

NOC GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY NEWS

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President's Message

by Don Warthen

A Cheerful Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! The New Year is here and I'm still trying to get last year organized. We had a great year and look forward to a much better and healthy year in 2010.

It was great seeing everyone at the Awards Banquet last month. We had a Merry, good time with our Councilman, Jim Gomez and other Chamber members in attendance. I extend our many thanks to our organizer, Yolanda Schirer. I think the banquet gets better every year.

We have many good programs planned this coming year and will continue to plan others. I want your input on programs you would like to have, so please let me know.

Our Education Committee is determined to outdo last year with great classes. There are several Wire Wrap classes planned and they are working on Lapidary Classes starting in March. I want to thank all the Committee for their great contribution to our members and the Community. Classes fill up real fast, so please contact our education chairperson, Ofelia Warthen on classes you may be interested in attending.

With the changes in our bylaws, our budget has already been prepared and is ready to be presented at the January meeting by our Treasurer, John Erskine.

There are some changes to our leadership chairpersons. Don Ogden will be our new Field Trip Chairman and will have a report at the meeting. We are going to try to have a trip or two to some museums this year along with our regular trips to the desert.

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NOC Club Activities

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

Refreshments

Kathy needs a volunteer to bring the goodies to the January meeting. Please call her at (626) 934-9764.

Kathy will have a sign-up list for the rest of the year at the January meeting

Programs

by Mike Beaumont

Dr Larry Barnes will be the January speaker

Subject: Fossil Sea Creatures of
Southern California

Members in the News

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

*Colin Arp
Jane Hendrixson
Don Livezey
Karen Miller
Betty Newman
Bernie Ruiz*

Your gemstone is Garnet.
Your flower is Carnation or Snowdrop.

Shows and Events

February 12-21, 2010 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 26-27, 2010, 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
Website: <http://delairrockhounds.blogspot.com>

March 6-7, 2010 Arcadia, CA

Monrovia Rockhounds
Los Angeles Arboretum
301 N. Baldwin Ave.
Hours: 9 - 4:30 both days
Jo Anna Ritchey (626) 359-1624
email: vgms-editor@roadrunner.com
Website: www.moraks.com

May 15-16, 2010 Yucapi, CA

Yucapi Valley Gem & Mineral Society
Yucapi Community Center
34900 Oak Glen road
Hours: Sat. 9-5, sun. 10-4
Bill Jochimen (909) 790-1475

June 5-6, 2010 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 18-20 2010, Whittier, CA

AFMS/CFMS Show & Convention
North Orange County Gem & Mineral Society
So. CA Univ. of Health Sciences
16200 E. Amber Valley Dr., Whittier, CA 90604
Hours: 10-5 daily
Don Warthen (626) 330-8974
Mike Beaumont (714) 510-6037
Email: odwarthen@verizon.net
Websites: www.nocgms.com
www.cfmsinc.org
www.amfed.org

Presidents Message - Contd

Nancy Bird has taken over as Social Secretary and has been very busy sending out cards. Mike has planned some great speakers.

We are coming down the stretch to the big show this year. There have been some rough spots but we continue moving forward. We surely will need everybody's help to make this a great show that we are all proud of.

The Chamber will be holding a street fair April 9, 10, & 11, 2010 called the "Spring Citrus Fair" celebrating life in La Habra. The Education Committee has already reserved a spot to publicize their classes and a great opportunity for our Club to announce the 2010 Show to the Community.

Remember Dues are due. We will have to pay the club dues and insurance to the CFMS this month, so please try to get your dues in as soon as you possible. The CFMS dues are \$2.00 per person and \$6.00 for insurance. That means that we send \$8.00 for each member and a couple will pay only \$30.00. That means for each couple we will only keep \$14.00 at the club level and \$12.00 for each individual.

Poems by Joan

by Joan Abramson

MERRY CHRISTMAS 2009

“Aging Gracefully”

Maturity is shaken by new ways,
Ever challenging our placid days,
Reluctantly we discard many dreams,
Yesterday has morphed into the new:
Computers rule the world - yes, it is true!
Hard-pressed, we must adapt or lose our path,
Resolving to be positive - and laugh!
Insulation is not conforming,
So we are challenged by what Fate may bring.
Technology has left us far behind,
Making panic in a tethered mind,
Aging grants our best alternative:
Seize the gift with gratitude - and live!

HAPPY NEW YEAR

“Happiness”

Happiness - a quality obscure,
Associated with good and pure.
Presumed the culmination of success,
Part of living when devoid of stress.
“Yesterday” plays court to future gain.
“Now” is in our grasp - we can detain
Each fragile moment at its best - no fee!
We overlook the happiness that's free:
Yellow daffodils in morning sun,
Even webs an untaught spider's spun,
A chrysalis that magically will change -
Rewards of Nature in our daily range.

2010 CFMS/AFMS Show

One of Californias Hidden Treasures

*by Cheri George
via CFNS Newsletter 1/10*

When the North Orange County Gem & Mineral Society accepted the challenge to sponsor the 2010 CFMS/AFMS Show, they were in almost the same situation as the biblical lad David when he went up against Goliath with nothing more than a simple slingshot. In case you do not remember, David slew Goliath. WOW, what a challenge, especially in these trying economical times.

There are some hardworking people on the 2010 Show committee, not the least of which is our show chair, Mike Beaumont. In the middle of all this planning hoopla, he and his lady have become the proud parents for the very first time.

How exciting! Mike has a great crew working along with him to plan and make all those little things keep moving along like clockwork.

Those of us on the 2010 Show Committee hope you will all consider attending our show. It promises to be a great time, with lots of displays, demonstrators and other fun things to do. There may even be a few surprises thrown in.

Join us in one of California's HIDDEN TREASURES, La Habra for the 2010 CFMS/AFMS Show next June.

-Cheri



Education Thru Sharing

by Loretta Ogden

December 2009 nomination:

I would like to nominate **JAY VALLE** as the North Orange County Gem and Mineral Society's **ROCK HOUND OF THE YEAR**.

Jay has been, and continues to be an enormous asset to NOCGMS. He currently holds the office of club Secretary. He also holds the position of Chairman of the Field Trip Committee, and in this role (which he has held for a number of years) he does the vast majority of our club's field trip planning.

Additionally, Jay does considerable work in both the set up and tear down of our club's annual Gem Show. Also, during the show Jay is a regular demonstrator of "cabbing" on a grinder he brings to the show.

Jay is always willing to help and answer questions and teach. My wife, Wendi, and I have been a member of NOGGMS for just a few years, but in that time Jay has provided us both with a great deal of help, answers, suggestions training demonstrations and offers to assist us further as we expand our knowledge of our "hobby". And, he displays this same helpful attitude and availability to anyone who asks.

He is also a reliable helper in all sorts of other club activities and takes his responsibility very seriously to "suit up and show up" when he says he will do so. He also helps his wife each month coordinating the refreshments for our monthly meeting.

All in all, Jay is a super club member, leader, and active participant in many key areas of the NOCGMS, and is an outstanding helper to those of us who have questions and need help.

I heartily and enthusiastically nominate **JAY VALLEY** as this year's NOCGMS **ROCK HOUND OF THE YEAR**.

Submitted by John Erskine

Education Report

by Ofelia Warthen

Your education committee is busy and ready to continue with great classes into 2010.

The first scheduled class will be Tuesday, January 26th from 6 to 9 pm at the La Habra Community Center. This class will be more advanced where you will learn to make a beautiful Egyptian style, gold-filled earrings. Space is limited and must make reservation by completing registration prior to class.

The following schedule on other classes: February 23, March 23, and April 27. See separate attachment for further information & registration

We will start Lapidary Classes in March and April for Members that want to master the art of doing cabochons, (a gem or bead cut in convex form and highly polished) and other exquisite forms of art on semi-precious stones. Space will be very limited so must call Chairman, Ofelia for details.

Spring Citrus Fair

by Don Warthen

The La Habra Chamber will be hosting a street fair "Spring Citrus Fair" on April 9th, 10th & 11th, 2010. This is just two months before our show and would be a great place to advertise the show.

The cost is: for non-profits (in a non-profit area) \$25.00, for commercial \$3.00 a sq ft with a minimum of 10 ft x 10 ft spaces or \$5.00 a sq ft in a prime (hi traffic area) again a minimum of 10 ft x 10 ft spaces.

The Education Committee has already applied for a space to publicize their classes.

If we do this, we need to start planning now. The theme of the show is "Celebrating Life in La Habra" if we had a display showing earth quake faults that run through La Habra we should get a good response.

Attached on page 10 is the flyer for the fair.

NORTH ORANGE COUNTY GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY

Winter Class Schedule – 2010

Jan. 26 – Egyptian Style Earrings made with 14 K gold-filled wire and beads

Feb. 23 – Two Pearl Rings, made from 14 K gold-filled wire and pearls.
Also learn to twist wire.

Mar. 23 – Bracelet made from patterned copper wire and stone

All materials are included in the above three classes.

Apr. 27 – Trouble Shooting Workshop. Bring your wire wrap problems, questions or project to finish and we will help you.



Classes are held at:

La Habra Community Center
101 La Habra Blvd.
La Habra, California

From: 6 pm to 9 pm (Please arrive promptly as there will be no admittance after 6:10 pm.)

Space is limited to 15 people; so to avoid disappointment, please register early.

For more information call: 562-946-0828 or 626-330-8974

Email: Ofelia Warthen at: odwarthen@verizon.net

REGISTRATION FORM: MAIL NO LATER THAN JANUARY 19, 2010

Please Print:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone No.: _____ Email: _____

Check class(s) you are registering for:

- ___ Jan. 26 – Egyptian Style Earrings Class \$25.00
___ Feb. 23 – Two Pearl Rings Class \$25.00
___ Mar. 23 – Copper Wire Bracelet Class \$25.00
___ Apr. 27 – Trouble Shooting Workshop \$10.00

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Make your check payable to: **NOCGMS** and mail it along with this form to:

Ofelia Warthen
15051 Leffingwell Rd., Suite 103
Whittier, CA 90604

Senior Moment

via *The Pegmatite* 12/09

An elderly La Mesa woman did her shopping and upon returning to her car found four males in the act of leaving with her vehicle.

She dropped her shopping bags and drew her handgun proceeding to scream at the top of her lungs "I have a gun and I know how to use it. Get out of the car!"

The four men didn't wait for a second warning. They got out and ran like mad.

The lady somewhat shaken then proceeded to load her shopping bags into the back of the car and got into the drivers seat.

She was so shaken that she could not get her key into the ignition. She tried and tried and then she realized why.

It was for the same reason she realized there was a football, Frisbee and two 12 packs of beer in the front seat.

A few minutes later she found her own car parked a few spaces farther down. She loaded her bags into the car and drove to the police station to report her mistake.

The sergeant to whom she told the story couldn't stop laughing. He pointed to the other end of the counter where four pale men were reporting a car jacking by a mad elderly woman described as white, less than five feet tall, glasses, curly hair and carry-ing a large handgun.

No charges were filed.

2010 Gem Show

AFMS
AFMS/CFMS
Hosted by:
North Orange County Gem & Mineral Society

Displays
Raffle Prizes
Games
Gems & Jewelry

Fossils
Kids Room
Food

Free Parking

Sponsoring La Habra Youth

HIDDEN TREASURES
June 18 - 20, 2010
Fri - Sun 10am - 5pm
16200 E. Amber Valley Dr. Whittier, CA 90604

So. CA Univ. of Health Sciences - www.schu.edu
Information: (926) 338-8974 or odward@shu.verizon.net

Just something I saw in another news letter but felt it applied to us and most other organizations.

Don Ogden
Editor



via *Scribe* December, 2009
by Bob Hughes

Awright, youse guys!

It's time to shell out a couple bucks for my club dues for 2010.

Yeah, you know it's worth it! I tried, but the gov't says we didn't ask for enough to qualify for stimulus.

So, same old price per year. In advance.

And don't say it is too expensive: It costs that much for several cups o' mud at the local coffee shop.

More, if you can stand Starbucks.

And you don't have to tip the editor.

PLEASE, try to get paid up by the end of December.

Would help the bookkeeping.

Del Air Field Trip January 23, 2010

by Jay Valle

Hosted by: Del Air Rockhounds (open to all)

Where: Santa Barbara, CA

(Refugio, Gaviota, and El Capitan State Beaches)

Location/Directions: Refugio SB is located 20 miles West of Santa Barbara on Highway 101 at Refugio Road.

Trip leader: Jon Meredith

email: Meredith@flashercrew.net

There are public restrooms at all sites, changing rooms at Refugio, and beach "showers" at all sites.

Materials available: Fossil Whale bone, chert, fossil horse teeth have been found in creeks, agates, jasper

Parking fees: \$8.00 per vehicle, fee good for all locations on same day

Bring: Water shoes, sandals, or old sneakers old clothes you don't mind getting sandy. Dry clothes for trip home (and a towel or 2) and a variety of warm garments (sweatshirts, jackets, etc.- temperatures could be anywhere from 45 to 75). Also bring a citrus based hand cleaner for tar removal (there are natural seeps in the Santa Barbara Channel). Food and/or beverages (mini marts closed in winter)

The day will start at Refugio State Beach at approximately 9 a.m. With low tide at 10:34 a.m., this will give us about 1.5 hours of collecting time here before moving to Gaviota or El Capitan for the low tide period. Refugio has rock beds which are exposed during mean tide periods where whale bone can be found.

This can be quite an eventful trip, depending on weather, wildlife, civilians. In January 2006, we collected over 200 lbs of bone as a group. This is a good trip for rock hounds of all ages, and for scout troops, etc. Participants will be required to sign a waiver for the Del Air Rockhounds.

Note: These beaches were on the closure list for budgetary reasons earlier this year, so access may be limited in the future



Quartzsite Shows for 2010

Via <http://www.xpopress.com/QZ-RR-show-schedule.html>

Rice Ranch 'Yawl Come' Show

... November 1, 2009- February 28, 2010

Desert Gardens International Gem & Mineral Show

... January 1- February 28, 2010

Prospector's Panorama Gem, Jewelry, Mineral, Fossil & Bead Show

... January 1 - February 28, 2010

Tyson Wells Rock & Gem Show

... January 1-10, 2010

Hi Jolly Daze Parade

... January 2, 2010

Main Event East /Sam's Swapmeet

... January 9-24, 2010

Blythe Bluegrass Festival

... January 15-17, 2010

Tyson Wells Sell-A-Rama

... January 15-24, 2010

"Big Tent" Quartzsite Sports Vacation & RV Show

... January 16-24, 2010

QIA Pow-Wow

... January 20-24, 2010

"Big Tent" Quartzsite Hobby Craft & Gem Show

... January 27-31, 2010

Tyson Wells Arts & Crafts

... January 29-February 7, 2010

"Big Tent" Quartzsite Rock & Roll Classic Car Show

... January 30-31, 2010

Willpower/Pawpower ATV Parade

... February 6, 2010

Tyson Wells Blue Grass Festival

... February 26-28, 2010

"It's Chili in Quartzsite" Chili State Salsa Championship

... February 27, 2010

SCRIBE meets at Senior Citizen's Center

Moon Mountain Road

Quartzsite, Arizona

January 23, 2010

8:00 a.m.

Computer Enemies

by Don Ogden

VIRUS

A **virus** is a program that attaches itself to a “host” program and can cause damage to hardware, software, and files.

How does a computer virus infiltrate your computer?

1. As an e-mail attachment.
2. As e-mail sent to a Web-based service, such as Hotmail.
3. Through files you share by disk or over a network.
4. From a Web site that tricks you into downloading malicious code.

WORM

A **worm** is a stand-alone, self-replicating program that invades computers and consumes memory, thus causing a computer to crash.

Worms don't travel alone, they carry with them a program that spreads the worm by emailing itself to everyone in the computer's email address book.

TROJAN HORSE

A **Trojan Horse** is a computer program that appears to be useful but conceals an unexpected function that is typically damaging.

Trojan horse programs are executable files, meaning they can be run on their own without the aid of another program.

How to Protect your computer:

1. Install an antivirus software and keep it current.
2. Use Microsoft Update programs.
3. Install a firewall.
4. Stay on the main routes of the information highway. Be cautious about visiting unknown Websites which can transmit a virus directly into your computer.
5. Don't open e-mail attachments from anyone you don't know - and be wary of attachments from people you do know.

In Memorium Jerry MartinGrafton

Nov. 11, 1912 - Dec. 27, 2009

by Loretta Ogden

Jerry started his life journey in Los Angeles, California. He was a native Californian before there were so many of them.

Jerry joined the United States Coast Guard and spent 10 years with them. He was in the South Pacific during WWII.

Jerry was a machinist and had his business and home in Santa Ana, California. He and his wife Agnes (51 yrs.) raised their two boys Tom and John and daughter Lolly (passed 2008) between their and Smiley Park in the San Bernardino Mountains. He learned to love his mountain life at a young age. His Grandparents lived there for many years and until recently he owned the very same land their house was on although he had built a different house since a fire consumed the old one. Sadly Agnes passed in 1988.

Jerry met Ginny who owned the cabin down the road from him in Smiley Park. It was not long until he was smitten. Not only did he fall for Ginny but for her daughter Susan and her hobby, gems & minerals. He and Ginny were married and he joined NOC in 1988. They traveled the whole country looking for rocks. He learned to cut and polish them at ZZYZX Earth Science Studies Camp. They sold in Quartzite for several years and he cut geodes at our show for many years.

As the years passed he needed more care and his beloved second daughter Susan retired and lovingly and diligently helped both her parents.

The family is planning a memorial at their home in Cerritos after the New Year.

We, the members of NOC will sincerely miss our friend Jerry.

Moab, UT 2000



Christmas/Awards Party

December 08, 2009



Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year



Rockhound of the Year



Feb
Nov
\$12

Entertainment

Music • Singer Talent Search • Theme Song
Depot Train Whistle • Dancing
Fashion Show Period Costumes

Exciting Carnival Rides

Specialty Local Food

Funnel Cakes • Chili • Corn Bread
Tamales • Citrus Drinks

Professional Food Vendors

Craft Goods & Merchandise

Food Competition

Chili Cook-Off • Tamales • Citrus Desserts

Exhibits

Historic Memorabilia • Museum Tours
Storytelling • Vintage Car & Equipment Show

Character Mascots

Limón • Val Encia • Big Hass

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

562-697-1704

www.CitrusFair.com

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The La Habra Chamber of Commerce will produce its First Annual Spring Citrus Fair — full of period charm — showcasing the history of the La Habra Valley on April 9, 10 & 11, 2010.

LOCATION:

La Habra Boulevard between Euclid and Cypress Streets

THIS YEAR'S THEME:

"Celebrating Life in La Habra"

