

NOC GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY NEWS

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President's Message

by Frank Winn

My thanks to Don Ogden for our program on his fossil field trip with stops from Barstow to Utah for our January meeting. It was quite interesting. This month's topic will be a tape on fossils and a sharing of each member's favorite fossil and its source/collection site.

Dues are now due for this year 2012. Our treasurer pointed out only sixteen or eighteen members have paid their dues at our last meeting. If you haven't yet paid your dues, please send them in soon. Be sure to make your check payable to NOC Gem & Mineral Society or NOCGMS. When your dues have been paid you should get a your yearly membership card.

The Quartzsite Show had lots of tempting raw material, rare minerals and gems. The display cases were creative and an interesting display of our hobby. Very inspiring, I urge any of you who have not seen at least one Quartzite show to attend.

Loretta Ogden informed us that there is still room at Zzyzx in March. Applications may be found on the CFMS website. The link can also be obtained from our own website.

Keep an eye on our Web Site and the Education Committee report as there will be new classes being offered. Not only are these classes fun and productive, but they are a bargain compared to the classes offer through commercial establishments and most other clubs! Lets see if we can fill a row in the Community Center Display case from our classes this year.

Please check the club roster at our February meeting to see if your information is complete and accurate. When you sign in, if it is your birthday month, please let Mary know to receive a birthday chance in our monthly raffle. See you at our February meeting.

Frank Winn
President NOCG&MS

NOC Club Activities

Board Meeting - to be announced
Field Trip -
Deadline for NOC News - February 17

Programs

by Nancy Bird

FOSSILS!!! We have a program from the CFMS entitled "Lost Worlds, Vanished Lives" from David Attenborough originally seen on PBS. This would be a great time to bring in your own fossil specimens for show and tell.

Refreshments

Thanks to Nancy Bird and Kim Winn for bringing the goodies to the January meeting. Don & Kathy Eschbach and Dave & Fran Swanston will bring the goodies to the February meeting.

Members in the News

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

Nancy Bird
Jeremy Newman
Linda Nelson
Del Smith
Chalmer Steed
Joanne Schmidt

Your gemstone is Amethyst
Your flower is Primrose or Violet

Shows and Events

February 17-26, 2012, Indio, CA

San Geronio 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 2012, 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: delairrockhounds.blogspot.com

March 3-4 2012, 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 3-4 2012, Ventura, CA

Ventura Gem & Mineral Society
Ventura County Fairgrounds
10 West Harbor Blvd.
Hours: Sat. 10-5; Sun. 10-4
Rob Sankovich (805)494-7734
Email: rmsorca@adelphia.net
Website: www.vgms.org

March 9-11 2012, 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

May 5-6, 2012, Anaheim, CA

Searchers Gem & Mineral Society
Brookhurst Community Center
2271 W. Crescent Avenue
Hours: Sat. 10-5; Sun 10-4:30
Steve Duncan (714) 724-7102
Email: wsd@iteris.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: Fbriktr1@aol.com or
donogden@aol.com
Website: nocgms.com

NOC February 2012 Education Report

*by Ofelia Warthen
Education Chairperson*

FULL HOUSE! Our first educational class was a sell-out. Francis Lau, taught a very exciting turquoise bead necklace with pendent. Everyone had a good time.

Mr. Lau has taught many classes for NOC We plan to have him teach several other classes at the La Habra Community Center later in the coming months. More information to follow on scheduled dates.

Our next class is scheduled for February 21st from 6 to 9 p.m. at the La Habra Community Center.

Many students have expressed an interest in learning how to measure and cut wire for their wire-wrap projects. So, the next class on February 21st will be a simple and stylish pendent with emphasis on measuring the wire. Space and supplies are limited in all of our classes, so please register early. Look for the application in this bulletin. Remember to call Ofelia if you have any questions at 626-330-8974.

All other future classes are on hold at this time.

NOC General Meeting Minutes La Habra Community Center January 10, 2012

by Susan Hanson

The meeting was called to order by President Frank Winn at 7:02 p.m. Nancy Bird led the flag salute. Don Ogden presented the program: a slide fossil trip covering 2000 miles in 7 days, into Nevada, Utah and Wyoming. He also gave us a look at the new NOC Website. Next month program is a video on fossils.

Nancy Bird and Kim Winn provided refreshments. Signup sheet for future months is going around. The next fieldtrip is to Quartzsite, Sat. 21st. Searchers will be going to Beryl Creek that weekend. Next weekend is the field trip meeting to plan future trips. Drawings were held, with Arlene winning a trilobite Don brought back from the trip, and John E won the fossil fish.

Federation report - Loretta announced there are still openings for Zzyzx. Librarian Yolanda is still taking care of Richard and needs someone to take over the library. John Erskine gave the *treasurers report*, and reviewed the year end report. We don't have a budget for 2012 until all the committees give their input. The board would vote on it and next meeting we would vote on it. He can't write checks until have the budget approved.

Displays: turquoise necklaces that the 1-24 class will be making; Don E. made an impressive necklace using Red brass and silver, commonly used in western jewelry. Nancy brought some of the carvings her brother has sent her; she also brought a butterfly cage for sale, and brought flyers from the areas she will be working at for the Tucson show. *Education*: classes are still open. Contact Ofelia Warthen.

Show - Loretta reported we have a partial budget. Nancy says there are some changes with dealers, she sent contracts out. We need to check and fix cases, will set date and time. Loretta wants one open back case to put some of the prizes in. Friday night will be

“Business showcase” with Chamber, we need couple of people to serve food and maintain flow. We will ask the dealers to be open 5-7. Signs - will ask Jay about a PVC stand he had that we could hang signs on. *Publicity* - Frank sent letters to Westways & La Habra magazines, & Highlander, La Habra Journal. Nancy needs pots, don't spend more than 5\$ on clay pots, and also plastic 1 gallon pots. We need to push raffle tickets, should be available at Feb. meeting.

Social Secretary - Mary Ellen left early tonight, not feeling well; Richard had a 2nd open heart procedure. Joanne Abramson moved to Oregon with her daughter. The meeting adjourned at 8:45.

2012 Show Report

by Loretta Ogden

I would like to thank you all for volunteering for different chairmanships and jobs at the show. By the time you read this I will have the show budget to John and funds for your various projects will be available.

I have listed dates that I have scheduled meetings at the Community Center. Anyone who desires is welcome to attend. As I have said before the show takes the whole club to be a success. I am planning to have as John says a *spitball meeting* to be decided on at a later date. At that time we can discuss different ideas and maybe even do a few chores.

Meeting dates...time is always 6:30 p.m. at the Community Center -

February 21 -

March 20 -

April 17 -

May 29 Last meeting before show....

Show setup - Friday 8:00 a.m., June 8

Friday night spotlight at 5:00 p.m.

Show - June 9, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Show - June 10, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Show close - June 10 5:00 p.m. / Take down-clean up

Post show meeting - Tuesday June 19

Quartzsite Saturday January 21, 2012



On the way to Quartzsite, January 21, 2012



Scribe Meeting - Doug Arnold Prez



Pow Wow



Pow Wow & Desert Gardin



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Field Trips for 2012

by Jay Valle

The 2011 field trip meeting was held at the home of Joe & Marcia Goetz on January 28, 2012.

The three clubs - Whittier, Pasadena, and North Orange County, met to produce the official field trip schedule for the coming year.

Jan 18-22 *Quartzsite*

Feb 18-20 *Stoddard Wells*: Local sites for verde antique, tri-color marble, black jade, actinolite, "bug-eye" rhyolite, soapstone (for carving). Other locations may also be explored.

Mar 12-14 *Stoddard Wells Tailgate*: Like Quartzsite, only smaller.

Mar 24-25 *Lavie Siding/Southern Cadys*: Many varieties of jasper and agate.

Apr 21-22 *Castle Butte*: Bloodstone, palm root, agate & jasper of several types

Apr 28 *Tourmaline mine trip* (fee location)

May 26-28 *Lone Pine/Cerro Gordo*: The famous Cerro Gordo mine tailing are open only once a year and are good for many minerals including Smithsonite. Numerous field trip possibilities from Lone Pine including ammonites, corundum, petrified wood (Nevada), quartz crystals and garnets.

Jun 16 *Wrightwood* (day trip): Actinolite and possibly rhodonite

July 28 *Palos Verdes* (day trip): Minerals & fossils

Aug 11 *Museum* (day trip)

Aug 31 - Sept 2 - *Snyder's Ranch*: Large tailgate & show with cool field trips.

Oct 6 *Trona* - Searles Lake Club show & field trips: Pink halite crystals & borax minerals.

Nov 3-4 *Whittier Club Claim* (Barstow): honey onyx, agate, jasper, palm root, etc.

Nov 22-25 *Stonewall Pass*: Famous old time petrified wood location. Will also visit collecting areas near Goldfield, NV and Beatty, NV.

Dec 8 *Pinto Mountains* copper minerals

The February Field Trip President's Weekend 18th through 29th, 2012

by Jay Valle

In the spirit of those who in history were explorers such as Daniel Boone, Davy Crocket and many others, we are going to explore. While there are things to collect, we are going to explore and see if we can find other materials say within a 30 mile radius of camp. Oh yea we'll be camping at Stoddard Wells area (not Snob Hill, but out in the flat area). This is the same place where Victor Valley club holds their tailgate in March.

So, if you know you have in your procession old maps to old collecting sites in the area, bring them to the fieldtrip. We'll see how many we can find and visit. We then can map them so that at a later date we can spend more time collecting there. Some people may say the area is worked out; then again, 10 to 60 years of erosion can bring a lot of material to light.

As for the known materials... there is verde antique, black jade with marcasite, tri-colored marble, blue dolomite, bug-eye rhyolite and actinolite. All of these (and more) have been found in this area. There is also a talc mine to the west of camp. So there is actually quite a bit out there. I believe that they have begun working on the Barstow Road. If I'm remembering this correctly, there could be all sorts of material to be collected out there next to road. The last time they improved a road people found all sorts of petrified palm and wood.

So come on out to the fieldtrip. If you don't camp, Victorville is just a few miles away. Or if you do camp, you know it's a dry camp, but supplies can be found in Victorville. Our exploring is much easier than that of Daniel Boone or Davy Crocket and probably more fun.

JValle

VERDE ANTIQUE AREA

APPROXIMATELY 95
MILES FROM WHITTIER

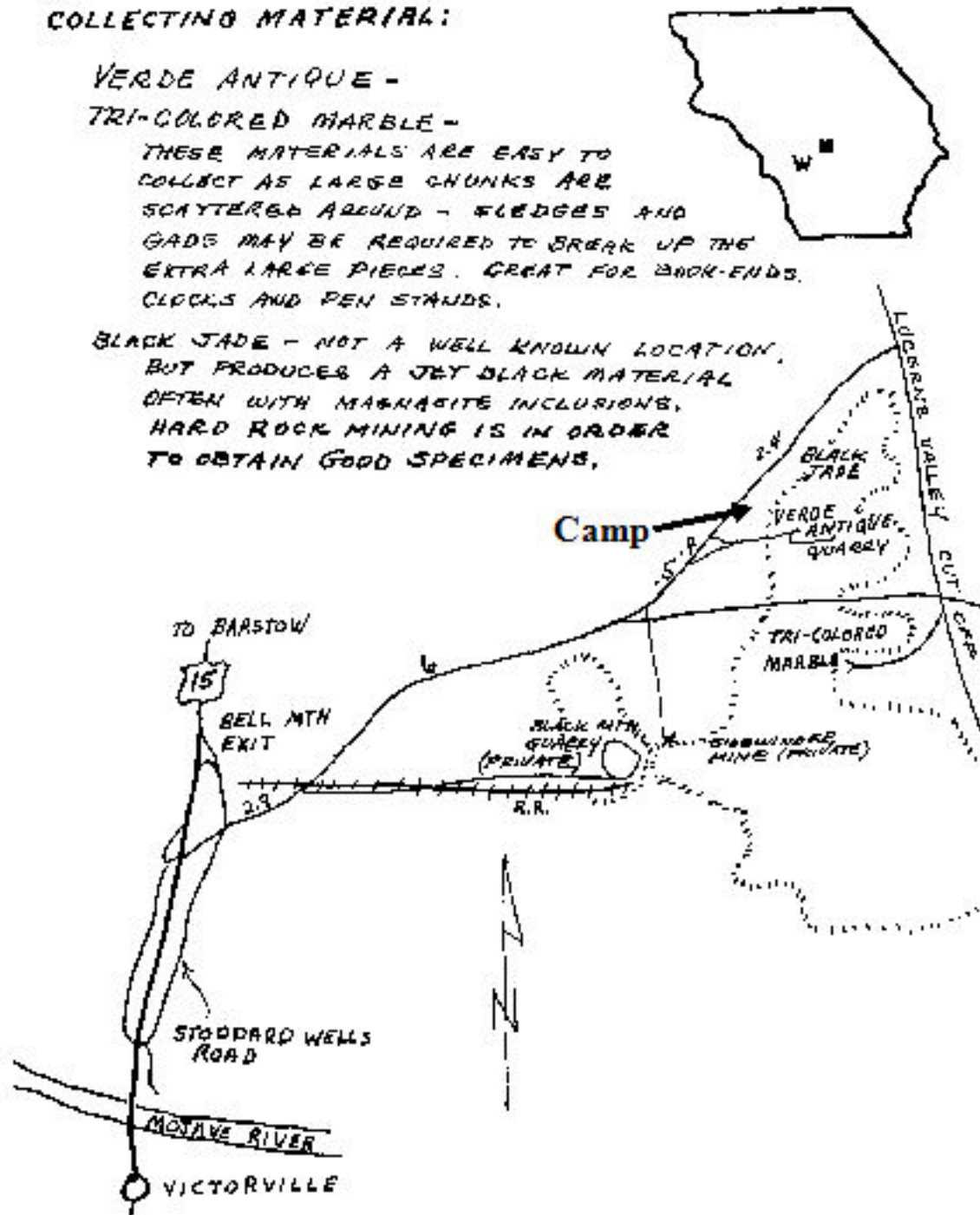
COLLECTING MATERIAL:

VERDE ANTIQUE -

TRI-COLORED MARBLE -

THESE MATERIALS ARE EASY TO COLLECT AS LARGE CHUNKS ARE SCATTERED AROUND - SLEDGES AND GADS MAY BE REQUIRED TO BREAK UP THE EXTRA LARGE PIECES. GREAT FOR BOOK-ENDS, CLOCKS AND PEN STANDS.

BLACK JADE - NOT A WELL KNOWN LOCATION, BUT PRODUCES A JET BLACK MATERIAL OFTEN WITH MAGNETITE INCLUSIONS, HARD ROCK MINING IS IN ORDER TO OBTAIN GOOD SPECIMENS.



North Orange County Gem and Mineral Society

Sterling Silver Wire Wrap Project

Students have requested a class on how to measure and cut wire for their projects.

In our February 21st project the student will learn how to measure the stone and calculate how much wire to use.

This is a simple and stylish pendant. - A stone set in a wire basket design.



When: Tuesday, February 21, 2012 - 6 to 9 pm

Where: La Habra Community Center, 101 W. La Habra Blvd., La Habra, California 90631

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone No: _____ **email:** _____



Amount Enclosed: \$ _____ **\$20 for Members/ \$25 for Nonmembers**
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