

NOC GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY NEWS

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President's Message

by Ofelia Warthen

Wish everyone had a wonderful happy Easter!

Don & I sign up to go to ZZYZX and made it. We are very happy to attend and will be gone the first week in April. We will bring our show & tell items to our April 13th general meeting.

If you have never attended a field trip, you have missed one of lives great adventures. Eight of Our club members attended our multi-club field trip to Lavic Siding. What A wonderful day it was. The weather was a perfect sunny day. We all got out of our cars and jasper was everywhere & started collecting. After lunch all followed Jay Valle and Joe Goetz to another site for more collecting. After much collecting some of us decided to go down to Ludlow for ice-cream at Dairy Queen.

This was a great experience especially for our first rock hounds, Future Rockhounds of America, the Rock N Rubies members (Sprowls family) and Beth & Kevin Smith.

Our next multi-club field trip is schedule for April 23rd to Topanga Canyon Fossils. This will also be an exciting outing, please sign up, Call our field trip chairman, Richard Sprowls for more details.

Our "Rocks around the Clock" Gem Show is right around the Clock, so please get involved. Call your Show Chairman, Don Warthen.

I need your ideas for future projects. So call me or attend our Board Meeting on April 20th @ the Community Center 6:30 PM. to discuss.

NOC Club Activities

Board Meeting - 6 p.m. 3rd Wed. at La Habra Community Center (none in Jul & Aug)
Field Trips - April 23 to Topanga Canyon: Fossils.

Programs

April Speaker - Ken Rogerson "The Changing of Gemstone and Bead Industries: New Finds, Fakes, Ceated, Dyed & Enhanced." See **page 3** for details.

Refreshments

Thanks to Laura Castillo and Rich Sprowls for bringing the goodies to the March meeting. Randi Hetrick, and Kevin & Beth Smith will bring the goodies to the April meeting.

Date: Wed. April 13

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 April

*Jane Hendrixson Clyeda Tezak
Aida Heidke Triny Hermosillo
Tianna Weiland*

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

Shows and Events

2016

APRIL 23-24: LANCASTER, CA

Antelope Valley Gem & Mineral Club
Lancaster High School
44701 - 32nd Street West
Hours: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Daily
Contact: CJ Quitoriano (661) 209-9002
Email: cjq_62@yahoo.com
www.avgem.weebly.com

MAY 7-8: ANAHEIM, CA

Searchers Gem & Mineral Society
Brookhurst Community Center
2271 W. Crescent Avenue
Hours: Sat 10-5; Sun 10-4:30
Contact: Margaret Hogarth (909) 597-7033
Email: hogarth.m@gmail.com
www.searchersrocks.org

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
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JUNE 4 - 5: GLENDORA, CA

Glendora Gems & Mineral Society
Goddard Middle School
859 E. Sierra Madre Avenue
Hours: Sat. 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4
Contact: Bonnie Bidwell, (626) 963-4638
Email: Ybidwell2@aol.com

JUNE 25 - 26: 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, (310) 850-4398
Email: janicemtz@yahoo.com
Website: www.culvercityrocks.org

SEPTEMBER 16 - 18: PLACERVILLE, CA

77th CFMS Show & Convention
Hosted by El Dorado County Mineral & Gem
Society
El Dorado County Fairgrounds
100 Placerville Drive
Hours: Fri - Sun 10 - 5 daily
Contact: Barbara Terrill, 530 676-2375
Email: info@rockandgemshow.org
Website: cfmsinc.org

OCTOBER 8 - 9: TRONA, CA

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

OCTOBER 15 - 16: WHITTIER, CA

Whittier Gem & Mineral Society
Whittier Community Center
7630 Washington Avenue
Hours: 10 - 5 daily
Contact: Frank Winn, (626) 239-5457
Email: rkhndfw@gmail.com



The Changing of Gemstone and Bead Industries: New Finds, Fakes, Created, Dyed, & Enhanced

By Ken Rogers

Join us for an evening with Ken Rogers who will speak on the changes in the gemstone and gemstone bead industry, plus how they affect jewelers, bead makers, lapidary enthusiasts and jewelry buyers. On February 17, 1972 Nixon went to China, opened trade, and in doing so, woke up the "Sleeping Dragon". While China expanded its industrial growth it looked to its own natural resources, including historic and craft industries. China opened and expanded their mines, including Turquoise and many other gem stones. They retrained their craftsmen and developed new, modern, bead and gem cutting and carving facilities.

As time went on, the Chinese started designing and manufacturing new gemstones in their factories. The Chinese went as far as buying up gem mines in its neighboring countries and territories. Soon, the Chinese were able to control much of the world's gem and bead market. In his illustrated talk, Ken will discuss what has happened in Asia, where it is going, and how it will affect us, here in the U.S. Then, Ken will go on to expose and discuss some of the new, dyed, enhanced and misnamed and factory manufactured gemstones.

Ken Rogers has been recognized as one of the "go to" people when someone, or firm, had questions about gemstone beads. Ken has been a rockhound since he was 10, cut his first gemstone cabochon at age 15, and learned silversmithing and jewelry making in his high school art class. Ken had a 30 year career as a photojournalist, working for the world's top magazines and corporations. When the photographic world converted from film to digital media, Ken returned to the gem and jewelry world to manage a Beverly Hills jewelry store and several gem bead companies. Since then Ken has returned to creating his own gem bead jewelry, consulting, lecturing, and helping friends with their businesses. Ken has been a member of the Bead Society L.A. for the past 15 years and the Culver City Rock & Mineral Club for 10 years.

April 23 Multi-Field Trip to the Santa Monica Mountains for Agates & Fossils

Meeting Place: 9 a.m. at the South West corner of Kanan and Agoura Roads, Agoura (Hwy 101, Kanan exit). Car-pooling is strongly encouraged due to limited parking at some sites.

Trip Leaders:

Jason Badgley, jbadgeman@aol.com, 818-388-3220
Andrew Hoekstra, ajhoekstra@yahoo.com 562-584-3190.

If there is sufficient demand, Andrew Hoekstra may lead a fossil collecting trip to Woodland Hills Sunday April 17 so participants can continue to the Conejo show to attend a 2 p.m. fossil program for juniors:

Juniors can earn a AFMS fossil patch by attending the talk "Fun with fossils" presented by Mike Havstad - the hands-on secession is open to the public with no advance registration required. If a participating kid is a member of a CFMS-affiliated club, they will earn the AFMS/FRA Fossil Badge upon completing the session.

If interested in collecting fossils on April 17 instead of April 23, please contact Andrew Hoekstra.



Lavic Siding Field Trip

We had a great field trip last week to Lavic Siding on Highway 40 out of Barstow. Lavic Siding is mostly flat and easy to move around with an abundance of Jasper.



When we got there we found that the area was open



This was a multi-club trip with several clubs participating. We had 8 people from the NOC there and everyone had a great time.



Ofelia was there to help the newer people get started

The Future Rockhounds "the Rock N Rubies" made some great discoveries



While this area does not have as many wild flowers as other parts of the desert there were some Spectacular sights.



Then we went up "Sandy Wash" where the walking is not quite as easy but well worth the effort.





There many great geological sight in this part of the desert to see



Like the Pisgah Crater and lava tubs , Volcano



and Rockhounds after a hard day



April 2, 2016 NOC General Membership Meeting La Habra Community Center

President Ofelia Warthen - Brought the Meeting to Order- 6:50 p.m.

Pledge of allegiance to the flag – Kevin Smith
VP Membership -Linda Menken Introduce 23 members & 1 Guests –

VP Armando Pedroza – Introduced the guest speaker – Russ the Opalhollic Opal Express

Break – Raffle led by Beth Smith – Reminder to members to bring donations for the general meeting raffle table.

President Ofelia Warthen - Brought the meeting back to order

Approved the February 10 2016 General Meeting minutes. Motion to approve Armando Pedroza, 2nd, Russell Belevick

Don Warthen Treasurers report – Membership dues are due.

Committee Reports:

Field Trips: Chair Richard prowls – Sign up for March 19th Lavic Siding.

Education: Chair Loretta Ogden – Classes through Community Center will now be going through the club. Lapidary Classes through the summer at the Warthen's home shop. Sign up now...

Gem Show: Chair Don Warthen – The Gem Show meeting will be held at Cocos on Imperial Hwy March 23 2016 at 6:30 p.m. – All members are encouraged to attend the Gem show meetings.

All members should try to participate in some way, as every little bit helps. This is our largest fundraiser for our club and we all enjoy being members and the benefits of membership. We need all of our members to help. Besides the show is a fun, social and enjoyable and it is only one weekend.

We as a club should stand together and put on one of our best shows ever for 2016.

Please contact Gem Show Chair Don Warthen odwarthen@hotmail.com to volunteer your time at the show or prior to the show. We need assistance in all areas

Gem Show Raffle Table Donations Chair -Teri Heuer terishelp@yahoo.com 951-640-2923

Please contact Teri to make arrangements for pick up prior to the show, you can also bring your donations to the show and drop them off at the donation table.

Note: Friday on the First Show Day would be preferred but any donation at any time would be appreciated.

Citrus Fair – This is our opportunity to show the community, what NOC is all about.

There are some great plans for our club representation this year at the Citrus Fair. We are planning on having an RV with a rockhounding campsite theme. If you would like to meet new people, educate the community and some fun with your club, then sign up to volunteer.

Our Booth will be at the Citrus Fair April 29th – May 1st.

Look for the sign-up sheet at the April 13, 2013 General meeting. Or contact Don or Ofelia Warthen odwarthen@hotmail.com

Long Range planning meeting has been postponed. Meeting Adjourned: 8:47 p.m.

Minutes by Secretary Teri Heuer –

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