

NOC GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY NEWS

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President's Message

by Ofelia Warthen

Field trips are exciting and this March 21 & 22 to the Lavic Siding area was no exception. Several Club members participated and had great camaraderie. Thanks to great knowledgeable field trip leadership, Joe Goetz and Jay Valle. Everyone filled bags with Jasper, Thulite, and more exciting crystals and rocks at the Cadies on Sunday.

Our Board of Directors discussed making some adjustments to our monthly General Meetings. One is to limit lengthy Committee Reports. Allow more time to the program speaker. Also have members come to the Board of Directors meeting to discuss more business-oriented programs. I would like your opinions at our next general meeting

Many of us do not like to get involved with politics, but sometime it is necessary to hear the public voices on issues that concern the welfare of all and future generations. This is the reason ALAA was created.

What is ALAA? It stands for The American Lands Access Association founded 1992. Many groups like us have joined together to network to provide swift and effective response to public land use issues, which have taken over by special interests groups that do not have rockhounds in their agendas.

ALAA is asking all clubs if we enjoy field trips to consider joining the voice of "Rockhounds" to help in the fight to keep collecting sites open now and for future generations of Rockhounds. Within the next few years the places for field trips will diminish with alarming speed. Many are already gone. For instance, Strawberry Onyx Site Access Road closed due to Wilderness Designation.

I like to hear from our members about our club joining. For more information, go to their website: www.amlands.org and infor@amlands.org. Don and I have joined.

NOC Club Activities

April 8 - General Meeting 6:45 -9 p.m. at LHCC
April 11 - Future Rockhounds - 1 p.m. at East Whittier Presbyterian Church 14061 Second St. Whittier
April 15 - Board of Directors Meeting - 6-9 p.m. at LHCC
April 18 - Grab Rags 10:30 a.m. at Warthens Home - 15455 Tetley Street Hacienda Heights
April 23 - Education Class - 6-9 p.m. at LHCC
April 25-26 - Field Trip to Kramer Junction

*For more information - Ofelia Warthen (626) 330-8974
LHCC (La Habra Community Center)*

Programs

April 8 - Our speaker will be the Abalone King. He will be speaking on choosing, cutting and polishing, and setting Abaloneshells.

Refreshments

Thanks to Teri Heuer and Margie Bush for bringing the goodie to the March meeting. Armando and Anne will bring the goodies to the April meeting.

Date: 2nd Wed. April 8

Time: 6:45 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

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| <i>Vickey Marks</i> | <i>Jane Hendrixson</i> |
| <i>Dana Matula</i> | <i>David E. Miller</i> |
| <i>Barbara Steed</i> | <i>Clyeda Tezak</i> |
| <i>Aida Heidke</i> | <i>Triny Hermosillo</i> |
| <i>Tianna Weiland</i> | |

Your gemstone is Diamond.
Your flower is Daisy or Sweet Pea.

Shows and Events

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
Website: 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 Quitarano, (661) 209-9092
Website: www.avgem.weebly.com

May 1, 2, 3, 2015: La Habra CA

North Orange Co. Gem & Mineral Society
La Habra Community Center
101 W. La Habra Blvd.
Hours: Fri 4 - 8; Sat/Sun 10- 5
Contact: Don Warthen (562) 330-8974
Email: odwarthen@verizon.net
Website: nocgms.com

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 6-7: GLENDORA, CA

Glendora Gem & Mineral Society
Goddard Middle School
Hours: Sat 10-5; Sun 10-4
Contact: Bonnie Bidwell (626) 963-4638

Thanks

June 12-14: LODI, CA

CFMS 2015 Show and Convention
Rocks & Vines
Hours: Fri./Sat 10-5; Sun 10-4
Contact: Margaret Kalacyk
markolacz@gmail.com

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: janicentz@yahoo.com
Website: www.culvercityrocks.org

September 26-27: DOWNEY CA

Delters Gem & Mineral Society
Elks Lodge
11233 Woodruff Ave.
Hours: Sat 9-5; Sun 9-4
Contact: Dale Harwood (310) 217-0551



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Keeping Membership Records

by Kreigh Tomaszewski
via January - March SCRIBE Newsletter

We've talked about the membership life-cycle before. Member submits their application (or renewal) and a check. Treasurer handles the money and passes the application to the Membership Secretary. Membership Secretary needs to update club records, get the email (and/or postal) address into the Club Bulletin process, and possibly a club online discussion group. When a membership is not renewed the Membership Secretary needs to reverse the process and coordinate removal of the member from various lists. Oh, and there is probably an annual Club Directory involved (that includes a copy of the current Club By-Laws).

As the Bulletin Editor your primary interest is how you distribute the Club Newsletter to the members. To illustrate I will assume your club has mostly moved to electronic distribution, but you still have some grandfathered members who require hardcopy (because they are not online) or prefer to optionally pay extra for hardcopy. I assume you will print at least one bulletin for the club's archives. You need to keep an email distribution list and a copy of a file you can print to get mailing labels (and have backups of both). Many editors do this in a text or word processing file, and copy/paste the email addresses when needed.

Your Membership Secretary has a more difficult job maintaining club records. They have probably graduated from a word processor to using a spreadsheet with dozens of columns for each member. They can generate a report that turns into the Club Directory. They can generate a report that identifies who has not renewed and needs to be removed. They can generate a report that identifies who are new members. But they need to know how to use a spreadsheet.

My club's Membership Secretary has often expressed a desire to find an application that would do everything the spreadsheet does (and more), but

not require computer expertise. I go to professional or public events and there are dozens of registration stations working off a website to maintain a common registration database any authenticated user can access. And I ask why isn't there something like this available to local rock clubs? Surely some club (and it need not be a rock club) has also seen the need and had a programmer who could make it happen so club officers could work off a single, flexible, secure, web based, membership database. I would suggest we need to start sharing solutions we have found to work so more clubs can become better able to manage their membership records. It is a problem we all face, and there has to be a better solution than a spreadsheet expert.



NOTE: Linda Mecken has produced a great NOCGMS Membership list. It has the names of all members and the junior rockhounds (yellow background). It also has their ADDRESS, CITY, ST., ZIP, PHONE, CELL, and EMAIL.

Check the Email as it must be exact or it can't be sent. Also we need a birth day list (month only)

Don O

March Meeting Minutes

by Teri Heuer

Flag Salute 6:56 p.m.

President - Ofelia Warthen started the meeting.

VP Membership - Linda Mecken Members 18
Guests 3. Linda introduced the guests.

VP-Armando Pedroza announced our speaker Jason Bagley an authority on Jasper & Agates.

Laura Castillo introduced the future Rock Hounds of America.

Break Snacks were provided by Marjorie and Teri. Minutes were approved.

Education-Loretta Ogden talked about the upcoming Pearl knotting class. Loretta recommended to view the example located in the showcase at the La Habra community center.

Treasurer- Don Warthen verbal report stands as read.

Show Committee – Check for your name on the work list. Every member is expected to donate their time on small work task at our annual Gem & Mineral show. The items on the list in Red, Don has not talked to you about your volunteer task that was assign to our member. The items on the list in blue members requested their task assignment from Don directly. Please contact our show chairman Don Warthen if you would like to know what your assignment is or request what you would like to do for the show.

Don stated he will assign each member a task to assist on making our show a great success.

VP - Armando Pedroza discussed upcoming Field trip to Lavic siding. Go to the NOC website to obtain more in-depth information. The website is also a good source to find upcoming field trips.

Workshop committee – No new items to discuss. All members are to keep a lookout for a potential workshop location. If you know a location or an owner willing to donate a location, please contact Armando Pedroza or any of the board members.

ALAA access to the desert – talks at quartzite. Don Warthen will email the newsletter prepared by the ALAA Group –

Board meeting March 18th 6:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Loretta Ogden and 2nd by Russell Bevevick to donate \$100.00 to the Special Olympics - motion approved.

Future Rock Hound Andrew Sprowls found a fossilized whale bone agate.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Education Report

by Loretta Ogden

We just finished our last class of the winter season. It was successful as far as the students and projects go. I don't see a lot of benefit from being in the city catalog. We have had only one person per session that came only from that. I have some ideas to make that better but I ask you to bear with me for the next session. I have lowered the prices so please join us, we need all the support from our members as possible.

Our next project is a copper bracelet with a black onyx cabochon set with a silver bezel. I hope to have the example at the next meeting. Plan on joining us for this class as it will be highly personalized.. See you soon.

CFMS Federation Report

by Loretta Ogden

I want to let you know early the dates for Camp Paradise. It is a really fun event and well worth the drive. Both Camps are really good and where else can you get a weeks' vacation all inclusive for less than \$400.00. The only things you have to pay for are your supplies for the classes and the gas for your car if you go on a field trip. The dates are August 30 to September 4 / September 6 to September 11, as you can see two weeks to choose from. Zzyzx is in the spring and happening starting March 29 this year. Zzyzx has been full since the day the applications came out so..... The moral of the story get right on it the minute they let out the forms.

Equest

Since we all don't know each other well and a lot of us are new to the club I would like for us all to write a short biography of ourselves to be published in the newsletter. I think it will help us to get to know each other and find out our other commonalities beside rocks or jewelry. If you do not feel comfortable to do this on your own call me, I will help. 909 598 2456.

Field Trip to Lavic Siding

Attended and pictures taken by Don and Ofelia Warthen. Lavic siding was a railroad siding in the early days.



NOC March 2015 Board of Directors Quarterly Report

by President Ofelia Warthen

UP-Date. Board of Directors have been busy analyzing our long range plans. First on their agenda is a workshop. An option is Don Ogden's garage that he is still cleaning and making room. In the mean time, Long Range Chairperson, Armando Pedorza and Committee Mathew Pedroza, Loretta Ogden and Teri Heuer in charge of locating a place. Another item for long range planning is to start planning 2016 Gem Show and Theme.

The Board met March 18, 2015 and nominated, Mathew Pedroza as new Director replacing Heather Bates. Heather who is unable to continue this post due to personal commitments.

Another appointment made was Janine Arp as Publicity Chairperson. Janine has already taken her job very seriously, posting our Gem Show on Facebook and sending articles to the La Habra Journal.

Thank you Richard Schirer for the good job you did as the Historian, and we are sorry you are not able to continue.

Member Chairperson, Linda Mencken has updated and prepared new Membership Roster with 2015 paid members. The roster includes our new Future Rockhounds of America.

Treasurer, Don Warthen, is looking into the Franchise Tax Board for obtaining a Club resale license.

A special By-Law Committee was appointed to review and amend where needed.

A proposal made for Club to join ALAA (American Lands Access Association).

I am very proud to be part of the NOC dedicated Board of Directors.

Kramer Junction & Boron Multi-club Field Trip April 25- 26

Article from Pasadena Lapidary Society.

Besides all the great rock to collect is the chance for our members to see places and things in our desert that one just can't enjoy from a car window on the freeway at 70 mph. In my opinion one of the best reasons for coming on the field trips is the development of new friendships and people who will guide you as you start this great hobby!

You may ask "What should I bring?" Well you should bring a hat, a container (3 gallon bucket or canvas bag), lunch, plenty of water to drink, sunscreen, gloves, first aid kit and a rock hammer (if you don't have one you may be able to borrow one from a club member).

The camp area and the collecting sites in the immediate area are accessible by a standard car. You can either drive your own vehicle out of camp or

carpool with another driver. Offering to share the gas expense is always appreciated.

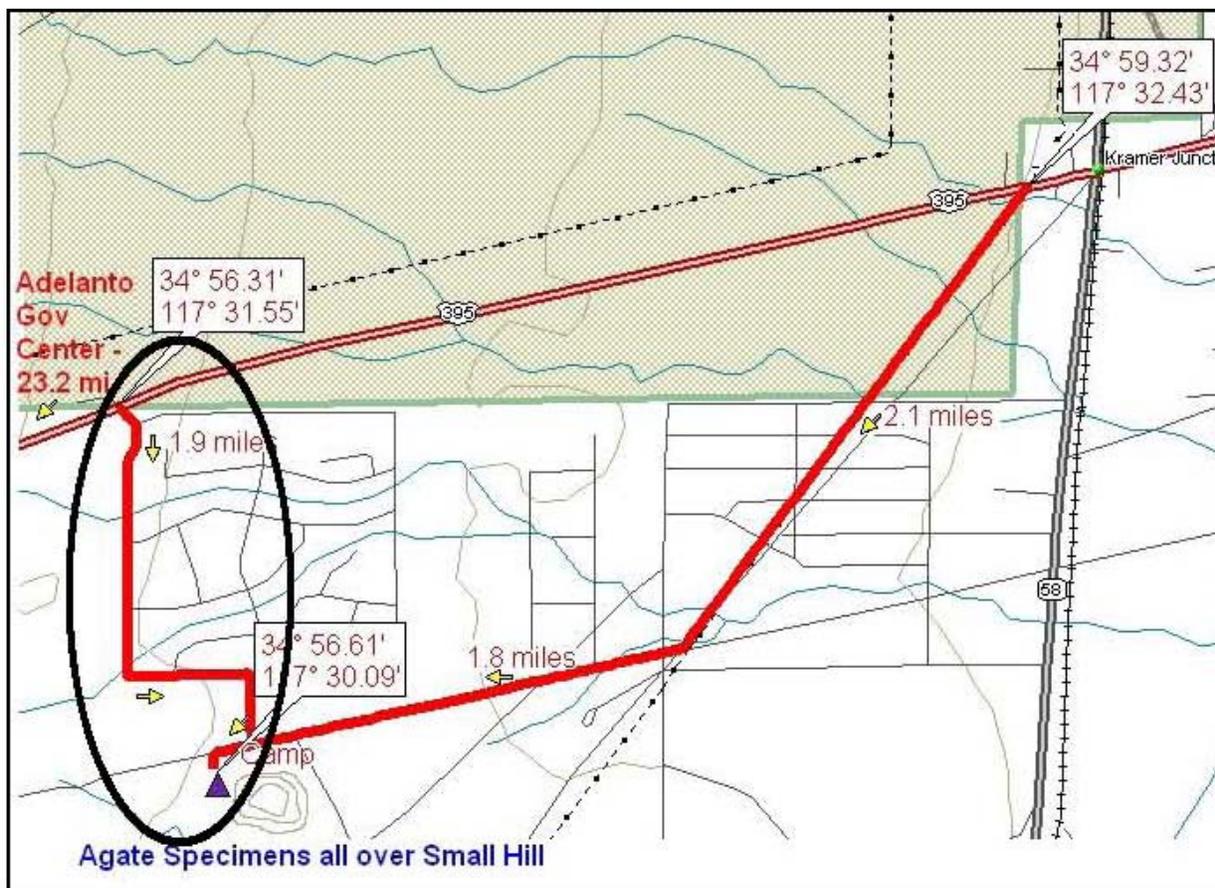
If you're camping you need to be self-contained, meaning you'll need to have everything you need including restroom facilities of some sort. Or if you're not camping but would like to be there for both days you could stay at a nearby motel and drive to the campsite each morning.

Maps, directions to the base camp, contact phone numbers, a list of items to bring and some motels are on the Calendar of the website.

Be at the camp site by 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 25 and Sunday, April 26 if coming for the day. We'll leave a note in camp as to where we went first if you are not there in time. And of course you could try to call us on the cell phone to either let us know if you are a tad late or to find out where we will be.

Joe Goetz - Fieldtrip Chairman

Go to our website nocgms.com website. On **Field-Trip** page, check years 2001, 2007, and 2008 for past field trip pictures of the area and tap on Jay for more details of the field trip.



Rock 'n' Rubies

Our Rock 'n' Rubies monthly meeting was all about time lines and how earth's rocks have evolved, how landscapes have changed since millions of years ago. We had a long piece of paper and labeled time lines in every section of the paper. We had to glue the appropriate pictures in their time lines.

It was a lot of fun learning about the earth and I am glad to be in this project. I can't wait to start finding rocks that are maybe hundreds of years old.

Eric Castillo

At our Rock 'n' Rubies field trip we collected a lot of really nice rocks and it was like an easter egg hunt trying to find the perfect rock. We are thankful to Mrs. Jane for allowing us to visit her home and take some rocks.

Sofia Castillo



Hummingbirds

via web

Hummingbirds are a species of a bird well known for their unique ability to hover and fly backwards. Hundreds of species can be found through North and South America, each with its own beauty and colorful feathers.

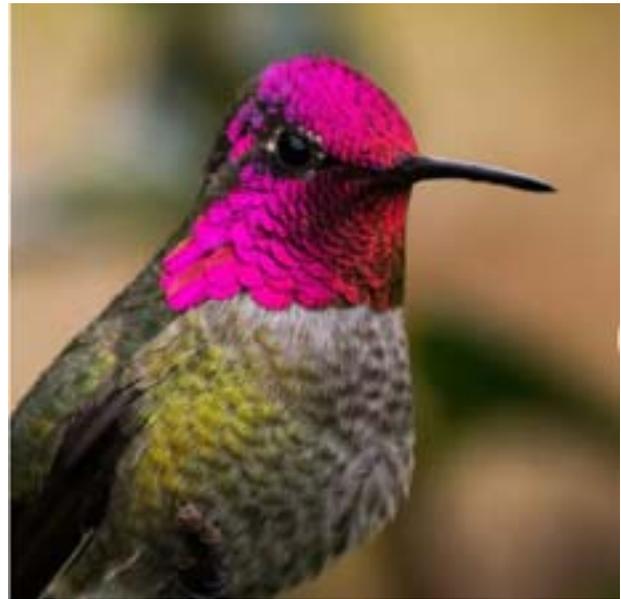
This elegant creature can flap its wings as fast as 52 beats per second, making it challenging to capture its alluring grace and swift motion clearly. Nevertheless, these photographers have made an amazing job of it.



Purple - Throated Woodstar
Image by Alexis Coram



Green - Crowned Brilliant
Image by Chris Morgan



Anna's Hummingbird



Violet Sabrewing
Image by Larry



Rufous Hummingbird
Image by Don't Bug Me Photography



Image by Alvaro Cubero Vega
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Marvellous Spatuletail
Image by Max Waugh





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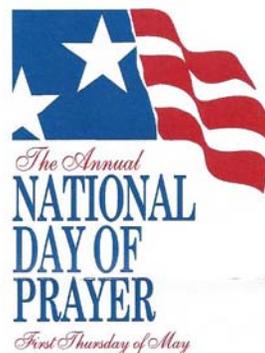
Mayor Michael Blazey cordially invites you to attend

The Thirty-Third Annual La Habra Mayor's PRAYER BREAKFAST

La Habra Community Center
101 W. LA HABRA BLVD.
(Corner of Euclid & La Habra Blvd.)

Thursday, May 7, 2015

Breakfast Buffet Served 6:15 - 6:50 a.m. • Program 7:00 - 8:15 a.m.



In observance of our nation's 64th consecutive recognition of the National Day of Prayer, please join friends and neighbors as we pray for our city and its leadership. The theme for this year is **LORD, HEAR OUR CRY**, emphasizing the need for us to place our faith in the unfailing character of our Creator, who is sovereign over all governments, authorities, and men. Our theme verse is 1 Kings 8:28: "Hear the cry and the prayer that your servant is praying in your presence this day."



MICHAEL FRANZESE

It is with great pleasure that we present

MICHAEL FRANZESE as our special guest speaker.

- Former mob boss of the Colombo crime family in New York
- Served 7 years in federal prison and survived walking away from the mob
- Uses his former experiences to help transform lives
- Audiences include the NFL, NBA, MLB and NCAA student athletes
- His story has been featured on The Today Show, Nightline, ABC Primetime, NBC Nightly News, ESPN, 48 Hours, etc.



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