

NOC GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY NEWS

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President's Message

by Nancy Bird

I hope this finds everyone well and that you all had a great summer. Thank you to the Valle's for hosting the summer party.

I'm going to be the speaker for the September meeting talking about my summer vacations to New England and then to Dolan Springs, AZ. Come to the meeting! Bring your own show & tell of Tourmalines, Garnets, and whatever you have found or purchased lately.

Liz Steves called me and asked if we would do a booth Saturday, September 20 in front of the opening exhibit of the Historical Society entitled "Small Town-Abundant Talent." I gave her a tentative yes pending approval and support. Sounds like a good way to promote our club. Since the next Board meeting is so close to this date, perhaps we can have a vote before the start of the regular meeting?

I'm been going to the fairly new La Habra Collaborative meetings founded and run by a personal friend from the La Habra Class of '62, Sandie Baltes. The idea is to build a bridge between businesses and non-profits to make our city better. I think we should officially be a part of this and I'll bring it up to the Board. Sandie is head of the school board and was recently awarded La Habra Volunteer of the Year.

" Small Town-Abundant Talent"

The La Habra Historical Society is having a Grand Opening of displays and has asked us if we would like to have a booth outside and each of us sell our work. This would be Sat., Sept. 20. I don't have the time yet, but the Warthens, Loretta Odgen, and Clyeda, and Nancy O'Conner have said yes, so far. I thought we could also set up our geodes.

If you want to participate, let me know.

Nancy

NOC Club Activities

Board Meeting - September 16, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.
at the Community Center

Field Trips - September Sept 20-21 Jalama
Beach

Programs

The September 9 program will be some of the mineral and rock highlights of Nancy Bird's summer vacation *in pictures and samples*. Nancy went to New England to see her family.

Among the many places she went while there was to the Peabody Museum at Harvard, which has the largest mineral collection in the country; her brother's house full of great rocks inside and out; looking for blue Tourmaline in Maine and finding mostly garnets at a fee dig sit; and going to a gem show in Vermont.

Refreshments

Thanks to Loetta Ogden and Armando Pederosa for bringing the goodies to the July meeting.

Jann Cohen and Nancy Bird will bring the goodies to the September meeting.

Date: September 9

Time: 7:00 p.m.

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

Members in the News

Birthdays for July, August and September are on page 3.

Shows and Events

October 1 - 5: JOSHUA TREE, CA

Hi-Desert Rockhounds of Moronga Valley

Sportsman's Club of Joshua Tree

6225 Sunburst Street

Hours: 9 - 6 daily

Contact: Judy & Roger Thompson, (760) 902-5340

Email: HiDesertRockhounds@gmail.com

Website: www.jtsportsmansclub.com/gemshow.htm

October 11 - 12: TRONA, CA

Searles Lake Gem & Mineral Society

Gem & Mineral Building

13337 Main Street

Hours: Sat 7:30 - 5; Sun 7:30 - 4

Jim & Bonnie Fairchild, (760) 372-5356

Email: slgms@iwvisp.com

Website: www1.iwvisp.com/tronagemclub

October 18 - 9: WHITTIER, CA

Whittier Gem & Mineral Society

Whittier Community Center

7630 Washington Ave.

Hours: 10 - 5 daily

(626) 260-53407239

November 8 - 9: ANAHEIM, CA

American Opal Society, Garden Grove

The Phoenix Club - Feshalle

1340 S. Sanderson Ave.

Hours: Sat 9 - 6; Sun 9 - 5

Contact: Veronica Purpura, (714) 501-9959

Email: info@opalsociety.org

Website: www.opalsociety.org

March 7 - 8, 2015: ARCADIA, CA

Monrovia Rockhounds

Los Angeles Arboretum

301 Baldwin Avenue

Hours: 9:00 - 4:30 daily

Contact: Jo Anna Ritchey, (626) 359-1624

Email: joannaritchey@gmail.com

Website: www.Moroks.com

Horse Sense

via The American Legion Magazine

A YOUNG BOY told his father, "Today is Abraham Lincoln's birthday. He was great, wasn't he?"

"Indeed he was," his father replied. "When he was your age he was out splitting rails."

"Yep, and when he was your age, he was president of the United States."



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Members in the News

HAPPY BIRTHDAY and have a wonderful day all of you who were born in July, August, and September.

Members in the news in July.

Norberto Elicker *Ester Elliott*
Kathy Eschbach

Your gemstone is Ruby.
Your flower is Larkspurt or Water Lily.

Members in the news in August.

John Erskine *Sandy Mogan*
Samantha Kilon *Austin Kilon*
Walton Wright *John Elliott II*
Aaron Smith

Your gemstone is Sardonyx
Your flower is Poppy or Gladiolus

Members in the news in September.

Matthew Cooley *Don Eschbach*
Stacy Graham *Randi Hetrick*
Lynn Johnson *Ben McKinstry*
Don Ogden *Loretta Ogden*
Rose Mary Powers *Evelyn Smith*
Dave Swanston *Don Warthen*

Your gemstone is Sapphire
Your flower is Aster or Morning Glory.

Welcome 2 New Members

Terry Smith - Oct. 5
Aaron Smith – Aug. 9

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terrytunezz@gmail.com

Don W

Nominating Committee Report

by Loretta Ogden

Below, are the list of names of those persons nominated by the nominating committee for officers and directors for 2015 and 2016, and the position for which they have been nominated.

This list is published in the SEPTEMBER NOC NEWSLETTER, so the society will be able to review them PRIOR TO THE SEPTEMBER MEETING (9/9/2014).

These names will be read aloud at the September society meeting. Also at that meeting, “**floor**” nominations for any of the positions will be taken from Society members present at the meeting. Any “floor” nominations at that meeting will require that the person being nominated must be present and agree to run for the position.

Actual voting will take place at the October society meeting (10/7/2014).”

PRESIDENT - Ofelia Warthen

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT - Armando Pedroza

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT - Linda Mencken

SECRETARY - Teri Heuer

TREASURER - Don Warthen

FEDERATION DIRECTOR - Loretta Ogden

DIRECTORS

- Don Ogden
- John Erskine
- Grace Piccone
- Heather Bates
- Jann Cohn

Special Museum Exhibit at the Bowers

by Don Warthen via the web



The Bowers Museum will open the latest in a series of exhibits highlighting important treasures from around the world.

Construction worker accidentally uncovered an astounding cache of more the 200 ancient Jades, Tools, Burned Animal Bones, and a Life-Sized statue of a nobleman at Sanxingdui in China. Many scholars have said that this is one of the most important archaeological finds of the 20th century.

I think this would be an educational and fun trip for the club. Any members of the NOC interested in visiting the Bowers as a group in November please contact me or Ofelia and we will set up a date. (the first Sunday of each month is called "Target First Free Sunday", November 2nd).

2014 Field Trip Schedule

Sept 20-21 Jalama Beach: Agate, jasper, petrified whale bone, travertine onyx, Marcasite and fossils.

Oct 11-12 Searles Lake Club Show & field trips: Pink halite crystals & borax minerals.

Nov 1-2 Whittier Claim Area: honey onyx, agate, jasper, palm root, etc.

Nov 28-30 Wiley's Well Area: Annual CFMS field trip for geodes, agates and other good stuff.

For up-to-date information on these field trips call Joe Goetz at (626)-622-9420.

NOC September 2014 Education Report

*by Ofelia Warthen,
Education Chairperson*

After a well deserved summer vacation, its time to get back to our much sought after education classes. Our next class is scheduled for September 23 at La Habra Community Center, from 6 to 9 p.m.

The project consists of a multiple copper leaves attached to a chain together with turquoise and coral beads fabricated by the student. It should be lots of fun and beautiful as featured in the attached application. Classes fill up very fast, so please submit as soon as possible.

Last year, the Education Committee participated at the La Habra High School Highlander Car Show, which benefits the Marching Band and Colorguard. We have been invited again this year to participate on September 13 held at La Habra High school parking lot. The Committee thought it was a great idea to promote the club and submitted application to participate. We will again be demonstrating and promoting our Club, and show all the wonderful things we do in the community. We welcome everyone to come out and participate. The show starts at 9 a.m. with set up at 6:30. Just one day!

The La Habra Chamber called to inform us about 2015 Citrus Fair scheduled for May 1, 2, 3, 2015, and wanting our Gem Show participation at this time in collaboration with the City and making it a bigger connection with us and the FFA from Sonora (animal fair). Several NOC members met in mid July with the Chamber together with the City to discuss. Timing is of the essence as the City is already scheduling and filling up next year events. We were told that the first two weeks in June were already signed up. We will continue discussion with Show Committee and coordinating many issues on this event. We appreciate member input.

Scheduled Classes

September 23 - Copper leaf

October 28 - Chinese Knotting

November 18 - Holiday Project

Meeting Minutes June 10 , 2014

by Teri Heuer

Location: La Habra Community Center

7:00 p.m Meeting started with the flag salute. Nancy Bird opened the floor to the meeting. Our returning guest speaker Patrick and spoke about rock-hounding in our local Mountains

Break for refreshments which was and ice cream sundae station and sales of raffle tickets.

General Meeting: President Nancy Bird called the meeting to order. Minutes of the last general meeting were accepted. Don Warthen absent Loretta Ogden gave the report concerning the show proceeds. Education committee chair Ofelia Warthen absent.

Meeting ends at 8:50 p.m.

California Landscape Is Changing

via web

California is hearing into it's third year of drought and it's gotten so bad it's actually caused the ground to rise. Scientists in San Diego discovered that **mountains** in some area have grown "**half and inch**" because there's no water to weigh them down.

The state is currently at an alarming Stage 4 level of drought and an estimated 62 trillion gallons of water are missing.

Hundreds of residents have run out of tap water, the National Weather Service reports some 4,000 wildfires have destroyed more than 80,000 acres this year and the wine industry is taking a hit - which also suffered setbacks from the 6.0 magnitude earthquake.

The severe conditions are Experts estimate the severe conditions will cost the state more than 17,000 jobs in the agriculture industry - as well as \$2.2 billion this year.

NOC Website Email

from Nancy Hopeck
n.hopeck@goodwincc.org

Hello,

I'd like to introduce myself..I'm Nancy! I'm a peer mentor at our local community center. The group of kids that I'm mentoring wanted me to email you on their behalf and tell you that your page, <http://nocgms.com/links/links.htm>, has great resources.

When the kids were looking for more resources, they had the brilliant idea to email you a resource they found, <http://www.myjewelrybox.com/articles/myjewelryboxcoms-guide-to-rocks-diamonds-and-minerals/> . Your other web visitors may find this resource interesting and useful, like the kids did.

I wanted to surprise the kids with a healthy lunch party, if their suggested resource is added. (Also, for their efforts as well of course.)

So, if it's something you add, let me know! The kids would love contribute to your page.

Nancy Hopeck

Youth Committe Check

from Don Warthen

Hi Everyone

We will be presenting the check to the Youth Committee this year at the City Council meeting on Monday Sept. 15th at 6:30 p.m.

We would like to have as many people from the NOC present as possible. Please try to arrive there a little early as we are usually first or second on the agenda, also please let me know if are planning to be there.

The Ghost Town of Bodie, CA

via Palmdale Hill & Gully

The town of Bodie rose to prominence with the decline of mining along the western slope of the Sierra Nevada. Prospectors crossing the eastern slope in 1859 to search for gold discovered what to be the Comstock Lode at Virginia City and started a wild rush to the surrounding high desert country.

By 1879, Bodie boasted a population of about 10,000 and was second to none for wickedness, badmen, and “the worst climate out of doors.” One little girl, whose family was taking her to the remote and infamous town, wrote in her diary: “Goodbye God, I’m going to Bodie.” This phrase came to be known throughout the west.

Watch Video -- desertusa.com



A stormy day at the Ghost Town of Bodie, CA

California State Prehistoric Artifact

via web



In 1985, an artifact made from volcanic rock was unearthed at Allan O Kelly Archaeological Dig overlooking the Agua Hedionda Lagoon in Carlsbad, California in San Diego County. Archaeologists noted a 2.5” long by 1.5” piece of meta-volcanic rock that looked a lot like a bear. It was fashioned by California Indians around 7,000 to 8,000 years ago. Created in the way that they made arrowheads or spear points, the stone artifact displayed marking of being chipped into a specific form. The unique shape gave speculation that the small item might have had some religious connotations to the local members of the Luiseno and Juaneno Indian Tribes.

This prehistoric artifact is called the “*Chipped Stone Bear*” and is the Official California State Prehistoric Artifact, as adopted by the California Legislature on June 24, 1991. As an effigy in prehistoric times, it is still revered today as one of the earliest examples of representational art recovered in the Western United States.



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