

NOC GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY NEWS

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President's Message

Hi everyone! The 2010 FEDERATION GEM SHOW is here in two weeks.

First, I would like to thank everyone for all the hard work you have put forth to get this show ready. I think this is going to be one of the greatest shows we have ever done in such a short time. Thanks to all for working so hard and coming together when we had so many negative episodes.

All the activities you have put together like the exhibits, dealers, field trips, speakers, food, and many other fun things, has shown your strong will to make this a very successful event that the community will enjoy and remember for a long time. Again, thanks to all of you NOC Members for hosting this show and putting up with my absurd attitude, (I'm Tired and Ofelia says I'm getting old).

We should all try to make our presence at the show known. Please wear your orange vests if you have one and be sure to wear your badges. If you don't have a vest, wear something orange like a hat or something orange you have to identify yourselves as a PROUD NOC Member.

Everyone going to the banquet needs to turn in a form as soon as possible, (see the back of this newsletter). Please remember, we are the Host Club and should have a good turnout at the banquet.

Once again, the show has arrived and I really appreciate all the hard work. We will go over last minute details at the General Meeting Tuesday, June 8th.

There will be a last show meeting on Monday the 14th at the Community Center. Soon after this great show, we will return to being a rock and gem club and concentrate on field trips, classes, workshops, and other fun, entertaining, and relaxing things.

Don Warthen

NOC Club Activities

Board Meeting - to be announced

Field Trip - see show flyer

Deadline for NOC News - June 17

AFMS/CFMC/NOC show- June 16-20

Program - Go over last minute show details

Refreshments

Thanks to Don & Ofelia Warthen for bringing the goodies to the May meeting.

Ice Cream Social

Eleanore Pleines and Loretta Ogden are doing refreshments this month. So!!! They have decided and you will be glad to hear that they are bringing ice cream and all the supplies to build the sundae of your dreams.

It has come to their attention that the whole club is too busy, too tired and too stressed to worry about refreshments at the meeting. Now if anyone wants something odd or out of the ordinary then they are welcome to bring their own but please no green chili.

Members in the News

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

Rossanna Bates

Jerry Conley

Harry Howe

Joe Johnson

Roger Loest

Ken Marks

Your gemstone is Pearl or Moonstone or Alexandrite or Agate.

Your flower is Rose or Honeysuckle

Shows and Events

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
Website: 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
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

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

Website: 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
Website: palmdalegemandmineral.com



Fun Friday at the Cracker Barrel

By Loretta Ogden

I would suppose that you have all heard by now that we are having a Cracker Barrel (introduction party) Friday night of the show.

It will be held in the Recreation Room at Friendly Village where Nancy Bird lives. Once again you are all invited as a matter of fact your hosting it as NOCGMS.

It will be pirate themed so dress accordingly if you want. If you would like to bring something please make it fruit or veggie type things. It will not start until 7:00 PM but if you arrive early around 6:00 PM you will be enlisted into service. So plan that for Friday evening if you can.

May Education Report

By Ofelia Warthen, Chairman

The Education Committee has been getting ready for the 2010 Gem Show. Two of our great talented members, Fran Swanston will be demonstrating wire wrapping and Don Eschbach will be demonstrating silversmith.

Stop by and show your support. Show flyers were taken to Brea Elementary School and Guadalupe Catholic School.

Our Lapidary classes will resume after the Gem Show.

Gemstone for June is Pearl and Alexandrite

By Ofelia Warthen

Alexandrite has a Mohs' hardness 5-8. (Named after Czar Alexander II) is one of the most desired gems.

It is green in daylight and light red in artificial light. This color change is seen best in thicker stones. Alexandrite cat's eye is a great rarity. Care must be taken when working with it as it is sensitive to knocks, not resistant to alkalis and the color changes under great heat.

The deposits are mainly mined in Sri Lanka and Rhodesia. The largest stone of 1876ct was found in Sri Lanka.

Pearls are produced by mollusks, rarely by snails. They consist of mother-of-pearl, which is mainly calcium carbonate (in the form of aragonite), and an organic horn substance (conchiolin) which are formed concentrically around microcrystals.

Although the Mohs' hardness is only 3 to 4, pearls are extraordinarily compact and it is difficult to crush them.

The size can vary between a pin head and a pigeon's egg. The largest ever found weighs 450cts (1800 grains); it is in the South Kensington Geological Museum in London.

As conchiolin is an organic substance it tends to change, especially when dehydrated. There is no assuredness of a definite length of life for a pearl. There are some pearls which are known to be several hundred years old. Certainly care can help to preserve pearls. Dryness as well as humidity, are detrimental. Pearls are very sensitive to acids, perspiration, cosmetics and hair spray.

Banquet at the Show NOC Members Please Come

By Loretta Ogden

We have all worked hard on the show and will need some relaxation. The banquet is just the place to do it.

I am personally inviting and asking you all to please come. I want the whole country to see how well we like each other besides working together. So my friends do me proud and the whole club to attend the banquet. Again please come.

There is a **form on the last page of this newsletter** for your convenience to fill out and give to Mary at the meeting or mail to her ASAP.

NOC General Meeting Minutes La Habra Community Center May 11, 2010

Call to Order: President Don Warthen called the meeting to order. Frank Winn led the Pledge of Allegiance.

<**Program presenters, Adam & Teresa Dean cancelled due to illness**>

Displays: Sign up sheets and literature for the NOC Show on the side table. Jonas Ruzgys faceted a large gem quality natural amethyst which has been set into a pendant for use as the Grand Prize for the show.

Minutes of Last Meeting: Secretary Jay Valle read the minutes of the March General Meeting. There were no corrections. 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 Dave Swanston **MOVED** that the Treasurer's Report be accepted as presented, **SECONDED** by Ofelia Warthen. The **MOTION** was accepted, none opposed so the Treasurer's Report will stand as read.

Show Report:

The show room layouts have been "realigned" and a new room has been added to handle more dealers. We now have 38 dealers. There is only enough space for 50 competition cases. No non-competition cases are possible due to space considerations. There will be pop-ups for the booths set up outside, including the kids programs, food, gold panning, plants and silent auction. We still have 3 food vendors but only 2 will be active at a time. 4 speakers are lined up and some films are available. There are still some committee positions needing to be filled. People will be needed to move the cases and equipment from our club storage to the show site and we still need a

driver for the moving van. Need people on security. The buildings have alarms and the school is providing extra guards around the school grounds but not in the buildings. Don W. suggested that maybe we don't actually need people on the inside if we can close all the doors and lock up the buildings. We are trying to get a generator from the City of La Habra. Will 1 be enough? Power will be needed outside for cutting geodes and the cabbng/faceting machines. Mary Ruiz expressed concerns about people getting in free. A show meeting is scheduled for next week. Don Warthen also reminded members to wear their orange vests and that most sporting goods stores carried them.

Pre-Show:

NOC will be represented at the **West Coast Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show** each day on **May 14-16**, handing out flyers and club/show literature. Dave Swanston **MADE A MOTION** that the club reimburse participating members who spend 4 or more hours at the show for the costs of parking (\$9) and the entrance fee (\$5) for a 2nd person (1 person is free). Kathy Eschbach **SECONDED THE MOTION**. It was pointed out that we have 2 types of free pass available for members to use. One gave free parking and 1 free entrance to the event. The other just gave a free admission. By combining the 2 most members should get free parking and free entrance. Dave's **MOTION** only would cover any members who for whatever reason still had to pay, either parking, admission or both. The vote was 2 opposed, everyone else in favor, so the **MOTION CARRIED**.

May 19: Show Meeting, 6:30 PM at the La Habra Community Center.

On **Saturday, May 22**, some members will be spreading the word about our upcoming show at the **La Habra Avocado Fair**. On that day the Warthen's will be hosting the annual **grab bag filling party and lunchtime potluck**. Bag stuffing begins promptly at 10 AM, followed by the potluck. Ofelia is bringing ham and reminded everyone to BYO (bring your own) drinks.

May 27: “Good Morning La Habra” at 7 AM. Ofelia has a sign up sheet for helpers.

Thursday night, after we set up the show: Hotdog cook-out for dealers and workers. A sign up sheet is there for that as well.

Nancy Bird asked Don W. who is in charge of the volunteer helpers. Don George is in charge of the volunteers.

<Break & Drawing>

Field Trips: Don Ogden reported that the field trip for Memorial Day Weekend is to Owen’s Valley. Don Warthen mentioned the San Diego Museum has a good exhibit right now and a bus trip was discussed.

Federation Report: Loretta Ogden read an article from the CFMS Newsletter naming Don & Ofelia Warthen as “Rockhounds of the Year”.

Library: Yolanda Shirer said the we have a new dvd, “What’s Hot in Tucson, 2010” and 2 Rock & Gem magazines.

Board Meeting: Don W. informed us that an NOC Board Meeting was scheduled for tomorrow evening at 6:30 PM at the Community Center.

Senior Campos: A sign up sheet was sent around for people going to Senior Campos on May 25 at 5 PM for the annual Chamber of Commerce fund raiser.

Program for Next Month: Talk about show and watch video if time.

Refreshments: Don & Ofelia Warthen were the refreshment-meisters at the May Meeting. Next month’s refreshments are going to be supplied by **Loretta Ogden** and **Eleanore Pleines**. Loretta said that she was doing an old fashioned ice cream social and asked members to bring their favorite toppings to share.

Social Secretary: Don Eschbach made it to the meeting in spite of just undergoing painful back surgery and still not yet fully recovered.

Meeting adjourned at 8:41 P.M.

Jay Valle, NOC Secretary
May 19, 2010

Cerro Gordo

Cerro Gordo was discovered by Mexicans in 1865. It was the wealthiest mineral producer in Inyo County (\$17,000,000).

Silver, Lead, Zink, water and supplies all went by mule train tram. The “Bessie Brady” boat across Owens Lake and Remi Nadau Mule Teams to build the Pueblo of Los Angles.



Frank and Jay at Cerro Gordo Entrance



Cerro Gordo

Memorial Day Field Trip to Owens Valley

By Don Ogden



Nice Road in Owens Valley



Junior Rockhound



Glacier View Campground



Owens Valley



Frank and Jay Fixing a Flat Tire



Crystal Ridge



Catus



Getting Ready



Catus



On the Way to NV



Junior Rockhounds Looking for Fossils



Petrified Wood Ahead in NV



AFMS/CFMS/NOCGMS Show & Convention
"Hidden Treasures"
June 16 thru 20, 2010
Pre-Registration Form



Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: ____ ZIP: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

| <u>Event</u> | <u>Cost</u> | <u>No.</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|--|-------------------------|------------|--------------|
| Club/Society: AFMS Past Presidents Luncheon | | \$ 9.00 | _____ |
| \$ _____ | | | |
| AFMS/CFMS Award Banquet | \$35.00 | _____ | \$ _____ |
| AFMS/CFMS Editor's Breakfast | | \$ 21.00 | _____ |
| \$ _____ | | | |
| Show Admission Fees: | Adult Tickets (per day) | \$ 6.00 | _____ |
| | 3-day passes | \$ 15.00 | _____ |
| <i>Juniors, 14 and under, are free when accompanied by an adult.</i> | | | |
| Raffle Tickets (6 Tickets) | \$ 5.00 | _____ | \$ _____ |
| RV Dry Camping (limited spaces \$20 per day) at University | \$20.00 | _____ | \$ _____ |
| | Total Due | | \$ _____ |
| | Total Enclosed | | \$ _____ |

DEADLINE for Pre-Registration is: May 15, 2010

Make all checks Payable to: **NOC Gem Show 2010**

Return this registration form, with check or money order to:

North Orange County Gems
P.O. Box 653, La Habra, CA 90631

