

# NOC GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY NEWS

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## President's Message

*by Ofelia Warthen*

Our February general meeting was exceptionally stimulating. Having a couple of our young Future Rockhounds of America stand up taking over the floor. They expressed their experience of attending the February 7 Fossil Dig field trip at the Ralph B. Clark Park Museum.

One of FRA members, Andrew Sprowls, expressed his fossil dig trip as one of a kind exciting field trip. His father, Richard Sprowls and his three children attended the meeting. Gigi Belevick also showed her find of a beautiful tourmaline gem quality stone at a Pala mine field trip she took with her Dad, Russell. She expressed her find as being "awesome". "We all think she and Andrew are very "awesome" young members. Thank you for your participation.

Our February meeting speaker was Stan McCall. presented how to prepare a detailed wax casting project. Following presentation, Stan showed some of his "one of kind" casting jewelry. This month program should be just as exciting, please see our program chairman, Armando Pedroza's announcement.

Reports on Education, Treasurer, Membership, Refreshment, and Gem Show were given. Speaking of Gem Show, May 1, 2, 3. Volunteers are needed. We will start refurbishing a few showcases and updating banners We cannot sit on the side line and make it all happen. So please raise your hand and volunteer!

***Don't forget our Wednesday, March 4 General Meeting, This month is the first Wednesday all others are on Second Wednesday.*** I am sorry for our meeting date changes but the Community Center has other civic priorities and have to change our meeting dates. Our Directors Meeting is March 18, all are welcome.

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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 - Mar. 18*

Field Trips - Stoddard Wells Tailgate Mar. 13-15

Lavic Siding - Mar.21-22

## Programs

March 4 - Our speaker will be Jason Badgly collector of jaspers and agates in the southwestern states. Featured in Collecting Agates & Jasper of North America by Patti Polk. Jason is pictured on page 25.

## Refreshments

Thanks to Linda Mencken and Grace Piccone for bringing the goodie to the February meeting. Teri Heuer and Margie Bush will bring the goodies to the February meeting.

**Date:** 1st Wed. March 4

**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 March.

*Dori Cooley*                      *Virginia Grafton*

*Tori Mynes*                      *Valeria Ruzgys*

*Ray Smith*                      *Jay Valle*

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

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## Shows and Events

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### **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](mailto:joannaritchey@gmail.com)  
Website: [www.Moroks.com](http://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](mailto:info@VGMS.org)  
Website: [www.vgms.org](http://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](http://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](mailto:joenmar1@verizon.net)  
Website: [www.pasadenalapidarysociety.org](http://www.pasadenalapidarysociety.org)

### **March 28 - 29: TORRANCE, CA**

South Bay Lapidary & Mineral Society  
Torrance/Ken Miller Recreation Center  
3341 Torrance Blvd (off Madrona Ave.)  
Hours: Sat. 10 - 5; Sun. 10 - 4  
Contact: Richard Egger, (310) 291-9855  
Email: [EGGERJ87@gmail.com](mailto:EGGERJ87@gmail.com)

### **April 18 - 19: THOUSAND OAKS, CA**

Conejo Gem & Mineral Club  
Borchard Park Community Center  
190 Reino Road at Borchard Road  
Hours: 10 - 5 daily  
Contact: Robert Sankovich, (805) 494-7734  
Email: [rmsorca@roadrunner.com](mailto:rmsorca@roadrunner.com)  
Website: [www.cgamc.org](http://www.cgamc.org)

### **April 25 - 26: LANCASTER, CA**

Antelope Valley Gem & Mineral Society  
Lancaster High School  
44701 - 32nd Street West  
Hours: 10 - 5 daily  
Contact: CJ Quitoriano, (661) 209-9092  
Website: [www.avgem.weebly.com](http://www.avgem.weebly.com)

### **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  
Contact: Don Warthen (562) 330-8974  
Email: [odwarthen@verizon.net](mailto:odwarthen@verizon.net)  
Website: [nocgms.com](http://nocgms.com)



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**May 2 - 3, 2015: ANAHEIM, CA**  
Searchers Gem & Mineral Society  
Brookhurst Community Center  
2271 W. Crescent Avenue  
Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4  
Contact: Margaret Hogarth, (909) 815-3045  
Email: Hogarth.m@gmail.com  
Website: www.searchersrocks.org

**June 27 - 28: CULVER CITY, CA**  
Culver City Rock & Mineral Club  
Veterans Memorial Auditorium  
4117 Overland Blvd (@ Culver Blvd, near the  
405 & 10 Freeways)  
Hours: Sat 10 - 6; Sun 10 - 5  
Contact: Janice Metz  
Email: janicemtz@yahoo.com  
Website: www.culvercityrocks.org

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## Lapidary Jokes fo the Discerning Rockhounds

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*by Suzanna Day  
via South Bay Lapidary & Mineral Society Agatizer*

Q: Why did the prospector throw his ore samples away?"

A: He took them for granite.

Q: Why did the prospector take a bath with his rock samples?

A: Because they were soapstones.

Q: Why did the prospector make his mother carry his ore samples?

A: He thought it was a mother lode.

Did you know the rear end of a trilobite is called a trilbutt?

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## Future Rockhounds March 2015 Report

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*by Ofelia Warthen*

Our Future Rockhounds met February 7 to discussed naming their group and after a unanimous vote came up with the official name of "ROCK N RUBIES". Their next meeting will be March 14 at 14601 Second Street, Whittier at 1 PM. They continue to work on their Fossil project badge with the help of members Don Warthen and Don Ogden. Thank you, Liason and leader, Laura Castillo for coordinating FRA participation in our coming May 1, 2, 3, Gem Show.

All NOC members are welcome to join and help teach. We have an amazing diverse storehouse of individual knowledge. Just one member a month committing to help with a presentation or activity will carry us through our first year. We need to have a club commitment, not the project of any single individual. Remember our future rockhounds are depending on us to help fulfill their unending enthusiasm on learning earth sciences.

Please call me or Laura to schedule a project you like to teach.

### **From our March AFMS Newsletter**

Some books you may want to consult to satisfy the curiosity of our junior members about rocks.

Eric Chaline, *Fifty Minerals that Changed the Course of History* (Firefly Books, 2012) How rocks, metals, and gemstones have been used in creative ways throughout recorded history and prehistory.

Chris & Helen Pellant, *1000 Facts on Rocks & Minerals* (Sandy Creek, 2004). From what is a rock to what is my birthstone? To how do volcanoes form? While the Web is easy & convenient, that doesn't make it right. Not everything you read in the Web is true.

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## IT's Alive!

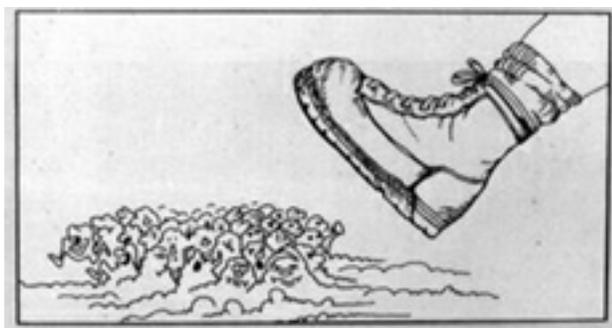
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Along the trails, you may notice patches of black crust on the soil (through early stages of development are nearly invisible). Known as "cryptobiotic crust", it is a mixture of cyanobacteria, mosses, lichen, fungi, and algae.

This remarkable plant community holds the desert sands together, absorbs moisture, produces nutrients, and provides seedbeds for other plants to grow.

This crust is so fragile that one footprint can wipe out years of growth.

**Please don't walk on it. Stay on trails!**



This sign is in the Arches National Park, Utah, USA. Probably one of the few signs in the world that says, in effect: ***Please don't walk on our microorganisms!***

As can be seen this could have a larger impact on access to collecting sites in the Western United States where arid conditions exist. Soon walking to collecting sites may be considered off limits.

More information on Desert Crust may be found on the following websites:

Cryptobiotic Crust in the Sonoran Desert  
Institute of Cell and Molecular Biology,

The University of Edinburgh  
cyanobacteria and the cryptobiotic crust  
The Desert's Lichen Crust - Desert USA  
Desert Varnish & Lichen Crust

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## Field Trip Lavic Siding March 21 and 22

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*by Joe Goetz*

The March field trip will be to the Lavic Siding Jasper area. There are few places you can go and, once there, you park and step out of your vehicle and start collecting immediately. Lavic is one such place. In the bowl where our camp is, there are smaller pieces of jasper in various colors and patterns. The area to explore is quite a large one; it actually starts a couple of miles to the west. However, it is more concentrated closer to camp. There is also areas south of the railroad tracks and north across the freeway are the Southern Cady Mountains with all of the different materials that can be collected there.

Besides all the great rock to collect is the chance to see things beyond what is seen from the freeway and, of course, the development of new friendships and people who will guide you as you start this great hobby!

You **MUST** notify me at (626) 620-7239 in advance if you are planning to attend the field trip. You may ask "What should I bring?" or "Where will we meet?" or "If I camp or motel camp - what are the options?" Well, there are answers to all these questions on the **LAVIC** link on the Calendar page of our website.

Be at the camp site or meeting spot designated on the website maps before 8:30 a.m. each morning that you are attending for briefing.

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## From AL Magazine

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WHY do people wear shamrocks on Saint Patrick's Day? Because regular rocks are too heavy.

WHY WAS an archaeologist depressed? His career was in ruins.

WHATS BC? Before computers.

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## Stoddard Wells Tailgate

March 13-15 - - 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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*From March 2015 South Bay Lapidary & Mineral Society Agatizer*

The Victor Valley Rock and Mineral Club will be hosting their annual tailgate rock and mineral swap meet. It is close enough for a day trip, but you can also camp out and spend the weekend.

### DIRECTIONS:

1. Take the I-15 north thru Victorville toward Barstow.

*NOTE: Do not take the first Stoddard Wells Rd. exit but the second Bell Mountain Stoddards Wells road.*

2. Turn off to the right at **Bell Mountain-Stoddard Wells Road** off-ramp and go north on Stoddard Wells Rd. at the intersection.

3. Go 4 miles to next STOP at Dale Evans Pkwy.

4. Continue 7 miles on Stoddard Wells Rd. to the "Tailgate." -- The 7 mile road becomes a graded dirt road about 4/10 of a mile from the Dale Evans Pkwy Intersection.

Cars & RVs can make it with ease and care. "Tailgate" signs along route. You can park at the swap meet and start browsing .

If you are going to camp, drive on up past the sellers and camp at the top of the road, just next to the mountain, where the club members will be. This is a dry camp, so bring your own water. There are plenty of portable toilets provided by the host club.

If you come up for the day, just pack a sandwich and drinks, and enjoy sampling the many home baked goods for sale by the Victor Valley Club.

What to look for: Verde Antique Marble, "black jade", Hematite, and Epidote

**MAP** : Available at: [www.vvgmc.org/tailgate](http://www.vvgmc.org/tailgate).

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## John Erskine

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*by Loretta Ogden*

He was a special asset to our club. He taught me so well about budgets that the year I was show chairman and he was treasurer, he was my shadow and consequently we made a lot of money and came in \$1000.00s under budget

John was a guardian with a vocabulary that all from politicians to CEO's and myself understood. John had gone from being an actor, director to being a vice president of a large company. We will all miss him and sympathize with his wife Wendy and his daughters. I will always remember him as "my favorite bean counter".

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## Federation Report

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*by Loretta Ogden*

Save the weekend of June 12-14 2015 for the federation show. What more could you want rocks and wine tasting. If we get a group of people we can maybe carpool up there. Think about it.

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## Education Report

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*by Loretta Ogden*

We had a great class this month. Everyone caught on quickly so we were able to make a pair of earrings to go with our bracelet. Seven pairs and seven different designs, "made my heart proud"

Next month Frances Lau will be teaching pearl knotting. This may seem boring but it is very close to therapy. Very relaxing and you end up with a beautiful classic piece of jewelry. Mr. Lau supplies our pearls from his pearl farm in china. He also sells crystals, chain, clasps and beads in other materials.

Plan to attend this class. You will never have to have your pearls restrung again.

## Meeting Minutes February 11 2015

*by Teri Heuer*

### Flag Salute

President Ofelia Warthen called the meeting to order 7:52 p.m.

There were 19 members and 2 guests present.

Armando Pedroza announced that Stan McCall would be giving a presentation on Wax carving.

Break for snacks and refreshments after the presentation. Thank you Grace Piccone and Linda Mecken for bringing the refreshments.

Approve the minutes, Loretta Ogden make a motion to accept the minutes 2<sup>nd</sup> by Russell Belevick and the minutes were approved as written.

Future Rockhound of America GiGi Belevick presented her rock collecting specimens. Thank you GiGi.

Future Rockhound Andrew Sprowls Spoke about Fossil dig at Clark Park

Ofelia Warthen President spoke about our having show and Tell from members each month.

Loretta Ogden spoke about their trip to quartzite. Main prize for the show ammonite fossil 20 inch size. Next year maybe we could have a club field trip to quartzite.

Raffle by Grace Piccone. Grace had some great raffle prizes tonight.

Education report by Loretta Ogden - A very good wire wrap class in January and every one had a great time. The Sterling Silver bracelet class is scheduled for February, cost \$50 and 6 people signed up so far.. Space available.

Field Trip Armando 2/15/2015 Tejas creek above Santa Barbara pick up a field trip year schedule.

Treasure report – Don Warthen Verbal report Scholarship Report given by Don Warthen he said Alan Heuer has been working on the applications for this years scholarship

Next Wednesday board of Directors meeting – show meeting

Federation Report- No report given

Refreshments for March Teri Heuer and Majorie Bush

Russell Belevick asked how many dealers....

Teri Heuer asked for the members to start looking through their items and select items donate to the club. Please bring donated items to the general club meetings or make arrangements with Teri Heuer [terishelp@yahoo.com](mailto:terishelp@yahoo.com) 951-640-2923 suggested items...Nice rock specimens, nice jewelery pieces or purchase gift cards or a made basket of different items. Thank you ahead of time for your generous donations they are greatly needed and appreciated.

Teri Heuer is in charge of the raffle ticket disbursements. If you have picked up your tickets you may pay for your packets either at one of the general meetings or at the Gem Show. Each member is required to sell (or use for themselves) 24 tickets. Each packet contains 24 tickets which are either \$1.00 each or 6 tickets for \$5.00. These tickets are a great way to promote our show as the tickets need to be put in the raffle drum to be entered in to win. Please if you have not picked up your tickets packet and you know a member that cannot make it to the club meetings have them contact Teri Heuer [terishep@yahoo.com](mailto:terishep@yahoo.com) Subject line: NOC tickets or call 951-640-2923 to make arrangements to get the members their tickets.

Meeting Dates – Community Center next month March 4<sup>th</sup> first Wednesday.

Clyeta Tezak ask for donations of old throw away craft use jewelery

Speaker for next month Adam Dean Agate Hunter/Artist Cady Mountains Master Lapidary well known in the Mojave collecting area

Chamber of Commerce enterprise group highlight a group Our NOC is being highlighted. Corner of Imperial and Idaho pastries and coffee/Tea at 8:00am

Meeting adjourned 8:55 p.m.

For Corrections or comments please email Secretary Teri Heuer [terishelp@yahoo.com](mailto:terishelp@yahoo.com) 951-640-2923

## Paper Art of Maude White

*via web*

Cutting paper looks easy. But if you've ever tried cutting something more complicated than a stick figure, you're probably aware how difficult it can be to produce something that looks good.

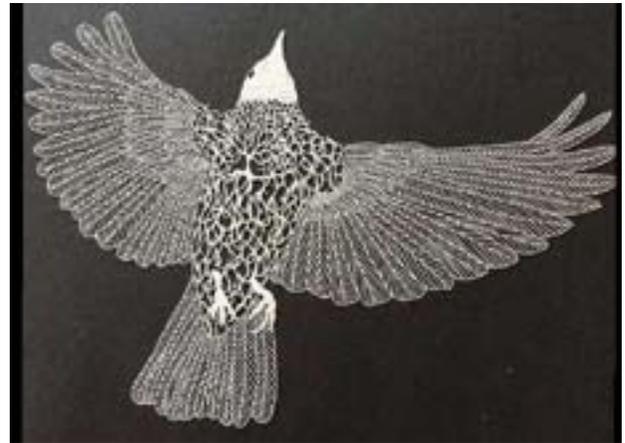
The incredibly beautiful and intricate paper art of American artist Maude White. Her detailed artwork leads to stunning illustrations utilizing the paper's negative space. Working by hand, White uses a craft

knife to create the smallest of lines. Using the age old art of paper cutting to bring the field to a whole new level.

Her beautiful artwork is a stunning addition to any interior design.

You can see more of her works on her -website

- <http://bravebirdpaperart.com/etsy> page
- <https://www.etsy.com/people/BraveBird>
- facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/Etsy>



## February 7 Fossil Dig at Ralph B Clark Park



## Future Rockhounds at February Meeting



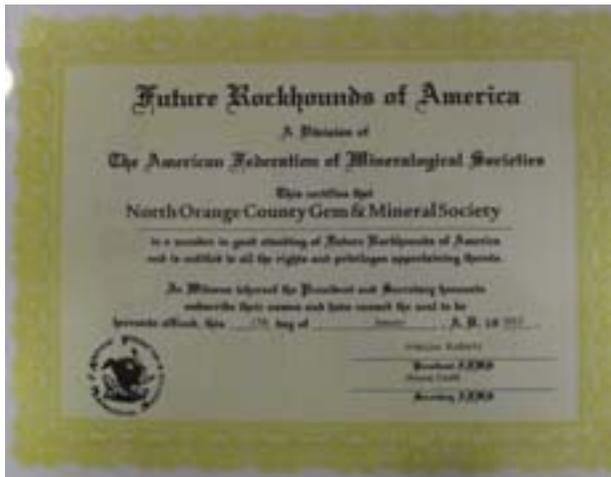
Richard Sprawls and his three children



Gigi Belvick



Gigi and Stan McCall's Jewelry



Andrew Sprowls

# Beautiful Fresh Water Pearl Necklace



**Create your own beautiful Fresh Water Pearl Necklace**

**Thursday March 19<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 9:00 pm  
Signup at the Community Center**

**Class by Francis Lou  
Graduate Gemologist**



## FRESH WATER PEARL KNOTTED NECKLACE

★NEW★ Learn to create an elegant, stylish knotted pearl necklace, at an affordable price. The instructor, who owned a pearl farm in China, has taught pearl knotting for many years. A supply fee of \$37 for materials (freshwater pearls, string & clasp) is payable to the instructor.

*Instructor: North O.C. Gem & Mineral Society*

Age: 16+ yrs      Fee: \$25/1 mtg      Location: LHCC  
#7008.100 ..... THUR 3/19 ..... 6:00-9:00 pm

