

NOC GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY NEWS

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September 2009

President's Message

by Don Warthen

With the summer vacation ending, I looked back to see what was accomplished and find that we accomplished a lot.

Several club members including us went to Billings, Montana for the Federation show. We had a great time and it was a great show. Following the show Ofelia and I went on a field trip to look for black and white agate. Because we had so many cars going on the field trip, they ask us to car pool. We still had over 100 cars in the caravan. The next day we went on a geological trip to the Crow Reservation where we managed to dig up some fossils.

Back in Calif. We conducted the youth class for the La Habra Day Camp. We had 12 kids this year. Everyone made pendants, bracelets, and toothpaste along with classes about rocks and fossils. Thanks to everyone that helped, Don & Kathy, Don Ogden, Mary & Bernie, Bill & Izzie, Mike Beaumont, Julie West, Ofelia and myself.

We got the Chiropractic University to agree to terms that we can live with for the 2010 show. It looks like we will make money on the show.

The wire wrap demonstration by Fran Swanston at our June Gem Show was so well received that 34 people signed up for classes. The first beginners class will be Sept. 22nd and have setup more classes in Oct. & Nov.

We had a wonderful time at the picnic at our house. Everyone brought great food and enjoyed the great weather and comraderie.

In another part of this newsletter are some recommended By-laws changes, be sure to read them over and we will try to answer your question at the meeting.

Please note that we will be starting the meetings at 6:45 p.m. in order to give us a little more time to conduct business.

NOC Club Activities

Board Meeting — To be announced
Deadline for NOC News — Sep. 17.

AFMS/CFMS/NOC Show — 2010

Sept 23 Meeting @ Show Site

NOTE: September 8 meeting will start at 6:45 p.m.

Programs

by Mike Beaumont

Speaker: Our club member Misha Farinech is presenting the March program on Antarctica.

Refreshments

by Kathy Valle

Thanks to *Bill and Izzie Burns* for bringing the goodies to the June meeting. Richard and Yolanda Schirer will bring the goodies to the September meeting.

President's Message (Cont)

Once again, we will hold a live action auction combined with a silent auction at the November meeting. We need items for the auction and don't forget to invite your friends and neighbors. We will suspend business at this meeting.

At the December meeting, we will hold our annual Awards Banquet. We want to thank Yolanda for negotiating a great deal for this year's party. There will be more details at the meeting.

See everyone at the September meeting, Sept. 8th at 6:45 p.m.

Don Warthen

Shows and Events

September 26-27 2009, Downey, CA

Delvers Gem & Mineral Society
Womens Club of Downey
9813 Paramount Blvd.
Hours: Sat. 10 - 6; Sun. 10-4
Nancy Bird (562) 697-0636
E-mail: nancybird@verison.net

October 10-11 2009, Trona, CA

Searles Lake Gem & Mineral Society
Searles Gem & Mineral Show Building
13337 Mian Street
Hours: Sat. 7:30-5; Sun. 7:30-4
Jim & Bonnie Fairchild (760) 372-5356
Email: sigms@iwvisp.com
Website: www1.iwvisp.com/tronagemclub

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

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 Chaisson-Walblom (661) 943-1861
Email: SLChaisson@yahoo.com
Website: palmdalegems.org

December 5-6 2009, Barstow CA

Mojave Gem & Mineral Society
Community Center
842 Barstow Road
Hours: 10- 5 both days
Gene Hains (760) 256-0595
Email: janetwentz@earthlink.net
Website: mdgms.org

Members in the News

Members in the news in **July**.

Estela Kuethen
Kathy Eschbach
Marilyn Kline
Norberto Elicker
Ester Elliott

Your gemstone is Ruby.
Your flower is Larkspur or Water Lily.



Members in the news in **August**.

John Erskine
Sandy Mogan
Walton Wright
John II Elliott

Your gemstone is Sardonyx
Your flower is Poppy or Gladiolus



Members in the news in **September**.

Dave Swanston
Don Eschbach
Don Ogden
Don Warthen
Eleanore Pleines
Evelyn Smith
Irene Veloz
Loretta Ogden
Milo Perecruz
Randi Hetrick
Mark Nelson
Carolyn Duncan
Ben McKinstry

Your gemstone is Sapphire
Your flower is Aster or Morning Glory.



Awards Banquet

by Yolanda Schirer

Awards Banquet held on **Dec. 8, 2009** at **DeLuca's Restaurant** between the hours of 6:00pm to 10:00pm. Location : 16503 E Whittier Blvd., Whittier CA 90603. Dinner will be served at 7:00pm.

The Awards Banquet will include: Bruschetta, Italian Garden Salad, Fresh Baked Bread, Main Entrées (see below), Dessert (Spumoni or Vanilla Ice cream) and Beverages (coffee, tea, soft drinks).

Choice of 1 Main Entrée:

Spaghetti with Meat Ball, Sausage or Mushroom (choice of Meat, Marinara or Arrabiato sauce)

Baked Lasagna (layered with Ricotta, Italian Sausage Meat Sauce & Mozzarella Cheese)

Chicken Alfredo (Chicken strips sautéed in Creamy Alfredo Sauce, served over Fettuccine.

No Host Bar. Beer & Wine will be available.

Cost: \$15.00 per person

Mail checks to:

Yolanda Schirer

14602 Calpella St.

La Mirada, CA 90638

Money must be submitted no later than **Nov. 10, 2009**

*Please e-mail any questions regarding banquet info to yolie111@verizon.net

Education Report

by Ofelia Warthen

Wire wrap classes have been very successful, thanks to our teacher Fran Swanston and Don Eschbach.

We had 34 people signed up at our June Gem Show. Most of these people have shown an interest in wire wrapping and will be attending our next beginners wire wrap class schedule for September 22.

The following wire wrap class is an advanced class and schedule for October 27. Our last class this year will be November 3rd in making earrings by Loretta Ogden teaching. We look forward to continue these classes through out next year.

The Committee need your input on classes the membership is interested in, so call me and I will keep you informed.

September Birthstone

by Ofelia Warthen

The September birthstone is Blue Sapphire.

Ancient civilizations believed that the world was set upon an enormous sapphire, which painted the sky blue with its reflection. This legend, as well as the belief that the ten commandments were inscribed upon tablets made of sapphire, gives September's birthstone a royal place among gemstones.

Named after the Greek word "sapphirus", meaning blue, Sapphires have long been a favorite among priests and kings, who considered them symbolic of wisdom and purity. These gemstones are prominent among the British Crown Jewels, and Prince Charles chose this as the engagement stone for his fiancée, Princess Diana.

In ancient times, Sapphires were thought to be protective against envy, and even against poisoning. The blue stone was believed to cure colic, rheumatism and mental illness, and to strengthen eyesight.

Sapphire is a variety of the mineral corundum. Corundum is found in every color of the rainbow, with red being designated as ruby and all other hues Sapphire. But the most prized color of Sapphire is a rich, deep blue.

These gemstones were mined as early as the 7th Century BC from India and what is now Sri Lanka. They are found today in Sri Lanka, Kashmir, Myanmar, Thailand, Australia, Nigeria, Kenya, Tanzania, China, Madagascar, and the United States.

Large specimens of Corundum crystals are rare, although the 563-carat Star of India can be seen in the American Museum of Natural History. This is the largest and most famous of star Sapphires, which are cut to reflect light from inclusions within the stone, revealing a bright six-legged star pattern.

The Sapphire is second only to the Diamond in hardness, making it a durable gemstone for setting into jewelry. A gift of Sapphire represents sincerity and faithfulness. As nourishing to the soul as gazing up at the sky on a summer day, this brilliant blue gemstone is truly a heavenly choice! (Ref: University of Nebraska)

NOC General Meeting Minutes La Habra Community Center June 6, 2009

by Jay Valle, 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 32 members & 4 guests.

Program: Roy Herndon presented "Managing the Orange County Ground Water Basin"

<Break & Drawing>

Committee Reports

May Minutes: No changes so they will stand as read.

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

2009 Show: The Community Center was asking us to pay for the cleanup of a large stain in the main hallway. It was pointed out that the stain had been created Saturday night by the City's clean up crew when they spilled a mop bucket. Don Warthen will inform the Community Center.

2010 AFMS/CFMS/NOC SHOW: Show meeting scheduled for June 17 at 6 PM here at the Community Center. Mike Beaumont asked if we would be interested in entering a float in the Corn Festival Parade. We have 2 months to get it done. Yolanda Schirer, Randi Hetrick and Bill Burns volunteered to form a committee to investigate.

Bylaws: Izzy Burns had nothing to report.

Field Trips: Jay Valle presented an Owens Valley field trip report. He also said that we were hoping for some summer trips but nothing had been scheduled yet.

Fundraising: Live Auction will be in October.

Scholarship Committee: Nothing to report

Library Report: The NOC Book List was published in the bulletin.

Publicity: Richard Schirer reported that he had successfully placed our information in the Auto Club Westways Magazine.

Education: Fran Swanston passed around a sign up sheet for classes to be presented at the show.

Social Secretary:

- Eleanore Pleines is retiring as Social Secretary.
- Al Hermasillo is in the hospital - a card was sent around.
- Club Picnic scheduled for August 15 at Don & Ofelia Warthen's house, 3 PM.

Refreshments: Richard & Yolanda Schirer are scheduled to provide the September meeting snacks.

Meeting adjourned.

Jay Valle, NOC Secretary
August 4, 2009



In Memoriam Al Hermosillo

Al Hermosillo, Life Member of NOC, passed away Friday night, June 11, 2009. Al was born in Los Angeles CA on February 26, 1921, US Marine during WW2, artist, silversmith, and demonstrator in many shows. He is survived by his widow: Mrs Trini Hermosillo and a multitude of family members.

Al was a multi faceted man. He was an accomplished artist with many beautiful paintings, and his lapidary, jewelry, and silversmithing was outstanding.



Al - Diamond Daze Show in Riverside



Al's Case at the Diamond Daze Show in Riverside - August, 1996



Demonstrator at NOC Show - March 25, 2000

Recommended that the following changes County Gem & Mineral Society Bylaws:

ARTICLE IV INITIATION FEES AND DUES

SECTION I DUES AND FEES

- A. Individual Membership dues shall be \$20.00 per year. One time initiation fee of \$10.00.
 - B. Family Membership: the first persons dues shall be \$20.00 per year and dues for each additional person shall be \$10.00 per year One time initiation fee of \$10.00 per person.
 - C. Junior Membership, 3 through 18 years of age shall be \$8.00 per year.
 - D. New members joining the club on or after June 1st shall pay a proration of six months dues the first year i.e. Individual and the first family member shall pay \$10.00 each additional person shall pay \$5.00. Junior Members shall pay \$4.00 per year.
 - E. Public liability insurance fees are included in membership dues.
 - F. Honorary membership, conferred as an honor.
 - G. Annual dues are payable January 1st of each year.
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ARTICLE VIII

COMMITTEES

(New) SECTION 2

BUDGETS

- A. Following the October meeting, The President shall appoint a Budget Committee consisting of the Treasurer, who will be acting as Committee Chairperson and Two to Four other Society members in good standing to the Budget Committee.
- B. The show chairperson, education chairperson, and other interested chairpersons shall present proposals for the budget to the budget committee on or before the December General Meeting.
- C. The Budget Committee shall meet and draft a budget to be presented at the January General Meeting for approval.

SECTION 3

THE OLD SECTION 2 WILL BECOME SECTION 3.

Recommended that the following changes County Gem & Mineral Society Bylaws:

ARTICLE V

OFFICERS

SECTION 2

NOMINATIONS

- A. A nominating committee consisting of five (5) members shall be selected at the *June* meeting in the following manner; the President shall appoint one (1), the Board of Directors will elect one (1), and the Society shall elect three (3).
- B. It shall be the duty of the nominating committee to nominate one or more members in good standing as candidates for each of the offices to be filled. The names of all candidates nominated by this committee shall be presented to the membership in the *September* bullet prior to the *September* meeting.
- C. Further nominations for office by the membership from the floor shall be allowed at the *September* meeting.
- D. A complete list of all names nominated by the committee and those nominated by the membership from the floor at the *September* meeting as candidates for office shall be published in the *October* bullet prior to the *October* meeting and election. No further nominations shall be allowed at this time.

SECTION 3

ELECTIONS

Election of officers shall be held on the first regular meeting in *October*. Voting shall be by secret ballot. The candidate receiving the greatest number of votes cast on the ballot for that office shall be declared elected. Voting shall be restricted to members 18 years of age and older in good standing.

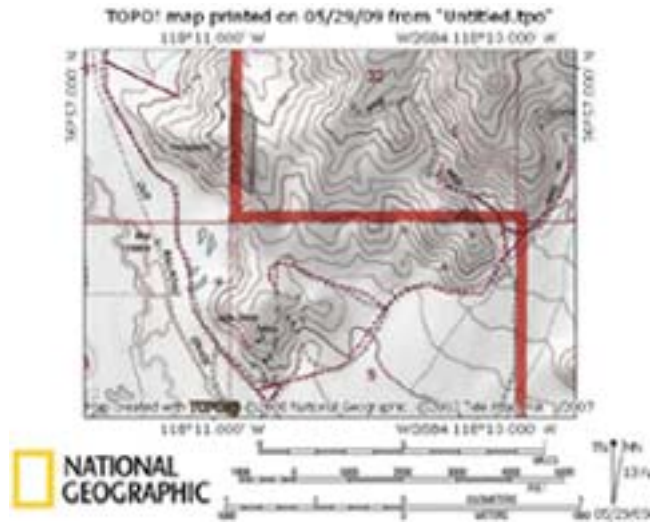
SECTION 4

TERM OF OFFICE

Officers and Directors shall service for a term of two (2) years from the date of installation, the second Tuesday of December following the election, except the Federation Director, which shall serve for a three-year (3) term.

May 2009 Field Trip to Owens Valley





La Habra Day Camp - August 10, 2009

