

NOC GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY NEWS

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President's Message

by Frank Winn, President

We are getting to the end of another exciting year! It still seems like last week I spent a lot more time and money than I planned to at Quartzite. The holidays are coming up and I hope all of you have a great holiday season! Remember to join us at the Awards/Installation Dinner on Tuesday, December 13, 6-10 p.m. Please send your payment to Frank Winn. Please see Awards/Installation Dinner information in this newsletter.

We have started show meetings for next years California Gems & Jewelry Show. Although, we have a lot tasks to get done. We have a lot of maybes and many for sures. Some things are as usual and some are new ideas. A number of the committees have volunteers to head and support them, but there are plenty more to be filled so don't worry.

The Club has always requested that each member donate something for the raffle. That is why it is called "Donation Awards". It is terrific if it something you made (maybe you learned in one of our classes) or something you would really like to win yourself. We have always been known as a club with fabulous prizes.

Don and I visited the warehouse and counted 14 grab bags and one & half rolls of Orange skirting from last years show. We still need volunteers to help move out the old machines in the back of our storage. They need to be prepared for sale or trade at the show.

I want to thank the Board and all Members for working with me this past year. Next year looks to be another great year for NOC, with many field trips, our annual gem show, and exciting programs at our general meetings.

For those of us interested in Silver smithing on Dec. 6, 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. there will be a demonstration at PTCreations, 2812B Walnut Ave, Tustin on working with very thin material. Please check the notice on their web site if details are desired.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you during the holiday season, hearing your ideas on new field trips, programs, classes, and carpooling on another visit to Quartzite!
Frank

NOC Club Activities

Board Meeting - TBD

Field Trip - TBD

Class - TBD

Deadline for NOC News - Dec. 17

Programs

by Don Eschbach

Dec. 13 - Christmas Holiday Dinner 6-00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Refreshments

*by Nancy O'Conner and
Clyeda Tezak*

Thanks to Christina Pera, Loretta Ogden, Heather Bates, Clyeda Tezak, and Nancy O'Conner for bringing the goodies to the November meeting.

Members in the News

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

Members in the news in December

Janine Arp	Linda Chu
Ray Cooley	Wendy Erskine
Natividad Farquer	Pat Mogan
Richard O'Conner	Jerry Turner
Kathleen Turner	Kathy Valle
Barbara Woolfok	

Your gemstone is Turquoise
Your flower is Holly or Narcissus

Shows and Events

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
Website: www.mdgms.org

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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

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
Website: 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

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
Website: www.culvercityrocks.org

Cursor Location

Have you ever been reading a document or Web site whose colors make it difficult to see where the cursor is located? You can use the CTRL key to point out the cursor to you if you enable this feature.

How to Do It ? - Windows Seven Only

1. Click **Start** button. 
RESULT: Start menu dialog box opens.
2. In *Search programs and files* dialog box, type “**Mouse Pointer Option**”.
3. Press **Enter**.
RESULT: **Mouse Properties** dialog box opens.
4. Click **Pointer Options** tab.
RESULT: **Printer Options** message box opens.
5. Add Check mark to **Show locations of pointer when I press the CTRL key**.
6. Click **Apply**.
7. Click **OK**.
RESULT: Dialog box disappears.

To check this feature:

1. Press **CTRL** key.
RESULT: A circle appears around the cursor, then disappears.
2. To remove this feature, perform the above procedure, and *un-check* **Show locations of pointer when I press the CTRL key**.



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Awards/Installation Dinner

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. ncluding dinner and entertainment The club will pay the remainder of the cost.

Four choices for dinner:

LASAGNA: "PORTOFINO SPECIALTY"

Lasagna with ground meat, ricotta, baciamel, 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 (626) 912-0404. Send check payable to NOCGMS to:

Frank Winn
18213 Mescalero
Rowland Heights, CA 91748-4431

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

How to Recognize Fault Features

When you learn to recognize the basic features of the San Andreas Fault, you can follow it for miles along roads.

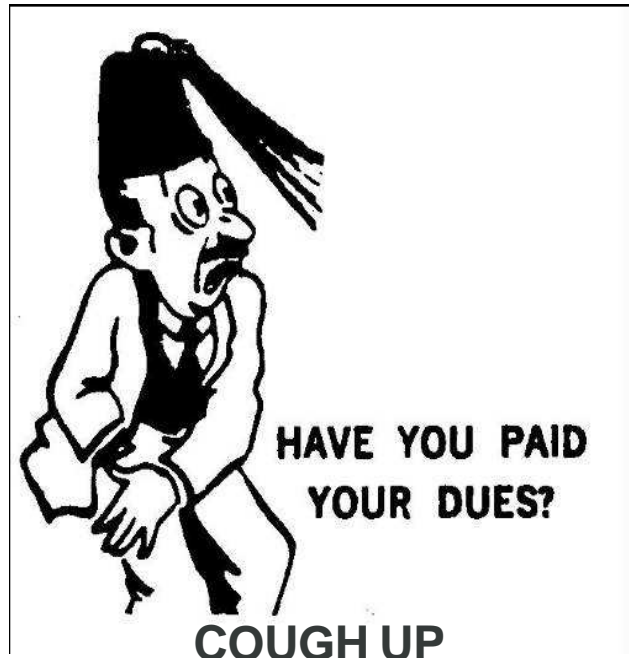
Features are: Faut Valleys, Saddles, Sunken Block, Narrow Troughs and Ridges, Scarps Steep Mountain fronts, Side Hill Ridges, Slice Ridges, JuxtaPosition of Different Rock Types, Landslides, Crushed and Deformed Rocks, Offset Streams, Sag Ponds, impounded Ground Water, and Hot Springs.

See where the I-15 crosses the San Andreas Fault on Page 10.

Dues

Below is something I saw in another news letter but felt it applied to us and most other organizations.

Don Ogden
Editor



via Scribe December, 2009
By Bob Hughes

Awright, youse guys!

It's time to shell out a couple bucks for my club dues for 2012.

Yeah, you know it's worth it! I tried, but the gov't says we didn't ask for enough to qualify for stimulus.

So, same old price per year. In advance.

And don't say it is too expensive: It costs that much for several cups o' mud at the local coffee shop.

More, if you can stand Starbucks. And you don't have to tip the editor.

PLEASE, try to get paid up by the end of December.

Would help the bookkeeping.

Voice of the Rockhounds

by Kim Cambell
from The Tumbler Nov. 2011

Kim Campbell and her Husband Jay have been dutifully attending BLM and CFMS meetings to make sure that the voice of the rockhound community is heard. Here are some issues that Kim would like to bring to our attention:

Solar Energy Development Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement:

The Obama administration published a supplement to this document in late October, which reopens the public comment until January 27!

This gives us another opportunity to submit our comments. Here is the website where further information (including maps) can be found and downloaded: <http://www.energy.ca.gov/siting/solar/index.html>

West Mojave Area Route Plan:

The public comment period for this scoping of this important plan closed on October 13. At the public meeting the BLM representatives indicated that they expect to establish advisory groups comprised of representatives from various stakeholder groups (hopefully including rockhounds) to study the various subregions identified in their environmental impact statement.

Here is the website with links to where additional information can be viewed and downloaded: http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/fo/cdd/west_mojave_wemo.html

Desert District Advisory Council:

The DAC will be meeting again on Saturday, December 3 at 9:00 a.m. in Redondo Beach. A field trip will take place the previous day nearby. For further information, click this link: <http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/info/rac/dac.html>

Special Recreation Permit Subgroup (to the DAC):

No meetings are currently listed on the BLM website, but the members of this subgroup continue to work behind the scenes regarding this issue. Here is a link to their page so you can monitor their activities: http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/info/rac/dac/dac_srp_subgroup.html

Supplement to the Environmental Study for the Calico Solar Project:

The BLM has announced that they will be publishing a supplement to the environmental study for the Calico Solar Project, which will open a 45-day public comment period. This project is in an important rock collecting area.

Here is a link to the news release addressing this: http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/info/newsroom/2011/october/CDD126_kroadcalico.html

Proposal by the National Parks Department to create the San Gabriel Mountains National Park:

Meetings are over.

Website to view and download documents and maps:

<http://parkplanning.nps.gov/documentsList.cfm?parkID=422&projectID=12203>

Good Afternoon Ms. Ogden

I'm Carol Corden, President to Sequoia Gem & Mineral Society in Redwood City, CA. I wanted to share with you an e-mail I sent out to my members. I thought it might interest you on how SGMS is sharing with our communities who are having a hard time. Perhaps something like this should be shared with all CFMS members.

Thank you, Carol

Hello SGMS Members,

I have had contact to Elizabeth Schar of Ravenswood District, East Palo Alto School District. If you have read the papers lately you would have noted the headlines that our schools are badly in need of science material and help for teachers. Elizabeth has been working on earth science labs for the teachers at various schools. I and Cathy Phalen did a workshop this year and that was a great experience and the children were impressed and excited. I have supplied a few teachers with samples of rocks and minerals so that they could discuss earthquakes and volcanoes and the different kinds of rocks on our planet.

Elizabeth and I came up with a great idea! If we (each member) could donate at least one, display/fist size rock or mineral with label and description. Elizabeth could create an earth science library for all the teachers and they could check in and out whatever rocks they need to teach with during their various science segments. She has a room to use for this purpose. Some of us are retiring soon and getting rid of some rocks, this would be a great way to give back to the community and teach our youth and maybe create future rockhounds. Sounds like a Win-Win to me.

So please, if you could spare a rock or mineral, please label and describe it, and bring to our next meeting...that would be great! Get it to me somehow and I'll get it to Elizabeth. I could see something like this catching on in all the different cities and wouldn't that be great. Maybe we should write CFMS about it. SGMS would certainly be leaving a legacy of our passion.

THANK YOU.

Carol

Letter Excerpts from Kids who made Egg Carton Rock Collections

by G. Shaw
via *The Tumble Nov. 11 SOCG&M newsletter*

Typed up exactly how the kids wrote them – i.e. misspellings left in. Many kids are second language learners. Some kids wrote in Spanish and labeled their rocks with the Spanish words. Second graders absolutely love making these egg carton rock collections. Thanks to SOC Gems for supplying some of rocks and minerals to this school outreach endeavor. It makes a difference!

1. Thank you for coming to our class to share your rocks and minerals. I like the rocks but the won I like the most is the TV rock. And I like the others to and I do not play with them cause I'm afraid I lose them. – Brooklyn

2. How are you? My favorite rock is jasper. It is my favorite because red is my favorite color. What is your favorite rock? - Andres

3. My favorite rock that you gave me was the Opalite. I want to be a rock hounder or somewon ho studies rocks and minerals. – Mathew

4. I love the apachy tear. It was so cul. I love my TV rock. It is so spechol. The rock that I like more was citrin and the purple rock. – Jasel

5. Thank you for giving us so many beautiful rocks. All the rocks are soooo cool. I wish I could have more. – Cooper

6. I like the polished rock. It is many colors. I like your rock machine that makes them shiney. I told my dad I want one for my birthday. He says they are too noisy. I still want one. -Maria

7. My favorite rock was pink cortis. My favorite part was when we got to pick out our rocks. That made it the best day ever. – Michelle

8. My favorite one was the fool's gold because I have never seen fool's gold before. I haven't lost any of the rocks and minerals you gave me. I really enjoy my bones. I also want to thank you for spending your time with us and giving a lot of rock stuff to us. – Kate

9. Thank you for sharing your rocks and coming to our classroom. My favorites were the TV rock, pirit, and cortex crystal. Thank you for the bonus rock. I got a tall crystal. I named it popical stick because it looks like a popical stick. – Brooke

10. Thank you for telling us about the Apache tears rock. That was an interesting story how the tears turned to rocks. I told my mom and dad about that. – Ashley

11. Thank you for coming to our school and bringing all the rocks. I remember you from last year. I have a big rock collection now. Now my parents let me pick up rocks at any place we go. It's OK with them. – John

12. My favorite rocks were the fool's Gold, the red jasper, the shark tooth and the opalite. I can't pick my favorite really. – Jack

Grandpa John's 100th Birthday

Grandpa John was celebrating his 100th birthday and everybody complimented him on how athletic and well-preserved he appeared.

"Gentlemen, I will tell you the secret of my success," he cackled. "I have been in the open air day after day for some 75 years now."

The celebrants were impressed, and asked how he managed to keep up his rigorous fitness regime.

"Well, you see my wife and I were married 75 years ago. On our wedding night, we made a solemn pledge. Whenever we had a fight, the one who was proved wrong would go outside and take a walk."

La Habra Youth Committee

by Don Warthen

The NOC presenting a check to the La Habra Youth Committee. The Mayor, kids, John, Don W, Ofelia, and Frank Winn were in attendance.



2011 Show Meeting

by Loretta Ogden

We had our first show meeting and it was very successful. We have chair people for several committees and tossed around a lot of ideas.

Nancy is working on the dealer list and planning the grab bags. We need donations of rock for the grab bags and the spinning wheel, also for the kids' room and pachinko.

The theme this year is **California Gems & Jewelry Show**. With that in mind we are planning to ask the CFMS to display the Cabochon Collection donated by all the clubs. Now is time to start planning your case hopefully with California gems and jewelry.

I have an idea to have several young or new jewelry artists to display and sell their work by using one booth for our California Jewelry Arts Gallery. If you know anyone who is in college majoring in this subject let me know.

We discussed the Friday Chamber VIP Night and are looking to come up with some changes on that.

We had thirteen people at this meeting and I hope by next meeting we will at least have double that. I would like to thank the members who were at the meeting. I will be scheduling another meeting in January. I hope the rest of you can join us. We had a great meeting and I can hardly wait to hear your ideas.

Pictures from the Auction

by Don Ogden









Interstate 15 Crosses the San Andreas Fault Zone

by Don Ogden

Northwest of Devore California, Interstate 15 freeway crosses the San Andreas Fault zone in the Cajon Pass. The crushed and distorted rocks that typify the fault zone are evident in the road cuts. The best views of the fault in this area are still available along the old highway route US 66 and the Lone Pine canyon to the west.

The Pacific Plate moves along the San Andreas Fault northwest relative to the North American Plate. The North American plate appears to move Southeastward. The rate of movement averages about two inches per year.

Fault Features close to US 66:

Offset Stream - The course of a young stream that has been offset horizontally by movement of the plates along the San Andreas Fault zone. The stream curve is hidden by trees, and brush. But by a short hike along it, usually a dry bed, you can see the degree and distance of the offset.

Sag Pond - Sag ponds are enclosed, undrained areas within the San Andreas Fault zone. They are created by multiple fracturing, and tilting by the fault within the earth. All drainage from them are cut off. Undrained reservoirs thus formed become basins for runoff from surrounding ground. Lost Lake is a sag pond.

Scarp - A scarp is a steep cliff or ridge that is formed by sudden earth movements - usually vertical - along fault lines. The San Andreas Fault crosses US 66 where the Scarp slopes down.

Blue Cut Marker - Named for the Mesozoic Pelonia blue schist found at the South side of the marker.

When you learn to recognize the basic features of the San Andreas Fault, you can follow it for miles along roads.

To view the fault - Go past Devore on the I-5 freeway, exit Kenwood, turn left, and follow old US 66 past the Blue cut marker to the fault features.