

NOC GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY NEWS

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President's Message

by Ofelia Warthen

I want to wish everyone a wonderful "Happy Holiday". All members are invited to attend our gala Christmas Holiday Awards Banquet on December 9th, 6 p.m. at La Habra Community Center. Loretta Ogden has planned a great enlightening event. So come all and be Merry!

So far, this has been a wonderful year of great events! At our November meeting members participated in our silent/live auction. This was a super experience for our first attendees & FRA. Some were overbidding each other. This turned out to be very successful fundraiser to help our La Habra Youth. Thank you all for your participation especially Margie Bush for coordinating our potluck for this event, it was super!

Our FRA "Rocks N Rubies" Chairman, Laura Castillo, continues to enrolled new members. Their November project was taught by Don Warthen on the value of Mohs Hardness Scale. They also learned how to wire wrap a rose quartz arrowhead pendant.

Many of our members visited the Jewel Tunnel on November 21. It was especially exciting experience for our Future Rockhounds attending. This was their first encounter to see so much exposure of rocks, minerals, glittering jewels, from all over the world. Many purchased Christmas presents.

Our next super fundraiser is Saturday, February 13, 2016. A day before Valentines Day! Jann Cohen is our Chair. She is asking every member to support and help in this great event. A flyer on this event is attached to this newsletter, please complete & submit.

First on 2016 agenda is our Membership meeting January 13, followed by Quartzsite, January 20-24, 2016

Sad to announce, our lifetime member, Ginny Grafton, passed away November 25th. Will follow with more detail on services later.

I want to thank you & grateful for all your support throughout the year and look forward to many more. We look forward to a beautiful & healthy New Year!

NOC Club Activities

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

Programs

Awards Banquet

Date: December 9

Time: 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

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

For Operation Santa, please bring a new toy or gift certificate for children

Members in the News

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

Members in the news in December:

Janine Arp	Linda Chu
Wendy Erskine	Pat Mogan
Richard O'Conner	Jerry Turner
Kathleen Turner	KathyValle

Your gemstone is Turquoise
Your flower is Holly or Narcissus

Shows and Events

2016

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

North Orange County Gem & Mineral Society
La Habra Community Center
101 W. La Habra Blvd.
Hours: Fri. 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.; Sat & Sun. 10-5
Don Warthen (626) 330-8974
Cell (626) 826-9538
odwarthen@verizon.net
nocgms.com

NOC General Meeting Minutes of November 2015

Meeting called to order at 6:40 p.m. by President Ofelia Warthen.

Pledge of Allegiance by Future Rockhound of America, Wyatt Sprowls.

Started the silent auction with lots of activity & over-bidding. The activities continued with refreshments & potluck furnished by members.

Committee reports given: Richard Sprowls, Field Trip Chair, announced coming field trip to Whittier onyx claim on November 7. Loretta Ogden presented sign-up sheet for December 09th recognition awards banquet. Don Warthen made announcement at October meeting for member participation in making new 2016 show flyer. Two flyers were presented at this time.

Silent auction ended at 7:30 and started live auction by Don Warthen. Beth Smith kept record on bidding monies. Margie Bush was in charge of potluck set up.

Attendance: 18 members, 3 guest, 6 Future Rockhounds of America

President Ofelia Warthen thanked everyone for a fantastic enjoyable evening and great participation by all. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Minutes Submitted by Loretta Ogden in the absence of Secretary Teri Heuer

In Memoriam

VIRGINIA HANSEN GRAFTON

March 1, 1922 - November 25, 2015

Born in Minnesota and moved to California where she was a lab tech for Kaiser, she then moved on to be a teacher and again on to the position as school psychologist at Lynwood High school.

Ginny became involved with NOC through Izzie Burns. She brought her daughter Susan into the club and later married Jerry Grafton who also became an active member. Ginny was involved in a big way in publicizing the 1985 CFMS/ NOCGMS Show at the Orange County Fairgrounds. She was out in the schools teaching geology and taught beading at ZZZZX along with demonstrating at shows.

She had a big cabin in the mountains and hosted many club affairs there. From a personal side she was the reason we have our house in Smiley Park. The club will miss Ginnys contribution to the club and those of us who knew her, friendship. Our sincere sympathy to her daughter Susan and son Paul.

Services will be held:

12pm Thursday 12-3-15
at Westminster Memorial Park
14801 Beach Blvd, Westminster
Ca. 92683



CFMS Federation Report, Visalia CA

by Loretta Ogden

The Application for Zzyzx-2016 will be posted online at the CFMS web site (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.

ZZYZX Camp will run from March 27th through April 3rd 2016. The cost is \$390.00 per person (that includes room and three meals a day).

This event will fill up in one or two days, so get your applications mailed on the 1st.

MOHS Scale & Wire Wrap

by Sofia Castillo

Rock N Rubies Rock Hound

For our November meeting for the Rock N Rubies, we learned how to wire wrap a rose quartz arrow head. It was really fun but difficult at the same time. I was able to help when the other members, especially the little ones, didn't know what to do.

But before we learned how to wire wrap, we learned about the MOHS scale, The MOHS scale is the scale used for measuring each rock or minerals hardness. The scale is from 1 to 10, 10 being the hardest rock or mineral. The hardest is a diamond and it is rated a 10 on the MOHS scale. Talc is the softest which is rated a 1. Talc falls apart easily, just by you rubbing it.

Our two leaders, Mr and Mrs Warthen brought some rocks which were on the scale to show us the difference of hardness. We were able to see which rocks are able to be scratched by your finger, penny or nail. I can't wait to see what in store for our January meeting.

Education

by Loretta Ogden

In January we will start our new session of classes at the Community Center. These classes will run from January thru March. There are two series one wire wrap and one fashion jewelry.

The examples will be in the case at the CC starting in January. The details are in the Community magazine available at the CC. Please check dates and make you plans accordingly.

Jewel Tunnel

by Sofia Castillo

Rock N Rubies Rock Hound

For the month of November, I was lucky to go to the Jewel Tunnel two times. The Jewel Tunnel was amazing and a lot of fun. In the warehouse there were different kinds of rocks everywhere. Some were even shaped into different animals. There was whales, turtles and fish just to name a few. But, there were lots more.

My favorite rock was the pink dyed geode. The jewel tunnel was a lot of fun and they had magnificent rocks to buy and see. I hope I can go again.
Sofia Castillo

Awards Banquet

by Loretta Ogden

The plans are made and waiting for your reservations. Send to:

Loretta Ogden
20904 Trigger Lane
Diamond Bar CA 91765

It will only cost you \$12.00 per person. The menu is a traditional turkey and ham dinner with all the fixings p[us].

We are having a wonderful surprise for our entertainment pleasure.

Don' forget to bring a new unwrapped toy and non-perishable food to be distributed in our community.

If you are unable to come we will all miss you and wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Nov 13, 2015

DesertUSA Newsletter

Quick Links: [DesertUSA's Website](#) [Videos](#) [DesertUSA Store](#)



Last Rites for a Desert Bighorn

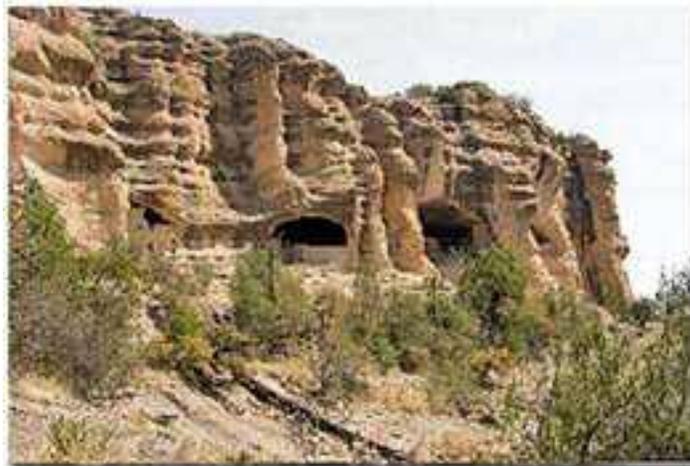
It was most unusual to see Mama Ewe standing in the same spot where I'd last seen her. But there she was, in the clearing at Lower Willows in Coyote Canyon where I'd seen her two days before during the bighorn sheep count. Four legs spread wide; her head hung as if muscles were not attached. Drainage flowed from her eyes and nose. Something must be done!

I brought the Jeep to a slow roll and hopped out. Mama Ewe was so engrossed with her own condition that she failed to notice my arrival at first. Slowly her eyes turned my way. However, my movement immediately caught Coyote's eye from his nearby observation point in the rabbit brush. Periodically he sniffed the air as if to determine whether any competitors were lurking in the vicinity. Finally, he trotted off with quick impatient steps, stopping to glare at the busybody ranger who had nothing better to do than disturb a fellow about to have the meal of his life. [More...](#)



The Sculptures at Borrego Springs

Something more than desert wildflowers and the spectacular Anza-Borrego Desert State Park is attracting visitors to the Borrego Valley in Southern California. People are coming from around the United States and internationally to see the amazing 130 full-sized metal sculptures here that are inspired by creatures that roamed this same desert millions of years ago. The artworks range from prehistoric mammals to historical characters, fanciful dinosaurs, and a 350-foot-long fanciful serpent. [More...](#)



New Mexico's Triple Hitter

Rand McNally's *Road Atlas* highlights Silver City, New Mexico, as one of the five "Best of the Road" destinations in America. Surrounded by scenic desert and rugged mountains and with a history that dates back 2,000 years, Silver City offers a triple-hitter for cultural and natural attractions.

Jewel Tunnel



Youth Committee Donation



Silent Auction



North Orange County Gem & Mineral Society



Member Holiday Banquet

DECEMBER 9th, SOCIAL HOUR AT 6:00 PM AND DINNER SERVED AT 7:00 PM
AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER
101 W. LA HABRA BLVD.
LA HABRA, CA 90631

ADULT \$12.00 CHILDREN \$6.00

PLEASE MAIL CHECKS TO LORETTA OGDEN
20904 TRIGGER LANE
DIAMOND BAR, CA 91765
(909) 598-2456

Please RSVP By Nov. 30

Member Holiday Banquet

Name _____

Number of Adults _____ Number of Children _____ Amount of Check enclosed \$ _____

Phone Number _____

Mail to Loretta Ogden 20904 Trigger Lane, Diamond Bar, CA 91765
(909) 598-2456

Must be received no later than Nov. 30th.



**THE CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF
MINERALOGICAL SOCIETIES, INC.**

**DEDICATED TO THE ADVANCEMENT AND
ENJOYMENT OF THE EARTH SCIENCES**

CAMP ZZYX



We invite you to join us at the Earth Science Seminar being held at the Desert Studies Center, Soda Springs (Zzyzx) located approximately 50 miles Northeast of Barstow, CA. Off I-15 at Zzyzx Rd.

Facilities are rustic, dormitory style rooms with bed, mattress & desk. Cleaning is the occupant's responsibility. You must bring bed linen or sleeping bag, and any creature comforts you may desire i.e. lamp, throw rug, ice chest. RV parking is approximately 1/4 mile from the Center and has no facilities of any kind. All restrooms and showers are in separate buildings at the center and are communal.

The Earth Science Committee reserves the right to accept or deny applications as they deem appropriate. This area is designated by the Government as a Desert Studies Center; consequently, **NO PETS ARE ALLOWED**. A limited number of reservations are available and an early application is recommended. We will accept applications posted after December 1st and "1st Timers" (persons not having attended either Camp Paradise or Camp Zzyzx previously) will receive preference and all others in accordance to date & time received. Subject to change these classes will be offered:

LAPIDARY	WIRE ART	PRECIOUS METAL CLAY	FIELD TRIPS
SILVER FABRICATION	ADVANCED WIRE ART	ALTERNATIVE CASTING	
SOFT STONE CARVING	FACETING	BEADING	

The fee for the week is \$390.00 per person and includes quarters or RV space, three meals per day, and classes. Additional charges may be assessed for material furnished by instructors.

-- If You Use Your RV You Can Save \$50.00 --

NO CANCELLATIONS AFTER MARCH 1, 2016 unless a replacement is provided.

A \$25.00 Administration Fee will be assessed for cancellations prior to **March 1, 2016**.

Please complete the Registration form and Mail with full payment; Payable to CFMS.

MAIL APPLICATION TO:
AUDREY HARVEY
3362 Tudford Place
Thousand Oaks, CA 91360
805-492-2253

CAMP ZZYX

MARCH 27th - APRIL 3rd, 2016

**FOR INFORMATION ONLY
CONTACT:**
Tom Burchard
801-791-2828
e-mail Reskand@aol.com

REGISTRATION FORM DEADLINE MARCH 1, 2016

Applications received after this date will be placed on a stand-by list and considered only when a vacancy exists.

Please use block printing:

(A) Mr. Mrs. Ms _____

(B) Mr. Mrs. Ms _____

Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-Mail _____

ROOM ASSIGNMENT FOR SINGLE APPLICANTS ONLY. RV ___ DORM ___

ROOM REQUEST FOR MEDICAL OR PHYSICAL REASONS. PLEASE DESCRIBE _____

SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS ___ DIABETIC ___ OTHER ___ EXPLAIN _____

DO NOT MAIL REGISTRATIONS PRIOR TO DECEMBER 1ST !!
REGISTRATIONS POSTMARKED PRIOR TO DECEMBER 1ST WILL BE PLACED ON THE "WAITING LIST"



NORTH ORANGE COUNTY GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY
A non-profit 501 c3 Corporation

Scholarship Fund Raiser

Saturday, February 13, 2016

Doors open at 1:00 PM

\$20.00 for advanced payment & \$25.00 at the Door

Includes Entrance, 1 Paddle, & Hors-d-oeuvre

Extra Paddles @ \$ 5.00 ea.

At the United Methodist Church 631 N. Euclid St., La Habra, CA

For more information call Jann Cohen (562) 691-8019

Or Ofelia (626) 330-8974 * (562) 946-0828

odwarthen@verizon.net

www.nocgms.com

Don't Forget to Bring Quarters



Name _____ Phone No. _____

No. Of People Attending _____ Amount Enclosed _____ e-mail _____

Make Checks Payable to **NOCGMS.**

Mail to: Ofelia Warthen, 15051 Leffingwell Rd. #103, Whittier, CA 90604

(626) 330-8974

odwarthen@verizon.net

www.nocgms.com

What the Heck is a QuarterMania??



We would like to introduce you to a fun-filled event called a [QuarterMania!](#) If you are like we were when we first heard of this, you are probably wondering "what the heck is this?"!

A QuarterMania is a cross between an auction and a raffle where people 'bid' to win a product/prize of brand new goods donated from local businesses and various home business vendors participating in the event.

Bids on these new items are from 1 to 4 quarters. There are usually about 60 items to auction during a party.

When you come to a QM, you will register and pick out a paddle (or several) with a number on each that is used for your individual bidding on the items you want to try to win.



When the auction begins, there is a roll call to make sure all paddles in play have a corresponding numbered chip in the bidding pot! Once we are sure of that, the auction begins!

The QM auctioneer begins by holding up a product and telling a little bit about the highlights and then tells everyone how much the item is going for - between 1 and 4 quarters!



If you would like to bid on that item, you put the corresponding number of quarters in the collection pot then hold up your paddle(s) and wait for your number to be called!