

NOC GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY NEWS

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President's Message

At the time for the newsletter to go to press, I have not received the President's Message. *Fill-in follows:*

Don Ogden - The election for the 2013-2014 club officers will be at the October meeting, so be there. The next field trip will be at the Whittier Claim, Pg 8.

This month, I am going on a field trip with the South Coast Geological Society to check out the San Andreas Fault area. The field trip campsite "Mission Creek Preserve Campground" (tent camping only) is located on Mission Creek in the northern Coachella Valley near Desert Hot Springs.

The campground is a place where a good geo-camper such as yourself can proclaim that your head rested atop a fluffy down-filled pillow balanced upon the Pacific Plate while your feet rested comfortably on the edge of the North American Plate without hiking.

Don Warthen - November is the month for our annual fundraiser Auction! So get ready for another exciting event! We need to make it exciting and need a committee to help plan this event. Let's try something new and if you are interested in helping with this project and share your ideas to make it a big success, please call me.

We will also be needing some good donations for the auction. We will still have the silent auction along with the live action Auction. We want to make this a really memorable event, so let's all work together and do something special.

Ofelia Warthen - What a great time every one had at the Quarter Mania, we had a good turnout from club members and the public alike. There were a lot of items for sale from 10 vendors. Chick-fil-a furnished the food. This was really a fun event and most important we made the first step toward replenishing our Scholarship Fund. We will be looking to do some more fundraisers very soon, I don't know if we'll do another Quarter Mania or do something else. I would like to hear your ideas, Jann came forward with this idea of a Quarter Mania, and it worked out well.

Anyone missing this event missed a great time, it

NOC Club Activities

Board Meeting - TBD

Field Trip - TBD

Class - Oct. 23 - 6 - 9 p.m.

Deadline for NOC News - Oct. 17

Programs

by Nancy Bird

Oct. 9 - Joan Lacari on "Fossils in your garden."

Refreshments

by Nancy O'Conner and Clyeda Tezak

Thanks to Kim Winn and Teri Heuer for bringing the goodies to the September meeting. Kathy Eschbach and Susan Hansen will bring the goodies to the October meeting.

Members in the News

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

Members in the news in **October**

Misha Farinech	Jann Cohen
Susan Hansen	Nancy O'Conner
Yolanda Schirer	Ted Heidke
Thomas Szczeszinski	Ofelia Warthen
Frank Winn	Kim Winn

Your gemstone is Opal or Tourmaline

Your flower is Calendula or Cosmos

was exciting, educational and entertaining, a good chance to just relax and have a good time with good friends. Try to make this fundraising event in the future.

Shows and Events

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: pgmc@antelecom.net
Website: www.palmdalegemandmineral.com

December 1-2: 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

December 7-9: SAN BERNARDINO, CA

Orange Belt Mineralogical Society Western Regional
Little League Ball Park
6707 Little League Drive
Hours: 9 am to Dusk daily
Website: <http://OBMSrocks.yolasite.com>

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Election for 2013-2014

by Loretta Ogden Committe Chair

The nominating committee has come up with a slate for the 2013-2014 Officers and Directors.

This is not to say that these are the only nominations. The floor will be open before the election for nominations.

The nominating committee slate is:

President -----Nancy Bird

1st VP -----Alan Heuer

2nd VP -----Teri Heuer

Secretary -----Susan Hansen

Treasurer ----- Don Warthen

Fed Director ----Loretta Ogden

Directors -----Armando Pedroza

Don Ogden

Ofelia Warthen

Carolyn Coleman

Jann Cohen

The federation director position is a three year term and has one year left, it is held by Loretta Ogden.

As Chairman of the committee I would like to thank everyone for their time and effort.

Email to Editor

Good newsletter, the copper necklace class was really fun, the three hours flew by and my family was amazed how unique it was, thanks to everyone who put the class together, our instructor Loretta and Don and Ofelia who brought tools and supplies were great.

Randi Hetrick

General Meeting September 11, 2012

by Susan Hansen

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by President Frank Winn, who then led the flag salute.

Nancy Bird introduced Keith Presswick of West Covina Fossil Paleontology. He collects and studies fossils in the San Jose Hills, West Covina/Walnut/Puente Formation. (6Million to 10Million years old). He also volunteers with the Los Angeles County Museum of Natural History. He had photos of the examples he brought with him and explained where they were found and what they were.

Loretta Ogden held the raffle.

Minutes were printed in the NOC Bulletin, Nancy Bird moved they be accepted, 2nded and passed. Treasurer report was given on the Quartermania held last month. John Erskine opened a new checking account linked to the scholarship fund. He also gave the treasurer report for the last 3 months since our last meeting. Copies are available upon request. Reports were accepted.

Field Trips: next is Trona and Searles Dry Lake for Colemanite, Pink Halite. Usually a good trip but messy, take clothes you won't need as the salt gets into everything. Boron and the Delver's shows are this coming weekend (15 & 16).

Loretta gave the Federation Report. Applications for Zzyzx are available for March 2013. The CFMS business meeting is in Visalia in November.

Nancy and Loretta attended the CFMS Business Executive Meeting at the CFMS show in Riverside. They gave a presentation for the proposed Bill & Izzy Burns Earth Science Endowment Fund. The CFMS Executive board approved the request. Nancy and Loretta then presented the NOC donation of \$500 to start it off.

Education report - Tuesday 9-25 at 6-9 p.m. at the La Habra Comm. Center will be a class to make a copper leaf necklace. Loretta Ogden will be the instructor.

Nancy Bird reported that next months program will be a teacher who will give a talk on "Fossils in your Garden".

Report of the Nomination Committee was given:

President: Nancy Bird
VP: Alan Heuer
2nd VP: Teri Heuer
Secretary: Susan Hansen
Treasurer: Don Warthen
Fed. Director: Loretta Ogden
Directors: Armando Pedrosa,
Carolyn Coleman,
Don Ogden,
Jann Cohen,
Ofelia Warthen.

New Business: Installation Dinner, Last year was at Portofinos and we would like it there again. Susan made a motion to have the Installation Diner at Portofinos, and Loretta seconded it, all voted in favor of it. Nancy will coordinate.

Desert Tortoises

Edited from Wikipedia

Desert tortoises (page 6) can grow from 4–6" in height and weight 8–15 lb when fully grown. The front limbs have sharp, claw-like scales and are flattened for digging. Back legs are skinnier and very long. Their shells are high-domed, and greenish-tan to dark brown in color.

The desert tortoise is a herbivore. Grasses form the bulk of its diet its, but it also eats herbs, annual wildflowers, and new growth of cacti, as well as their fruit and flowers. Rocks and soil are also ingested, perhaps as a means of maintaining intestinal digestive bacteria as a source of supplementary calcium or other minerals.

Much of the tortoise's water intake comes from moisture in the grasses and wildflowers they consume in the spring. A large urinary bladder can store over forty percent of the tortoise's body weight in water, urea, uric acid and nitrogenous wastes. Adult tortoises can survive a year or more without access to water.

One defense mechanism the tortoise has when it is handled is to empty its bladder. This can leave the tortoise in a very vulnerable condition in dry areas, and they should never be alarmed, handled or picked up in the wild unless they are in imminent danger (like in a road). If they must be handled, and their bladder is emptied, then water should be provided in order to restore the fluid in their body.

Education Past, Present and Future

by Loretta Ogden

Last month we had a successful class making a copper necklace taught by Loretta Ogden called Falling Leaves. Everyone had fun and went home proud of their work.

On October 23, Don Warthen will be teaching us how to make Ming Trees. They are a beautiful decorative item. The flyer is included in this edition of the newsletter.

On November 27, Clyeda Tezak will teach us to paint rocks. There are two projects one is a snowman painted on a slab of howlite and the other is rocks put together and painted like a snowman. They are both very cute and I'm sure you will enjoy displaying the over the holidays.

If you have never taken a class you really should consider it. We have a lot of fun and are getting to know each other much better. We have also attracted people from the community who are interested in the same things we are, they then become loyal and active members.

If any of you have a superior knowledge in any of the many facets of our hobby and would like to share, we would love to have you participate in our classes or on our committee. Please call Ofelia Warthen if so.

(626) 330-8974 or (562) 946-0828.





Kramer Junction Field Trip

Sep. 22, 2012 by Don Ogden





WGMS Field Trip Whittier Club Honey Onyx Claim November 3-4, 2012

By Jay Valle

After the WGMS Show, our field trip is typically an outing to the Whittier Gem & Mineral Society's Honey Onyx Claim, located just east of Barstow. The honey onyx is still there but it is hard rock mining. If you have any or have seen it, you know that it is well worth the effort involved.

Usually we use our Claim as a base of operations for daily field trips to the surrounding collecting areas. The access to the camp area requires unlocking a combination lock and opening a locked gate. You will find a combination lock on the gate. The combination is TBD. After you pass through the gate, you must lock it behind you. Follow the 'W' or 'PLS' signs to camp (see map on facing page).

There will be guided field trips on both Saturday and Sunday and we will leave camp each day at 8:00 - 8:30 AM. Saturday evening will feature a

traditional potluck dinner, followed by a warm campfire, if the weather permits.

Materials which may be collected: Honey onyx, red moss agate, petrified wood & palm root, algae agate, and other unnamed agates, jasp-agates, jaspers, fossils, etc.

Tools: Rock pick & bag for general collecting; Sledges, wedges, chisels, pry bars, etc. for those rockhounds who really want to get serious with the honey onyx.

Supplies: Barstow is very close. For beginning rockhounds (without campers, trailers, etc.) you may wish to stay in a motel in town and drive to the Club Claim each morning. This is also an easy way to get to know the "workings" of a rock club field trip.

Contact: Jay Valle at (626) 934-9764 for questions or further information.

Information on the Oaktree Inn for those who would like to stay in a room for the two nights:

Oaktree Inn

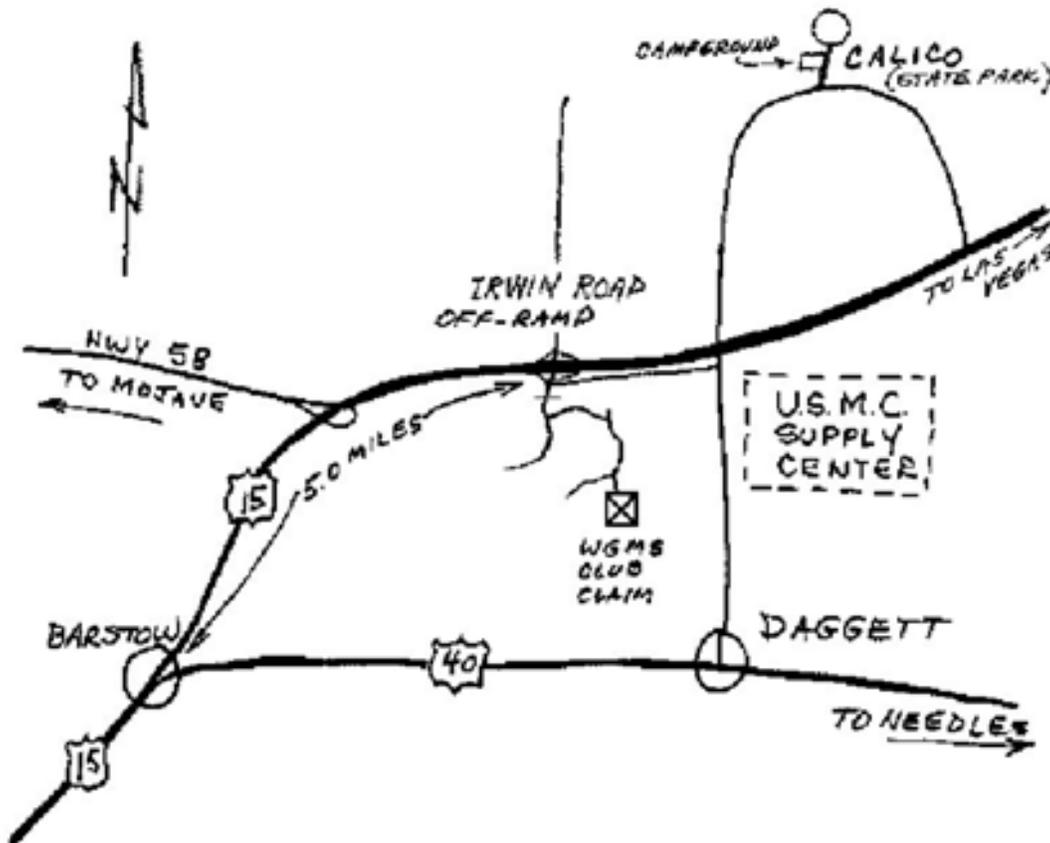
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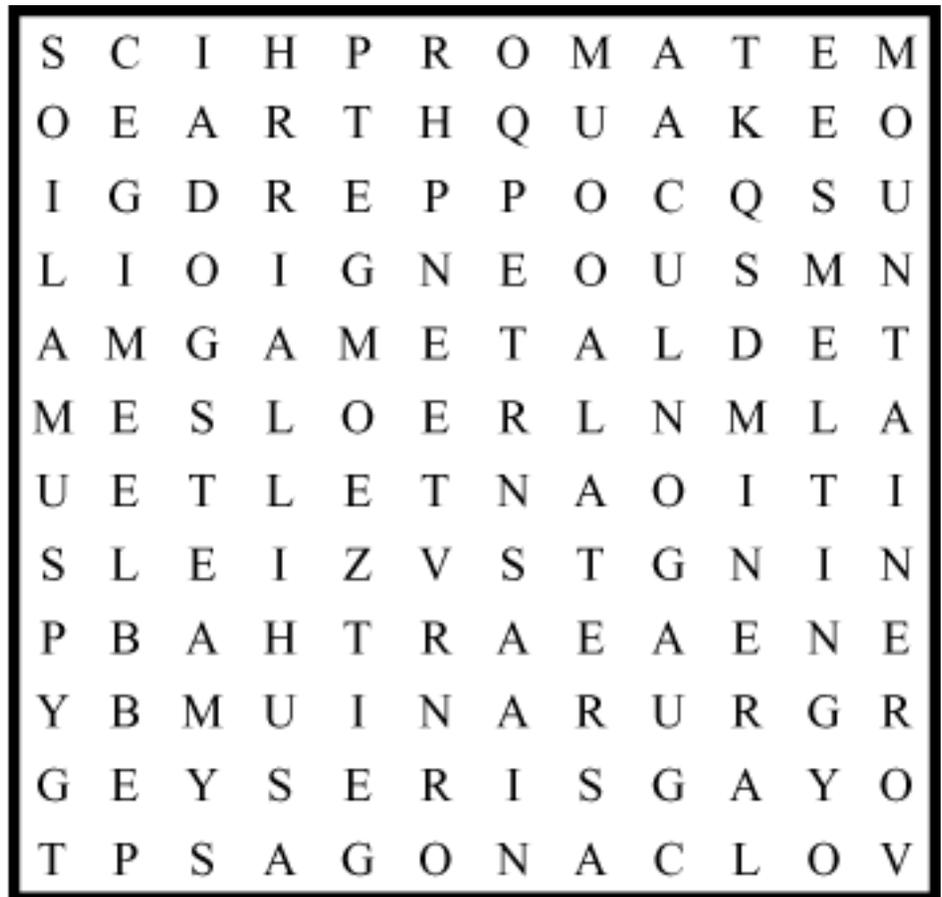
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Dinner is open 24 hours a day





- Copper
- Earth
- Earthquake
- Gas
- Geyser
- Gravel
- Gypsum
- Hill
- Igneous
- Magma
- Metal
- Metamorphic
- Mineral
- Mountain
- Oil
- Ore
- Pebble
- Quartz

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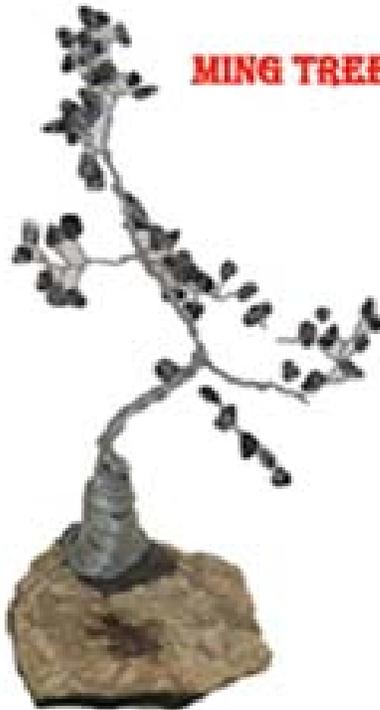
- Sand
- Sedimentary
- Smelting
- Soil
- Steam
- Uranium
- Volcano



Secret word: To find the secret word circle all the words in the word list then read the remaining letters in order from left to right and top to bottom.

NORTH ORANGE COUNTY GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY

MING TREE CLASS - OCT. 23rd 2012 6 TO 9 PM



Space is limited, please register early! Please arrive promptly!
Classes are held at:

The La Habra Community Center
101 La Habra Blvd.
La Habra, California

For more information call Ofelia Warthen @ (562) 946-0828 or (626) 330-8974
Email: odwarthen@verizon.net

REGISTRATION FORM: Mail with your check made payable to NOCGMS

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone No.: _____ Email: _____

Class and materials \$20.00 for member. Non-Members \$25.00. Open to the public.

Make check payable to NOCGMS and mail to:



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