

# NOC GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY NEWS

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## President's Message

Presidents message:

Ofelia and I just returned from a very wet and stormy Quartzite with some great geodes for our show in June. We now have over half the dealers we need for the show and all the committees are busy completing all the show preparations. Most of the club members have signed up to help at the show but we still need help. Everyone needs to do his or her part to make this a super great show.

The Chamber is going to have a big kickoff to publicize the Spring Festival in April. The kickoff will feature three contests; a Chili Cook-off, a Tamale, and Dessert contest. If you are interested in representing the club and publicizing our show, in any of these contests, please contact me.

The education committee held their first class of the year and everyone made some really beautiful earrings. It is amazing to see just how much everyone has progressed in making some real nice jewelry. The committee has several openings for this years scheduled classes, so call to sign up.

Speaking about education, our Librarian, Yolanda, has many great informational books on how to make jewelry, faceting, silversmithing and other related gem and mineral material. Make sure you call Yolanda Schirer to bring in some of these books for you to take home and become an expert in geology.

Last month Richard exhibited an orange vest he got from the Pro Bass Shop. Dave and Fran Swanston have volunteered to go out to the Pro Bass Shop and pickup vests for anyone that wants one. If you would like one, please give them your size and money at the February meeting.

Remember, "**Dues are Due.**" If you have not paid your dues, please do so this month. Dues for the family are \$20.00 for the first person and \$10.00 for each additional person (\$30.00 for a couple) and \$20.00 for singles.

I was informed this morning that the "Dignity Memorial®" Vietnam Wall will be at Rose Hills Memorial Park, 3888 Workman Mill Road, Whittier, CA. from March 23<sup>rd</sup> through the 30<sup>th</sup>.

The wall is a traveling ¾ scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington D. C. If anyone would like to volunteer to help out at the wall, or if you want more information please contact:

Bruce Lazenby at (562) 699 00921 or [ba.lazenby@rosehills.com](mailto:ba.lazenby@rosehills.com)  
Bonnie Quintanilla at (818) 681-5777  
Phyllis Grabot at (805) 341-7269 or  
[corridorcomms@corridorcomms.com](mailto:corridorcomms@corridorcomms.com)

Don Warthen

## NOC Club Activities

Board Meeting - to be announced  
Field Trip - Chuckawalla Springs - Feb 13-15  
Ant Hill - Feb 27  
Deadline for NOC News - February 17

## Programs

*by Mike Beaumont*

John Grotzinger will be the February speaker.

**Subject:** Current Ongoing Research of Mars.

## Refreshments

Thanks to Kathy & Jay Valle and Nancy Bird for bringing the goodies to the January meeting. Dave & Fran Swanston, and Frank & Kim Winn will bring the goodies

## Members in the News

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

*Mike Beaumont  
Nancy Bird  
Jeremy Newman  
Linda Nelson  
Clarence Pool  
Del Smith  
Chalmer Steed*

Your gemstone is Amethyst  
Your flower is Primrose or Violet

Welcome to New Member from La Habra  
*Clyeda Tezak*

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## Shows and Events

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### **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](mailto:vgms-editor@roadrunner.com)  
Website: [www.moraks.com](http://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](mailto: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  
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[www.amfed.org](http://www.amfed.org)

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## Avoid a Ticket Move Over Law Since 2007

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*via Internet*

Important Law to Share:

I wanted to let my Medlock Bridge neighbors know about the CA move-over law.

My son got a ticket on Pleasant Hill coming back from Wal-Mart. A Duluth police car (turned out it was 2 police cars) were on the side of the road giving a ticket to someone else.

My son slowed down to pass but did not move into the other lane. The second police car immediately pulled him over and gave him a ticket.

It is a fairly new law that states if any emergency vehicle is on the side of the road, you are to move over and slow down.

The cost of the ticket was \$754 with 3 points on your license and a mandatory court appearance.

Please let everydriver know about this new law.

It is true? (I don't know.) The ticket cost, etc. does not seem right. This information was obtained from the internet, and may be true.

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## February Birthstone

### Amethyst

Color: Purple

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If glazing into the sparkling purple depths of an Amethyst suffuses you with a sense of powerful well being, this is only to be expected. The ancient Greeks believed that this gemstone held many powers, among them protection against intoxication. In fact, the word Amethyst comes from the Greek word "amethystos," meaning sober. In ancient Greece, the gemstone was associated with the god of wine, and it was common practice to serve this beverage from Amethyst goblets in the belief that this would prevent overindulgence.

Even today, Amethyst is considered a stabilizing force for those struggling to overcome addictive behaviors.

February's purple birthstone has been found among the possessions of royalty throughout the ages. The intense violet hue of Amethyst appealed to early monarchs, perhaps because they often wore this color. Purple dye was scarce and expensive at one time, and so it was reserved for the garments of kings and queens. Amethyst has been found in ruins dating as far back as the ninth century, adorning crowns, scepters, jewelry, and breastplates worn into battle. A large Amethyst is among the closely guarded gemstones in the British Crown Jewels.

Amethyst is also symbolic of spirituality and piety. It has been used to ornament churches and crosses used in religious ceremony, and worn in rings and on rosaries by bishops and priests.

Once considered more valuable than diamonds, Amethyst is a member of the quartz family, occurring naturally as crystals within rocks. Deposits of this gemstone are found in Brazil, Canada, Australia, India, Madagascar, Namibia, Russia, Sri Lanka; and in the United States.

The gift of Amethyst is symbolic of protection and the power to overcome difficulty. It is said to strengthen the bond in a love relationship, so it is an ideal anniversary or engagement gem. Whether or not Amethyst holds such power, it's stunning beauty will certainly make anyone who wears it feel like royalty!

The University of Nebraska.

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## Wasp Spray

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*via Internet*

If you don't have a gun, here's a more humane way to wreck someone's evil plans for you. (Even if you do have a gun and miss, it will not go through your walls and into your neighbors wall into their house and maybe them.)

Did you know this? I didn't. I never really thought of it before.

I guess I can get rid of the baseball bat.

### Wasp Spray

A friend who is a receptionist in a church in a high risk area was concerned about someone coming into the office on Monday to rob them when they were counting the collection. She asked the local police department about using pepper spray and they recommended to her that she get a can of wasp spray instead.

The wasp spray, they told her, can shoot up to twenty feet away and is a lot more accurate, while with the pepper spray, they have to get too close to you and could overpower you. The wasp spray temporarily blinds an attacker until they get to the hospital for an antidote. She keeps a can on her desk in the office and it doesn't attract attention from people like a can of pepper spray would. She also keeps one nearby at home for home protection.

Thought this was interesting and might be of use.

On the heels of a break in and beating that left an elderly woman in Toledo dead, self defense experts have a tip that could save your life.

Val Glinka teaches self-defense to students at Sylvania Southview High School . For decades, he's suggested putting a can of wasp and hornet spray near your door or bed.

Glinka says, "This is better than anything I can teach them."

Glinka considers it inexpensive, easy to find, and more effective than mace or pepper spray. The cans typically shoot 20 to 30 feet; so if someone tries to break into your home, Glinka says "spray the culprit in the eyes". It's a tip he's given to students for decades.

It's also one he wants everyone to hear. If you're looking for protection, Glinka says look to the spray.

"That's going to give you a chance to call the police; maybe get out."

Maybe even save a life.

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## NOC General Meeting Minutes La Habra Community Center January 12, 2010

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by Jay Valle

**Call to Order:** President Don Warthen called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. followed by the flag salute.

**Program -** Lawrence Barnes presented a program on "Major Vertebrate Fossil Discoveries in Orange County"

### Break & Drawing

**Minutes of Last Meeting:** The President asked if there were any corrections to the September Minutes as published in the bulletin. No corrections so the Minutes will stand as corrected.

**Field Trips:** Don Ogden said that the field trip for January is to Quartzsite on January 21-24.

**Education Committee:** Loretta Ogden displayed the jewelry that will be made in the next class on January 26 at 6:00 PM at the La Habra Community Center. The cost is \$25.00. Ofelia Warthen added that classes are scheduled for every month and that there will be some lapidary classes as well. The attendance will be limited to 3 persons due to the number of machines available to us. These classes will be on Saturdays, beginning in March.

**Treasurers Report:** John Erskine presented a summary report for 2009 and presented the proposed budget for 2010 for both the club and the upcoming show. The individual spreadsheets are up on the table for review. John asked that all club expenditures be cleared with him first. Dave Swanston **MADE A MOTION** that John's NOC budget for 2010 be accepted as presented, Misha Faranech **SECONDED THE MOTION. The MOTION carried, none opposed.** There were no additional comments on the Treasurer's Report so the Report will "Stand As Read".

**Show Report:** Don Warthen informed us that Mike Beaumont had resigned as Show Chairman and that he (Don W.) has taken over that job. He added that all of the committee assignments have been made. A signup sheet made the rounds to allow members to sign up for various show jobs. A grab bags stuffing party and potluck is tentatively scheduled for April. The date will be published later. After the Thursday setup, we will do a potluck dinner for all the workers and dealers, about 120 people. Since the Sunday of the show is Father's Day, a flyer is being prepared which allows Fathers accompanied by another paying adult to get in free. The University is allowing dry camping at the campus for \$20/night but there is only space for 30 RVs. Other commercial campgrounds will have to

be used for additional campers (a list of camping locations is being prepared.) Field trips will be scheduled for the Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday after the show.

**Social Secretary:** Nancy Bird informed us of Jerry Grafton's wake which was held the previous Saturday. Izzy Burns told us the Beverly Moreau was in the hospital after undergoing a triple-bypass operation. Don Warthen let us know about the passing of Claire Gagnan (former NOC member).

**Refreshments:** Frank & Kim Winn and Jay & Kathy Valle brought the refreshments to the meeting. Next month's refreshments are going to be prepared by Don and Kathy Eschbach.

### New Business:

Nancy Bird & Ofelia Warthen are going to be changing the case in the front of the Community Center and asked if anyone had something they would like to display for the next 3 months.

Richard Shirer displayed his new orange vest which he purchased at the Bass Pro Shop in Rancho Cucamonga (contact Don Warthen for directions).

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

Jay Valle, NOC Secretary  
January 18, 2010

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## Proposed Field Trips for 2010

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- Feb. 13-15 - Chuckawalla Springs
- Mar. 12-14 - Stoddard Wells
- Mar 20-21 - Lavic Siding/Southern Cady's,  
get permit and fire permit
- Apr. 24-25 - Pala area to Henshaw lake on  
Sat. and possibly Blue Lady on Sun.
- May 29-31 - Owens Valley
- Jun. 10 - Gold Panning day trip TBA
- Jun. 10 - Big Bear TBA
- Jul. 10 - Refugio for whale bone TBA
- Aug. 6-8 - Nipomo Club Show
- Sep. 10 - Jalama Beach TBA
- Oct. 23-24 - Whittier Club Claim, Barstow
- Nov. 25-28 - Afton Canyon or Rainbow  
Ledge
- Dec. 4 - Castle Butte day trip
- Dec. 10-11 - Day Trip? TBA

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February 27, 2010

*via cfms website*

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## Education Report

*by Ofelia Warthen, Chair Person*

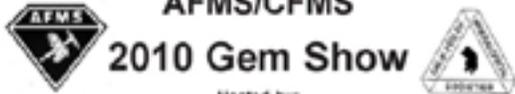
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**AFMS/CFMS**  
**2010 Gem Show**  
Hosted by:  
North Orange County Gem & Mineral Society

Games  
Displays  
Raffle Prizes  
Gems & Jewelry  
Sponsoring:  
La Habra Youth

Fossils  
Kids Room  
Food

Admission: \$6.00  
Children under 14 Free  
(with or adult)

**Free Parking**

**HIDDEN TREASURES**

June 18 - 20, 2010  
Fri. - Sun. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

So. CA University of Health Sciences  
16200 E. Amber Valley Dr. Whittier, CA 90604

Information: (909) 356-6074 - cwarthen@uhsoc.com  
or (909) 356-2450 - dangler@uhsoc.com  
www.uhsoc.org - 10gms.com

## 2010 Show Meeting La Habra Community January 11, 2010

by MarynEllen Ruiz

President Don Warthen called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Attended by: Frank Winn, Richard & Yolanda Schirer, Nany Bird, Don & Loretta Odgen, Burl & Pat LaRue, Bill & Izzie Burns, John Erskine, Bernie & Mary Ellen Ruiz, Robyn Hawk, Don & Ofelia Warthen, and Dave Swanston.

Discussion was about the changing of the web site and changing the Pre-Registration to the P.O. Box in La Habra. Don O said the forms on the web sites were changed.

Mary Ruiz will be handling the pre-Registration, and checking the P.O. Box weekly. She will be giving John our treasur the money as it comes in.

We talked about how many competitive cases we need and by May 19. We should have a good count of everything.

We will also be stamping hands as the people come into the show. A different stamp for each day. Robyn Hawk has offered to supply the stamps and ink.

Burl is going to have people from Orange Belt and Prospectors to help setup and take down.

John our treasur has requested that you let him know what you need in the amount of money before buying.

We talked about dealers, speakers, and field trips etc. Izzie will be working with Robyn on getting more speakers.

We need 4 to 5 food vendors, as of now we have 2 for sure. Burl knows someone who sells ice cream and he gives you a percent of the profit, he will look into that for us.

Everyone thought it was a good idea to have a child bring his father on Sunday, which is Fathers Day and pay only for one that day only.

We are going to have hot dogs, chips and drinks on Thursday for the dealers and workers. Ofelia will be handling this with Kim.

The City of La Habra is having a Spring Citrus Fair in April and we will have a booth to promote our show and the Educational Program.

## Shows Activities

by Loretta Odgen

As you all know the show is approaching at lightning speed. There are a lot of activities that we need things for. Since it is about spring-cleaning time I'm thinking you all will be cleaning out and getting rid of other peoples treasures. I will give you a list of the things we can use for the different areas.

1. **Kracker Barrel** - Friday night get together. **PIRATE THEME.** Any decorations that are appropriate, treasures for the treasure hunt and of course your labor. It will be really fun too so don't miss it.

2. **Silent Auction** - Kathy Valle is in charge but we all know she needs high quality rocks and equipment seems to do well too. We are looking for good decorator items and household items. We are also planning a special sale so if you have lapidary or jewelry, bead or wire magazines or books let us know.

3. **Raffle** - Please everyone find something fabulous to donate. Our club has a reputation for having the best prizes. People especially love items that members make that represent our hobby.

4. **Sunday** children's special Silent Auction. We need items that children will bid on and not have to pay too much. Sunday is Fathers Day so we will need to do something to attract the Families

5. **Banquet** - it is going to be a Mexican Fiesta so we need decorations in that theme. Also if you have any ideas for this event please call me(909) 598-2456. I know it is rather expensive but I am really hoping everyone will come.

I am very proud of our club and it is a great time to show Ourselves off after the show has already started. I have been to shows where thee are hardly any members at the banquet and it is not a pretty site. I hope all of us can stand up and be introduced. You will all have your jobs to be recognized for after all.

6. **Nancy** needs pots for the plant table and rocks for the grab bags. We will be having a filling party and potluck at the Warthens in April or May. It will be announced.

7. Aside from that we will need host and hostesses for all thee events and it would be wonderful to be recognized as the friendliest and most hospitable club in So. Cal.

Thanks, Loretta

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## Publicity Meeting at Ogdens Home January 15, 2010

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*by Robyn Hawk*

I won't be at the February meeting - I will be in Tucson - here are the notes from the Publicity Committee Meeting.

### Discussions:

**Trips - Raffle Items - Demos - Speakers - Programs** - These are all areas that will attract more people and we need specifics in each of these areas so that we can add the info to the website. Especially field trips as people who are coming in from other areas can plan for the trips they want to be involved in.

**Field Trips** - Robyn Hawk has put together a plan for the Field Trips following the show. She should have an idea of dates and trips before the end of the month so they can be added to the web site.

**Speakers** - Robyn is working with Izzy on this and should have info by the end of February.

**Program** - Mike has requested that he still be involved in this. - We are willing to let him sell ad space - but - we have a simple program that will work as a fall back.

Don Warther will be working up a **flyer** to hand-out at the Spring Fest in April that will have the **Father's Day - Dads Enter Free Special** on the back.

Robyn suggested that we add info on how local businesses could get involved in the Show - to the letter that Mary Ellen Ruiz sends out.

Ad space in the program  
Banners during the events  
Table in the outdoors patio area

We talked about placement of the Show info on the AFMS and CFMS sites...

Don Ogden is working on the following:

Move show to top of CFMS and AFMS sites ... and the home page of the NOCGMS site.

Rework the map that goes on the Forms:

Add street names to map  
Add directions under the Map (ie. From the South take; or from the North take:)  
Then add new map to RV Flyer

Robyn will work on an interactive map on Google that will have all the locations (including local sightseeing) - this will happen after she returns from Tucson.

Check with Pat for the printer cost of the CFMS newsletter.

Add Raffle Items, speakers Schedule and Field Trip Schedules to the web site as soon as they become available.

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## Quartzsite POW WOW January 23 2010



# Tuesday January 26 Class



Demonstrating



Signing-in



Hands on



This class - Ear Rings



Hands on



March 23 Class - Two-Pearl Rings



April 27 Class - Bracelet

# Quartzsite Saturday January 23 2010



Scribe



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Pow Wow



After the Tornado



Cafe Time