

# NOC GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY NEWS

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## President's Message

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*by Ofelia Warthen*

We are entering the Holiday Season of Christmas and what a wonderful time of the year to celebrate!

The last two years has been an amazing process of events serving as President of NOC. I want to thank every member for giving me the opportunity to serve you. My special thanks to all that participated in many events, like the Gem Shows, Education, Fund Raisers, Future Rockhounds of America and many more.

I will continue to serve you in a different capacity as one of your Board of Directors. Call me, and I will listen.

Hope to see you at our new Officers Installation on December 14<sup>th</sup> at Marie Calendars in City of Industry.

WISH EVERYONE A MERRY CHRISTMAS  
AND HAPPY NEW YEAR! Ofelia

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## Info Needed

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Hi all,

I need reports and pictures for the January newsletter.

Anything that's on your mind.  
Thanks,

Don O

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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 - To be determined.

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## Program

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Our December program will be the 2016 NOC Dinner and Installation of Officers.

**Date:** December 14, 2016

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

**Place:** Marie Callenders

1560 Albatros

(see attached map for directions)

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## Jewel Tunnel

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Hi Everyone,

We have been invited to visit the "Jewel Tunnel" on Saturday December 3<sup>rd</sup> from 10:00 am through 4:00 pm.

The Jewel Tunnel is where most of the dealers get their inventory. You will be able to buy items there for about 50% of what you will pay at any other location. The Jewel Tunnel is usually only open to dealers with resale permits, but at this time they open their doors to the rock clubs to come in a look around and make some great buys, they even provide refreshments (if you do not have a resale permit you will have to pay sales tax).

Please let me know if you are planning to attend. I need to let John know about how many people are coming.

Don W

## Shows and Events

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### DECEMBER 3 - 4: BARSTOW, CA

Mojave Desert Gem & Mineral Society  
Cora Harper Community Center  
841 S. Barstow Road  
Hours: 10 - 5 Daily  
Contact: Danny Watts (760) 373-1309  
Email: dvwatts@msn.com  
Website: www.mdgms.net

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### JANUARY 21 - 22: EXETER, CA

Tule Gem & Mineral Society  
Exter Veterans Memorial Building  
324 Kaweah Ave.  
Hours: Sat 10 - 5: Sun 10-4  
Website: www.tulegem.com

### MARCH 4 - 5: ARCADIA, CA

Monrovia Rockhounds  
L.A. County Arboretum & Botanical Garden  
301 N. Baldwin Avenue  
Hours: 9-4:30 Daily  
Contact: Jo Anna Ritchey (626) 359-1624  
Email: joannaritchey@gmail.com  
Website: www.Moroks.com

### MARCH 4 - 5: VENTURA, CA

Ventura Gem & Mineral Society  
Ventura County Fairgrounds  
10 W. Harbor Boulevard  
Hours: Sat 10 - 5: Sun 10-4  
Contact: Terry Wilson (805) 312-8464  
Email: info@vgms.org  
Website: www.wgms.org

### MARCH 11 - 12 SAN MARINO, CA

Pasadena Lapidary Society  
San Marino Masonic Center  
3130 Hunting Drive  
Hours: Sat 10 - 5: Sun 10-5  
Email: pasadenalapidary@aol.com  
Website: www.pasadenalapidarysociety.org

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### APRIL 8 - 9; MARIPOSA, CA

Mariposa Gem & Mineral Club  
Mariposa County Fairgrounds  
Hours: Sat & Sun 10 - 5  
Contact: (209) 742-7625  
Email: rocksmuseum@gmail.com  
Website: CAMineralmuseum.com

### JUNE 2 - 4: LA HABRA, CA

Game of Stones  
North Orange County Gem & Mineral Society  
La Habra Community Center  
101 W. La Habra Blvd.  
Hours: Fri: 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.: Sat & Sun 10 - 5  
Contact: Armando Pedroza (909) 444-2727  
Email: ForestandSUN@yahoo.com  
Website: www.nocgms.com

### JUNE 9, 10, & 11: VENTURA, CA

Ventura Rocks The Nation!  
2017-CFMS-AFMS Show & Convention  
Hosted by Ventura Co. Gem & Mineral Society  
Ventura County Fairgrounds  
10 West Harbor Blvd.  
Hours: Fri & Sat 10-5; Sun 10-4  
Contact: Diana Cook, (805) 312-8467  
Email: info@vgms.org  
Website: 2017CFMS-AFMSShow.com

### AUGUST 4 - 6; NIPOMO, CA

Rainbow of Gems  
Orcutt Mineral Society  
Nipomo High School  
525 N. Thompson Ave.  
Hours: Fri 10 - 5, Sat & Sun 10 - 4  
Website: www.omsinc.org



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**North Orange County Gem &  
Mineral General Meeting Minutes**

**Date - 11/9/2016**

**Location: La Habra Community  
Center**

*November is our "Silent Auction – Pot luck"- Is our fundraiser for our annual Christmas/Holiday party.*

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Flag Salute-

President Elect – Kevin Smith open the evening with a Live Auction. The items that were auctioned this evening were items donated by members. We had some wonderful items to bid on, not only excellent rock & mineral specimens but also jewelry, antiques and glass items.

We also during the whole evening there was a continuous silent auction. Members and Guest were allowed to walk around the display tables and touch, hold and view items that they may have wanted to bid on. As the evening went on towards the end Kevin, would announce that a certain table would be closing he would not tell us which one but there would be one closing, which meant that if there was something out on those tables that you wanted you had to keep making sure yours was the last bid when the table closed.

All I can say about the pot luck everything was delicious....

Thank you to all the members who brought something to share, which made the whole evening perfect!

All in all it was a wonderful event; we raised some funds and had some fun...

Reminder if you have not purchase your dinner tickets for our Christmas Installation Holiday Dinner at City of Industry Marie Calendars, Call Nancy O'Connor 562-690-6878 or email [occonnornancym@gmail.com](mailto:occonnornancym@gmail.com)

We as members get this fabulous dinner at a discount rate as our November Silent Auction fundraiser offsets the cost of our meal.

We will have a 'harpist" to perform for us that evening. We will be installing the 2017 - 2019 North Orange County Gem & Mineral Society New Board Members and Directors. This is why it is important to attend to this year's Christmas Installation Holiday Dinner and welcome your NOC new board.

We all love our hobby – Rocks & Minerals and of course Gem stones too, which is what has brought us all together, so come celebrate with your fellow hobbyist....We will look forward to seeing all our members at the Christmas Installation Holiday Dinner at City of Industry Marie Calendars,

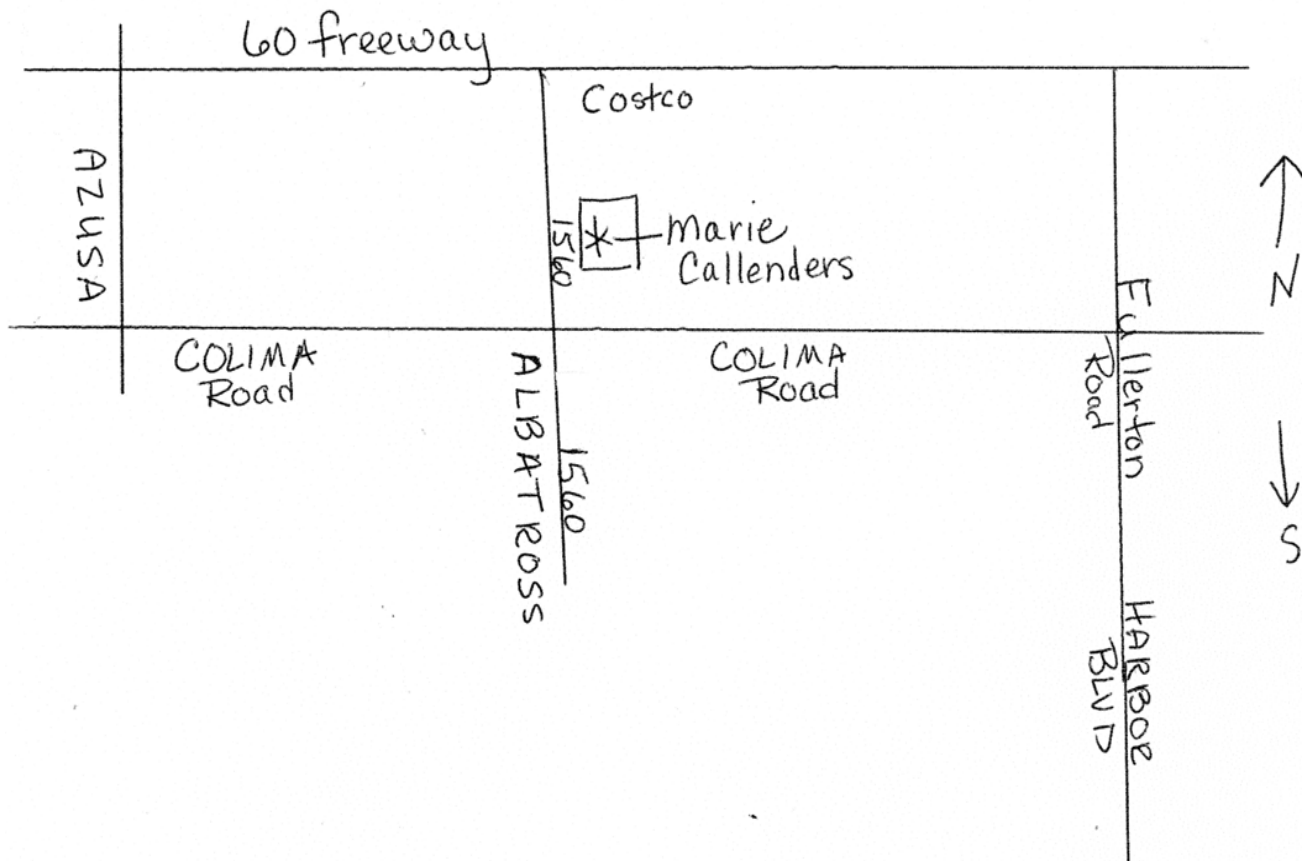
Remember to Call Nancy O'Connor 562-690-6878 or email Nancy [occonnornancym@gmail.com](mailto:occonnornancym@gmail.com) Please let her know you want to attend.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

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## Map To 2016 NOCGMS Dinner & Instalation Of Officers

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## Seeking Lapidary & Jewelry-Making Articles for Rock & Gem Magazine

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Lynn Varon, Managing Editor of *Rock & Gem*, needs your assistance! *Rock & Gems* is the officially associated hobby magazine of the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies. That means it's *our* magazine! Lynn Varon wishes to increase the number of articles devoted to the lapidary arts and jewelry making. This includes cabochon cutting and polishing, gemstone carving, soapstone carving, rock sculpture in general, beading of all kinds, intarsia, inlay and mosaics, sphere making, bead making and drilling, flat-lapping,

scrimshaw, wirewrapping, chainmaille, fused glass, polymer clay and PMC, silver- and goldsmithing, lost-wax casting, faceting, and More.

Lynn would value articles from you and/or recommendations you might provide of experts to contribute articles and to serve as mentors with advice and encouragement for dellow rockhounds seeking to expand and improve their lapidary skills. For further info, contact Lynn at [editor@rockgem.com](mailto:editor@rockgem.com).

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**CFMS Fall Business Meeting - Visalia CA  
November 12,2016**

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**2017 CFMS Officers**



*Left to Right*

**Treasurer -- Al Bolshaxy, Reno GMS**  
**Secretary -- Marcia Goetz, Pasadena Lapidart Soc**  
**2nd VP -- Tony Fender, Whittier GMS**  
**1st VP/President Elect -- Jennifer Haley, Oxnard GMS**  
**President -- Margaret Kolaczyk, Amador County GMS**

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**CFMS Past Presidents**



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## **Afton Canyon Field Trip 11-23-2016 thru 11-26-2016**

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Afton Canyon is also known as the Grand Canyon of the Mohave Desert. It is a fascinating place to explore; there are virtually a thousand places to look for cutting material throughout the region. It is not often you can drive up and down the Mojave River to get from point A to point B.

The weather was clear and cold. The sand in the river bed supported traffic. Stopping here and there we found agates and jaspers in a multitude of colors. There are alternate routes to get to the east end of the canyon to the quarry, this where camp is. At the quarry there is what appears to be dolomite and hematite amongst other things, even a geocache.

This was not an official club fieldtrip therefore no signs were out leading to camp. The camping area was the Quarry off from Basin Rd. So from the 15 frwy - east to basin road past Afton Canyon road. Follow the road south, at the fork go left. Go to the railroad tracks then turn north to cross the dry river bed.

This was a great fieldtrip , the views were amazing. The trip was attended by NOC members

**Richard Sprowls,  
Andy Spowls.  
Rilee Sprows,  
Wyatt Sprowls,  
Don Ogden.**

It was also attended by past NOC members

**Frank Winn  
Jay Valle.**

### **Colorful Rocks Found on Afton Canyon Field Trip**





