

NOC NEWS

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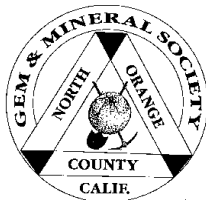
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the second Wednesday of the month at the  
La Habra Community Center,  
101 W. La Habra Blvd., La Habra.**

**The La Habra Community Center  
is located west of Euclid on La Habra Blvd.**

**For current meeting information,  
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MISSION STATEMENT

The objective and purpose of the North Orange County Gem and Mineral Society is to disseminate knowledge of mineralogy and the earth sciences and to encourage study in these subjects through means of: the presentation of public exhibitions, lectures, slide programs; field trips for explorations, study and collection of specimens; the preparation, publication and distribution of articles and studies pertaining to mineralogy and the earth sciences; the promotion of scientific research in these fields; the encouragement of interest among young people and the fostering of classes in mineralogy and lapidary arts; and all other means which are appropriate to the accomplishment of the primary objectives set forth.

*Annual Membership Dues: Individual, \$20; Family, \$20 and \$10 for additional member over 18; Juniors 3-18, \$8. (Initiation Fee: Individual, \$10; Family \$10) - Badges for junior members \$10 1 time fee.*

*Visitors are always welcome at our regular meetings and field trips.*

*The North Orange County Gem & Mineral Soc. does not yet have a Junior Division.*

*Material contained in this newsletter may be used if credit is given.*

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# NOC GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY NEWS

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## President's Message

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*by Ofelia Warthen*

Greetings everyone! Everyone is awaiting our great annual event of the year! The great NOC annual Silent/Live auction is here on Wednesday, November 4<sup>th</sup> at La Habra Community Center start at 6:30 p.m.

Come and enjoy a lively exciting evening featuring great buys like fine jewelry, handcrafted works of art, rocks, geodes, minerals plus food and refreshments being served. Remember, the Holidays are nearing real soon. Best of all, this is our annual Fundraiser supporting our Youth in the Community.

A small group came over to our house last weekend to clean & sort rocks for our Annual Auction. Thanks to Armando Pedroza leading the group, a lot was accomplished. Don Ogden and Richard Sprowls, attended with his children, Andy, Wyatt, & Rilee. They are FRA "Rock N Rubies Members". This project will count for their next badge.

I must mentioned, Linda Chu also attended. Beside getting wet, it gave her more insight what to expect at our next show event, selling rocks. All enjoyed handling awesome looking rocks including petrified wood that will be part of our auction.

Reminder again, don't forget to come and enjoy a good time at November 4th General Member/Auction meeting. Thanks for your participation!

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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 - November-

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## Programs

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Nov. 4 - Our November program will be a silent and live auction (see attached flyer for information).

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## Refreshments

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Thanks to Heather Bates and Russell Belvic for bringing the goodies to the October meeting. The November meeting. will be a potluck (bring something).

**Date:** November 4 (*date changed to first Wednesday*)

**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 November.

Members in the news in November

Jane Livezey	David . Miller
Mary Ellen Ruiz	Richard Schirer
Fran Swanston	Armando Pedroza
Marjorie Bush	

Your gemstone is Topaz  
Your flower is Chysanthemum

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## Shows and Events

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### 2015

#### **NOVEMBER 7 - 8: ANAHEIM, CA**

##### **American Opal Society**

The Phoenix Club

1340 South Sanderson Ave.

Hours: Sat. 10-6: Sun. 10-5

Veronica Purpura (714) 501-9959

info@opalsociety.org

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#### **NOVEMBER 21-22: APPLE VALLEY, CA**

Valley Gem & Mineral Club

Victor Valley Museum

11873 Apple Valley Road (x Bear Valley Rd.)

Hours: Sat. 9-5: Sun. 9-3

Cyndy Mandell (560) 508-1080

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www.yvgnc.org

#### **DECEMBER 5 - 6: BARSTOW, CA**

MDGMS

Cora Harper Community Center

Hours: 10- 5 daily

Danny Watts (760) 373-1309

dvwatts@msn.com

www.mdgms.net

Las Vegas -  
Amphibious cars sailing in Lake Mead



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## Thanks

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### 2016

#### **MARCH 5 - 6: ARCADIA, CA**

Monrovia Rockhounds

Los Angeles Arboretum - Ayres Hall

301 Baldwin Ave.

Hours: 9 - 4:30 daily

Jo Anna Ritchey (626) 358-1624

joannaritchey@gmail.com

www.Moroks.com

#### **MARCH 5-6: VENTURA, CA**

Ventura Gem Mineral Society

Ventura County Fairgrounds

10 West Habor Blvd.

Hours: Sat. 10 - 5: Sun 10-4

(808) 312-8467

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#### **JUNE 3, 4, & 5: LA HABRA, CA**

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## CFMS Federation Report, Visalia CA

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*by Loretta Ogden*

The Application for Zzyzx-2016 will be posted online at the CFMS web site ( [cfmsinc.org](http://cfmsinc.org) ) in time enough for everyone to have a fair shot at getting their applications in.

DO NOT mail your applications in before midnight DECEMBER 1ST. The ‘window’ for receiving applications will be the first two weeks of December.

During that time, Audrey Harvey our Registrar will note the date and time received and give “First Timers” (people who have NEVER attended either Camp Paradise or Zzyzx) preference.

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## Review - Board of Directors Meeting October 21, 2015

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*by Ofelia Warthen*

Review of Standing Committees for 2016: Committee Chairpersons need help to follow operating into 2016. Changes & additions to current committees made as follows:

Display & Education – Loretta Ogden, Janine Arp  
Door Prizes – Grace Piccone, Linda Chu  
Field Trips – Richard Sprowls  
Historian – Don Warthen, Kevin Smith  
Publicity - Janine Arp, Keven Smith, Beth Smith  
Long Range Planning – Loretta Ogden, Teri Heuer, Ofelia Warthen  
Budget & Finance – Don Warthen, Jann Cohen  
Operating Regulations & By-laws – Don Warthen, Linda Mencken, Loretta Ogden, Jann Cohen

All other Committees remain the same per attachment.

**Note:** Beth Smith took Minutes in absence of Secretary, Teri Heuer.

Following is for NOC member information. Complete minutes presented @ next board meeting on Nov. 19, 2015

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## 2015 Show Report of October

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*by Don Warthen*

The 2016 show is shaping up to be a fantastic great show. Several members are putting things together like Alan and Keven who will be driving the truck and picking things up at the warehouse, Teri and Valeria will be at the front door selling raffle tickets.

We have several signed up as Demonstrators, Ofelia, Jonas Faceting, Armando & Heather cutting geodes, Loretta has started receiving dealer contracts, and the kids will have their own programs in the back room.

We will also be having a Facetor’s Symposium in a back room. Alan and Jann are working on the Scholarship program, Janine, Keven & Beth are working on publicity and we will redesign the show program with more articles and advertising from local merchants.

There is plenty to do and room on the committees, giving everyone an opportunity to participate, this is everyone’s show. We all need to work together.

The committee voted on the theme “Rocks Around the Clock” with special emphases on Faceted Gem Stones.

The Future Rock Hounds “Rock N Rubies” are working on a large clock to display at the entry.

We want everyone to participate in designing a show flyer this year. Please bring your drawings to the next meeting (Nov. 4, 2015). The Committee will select one to start circulating around the community and take to Quartzite in January. We will have a gift for the best entry.

See you at our next meeting, the First Wednesday of November (Nov. 4, 2015) for our annual auction, both live and silent, be sure to bring your donations

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## SAFETY AND THE U.S. FOREST SERVICE

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*By Mark Nelson, CFMS Safety  
Committee Chairman*

John Martin, the AFMS Conservation and Legislation Committee Chairman, notified us of the new USFS regulations permitting collecting of rocks, minerals and fossils in the national forests. These are excerpts from a publication issued to assist rockhounds in the national forests of Oregon.

### **Rockhounding:**

The bulletin states that semiprecious gemstones, mineral specimens and invertebrate fossils (such as snail, clam and leaf fossils) may be collected from public lands (that are open to rockhounding) in reasonable amounts for public use. It advises to always follow the “Rockhounds Code of Ethics” and lists the AFMS Code of Ethics.

### **Safety:**

- Stay out and stay alive; abandoned mines are potential killers. Rotten timbers, open shafts, toxic gasses and lack of oxygen can be deadly.
- Rockhounding is mostly a rugged and dirty pastime. Clothing, especially footwear, should be serviceable for hiking in rugged terrain, digging and weather conditions. Boots are recommended.
- Be prepared for extreme weather conditions including rain or snow at any time of the year. Carry extra food, water, clothing, fuel and other supplies.
- Always tell someone where you are going and when you plan to be back.

- Always wear proper protective equipment (gloves, safety glasses, etc.) when striking or breaking rocks.
- Rockhounds may unknowingly create hazards through careless digging. Undermining the root of a tree is both destructive and dangerous, as it may cause the tree to fall. Tunneling through unsupported soil or under overhanging banks may cause cave-ins. Deep or steep sided pits or trenches should be filled upon completion of digging, as they pose a hazard to people, livestock and wildlife.
- Be aware that roads leading to rockhounding sites may be used by heavy trucks carrying logs, gravel, livestock, etc. Travel at your own risk. Unimproved roads can be dangerous to travel when wet, muddy or snowy. Rockhounds should inquire with BLM or USFS about possible road closures and fire restrictions prior to visiting the rockhounding sites.
- Watch for rattlesnakes may be found in rock slides, around damp areas, under old buildings, ledges, etc. Prompt medical treatment is always advisable if bitten.
- In the Spring wood ticks in sage brush and timber fringe areas where they can hang on the tips of bushy twigs and transfer to any person or animal that brushes past. Ticks can carry spotted fever and other infections. Ticks should be removed promptly and bites should be treated.
- Protect your pets by keeping them under control at all times.

The publication discusses fire safety and states that this policy applies to all public lands managed by the USFS and the BLM.

The full text of the document can be obtained as a PDF download at:

[http://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE\\_DOCUMENTS/stelprdb5385347](http://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/stelprdb5385347)

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## New Field Trip Chairman

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*by Don Warthen*

Richard Sprowls is new Field Trip Chairman.

Upcoming Field Trips:

**Nov 7-8.** The Whittier Club's claim, near Barstow.

**Nov 19-20.** Wiley's Well, near Blyth, with the Conejo and Oxnard clubs.

Contact Rob Sankovich, [rmsorca@roadrunner.com](mailto:rmsorca@roadrunner.com), or Chuck Borchart, [chuck.cgmtrips@gmail.com](mailto:chuck.cgmtrips@gmail.com)

**Nov 27-29.** Thanksgiving weekend trip with the multi-club group. ? to Afton Canyon or Owens Valley

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## Field Trip to WGMS Honey Onyx Claim November 7-8, 2015

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from WGMS Rockhounder

The field trip will be to the Whittier Gem & Mineral Society's Honey Onyx Claim, located just east of Barstow. The honey onyx is still there but it is hard rock mining. If you have any or have seen it, you know that it is well worth the effort involved. Usually we use our Claim as a base of operations for daily field trips to the surrounding collecting areas. The access to the camp area requires unlocking a combination lock and opening a locked gate. The combination is 4321. After you pass through the gate, you must lock it behind you (this is very important). Follow the "P/W" signs to the camp.

There will be guided field trips on both Saturday and Sunday and we will leave from the Oak Tree Inn (each day at 8:00-8:30 a.m. To get to the Oak Tree Inn take the Ghost Town Rd exit off of the 15 freeway, turn right, turn right again and go past the gas station and you will see the motel on the right. Saturday evening we will meet at Peggy Sue's Restaurant for dinner.

**Materials which may be collected:** honey onyx, red moss agate, petrified wood and palm root, algae agate, and other unnamed agate, jasp-agates, jaspers, fossils, etc.

**Tools:** rock pick and bag for general collecting: sledges, wedges, chisels, pry bars, etc. for those rockhounds who really want to get serious with the honey onyx.

**Supplies:** Barstow is very close. For beginning rockhounds (without campers, trailers, etc.) you may wish to stay in a motel in town and drive to the Club Claim each morning – many of the regular folk on the trip stay at the Oak Tree Inn (760-254-1148 ext. 400), the address is considered in Yermo.

**Contact: Joe Goetz at (626) 260-7239** for questions or further information.

## Future Rockhounds of America at the Whittier Show



## Cleaning and Sorting Rocks for our Auction in November





10/14/2015

Minutes by Secretary Teri Heuer

General meeting held at the La Habra Community Center

6:50PM President Ofelia opened meeting

Flag salute – Kevin Smith

Membership – Jan Cohen - We welcomed 3 guests at this meeting.

President Ofelia discussed that our program this evening will be Nail Polish Wire Wrapped Flowers. Ofelia explained after the members turned in the “What would they like in the club survey”... The members picked Projects during the General Meetings as one of the top picks.

Education, Projects and Field trips were also top picks on the survey

Loretta Ogden NOC education chair was our instructor for the evening. She taught an excellent class plus it was fun.

Refreshments and our Raffle – Thank you for the treats and prizes

NOC General meeting business

The September meeting minutes approved by motion made Alan and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Russell

Treasurers Report was given by Don Warthen NOTE: Report was available for review at the front table.

Budget Committee – All committee chairs need to turn their budgets over to the budget committee.

**GEM Show** – Meeting will be held 10 /29/2015 at 6:30PM at the La Habra Community Center

June 3,4,5 2015 Gem Show Committee chairs Don Warthen, Loretta Ogden, Armando Pedroza – Theme for the show this year will be Clocks – Rock around the clock....

Submit your entries for the Gem Show Flyer.

This year will be trying to put together a faceting symposium – updates will be provided on this new exciting event at this year’s show.

**Education** – Loretta Ogden, Jeanine Arp

Next month wire wrap 10/28/2015 with Instructions by Don Warthen

November class 11/19/2015– Wire Wreath – Instructor Loretta Ogden COST: \$25

Education Chair Loretta Ogden – Loretta will be in charge of the classes and their schedules.

Scholarship Alan Heuer and Jan Cohen – Alan went to both High Schools to drop the requirements of this year’s scholarship. The subject this year “The uses on the mineral SALT throughout ancient and modern history”.

Jan Cohen – Quarter mania Scholarship fundraiser will be postponed until February and the Casino bus trip participants will be refunded for that trip due to a bus for the Casino breaking down.

Next fundraiser will be November 4, 2015 at the La Habra Community Center- This meeting will be a potluck there was a food to bring list passed around at the meeting if you cannot remember what you signed up for please reach out to Marjorie Bush or Loretta Ogden

NOTE: The November 4, 2015 meeting will be on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month due to the community center being closed on Veterans Day.

December 9th Recognition Christmas Party- Loretta Ogden and Laura Castillio Beth Smith, Marjorie Bush will be held at the La Habra Community Center. We will have the ROC Color Guard

Field Trips - Armando Pedroza-Absent

Librarian – No library report

Don Warthen gave us the ALAA Report about closing down the desert from the 40 to the Nevada Border to turn the area into a National Forest which means limited rockhounding.

Club ID- Vest – Kevin Smith gave 2 examples of our new club recognition vest.

President Ofelia Warthen - Adjourned the meeting at 8:50PM

**North Orange County Gem  
& Mineral Society**



**Presents Our Annual  
Fund-Raiser Auction**

**(Silent & Live Auction)**

**Wednesday November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015  
The Silent Auction begins at 6:45 pm with  
Refreshments being served.**

**The Live Auction begins at about 7:15 pm.  
Featuring Items Such as:**

**Fine Jewelry, One of a Kind Handcrafted  
Works of Art  
Rocks, Geodes, Minerals  
Various Items Donated by our Members**

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