

# NOC GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY NEWS

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## President's Message

*by Frank Winn, President*

On October the twenty second rockhounds from NOC, Whittier, Pasadena, and Delvers club gathered 25 total, on the Whittier claim to start a field trip. There was good weather for a great trip collecting honey onyx, red agate, petrified palm wood and rootlets, tiny petrified palm roots. Later we shared stories and dinner at Peggy Sue's Restaurant, a 1950 style diner. Adrey and her daughter Juliet joined us at dinner as they were collecting on Sunday with the rock hounds staying for the entire weekend.

November the 8th is our regular meeting and the silent auction. I would like to thank our members now for remembering to bring treasures to the auction.

We will be starting to take reservations for our holiday dinner meeting at Portofino's on December the 13th. The installation of club officers and directors is usually held at this time.

We always invite the mayor to our Holiday meeting to meet our new club officers and new members. Members that are taking on new responsibilities like me, are Nancy Bird-First vice President; Susan Hansen-Secretary; Don Ogden-Director, Jay Valle - Director.

The field trip for November will be to Afton Canyon. The anticipated minerals we will collect are red and yellow agate, small quartz nodules, red jasper, fluorite, and opalite that has been collected in the area. The Thanksgiving trip will start for some on Thursday. I won't get to the fresh air and clear vistas of mountains until Friday and will return on Saturday night to the city. Some will be staying until Sunday night.

Frank

## NOC Club Activities

Board Meeting - TBD

Field Trip - Afton Canyon - Nov 25-27

Class - TBD

Deadline for NOC News - Nov 17

## Programs

*by Nancy Bird*

Nov 8 - Club Auction Meeting - 6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

## Refreshments

*by Nancy O'Conner and  
Clyeda Tezak*

Thanks to Kathy Eschbach and Susan Hansen for bringing the goodies to the October meeting. Christina Perea, Loretta Ogden, Heather Bates, Mary Ellen Ruiz, Clyeda Tezak, and Nancy O'Connor will bring the goodies to the November meeting.

## Members in the News

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

### Members in the news in **November**

Andrew Cooley	John Elliott
Jane Livezey	David J. Miller
Mary Ellen Ruiz	Richard Schirer
Fran Swanston	Ruth Szczeszinski
Maryellen McCracken	Armando Pedroza
Anthony Winn	

Your gemstone is Topaz

Your flower is Chysanthemum

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## Shows and Events

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### November 5-6 - LANCASTER, CA

Palmdale Gem & Mineral Club  
Antelope Valley Fairgrounds  
2551 West Ave. H & Hwy 14  
Hours: 9-5 daily  
Cheri George, (562) 243-8470  
Email: [lizardwoman3@yahoo.com](mailto:lizardwoman3@yahoo.com)  
Website: [www.palmdalegemandmineral.com](http://www.palmdalegemandmineral.com)

### December 3-4: BARSTOW, CA

Mojave Desert Gem & Mineral Society  
Barstow Community Center  
841 S. Barstow Road  
Hours: 10 – 5 daily  
Gene Haines, (760) 256-0595  
Email: [vhaines@san.rr.com](mailto:vhaines@san.rr.com)  
Website: [www.mdgms.org](http://www.mdgms.org)

## 2012

### February 17-26: INDIO, CA

San Gorgonio Mineral & Gem Society  
Gem & Mineral Building, Bldg #1  
Arabia Street  
Hours: 10 -10 daily  
Bert Grisham, (915) 849-1674  
Email: [bert67@verizon.net](mailto:bert67@verizon.net)

### March 5-6: ARCADIA, CA

Monrovia Rockhounds, Inc.  
LA County Arboretum  
301 Baldwin Avenue  
Hours: 9 - 4:30 daily  
Jo Anna Ritch, (626) 359-1624  
Email: [vgms\\_editor@roadrunner.com](mailto:vgms_editor@roadrunner.com)  
Website: [www.Moroks.com](http://www.Moroks.com)

### April 28-29: LANCASTER, CA

Antelope Gem & Mineral Society  
Lancaster High School  
44701 - 32nd Street West  
Hours: 9 - 5 daily  
CJ Quitoriano, (661) 209-9092,  
[cjq\\_62@yahoo.com](mailto:cjq_62@yahoo.com)

**June 30-July 1: CULVER CITY, CA** Culver  
City Rock & Mineral Club Culver City Veterans  
Memorial Auditorium 4117 Overland Ave  
(Overland & Culver)

Hours: Sat 10 - 6; Sun 10 - 5 Robert Thirlaway,  
(310) 462-2269

Email: [fiestaofgems@gmail.com](mailto:fiestaofgems@gmail.com)

Website: [www.culvercityrocks.org](http://www.culvercityrocks.org)

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## Opal & Gem Show 2011

The American Opal Society proudly presents its:  
44th Annual OPAL & GEM SHOW.

### November 5 - 6, 2011

White House / West Wing Event Center  
1238 S. Beach Blvd. Anaheim, CA 92804  
Hours: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Saturday  
10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sunday

Pete Goetz (714) 530-3530

<<http://opalsociety.org>>

Located within the Hobby City / Adventure City  
complex, at the southeast corner of Beach Blvd. and  
Ball St. Plenty of Free Parking

Admission \$3.00, children under 15 FREE. One  
FREE raffle ticket is included with each paid  
admission.

Free Gem Seminars with Paid Admission. Free  
Demonstrations on gemstone cutting, jewelry making

Hugh Raffle with prizes of gemstones, jewelry, tools.



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## North Orange County Gem and Mineral Society General Meeting - October 11, 2011

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by Susan Hansen

The meeting was called to order by President Frank Winn at 7:03 p.m. Don Eschbach led the flag salute and introduced our speaker: Larry Hoskinson and Leslie Neff presented: "A tourist's guide to finding opal in Coober Pedy, Australia", with a wonderful display of opals found, both rough and polished.

The raffle was held, Jay Valle won the Opal donated by our speaker.

Minutes were read by President Frank Winn and Loretta moved to accept, 2nd and approved.

Hospitality: Refreshments provided by Cathy E. and Susan H. We need 2 tables for next month's refreshments. Guests were introduced.

Next month is the Auction, set up at 6pm, 6:30 starts. We need donations for the auction.

### Committee reports:

Federation Report: Loretta read a letter from the CFMS President that was in their newsletter. Federation business meeting in November, Loretta, Don and Nancy will go.

Education Committee: Oct 18 is wire wrap class.

Field Trips: Information is published in bulletin, next is to the Whittier Claim Oct 22-23. Meet in the parking lot at Oak Tree Inn.

Treasurer: see written report. See treasurer if any questions.

Last week Frank and John and others went to La Habra Chamber of Commerce and donated \$1,000 to La Habra Youth. In response to question about other donations earlier, NOC gave 2 scholarship awards of \$750, Frank read the letters we received from the recipients, also will be printed in the newsletter. Upcoming Chamber events were announced.

Whittier Show is this next weekend.

December is our Christmas Dinner meeting. Da Lucas or ?? Loretta will get the info. Yolanda was making the arrangements but Richard is ill and she is caring for him and not able to do other things right now.

Kim Winn had surgery and is doing ok, report shows she is free of cancer. Nancy Bird will have her hip replacement replaced Oct 14, 3 days in hospital then goes home.

Show: Loretta is "Coordinator", entire board is the Chair committee. List will be out to sign up for committees. We have Plants and Dealers, and silent auction chairs. need all others. Walt Wright will have an area for petrified wood.

We need donations and treasures for Auction  
Meeting adjourned at 8:49, Susan Hansen

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## Christmas Holiday Dinner

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**Date:** December 13

**Time:** 6:00 to 10:00 p.m.

**Place:** Portofino

**Location:** 651 W. Whittier Blvd., La Habra, CA

The price to members is \$10.00 per person and \$20 for guests. including dinner and entertainment The club will pay the remainder of the cost.

Four choices for dinner:

**LASAGNA: "PORTOFINO SPECIALTY"**

Lasagna with ground meat, ricotta, baciamele, mozzarella, and romano cheese

**MELANZANA PARMIGIANA:**

Breaded eggplant with mozzarella and marinara sauce

**POLLO MARSALA:**

Chicken breast sauteed with mushrooms and marsala wine

**SOGLIOLA PICCATA:**

Sole sauteed with lemon and capers

For **reservations** call (562) 697-1140. Send check payable to NOCGMS to:

John Erskine

341 N. Dexford

La Habra, CA 90631-4339

OR: at the November meeting.

We must have all reservations made and paid for by December 6. I hope to see every member there.

John Erskine

**Field Trip to the Cady Mountains**  
**(Afton Canyon area)**  
**November 24-27, 2011**

**MATERIAL TO COLLECT** - Red and yellow agate, jasper, plume and sagenite, opalite, calcite rhombs, chalcedony roses, amygdules, green fluorite, onyx and much more.

**PROPOSED SCHEDULE** – Every year a group of campers goes out early and celebrates Thanksgiving out at Afton Canyon. (If you wish to enjoy Thanksgiving with out on the desert you should call Joe Goetz to see who's going and what the arrangements are.) Starting on Friday we'll be leaving camp at around 8 a.m. and caravan to a different area to collecting area. There will be a potluck on Friday & Saturday evenings at around 5 p.m.

**DIRECTIONS TO CAMP SITE** – Take the I-15 Freeway East past Barstow for about 45 miles and exit at Basin Road. Take the off ramp to the right and follow the signs to our camp site area. The road to the camping site should be okay for 2-wheel drive cars, trailers & motor homes. We will be camping at the marble quarry just on the other side of the Mojave River (away from the railroad tracks).

**VEHICLE** - 4-wheel drive vehicles are necessary from camp to collecting areas. The desert road is sandy and in some areas may have large rocks in it. It's usually possible to ride along with someone in a 4x4 but no guarantees.

**CAMP & FACILITIES** - This will be dry camping, no water, no picnic tables, no toilets, no firewood to be gathered and no fees.

**TOOLS** - Collecting bags, rock hammer, eye protection, flashlights, spray water bottle, and a camp chair (to sit in at night around the fire.)

**SAFETY CONCERNS** - Do not lick the rocks, use sun screen, stay away from rattlesnakes, use bug spray, be aware of flash floods, be extra careful and don't get lost.

**CLIMATE & WEATHER** - It can be hot during the day and cold at night, it could rain.

**CLOTHING** - Appropriate for this time of the year.

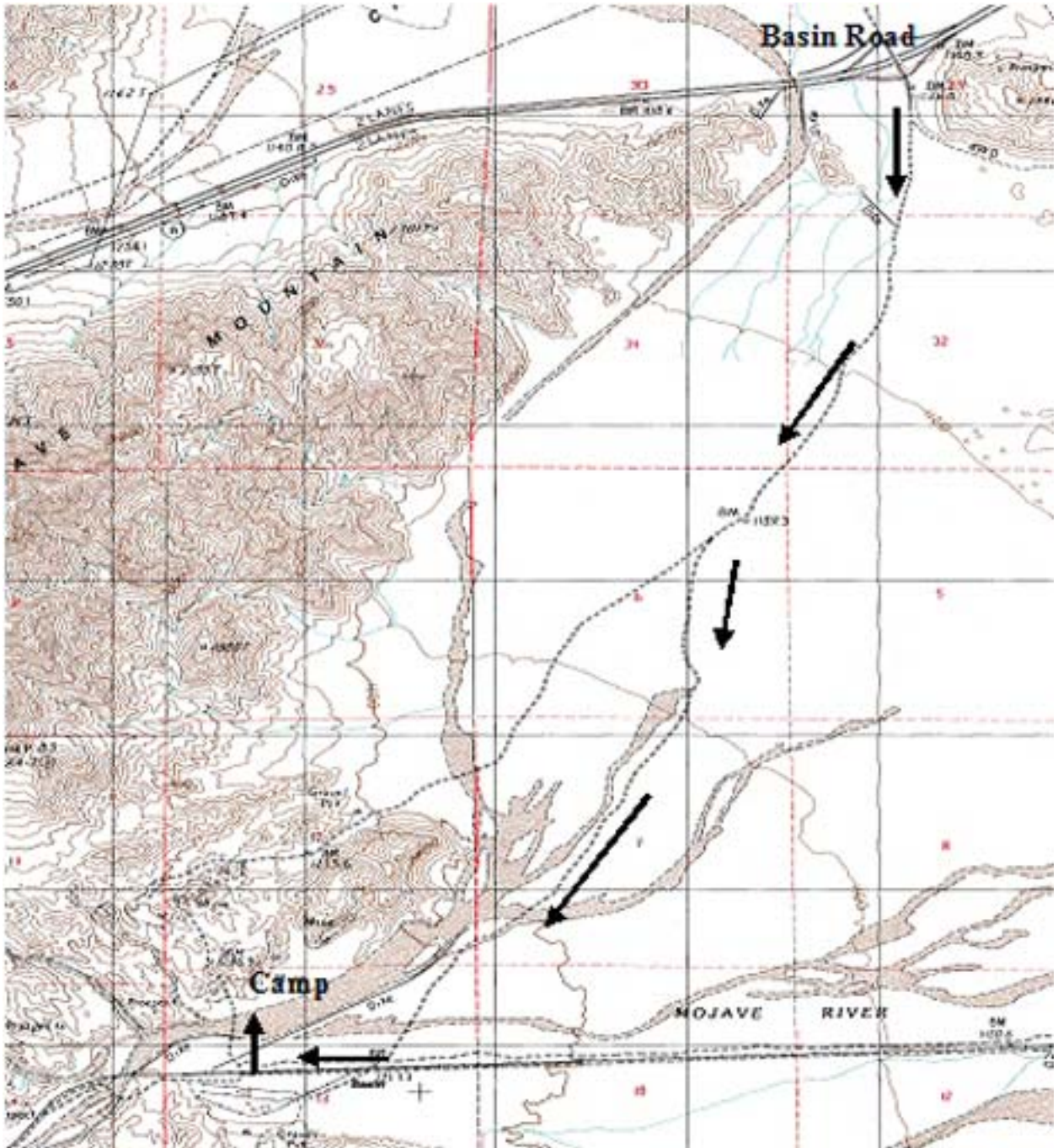
**OTHER REMARKS** - All club members and their guests are welcome to join us. Come for the day or camp out with us. Bring food, lots of water, a camera and lots of firewood for the campfire at night. If you need a motel or supplies they are available in Baker or Barstow. Don't forget we will have a potluck on Friday & Saturday night, so bring a dish to share and your own place settings. Each night after dark we will have a campfire where we can all join together and have a good time roasting marshmallows, telling jokes or just talking about the good OLE times.

Call Joe or Jay if you intend to come on this field trip as the camp location may be changed due to soft sand in the Mojave River Crossing. We will be scouting the location the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of November which is after the newsletter comes out.

I should be arriving at campsite around 11 a.m. on Friday. Saturday and Sunday we will be leaving the camp at around 8 a.m. and drive to the collecting areas. You must observe the AFMS code of ethics and sign a consent and assumption of risk waiver of liability form. Hope to see you there.

For additional information: call Joe Goetz at (626) 914-5030 or Jay Valle at (626) 934-9764





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## Quotes

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**“The Thing about qotes on the internet is you can not confirm their validity.”**

Abraham Lincoln

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## November 2011 Program Auction

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Our auction is here. <sup>by Don Ogden</sup> Get ready for a lot of fun. This always proves to be a great program because we have a great variety of items to bid on. Items have been donated by our members. If you have never been to one of our Auctions, make sure you get to this meeting and participate.

For the *silent auction*, the donated items are put out on tables with slips of paper next to the item for you to bid on. The timer is set and the silent auction begins (only one person knows the exact time). You then make bids on the items you would like to have. BUT watch your items closely because other people may also like it and could be outbidding you. The last bid listed on the paper when the timer goes off - GETS THE ITEM.

For the *live auction*, the donated items (jewelry by club members, etc.) is put on the main table. Our own auctioneer Don Warthern will auction of the items to to highest bidder. This is the main event.

Be sure to bring your donation for both auctions early that evening. This is a fabulous fund raiser and the club needs your donation to achieve success.

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## Magnetism in Gemstones A New Website

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*Via San Diego M&GS*

Kirk Feral, member of the SDM&GS, has just launched an educational website about Magnetism in Gemstones. The site is full of color photos and great information on how to use a magnet for gem identification. The website was created to serve as supplemental course material for introductory gem identification classes everywhere. It is due to be reviewed in the Picks'n Pans section of the October issue of *Rock'N Gem* magazine. You can check out Kirk's site at:

<http://gemstonemagnetism.com>

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## Rockhound

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*From Ghost Sheet, June 1988*

A Rockhound is a kind of nut  
Whose mind is slightly undercut.  
He swings a pick and drives a jeep,  
And dreams of agate in his sleep.  
He'll pick up any kind of stone  
Or piece of glass, or even bone.  
If he can't name it, he'll assert  
That he has found a piece of chert!

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## Tax Payer

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*From Chaparral Chatter 3/89, John W Martin, Editor*

A taxpayer is a person who does not have to pass a civil service examination to work for the government.

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## An End of Dreams

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*By Jack Terwilliger, via SCRIBE #1, v1- 1977*

The rock that holds the essence of my whole life's Rockhound dreams lies out there now among the rubble of primeval holocaust, mandated out of reach in government wilderness designate nor ever dreamed about again by future generations. The jewel within of course will fade, out there, by metamorphic law, then disappear forever in that eroding march of nature's time.

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## Creek Names

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*From Rock-It 2/90*

Little Soldier Mountain in Idaho is surrounded by creeks such as Pistol, Colt, Winchester, Luger, Automatic, thirty-eight, Forty-five, and Popgun.



# Wire Wrap Class 10-18-2011



# NOC Field Trip 10-22-2011









