

NOC GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY NEWS

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President's Message

by Nancy Bird

Hi All-

I hope your "things" made it through the quake all right. I'm born & raised in Whittier but I've never been at the epicenter before, and it's a whole different experience. Don't get me wrong, I still would rather live here than anywhere, but this really shows you who's boss, and it's not us. Geology at work. My "rock room" took the worst hit, especially the fossils. Museum Wax on those from now on. My collection of spheres all landed on the floor, and my Flourite one broke in half. It will be a slow process putting things back-and I have to clean the shelves 1st! But the animals and humans are fine. I hope so, too, in your house.

The La Habra Spring Fair is the weekend after our meeting. We will again be between the Library and the Historical Society and Veteran's Hall. We cut geodes, advertise our show, do the Pot o' Rocks, and generally do an outreach to the community. I was asked to bring plants to sell, but a lot of the small dish gardens literally flew off the shelf and smashed. There is a sign-up sheet at the meeting.

The show planning is coming along. I've turned in money for 17 and have 5 more sitting here plus 3 more for sure to be sent. We will be having a lot of new and old vendors. Come to the show/board meeting the Tuesday following our general meeting as we need all the help we can get.

Walt Wright looked at the Arizona Wood clock I got from one of Wendy's estate sales, and he said its worth around \$150. We paid \$35. He also wrote out the scientific info of the piece.

Our flyers are beautiful, I think, thanks to Armando's nephew, Gabriel Perez. They are on a bit heavier paper than copy paper, but lighter than card stock. I am mailing a lot to the vendors. Please pick up a bunch for friends or anyplace you can put them.

Nancy

NOC Club Activities

Board and Show Meeting - April 15, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Community Center

Field Trips - Apr 26-27 Pinto Basin

Citrus Fair - April 11, 12, 13

Programs

The April 8 program will be on the Septarian Nodules by Dick Weber. See page 3.

Refreshments

Thanks to Heather and Armando for bringing the goodies to the March meeting.

Nancy O'Conner will bring the goodies to the March meeting.

Date: April 8

Time: 7:00 p.m.

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

Members in the News

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

Vicki Marks

Dana Matula

David E. Miller

Barbara Steed

Clyeda Tezak

Aida Heidke

Oscar Veloz

Trini Hermosillo

Your gemstone is Diamond

Your flower is Daisy or Sweet Pea

Shows and Events

April 7: CULVER CITY, CA

Culver City Rock & Mineral Club
Special Showing
Veterans Memorial Auditorium
4117 Overland Blvd., MultiPurpose Room
Hours: Mon 7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
Contact: Janice Metz, (310) 836-4611
Email: janicemtz@yahoo.com
Website: www.culvercityrocks.org/meeting.htm

May 3 - 4: YUCAIPA, CA

Yucaipa Valley Gem & Mineral Society
Scherer Senior Center
12202 First Street
Hours: Sat 10 - 6, Sun. 10 - 4
Contact: Lee Peterson, (909) 794-0731
Email: res09ayd@verizon.net
Website: www.yvgms.org/wiki

May 30 - June 1: POMONA, CA

2014 CFMS Show and Conference
May 30 - June 1
Fairplex, 1101 W. McKinley Ave
POMONA, CA
Hosted by the Pasadena Lapidary Society
Show Website: www.cfms2014show.com

June 6-8: La Habra, CA

NOC Gem & Mineral Society Show
La Habra Valley Community Fair
Sonora High School
401 N. Palm St.
La Habra, CA
Friday, June 6 4-9 p.m.
Saturday, June 7 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Sunday, June 9 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
At the Fair
(Livestock Show & Auction, Car Show & Dog Show, Gem & Mineral Show, Youth Exhibits, Games & Chili Cook Off, Food & Festivities)
(562) 697-0636
www.lhvcfair.com
www.nocgms.com

Show Areas Need Help

by Nancy O'Connor

Please contact Nancy O'Connor for help in the following areas to make this show a smashing success.

(562) 690-6878 or nancy_oconnor@verizon.net

SHOW CASES - If you are interested in having a show case for the June 5, 6, & 7 show, please let me know asap.

KID'S ROOM - If you have a couple of hours to work in the kid's room on Saturday, June 6 or Sunday June 7, please let me know. It is a lot of fun. We do expect that we will have some student volunteers to work at the tables, but we still need adults in the room to join in on the fun. The kids make toothpaste, bracelets, necklaces, keychains, bookmarks, and painted rocks.

SKIRTING TABLES - I have had the best help in the past and I will need helpers to skirt on Thursday June 5.

I thank you in advance for your help.



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Septarian Nodules

by Dick Weber

“Septarian Nodules from Southwest Utah” will be presented by guest speaker Dick Weber.

Septarian nodules have been known and collected from Utah as mineral specimens and lapidary material for more than one hundred years. They are prized for their bright yellow calcite and aragonite crystals that stand in sharp contrast to the gray limestone matrix.

In recent years this material has become popular for carvings and in the making of free-form jewelry.

Dick holds a Masters Degree in Sedimentary Petrology from the University of Minnesota and has worked throughout the country as an exploration geologist. He began collecting Septarians in 1978 and will bring several examples from his personal collection of both polished and rough material.



Meeting Minutes March 8, 2014

by Teri Heuer

Meeting came to order at 7:02 with the flag salute led by President Nancy Bird.

Our guest speaker Patrick Keegan did a wonderful presentation on our local mountains Lapis Lazuli.

Refreshments were wonderful. Raffle Drawing was held by Armando Pedroza there were some beautiful prizes.

The February minutes of the general meeting were accepted as they were published in the newsletter.

The Treasures report was read by Treasurer Don Warthen and was accepted as read.

The show committee came together with the budget with extra time and work from both Nancy Bird and Nancy O'Connor.

Nancy O'Connor asked if the members could provide items they had made to exhibit in the show cases examples of cabochons or other member made items. These projects are important as they demonstrate the skills of our club members and should be beautifully display out our exciting June show.

Federation report was given by Nancy Bird concerning the various items going on with the federation including the upcoming show in Pomona sponsored by the Pasadena gem and mineral Club.

Field trip will be to Lavic Siding you can find bright red Jasper there. It is going to be a one day field trip and everyone meets for breakfast Barstow at 5:30 a.m.

Nancy Bird is sending out donation letters so members can request donations for the awards at the show and also the silent auction.

Scholarship Committee – Alan Heuer will pick up the student submittals on March 31.

Meeting adjourned 8:57 p.m.

Welcome New Member

Yip Pui Fong (Catherine)

April 26th & 27th Fieldtrip Stoddard Wells Area

The April fieldtrip was to be to the Pinto Basin, however after a harrowing scouting trip, it was determined that it was not a trip for our club. Unless you're an extreme mineral collector that doesn't mind washed out roads clinging to the mountainside. And are willing to spend hours if not days examining mine dumps for that special mineral specimen, then as rockhounds it would be better to go to a site better suited to rockhounds.

The place that was chosen is the Stoddard Wells area. It is close, about 1 1/2 hrs. travel time. And there is a fair amount to be collected. There is jade, verde antique marble, blue dolomite, soapstone, tri colored marble and other collectables not far away.

Camping at the site of the tailgate is actually quite nice. And for non-campers Victorville offers lots of lodging possibilities.

It is close enough that a day trip is easy to do, however camping offers unique opportunities such as seeing the sunrise that can only be enjoyed while camping and not seen in town. As well as sunset can be spectacular after a day of collecting and exploring. At night seeing the stars in the sky is absolutely fantastic, you probably didn't realize just how many stars can be seen when the city lights are dim.

A potluck or a run into a Victorville restaurant would be on Saturday night. And later, weather permitting, a campfire back at camp (not in the restaurant!)

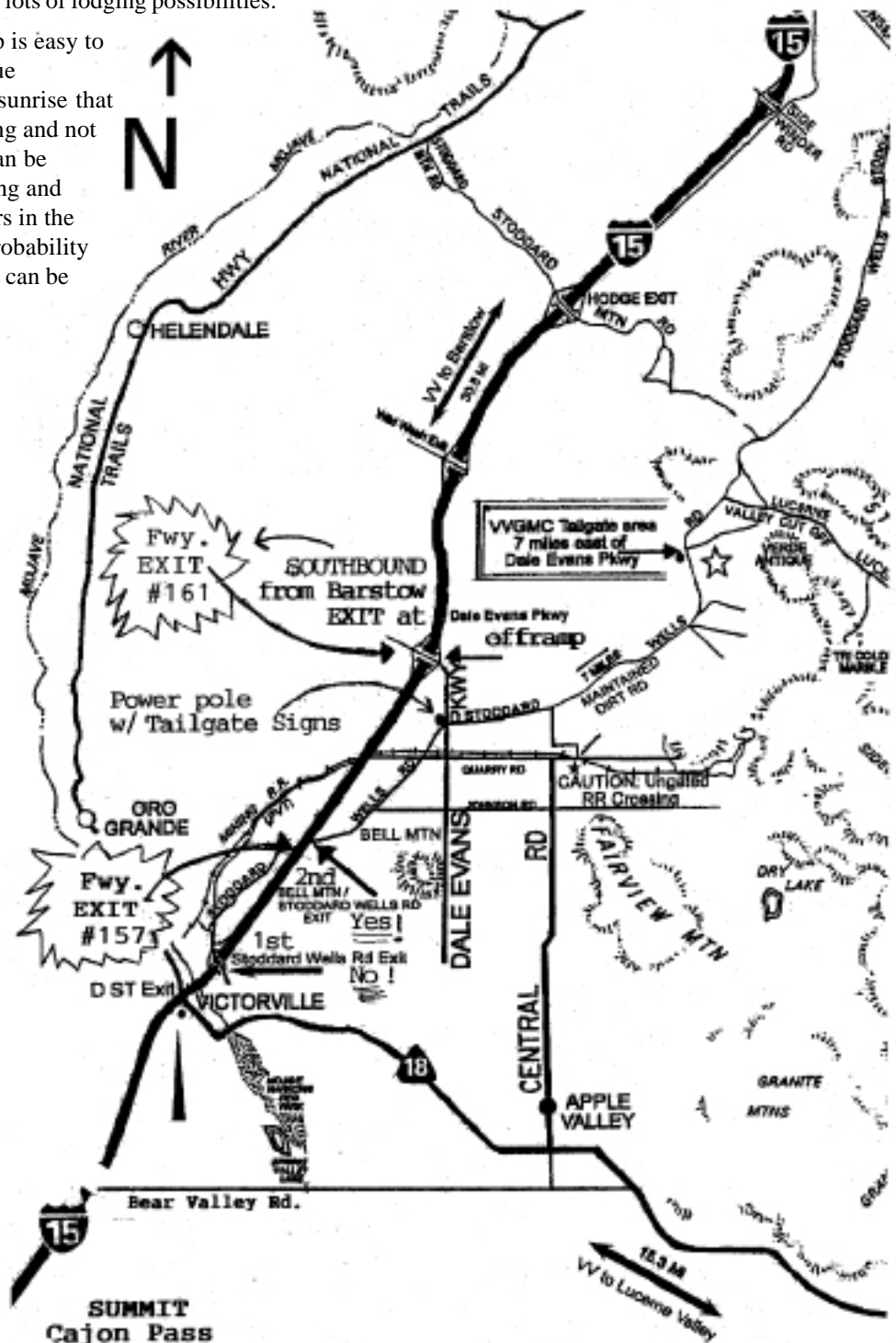
Bring all the usual things like a hat, sunglasses, lunch, sunscreen, water, rock hammer, a bag to put rock into and dress in layers. April can still be cool in the morning and quite warm in the afternoon and downright cold at night.

Since the snakes have already come out because of the warm weather. The common sense things such as not putting your hands where you can't see or not walking between two large bushes because it is a place snakes like to lurk. And dress in loose jeans or pants and wear boots that go over the ankles and of course be aware and look carefully at your surroundings.

It's about being careful and still having fun. I hope to see you out there!

Lost somewhere.....

Joe



Education Report for April

by *Ofelia warthen*

The Education Committee accomplished putting two jewelry-making classes in March. We invited a weaving teacher to teach the bracelet class. She enjoyed teaching the class so much that she signed up as a new member. Her name is Catherine Yip. Welcome Catherine!

Our April class is schedule for Tuesday, April 29th at La Habra Community Center from 6 to 9 p.m. The class will be a basic Silver Smith wire wrap on an oval shape cabochon. This class will fill up real fast, so please sign up early. See attached flyer application. We were returning from Laughlin this past weekend and coming through the Desert was a beautiful blanket of yellow Marigolds. The following article appeared last fall from "Life in La Habra" Magazine.

The Desert Marigold (*Baileya multiradiata*), which means "Mary Gold", is a member of aster family of flowering plants and is native to the southwest part of the United States and Mexico. It has a mounding habit of bright; solid yellow blooms with fine hair-like gray foliage and can reach 12 to 18 inches in height. A prolific bloomer, the marigold's one to two inch flowers grace the plant during the spring and fall months from March through November. It is often seen growing for miles along roads in desert southwest areas, because it thrives in full sun and various poor soil conditions including gravel, sand, loam or clay.

For more information or guidance on suitable plants and trees, please contact the Public Works Department at 562-905-9792.

This is a great time to go out on next Field Trips. You will be astonished to see the beautiful desert spring flowers.all in bloom.



Desert Marigold

Citrus Fair in La Habra April 11, 12, 13 2014

NOC will be located in the same place
by the La Habra Library
as in 2013 shown below



Southern California is Earthquake Country

via LA Times

A 5.1 earthquake centered at La Habra near Los Angeles rolled Southern California Friday evening.

The strong earthquake was felt widely across the region shortly after 9 p.m. PT. The USGS said the epicenter was one mile from Brea, located about 20 miles southeast of downtown Los Angeles, and three miles from Rowland Heights and Fullerton.

Southern California Edison reported power outages to about 2,000 customers following the quake.

The quake triggered a rockslide that closed Carbon Canyon Road in northern Orange County near the center of the quake, the California Highway Patrol and Brea police reported. The rockslide caused a car to overturn, and the people inside the car sustained minor injuries.

A broken water main in Fullerton, not far from the center of the quake, was attributed to the temblor, the Orange County Register reported in a tweet.

The quake was felt as far south as San Diego and as far north as Ventura County, according to citizen responses collected online by The U.S. Geological Survey.

It was followed by more than two dozen aftershocks. The 5.1 quake was preceded by a 3.6 quake an hour earlier.

The larger quake rattled bookshelves across the region, and police and fire officials said they were looking for any damage. Several people who live in the area near the quake posted pictures on social media showing broken glasses and dishes that tumbled from shelves or cabinets.

Los Angeles Department of Public Works said it was sending crews to check dams, bridges and other infrastructure for damage.

Callers to KNX-AM reported seeing a brick wall collapse, water sloshing in a swimming pool, and wires and trees swaying back and forth.

"Tonight's earthquake is the second in two weeks, and reminds us to be prepared," said L.A. Mayor Garcetti. "The Los Angeles Police and Fire Departments have conducted an assessment and report no damage in the City."

U.S. Geological Survey seismologist Lucy Jones at CalTech in Pasadena told the Los Angeles Times that the 5.1 quake has a 5% chance of being a foreshock of an even larger quake. "There could be even a larger earthquake in the next few hours or the next few days," she said.

Preliminary data suggest Friday night's 5.1 magnitude earthquake occurred near the Puente Hills thrust fault, which stretches from the San Gabriel Valley to downtown Los Angeles and caused the 1987 Whittier Narrows earthquake, Jones said.

"It's a place where we've had a lot of earthquakes in the past," she said.

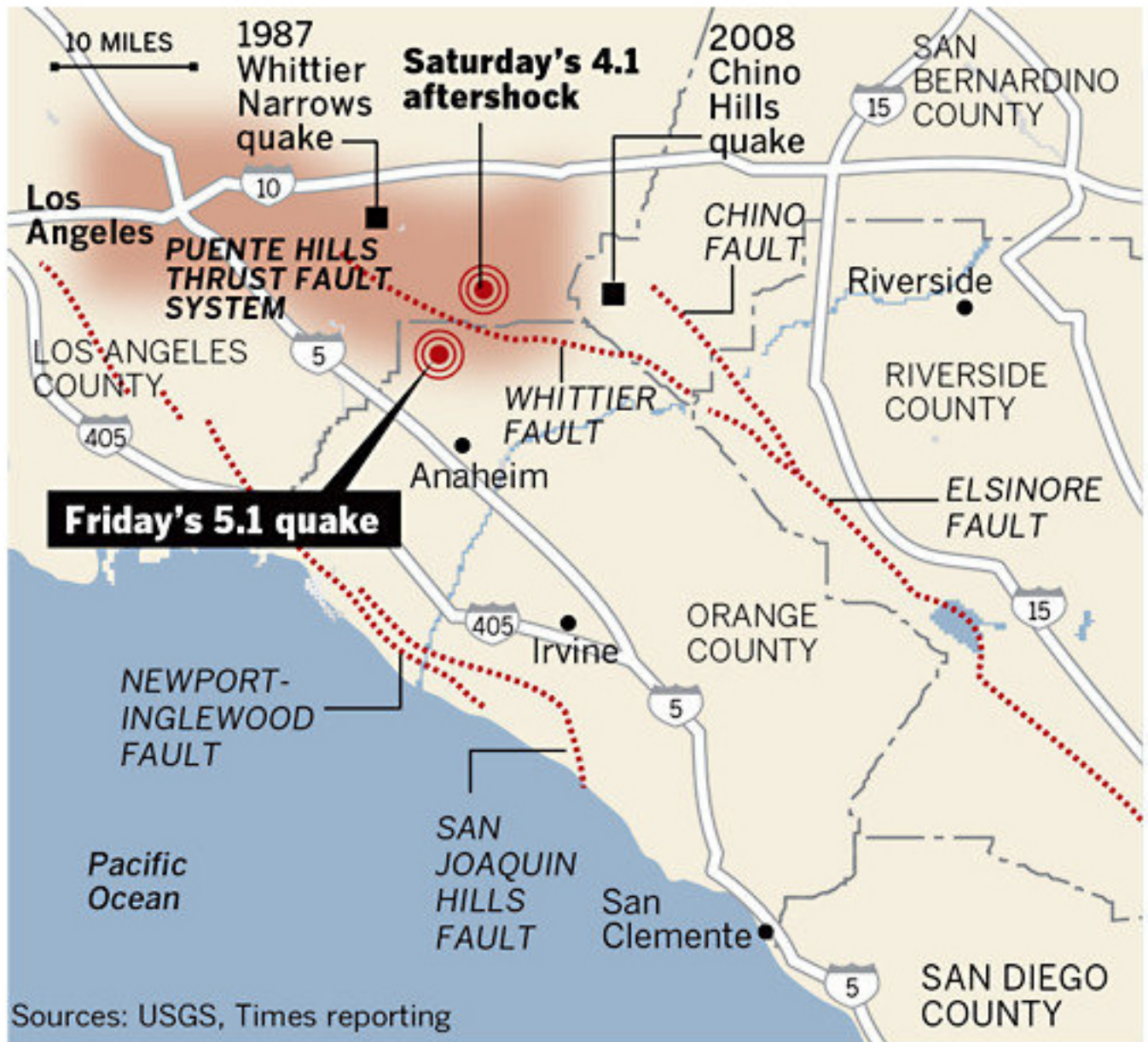
The 5.9 Whittier Narrows quake killed eight people and caused \$360 million in damage.

At Disneyland in Anaheim, rides were stopped as a precaution, the L.A. Times reported.

Friday's quake hit a week after a pre-dawn magnitude-4.4 quake centered in the San Fernando Valley rattled a swath of Southern California. That jolt shook buildings and rattled nerves, but did not cause significant damage.

Southern California has not experienced a damaging earthquake since the 1994 magnitude-6.7 Northridge quake killed several dozen people and caused \$25 billion in damage.

Puente Hills Thrust Fault System

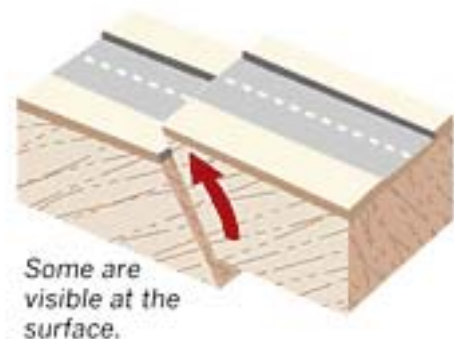


Los Angeles Times

(March 29, 2014)

Thrust Fault

Puente Hills is a blind-thrust fault - completely buried. One block of crust thrusts up and over the other side.



North Orange County Gem & Mineral Society

Beautiful Wire Wrap Pendant Tuesday April 29th, 2014
6:00 to 9:00 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, CA 90631

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

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