

# NOC GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY NEWS

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## President's Message

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*by Ofelia Warthen*

Greetings everyone! Getting back to business again after our May Gem Show is over and overwhelming it was (parking that is). Our Board Members continue to be very active and already planning for next Gem show scheduled dates of June 3, 4, 5, 2016 at the La Habra Community Center.

I am happy to say we had three new enthusiastic family members with children joining Future Rockhounds of America. I am excited to announce, one of our young members Eric Castillo, entered and won GOLD at a 4H Sectional competition on his presentation entitled "Rocks, Dig Them". Also four other FRA and 4H members scored and qualified to go to the State Competition as follows: Sofia Castillo 9 years old, Angela Clauser 9 years, Andrew Sprowls 12 years, and Wyatt Sprowls 10 years. Read more about our kids in this bulletin. We are all very excited and proud to have Honorable young members as our great Future Rockhounds of America.

We will be dark in July and August. Our Board elected to have our NOC summer picnic at the Warthen's home on August 8<sup>th</sup>, start time at 11 a.m. with a lapidary class for those that want to learn (limited machines). Potluck will follow at 1 p.m. with BBQ furnished by Warthen's. Please RSVP,

Our Fund Raising Committee, Jann Cohen and Carol Larson have been hard at work coordinating a Casino trip in September and Quartermania in October. These events will greatly help our Scholarship fund budget for 2016. Great job ladies!

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## NOC Club Activities

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Board Meeting - 6 p.m. 3rd Wed. at La Habra Community Center (none in Jul & Aug)  
Field Trips - June 20 - Himalaya Tourmaline Mine

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## Programs

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June 10 - Our speaker will be John Rees, Emergency Response Supervisor for the City of La Habra. He will be talking about disaster preparedness and has a short film on the San Andreas Fault.

Eric Castillo will do his 7 1/2 min Power Point Presentation speech titled "Rocks, Dig Them". (See page 6.)

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## Refreshments

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Thanks to Loretta Ogden and Nancy O'Connor for bringing the goodies to the May meeting. Loretta Ogden and Marg Bush will bring the goodies to the June meeting.

**Date:** June 10

**Time:** 7:00 p.m.

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

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## Members in the News

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

*Ken Marks*  
*Sofia Castillo*

Your gemstone is Pearl or Moonstone or Alexandrite or Agate.  
Your flower is Rose or Honeysuckle

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## Shows and Events

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### June 6 - 7: GLENDORA, CA

Glendora Gems & Mineral Society  
Goddard Middle School  
857 East Sierra Madre  
Hours: Sat. 10 - 5; Sun. 10 - 4  
Contact: Bonnie Bidwell, (626) 963-4638

### June 12 - 14: LODI, CA

CFMS 2015 Show & Convention  
"Rocks & Vines"  
Hours: Fri. & Sat. 10-5; Sun. 10-4  
Contact: Margaret Kolaczyk,  
markolaczyk@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: janicemtz@yahoo.com  
Website: www.culvercityrocks.org

### September 26 - 27: DOWNEY, CA

Delters Gem & Mineral Society  
Elks Lodge  
11233 Woodruff Avenue  
Hours: Sat. 9 - 5; Sun. 9 - 4  
Contact: Dale Hardwood (310) 217-0551  
Email: nancybird@verizon.net

### October 11 - 12: TRONA, CA

Searles Lake Gem & Mineral Society  
SLG&MS Show Building  
13337 Main Street  
Hours: Sat 7 - 5; Sun 7 - 4  
Jim & Bonnie Fairchild, (760) 372-5356  
Email: slgms@iwvisp.com  
Website: www1.iwvisp.com/tronagemclub

### November 7 - 8: ANAHEIM, CA

American Opal Society  
The Phoenix Club  
1340 South Sanderson Avenue  
Hours: Sat. 10 - 6; Sun. 10 - 5  
Contact: Veronica Purpura, (714) 501-9959  
Email: info@opalsociety.org  
Website: www.opalsociety.org/

### November 21 - 22: APPLE VALLEY, CA

Valley Gem Gem & Mineral Club  
Victor Valley Museum  
11873 Apple Valley Road (x Bear Valley Rd.)  
Hours: Sat. 9 - 5; Sun. 9 - 3  
Contact: Cyndy Mandell, 760.508.1080,  
760.508.1080  
Email: cynmandell@me.com  
Website: www.vvgmc.org



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## CFMS Federation Report, Visalia CA

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*by Loretta Ogden*

We are on our way to Lodi and will have a big report in the September Newsletter. Needless to say I will be bragging about our Future Rockhounds who won many awards at many levels and one did it with a power point presentation on rockhounding. Good going Eric.

Aside from attending the meeting I will be demonstrating and will also donate a necklace to the American Federation for auction or raffle in the name of our club. If you have any thing you have made or collected and want to donate see me at the show and I will be happy to take it for you. If any one has a spectacular cab from the Cady Mountains. I would love to give that to the Federation for the cab cases south. This is really directed at one person who would give it from her heart. Can you guess who this is?

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## Education Report

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*by Loretta Ogden*

Our project this month was a wire wrap silver ring. We had 2 stones to choose from. A matte finish black onyx or amazonite. Some people chose to combine the stones and the others were purists. We had a new student named Julia who was great fun.

Next month we will be making a carnelian necklace. It is long and rather glamorous. The center beads have a kind of wire spiral around them and lots of chain. Come join us.



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## Sharing The Rough

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*via LA Rocks*

[LA-Rocks] FILM - SHARING THE ROUGH

Date: 5/11/2015 11:37:22 A.M.

From: LA-Rocks-noreply@yahoogroups.com

Reply To: kenrogers4u@juno.com

To: LA-ROCKS@yahoogroups.com

Sent from the Internet (Details)

Yesterday, I was a participant in the Studio City Rotary "Mother's Day" Arts show where I showed and sold my handcrafted jewelry, rock & mineral specimens and promoted the up coming Culver City Rock & Mineral Club's, "FIESTA OF GEMS".

After talking to me about gemstones, one of the Mothers told me about a new, award winning documentary film ("Sharing the Rough") she had worked on, and suggested I might want to view it's trailer on the Internet. She told me the film starts with East African natives looking for, and mining, fine gem rough, and then it follows these "rough" gemstones through the steps, including cutting, that transform them into jewelry. She explained this film is being shown in major film festivals and in major Jewelry shows (AGTA, etc.).

Any way, I just checked out their web site, watched the trailer and thought you might want to see it, too. Go to: [www.sharingtherough.com](http://www.sharingtherough.com) Check out the web site, watch the trailer and enjoy. I think the "Big honkin'" green gemstones shown in the trailer are Tsavorites.

Also, to learn more about the Culver City Rock & Mineral Club's, "FIESTA OF GEMS", go to:

<http://culvercityrocks.org/fiesta.htm>

Ken

**[www.sharingtherough.com](http://www.sharingtherough.com)**





## Re-designing NOC Website nocgms.com

by Don Ogden

Re-designing the NOC Website to make it look great on Tablets like i Pods, etc. In the past, web pages and attached images were small. With the new technologies, the web pages and images can be larger.

The **Welcome** page has links to 9 pages plus the kids corner and American Legion Post 267.

The **Calendar** page lists events.

The **Field-Trip** page was enlarged with 75 small image links from 1999 to 2015. Images were from myself, Don Eschbach, and Jay Valle. At the bottom of the page are videos of the Mud Pots and Borax Mine. Google Chrome browser is required to view them.

The **Links** page links to many other sites, and all California Federation web sites.

The **Meeting** page is under construction.

The **NOC-News** page has newsletters from 1985 to 2015 in pdf format. In 2015, they are also in HTML5 format for tablets that can not read pdf's.

The **Photos** page was enlarged with 24 small image links from 2000 to 2015. Images were from myself, and the internet. Also included is a 7-day, 1,9758-mile adventure through 5 states (AZ, CA, NV, UT, and WY).

The **Shows** page was enlarged with 13 small image links from 2004 to 2015. Images were from myself, John Martin and Don Warthen.

The **Show** page also has the Diamond Daze AFMS/ CFMS Riverside show web page that I did in 1996. Al Hermosillo's daughter called from New York in 1996, and said she saw his picture on the site. This site also shows the old technology which has since been changed.

The **Classes** page was enlarged with 23 small image links from 1999 to 2011. Images were from myself, and Don Warthen.

The **Library** page lists the books, VHS, and DVD tapes in the Library.

Let me know what you think, and improvements. If you have jpg images that can go on the site. Send to donogden@aol.com

### How to use the site:

1. In browser window, type nocgms.com and press Enter.

RESULT: The NOC website comes up.

2. To view one of the 10 pages, click on it.

RESULT: That page comes up.

3. To view an image on the side page: Field-Trip for example, click on



4. The following images come up.



## **Future Rockhounds Make Gold Eric Castillo - 12 Years Old**

*As told by Eric*

3<sup>rd</sup> year in 4H - I got involved with 4-H after my Mom's friend kept telling her what a great organization it was. From the first meeting, we knew we were going to be a part of 4H for a long time.

In 2014, we attended a gem show sponsored by North Orange County Gem & Mineral Society. My Mom spoke to Ofelia Warthen, Club Education Chairperson and asked for information how to join. All twelve of 4H members joined in December 2014. They voted on a name of "Rocks N Rubies". Again we knew we were going to be a part of FRA (Future Rockhounds of America) for a long time.

*As told by Laura, Eric's Mom*

This year 2015, Eric chose his demonstration presentation titled, "Rocks, Dig Them". He started practicing to do his public speech about the subject early in the year.

In January, Eric presented his 7-12 minute power point presentation speech to our 4H Club. He received a 90% or higher score (Based on the Danish Method) on his score card which is the average of 3 judges. This qualified him to go to our 4H County Presentation day for Orange County. This was held at Lake Forest back in March 2015. Eric, again qualified with a gold (90-100%) average score from 3 judges and now moved onto Sectionals.

Sectionals (Southern California Area) was held on May 16<sup>th</sup> at Mt. San Antonio College. Here Eric, again got a gold (90-100%) score and this meant he was qualified to go to the State competition held on May 30<sup>th</sup> on the campus of UC Davis.

At UC Davis, there are hundreds of kids from all 4-H Clubs throughout the entire state of California competing. This is the pinnacle of the 4H experience to represent, not only yourself, but your Club and County at a State competition.

There are also 4 other 4H and Future Rockhounds of America (FTA) members that have also qualified for the State competition as follows:

Sofia Castillo, 9 years old. 3 years in 4H and 1 year in FRA. Power point presentation, speech on "Therapy Dogs – Can your dog be one"

Angela Clauser, 9 years old. 2 years in 4H and 1 year in FRA. Her demonstration presentation speech on "How to sew a button".

Andrew Sprowls, 12 years old. 1 year in FRA. His demonstration presentation speech on "Fly Tying".

Wyatt Sprowls, 10 year old. His demonstration presentation speech on "Fly Tying".

At the June 10<sup>th</sup> North Orange County Gem & Mineral Society (NOC) General Meeting, Eric Castillo will do his Power Point Presentation speech titled "Rocks, Dig Them".





## **NOC General Meeting La Habra Community Center May 12, 2015**

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*by Teri Heuer, Secretary*

President - Ofelia Warthen called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m.

Vice President – Armando Pedroza announce our presenter Dr. Eve Virginia Allen PHB.

Dr. Eve presented to our club “Gemstones and the Power of Healing”.

Dr. Eve gave our members in attendance a wealth of information relating to Gemstones vibrations and their healing properties.

Dr. Eve at the end of the presentation was nice enough to autograph her book for members who purchased them.

Our Vice President Armando Pedroza has the responsibility in locating, arranging all of our presenters for our club meetings. Armando has had some very interesting and informative speakers so far and I am looking forward to the future speakers he has lined up.

Our Club is very fortunate to be able to have such quality speakers, make sure members that you are attending the general meetings, as you do not want to miss one of these informative presentations. Better idea Bring a Guest with you. . . .

Break/ Raffle time – Thank you to the members that brought refreshments. (I should have asked who brought the refreshments but I did not, I will make sure I ask next time!)

Reminder to our members to please bring a donation item(s) to the general meetings to be raffled off. . .Rocks, Trinkets any item that if you were to win you would enjoy (and you might win it back!)

President - Ofelia Warthen called the meeting back to order at 8:31PM. Ofelia asked to have the minutes from our April meeting approved.

Russell Belevick called a motion to approve the minutes as posted in the newsletter, Loretta Ogden Second the motion. Minutes were approved.

President Ofelia Warthen announced the La Habra High School NOC Gem & Mineral Scholarship

Winner, Shannon Nichols and Treasurer Don Warthen gave her the scholarship check. We were all delighted to have Shannon and her parents attended our general meeting.

NOTE: Our Scholarship program has been benefiting our local graduating high school students for many years. As a club we would like to continue in providing support to our community with this scholarship program. This scholarship program is only viable if all our members participate in some way. Either with your volunteer time, donations or even just attending our fundraising events, it takes everyone to make the North Orange County Gem & Mineral Society Scholarship program successful.

Treasurer Don Warthen – gave a verbal report on our show returns. He stated that he will provide the finished report when completed.

Don stated he felt the 2015 Gem show was successful. There was a discussion about having our show in June for 2016.

Next Directors meeting will be on May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at the La Habra Community Center Avocado Room.

Education- Loretta Ogden announced our next class will be on May 21<sup>st</sup> at the La Habra Community Center. The class will be a Silver Wire Wrapped Ring.

Field Trips – Armando Pedroza announced the Mother’s day trip in Primm Nevada. Armando also gave us a heads up on our upcoming Gem & Mineral DIG at one of the North San Diego Pala Area Private mines. Please Contact Armando Pedroza for more information.

NOTE: Members can find other members contact information on our North Orange County Gem & Mineral Societies membership roster. If you are a member and you have not received our 2015 North Orange County Gem & Mineral Societies membership roster contact via email Linda Menken [menken3@aol.com](mailto:menken3@aol.com) Subject Line: NOC membership roster

President Ofelia Warthen announced the meeting adjourned. 8:52 p.m.

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## Drawing by Pencil

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### Important:

*Please See until the end;*  
Be sure to look at the very last pic....  
You'll be amazed at this artist's talent ....







Did I mention that this artist has no hands?

This pictures were drawn with his mouth!!



We find excuses for not doing things,  
because of imperfect facilities

**but  
where is a will,  
there is a way**

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**June 20, 2015 — 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.**  
**Field Trip to the Himalaya Tourmaline Mine**  
**Dig Your Own Stones**

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- What:** Tourmaline Dig Field Trip.
- Where:** We are planning a field trip to the world's most famous tourmaline mine, the Himalaya Mine near beautiful Lake Henshaw in San Diego County, 20 miles east of Pala.
- Access:** You can drive to within about 200 feet of the area, mostly on paved or maintained dirt road.
- Minerals:** Pink, green and watermelon tourmalines are what the mine is known for. Some other minerals found here are quartz crystals, apatite, morganite, clevelandite, calcite, lepidolite, feldspar, stibiotantalite, topaz, and spessartine garnet.
- Details:** Over 200,000 pounds of quality ore have been produced here since 1898. The miners tunnel into the pegmatite in search of rich pockets of tourmalines. Small pockets and individual gemstones are carried out with the overburden dirt and rocks. Now, the mine operators bring dump truck loads of the overburden material down the hill to a flat area to allow easier access for the public.
- “Digging” involves shoveling ore-containing dirt into your 3 or 5-gallon bucket and pouring it into a sifting screen on a wooden bench. The results have been quite good in the past. The mine operators provide buckets, shovels, sifting screens, a tub of water to rinse the dirt off of the gravel and a table to set everything on.
- Cost:** This is a fee-to-dig location. The fee for our group is \$50 for adults, \$25 for children ages 13-17 and children 12 years old and younger are free. All paid attendees will receive a raffle ticket for a special gem prize from the mine owners.
- Reserve Space:** Space on this field trip is limited to the first 30 people who confirm. A list of names will be on the list provided to the mine operators. Mark Nelson, of the Pasadena Lapidary Society, will coordinate the trip. Contact him to reserve your place. (909) 996-1784 or [pasadenalapidary@aol.com](mailto:pasadenalapidary@aol.com).
- What you need:** Lunch, shoes that can get muddy, sun hat, gloves, a quart slide-lock plastic sandwich bag to put your finds in, an old toothbrush for scrubbing the crystal stones, and plenty of drinking water. They will provide all tools for digging at no extra charge! Also available: Bags of high grade gem pocket ore are available for purchase which can be taken home for screening. Faceted gemstones including Himalaya Mine tourmalines and Oregon Sunstones are also available for purchase on site.