond deposits in many parts of the world, most occurring in Africa and Siberia.

New Friend Today

via Undisclosed-Recipient on web site

I made a new friend today. It was there all along and I never noticed it on the right side of my keyboard between the Windows Key and the Control Key. I don't even know it's true name, so I'll call it the "Menu Key". Why? Because when you press it, it opens up a drop-down menu for whatever program you're in. The menu includes all the information you would see if you right clicked, so I guess you could also call it the "Right-click" Key.

So, next time you'r typing away and need an edit menu or some other feature that you normally right-click to get, just head down to the Menu Key. Pretty soon it'l be your friend too.



April Education Report

by Ofelia Warthen - Education Chairman

Our March 12th Geology class was very well attended and very informative about our earth formation and life as recorded in rocks presented by Mike Beaumont.

Our March 24th wire wrap class is full, presented by Fran Swanston and Don Ecshbach. Look at participants wearing their masterpiece at the next regular meeting.

"The Exciting World of Fossils" is our next scheduled seminar from 9:30AM to 12:00 PM at La Habra Community Center on April 23rd presented by Dave Swanston. This Seminar is FREE and Space is limited. Sign up now or call Ofelia Warthen at 562-946-0828.

Another exciting scheduled class on wire-wrap and beading is on April 28th from 6 PM to 9 PM at the La Habra Community Center. Our instructor will be member Loretta Ogden. Please sign up because space is limited. More information and fee will be given at the regular meeting on April 14th.

Thank Goodness We Have GPS These Days

via Internet

In the 1800s, the Tates Watch Co. was known for its fine products. But it decided to branch out. It decided its watch cases could hold compasses. It could sell them to pioneers heading west. But their compasses were bad! Many travelers ended up in Mexico or Canada instead of California. That gave birth to the expression, "He who has a Tates is lost."

Best Idea I Have Heard In A Long Time!

via Internet

Members of Congress should be compelled to wear uniforms like NASCAR drivers, so we could identify their corporate sponsors

NOC General Meeting Minutes La Habra Community Center March 10, 2009

by Jay Valley, NOC Secretary

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

Membership: The meeting was attended by 27 members & 2 guests.

Program: Orange County Senior Park Ranger Vicky Malton presented a slide program about Orange County Parks.

<Break & Drawing>

Committee Reports

Treasurers Report: John Erskine gave the monthly income and expense report for February. There were no corrections so the Treasurer's Report will stand as read.

February Minutes: No corrections were noted to the February Minutes as published in the Club newsletter so the Minutes will stand as read.

Education: Loretta Ogden told us that 11 students attended the last workshop and that everyone had a great time. Mike Beaumont will present a Basic Geology Program on March 12 from 9:30 AM to 12:00 Noon. The March 24 workshop will be a traditional wire wrap project. The next project after that will be a copper chain. Loretta also asked for anyone with ideas for future classes to let her know. Ofelia Warthen said that several projects are on display in the lobby along with pictures of the last workshop.

Sound System Purchase: Dave Swanston made a motion that the Club purchase a sound system to use at meetings. Don Warthen said that we have AV equipment in storage. Don Eschbach said that he used the system provided by the Community Center. The motion died for lack of a second.

2009 Show: Don Warthen informed us that Nancy Bird would be in the lobby area and that the Silent

Auction would be moved to Nancy's old spot near the back door. The 2009 Show Theme is "California Rocks". Don W. plans to create a map of field trip locations with strings pointing to the rough material. Nancy Bird let us know that there were 22 display cases available this year and passed around a sign up sheet for display cases. Don Warthen noted that several of our display cases needed repair to some extent. He appointed Frank Winn as Chairman of the Case Repair Committee. Robyn Hawk and Jay Valle both volunteered to participate on the committee too.

2010 AFMS/CFMS/NOC SHOW: Mike Beaumont is the Show Chairman for the 2010 Show which would combine the regular NOC Show with the AFMS/CFMS Show. He is still looking for a location to hold the event with 2 locations as front runners. They are the Chiropractic School and Sonora High School. The show would be held the 3rd or 4th weekend in June 2010. Mike did not check out the empty Target Store location as there is no guarantee that the location will be available next year at show time. There are local hotels, such as The Heritage Hotel, which could be used for the AFMS and CFMS meetings. We have not been quoted a price to rent any facilities yet. Don Warthen told us that he was still working on a Pros & Cons worksheet to show the benefits of hosting the 2010 show. Izzy Burns has been talking with Pat and Burl LaRue who will be the CFMS Show Consultants for this event. Izzy also informed us that we need to send a bid for the 2010 show soon to be in time for the annual CFMS Business Meeting.

Izzy Burns then **MADE A MOTION** that the NOC should go ahead with plans to do the show and Don Warthen should write a letter to the CFMS telling them that we want to do it. Susan Hansen **SECONDED THE MOTION**. During the discussion, Don Eschbach spoke for waiting until we see if we can do it and to review Don Warthen's Pros and Cons worksheet. Izzy was asked how the CFMS split the money. She said that we can have 3 things to make money which we can keep. The rest of the income must be split with the CFMS. At this time Don Ogden moved that we close the discussion. The President, Don Warthen called for a vote on Izzy Burns' **MOTION** to proceed. **The vote was 2 to 1 in favor of the MOTION so the MOTION CARRIED.**

Meeting adjourned.

NOC Publicity

by Richard Schirer

For all members' information, I am placing club activities into five newspapers and chamber sites.

I NEED to have the info PERSONALLY, by the end of the second week of the month, PRIOR to the following club's activity. The newspapers require this time frame!

If I do not receive the info by that time frame, the activity will not be posted. An example is the Wire Wrapping Workshop info for March, 2009 was never received by me

Thank you for your cooperation – Richard Schirer

Display at Community Center

by Nancy Bird

Robyn Hawk will be doing the Community Center display April 1 through June 1. Mike Beaumont will be filling the library case this year for the month of May.

Yard Sale

by Nancy Bird

We are having another yard sale, this time at the Warthens in May-the date to be figured out yet. Sooooo-don't throw anything salable away. Last time we sold a lot of clothes and lots of odds & ends but hardly any rock or plants. And we will need a lot of help starting real early and ending around 2.

Show Cases

by Nancy Bird

Do you want to display anything this year at our show? We have space for 22 and I will need to know if you want a space and if you have your own case or not. I will be bringing a sign-up sheet in March or you can call or email me.

Dealing with Paper Pile-up Getting it all Sorted Out

Article from Staples.com

So much for becoming a paperless society.

The stream of letters, magazines, envelopes, brochures, memos, and more still flows in on a daily basis — regardless of the fact that we are also flooded with emails and other electronic correspondence. The paper just continues to pile up. What can you do to keep it under control and make sure you're not missing anything important?

The filing experts at Esselte, an office product supplier, suggest this straightforward, simple technique for keeping the paper pile-up in order. Get four stackable in/out trays or wire bins or even baskets — whatever suits your style — and label them, “to do,” “to route,” “to read,” and “to file.” Then, as soon as the mail, and any other correspondence, arrives on your desk, sort it into one of these categories.

To do - This tray should contain all material that requires a response or another kind of action. Understand that whatever lands here needs to be acted upon within a day or two.

To route - These items should include those things that need to be passed along to someone else. Most of this correspondence will not be of a “rush status,” but be sure to review it on a regular basis just to make sure nothing has been overlooked.

To read - This tray should simply contain non-priority letters or other correspondence that you are interested in and want to look over eventually, but don't need to get to right away.

To file - Be careful with this one. It could easily become a catch-all for much of the mail that arrives at your desk. Don't let it become a dumping ground that creates a problem in itself. Be discriminating, and make sure you transfer the information to your files on a timely basis

Wire Wrapping Gemstone Class - March 24, 2009



Jewelry Making Safety Rules

From AFMS Newsletter, April 2006

Jewelry making can be a most enjoyable hobby but there are certain hazards which must be avoided, and can be, by following a few simple rules.

Work Safely. You can't get by on luck.

Don't polish a wire or chain on a rotary tool without nailing the wire or chain to a board. This might wrap around the arbor and pull your hand with it.

Don't set fire to your clothing with the torch. Fuzzy sweaters are dangerous.

Don't drop the torch or fail to turn it off. An explosion might follow.

Don't pour water into acid when making pickle; pour acid into water.

Don't turn over the pickle pot or the boil pot. Keep handles to the rear.

Don't put a large piece of very hot metal in pickle. It might splash.

Don't pick up the charcoal block or hot metal until you are sure they are cool.

Don't hold a piece being drilled with your hand; the drill might slip or break or the piece might spin when the drill breaks through. Use pliers.

Don't put your fingers inside any item being polished, for example, a belt-buckle, a ring, a bracelet, etc. Hold the work being polished between finger-tips and thumb.

Don't wear rubber gloves or fingerstalls when polishing; these might wrap around the arbor.

Don't work without some protection for the eyes such as plastic goggles or a magnifying eye piece, particularly when using a rotating wire brush.

Don't let your tie or hair get caught by the rotating arbor. This could be fatal.

Don't get into contact with electricity or belts. Don't work on a wet or damp floor.

Don't fail to report any apparent hazard immediately.

We repeat: "Work safely. You can't get by on luck!" Just fail to observe these rules and you will find your situation comparable to that of the fellow whose wife had the stone-cutter carve on his tombstone, "I told you to go to the doctor".

Club Members - New and Old

From The Oak Cliff Rockhounder, 8/95 via SCFMS Newsletter, 11/95 via, CFMS Newsletter, 5/06

By Mary LaVigne

You can tell a new club member from a long time one by the state of his garage. The newcomer has little but a car and some lawn equipment in his garage, whereas long time members have a hard time getting to their cars through the obstacle course of rocks, boulders, cartons of "rough", supplies, and old equipment stored because either it needs to be repaired or newer models have been acquired and the old equipment is still too good to get rid of. The new club member has no door stops in his home and no rock garden in his yard. The walkways around his house and the borders of his flower beds are PLAIN...naked of stone edging.

Old club members sparkle at club meetings. The men wear a different bola each month. The women have rings on every finger. Some have been observed wearing two and even three necklaces at a time. New males club members have unadorned shirt necks (unless you count buttons) and the ladies wear only wedding bands and watches. But, not-to-worry, after the first gem and jewelry show that they attend, you can hardly discern the new from the old.

Old members wear club vests encrusted with pins and patches. New club members wear name tags and ask for the loan of a vest pattern.

New club members are generally in awe of the older ones who have been everywhere, collected everything, and have contacts in gem clubs and businesses around the country, to say nothing of the scientific types with whom they are on a first time basis. They have learned to turn pebbles and rocks into sparkling gems, metal into jewelry and sometime jewelry into cash. But, above all, they can be relied upon for the correct identification of gemstones and rough material and know bargains when they see them.

New club members are elevated to the status of old club members by:

- acquiring experience and knowledge
- participating in activities and field trips
- enduring until the club acquires still newer members



CFMS Show Information

by June Harris, SCVGMS Secretary

Hi CFMS Club editors, officers, and directors, Just a short email to inform you of a recent development for the CFMS show on April 17th-19th, in San Jose. April 17th at 7pm will be the Cracker Barrel. This evening will be a wonderful opportunity for you to get to know the CFMS officers and play a rousing game of Rock Bingo. Participants are requested to bring rocks and rock-related prizes for the evenings activities. Refreshments will be served and everyone is welcome.

April 18th at 8 AM The Directors' meeting sign ups start. 9 AM is when the meeting begins. Directors are asked to bring doughnuts, danishes, or fresh fruit to share. We will be providing coffee, tea, and water.

April 17th -19th Your Junior members are invited to the Kids Area to earn some of the AFMS Junior Rockhound Badges. Sign up forms are available on the SCVGMS website, www.scvgms.org. Pre-registration is suggested.

Update on the Raffle: In addition to the two top prizes of a Baranca grinder and Benitoite earrings, we have over 60 prizes. Please make sure to send in your raffle ticket stubs with your Federation director or mail in to: SCVGMS, P.O. Box 54, San Jose, CA 95103-0054.

Lastly, the deadlines for the following items are approaching fast. All of the forms are on our Club website, www.scvgms.org. Please make sure your members are reminded to send in their applications on time: 1. *Competition Display Cases Deadline*: March 25th to Marion Roberts 2. *Non-competitive Display Cases Deadline*: March 25th to Dean Welder 3. *Editor's Breakfast Deadline* April 1st to Ruth Bailey 4. *Awards Banquet Deadline* April 1st to Ruth Bailey 5. *Demonstrator entry form Deadline* April 1st to John Eichhorn 6. *Advance purchase of tickets Deadline* April 1st to Ruth Bailey 7. *Camping reservation at the Fairgrounds Deadline* April 1st to Ruth Bailey.

Thank you for your help spreading the word about these new updates and the upcoming deadlines. Your support will help make this show a success. Thanks, 2009 CFMS show committee.

CFMS Show 2009

by bulletin Editor

Since NOC is talking about taking on the CFMS/AFMS show in 2010, it would be a good idea for the show committee to attend the 2009 CFMS show in San Jose.



Santa Clara County Fairgrounds, 344 Tully Road, San Jose

April 17, 18 & 19, 2009

Friday 9 - 5 / Saturday 10 - 5 / Sunday 10 - 5

Beads - Gems

Jewelry - Minerals - Fossils

Dealers - Demonstrations

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www.scvgms.org

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