

# NOC GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY NEWS

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## President's Message

At the last meeting, you were informed that some issues had come up with the Federation Show. The square footage of the GYM is less than what we had originally thought; as a result, we had to take out some dealers.

After re-aligning the GYM and removing all the cases, we moved the kids' activities outside to allow space for the cases. We now have 33 dealers and the show is moving forward.

This may not be a big show by Federation standards, but it will be the best, that everyone will ever remember. With the help of everyone, we can do it.

I want to thank the following members: Loretta Ogden for coming forward to help with the Citrus Festival On April 10 & 11. Please come and help her to promote the Federation Show!

Richard Schirer continues to promote the Show through the advertising and the Chamber.

John Erskine trying to keep the money books balanced, making sure we have enough monies for the Show.

Nancy Bird keeps digging into the dirt planting beautiful plants and many more that I need to help!

The lapidary classes have started and some very nice cabochons have been completed.

Fran will be demonstrating at the Pomona show in May. We have been asked to come to promote our show.

Don Warthen

## NOC Club Activities

Board Meeting - to be announced

Field Trip -

Deadline for NOC News - April 17

## Programs

The April Speaker will be Wajia Taufiq on Lapis from Afghanistan. She will also be bringing lapis jewelry and examples of rough. Many of you might remember her wonderful booth at our last show. Don't miss this one!

## Refreshments

Thanks to Dave and Fran Swanston for bringing the goodies to the March meeting. Bill & Izzy Burns and Kathy Turner. will bring the goodies to the April meeting.

## Members in the News

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

*Joan Abramson  
Allen Farquer  
Nathan Farquer  
Trini Hermosillo  
Vicki Marks  
Dana Matula  
David E. Miller  
Barbara Steed  
Clyeda Tezak  
Oscar Veloz  
Julia West*

Your gemstone is Diamond  
Your flower is Daisy or Sweet Pea

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## Shows and Events

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### **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.Swiderski@jacobs.com  
Website: [www.searchersrocks.org](http://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 4-6 2010, Woodland Hills, CA**

Rockatomics Gem and Mineral Society  
Pierce College  
6201 Winnetka Ave., Woodland Hills  
Hours: 9 5  
Gary Levitt (818) 993-3802  
Email: [Show@Rockatomics.org](mailto:Show@Rockatomics.org)  
Website: [Rockatomics.org](http://Rockatomics.org)

### **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  
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Websites: [www.nocgms.com](http://www.nocgms.com)  
[www.cfmsinc.org](http://www.cfmsinc.org)  
[www.amfed.org](http://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](mailto:Rocks4u@prodigy.net)  
Website: [www.omsinc.org](http://www.omsinc.org)

### **October 9-10 2010, Trona, CA**

Searles Lake Gem & Mineral Society  
Searles Gem & Mineral Show Building  
13337 Main Street  
Hours: Sat; 7:30-5; Sun. 7:30-4  
Jim & am; bonnie Fairchild (760) 372-5356  
Email: [iwvisp.com](mailto:iwvisp.com)  
Website: [www1.iwvisp.com/tronagemclub](http://www1.iwvisp.com/tronagemclub)

### **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](mailto:sichaisson@yahoo.com)  
Website: [palmdalegemandmineral.com](http://palmdalegemandmineral.com)

# April Education Report

*By Ofelia Warthen, Chairman*

Our March class was a successful event, like always! There was much enthusiasm and intense therapy for all students including the teacher Loretta Ogden. A beautiful copper bracelet with a polish stone was finished in plenty of time before the Community Center closed. It is so wonderful to see so much excitement and happy faces in our students especially after they see their finished product “one of a kind piece of jewelry”.

Our April class will be our last class until September. I appreciate all the help the committee has offered in teaching these classes.

Our Lapidary class got started and member students finished their first polish stone. We look forward to having one demonstrate at our 2010 Gem show. I understand we need a Club Lapidary Demonstrator! It is wonderful when we work together, we accomplish a lot!

I would like to initiate a “Show and Tell” added to our monthly meetings. We used to have members bring in something they made and or something they found at one of their field trips. Please let me know if you like to bring & share one of your treasures before the meeting.

**STONE OF THE MONTH: DIAMOND** – The valuation of gem diamonds requires expertise and experience. The color, clarity, cut and carat weight (the 4 C’s) make up the value of a diamond. Mohs’ Hardness is 10. There is nothing comparable to it in hardness. So, go for it Ladies! (Ref: Gemstones of the world by Walter Schumann)



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## NOC General Meeting Minutes La Habra Community Center March 9, 2010

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

**Membership:** 31 Members & 8 guest

**Minutes of Last Meeting:** Secretary Jay Valle read the minutes of the February 9 General Meeting. There was one spelling error caught by the Secretary. Dave Swanston **MOVED** that the minutes be accepted as corrected, **SECONDED** by Kathy Eschbach. The **MOTION** was accepted, none opposed 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 Frank Winn **MOVED** that the Treasurer's Report be accepted as presented, **SECONDED** by Dave Swanston. The **MOTION** was accepted, none opposed so the Treasurer's Report will stand as read.

### **<Break & Drawing>**

**Program** - Justin Zzyzx, editor of The Vug, a publication both on-line and in print, presented "Southern California, Mineral Paradise"

**Education Committee:** Ofelia Warthen told us that the Education Committee met Thursday and decided that Lapidary Classes will start in March and she will be taking signups after the meeting. Everything is going well at the Community Center. The next class will be on March 23 making copper bracelets. Loretta Ogden has redesigned the project to make it easier to do. The next workshop will be held on April 27, 6-9 PM at the La Habra Community Center.

**Show Report:** The 3 food vendors and 28 dealers are confirmed. Grab bags will be stuffed on May 22 - "Stuffing and a Potluck." There will be a Show Meeting on March 15 at 6:30 PM (Community

Center) to discuss a problem which has come up. Don Warthen will explain it all in the April President's Report. Thursday after the show setup we will have hotdogs and a potluck. May 27 we will host the "Good Morning La Habra" breakfast event. This will be our 3rd year to provide breakfast for the Chamber of Commerce before our show.

**Programs:** Nancy Bird has arranged for a speaker to talk about minerals of Afghanistan at the April meeting. The speaker is a dealer in Afghanistan minerals and lapis.

**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 March is to Lavic Siding. He also reminded members that the Stoddard Wells tailgate is going on this weekend.

**Federation Report:** Loretta Ogden read an article by Bural LaRue from the current CFMS newsletter about windshield wipers and headlights. She also informed us about the new California law requiring motorists to move over a lane, if safe to do so, when approaching emergency vehicles on the shoulder ahead.

**Refreshments:** Fran & Dave Swanston presented the refreshments to the meeting. Next month's refreshments are going to be prepared by **Bill & Izzy Burns and Kathy Turner.**

### **Other Business:**

- Mary Ruiz (Membership asked if everyone present had paid their dues.

Meeting adjourned at 8:22 P.M.

Jay Valle, NOC Secretary  
March 20, 2010

## Mummy Rare Find Displayed In O.C.

via Internet



A piece of world history, on display right here in Southern California. A rare glimpse into a life thousands of years old.

At the Bowers Museum in Santa Ana, conservators showed her for the first time, outside of Asia.

She is an 3800-year-old mummy found in far west China in 2003.

She is one of the most well-preserved mummies ever discovered. A woman, scientists are calling the “Beauty of Xiaohe.”

Xiaohe’ is one of the most beautiful, extraordinary mummies in the world., with most striking features — her long red hair and long lashes.

## Time is Short

Time is short. The “Spring Citrus Fair” is coming up in two weeks, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, & 11<sup>th</sup>.

Remember, we signed up for a small booth for this event. We signed up to help publicize our June show. I need to know who is working on this display and who will be working at the booth.

Please e-mail me back and let me know what you can do & when you plan to help at this important event as soon as possible. We need to really publicize our big show!

Don Warthen

**Entertainment**  
Music - Singer Talent Shows - Themed Song  
Dance Talent Shows - Dancin'  
Relaxing Show Performances

**Exciting Carnival Rides**

**Specialty Local Food**  
Fruit Cakes • Chili • Open Bread  
Desserts • Citrus Drinks

**Professional Food Vendors**

**Craft Goods & Merchandise**

**Food Competition**  
Chef Cook-Off • Desserts • Citrus Desserts

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

**Character Mascots**  
Lemon • Lime • Big Ben

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:**  
**562-697-1704**  
[www.CitrusFair.com](http://www.CitrusFair.com)  
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**La Habra Chamber of Commerce**  
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

**TEEN YEARS TRUCK:**  
“Celebrating Life in La Habra”

# Your Annual Dementia Test

via Internet

It's that time of year to take our annual senior citizen test.

Exercise of the brain is as important as exercise of the muscles. As we grow older, it's important to keep mentally alert. If you don't use it, you lose it! Below is a very private way to gauge your loss or non-loss of intelligence.

Take the test presented here to determine if you're losing it or not. **The spaces below the question are so you don't see the answers until you've made your answer.**

OK, relax, clear your mind and begin.

1. What do you put in a toaster?

*Answer:* 'bread.' If you said 'toast,' give up now and do something else.

Try not to hurt yourself. If you said, bread, go to Question 2.

2. Say 'silk' five times. Now spell 'silk.' What do cows drink?

*Answer:* Cows drink water. If you said 'milk,' don't attempt the next question.. Your brain is over-stressed and may even overheat. Content yourself with reading a more appropriate literature such as Auto World.

However, if you said 'water', proceed to question 3

3. If a red house is made from red bricks and a blue house is made from blue bricks and a pink house is made from pink bricks and a black house is made from black bricks, what is a green house made from?

*Answer:* Greenhouses are made from glass. If you said 'green bricks,' why the hell are you still reading these???

If you said 'glass,' go on to Question 4.

4. It's twenty years ago, and a plane is flying at 20,000 feet over Germany (If you will recall, Germany at the time was politically divided into West Germany and East Germany .)

Anyway, during the flight, two engines fail. The pilot, realizing that the last remaining engine is also failing, decides on a crash landing procedure. Unfortunately the engine fails before he can do so and the plane fatally crashes smack in the middle of 'no man's land' between East Germany and West Germany .

Where would you bury the survivors? East Germany, West Germany , or no man's land'?

*Answer:* You don't bury survivors.

If you said ANYTHING else, you're a dunce and you must stop.

If you said, 'You don't bury survivors', proceed to the next question.

5. Without using a calculator - You are driving a bus from London to Milford Haven in Wales .

In London , 17 people get on the bus.

In Reading , six people get off the bus and nine people get on.

In Swindon , two people get off and four get on.

In Cardiff , 11 people get off and 16 people get on.

In Swansea , three people get off and five people get on ...

In Carmathen, six people get off & three get on.

You then arrive at Milford Haven.

What was the name of the bus driver?

*Answer:* Oh, for crying out loud!

Don't you remember your own name? It was YOU!!

Now pass this along to all your friends and pray they do better than you.

PS: 95% of people fail most of the questions!!

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## Nancy Needs Soil!!!!

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*By Nancy Bird*

Due to the Long Beach club's generosity, I have a bunch of new cuttings which need cactus mix soil and no \$ left to buy more. So I need about 4 more bags (at least) of this special soil which ONLY comes from either Armstrong or Blue Hills nurseries and is about \$13.00/bag.

The reason I need so much is that these are LARGE plants which have to go in 5 gal. pots. I know I can sell the eurphobias for \$20/ea. and there are 5 of them, plus a lot of plumerias and a hugr jade which need potting.

Also, Dot Beachler (CFMS All American Chair) sent along a flat of 4" potted bromeliads.

So, I am asking for cactus mix soil for the show- just bring it over and drop it off asap.

Thanks, Nancy

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## A Rosetta Stone for the Web

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*via Internet*

Chances are you rarely run across a site that's not in English. But it happens. You probably hit the Back button. Then you look for something else.

But what if that foreign language site has exactly what you're looking for? First, look around the site for an English button. Many sites have a translated version available.

Can't find an English button? Don't worry. Just copy the URL and paste it into Google Translate. Select the languages you want to translate from. Click Translate. Voila! It's all in English.

You can also use the site to translate words and phrases. How do you say, "Where's the bathroom?" in Swedish? Just enter text in English. Then select the language you need. If you really have to go and you're in Sweden, it's "Var är toaletten?"

Google Translate will also translate documents. You can upload any text document. Click Translate to view the result in your browser.

<http://translate.google.com/>

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## Tourmaline Field Trip April 24 & 25, 2010

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*By JoeGoetz*

How would like to find a tourmaline, like miners have done in the past and are even doing now? Only you are doing it for fun. On this trip you can! You can do it at Lake Henshaw and (possibly) at the Blue Lady Mine. At Lake Henshaw the owners of the Himalaya Mine load a dump truck from the old mine tailings and bring them down, then you get to go through the tailings and you get to keep anything you find. Of course there is more than just tourmaline to collect, there is the possibility of collecting quartz crystals, lepidolite, topaz, morganite and other pegmatite minerals.

The Himalaya Mine digging site is at 26439 Highway 76, Santa Ysabel, Ca. This is a fee dig and the cost is \$75 per adult, 12 - 15 year old 1/2 price, under 12 years old is free (forget trying to use a student ID, they're too smart for that). Special rates: Seniors 65 years and older and military rate is \$60. Group rates: 5+ is \$70, 10+ is \$55 and 20+ is \$50 per person. What you need to bring: shoes that can get muddy, a hat (broad brim works best in the sunshine), gloves, plastic baggy to put you tourmalines in, old toothbrush for scrubbing tourmalines, lunch and plenty of drinking water. They will provide all tools for digging at no extra charge.

This is an easy one day fieldtrip or for those who choose to make it an overnigher of it, lodging (ph: 760-782-3487) and camping is available. There are tent camping sites as well as R/V sites. One R/V and one tow vehicle \$25.00 per day, 4 persons (additional persons \$1.00 each) phone: 760-782-3501. Other lodging is available in Julian, Fallbrook and Warner Springs Ranch. Also there are Casinos in the area, for those that are interested.

The directions: Take the 210, 10 or 60 freeways east to I-15 south toward San Diego. About 10 miles south of Temecula, take CA-76 east toward Pala. Continue 24 miles and look for the sign for the diggings. If you miss it, go to the Lake Henshaw Office and ask them for directions. You should not have to pay a fee to enter if you are just going to the digging site.

On Sunday at the Blue Lady Mine if it checks out we can go and collect. What is found is blue tourmaline aka indicolite. Of course bring lunch and drinking water, as well as all the usual fieldtrip tools and clothes. At the Blue Lady at this time of the year we'll have to be careful of snakes that inhabit the area. With a little care, being able to wrest out tourmalines from the ground is a unique experience.

Hope to see you there!  
Somewhere in California going the wrong way.....  
Joe Goetz

# Tourmaline Field Trip

*Flyer via Rockhounds Rambling*

## Field Trips



### HIMALAYA TOURMALINE MINE

Dig your own pink and green California tourmalines, quartz crystals, lepidolite, topaz, morganite, and other pegmatite minerals from the world's most famous tourmaline mine, the Himalaya Mine near beautiful Lake Henshaw in San Diego County, 20 miles east of Pala.

**Where:** We are located at 26439 Highway 76, Santa Ysabel, CA at LAKE HENSHAW RESORT.

Cost: \$75 per adult, 12 - 15 year olds 1/2 price, under 12 years old free. Special Rates: Seniors 65 years and older, and military rate it \$60. Pets: Pets are welcome with leashes. What you need: muddy shoes, sun hat, gloves, plastic baggie to put tourmalines in, old toothbrush for scrubbing tourmalines, and plenty of drinking water. We will provide all tools for digging at no extra charge!



This is an easy one-day field trip. For those who choose to make an over-nighter of it lodging and camping is available at Lake Henshaw Resort, which is adjacent to the Himalaya Mine. House-keeping Cabins are equipped with all cookware, dishes, linens, utensils, refrigerator, gas stove, coffee pots and heat, and can The cabins vary in size and can sleep from 2 to 6 or 7 people and are priced accordingly. Please call the office for information.

(760) 782-3487. Tent Camping and R/V sites are available - one R/V and one tow vehicle \$25.00 per day , 4 persons (additional persons \$1.00 each) 760-782-3501

Other lodging is available in Julian, Warner Springs Ranch and in Fallbrook. Many casinos in area include Pala, Pechenga, Barona, and the Santa Ysabel Casino.



Hope to see you there!

..... Somewhere in California going the wrong way ..... **Joe Goetz**

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**MOON TRIVIA** - If your are collecting diamonds or tourmalines by the light of the full moon, the full moon for this month, April, will be on the 28th. In our country this moon is variously known as the Sprouting Grass Moon, Pink Moon, Egg Moon, Fish Moon, Seed Moon and Waking Moon.

**Mineral collecting is a lot like paying taxes ..... you work hard and end up in the hole!**