

# NOC GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY NEWS

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## President's Message

*by Frank Winn, President*

My thanks to all of those members who have already paid their dues.

Our show committee meeting kept our planning on track for the June 9&10th Jubilee of Gems. We counted our grab bags and other supplies in the storeroom. Ofelia Waarten volunteered to check on the supplies we have and need for the childrens room activities. Since it is the 100th birthday of the Girl Scouts we will try to get a merit badge class for the Girl Scouts this year.

Loretta has the new rules on the legality of our banner. Last year we got blind sided at the last minute about a new regulation on how the banner had to be able to get pulled across the street...The education committee tells us we are on track to award and announce scholarships on Friday night before the show. We plan on feasting on hotdogs that night.

The club has about four of the upright cases and 20 slant cases. The current plan calls for twelve display cases by members during our show. I would be happy to repair more cases if we can get more members to show off our hobby!

The last Silver smith class was a success. We all felt very proud of our efforts to make a figure eight link silver chain.

Its time to go check to see what treasures the recent rains have washed offin our favorite collecting spots and hopefully a few new spots! Last month I came back with BLUE DOLOMITE from very close to Barstow!! I got so excited about what I found on the last field trip I even fixed the broken saw in my garage to make a few cuts and glue together two new bolos. Come share the excitment of our pack of rock hounds on our next field trip!!

Frank Winn President NOCGMS Inc.

## NOC Club Activities

Board Meeting - TBD - 7:00 p.m.

Field Trip - Page 4.

Deadline for NOC News - April 17

Class - TBD - 6-9 p.m.

Show Meeting - TBD

Citrus Fair - TBD

## Programs

*by Nancy Bird*

The April 10 program will be Sandie and Tony Fender detailing Mt. St. Helens. Prior to the 1980 eruption. (See page 5 fot more details.)

## Refreshments

Thanks to Heather Bates and Armando Pedroza for bringing the goodies to the March meeting. Don & Ofelia Warthen and Clyeda Tezak will bring the goodies to the April meeting.

## Members in the News

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

*Joan Abramson*

*Cheryl Cooley*

*Jeffry Cooley*

*Allen Farquer*

*Nathan Farquer*

*Aida Heidke*

*Trini Hermosillo*

*Vicki Marks*

*Dana Matula*

*David E. Miller*

*Barbara Steed*

*Clyeda Tezak*

*Oscar Veloz*

*Julia West*

Your gemstone is Diamond

Your flower is Daisy or Sweet Pea

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## Shows and Events

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### **April 28-29- LANCASTER, CA**

Antelope Gem & Mineral Society  
Lancaster High School  
44701 - 32nd Street West  
Hours: 9-5 daily  
Rod Skillings (661)400-5198  
Email: [rodneyskillings@ymail.com](mailto:rodneyskillings@ymail.com)  
Email: [av\\_gem@yahoo.com](mailto:av_gem@yahoo.com)

### **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](mailto:wsd@iteris.com)  
Website: [www.searchersrocks.org](http://www.searchersrocks.org)

### **May 19-20 - Yucaipa, CA**

Yucaipa Valley Gem & Mineral Society  
Yucaipa Community Center  
34900 Oak Glen Road  
Hours: Sat 9-5 daily Sun 10-4  
Lee Peterson (909) 794-0731  
Email: [res09ayd@verizon.net](mailto:res09ayd@verizon.net)  
Website: [www.vvngms.org](http://www.vvngms.org)

### **June 16-17 - GLENDORA, CA**

Glendora Gems  
Goddard Middle School  
859 East Sierra Madre  
Hours: Sat. 10-5; Sun. 10-4  
Bonnie Bidwell (626) 963-4638  
Email: [Ybidwell2@aol.com](mailto:Ybidwell2@aol.com)

### **June TBD - WOODLAND HILLS, CA**

Rockatomics Gem and Mineral Society  
Pierce College  
20800 Victory Blvd  
Hours: 9-5 daily  
Gary Levitt (818) 993-3802, (cell) (818) 321-6290  
Website: [www.Rockatomics.org](http://www.Rockatomics.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](mailto:Fbriktr1@aol.com) or  
[donogden@aol.com](mailto:donogden@aol.com)  
Website: [nocgms.com](http://nocgms.com)

### **September 8-9, 2012, Downey, CA**

Delvers Gem & Mineral Society  
Womans Club of Downey  
9813 Paramount Blvd.  
Hours: 10 - 5 both days  
John Fults (714) 856-7548  
Email: [ihfults@verizon.net](mailto:ihfults@verizon.net)

### **June 30 - July 1 - CULVER CITY, CA**

Culver City Rock & Mineral Club  
Veterians Memorial Auditorium  
4117 Overland Ave (Overland & Culver)  
Hours: Sat 10-6; Sun 10-5  
Robert Thirlaway  
Website: <http://www.CulverCityRocks.org>

### **November 3-4, 2012 - LANCASTER, CA**

Palmdale Gem & Mineral Club  
Antelope Valley Fairgrounds  
2551 West Ave. H & Hwy 14  
Hours: 10-5 daily  
Cheri George, (562) 243-8470  
Email: [pgmc@antelecom.net](mailto:pgmc@antelecom.net)  
Website: [www.palmdalegemandmineral.com](http://www.palmdalegemandmineral.com)

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## **NOC General Meeting Minutes La Habra Community Center March 13, 2012**

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*by Susan Hansen*

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 by President Frank Winn. Armando led the flag salute. Guests were introduced. Frank announced he had flyers for the Searchers show and others, include the July Federation show in Riverside.

Nancy introduced Randi Hetrick who presented a video on her trip to Antarctica.

Minutes of last meeting were published in bulletin. Nancy B moved/Jonas 2nd the minutes be approved as published.

Next field trip is to Lavic Siding Mar 24 & 25, collecting areas for Red jasper and Moss agate.

Raffle tickets were drawn. 15 prizes were distributed.

Federation report: Show in Riverside in July.

Frank has a Miners Monthly sale flyer - moving their HQ.

Nest month program will be Sandi & Tony Fender on revisit to Mt. St Helens.

Treasurers report was given and accepted, was some discussion on the different charges for the building for show over the past few years. City budget cuts impact what they charge us.

Don Warthen gave Chamber report. Business spotlight coming up, info in bulletin or on chamber website.

Richard is going to therapy, unable to make meetings for now. Wendy and Kim are ill tonight.

Show meeting Mar 20th 6 p.m. here. Board meeting TBA.

Loretta reported there is an extra ticket in every envelope that was passed out. Prized so far: AZ petrified wood polished round, Amethyst cathedral bookends. Date set to do grab bags at Nancys, May 19th at 10:30 - potluck.

Don W. has a signup list for cases going around. Demonstrators will have cases near them.

Thanks to Armando and Heather for refreshments tonight, Next month Don & Ofelia and Clyeda.

Silversmithing classes next week Wed and Thurs evenings.

There will be 2 classes in April, info will be in bulleting.

Scholarship committee meeting to be announced. Want to discuss fundraisers as well as selection and presentation.

Meeting adjourned at 8:42pm.

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## **Show Displacy Cases**

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*by Don Warthen*

At the show this year we want to show off our hobby. The best way to do this is with our display cases.

I am asking each person to think about putting a Case this year. you're case can be an Educational, an exhibit of Collectables, demonstrating your craftsmanship or an assortment of each.

The club will furnish the cases all you need to do is decorate them.

We are also asking each Demonstrator to put in a case exhibiting their skill. We would also like to put in a club cab case and are asking each club member to put in one or two cabs along with a card identifying the cab and the craftsman.

Please contact me about putting in a case or if you have any questions.

Don Warthen  
(626) 330-8974

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## Castle Butte Field Trip

### April 21-22, 2012

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*by Jay Valle*

Eons ago the land was very different; the mountains were very much un-like the San Gabriels or the Sierra Nevada range. These mountains would grow rapidly spewing molten rock, ash and pumice. They shook the ground for miles around. Dust in the air would become the nucleus of rain and rain it would. The skies would seem to open up and the ash would absorb all that water and mud would flow like many modern day rivers.

Then over time the eruptions would slacken and eventually stop. Then the forces of nature would start to tear away at the great mountains. All of the ash, pumice and other materials that weren't as hard as solidified lava would flow away with rain or become dust in the wind eating away the slopes. There were still hot springs that would well up and as the hot water rose through the layers of soil and rock it would dissolve quartz particles and deposit it in the cracks of the fractured rock. Or as it rained, water would pass through air with lots of sulfur and would become slightly acidic and as it percolated down through the ash and soil it would pick up minerals and quartz and again would fill gas bubbles or cracks and form the agate and jaspers we find today.

One such place is a place called Castle Butte, now just a remnant of a volcano. The solidified lava protrudes from its center and much of the cone has eroded away. However, all around it are veins of the material called agate and there are also jaspers. One such Jasper is called California Blood Stone and it is dark green with red splotches. If the jasper is just the dark green color but without the red splotches it is known as Imperial Jasper. Petrified palm is also found in the area as well as different types of agates, some having a base color i.e. red or blue, some with inclusions that may look like moss or plumes within the stone. There is a lot to collect and areas to explore, in other words having fun.

This will be a dry camp, i.e. you'll have to bring what you'll need to camp as there is no water, electricity or restrooms (byo TP and a shovel). Nights

can be very cold at this time of year when camping so bring plenty to keep you warm. There will be a potluck dinner on Saturday evening. It is suggested to bring enough to feed four to six people. The area of camp is accessible with a car or camper. Four wheel drive and/or high clearance vehicle is recommend-ed for driving and exploring the area.

For the novice, on perhaps their first or second fieldtrip some of what you'll need to collect cutting material is: a rock pick, a bucket (I recommend a soft canvas type or canvas bag), a broad brimmed hat, study boots, gloves, sun/safety glasses, a spray bottle filled with water (don't lick the rocks), water (lots of it), an ice chest (for taking your lunch as we often do not go back to camp for lunch), clothes appropriate for the area and weather. Be in camp by 8:30 a.m

#### *Directions to Castle Butte:*

**I-15 towards Hesperia**

**Left on 395 to Kramer Junction**

**Left on 58 to North Edwards turn off**

**Right on Claymine Rd thru North Edwards**

**Left on Tantum Rd to camp site**

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## One-Day-Trip

### Himalaya Tourmaline Mine

April 28, 2012

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*by Jay Valle*

A field trip to the Himalaya Mine has been planned for Saturday, April 28. Everyone had a good time last year so we are trying it again.

The tourmaline trip cost for playing in the dirt is dependent on the number of people wanting to go. So we need to know who is going within the next 2 weeks.

We'll be joining the Pasadena and Whittier Clubs as usual. I'll have more info at the regular April meeting and as we get closer to the 28th of April.

Contact me at: (626) 934-9764 or  
res19pnb@verizon.net.

Jay Valle

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## NOC April 2012 Education Report

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*by Ofelia Warthen, Chair Person*

Hello everybody!

I'm always happy to announce our education classes.

We had a most outstanding full class on March 21 & 22 in silversmithing. Our teachers, Mr. & Mrs. Tony Fender, presented a very exciting two-day class in basic soldering a Figure 8 Chain. We look forward to having them do future silversmithing classes.

We will have two classes in April. The first class will be April 5<sup>th</sup> presented by Mr. Francis Lau. Mr. Lau will teach how to make a beautiful Lapis Bead necklace with a heart shape pendant. He will also have extra beads to sell at a very reasonable price.

And April 24<sup>th</sup> our class will be presented by our member Loretta Ogden. Loretta will teach a very fascinating black chain with bead assemblage necklace.

Please let Ofelia know if you will be attending this class ASAP. **Form on page 10.**

Ofelia Warthen  
(626) 330-8974

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## April Program

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*by Nancy Bird*

The April program will be the dynamic duo of Sandie and Tony Fender detailing Mt. St. Helens. Prior to the 1980 eruption.

Tony went there numerous times. He developed seismometers for the USGS and installed them on the mountain.

He lived in Seattle at the time. When the volcano erupted, he was able to fly over the volcano.

Before Sandie met Tony, she had driven to Alaska past Mt. St. Helens and had observed the destruction. Since then, they have been there 15 times together as citizen scientists. They will be discussing the areas' recovery with a talk and slide show.

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## Show News

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*by Loretta Ogden*

Everything for the show is moving along at a speedy pace. The time is getting shorter and we need to make sure our plans are getting done at the same pace.

Great big thanks to Teri and Alan Heuer who have volunteered to take over the donation awards cataloging with Linda Chu assisting. They are working on the Scholarship Committee and also doing some publicity. Don Warthen is doing the showcases and looking for **YOU** to display. We have acquired some material for the silent auction, spinning wheel and grab bags. That doesn't mean we have enough, so go through your rocks and goodies such as white elephant type things. Start planning what you are going to donate for the raffle. We have a reputation of having a great raffle so we don't want to disappoint.

Along with donating prizes we need to sell as many preshow tickets as possible. Many of the other clubs give a \$100.00 prize and we do at least \$300.00 usually wholesale. So let's give everyone you know the opportunity to win some of this. Call me( 909 598 2456) for more tickets I deliver.

Remind all your friends that we will be having the Gourmet Food Trucks and may be they would like to have lunch with you.

So I guess that's it if I forgot anything remind me, OK.

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## Estate Equipment for Sale

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*by Ofelia Warthen*

Large 20" SAW, Flat Lap,  
Geodes, Rocks, Petrified Wood.  
Other Rockhound material  
Call Ofelia Warthen @ 626-330-8974 for  
appointment



# NOC Meeting Pictures

3-13-2012

*by Don Ogden*

Our member Randi Hetrick gave a program entitled "Land of Granite & Ice". It detailed her recent trip to Argentina, Tierra del Fuego, and Antarctica along with some of the rock specimens she picked up.





## Basic Silverbmithing Two-Day Workshop

The workshop was taught by Tony and Sandie Fender. The project was a 20 inch silver chain . The figure 8 links were 18 gauge round wire. The silver clasp used 16 gauge half-round wire.

The last 3 pictures I took from our cabin while the workshop was going on.







# ATTENTION ALL CRAFTY PERSONS – FRANCIS IS BACK

Francis will be teaching us to make a Beautiful Lapis Necklace with  
pendant.

This is a short notice  
The Class will be Thursday April 5, 2012

*When:* Tuesday, April 5, 2012 - 6 to 9 pm

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

**\$35 for Members/ \$45 for Nonmembers**  
Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Mail with your check made payable to **NOCGMS**

**Space & Supplies are Limited, Please Apply ASAP - For Information Call Ofelia.**



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