

NOC GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY NEWS

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President's Message

by Frank Winn

I would like to thank all the club members on behalf of the new officers for your support and confidence that we will live up to your standards, needs and interests.

Thanks to all who attended our Christmas awards/installation dinner. Forty-three members and guests gathered at Portofino's Restaurant.

At the dinner, Mark Sturdevant of the Chamber of Commerce mentioned a possibility of a permanent display spotlighting our hobby in the park at 220 south Euclid.

A Turquoise Necklace and Pendent class will be held in January. The instructor: Master Jeweler and Graduate Gemologist - Francis Lou.

We are all looking forward to Don O's seven-day 2000 Mile Fossil Trip presentation at the January meeting.

I plan is to attend the January SCRIBE meeting in Quartzsite and tour exhibits and vendor. We will dine in Brenda Arizona at the Blackrock Restaurant. Of course all this hinges on me being able to heal my broken toe.

The Annual QIA POW POW at Quartzsite will be on January 18-22, 2012. Hope to see you there.

As we go into the New Year we have many challenges and goals to work toward, but I'm confident we will all rise to meet these challenges and have a very successful year. Thank you all for your participation.

NOC Club Activities

Board Meeting — To be announced
Field Trip — Quartzsite - January 18 thru 22.
Deadline for NOC News — January 17.

Refreshments

Nancy O'Connor and Clyeda Tezak needs a volunteer to bring the goodies to the January meeting. Please call Nancy at (526) 690-6878 or Clyeda at (562) 690-1518. They will have a sign-up list for the rest of the year at the January meeting

Date: January 10

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: La Habra Community Center
101 W. La Habra Blvd.

Programs

by Nancy Bird.

The program this month will be a 7-day 2000-mile fossil trip by Don Ogden.

Members in the News

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

Colin Arp Jane Hendrixson
Don Livezey Karen Miller
Betty Newman Bernie Ruiz

Your gemstone is Garnet.
Your flower is Carnation or Snowdrop.

Shows and Events

January 27-28: Redlands, CA

Mineralogical Society of Southern California
Micromounters Symposium
San Bernardino County Museum
2024 Orange Tree
Hours: Fri. 5pm - 10pm; Sat. 9am - 10pm
Sun. Field trip time to be set
Dr. Robert Housley (714) 697-4435
e-mail: rhousley@its.caltech.edu
Webpage: mineralsocal.org (click on micromounters)

February 17-26, Indio, CA

San Gorgonio Mineral & Gem Society
Riverside County Fair & National Date Festival
Gem amp; Mineral Building Bldg #1
46-350 Arabia Street
Hours: 10 am - 10 pm
Bert Grisham: (915) 849-1674
Email: bert67@verizon.net

February 24-25, Northridge, CA

Del-Air Rockhounds
Northridge United Methodist Church
9650 Reseda Blvd.
Hours: Fri. 3pm to 9 pm - Sat. 10:am to 5 pm
Chris S. Ward
Email: chris_ward678@yahoo.com
Website: www.delairrockhounds.org

March 5-6, Arcadia, CA

Monrovia Rockhounds, Inc.
Los Angeles Co. Arboretum & Botanic Gardens
301 Baldwin Ave.
Hours: Sat. & Sun. 9-4:30
Jo Anna Ritchey (626) 359-1624
Email: vgms_editor@roadrunner.com
Website: www.Moroks.com

March 9-11, Stoddard Wells, CA

Victorville Valley Gem & Mineral Society
Stoddard Well Tailgate (Stodrard Wells)
Bell Mountain/Stoddard Well exit from I-15
Hours: 8-5 daily
Brett Ward (760) 954-4323
Email: Bretts88@verizon.net
Club (760) 243-2330
Website: www.vvgmc.org

March 12-13 2011, San Marino, CA

San Marino Masonic Center
3130 Huntington Drive
Hours: Sar. 10-6; Sun. 10-5
Bud & Marcia Goetz / (626) 260-7239
Email: joenmar1@verizon.net

May 5-6, Anaheim, CA

Searchers Gem & Mineral Society
Brookhurst Community Center
2271 W. Crescent Avenue
Hours: Sat. 10-5; Sun 10-4:30
Beth Pelfrey (714) 774-2754
Email: martin.swiderski@jacobs.com
Website: www.searchersrocks.org

June 9-10, 2012, La Habra, CA

North Orange County Gem & Mineral Society
La Habra Community Center
101 W. La Habra Blvd.
Hours: 10 - 5 both days
Loretta Ogden (909) 598-2456
Email: domogden@aol.com or
Fbriktr1@aol.com
Website: nocgms.com



Twenty four inch necklace with 12 mm turquoise beads and large, 36 mm round turquoise cabochon.

Eight inch necklace with 8 mm turquoise beads with a 22 X 30 mm turquoise cabochon.



31st Annual SCRIBE Meeting & Editors' Get-Together

from SCRIBE

SCRIBE, the international organization of bulletin editors of amateur gem, mineral, and earth science societies, invites all editors to share ideas, techniques, successes, problems, and concerns with your fellow bulletin editors at its annual workshop and get-together in Quartzsite, Arizona.

Saturday, 21 January 2012 (9:00 a.m. MST)
Senior Citizen's Center
Moon Mountain Road
Quartzsite, Arizona

45 Annual QIA Pow Wow Quartzsite Arizona Wednesday, Jan. 18 thru Sunday Jan. 22

*Cathy McGilvery
Pow Wow Chairman*

We have 460 vendor spaces outside and 70 vendor spaces in the main hall. Vendors come from all over the world to participate in the Pow Wow. All vendors merchandize must be 75% gem, mineral or jewelry related.

There is free admission and free parking with two shuttles running thruout the day from the parking area to the main hall. Three home style cooked meals are served each day. If you want a quick lunch, you can stop by the sandwich window.

You can view 52 showcases of beautiful gems, minerals and jewelry. In the Hobby Room you will see many beautiful displays of other hobbies such as painting, quilting, beading, wire wrap and much more.

The Pow Wow is the main fundraiser for the QIA.

235 East Ironwood Street
Quartzsite, Arizona
www.qiaaz.org

Turquoise Necklace and Pendent Class

by Ofelia Warthen

When: January 24, 2012 - 6 till 9 p.m,

Instructor: Master Jeweler and Graduate Gemologist - *Francis Lou*.

A 24 in. necklace with 12 mm turquoise beads and large, 36 mm round turquoise cabochon. For class, \$35 for paid members and \$40 for non-members.

An 8 in. necklace with 8 mm turquoise beads with a 22 X 30 mm turquoise cabochon. For class, \$25 for paid members and \$30 for non-members

COUGH UP



Have You Paid Your Dues ?

*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.

Christmas/Awards Party

December 14, 2011







Stewart Mine Field Trip with GIA

by Don Warthen

We went on an educational trip with the GIA Alumni Association. After breakfast at the Pala Casino we met up with the rest of the group and proceeded to the mine (not the tourist area where buckets are brought down to go through, but at the mine itself).

We were allowed to dig through the tailings at the opening of the mine. After everyone had arrived, we met with the mine owner, Blew Sheppard, he gave us the history of the mine and much of the geological details of the mine which produces several minerals other than tourmaline. After lunch we went into the mine.

The mine is much as it was in the 1890's when it was first opened. There is no electricity in the mine and the only light is the flashlight that each of us carried. Blew showed us how the veins of Quartz and other minerals run through the mine and how he found the large tourmaline deposits by flowing the quartz chimneys to the pockets of Tourmaline. When Blew bought the mine its main product was Petalite which is used to make Lithium. In fact the mine still produces Petalite to be used in Lithium.

The mine had always produced some Tourmaline but not until the discovery of the Quartz Chimneys, then did the mine become a meager producer of Tourmaline. We were not allowed to dig in the mine itself as there were several large Tourmaline crystals (about 8 inches and larger) proceeding from the walls of the mine. But we were able to dig through the tailings at the mines opening.

At the end of the day we stopped at the Casino for a little R & R before returning home. It was a great experience.

Don W



Tourmaline in Tailings



1800 rds Entrance

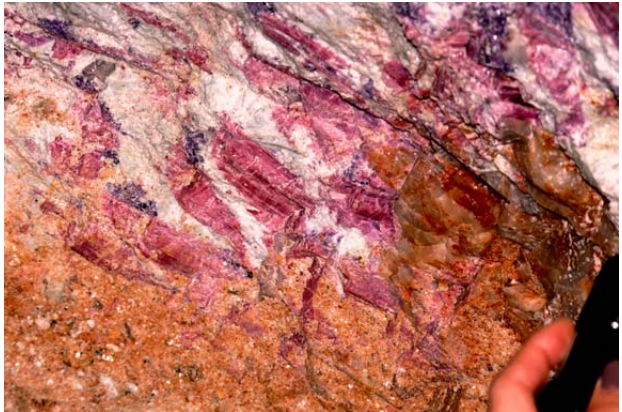




Present Entrance



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Tourmaline Crystals in pocket

