

# NOC GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY NEWS

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## President's Message

*by Frank Winn, President*

On November third and fourth the Whittier Claim field trip is on the calendar in addition to the Opal Show in Anaheim on the same dates. The North Orange County Gem and Mineral Society Silent and Live Auction is coming on November the 13th at 5:30 p.m. A taco bar will be provided on the back patio. We will have a smaller room this month, so we will use the patio on the north west corner in addition to the room provided by the community center. Just like all our fund raisers, we need your participation in providing treasures for people to bid on and bidders to take the treasures home. I always wind up with some really neat minerals and a mystery rock or two even though my bag feels like it has four or five pounds of rock.

If you have any money left after the silent and live auction you can go to Jewel Tunnel on the 17th of November. I always like to go to the Jewel Tunnel. The amethyst I have on display in the community center is from Jewel Tunnel.

The installation dinner in December will be at Portofino again. I really enjoy going to Portofino and the added bonus of the entire club being there to talk and listen to each other will be a real treat! Remember to save the date December 13th and save \$15 per person to spend on your dinner. See Nancy to pay for this spectacular evening and choose your menu selection from the four choices Portofino's is providing for dinner.

Thanks to all members for your participation in our activities this year. Members helping members makes our club a successful and a friendly mineral society. THANKS again for being here this year and all your help.

Frank Winn President North Orange County Gem and Mineral Society Inc.

## NOC Club Activities

Board Meeting - TBD

Field Trip - Afton Canyon - Nov 25-27

Class - TBD

Deadline for NOC News - Nov 17

## Programs

*by Nancy Bird*

Nov 8 - Club Auction Meeting - 6:30 - 9:00 p.m.

## Refreshments

*by Nancy O'Conner and Clyeda Tezak*

Thanks to Teri Heuer and Susan Hansen for bringing the goodies to the October meeting. Armando Pedroza, Ransy Hetrick, and Nancy O'Conner will bring the goodies to the November meeting.

Two people are needed to bring refreshments in January 2013. Please sign up at the November meeting.

## Members in the News

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

### Members in the news in November

Andrew Cooley	John Elliott
Jane Livezey	David J. Miller
Mary Ellen Ruiz	Richard Schirer
Fran Swanston	Ruth Szczeszinski
Maryellen McCracken	Armando Pedroza
Carol Larson	

Your gemstone is Topaz  
Your flower is Chysanthemum

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## Shows and Events

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

Palmdale Gem & Mineral Club

Antelope Valley Fairgrounds

2551 West Ave. H & Hwy 14

Hours: 9-5 daily

Cheri George, (562) 243-8470

Email: [lizardwoman3@yahoo.com](mailto:lizardwoman3@yahoo.com)

Website: [www.palmdalegemandmineral.com](http://www.palmdalegemandmineral.com)

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### Opal & Gem Show 2012

The American Opal Society proudly presents its:  
45th Annual OPAL & GEM SHOW.

### November 3 - 4, 2012

White House / West Wing Event Center

1238 S. Beach Blvd. Anaheim, CA 92804

Hours: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Saturday

10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sunday

Pete Goetz (714) 530-3530

<<http://opalsociety.org>>

Located within the Hobby City / Adventure City complex, at the southeast corner of Beach Blvd. and Ball St. Plenty of Free Parking

Admission \$3.00, children under 15 FREE. One FREE raffle ticket is included with each paid admission.

Free Gem Seminars with Paid Admission. Free Demonstrations on gemstone cutting, jewelry making  
Huge Raffle with prizes of gemstones, jewelry, tools.

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### December 1-2, 2012 - 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](mailto:vhaines@san.rr.com)

Website: [www.mdgms.org](http://www.mdgms.org)

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## NOC November 2012 Education Report

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*by Ofelia Warthen, Chairperson*

The Education program continues to be a very successful and educational part of our organization. All the attendees' expressed great enthusiasm in completing a one of a kind project they never had the opportunity to make before. Our teachers were always happy to teach exceptional projects to the students. Many thanks to our Education Committee Members, Loretta Ogden, Clyeda Tezak, and Don Warthen, who gave their time and talents without any regrets. They helped our organization grow with new happy members.

Our last educational class of the year will be taught by our very talented and artistic member, Clyeda Tezak. She will teach how to paint a snowman scene on a rock, plus making a snowman out of rocks. Her class is scheduled for Thursday, November 29, 2012 at La Habra Community Center. For more information please see attached application in newsletter.

We have many members that are very talented and would be willing to teach others enjoy the earth science hobby. So please volunteer! Call me and we look forward to having you join our committee, and be an integral part of our organization. The whole Community appreciates and recognizes everything our organization does to promote the well being of others in the surrounding area of La Habra.

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### Auction Time!

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*by Don Warthen, Auctioneer*

This is one of our big events of the year. Come one come all to this sensational fun filled event. We will have a silent auction with numerous rocks and unusual items, starting bids at 5:30 p.m. We will have a live auction with fantastic works of great value starting at 6:30 pm.

Come hungry. We will also be enjoying a Taco Bar starting at 6:00 pm. Remember to bring your donations and gifts to make this a great success

I will see everyone there Tuesday November 13<sup>th</sup>. Remember Doors will be open by 5:30 p.m.

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## NOCGMS General Meeting October 9, 2012

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by Susan Hansen

The meeting was called to order by President Frank Winn at 6.48 p.m. Nancy Bird led the flag salute. Nancy introduced our speaker, Joan Licarie Who spoke and showed slides of Ancient plants in our landscapes today, "A Dinosaurs World in our Gardens." She has examples of many of these plants in her garden.

Break for refreshments and sales of door prize tickets.

Business Meeting: 21 members present, guests introduced were Esther Esparza, Pat Reese, Ian Burney, John Currie.

Loretta Ogden held the drawings, guests all won at least 1 prize.

December Dinner/Installation meeting will be at Portofinos. Choices of entree are Lasagna with meat sauce, Chicken Marsala, Eggplant Parmesan and fish Picatte. Nancy has a signup list, please indicate what entree you want. We will collect unwrapped toys and canned food again.

Minutes were printed in the bulletin, Armando made a motion, Nancy 2nd to accept minutes as published. passed

Nominations: slate presented at last meeting and printed. All uncontested, Don Warthen made motion, Terri Heuer 2nd, approved to accept slate as presented. President Nancy Bird, VP Alan Heuer, 2nd VP Teri Heuer, Treasurer Don Warthen, Secretary Susan Hansen.

John Erskine gave the treasurers report, printed money copies available upon request. NOC made a profit on Quartermania last month for the scholarship fund. John handed the "case of office" to Don Warthen. Don W needs proposed budgets from committee members for the budget committee to work on the club budget. John E announced we had planned on Education Committee expenses for classes. Don W sends thanks to all the workers on Quartermania. A meeting is scheduled next week Oct 16th at 3 p.m., to recap the scholarship committee and set up guidelines for next year and for auction ideas.

Federation report by Loretta Ogden, will go to Visalia in November, there is an article in the CFMS Newsletter on Long Range Planning that is actually about Education and workshops. Zzyzx still has openings, last week of March, beginning April, \$375 for week, \$325 if have self-contained motor home. Price includes

room, meals, classes, field trips, may be some additional fees for class supplies.

Suggestion that we could cut geodes and sell at Sonora HS on activity day.

Nancy is getting information on pop-up. Easy Up in Santa Fe Springs, would be about \$600 w/name, siding would be additional, will check Quick Shade also.

Oct 13 & 14 is Trona Show. Oct 20 & 21 is Whittier show.

Field Trips: Frank reported Nov 3 & 4 would be to Whittier Claim and Mule Canyon.

Education: Class Oct 23rd will be to make a Ming Tree. November will be Painting on Rocks and making a snowman out of rocks.

November Meeting is the Silent Auction and "Live" Auction, bring "Treasures". Will start at 5:30 p.m. with silent auction and refreshments. Live auction at 7 p.m. Please indicate suggested starting bid and description/info on items. Public and other clubs are invited.

Don W. announced upcoming chamber mixer and opening of new WalMart. Savor the Flavor is Nov 15 at Community Center.

The meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

Susan Hansen

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## November 2012 Program Auction

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by Don Ogden

Our auction is here. Get ready for a lot of fun. This always proves to be a great program because we have a great variety of items to bid on. Items have been donated by our members. If you have never been to one of our Auctions, make sure you get to this meeting and participate. This time we will have a taco bar.

For the *silent auction*, the donated items are put out on tables with slips of paper next to the item for you to bid on. The timer is set and the silent auction begins (only one person knows the exact time). You then make bids on the items you would like to have. BUT watch your items closely because other people may also like it and could be outbidding you. The last bid listed on the paper when the timer goes off - GETS THE ITEM.

For the *live auction*, the donated items (jewelry, etc. by club members, etc.) is put on the main table. Our own auctioneer Don Warthern will auction of the items to to highest bidder. This is the main event.

Be sure to bring your donation for both auctions early that evening. This is a fabulous fund raiser and the club needs your donation to achieve success, and bring your friends.



## Installation Dinner

**Date:** December 11, 2012  
**Time:** 6::00 to 10:00 p.m.  
**Place:** Portofino Ristorante Italiano  
**Location:** 651 W. Whittier Blvd., La Habra, CA

The price to members is \$15.00 per person and \$20 for guests, including dinner.

Four choices for dinner:

**LASAGNA: "PORTOFINO SPECIALTY"**

Lasagna with ground meat, ricotta, baciamel, mozzarella, and romano cheese

**MELANZANA PARMIGIANA:**

Breaded eggplant with mozzarella and marinara sauce

**POLLO MARSALA:**

Chicken breast sauteed with mushrooms and marsala wine

**SOGLIOLA PICCATA:**

Sole sauteed with lemon and capers

For **reservations** call (562) 697-0636. Send check payable to NOCGMS to:

Nancy Bird

1001 W. Lambert Road, #18

La Habra, CA 90631-8904

OR: at the November meeting.

We must have all reservations made and paid for by December 6. I hope to see every member there.

Please bring presets for Operation Santa. Present for children (unwrapped) and canned goods.

Nancy Bird



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## October Class

Don Warthen class on How-To make a ming tree.



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# San Andreas Fault Location - NW of Desert Hot Springs





## SCGS Annual Field Trip October 13-14, 2012

*by Don Ogden*

Exploring an Active Plate Boundary at the San Geronio Pass and Northern Coachella Valley in Southern CA.

Campsite is located on Mission Creek in northern Coachella Valley. This is a place where you 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 North American Plate without hiking.



[http://www.wildlandsconservancy.org/preserve\\_missioncreek.html](http://www.wildlandsconservancy.org/preserve_missioncreek.html)



Access to campground is through a padlock.



Saturday breakfast at 7 a.m.



Mission Creek fault in background





Mission Creek Fault



Standing on the Mission Creek scarp underlying Mountain View Road in Desert Hot Springs, CA



Coachella Valley Banning Fault



Lunch Break



Whitewater Cutoff - Quarry Located north of Banning Strand of the San Andreas Fault



Morongo Band o Mission Indians Land



Offset



Millard Canyon - Thrust of Banning Fault



## Field Trip to Whittier Claim Area November 3-4, 2012



### FIELD TRIP



The field trip will be 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. The combination is 4321. After you pass through the gate, you must lock it behind you (this is very important). Follow the "W" or "PLS" signs to the camp.

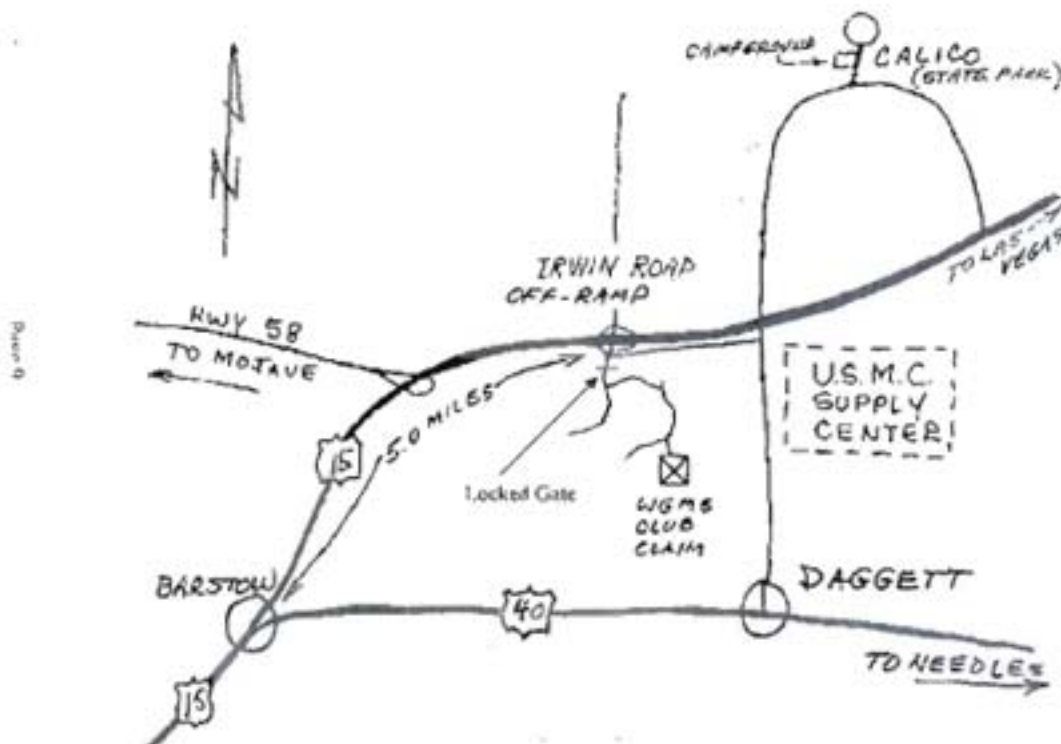
**YOU WILL FIND A COMBINATION LOCK ON THE GATE. THE COMBINATION IS 4321.**

There will be guided field trips on both Saturday and Sunday and we will leave from the Oak Tree Inn (each day at 8:00-8:30 AM. To get to the Oak Tree Inn take the Ghost Town Rd exit off of the 15 freeway, turn right, turn right again and go past the gas station and you will see the motel on the right. Saturday evening we will meet at Peggy Sue's Restaurant for dinner.

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

Tools: rock pick and 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 – many of the regular folk on the trip stay at the Oak Tree Inn, the address is considered in Yermo.







North Orange County Gem & Mineral Society

Come and create a winter wonderland!

when **Thursday, November 29, 2012**

where **La Habra Community Center**



YOU WILL BE PAINTING A  
SNOWMAN SCENE ON A ROCK  
SLAB AND MAKING A SNOWMAN  
OUT OF ROCKS with instructor  
Clyeda Tezak



fee ~~\$20.00~~ member     \$25.00 nonmember



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North Orange County  
Gem & Mineral Society  
**ANNUAL AUCTION**

**TUESDAY**

**November 13, 2012**

**LA Habra Community Center**

Everyone is invited, we will be  
serving a taco bar starting at  
6:00 PM



**Art Objects  
Jewelry  
Tools  
Gift Cards  
Many more  
items**



**Silent  
Auction  
starting at  
5:30 PM**



All refreshments are free and there  
will be something for everyone to bid  
on.



for more information call 909 598 2456 or 626  
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