

NOC GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY NEWS

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President's Message

by Don Warthen

It's the end of September, hooray, and this has been a very busy month. Everyone in the Show Committee has been working overtime trying to resolve conditions that looked negative to continue having the 2010 Show.

But at this time, things are looking better and I think we can continue to look positive, thanks to Yolanda Shirer, who went and got the Conditional Use Permit. We still need the OK from the Fire Marshal, hope to have this issue resolved soon. Another good thing, the College agreed to drop the issue of charging for parking.

Fran Swanston & Don Eschbach held a great class on wire wrap with about 15 people in attendance (all new students). Two students signed up as members! Hope to see them at our next meeting. The education committee has more classes planned for the next two months. If you are interested in attending or teaching some of these classes, please see Ofelia or Fran.

There has been some discussion of how we can setup a lapidary shop; we need some people that are interested in working on a shop to contact me.

We will hold our annual auction at the November meeting. We will forgo the business portion of the meeting at this meeting and it will be a night of fun, relaxation, friendship, and we'll have some great deals to boot. Don't forget to invite your friends and neighbors and we need good & exciting items for the auction.

Don't forget to get your money in to Yolanda by the October Meeting for the Awards Banquet on December 8th she has put together a great package for us.

Remember that our regular meeting on October 13th will be starting at **6:45 pm** see you there.

NOC Club Activities

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

NOTE: October 13 meeting will start at 6:45 p.m.

Programs

by Mike Beaumont

Speaker for October 13: Dr Dave Berry

Subject: The Galapagos Islands.

Dave is a professor at Cal Poly Pomona in the Geology Department. His primary research is focused on paleontology. He has worked in the oil fields of Alaska as a research scientist. He will be talking about his recent trip to the Galapagos Islands.

Members in the News

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

<i>John Elliott</i>	<i>MishaFarinech</i>
<i>Bob Cordero</i>	<i>Susan Hansen</i>
<i>Nancy O'Conner</i>	<i>Yolanda Schirer</i>
<i>Ofelia Warthen</i>	<i>Frank Winn</i>
<i>Kim Winn</i>	

Your gemstone is Opal or Tourmaline
Your flower is Calendula or Cosmos

Refreshments

by Kathy Valle

Thanks to *Richard and Yolandan Schirer* for bringing the goodies to the September meeting. Kim Winn and Kathy Valle will bring the goodies to the October meeting.

Shows and Events

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

News Flash

Mike Beumont is having a change of life. Her name is Natalie Rose and we will have a gift tree at the next meeting for her.

I'm sure gift cards and money would be greatly acceptable. For more: call Loretta (909) 598-2456.

People in Need

by Loretta Ogden

It has come to my attention that there are many people in La Habra with such severe financial problems that they are coming to the City Community Center for help. I would like to build a can tree in the entrance that can be given to people in need.

NOC has always been very generous and I'm sure we will continue to be by donating canned goods every time we visit the center.

Challenge members of other clubs and your friends and family to do the same.

I need someone to work with me on this project. It will involve talking to merchants and other clubs and service organizations in person or by phone or mail. Call me: Loretta (909) 598-2456 or cell: (909) 217-5864.

Note: I will be in Las Vegas till the 11th of October.



October Birthstone: Opal

by Ofelia Warthen

The October's birthstone is opal. It treats the eye to an explosion of shimmering colors, not unlike those of a magnificent rainbow following a summer rain. The Opal derives its name from the Latin word "opalus," meaning precious jewel.

Prized for its unique ability to refract and reflect specific wavelengths of light, the Opal was called "Cupid Paederos" by the Romans, meaning a child beautiful as love. One legendary explanation for this gemstone's origin is that it fell from heaven in a flash of fiery lightning.

Ancient monarchs treasured Opals, both for their beauty and for their presumed protective powers. They were set into crowns and worn in necklaces to ward off evil and to protect the eyesight. These gemstones were also ground and ingested for their healing properties and to ward off nightmares.

The Opal dates back to prehistoric times. It is a non-crystallized silica, which is a mineral found near the earth's surface in areas where ancient geothermal hot springs once existed. As the hot springs dried up, layers of the silica, combined with water, were deposited into the cracks and cavities of the bedrock, forming Opal. This gemstone actually contains up to 30% water, so it must be protected from heat or harsh chemicals, both of which will cause drying and may lead to cracking and loss of iridescence. Opal must also be guarded from blows, since it is relatively soft and breaks

Most of the world's Opal deposits are found in Southern Australia. Other sources of this gemstone are Brazil, Mexico, Czechoslovakia, and Nevada. Quality Opal is very expensive, made more so by the caution that must be exercised in cutting, polishing and setting it into jewelry.

A gift of Opal is symbolic of faithfulness and confidence. And the powerful energy radiating from this fiery gemstone will surely illuminate any occasion!

Ref: The School of Natural Resources of the University of Nebraska

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 Arrabiata 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

Thanks to Fran Swanston and Don Eschbach, we had a very successful beginners wire wrap class, all beginners!

We will have another advanced wire wrap class on October 27. We have a few openings; call me if you are

We received a letter from a Brea Teacher wanted to know if we could do a geology class for her 35 pupils. We need a few members to help her teach a geology class. So, this is our chance to volunteer and be proud to pass on our knowledge to these kids and who knows, someday they may be our future new members.

Our Committee will be meeting soon to discuss next year's classes. Please call me and give me your input on future classes. We are looking to start a lapidary class in January. More information to follow.

NOC General Meeting Minutes La Habra Community Center September 8, 2009

by Jay Valle, NOC Secretary

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

Membership: The meeting was attended by 30 members & 5 guests.

Program: Misha Farinech presented a program on Antarctica

<Break & Drawing>

Committee Reports

June 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. The 2009 Show books are closed and John gave a report on the specific details.

Education: A new display has been placed in the lobby with fossils from Mike Beaumont, Nancy Bird & Robyn Hawk We now have the use of the entire display case.

Wire Wrap Classes: September 22 class completely full, October class nearly full with Don Eschbach teaching. Loretta Ogden will teach making earrings at the November 3 class.

Show Committee:

- Signups on table for people who want to demonstrate & another for people willing to work at the show.
- Location: Southern California University of Health Sciences, 12600 Amber Rd.
- Dates: 3rd weekend of June 2010

- Executive Committee of Directors including Loretta Ogden (Activities), Don Warthen (Facilities), Ofelia Warthen (Dealers), John Erskine (Budget) and Richard Shirer (Publicity). Bill & Izzy Burns are the Primary Advisors.

- Budget to submit to CFMS is due in December
- Show Meeting at the University on September 23: open house at 5:30 PM followed by the show meeting.

Bylaws: Don Warthen read the text of 3 changes to the bylaws recommended by the Bylaws Committee and approved by the NOC Board. The changes are:

1. An increase in the annual dues and initiation fee schedule.
2. The new officer nominations to begin in June instead of September, with the election of officers to occur in October rather than November.
3. This change requires that a budget committee be formed in October to start planning for the following year's budget.

There were a couple of grammatical errors which were corrected.

Izzy spoke of other changes to the Bylaws which would be considered at a future date including:

- Objectives & Purpose statement amended to add the development & execution of an earth science museum & lapidary workshop.

Don Warthen added that if any members had suggestions to change the Bylaws they should submit them in writing to either the Bylaws Committee Chairperson or to Don Warthen.

Field Trips: The September field trip will be a day-trip to Big Bear on September 19. Participants are to meet at the Big Bear Resource center by 9:00 AM. Maps and information were made available to members present.

Federation: Loretta Ogden told us that the 2010 NOC Show appears in 2 places in the current AFMS Newsletter.

Fundraising: Don Warthen told us that he is forming an Auction Committee to plan the November Live Auction and asked for volunteers to serve on the committee.

Scholarship Committee: Frank Winn informed us that the committee will present the first scholarship at the June Show in the amount of \$1,200.

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

Awards Banquet: Yolanda Shirer - The banquet is going to be held at De Lucas Italian Restaurant on Whittier Blvd. The cost is \$15/person.

Social Secretary: Don Warthen presented the report.

- Al Hermasillo passed away. \$25 will be sent to the CFMS endowment fund.

- A baby shower for Mike Beaumont and Jennifer will occur at the next regular meeting (their baby is due anytime and her name is going to be Natalie Rose).

- NOC is supporting the "Hungry of La Habra" program and requests canned good be brought in to donate. Don added that they were planning to challenge the Chamber of Commerce members to match our donations.

- Don reminded us that next month's meeting will begin at 6:45 PM again.

Refreshments: Frank & Kim Winn and Jay & Kathy Valle are scheduled to provide the October meeting snacks.

Other Business:

- Dave Swanston asked that as members visited other shows they collect information about the dealers so we can contact them, possibly to invite to be vendors at our 2010 show. Don Warthen told us that 5 dealers have already paid for space at the show. 41 dealers are planned.

Meeting adjourned.

Short Field Trip Report Big Bear - September 19, 2005

by Jay Valle

Sixteen rockhounds attended the Big Bear field trip.

We visited a druzey location, a quartz crystal area, the old Doble graveyard (ghost town, oh yeah) and the Lucky Baldwin Mine.

Rock was collected and a beautiful, semi-cool day was had by all (who attended)

Field Trip Opportunity Chuckwalla Springs October 10 & 11, 2009

by Jay Valle

The Anaheim Searchers have invited us to join them on the weekend of the 10 & 11 of October. There are banded nodules and white plume seam agate to be collected. Occasionally, sagenite is found in the nodules.

The campsite will be located on Chuckwalla Springs Road just off of Graham Pass Road. I will be arriving at camp on Friday and if the weather is nice I will be staying through Monday.

Anyone interested in this outing should contact Jay Valle at (626) 934-9764 or by e-mail at res19pnb@verizon.net for more information and last minute news.



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 and a one time initiation fee of \$10.00 per person will be assessed each new member.
 - B. Family Membership: the first persons dues shall be \$20.00 per year and \$10.00 per year for each additional person over the age of 18. A one time initiation fee of \$10.00 per person will be assessed each new member. (Family means one unit living in the same household)
 - C. Junior Membership for family members from 3 through 18 years of age shall be \$8.00 per year. Badges for junior members are available for a one-time fee of \$10.00.
 - 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

BUDGET

- 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* bulletin 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* bulletin 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 serve 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.

Billings



NOC Summer Picnic



La Habra Day Camp - August 10, 2009

