

NOC GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY NEWS

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President's Message

by Ofelia Warthen

We started the new year with great exciting member participation! The following new members have volunteered to perform the following duties: Raffle Chair, Grace Piccone; Membership Chair, Linda Mencken; Refreshment Chair, Marjorie Bush; These members have stood up to perform, what a wonderful example. We thank you!

Our first January meeting was very exciting with a great informative presentation on Opals by Gabriel Mosesson of Ethiopia Imports. We all absorbed a great lesson on Opals. After the presentation, Gabriel displayed rare opals for sale that members took advantage in purchasing.

We had several guest of which two signed up as new members. Welcome to Ercheng Zhu and Amy Nielson with her two children, Troy and Natalie, who also signed up as Future Rockhounds of America. Also joining our FRA is Gigi Belevick. Gigi will be doing a short presentation at February meeting.

Our new BOARD OF DIRECTORS and Committee Chairpersons met on January 21, 2015 at the La Habra Community Center. Lots of discussion with everyone having a voice. Great suggestions were made for our future growth. New Committees were established. It's so encouraging when you see everyone getting involved, this is a "marvelous good thing"!

Have you seen our new Website (nocgms.com)? Our Editor and Web Master, Don Ogden, has created an outstanding Web site. Please take a look. I asked Don Ogden if he would like to print our members inputs in our monthly bulletin. Yes, he said,

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NOC Club Activities

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

Next Board and Show Meeting - Feb. 18

Field Trips - Feb. 15 Tajiguas Creek

Programs

Feb. 11 - Our speaker will be Stan McCall who will be presenting the art of wax casting. Stan an accomplished lapidary artist and jeweler and owner of Custom Creative Gem Cutting.

web site - home.earthlink.net/~custom-creative/

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Refreshments

Thanks to Stella Bedwell and Ofelia Warthen for bringing the goodie to the January meeting. Linda Mencken and Grace Piccone will bring the goodies to the February meeting.

Date: Wed. February 11

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 February.

Nancy Bird Alan Heuer

Veronica Corona Del Smith

Your gemstone is Amethyst

Your flower is Primrose or Violet

Shows and Events

Feb 13-22 INDIO, CA.

San Gorgonio Mineral & Gem Society
Riverside County Fair & National Date Festival
82-503 Highway 11
Hours: 10 - 10 daily

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

March 7 - 8, 2015: VENTURA, CA

Ventura Gem & Mineral Society
Ventura County Fairgrounds
10 West Harbor Blvd.
Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4
Contact: Krishna Juarez, (805) 323-6725
Email: info@VGMS.org
Website: www.vgms.org

Mar 13-15 VICTORVILLE, CA.

Victorville
Valley Gem &
Mineral Society
Stoddard Wells Road & Hwy 15
Hours: 9 - 5 daily
Website: www.vvgmc.org/tailgate

March 14 - 15, 2015: SAN MARINO, CA

Pasadena Lapidary Society
San Marino Masonic Center
3130 Huntington Drive
Hours: Sat 10 - 6, Sun 10 - 5
Contact: Marcia Goetz, (626) 260-7239
Email: joenmar1@verizon.net
Website: www.pasadenalapidarysociety.org

May 1, 2, 3, 2015: La HabraCA

North Orange Co. Gem & Mineral Society

La Habra Community Center

101 W. La Habra Blvd.

Hours: Fri 4 - 8; Sat/Sun 10- 5 both days

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have members write a few words what makes them proud and excited to belong to North Orange County Gem & Mineral Society. So please e-mail him on what you want to show and tell, what you have created, collected or what you like to volunteer in.

As Members of La Habra Chamber, all are invited to attend every Thursday at Corner Bakery in La Habra. Many ongoing activities are acknowledged. One is our education fundraiser "Quartermania" scheduled for Tuesday, February 10, At the Community Center. Your Education Committee will be directing it, all members are invited..

Our next General Meeting is February 11th at the La Habra Community Center, 6:45 P.M. with a great presentation. See Armando Pedroza announcement. Our next Board of Directors Meeting schedule for February 18th at same location. All are invited.

Bring your "Show & Tell" to our next general membership meeting. This will be part of our program every month. Our goal is to continue our Mission Statement: EDUCATION OF EARTH SCIENCE BY SHARING.

Thank you, Ofelia Warthen, President

Meetings

Regular meetings are held differently this year as follows:

Jan 14 and **Feb 11** (second Wednesday)

Mar 4 (first Wednesday)

Apr 8 (second Wednesday)

May 12 (second Tuesday)

Jun 10 (second Wednesday)

No meetings July, August

Sep 9 and **Oct 14** (second Wednesday)

Nov 4 (first Wednesday)

Dec 9 (second Wednesday)

Future Rockhounds of America 2015 Setup Club with 4-H Youth

by Ofelia Warthen

1. A few months ago, sometime last August 2014, I met Mrs. Laura Castillo who is leader of La Habra 4-H group. She wanted information about our Future Rockhounds of America.

2. We made plans for her group to attend the Whittier Gem Show on October 19, 2014. We had over 20 children that participated. Everybody stopped and watch the excitement these children created touching and talking to dealers and demonstrators. We made plans to schedule meeting again.

3. We had a hard time finding a place to meet. Finally Laura persuaded her church to donate space.

4. We all met with Laura and the youth and parents on Saturday, December 13, 2014 at 14061 – 2nd Street, Whittier, Ca. (Church). Discussed the program. Donald Warthen (husband) and myself introduced forming a rock collection. All youth were told to save an egg carton of 12. We would start with one rock each month session describing the rock. We gave each one an obsidian arrowhead. This brought much excitement.

5. At the end of our meeting, twelve (12) children and parents signed to join North Orange County Gem & Mineral Society.

6. Plans were made to meet every second Saturday of each month at same location.

7. Met January 10, 2015. Project was making a fossil. Most exciting, messy, & enjoyable project by all. Parents helped with clean-up. Don Ogden presented DVD on Fossils. Very attentive students, full of questions.

8. Next scheduled event is on February 07, 2015 field trip to Ralph B. Clark Park & Museum at 8800 Rosecrans Ave., Buena Park, Ca. 90621 start 9:30 a.m. for digging fossils on site. Potluck Picnic to follow with all members invited.

Stan McCall

via home.earthlink.net/~custom-creative/

Stan McCall is the owner of Custom Creative Gem Cutting. He is an accomplished Lapidary Artist and Jeweler and offers the following services: custom lapidary projects, opal cutting, damaged opal restoration, custom cabochon and bead cutting, faceting, inlay jewelry repair, fire agate cutting, creative gemstone carving, custom made jewelry, and jewelry repair.

He sells loose gemstones including Gem Quality Fire Agate, Lightning Ridge Black Opal, Boulder Opal, Yowah Nut Opal, Mexican Opal, and gem opal triplets.

He also sell natural opal rough and synthetic opal rough.

If you live in the greater Los Angeles and orange county areas, He is available by appointment.



Dinosaur Bone, Druzy Pyrite, Black Onyx, Sterling Silver



Turquoise, Malachite, Crysocolla, Cuprite, Black Onyx, Sterling Silver



Petrified Palm, Agate, Onyx, Fire Aget, Black Onyx. Y/G



Malachite, Sugilite, Black Onyx, Sterling Silver



Malachite, Sugilite, Black Onyx, Sterling Silver



Magnesite, Turquoise, Sugilite, Black Onyx, Sterling Silver



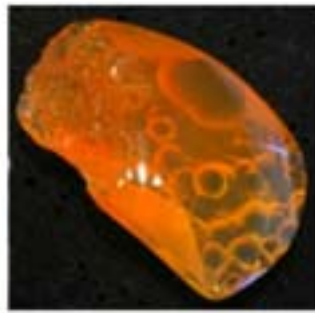
Petrified Palm, Agate, onyx, Sterling Silver



Labradorite, Abalone, Black Onyx, Sterling Silver



Bolder Opal



Mexican Opal



Lightning Ridge Crystal Opal



Mexican Fire Opal

Meeting Minutes January 14, 2015

by Teri Heuer

President Ofelia Warthen opened the meeting to begin at 7:00 p.m.

Our Flag salute was led by Richard O'Connor.

President Ofelia Warthen requested that if we could all take moment of silence in honor of the passing of our Director John Erskine.

Armando Pedroza announced our presenter. The presentation was on Ethiopian opals where they are collected.

Break for snacks

Drawing for the raffle presented by Director Grace Piccone

October minutes accepted as corrected Loretta Ogden made a motion to accept Russell 2nd the motion

November minutes to be submitted at the next board meeting

Treasurer report given by Don Warthen refer to the hand out of the report. Need to work on some fundraisers.

Bill and Izzie fund in honor of John Erskine \$25.00 Motion to accept the budget as proposed Loretta Ogden Clyeda Tezak second

Refreshment list is being passed around for this year's snack breaks.

Federation report – The Federation can only work when clubs that belong to the federation volunteer.

Education report – Wire Wrap blistered pearl the sign up through the city of La Habra copper silver bracelet beautiful agate.

Walk Yourself Healthy

via Feb American Legion Magazine

Every hour you spend walking may add two hours to your life, according to WebMD. But it's important to stay injury-free while you do it. Here are the WebMD tips:

Wear comfy, well-fitting shoes. An make sure to replace them after three to six months.

Start with a warm-up. Start at a strolling pace for 5 to 10 minutes, then increase your speed.

Set goals. Aim for four to six walks every week. Beginners may want to aim for 20 to 30 minutes.

Stand tall. Posture is important.

Stride naturally. "Point your toes and knees forward. Straighten your front leg, but don't lock your knee. Try to land on your heel instead of the middle or front of your foot."

Swing your arms. Allowing your arms to swing freely helps you to move faster.

Cool Down. Walk at a slower pace for 5 to 10 minutes at the end of your walking workout. Don't forget to stretch.

Future Rockhounds of America (FRA)

Report by Ofelia Warthen & Laura Castillo

Our first FRA meeting on January 10, 2015 was held at First Presbyterian Church, located 14061 Second Street, Whittier, Ca. The FRA Students participated in making a fossil out of plaster paris. Later watched a DVD on fossils from Wyoming presented by our Editor, Don Ogden. The excitement was out of this world!

Next FRA meeting will be a field trip on February 07, 2015 starting at 9:30 a.m. digging for fossils on site of Ralph B. Clark Regional Park located at 8800 Rosecrans Ave., Buena Park, Ca. The Center features fossils found in Orange County. The original residents in Orange County are now fossils.

Please see attached flyer for more details or call Ofelia Warthen at 626-826-8974.

A Pot Luck Picknic to follow the fossil digging around 11:00 a.m. with all members invited. NOC will provide hamburgers. Please RSVP. Remember next NOC General Meeting is Wednesday, February 11, 2015 @ 6:45 p.m..

Education Committee

by Loretta Ogden

We had our first class with the city. It was what I would call very successful for the first time. Don and Ofelia did a wonderful job designing and teaching. We had 7 happy students going home with their piece they created for themselves.

Our next class is a sterling silver bracelet. It is designed for the student to learn to make chain and add other elements to the piece. This design is embellishment friendly. Come join us, you are guaranteed to be happy with your bracelet and have a good time also.



2015 Multi-Club Field Trip Schedule

February 15: Tajiguas Creek - Exploring the coast north of Santa Barrara for fossilized whale bone and marine life (approx. 140 mi. - 2 1/2 hr.).

Leader: Andrew Hoekstra.

Meet: 10 a.m. at McDonalds, 6900 Market Place Drive, Goleta, CA

February 21-22 - Opeational trip with the Searchers to collect blue calcite near Lake Havasu, AZ.

Federation Report

by Loretta Ogden

Just home from Quartzite, where I did no Federation business but did see many members. The weather was nice, just a little cool and mostly sunny.

I attended the memorial service for Beverly Moreau. Beverly was the CFMS President when Don Ogden constructed and became the web master of the Federation website. Beverly had the foresight to see how important the internet would become in all of our lives and she fought for it.

She taught beads stringing and pearl knotting at the Whittier Senior Center with our new member Frances Lau. Beverly collected old and a little off color songs and would sing them at special events and Senior Homes. We had the pleasure of her entertaining at one of our Award Banquets.

Toward the end of her life she devoted herself to working with her church to help the homeless and disadvantaged and from the amount of people that attended her service she made her mark.

I am telling you all this because if I had not been federation director I would not have had the opportunity to meet her. I think this means that when the opportunity knocks on the door we should always open it. As a club we have so much opportunity to meet not only our members but at our events when we go out in the community and with the Chamber even more. The same goes for the Federation. Keep in mind “widen your horizons”.



Beverly Moreau CFMS President in 1998

Quartzsite 1/24/2015

Moroccan Fossils



The Last Scribe Meeting in Quartzsite



Sunset over Quartzsite



Future Rockhounds of America First Meeting Making Fossils - 1/10/2015



Ralph B. Clark Regional Park presents

Family Fossil Day

Come explore Clark Park's rich fossil history!

*Program includes a trip to our marine fossil site for adults and children
6-years-old and older.*

SET ASIDE THE FOLLOWING SATURDAYS:

February 07, 2015

May 02, 2015

September 12, 2015

December 05, 2015

Meet at the Park's Interpretive Center.

The 3-hour program begins promptly at 9:30 a.m.

RAIN OR SHINE!

RALPH B. CLARK REGIONAL PARK

8800 Rosecrans Avenue

Buena Park, CA 90621

Call: (714) 973-3170 for information & directions.

Reservations are not needed - It's first-come, first-served.

BRING A PICNIC LUNCH AND STAY AND ENJOY THE PARK AFTERWARDS!

**PARKING: \$5.00 PER VEHICLE.
ADMISSION TO PROGRAM: FREE!**

Courtesy of the Orange County Board of Supervisors and OC Parks.

