

NOC GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY NEWS

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June 2012

President's Message

by Frank Winn

Our annual "Jubilee of Gems Show" is starting Friday June 8th at 5 p.m.

My Friday will start with a breakfast at 6:30 a.m. before loading the truck to take our treasures from the storage facility to the La Habra Community Center. Also, anyone who would like to meet before the work begins at the Community Center is also welcome. The directions to the breakfast is on page 8.

There will be some rock saws and other lapidary equipment from our storage unit for sale at the show. Please consider making a bid. I really don't want to move the saws and equipment twice! Although we seem to be as prepared as possible there is always one or two details that come up resulting in a little last minute scrambling. It always works out. We need to be as patient with each other as possible.

The last regular club meeting is June 12 before the summer break. The next meeting will be September 11. The Scholarship/education committee will be busy this summer planning and sponsoring a "Quarter Mania" on August 23 at 4 -7 p.m. to fund our annual scholarship. More details about being able to buy something for just a quarter from one of the quarter mania dealers will be at the next meeting. I am hoping they can get Bass Pro Shop...

June 24th is a field trip to Cerro Gordo, a silver mine in Owen's Valley. The Owen's Valley has fossils from the base of the cambrian near Poleta, apache tears on the floor of the valley, quartz crystals, garnets and old claims. We will be looking for Smithsonite. It may be warm on the valley floor with cool nights and cooler temperatures at the higher elevations. Details are on page 7.

NOC Club Activities

Board Meeting - TBD

Field Trip - June 24 - Cerro Gordo

Deadline for NOC News - June 17

VIP Night at show - June 8, 5-7 p.m.

NOC Show - June 9 -10.

Programs

by Nancy Bird

The June 12 program will be Associate Professor Brandon Browne from the Department of Geological Sciences at Cal State Fullerton speaking on the 100th anniversary of the Katma volcanic eruption in Alaska.

Refreshments

*by Nancy O'Conner and
Clyeda Tezak*

Thanks to Randy Hetrick and Audry Woolfolk for bringing the goodies to the May meeting. Loretta Ogden and Arlene Corcoran will bring the goodies to the June meeting.

Members in the News

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

<i>Rossanna Bates</i>	<i>Roger Loest</i>
<i>Jerry Conley</i>	<i>Ken Marks</i>
<i>Arlene Corcoran</i>	<i>Janet Harvey</i>
<i>Estherl Esparza</i>	<i>William Powers</i>
<i>Harry Howe</i>	<i>Atma Singh Ruhan</i>
<i>Joe Johnson</i>	<i>Clifford Woolfolk</i>
<i>Ruhan Kainth</i>	

Your gemstone is Pearl or Moonstone or Alexandrite or Agate.

Your flower is Rose or Honeysuckle

Shows and Events

June 1-3, 2012 WOODLAND HILLS, CA

Rockatomics Gem and Mineral Society
Pierce College
20800 Victory Blvd
Hours: 10-5 daily
Gary Levitt (818) 993-3802, (cell) (818) 321-6290
Email: Show@Rockatomics.org
Website: 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
Cell: (909) 217-5864
Email: fbtr1@aol.com
Website: nocgms.com

June 16-17 2012, GLENDORA, CA

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

July 30 & July 1 2012, 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 (310) 462-2269
Website: <http://www.CulverCityRocks.org>

August 2, 4 & 5 2012, NIPOMO, CA

Orcutt Mineral Society
Nipomo High School
525 North Thompson Ave.
Hours: 10-5 daily
Wes Lingerfelt (805) 929-3788
Website: www.omsinc.org

September 8-9, 2012 DOWNEY, CA

Delvers Gem & Mineral Society
Woman's Club of Downey
9813 Paramount Blvd.
Hours: Sat 10-6; Sun 10-4
Jon Fults, (714) 856-7548
jphnfultz@verizon.net

October 13 - 14: TRONA, CA

Searles Lake Gem & Mineral Society
SLGMS Show Building
13337 Main Street
Hours: Sat. 7:30 - 5; Sun. 7:30 - 4
Contact: Jim & Bonnie Fairchild, (760) 372-5356
Email: slgms@iwvisp.com
Website: www1.iwvisp.com/tronagemclub

October 20-21, 2012 - WHITTIER, CA

Whittier Gem & Mineral Society
Whittier Community Center
7630 Washington
Hours: 10-5 Daily
Marcia Goetz (626) 260-7239
Email: joemar1@verizon.net

November 3-4 2012, LANCASTER, CA

Palmdale Gem & Mineral Club
Antelope Valley Fairgrounds
2551 West Ave. H & Hwy 14
Hours: 10-5 daily
Email: pgms@antelecom.net
Website: www.palmdalegemandmineral.com



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Last Show Words

by Loretta Ogden

A few last words about the show, we still need people to help with set up so be at the community center at 9:00 a.m. Friday. Also for takedown at 5 p.m. on Sunday. Believe me you will be welcome. We will be serving pizza at 4:00 when we are hopefully finished. The prize that evening will be the wonderful amethyst bookends you saw at the meeting. (*The tickets are free but in order for a member to be eligible for one they must have worked for at least three hours that day*). We must go right in to our preview at that point. If you would like to help with that please just be there. I am hoping to have a large crowd from the community and we will be presenting the two scholarships at that time also. A big showing would be wonderful.

Kathy Valle has asked me to remind you to donate to the silent auction and as nice as good rocks are she expects to sell many knick knacks and household items. So go through your treasures and decide what you can live without and bring them to her on Friday. Also and very importantly don't forget your donation to the raffle. Remember we traditionally give at least a \$10.00 item (you would be happy to win) or \$10.00 in cash which we will use to purchase gift cards etc. Ok everybody let's make this show the best so far and not as good as next year. Rub your hands together, clap, throw them up in the air and be ready to run. Thank you all for your support for me and the club. Love you.



NOC Education Report for June

by Ofelia Warthen

The Education Committee has had a very successful year. Many of our attending students will display their finished projects at our June Gem Show.

A class is schedule for July 19th with a dragon design turquoise bead necklace. An application is attached. Classes will resume in September through November.

Our Committee continues to be very active and committed to promote new interesting projects. Many students sign up for the classes and eventually have become new members as they become familiar with all the great benefits our organization has to offer. Thank you Committee, Clyeda, Loretta, & Don W.

Scholarship Report

by Don Warthen

Your Committee has completed setting up two deserving students to get their college careers off to a good start. We are still working on the presentation.

The Committee has plans for our first fundraiser scheduled for August 23rd. We will be hosting a "QuaterMania" at the La Habra Community Center. Our member, Jann Cohen, is busy setting up this event and We will need the entire club to take part in this event so the Scholarship program can continue to work. Tickets will be available at the June meeting.

If you are wondering what a "QuaterMania" is, look further in the newsletter

General Meeting May 8, 2012

by Susan Hansen

The meeting was called to order by President Frank Winn at 7:00 p.m. Jay Valle led the flag salute.

Nancy Bird introduced our speaker Lothar Vallot who presented "understanding the world of Gems.

He stated that the majority of gemstones are treated, heat is the most common. All rubies and sapphires are heat treated. Peridot and garnet are not treated. Ruby has been synthesized since 1885, and garnet glass doublets were sold as Ruby about 100 years ago. Serpentine is frequently sold as Jade.

Mr. Vallot teaches classes on colored gems at Santiago Canyon College in Orange.

Twenty-one members were present, guest Hope (future member) was introduced.

Loretta Odgen held the raffle.

Jay Valley announced June 24 will be field trip to Serra Gordo Silver mine, east side of Owens Valley, hosted by the Lone Pine Club.

Loretta reported on CFMS, article in newsletter on the Federation Show in Riverside at the Municipal Auditorium July 13-15, 2012. They are still in need of dealers.

Minutes of the last meeting were published in the newsletter, were accepted as published. Annual budget and show budget and monthly treasurer's report were sent by e-mail to President Winn, who forgot to bring them.

Education report given by Ofelia Warthen, we want to show off the products of the classes so far in a group case. Sign up for displaying projects. Next class will be July 17th - Frances Lau will lead us on the dragon necklaces.

Kim Winn has the library, list is on the website, email or call her for what you want to check out and she will bring it.

There will be a show Grab Bag filling and pot luck at Nancy Bird's on May 19, starting at 10:30 a.m. Sign up for the pot luck so we have an idea of what will be bringing. Also bring material for the spinning wheel. Nancy Bird and Loretta Ogden have "lots of

stuff" for the grab bags.

Scout O Rama is next weekend, last year Frank Winn helped, and will help again this year.

Thanks to Randi and Audrey for refreshments tonight.

We want to do a club faceting case, anyone who has faceted a stone, sign up. Also we want a club case of cabs members have done.

Show report: Truck will be rented Friday morning, 8 a.m. for tables and skirting. Barbara Wolfolk donated 10 rolls of skirting, need 5 more.

Richard OConnor will do electrical; Ofelia Warthen will coordinate the kids room.

Nancy Bird doing dealers, plants and bags. She will call dealers to verify they have their licenses and if they want skirting on their tables about 3 weeks before.

Audrey will do demonstrations, Terri Hoyer will do drawings, top prize is a 21 Carat sapphire beautifully faceted by Jonas.

Need to talk to center about checking plugs/sockets to be sure everything works.

Friday night at the Preview we will serve hot dogs, chips and cookies

Cathy Valle will do the silent auction.

Scholarship committee meeting next week, Tuesday at 6 p.m. here.

May 29th Show meeting here at 6:30 p.m.

Membership roster was sent out by email, if you didn't receive it let Frank Winn know.

Loretta still had some prizes so continued the raffle.

The meeting adjourned at 8:58pm.

Susan Hansen

Chamber Event at Senor Campos



In Memory of William “Bill” Burns Jr. May 28, 1928 to May 13, 2012

by Jay Valle

Bill Burns died on Mother’s Day, Sunday, May 13 at home. He got up as usual, went into the living room to watch the morning news and just went to sleep.

William Benson Burns, Jr. came into the world on May 28, 1928. His father was a career US Navy man stationed at Honolulu, Hawaii so that was where Bill was born. Being in the Navy meant that they had to move every 3-4 years to a new posting. Eventually Bill Burns, Sr. was stationed in Southern California and that is where the family stayed, finally settling in Monrovia, California.

Bill was 16 years old in 1944 and the 2nd World War was going on. Not wanting to miss it, though he was still in high school, he lied about his age and enlisted in the Navy for a 4-year stint. He served 2 years, reputedly visiting China and Japan on destroyers. At some point the Navy discovered he had lied about his age and sent him home. Returning to Monrovia Duarte High School, he completed school and went on to get a business degree from USC (I remember the “friendly” rivalry between Bill and his UCLA friends and family (Tony) whenever the USC-UCLA football game was on. He was a die-hard fan). Entering the world of business, he was apparently a skilled salesman, working for local businesses including Bruce Hardwood Floors and a sheet metals products company.

During this period Bill also met and married his first wife, Sylvia. As luck would have it, they went a Whittier Gem & Mineral Society Gem Show in 1951, joining the Club in November of that year. They had two daughters, Sandie and Patricia, that they raised as rockhounds, going camping and collecting rocks (lucky girls). He remained active in the Whittier Club until the end, holding all the offices including President at least once. He was the Show Chairman many, many

times during the 50’s and 60’s and led uncounted field trips.

When the North Orange County Gem & Mineral Society was formed, Bill and Isabella (Izzy) his 2nd wife joined and became a powerful force in that club. Still later they helped to found the Monterey Park Gem Society. They were both active in the California Federation of Mineral Societies (CFMS), American Federation of Mineralogical Societies (AFMS) and American Lands Access Association (ALAA), holding many positions within those organizations.

Bill and Izzy traveled the country visiting various shows, making friends along the way (and collecting rocks, too). They also were active participants in many events important to rockhounds including the push to define the California State Gemstone (Benitoite).

They were vocal advocates for rockhounds and for several years served on the Desert Advisory Council, helping to reopen Afton Canyon when the BLM closed it down, and were instrumental in keeping the Hauser Beds/Wileys Well areas open for collecting. Until his health began to work against him, he and Izzy continued to be active on numerous field trips every year.

Every club needs the “doers”, the shakers and movers. Bill was all of those things and much more. He enjoyed all aspects of our hobby without reservation and never lost his sense of wonder along the way.



Bill, Pat, and Izzy at the 1999 NOC Show

What the Heck is a QuarterMania??



We would like to introduce you to a fun-filled event called a **QuarterMania**!! If you are like we were when we first heard of this, you are probably wondering "what the heck is this?!"

A QuarterMania is a cross between an auction and a raffle where people 'bid' to win a product/prize of brand new goods donated from local businesses and various home business vendors participating in the event.

Bids on these new items are from 1 to 4 quarters. There are usually about 60 items to auction during a party.

When you come to a QM, you will register and pick out a paddle (or several) with a number on each that is used for your individual bidding on the items you want to try to win.



When the auction begins, there is a roll call to make sure all paddles in play have a corresponding numbered chip in the bidding pot! Once we are sure of that, the auction begins!

The QM auctioneer begins by holding up a product and telling a little bit about the highlights and then tells everyone how much the item is going for - between 1 and 4 quarters!



If you would like to bid on that item, you put the corresponding number of quarters in the collection pot then hold up your paddle(s) and wait for your number to be called!



Once all the bids are in - the auctioneer shuffles the chips with the corresponding numbers on them and pulls out a number!

If you're lucky paddle number is called and you **HAVE** placed a bid, you **WIN** that item - and you only paid 1, 2, 3, or 4 quarters!!

Now, if you didn't bid - you just say "no bid" and the auctioneer will re-shuffle the chips and continue calling a number until someone who has placed a bid - and is holding their paddle up - wins!!



It's that simple, and it's a load of fun!! Lots of great prizes/products to bid on - and everyone is a winner because of the excitement that is all over the room!!

In addition to the biddings, there are usually 50/50 tickets and other drawings going on throughout the event. Also, the vendors that are there have a lot of specials as well as cash & carry items at their tables. Please stop by and support these individuals as these events help to bring their products to many who would not even know about these businesses.



On the day of the event,
grab some friends
and a few of rolls of quarters
and Come Join the Fun!!!



Field Trip to Cerro Gordo June 24, 2012

Hosted by
Lone Pine Gem & Mineral Society

TRIP LOCATION: Cerro Gordo, CA

WHEN: Sunday, June 24. Day trip.

MEET: Leave from Lee's Frontier Chevron, South end of Lone Pine @ 8:30 a.m.

CONTACTS: For more information about the field trip, call Dana @ (760) 876-5020. You may have to leave a message or call Francis @ (760) 876-4319.

VEHICLES: High Clearance Vehicles recommended. Graded mountain dirt road, 9 miles. 5000' elevation

WHAT TO BRING: Rock bag or bucket, rock pick, hand rake, squirt bottle, sun screen, hat, gloves, camera.

This is a fee dig @ \$5.00 per person. Bring 2 gallons of drinking water minimum and 6 pieces of firewood. More of each will be welcome.

MATERIAL: Mineral collecting at this site can be quite rewarding. Cerro Gordo is world renown for: anglesite, anhydrite, argentite, atacamite, aurichalcite, azurite, barite, bindheimite, bouronite, calcite, and caledonite, cermrgyrite, cerussite, ceruantite, chrysocolla, dufrenoyite, dufrenoyite, fluorite, galena, eothite, greenockite, hemimorphite, hollosite, hydrozincite, jamesonite, leadhillite, limonite, linerite, lironite, malachite, mimetite, plumbgumite, pyrite, quartz, silver, *smithsonite*, spharlerite, tetrahedrite, willemite and wulfenite.

*Of special interest to rockhounds is the **smithsonite**, which is world class.*

ABOUT CERRO GORDO: Nestled high in the Inyo Mountains east of the Sierra Nevada, at an altitude of 8,500 feet, Cerro Gordo, Fat Hill, was discovered to be rich in silver deposits by a group of

Mexican miners led by Pablo Flores. The year was 1865.

By 1866, Victor Beaudry, a French Canadian, now a merchant at Fort Independence in Owens Valley, realized there were opportunities at the Cerro Gordo mining camp, and opened a general store on the mountain. He began acquiring mining properties in lieu of overdue accounts and by January of 1868 arranged with Pierre Desormeaux to build ore furnaces. By April of 1868, Beaudry acquired more properties which included the richest claims on the hill, the Union, the San Lucas, the San Felipe and more.

That same April, Victor Beaudry claimed more and more properties around Cerro Gordo, Mortimer Belshaw came in to town. He became part owner of the Union Mine, as well. June 1868, Belshaw processed ore in one of the Mexican furnaces, then brought the first wagon load of silver into the sleepy pueblo of Los Angeles. He built the Yellow Grade road from Owens dry lake to Cerro Gordo, in July of 1868, so equipment could be taken to the mines, and the ore taken down the mountain. He also built his own smelters to process that ore, in much larger volumes than Victor Beaudry was capable of.

By December of 1868, regular shipments of silver bullion were going to Los Angeles. Silver ingots 18 inches long, and weighing 85 pounds, were worth from 20-35 dollars. Cerro Gordo was being hailed as another Comstock.



Follow me to the NOC Show Preview Friday June 8, 2012
La Habra Community Center

5:00PM - 7:00 PM

Welcome to the Whole
Community

Free
Food & Fun & prizes
Scholarship Presentation

Making our footprint in La Habra



Show Program

DEALERS

Agate Gallery – Dave Hignett
Amargosa Gem & Minerals – Russell Belevick
Andy DeLong Trader – Andy DeLong
Ariana Gems & Minerals
Art of Jewelry
Cam's Crystal Gallery – Cameron Lawder
Cheri George
Crystal Monster – Miao Yang
Dragon Minerals – Steve Hardinger
Garstow Gems
Gemstone Station
Johnson Brothers – Yogesh Shah
JPK Studio
Lapidary Originals - Paul Lastau
Majesta M's
Meri Saunders
Nevada Mineral & Book Co. – Walt Lombardo
Rocks & Relics
Sandy Smith
Todd Schowalter Fossils Plus – Todd
Schowalter

DEMONSTRATORS

Carving – Audry Woolfork
Earthquake Presentation – Don Ogden
Faceting – Jonas Ruzgys
Geode Cutting – Pat Mogan
Jewelry – Loretta Ogden
Lapidary – Jay Valle
Silversmithing – Don Eschbach
Wire Wrap - Fran Swanston

ACTIVITIES AT THE SHOW

Cutting Geodes
Grab Bags – Grab bags containing rough and
polished stones
Kids Room – Rock identification, toothpaste
making, and more.
Plants – Beautiful and exotic
Silent Auction – Beautiful slabs etc. You set the
price.
Spinning Wheel – Spin the wheel and win a
prize.
Pachinko Game
Gourmet Food Trucks

**Friday, 6:30 a.m. breakfast at Carrow's
restaurant on Beach Blvd just north of Imperial
Hwy for anyone who would like to meet
before work begins!!!**

Scout-O-Rama - May 12 at Oak Canyon Tegneral Park

Frank Winn - Geology Loop for Cub Scouts



NORTH ORANGE COUNTY GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY

DRAGON - TURQUOISE NECKLACE & PENDENT

Tuesday, July 17th, 2012 - 6 to 9 pm

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

**A UNIQUE
TURQUOISE**



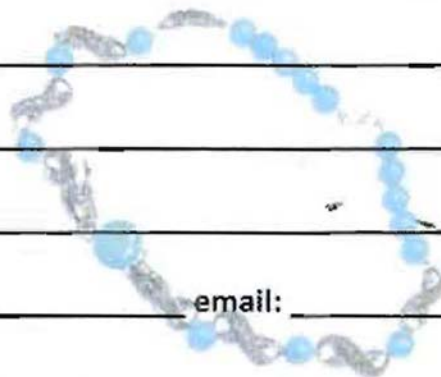
**DRAGON &
NECKLACE**

Instructor: Master Jeweler and Graduate Gemologist - Francis Lou

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone No: _____ email: _____



Dragon - Turquoise Necklace - \$30 for members/ \$35 for nonmembers.

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____ Mail with your check made payable to **NOCGMS**
Limited Supply - Please Apply before by June 15th.



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