

# NOC GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY NEWS

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## President's Message

by Nancy Bird

April is here and Spring has sprung! I, and so many others, are busy in their gardens planting vegetables and watching their flowers bloom. And for an added bonus, we still have field trips to go on.

This month we will have a booth at the La Habra Citrus Fair. Our booth will be in our new tent and we will need help. To sign up, please call me at 1-(562)-697-0636 or sign up at the meeting.

We will be cutting geodes for the 1<sup>st</sup> time at the Fair. We will sell the geodes that we got at Quartzsite.

**When:** April 18-21

**Where:** 321 E La Habra Boulevard between Cypress and Euclid Streets.

The fair opens with the Bubble Parade at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, followed by a Bubble Dance-Off at 6:00 p.m.

It's four, fun filled days jam packed with thrilling rides, exciting stage shows, delicious food and fabulous merchandise.



catrusfair.com

## NOC Club Activities

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

Citrus Fair - April 18-21, 2013

Field Trip — Apr 27, Ocenview Gem Mine

## Refreshments

Thanks to Carolyn Coleman and Janis Logsdon for bringing the goodies to the March meeting. Armando and Loretta Ogden will bring the goodies to the April meeting.

**Date:** April 9

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

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

## Programs

by Alan Heuer

April Speaker is:

Richard and Mary Pat Weber - Colorful Condor Agates of Patagonia, Argentina.

## Members in the News

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

Joan Abramson

Vicki Marks

Cheryl Cooley

Dana Matula

Jeffry Cooley

David E. Miller

Allen Farquer

Barbara Steed

Nathan Farquer

Clyeda Tezak

Aida Heidke

Oscar Veloz

Trini Hermosillo

Julia West

Your gemstone is Diamond

Your flower is Daisy or Sweet Pea

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## Shows and Events

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### **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)

### **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](mailto:john_walker3@juno.com)  
[searchersrocks.org](http://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](mailto:rmsorca@adelphia.net)  
[www.cfms2013.com](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:donogden@aol.com)  
[fbriktr1@aol.com](mailto:fbriktr1@aol.com)  
[nocgms.com](http://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](mailto:fiestaofgems@gmail.com)

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

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## Walt Wright

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Walt Wright will be speaking on Tuesday, April 23, from 6 to 9 p.m., at the La Habra Community Center, 101 W. La Habra Blvd., La Habra.

If you have ever wondered how a tree could be turned into stone, come & listen.

The program will be illustrated with petrified wood specimens from his collection from the U.S. and foreign countries, as well as chalkboard and digital microscopic images. It will be aimed at audience level understanding.

Cost for this program will be \$15.00 payable at the door.

P.S. Walt also will be doing an introductory program for the Pasadena Lapidary Society at the Pasadena Central Library, 285 E. Walnut, Pasadena, April 16, 7 to 9 P.M.



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## Welcome New Member

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Tedy Hadisurya  
email: [Tedy\\_khs\\_mb6@yahoo.com](mailto:Tedy_khs_mb6@yahoo.com)

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## Hundreds of Dinosaur Egg Fossils Found

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via Yahoo! NEWS

Researchers in northeastern Spain say they've uncovered hundreds of dinosaur egg fossils, including four kinds that had never been found before in the region. The eggs likely were left behind by sauropods millions of years ago.

Eggs, eggshell fragments and dozens of clutches were nestled in the stratigraphic layers of the Tremp geological formation at the site of Coll de Nargó in the Spanish province of Lleida, which was a marshy region during the Late Cretaceous Period, the researchers said.

"Eggshells, eggs and nests were found in abundance and they all belong to dinosaurs, sauropods in particular," the study's leader, Albert García Sellés from the Miquel Crusafont Catalan Palaeontology Institute, told Spanish news agency SINC this week.

"Up until now, only one type of dinosaur egg had been documented in the region: *Megaloolithus siruguei*," Sellés added. His team found evidence of at least four other species: *Cairanoolithus roussetensis*, *Megaloolithus aureliensis*, *Megaloolithus siruguei* and *Megaloolithus baghensis*. *Megaloolithus* eggs are thought to be associated with sauropods, long-necked dinosaurs that were among some of the largest to roam the planet.

The Coll de Nargó area is considered one of the most important dinosaur nesting areas in Europe, the researchers said, adding that their study shows it was used by several dinosaurs from the Late Campanian age (around 71 million years ago) to the Late Maastrichtian age (around 67 million years ago).

"We had never found so many nests in the one area before. In addition, the presence of various oospecies (eggs species) at the same level suggests that different types of dinosaurs shared the same nesting area," Sellés said, adding that the dinosaur eggs could help scientists determine the date of future findings at the site.

"It has come to light that the different types of eggs are located at very specific time intervals," Sellés explained to SINC. "This allows us to create biochronological scales with a precise dating capacity. In short, thanks to the collection of oospecies found in Coll de Nargó we have been able to determine the age of the site at between 71 and 67 million years."



## “QuarterMaina” Event



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## Stolen Petrified Wood Report

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*via La Rocks*

Well folks, it has happened again. Last night someone tore down the front gate to The Jurupa Mountains Cultural Center, drove in and stole four petrified wood logs that are about 14" in diameter and 24" long.

The center is now having surveillance cameras installed, and on the bright side, we can ID positively all of our pet wood logs. After the last theft, we bought micro chips, drilled into the logs and installed the chips. SOOO Please keep an eye and ear open for someone trying to unload the logs. We can scan them and prove ownership.

It is too bad that some rock hound out there is resulting to this.

Thanks in advance for your watchfulness.  
by Otie Braden

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Odie. What makes you think it's a rockhound any of the rockhounds I know we're very honest people would never steal something from Anyone it's probably 1 of the drug attics that live around your area.

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I would have to concur that as long as we've been in the business of "rocks" we've never known anyone in the history of rockhounds to out right steal from their fellow man, but there is an exception to this rule; We've known thieves like Nevada Turquoise Company out of Albuquerque New Mexico to come to California to rip-off the public for years, selling pure magnisite to the public at gemshows here in California [us being just one of the victims who was ripped off for a few thousand dollars].

Stating for a fact the "magnesite" was Blue Gem, Royston, Fox Mine, Troy, Bonanza, Tortoise Mine. We found out because we went and had 6 different pieces tested at the GIA lab in Carlsbad. Cost us over \$400.00 to tell us it was all magnesite.

Owner goes by the name of Fake first name [Shellbone] Williamenski aka Williams. Sold at all the gemshows in California. Finally had to shut his website down due to the law catching up with him. Makes up a story about himself being Ute

Indian [found out from his brother that he's Polish and Italian.] A most expert supreme liar. We have recordings.

Back to the petrified wood, that is the "exception to stealing," in a crooked or tricky manner.

Rockhounds to physically take property from another, is a shame and very very sad. Always thought rockhounds had a different type of ethical dignified nature.

I sure hope that is not the case and you are able to find your rocks!

Here are the crime stats in Riverside to give idea to area problems related to "drugs." Just a thought..

### 2012 Crime Index

National Average 200% 300%

\* Violent Crime 96.0%

\* Murder 90.0%

\* Forcible Rape 69.2%

\* Robbery 131.0%

\* Aggr. Assault 105.5%

\* Property Crime 126.7%

\* Burglary 96.3%

\* Larceny Theft 103.3%

\* Vehicle Theft 180.3%

NR: Not Reported

### 2012 Various Crime Stats

All numbers represent crime incidents per 100,000 people

Type Of Crime Riverside, Ca National Avg

Violent Crime 426.1 386.3

Murder and Non Negligent Man Slaughter 4.2 4.7

Forcible Rape 18.5 26.8

Robbery 149.0 113.7

Aggravated Assault 254.4 241.1

Property Crime 3,132.6 2,908.7

Burglary 676.5 702.2

Larceny Theft 2,042.0 1,976.9

Motor Vehicle Theft 414.1 229.6

"..... everything on the earth has a purpose, every disease an herb to cure it, and every person a mission.

From: Keith Eredia

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## Oceanview Gem Mine April 27, 2013

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The fieldtrip for April is to the Oceanview Gem Mine. We've been to this mine before and it is a fun trip, where we as friends play in the dirt together. It is an oxymoron in the fact it's good clean fun while you are getting filthy dirty.

Some of what may be found are: Tourmaline, Aquamarine, Spinel, Kunzite, Morganite, Quartz crystals and assorted other things. It is a workout as well.

Please let us know if you are going by April 6<sup>th</sup> as we are making the reservation on the 7<sup>th</sup>. We will be passing along maps and the release forms as soon as we get them. You should go to [DIGFORGEMS.COM](http://DIGFORGEMS.COM) to look at their information about what to bring and what to expect while there. The time we are to meet with Peter our host at 10 a.m. at McGee Rd and Rt. 76. If you have a chance to check out the location on Google it will help you navigate. The cost is \$60.00 cash per person which will be collected where we meet as well as the release forms. There is quite a bit of info on the site like what to bring and it will give you an idea of what you'll expect while at the mine.

Our numbers are (626) 914-5030 or (626) 260-7239 to make your reservation to go.

The fieldtrip that was planned for the 20<sup>th</sup> of April to the rare earth mine run by Molycorp is cancelled. They are in the process of reactivating the mine for production. They won't be ready for tours until January of next year. Perhaps we can reschedule for some time next year.

Looking for the group as I'm the leader  
Joe Goetz

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## NOC Show Committee Report

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*by Loretta Ogden, Show Chair*

The show committee has decided this year to align our show with the cities plans to bring the traveling Viet Nam Veterans Memorial Wall to La Habra. We are calling the show "The Red, White & Blue Show". We will have a special activity to earn money to support this event.

We think it will be a wonderful way to honor not only La Habras Viet Nam Veterans but all that our country has lost in Military service since then. If you would like to know more about it either call me or it will be announced at the next meeting.

In the month of April, it is important that we have the show plans down pretty pat. We still need people to help at the show.

Following is a list the jobs and who has signed up for them. If you see a job that you would like to do, call me quickly or the person listed below so you don't miss out on this opportunity to be of service to your club and community.

Show Chairman..... Loretta Ogden  
Show Planning..... Don Warthen  
Dealers..... Nancy Bird  
Publicity..... Nancy O & Loretta  
Truck and laborers... Frank Winn & crew  
Set Up..... Richard O'Conner & crew  
Electrical..... Richard & Frank & crew  
Cases.....Terri Heuer  
Skirting..... Nancy O' Conner & ?  
Youth Committee Liaison... Ofelia Warthen  
Demonstrators..... Armando Pedroza  
Raffle..... Loretta  
Youth Activities..... Ofelia & Don Warthen  
Silent Auction ..... Kathy Valle  
Geodes..... Armando & Heather Bates

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## **NOC General Meeting Minutes La Habra Community Center March 12, 2013**

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

President Nancy Bird opened our meeting at 7:00 p.m. with the flag salute.

Teri Heuer introduced our speaker, Joe Girtner – Joe presented his artwork of handmade knives, how he made them, and what materials he used for each knife set. He also displayed the beautiful boxes he created to carry the custom made knives in.

Break for refreshments and sales of raffle tickets. Break for refreshments which were provided by Janet & Carolyn. Loretta sold raffle tickets and provided the winning numbers. There were some great prizes to win. Next month refreshments will be brought by Loretta & Armando

Business Meeting: President Nancy Bird called the meeting back to order. Don Warthen, Treasurer, gave the treasurers report. Refer to report for more information.

A motion was made by Ofelia Warthen and seconded by Loretta Ogden to purchase an ez- up from Costco.

Citrus Fair committee chair Nancy Bird asked for volunteer to sign up to assist at the booth. Amando and Heather are going to cut geodes for sale.

Federation report by Loretta Ogden - refer to report for more information. Loretta also stated there were still openings available at zzyxc and gave information on the upcoming Federation show in Ventura CA. Loretta also mentioned that you could ride the train from Fullerton to the Ventura fair grounds.

Education committee chair Ofelia Warthen spoke about the Wire Wrap stating that it was a great success. Loretta gave a quick look at the design your own earring class scheduled for March 26<sup>th</sup>. Ofelia also mentioned in April Walt Wright will be giving a 3 hour educational class on Petrified Wood.

Programs and Speakers: Teri Heuer made the announcement of the upcoming guest. The speaker for the month of April will be Mary Pat Weber, Geologist and mineral collector. She will present “The Colorful Condor Agates of Argentina.” She will present the amazing story of how these agates were discovered, lost and re-discovered by Luis De Los Santos in a remote, inhospitable region high in the foothills of the Andes Mountains. Specimens of these beautiful agates from her personal collection will be on display

Field Trip to Lavic sidings.

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

There was a mention about an event Saturday April 27<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am to 4:00pm at the Bowers Museum “Art of Adorning.”

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Teri Heuer acting secretary until the return of Susan Hansen provided the meeting minutes.

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## **NOC Board Meeting Minutes Tuesday March 27, 2013**

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

President Nancy Bird called the meeting open at 6:10 p.m. for comments:

Six Board Members were present.

Treasurer report with an update on the Quarter mania event conclusion – Reconciliation of the proceeds is still in progress.



The following comments and suggestion from the board are as follows:

1. What was good and bad about quarter mania which will be discussed in detail at the next scholarship committee meeting?
2. How to increase new members and reestablish connections with the past and present members.
3. What ways to meet and greet potential new members including procedures to promote communication and acceptance of the new members into our club.
4. Various comments on the above issues, mentor program, greeters, secret greeters, introduction of quest including at which point to introduce, welcome emails or letters to new members, survey all members on what activities are of interest to the member personally.
5. Research the Federation booklets on how to increase membership put out by a previous club the Mother lode.
6. Form a membership committee to research and develop solutions to increase our club membership?
7. Cost of dues? With comments and suggestion of changing the cost to \$15.00 per member. In the past the main cost incurred were due to the postal cost of mailing the newsletter which is now published and emailed to members
8. Prepare for a By Laws change concerning the standard cost of the dues.
9. Youth programs: Teaching Day Camp during the summer using the 3 cabbings machine to demonstrate and instruct also including some possible fossil education.

10. Form a By Laws committee to review list of standing committees and review the terms of the various board positions.
11. Upcoming community of La Habra event the Citrus Fair request for volunteers to assist in this event as it increases our exposure to our community.
12. Updates on the Gem show concerning the amount of tickets for printing with the reminder of the Sonora high school Community AG fair on the same weekend as our show and the club providing one raffle ticket to each paying guest to the Ag fair. Each ticket will need to be brought to our show to participate with the raffle which will bring potential customers for our vendors.

The Sonora community fair brought 10,000 people over the three days the fair runs.

Request for the community fair director come speak to the club about their fair and our opportunity to annex with them. Escalated to show committee for review.

Board voted was unanimous to proceed with amending the clubs By Laws to reflect that during our general meetings the board minutes will be read. This change will allow longer speaking times for our speakers and their presentation programs and also allows us more time to introduce our new members including a longer social period.

Our board meeting will take place at a different time to handle the important business of the club. These decisions were taken into consideration due to the separation of business with the responsibilities so the board can concentrate on only club business during those board meetings.

Meeting concluded 7:05 p.m.



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1. Any cancellation prior to August 1 will incur a \$25.00 Administration Fee.
2. No refunds on cancellations after this date unless a substitute is provided.

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Achrist361@cbglobal.net

**FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Marion Roberts  
1505 Plumas Avenue  
Modesto CA 95358-5939  
Phone: 209-538-0197

Please Note: Sign In will be Sunday, August 25th and Sunday, September 1st, 2013 at 1:00 PM  
CAMP PARADISE is approximately 50 miles east of Marysville on Highway E-21 (Marysville Rd. towards Brownsville).  
Elevation is approx 3,500 ft. The facilities are at a rustic church camp, rooms with double beds (for couples) and/or bunk beds.  
Bathrooms and showers are communal and located in each building. Housekeeping is the responsibility of each guest. Also  
available, on a limited basis, are cabins for 4 or more persons (bathrooms and showers are located nearby). RV space with  
electricity and water for most spaces is available. Since it is a church camp, no alcoholic beverages are permitted. Room  
assignments will be made by staff.

CLASSES - Beginning Faceting, Ming Trees, Lapidary, Soft Stone Carving, Silversmithing, Lost Wax Casting, Beginning  
through Advanced Wire Art, Copper Enameling, Lampwork Bead Making, Beading, PMC3 Clay and Dichroic Glass.

Please Note: There will be some classes with limited space - Preference will be given to first time students.

\*\*\*\*\* CHANGES MAY BE MADE AS NECESSARY \*\*\*\*\*

A list of supplies will be sent to you with your confirmation. Please e-mail me after 30 days if you have not received  
information.

PLEASE CUT ALONG LINE and KEEP FOR FUTURE REFERENCES

REGISTRATION FORM

\_\_\_ Week 1 August 25 - 30, 2013 \_\_\_ Week 2 September 1 - 6, 2013

\$375 A PERSON - PER WEEK

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CLUB \_\_\_\_\_

Accommodations (Circle One) Couples Dorm Dorm Cabin RV Area

Would Like to Room With \_\_\_\_\_ (if possible)

Special Needs: Food \_\_\_\_\_ Diabetic \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

(explain briefly) \_\_\_\_\_

Due to the lack of dietary knowledge and the various interpretations of different needs, we ask that you bring your special  
food items and we will do our best to prepare them for you.

Animals will be allowed in the RV Area Only and must be kept on a leash and picked up after.

Any violation could result in adherence to their No Pets Rule.