

NOC GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY NEWS

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President's Message

by Nancy Bird

Hi!

Spring is fast approaching and with it our Quartermania this month, March 21 from 4 to 9 p.m. and then the La Habra Spring Citrus Fair April 18-21. The Education Committee has the information about Quartermania further along in the newsletter.

For the Spring Fair I will need as many people as possible to help staff the booth over the course of 2 days=Saturday from 2 until Sunset, and Sunday from Noon until Sunset. On Sunday, there will be special activities in the our area according to Mark Sturdevant (President of the La Habra Chamber of Commerce) similar to a County Fair and we will be in the middle of that! I will have a sign-up sheet at both the March and April meetings, or call or email me.

Armando Perdoza picked up enough geodes in Quartzite for us to be able to sell them at the Spring Fair and also at our show. He got the ones from Mexico and was able to hand sort them.

And I am in the process of ordering our own made-to-order Easy-Up, in orange, with our name stitched on it, with 30" sidewalls on 3 sides and a solid back. We will be "stylin" now.



Go on a Field Trip-they are FUN!
Come to a meeting-it's FUN, too.
Support your club....

NOC Club Activities

Board Meeting — 6 p.m. 3rd Tues at La Habra Community Center (none in Jul & Aug)

Field Trip — Stoddard Wells March 8-9-10
Lavic Siding March 16-17

Refreshments

Thanks to Nancy Bird and Clyeda Tejak for bringing the goodies to the February meeting. Carolyn Coleman and Janis Logsdon will bring the goodies to the March meeting.

Date: March 12

Time: 7:00 p.m.

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

Programs

by Alan Heuer

The program this month will be on knife making by Joe Girtner.

Members in the News

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

Dori Cooley

Virginia Grafton

Toni Mynes

Don Rees

Valeria Ruzgys

Rae Smith

Jay Valle

Mary Villaescusa

Your gemstone is Bloodstone or Aquamarine.
Your flower is Daffodil or Jonquil.

Shows and Events

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
Email: vgms_editor@roadrunner.com
Website: www.Moroks.com

March 2-3: VENTURA, CA

Ventura Gem & Mineral Society
Ventura County Fairgrounds
10 W. Harbor Blvd.
Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4
Krishna Juarez
(805) 323-6725
Email: abaris2007@gmail.com
Website: www.vgms.org

March 8, 9 & 10: VICTORVILLE, CA

Victor Valley Gem & Mineral Club
Stoddard Wells Road - 12 Miles East of I-15
(graded dirt last 7 miles East of I-15)
Hours: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Daily
(760) 243-2330
www.wgmc.org - map on website

March 9-10: SAN MARINO, CA

Pasadena Lapidary Society
San Marino Masonic Center
3130 Huntington Drive
Hours: Sat. 10-6, Sun 10-5
Marcia Goetz (626) 260-7239
joemar1@verizon.net

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

May 4-5: ANAHEIM, CA

Searchers Gem & Mineral Society
Brookhurst Community Center
2271 W. Crescent Avenue
Hours: Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4
John Walker (503) 703-9465
john_walker3@juno.com
searchersrocks.org

May 31 - June 2: VENTURA, CA CFMS SHOW & CONVENTION

Conejo - Oxnard - Ventura
Gem & Mineral Societies
Ventura County Fairgrounds
10 W. Harbor Blvd.
Hours: Fri.-Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4
Rob Sankovich (805) 494-7734
rmsorca@adelphia.net
www.cfms2013.com

June 8-9: GLENDORA, CA

Glendora Gem & Mineral Society
Goddard Middle School
859 E. Sierra Madre
Hours: Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4
Bonnie Bidwell (626) 963-4638
Ybidwell2@aol.com

June 8-9: LA HABRA, CA

North Orange Co. Gem & Mineral Society
La Habra Community Center
101 W. La Habra Blvd.
Hours: 9-5 Daily
Loretta Ogden (909) 598-2456
donogden@aol.com
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nocgms.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,
(310) 462-2269
Email: fiestaofgems@gmail.com
Website: www.culvercityrocks.org

Education Report

by Ofelia Warthen, Chairperson

Don Warthen did a great presentation on beginners “Free Form Wire-Wrap” class at our February class that attracted new students. Some students left wearing their one of a kind creation. Overall, the class proved to be exciting and fun for all attendees.

Our March class should also prove to be very creative and exciting. Loretta Ogden will teach a special design project the will give instructions and guidance how to create a fine piece of jewelry. See attached flyer.

See following scheduled classes:

March 26 - Special Design

April 23 - Petrified Wood

May 21 - Identifying Diamonds

Oct 22 - Pearl Chinese Knotting

July 16 - Art Clay

Nov 19 - Holiday Rock Painting

Scholarship Fund Raiser “QuarterMaina” Event

by Don Warthen, Chairman

Get ready for our coming event on March 21. Many of you attended last year QuarterMania event and remember how much fun you had for a very small donation. With the proceeds, we were able to give two scholarships of \$750 each to La Habra High and Sonora High School students. We hope to do the same this year.

We appreciate and encourage every member to help in donating something or in buying a \$10 ticket which includes a light dinner and lots of Fun! Your participation is very important. Such a small amount will help two young students further their education.

If you cannot attend, please buy a ticket and give it away as a gift to a friend or relative. We also need volunteers to help. We look forward to another exciting and profitable event. In addition, we are having an auction on gift baskets and need



donations. Please bring some gift donations such as dinner tickets, jewelry, or things you have made. We appreciate and thank for your help. Your contributions are very important to the NOC event. Our committee is working very hard to make this a great community event.

Some attachments explaining “What the heck is a QuarterMaina”? together with Flyer for your attendance. Thank you.

Field Trip to Salton Sea - February 16, 2013

Sony Bono Visitor Center



Obsidian Butte



Red Hill



Mud Pots and Mud Volcanoes



Betram Mine



NOC General Meeting Minutes La Habra Community Center February 12, 2013

*by TeriHeuer Acting Secretary
until the return of Secretary Susan Hansen*

The Meeting started at 6:50 p.m. with the flag salute.

Alan Heuer introduced our speaker, Janie Duncan – Janie had provide us with an interesting program. Her father had found an Ancient Dino Bone. Which Janie had entered the bone into a competition of unique finds which was filmed at the Natural History Museum in Los Angles. Her bone did not win but it was in the top three finalists. Janie also brought some beautiful jewelry which she had on display and for sale.

Break for refreshments and sales of raffle tickets.

Business Meeting: We had 4 guests join us. They were introduced as Cathy, Deborah, Teddy and Janis.

Don Warthen Treasurer – Read the club budget for approval. Don requested approval of the budget a motion to approve was given by Alan Heuer and a second motion was given by Kim Winn. Budget was passed and approved.

Minutes did not get published for January and February due to our Secretary Susan Hansen being absent due to illness. We wish Susan well and we miss her. We look forward to her return as secretary.

Don Warthen Treasurer gave the treasurers report. Refer to report for more information. Don also reminded the club that dues were due.

Nancy Bird President had some question on supplies for the upcoming events such as Quartermania, Citrus Fair and the June Gem show. Research and information on the supplies to be forwarded to Nancy and the various committee chairs

Federation report by Loretta Ogden - refer to report for more information.

Frank Winn: Field Trip Chair - Frank spoke about the upcoming Indio area field trip which included tours of Obsidian Buttes, Bubbling Mud pots and other exciting adventures. Frank also mentioned upcoming events with other cubs including areas as Wiley Wells Hauser Geodes and Opal mines. If you would like any information concerning past, present or future field trips to contact Frank Winn. Frank has plenty of knowledge of our Southern California area and the various club adventures that are ongoing through the year.

Alan Heuer: VP Programs and Speakers – Alan spoke of the upcoming speaker for March 12th meeting. We are pleased to have Joe Girtner present to us the art of Knife Making.

Teri Heuer was appointed to be in care of the Show Case's for our upcoming Gem & Mineral Show in June. Please refer to Teri Heuer concerning information on show cases.

Education- on the Wire Wrap class scheduled on Feb 26.

The Scholarship committee fundraiser event Quartermania is set for March 21st, 2013. The committee requested all members to provide donations to be raffled and to sell tickets at a cost of a \$10.

The \$10 fee includes a paddle to bid with and a light dinner. Refer to Don Warthen Committee chair for information on tickets to sale. Dealer booths are still available.

Other items.

Nancy Bird invited our individual club members to participate with the “Great Backyard Bird Count” and commented on the importance of our participation.

Upcoming Gem shows- Monrovia, Pasadena and the Federation Show in Ventura. Please refer to Loretta Ogden for information concerning the Federation shows and events.

Loretta Ogden held the raffle drawings; there were a variety of prizes to choose from.

Lavic Field Trip March 16 - 17, 2013

by Joe Goetz

The field trip for March is to the area of fabulous jasper in a wide range of colors and shades. It is one area where you can step out of your camper or car and start collecting just by bending over and picking the piece you want up. Whether this is the first time or one of the many times over the years, it is a great place to go. The supply of jasper seems almost endless.

We are across from the great Cady Mountains with all of its assorted collecting materials. You could easily spend a month just going into the Cadys and collecting both known and unknown materials.

Then there is the possibility to do a little exploring of some of the older sites as well as finding some new as well.

Potluck will be on Saturday night. So, bring your favorite dish. It isn't camping without a fire

Hope to see you out there!

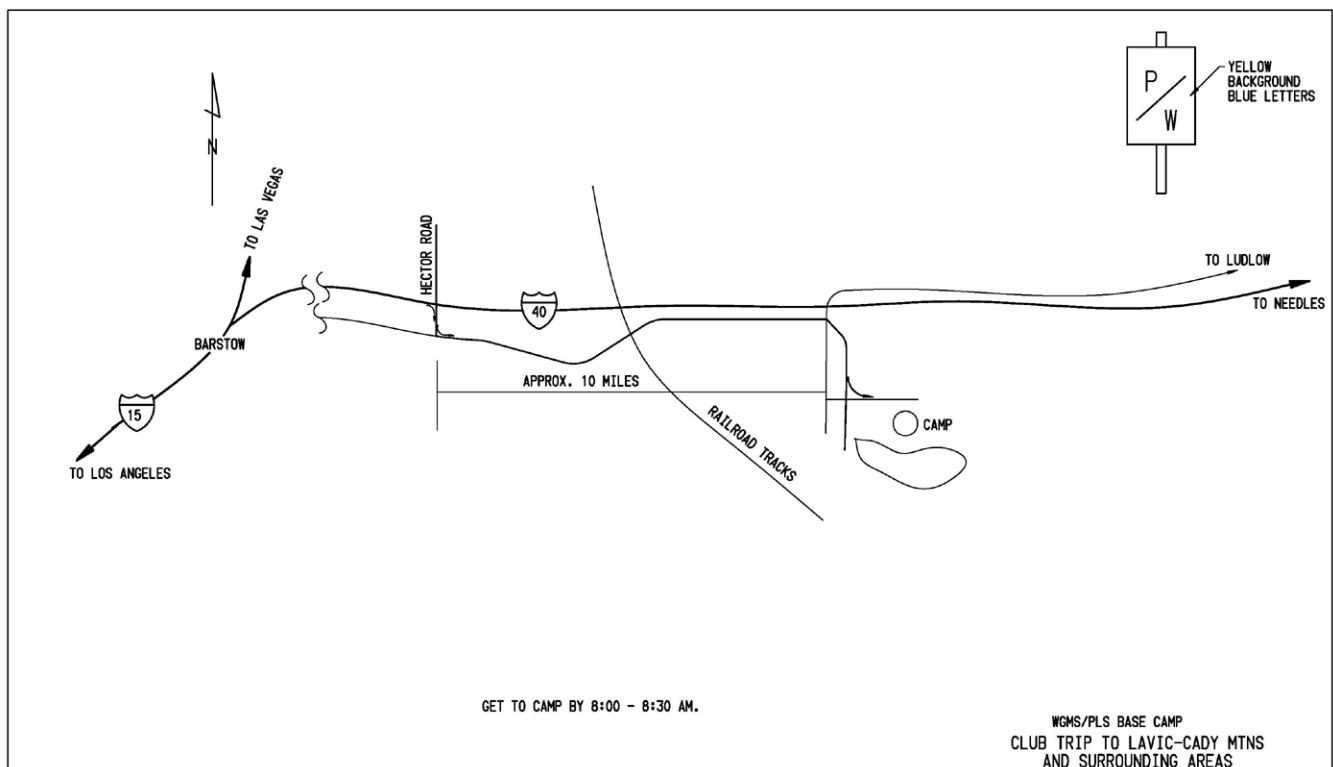
Stoddard Wells Tailgate March 8-9-10, 2013

<http://vvgmc.org/tailgate.html>

Directions: Located north of Victorville. Take the **second** Stoddard Wells offramp (not the first off ramp). The first cross street will be Dale Evans Parkway, and Stoddard Wells road. There is a STOP sign there. Follow the Stoddard Wells road it will soon turn to dirt - the tailgate is approximately 7 miles from the stop sign. Don't give up - keep on going - you will pass the motorcycle people and ATV people before you see the tailgate.

The tailgate is open to all vendors, no booth fee! First come - first served - pick your spot - lots of desert space available. Last year there were 90 vendors.

Saturday March 9 at 9 a.m. there will be a Tr-Colored Marble field trip.



Jewelry Design Class

by Loretta Ogden

On Tuesday, March 26 we are planning a class where there is no plan. The object of the class will be to help you to design your own set of earrings. Bring some beads or charms etc. that you like and want to have a pair of earrings made

from them. Often we have some old jewelry with sentimental value to us and it would feel good to wear it.

Come and let us help you to incorporate them into a new and modern wearable piece. I will be bringing wire, jump rings and so on for you to purchase.

The charge will be \$10.00 for the tool use and class. Bring anything you think you may want to use. All additional supplies can be purchased from us.

North Orange County Gem & Mineral Society

Jewelry Design Class

**Tuesday March 26, 2013
6 till 9 p.m.**

**Bring your own jewels, beads or older pieces
and we will help you design
a new fresh pair of earrings**

**\$10.00 Includes Class Fee and use of tools
Additional supplies can be purchased at class**

LaHabra Community Center, 101 W. La Habra Blvd., CA 90631

For more information call (909) 598-2456 - emailbriktr1@aol.com****

Name _____ Phone No. _____

No. of People Attending _____ Amount Enclosed _____ e-mail _____

Make Checks Payable to **NOCGMS**.

Mail to
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odwarthen@verizon.net

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!!!



NORTH ORANGE COUNTY

GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY



Quarter Mania

NOCGMS Scholarship Fund Raiser

Benefiting

La Habra High School students

**Thursday March 21st, 2013
4 till 9 PM**

**\$10.00 Includes Entrance,
Light Meal & 1 Paddle**

Extra Paddles @ \$ 2.00 ea.

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



For more information call (626) 330-8974 * (562) 946-0828 * www.nocgms.com



Quarter Mania

**Thursday March 21st, 2013
from 4 till 9 pm**

**La Habra Community Center,
101 W. La Habra Blvd., La
Habra, CA 90631**

Name _____ Phone No. _____

No. Of People Attending _____ Amount Enclosed _____ e-mail _____

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