

# NOC GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY NEWS

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## President's Message

*by Nancy Bird*

Hello Everyone!

Well, we made it through the end days of the Mayan Calendar, Christmas and New Year's are behind us, and we have a new Board to see us through the next two years.

The coming year will see new classes pretty much every month, we will again have a booth at the Citrus Fair, our annual show will be one week after the CFMS show in Ventura (not to be missed), a summer party, great programs every month, and as always, a lot of fun with rocks.

I need help with certain things: someone to organize our booth at the Citrus Fair, the Summer Picnic, and the Holiday dinner. We also need a Historian, someone to do Publicity, to do Operating Supplies, and to sit on the Long Range Planning committee with Loretta and me. If anything here would be something you could do, please let me know.

Through Brenda and James Gomez I met with the 6th grade science teacher from Imperial Elementary for the garden club. She had the rock cycle on her bulletin board and I talked to her about the NOC with the end result being we will be teaching 6 or 8 classes for 45 minutes each over 2 days in mid-May. She is also contacting the other elementary school here for us. Isn't this exciting?

Rock On, Nancy

## NOC Club Activities

Board Meeting — To be announced  
Field Trip — Quartzsite - January 23 thru 29 .  
Deadline for NOC News — January 17.

## Refreshments

Randi Hetrick and Heather Bates will bring the goodies to the January meeting.

**Date:** January 8

**Time:** 7:00 p.m.

**Place:** La Habra Community Center  
101 W. La Habra Blvd.

## Programs

*by Alan Heurer*

The program this month will be Walt Wright on Petrified Wood.

## Members in the News

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

*Colin Arp                      Jane Hendrixson*  
*Don Livezey                 Karen Miller*  
*Betty Newman             Bernie Ruiz*

Your gemstone is Garnet.  
Your flower is Carnation or Snowdrop.

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## Shows and Events

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**January 23-27: QUARTZSITE, AZ**  
46th Annual Q.I.A Gem & Mineral Pow Wow

**January 26: QUARTZSITE, AZ**  
S.C.R.I.B.E Meeting  
Senior Citizen Center  
Moon Mountain Road, North of Main Street  
Hours: 9a .m. - 12 noon  
Edites are asked to bring copis of their bulletins to share

**February 15-24: INDIO, CA**  
San Gorgonio Mineral & Gem Society  
Gem & Mineral Building, Bldg #1  
Arabia Street  
Hours: 10 -10 daily  
Bert Grisham, (915) 849-1674  
Email: [bert67@verizon.net](mailto:bert67@verizon.net)

**March 2-3: ARCADIA, CA**  
Monrovia Rockhounds, Inc.  
LA County Arboretum  
301 Baldwin Avenue  
Hours: 9 - 4:30 daily  
Jo Anna Ritch,  
(626) 359-1624  
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Website: [www.Moroks.com](http://www.Moroks.com)

**April 27-28: LANCASTER, CA**  
Antelope Gem & Mineral Society  
Lancaster High School  
44701 - 32nd Street West  
Hours: 9 - 5 daily  
CJ Quitoriano, (661) 209-9092,  
[cjq\\_62@yahoo.com](mailto:cjq_62@yahoo.com)  
**July 13-14: CULVER CITY, CA** Culver City  
Rock & Mineral Club Culver City Veterans  
Memorial Auditorium 4117 Overland Ave  
(Overland & Culver)  
Hours: Sat 10 - 6; Sun 10 - 5 Robert Thirlaway,  
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## S.C.R.I.B.E

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*By Doug Arnold, S.C.R.I.B.E. President*

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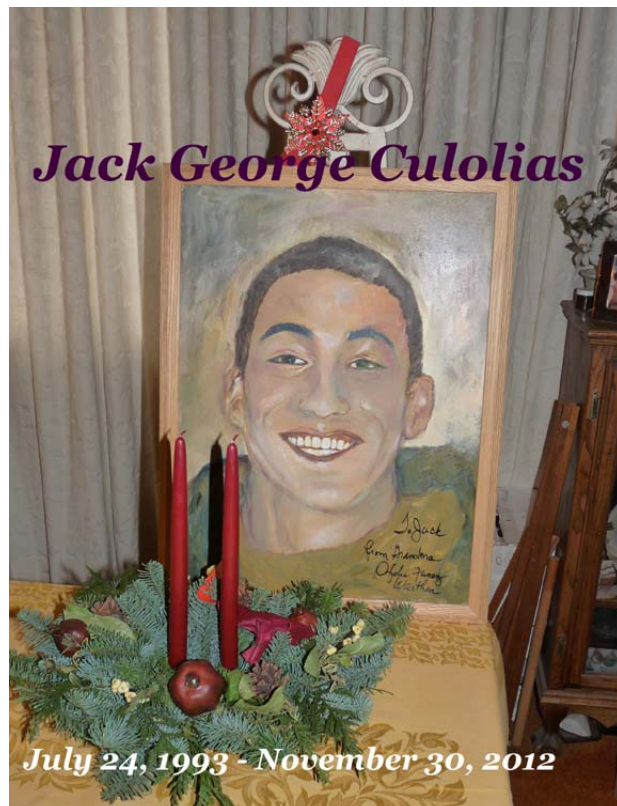
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### In Memory of

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Our hearts go out to Don and Ofelia Warthen for the loss of their Grandson Jack Cululois. Jack has attended events for our clb since he and his twin brother Alex were in the stroller. He will be truley missed



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## How to Grow Your Own Crystals

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*From Cab & Crystal courtesy Marilyn Fraser*

First you must get permission to use the stove and ask an adult to help you.

### Sugar

For growing sugar crystals, you will need:

- 1 saucepan
- 1 large spoon
- 1/2 cup water (125 ml)
- 1 cup granulated **Sugar** (250 ml)
- 1 jar with a large mouth food coloring (optional)

1. Heat the water until it is hot; it doesn't need to boil.
2. If you want to make colorful crystals, add a few drops of food coloring now.
3. Pour the sugar into the hot water and stir until the sugar has completely dissolved.
4. Let the mixture cool for about 15 minutes.
5. Pour the mixture into the jar and place it in a safe place where it will not be disturbed for a few weeks.
6. Watch your crystals grow in the jar. Be sure not to disturb the jar while the crystals are growing.

### Salt

For growing salt crystals, you will need:

- several small pieces of charcoal
- 1 glass bowl
- 1 cup hot tap water (250 ml)
- 2 tablespoons of vinegar (60 ml)
- salt
- food coloring

1. Place the charcoal in the glass bowl.
2. Measure a cup of hot water and add salt slowly.

3. Stir continuously all the time you are adding the salt.
4. Stop adding salt when it will no longer dissolve in the water.
5. Add the vinegar to your mixture.
6. Pour part of the salt solution over the charcoal.  
NOTE: Do not put in too much as the charcoal must not float.
7. Add some food colouring to the charcoal mixture.
8. You may want to add 3 or 4 colours so that you will get very exciting results.
9. Place the bowl in a warm place where it will not be disturbed.
10. After a few days, crystals will appear.
11. After a few weeks you will have a beautiful arrangement of coloured crystals.

*These recipes are from the  
Canadian Museum of Nature*



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### What Could You Write About?

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The NOC bulletin editor is looking for original articles from our members that specifically apply to crafts, field trips, and our club. The purpose is to advise and assist and share ideas.

Have you any special tips for using the computer / e-mail / internet to make the editor's job easier?

The NOC bulletin editor need to hear from you.

# Awards/Installation Dinner

*photos by Don Eschbach.*



Nancy Bird settin up for the December 11, 2012 Awrds/Installation Dinner at the Portofino Ristorante Italiano restrant in La Habra, CA.



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## Walt Wright

**Botanist, Geologist, and Paleontologist**

Walton Wright is recognized authority on petrified wood who has conducted seminars and workshops throughout the world. Besides his seminars he teaches classes, displays petrified wood at shows and workshops.

Walt is a Botanist/Ecologist/Paleontologist / Geologist and Paleobotanist. He claims his mother, who had a PHD in science and math, gave him his first piece of petrified wood at the age of 10. This opened a new fascinating world into the study of petrified wood.

Walt has worked for the U.S. Forest Service and the University of California. He has been a consultant for various government agencies. He has done extensive writing in the field of petrified woods.

He wrote a chapter on the Triassic Chinle Formation on fossil woods in 2002, the "Secrets of Petrified Plants" in both English and German.

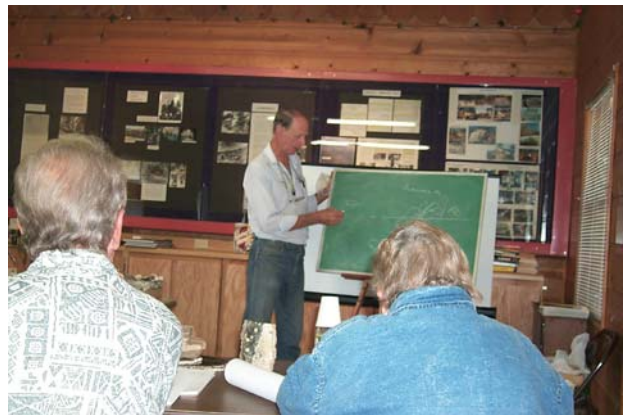
When asked about his degrees, he sort of chuckled and said he had some, but that they were not that important, so we would just assume that he has quite a few.

He is a busy speaker and is booked for several months in advance. He is a resident of Brea, California and we are very happy to have Mr. Wright as a NOC member.

Would you believe Walt Wright of Brea has the largest collection of petrified wood in the world! His oldest piece of wood is 320 million years old.

We thank him for his sharing of his display on Petrified Wood.

*NOC Petrified Wood Class at Smiley Park Clubhouse by Walt Wright*



*Walt's Petrified Wood at AFMS/CFMS/NOC Show in 2010*



# North Orange County Gem & Mineral Society

## Pearly Bling Bracelet

Taught by Linda Hardinger

*Techniques to be used are new to our classes. We Will be learning to bead with needle, thread, crystal beads and pearls.*

Tuesday, January 22, 2013 - 6 to 9 p.m.  
La Habra Community Center  
101 W. La Habra Blvd.  
La Habra, CA 90631



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