

NOC GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY NEWS

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President's Message

We had a show meeting last week and things are looking good, but there is still a lot to do. The show is fast approaching and we have a lot of work to do. I am asking everyone to pitch in and help! This is a much larger show than usual. We have several committee positions that need to be filled. Please contact me at the next meeting to see where you can help. The next show meeting will be on March 15th at the Community Center at 6:30 pm.

We have some great programs planned for the show and some interesting field trips and remember that everyone that wants to put in a competitive or non-competitive case will have to fill out an entry form. The form should be elsewhere in this newsletter

We will be having a grab-bag filling party in May at our house with a potluck. Thursday May 27th we will be hosting the "Good Morning La Habra" again this year. We will be looking for help with preparing the breakfast that morning; this is an excellent opportunity to meeting the chamber members and to publicize the show and our club. On Thursday night, after the show is setup we will have Hot Dogs and goodies for the all those that have been there helping.

Following the show this year, we will have a special meeting on July 13th to greet all those that were at the show and want to find out more about the club. This meeting will have a short program, a potluck, and a change to recap the show.

The Education Committee has held two classes already this year and everyone is excited about the fine jewelry they have been making. We will be starting the Lapidary Class later this month. If you are not signed up yet, please see Ofelia at the meeting to get the schedule to sign up.

Tuesday May 25th will be "Chamber Night at Senor Compos." This has always been a big hit and should be a lot of fun, so try to attend. We will have our annual Picnic/Bar-B-Q/Potluck in August.

Again, I am reminding everyone that hasn't paid their dues, to please remember to send them in. Dues are past due! We need your dues money to operate the club. So, please bring your dues to the meeting on Tuesday or mail to

John Erskine 341 N. Dexford, La Habra, CA 90631.
Don Warthen

NOC Club Activities

Board Meeting - to be announced
Field Trip - Stoddard Wells - Mar 12-14
- Lavic Siding - Mar 20-21
- CFMS Cadys -Apr 17-18
Deadline for NOC News - March 17

Programs

Justin Zzyzx of "The-Vug.com" will be the featured speaker at the March 9th meeting.

Topic: Southern California, Mineral Collecting Mecca. Justin knows about some great collecting spots in the LA Basin!!!

Refreshments

by Nancy Bird

Thanks to Don and Kathy Eschbach for bringing the goodies to the February meeting. Dave and Fran Swanston will bring the goodies to the March meeting.

Members in the News

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

*Virginia Grafton
Don Rees
Valeria Ruzgys
Rae Smith
Jay Valle
Mary Villaescusa*

Your gemstone is Bloodstone or Aquamarine.
Your flower is Daffodil or Jonquil.

Shows and Events

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

March 13-14, 2010 San Marino, CA

Pasadena Lapidary Society
San Marino Masonic Center
3130 Huntington Drive
Hours: Sat. 10-6; Sun. 10-5
(626) 355-6964 or (626) 298-1534
Marcia Goetz joenmar1@verizon.net

March 19-21, 2010 San Bernardino, CA

Orange Belt Mineralogical Society
Western Regional Little League Ball Park
6707 Little League Drive
Hours: 9 a.m. - Dusk daily
Shane Ripley (909)557-3605
Email: OBMS_PR@yahoo.com
Website: <http://obmsrocks.yolasite.com>

April 30 - May 1-2, 2010 Bishop, CA

Lone Pine Gem & Mineral Society
Tri-County Fairgrounds (Robinson Bldg.)
Corner of Sierra St. & Fair Drive
Hours: Fri. 6-9, Sat 9:30-5, Sun. 10-3
Francee Graham (760) 876-4319
Email: franceem@quet.com

May 1-2, 2010 Anaheim, CA

Searchers Gem and Mineral Society
Brookhurst Community Center
2271 West Crescent Ave.
Hours: Sat. 10 - 5, Sun. 10-4:30
Marty Swiderski
Email: Martin.Swidersky@jacobs.com
Website: www.searchersrocks.org

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
Email: odwarthen@verizon.net
Websites: www.nocgms.com
www.cfmsinc.org
www.amfed.org

August 6-8, 2010 Nipomo, CA

Orcutt Mineral Society
St. Joseph's Church
298 S. Thompson Ave.
Hours: 9-5 daily
Wes Lingerfelt (805) 929-3788
Email: Rocks4u@prodigy.net
Website: www.omsinc.org

November 6-7, 2010 Lancaster, CA

Palmdale Gem & Mineral Club
Antelope Valley Fairgrounds
2551 West Ave. H & Hwy 14
Hours: 9-5 daily
Susan Chaisson-Walblom (661) 943-1861
Email: sichaisson@yahoo.com
Website: palmdalegemandmineral.com

AFMS, CFMS Show and Convention 2010

By Loretta Ogden

All of the members of North Orange County Gem & Mineral Society have been very busy planning and working on the 2010 AFMS, CFMS & NOC Show and Convention.

We are all hoping you are planning to come. The show is called Hidden Treasure and when you are here you will experience all the treasure we can find for you.

The field trips we have planned are superb and if you don't have a vehicle we will do our best to match you with one of the locals. All of these trips are planned after the show so you won't miss any of the other activities. There are two different trips to tourmaline mines and also our wonderful and bountiful Mojave Desert. This area is on the list to be closed to us so now may be your last chance. The exact dates and info are listed below.

We will have over 40 dealers with everything your heart desires and more.

There are world-class speakers lined up for the weekend. Bob Jones of Rock & Gem magazine and the knowledgeable Walt Wright who we are lucky enough to call a member of our club.

The competition will be fierce and the displays spectacular. The demonstrators are anxious to show you all they do and hopefully spark your interest in something new.

The social activities are measuring up to be loads of fun. I guarantee you have never had a past Presidents luncheon like this one. You are going to love it.

The Cracker Barrel on Friday night is going to be a pirate debacle. There will be a treasure hunt, food and good company galore. But be prepared someone may have to walk the plank

The awards banquet is going to be a Mexican Fiesta complete with dancers, music and of course the traditional authentic food.

It is our hope that you will enjoy yourselves and take home priceless memories of your time at The Hidden Treasure Show.

Two Tourmaline Mines in Two Days!

June 21st:

The Oceanview - Fee Dig \$50 (this is a \$25 discount per person)

Caravan to the Lake Henshaw Resort (I am working on a group rate reservation for the spaces next to the mine)

June 22nd:

The Himalaya - Fee Dig \$50 (this is a \$15 discount per person)

Fossil Hunters Choice!

June 23rd:

Trip One - Ant Hill - More Strenuous Option
Trip Two - Jalama Beach - lead by Jon Meredith - less strenuous option

Rock Hound or Tourist?

June 24th:

Trip One - Lavic Siding - lead by Jay Valle - More Strenuous Option

Trip Two - LA County Natural History Museum - lead by Dr. Larry Barnes - less strenuous option

March Field Trip Lavic Siding March 20-21, 2010

On March 20-21, we will have a field trip to Lavic Siding off the I-40. Come and collect jaspers in red, green, yellow, orange and brown. Some are mixed color; others have agate "windows" with flecks of color in them. Jaspers are abundant on the campground (!) and in the surrounding area. Also, we may visit the nearby abandoned mines and look for malachite, azurite, chrysocholla, and other South Cady Mountains specimens.

Please bring firewood for the campfire and prepare for a variety of weather conditions.

TOOLS: Rock hammer and collecting bag.

DIRECTIONS: Take I-40 east out of Barstow about 32.3 miles and go off at Hector Road. Turn right to the stop sign and go left onto Route 66. Continue about 10 miles to where Rte 66 crosses I-40. **DO NOT CROSS THE FREEWAY.** Instead, turn right and follow the signs to camp.

NOTE: Though this is a great place to camp, motels are available 40 miles away in Barstow. If you want to collect but don't want to camp, the motel option works fine.

New SCRIBE Website

by Richard Bush
SCRIBE Webmaster

Last night (2/9/10) I received an email from AT&T telling me that they will be discontinuing their Worldnet InternetService.

Worldnet is the service that I use for both my personal email and for several websites that I operate.

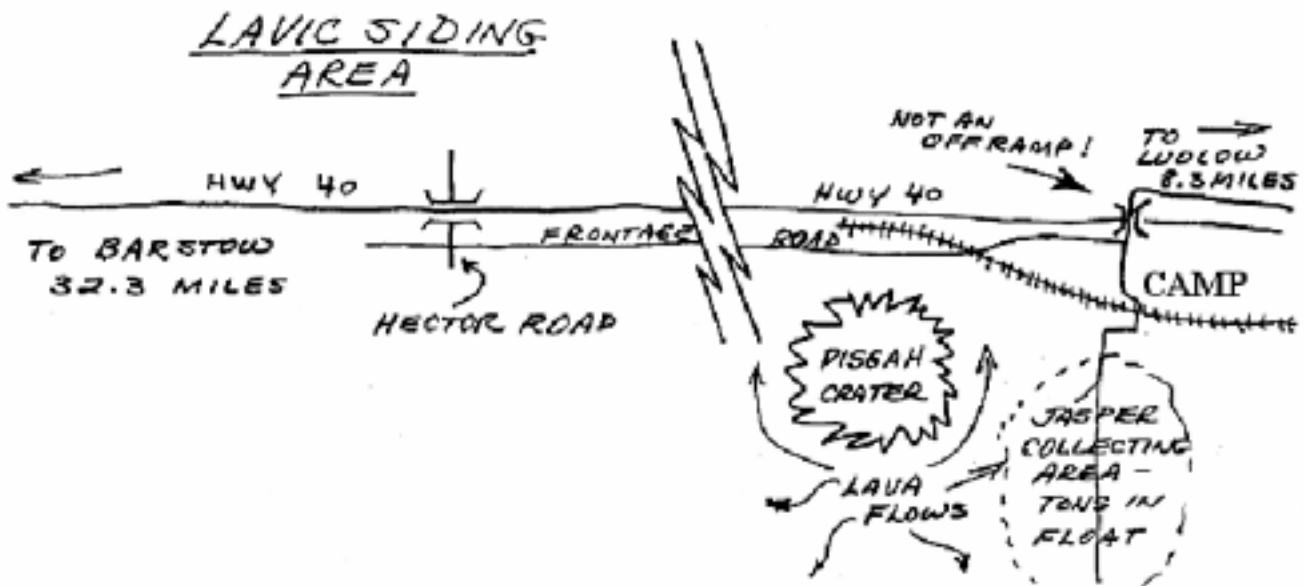
The SCRIBE website runs on AT&T Worldnet under my account.

In their notice, AT&T wrote that on March 15 all Worldnet email and web hosting services will be shut down and all files will be deleted.

The SCRIBE Website has been migrated to a new hosting service and is now operational.

The new URL for the SCRIBE website is:

<http://scribe.rbnet.net>



CFMS Field Trip

WHERE: North Cady Mtns near Afton Canyon area, off Basin Road exit by I-15 about 45 miles east of Barstow.

WHEN: April 17-18, 2010

MATERIAL: Adam Dean's favorite spots for agate, jasper, calcite, green and purple fluorite, sagenite, opalite and much more.

PARTICIPANTS: Open to all CFMS members and guests. This trip is an overnighiter with dry camping near the railroad side tracks off Basin Road.

DIRECTIONS: Take the Basin Road exit off I-15 about 45 miles east of Barstow and turn right (south) for 1.3 miles to fork in road. Take the left road for 3.8 miles to the railroad tracks and cross the tracks to the campsite.

USE CAUTION. The campsite can accommodate RVs and tents. This is dry camping with no facilities whatsoever.

BRING: Water, firewood, clothing for any type of weather hot or cold wet or dry, food and a full tank of gas.

HIGH CLEARANCE: and 4WD recommended for all sites. 2WD ok to the camping area if driven with care as many spots may have windblown sand. Roads to some sites may have deep sand.

POTLUCK DINNER: Saturday night - bring a contribution.

You must observe CFMS/AFMS Code of Ethics and sign a consent and assumption of risk waiver of liability form. Be aware that this is a remote and undeveloped area.

For further information, please contact:

Adam Dean (909) 489-4899

theagatehunter@verizon.net

or

Shep Koss (661) 248-0411

theshepster@webtv.net orreudonetoo@yahoo.com

Ant Hill Field Trip Cancelled

by Shep Koss

In good conscience I had to go to the meet spot Saturday morning to see if anyone was there who didn't get the cancellation message. There were less than a dozen people waiting who didn't know so I had to tell them face to face about the cancellation and why. Of course, it was pouring rain as we stood under an awning at the Chevron and I explained.

Afterwards, during a brief break in the rain, I went to the fossil site to see if this was an overreaction.

Here's what I found:

The trails were muddier than I've ever seen them on the 3/4 mile uphill hike. I was slipping, sliding and falling.

Reaching the trench level on the steep hillsides I found about 80% of them buried under overhang collapse from this current and previous storms.

About 25% were filled with puddles of standing water. Some trenches were buried in over 3 feet of collapsed debris.

I hiked along these trenches for about a mile along two hillsides and three slopes. The story was the same everywhere. Along the trail I did find some bone and a couple of teeth but left them as I wasn't there to collect nor brought collection bags. I doubt that six people could've found a suitable trench along that hike.

Mother Nature did an excellent job of trashing this site with this and previous storms. A far cry from two months ago when I was here prior to the rains. I think it'll be a long time in drying out and months before this area is search worthy again as these trenches now need massive excavation just to reach the bone layers again.

For this and other reasons I stand by our cancellation decision for this CFMS trip. This is the worst condition I've seen this site in seven years of visitation. A major change from December.

So it goes. BTW, Federation trips must be planned two months in advance for various reasons.

Another time, another place,

Shep

NOC General Meeting Minutes La Habra Community Center February 9, 2010

Call to Order: President Don Warthen called the meeting to order at following the flag salute.

Membership: 24 Members & 1 guest

Program - Speaker John Grotzinger unable to make meeting, no projector (wrong room) - no program.

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.

Treasurers Report: John Erskine presented the Treasurer's Report for February. There were no additional comments on the Treasurer's Report so the Report will "Stand As Read".

Education Committee: Lapidary Classes had been scheduled for next month (March) but those classes are on hold while they are reconfigured and rescheduled to handle more students. Ofelia Warthen will call a meeting of the Education Committee to discuss the changes.

- The beading class was last week (Egyptian earrings): everyone finished!
- Still openings for the upcoming ring class (Don Eschbach teaching)

New 1st Vice President Appointed: The NOC Board voted to appoint Nancy Bird as 1st Vice-President to fill the rest of Mike Beaumont's term who resigned the position. Don Warthen called for a "straw vote" of the membership present and all were in favor, none opposed.

Special Meeting in July: Don Warthen informed us that the NOC would be holding a post-show meeting in July for interested people who came to our show. It would consist of an introduction to the club and rock hunting in general. We would also have a potluck to go with the meeting. Nancy Bird **MADE A MOTION** to hold the special meeting in July, Izzy Burns **SECONDED THE MOTION**. The MOTION carried, none opposed.

<Break & Drawing>

Show Report:

- Yolanda Shirer has raffle tickets
- Geodes were purchased at Quartzsite. Pat Mogan will cut
- Don Eschbach will bring his saw.
- 2 food vendors have been lined up: A pizza parlor and "Simply Delicious". The kids will sell breakfast and then nachos during the day. The school is giving us pop-up

canopies to use - we will have to provide electricity to them somehow.

- 22 dealers have signed up so far (we've passed the half-way point).
- Izzy Burns and Robyn Hawk have been working on the field trips. 3 field trips are now scheduled for after the show. The information needs to be distributed to other clubs & the CHMF and AFMS.
- Speakers scheduled throughout the show.
- Signup list for work at the show.
- Grab bags will be stuffed in May.
- Next show meeting: February 22 (Monday) at the La Habra Community Center at 6:30 PM.

Scholarship Committee: Frank Winn to prepare a report with their recommendations in time for the September Meeting.

Field Trips: Don Ogden said that the field trip for February is to Chuckwalla Springs on February 13-15. Maps available in the back.

Federation Report: Loretta Ogden told us that there was a ALAA & PLAC report in the current CFMS Newsletter. She also said the CFMS President had written a good article on the getting and keeping of members.

Library: Yolanda Shirer let us know that the library book list was now on the NOC website. Members should let her know what book(s) they want to check out and she will bring it in. Randi Hetrick donated 5 cds on beading to the library and Clarence Pool donated "Master Stone Setting" as well. Yolanda brought The Pearl Book for members to look at. Note: Several members still have cds and books checked out - please bring them back.

Programs: Nancy Bird said that no speaker had been arranged for next month yet but that there is a program selected for the April meeting.

Social Secretary: Jerry Grafton is to be buried at sea on Saturday.

Refreshments: Kathy & Don Eschbach presented the refreshments to the meeting. Next month's refreshments are going to be prepared by Fran & Dave Swanston.

New Business:

Mary Ruiz is working on a new-member handbook which would include bylaws, duties of officers, etc.

Dave Swanston wore his new orange vest purchased at Big 5 for 14.95 (16.45 with tax).

New roster to be sent out as soon as all the dues are in.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

Jay Valle, NOC Secretary
February 20, 2010

**Two Pearl Rings Class
La Habra Community Center
February 23, 2010**



Following instructions!



The finishing touch!



Shaping!



Hands-on help!



Two beauties!



Admiring!

809 Area Code Important

via the internet

We actually received a call last week from the **809 area code**. The woman said ‘Hey, this is Karen. Sorry I missed you—get back to us quickly. I have something important to tell you.’ Then she repeated a phone number beginning with **809** We didn’t respond. Then this week, we received the following e-mail:

Do Not DIAL AREA CODE 809, 284, AND 876 THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT INFORMATION PROVIDED TO US BY AT&T. DON’T EVER DIAL AREA CODE 809.

This one is being distributed all over the US. This is pretty scary, especially given the way they try to get you to call. Be sure you read this and pass it on.

They get you to call by telling you that it is information about a family member who has been ill or to tell you someone has been arrested, died, or to let you know you have won a wonderful prize, etc. In each case, you are told to call the 809 number right away.

Since there are so many new area codes these days, people unknowingly return these calls. If you call from the U.S. , you will apparently be charged \$2425 **per-minute**.

Or, you’ll get a long recorded message. The point is, they will try to keep you on the phone as long as possible to increase the charges.

WHY IT WORKS: The **809** area code is located in the Dominican Republic . The charges afterward can become a real nightmare. That’s because you did actually make the call.

If you complain, both your local phone company and your long distance carrier will not want to get involved and will most likely tell you that they are simply providing the billing for the foreign company.

You’ll end up dealing with a foreign company that argues they have done nothing wrong. Please forward this entire message to your friends, family and colleagues to help them become aware of this scam.

AT&T Verifies that it is true : <http://www.att.com/gen/press-room?pid=6045>

SNOPEs verifies that it is true: <http://www.snopescom/fraud/telephone/809.asp>

Editors NOTE: I checked out the AT&T website and the following is on their website:

AT&T offers the following information and tips:

- **Return calls to familiar numbers only.**
As a general rule, return calls from numbers that contain familiar or recognizable area codes. You may call your directory assistance or long distance operator to check the area code location.
- **Carefully read your telephone bill.**
Make sure that you only receive charges from your provider of choice. Ensure you thoroughly understand charges listed on your phone bill, have chosen to do business with all of the listed providers billing for those charges and have authorized additional fees invoiced. If your local service provider has changed, you will receive a final bill from the former provider and a notice of service disconnection.

If you believe that you have been scammed:

- Contact the carrier with whom the charge originated, whose name and toll-free telephone number should be printed on the same bill page as the charge in question. Often, the problem can be resolved with a single phone call.
- If the carrier with whom the charge originated does not agree to resolve the problem, **contact AT&T**. AT&T will work with you and the carrier to help remove fraudulent charges from the phone bill.
- You may file a complaint online with the [Federal Communications Commission](#) about this and/or related phone scams.

March Education Report

by Ofelia Warthen, Chairman

NOC Members together with the community, have taken a great interest in our education projects. Our February class was no exception. Everyone made two beautiful fresh water pearl, wire-wrap rings.

Our teacher, Don Eschbach is a great asset to our club. Everyone is very attentive and catch on real fast with Don's instructions. We appreciate you Don and the rest of the committee.

Our March 23rd class still has openings, so please sign up. The project is a copper wire bracelet with a polish stone.

Our Lapidary class will get under way within a few weeks. More information will be available at the March General Member meeting.

Trails in Our Lives

by Ofelia Warthen

Last month brought us some sorrow and illness. Don and I thank everyone for your caring and loving thoughts, prayers and cards.

I can say that the past is gone, except in our mind. When we dwell on past hurts, mistakes, or even joys, we cannot focus on the present. No amount of thinking or worrying can change the past or recapture it and bring it into the present.

We can now say a loving good-bye to the past, thanking all of our experiences for the lessons they brought us. We turn our minds to each present moment, and we find ourselves recognizing the continuum of life. So, who we are now is a result of past lessons learned. We don't need to remember the experiences that taught us the lessons, only the lessons themselves.

Today is the only place in time that exists. I accept the things I can't control. - Ofelia

Jerry Grafton's Last Voyage

by Don Ogden



AFMS/CFM SHOW & CONVENTION
SPECIAL & NON-COMPETITIVE DISPLAY ENTRY FORM
Fri-Sun 10 am – 5pm June 18 – 20, 2010

EXHIBIT ENTRY DEADLINE: MAY 18, 2010

SETUP:

All entries must be set up by 8pm Thursday, June 17, 2010. Or, with the approval of the Show Chairman – between 7am and 9am on Friday, June 18, 2010

SECURITY WILL BE FURNISHED. SPACE IS VERY LIMITED. NOT ALL APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

Cases are available for rent from NOCGMA for \$10 with prior approval. Cases will be assigned space on tables approximately 30 inches high. Exhibits are limited to 150 watts of power per case. Please complete all information on the entry form and this certification form and mail to NOCGMS for acceptance and acknowledgement.

LIABILITY: It is mutually agreed that the California Federation of Mineralogical Societies and the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies and North Orange County Gem and Mineral society shall not be liable to any exhibitor in whole or part. This includes the property of the exhibitor or injury to their person resulting from any cause. Submitting this signed application/certification form for entry constitutes acceptance of these rules and regulations. For information contact SUSAN HANSEN @email: sunkaysen@aol.com

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Do you have your own case? ___ Size: Width_____Height_____Depth_____

Subject and Description of Case Entry_____

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