

# NOC GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY NEWS

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## President's Corner

Hello to all the Rock Hounds around the world and close to home too lol. March was a great month to say the least. Sorry to say the madness has ended and now we come to the month of fools. Yes, it's that time to break out all the trickery and fool that love one until she starts chasing you around the yard wanting to put that special rock upside your head lol. Yup being a prankster is a skill and I love to pull the pranks so look out.

On the serious side, March was a very awesome month. The fieldtrip to LAVIC SIDING was to say the least was a challenging trip. With ATT system, down it was very hard to meet up with the group and GPS was not working either. so, for Beth and I we ended up on our own and it was amazing. We found so many things out there. For one a very nice desert rose, a bucket full of red green gold and blue jasper, Druzy Quartz, and what we believe to be part of a vent tube from the volcano **Pisga Crater**, and it still has sulfur deposits in the tube. And one for my book, I also found a **ESTWING PICK HAMMER**. That was a very cool find for sure. Everyone should take advantage of these field trips, the knowledge that you gain from these trips will make your hobby reach to new heights.

We have tickets for everyone to sell, yes that's right **GAME OF STONES IS ON** and the tickets for the raffle prizes need to be sold to all your friends a neighbors. We as a club would like to have each club member to get their tickets at the general meeting or call me up and I will be glad to get them to you. They are \$20.00 for 24 tickets and if you like you can sell them to family and friends. If you would like more ??? no problem we have them lol.

I would like to thank all the members that came to March general meeting we had a great turnout and

## NOC Club Activities

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

## Programs

The program speaker for April is Jason Badglay see page 5.

## Refreshments

Thanks to Rose and Armando for bringing the goodies to the March meeting.

**Date:** Wed. April 12

**Time:** 6:30 p.m.

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

our speaker PATRICK gave a great presentation on **LAVIC SIDING** in Barstow Ca. we have another great speaker for April and I would love to see another packed house again. We also are going to have a great raffle and we encourage our members to bring in donations to the raffle chair Beth Smith. Donations are always welcome here.

We also have very nice postcards for our "BIG SHOW" **GAME OF STONES**. so, pick up some of them to pass out to all your friends family, and work associates.

THANK YOU ALL  
Kevin Smith President



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## Shows and Events

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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

**May 6- 7; 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) 815-3045  
Email: hogarth.m@gmail.com  
Website: www.searchersrocks.org

**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

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**JULY 8 - 9: CULVER CITY, CA**

Culver City Rock & Mineral Club  
Veterans Memorial Auditorium  
4117 Overland Blvd.  
Hours: Sat 10-6: Sun 10-5  
Contact: Janice Metz, (310) 850-4398  
Email: janicemtz@yahoo.com  
Website: www.culvercityrocks.org

**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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## Jason Badgley

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I have been interested in nature, photography, geology, and lapidary since my grandfather taught me to cut and polish stones when I was eight years old. I learned to love the outdoors through family vacations and the Boy Scouts. I have hiked and collected rocks throughout California, primarily Southern California.

I belong to several west coast lapidary societies and have displayed my work at many local, state associations, and fairs. I have won many awards for my workmanship including the California State Federation Show and the Best in Show ribbon at the LA County Fair.

I have sold and traded specimens world wide through the internet, specialty shops, and street fairs. I have also provided unique specimens for artists that create wire wrapping jewelry.

Photos of my polished stones and articles that I have written have been, and will be, included in several books and websites about lapidary arts.

I love the outdoors and have explored extensively throughout the west coast. I have worked for a geologist in Central Mexico mapping, locating, and collecting samples for a mining company to locate new sources of gold, silver, and copper.

I research old publications from my grandfather's library and geology maps to locate the best potential collecting locations for local specimens, and I have led field trips for local lapidary societies and private collectors.

I have given presentations about the local materials that I have discovered to California lapidary societies, and also volunteer my time as a docent for the Malibu Creek State Park.

**Jason Badgley will be the speaker at our April 12 meeting.**

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## Clyeda

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Dear Friends,

It is bitter-sweet that I will be leaving the N.O.C. Gem and Mineral Club here in La Habra to move to the Sierra Vista Mobile Home Park in Vista, California.

My road ahead holds new adventures as I will now be close to my daughter Linda, and other precious family members.

I have made many life-long friends in this club, and I will miss all of you so much. I thank each one of you for your love, support and beautiful friendship. You are all "gems". I will never forget the priceless memories of our friendship as I carry you all in my heart.

Please keep in touch, and stop and visit me anytime you are in the Vista area.

Love Forever and Always,

Clyeda Tezak  
245 W. Bobier Dr. #71  
Vista, CA 92083  
Cell: (562) 237-6842



**Lavic Siding Field Trip  
March 18-19, 2017**



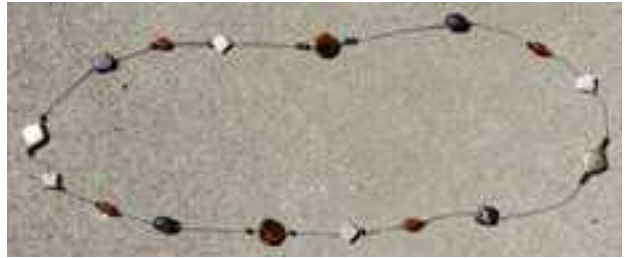


## Beginning Jewelry Class March 23, 2017

In attendance: Chu, Linda -- Cohen, Janet --  
Heyer, Teri -- Kline, Marilyn -- Loretta Ogden -  
- Smith, Beth -- Smith Kevin



We made Necklaces



Linda Chu



Kavin Smith



Beth Smith



Teri Heuer



We made Bracelets

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## Continous Jewelry Class

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Continous jewelry class in April. We will learn to make fleur de link necklace.

Time: April 6 and April 20, 2017 12 to 4 pm

Location: Loretta's place

Interest list is forming now for tentative new class when community center location is available to us.

Linda Chu

Education Committee

lmkchu@yahoo.com

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## ZZYZZX

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### Janine and Dennis Arp at ZZYZZX

To see our classes and the ZZYZZX classes go to our wesite nocgms.com, click on classes and click on the each of he 3 classes on the left.



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## A Prose from Mora Brown Taken from Desert Magazine January 1962

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*Submitted by Armando Pedroza*

In every visit to the desert I find new lessons waiting. From the twisted Joshua tree I am learning more of fortitude. From the Yucca-expectancy. From the Saguaro-dignity. From the ruggedhills - steadfastness. From the small green strugglers on the desert floor - courage and persistence. And from the desert's vastness, as in the mountain's song, I am learning to discard the clutter of my man-made world, and sense more clearly the presence of the Source of Peace.

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## "Game of Stones"

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## All American Club Awards News

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by Ofelia Warthen  
Chairperson

I am happy to announce that we met our 2016 contest deadline for the All American Club Yearbook award.) The winners will be announced at Ventura AFMS/CFMS Gem & Mineral show, June 9-11, 2017.

The All American Club (new- Yearbook) Award is given to the individual clubs. The Yearbook highlights the Society's activities for the past year, The awards are bronze, and gold levels and an overall 1<sup>st</sup> place gold award.

NOW, is the best time to start logging activities in the 2017 NOC yearbook.

Need more information,  
email: odwarthen@hotmail.com

## North Orange County Gem & Mineral Society General Meeting Minutes 3/08/2017

Location: La Habra Community Center

Members in attendance: 20

Guests in attendance: 6

New Members: 3

Let us welcome our New Members:

Rick Davis, Kathy & Dwane De Rose

President - Kevin Smith opened the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

Flag Salute-

President - Kevin Smith asked Kathy De Rose to come up and speak about our new program that supports the Local First Responders.

Kathy stated that to honor and support our local Police and Fire Departments our local community are placing a blue light in their front yard and porch lights. We as a club will be selling the blue lights at our club meetings to support this program.

Vice President - Armando Pedroza presented our speaker Patric Keegan. Patrick spoke about Lavic Siding. Lavic Siding is the location of our next field trip. Patrick gave an interesting presentation of Lavic Siding and the surrounding rock hunting areas.

Richard Sprowl gave some additional information for the club members that were planning on attending this field trip. We hope that all the members who attended this field trip to bring and share their finds at our April 12, 2017 Meeting.

Break and Raffle - We had such wonderful break snacks. Thank you, to the Pedroza family for providing the goodies.

Raffle Chair - Beth Smith brought out some great prizes for our monthly raffle. Remember members to bring donations for our weekly raffle. You can donate to our monthly raffle rocks, gems and whatever you would like to win at monthly meeting raffle. If you have any questions about our monthly meeting raffle or need to drop items please reach out to Beth Smith.

President - Kevin Smith opened the meeting back

up after break. Kevin announced that the minutes were published in the newsletter. Kevin asked if there were any changes or corrections to the minutes. Don Warthen requested that the minutes should reflect the incident report on the attempted Bank Fraud via email that our Treasure Don Warthen had received. Don Warthen had reported it to the La Habra Police and it has also been filed with the FBI.

Treasurer Don Warthen - Provided and update on our club insurance. Don stated that he has been working with the City to bring the insurance up to date and in compliance with the new regulations. Don also provided the treasurers report which is available to members upon request from our treasurer Don Warthen.

Education - Linda Chu - We will be holding jewelry classes at our July and August meetings. We as a club will be creating items to sell at our November auction.

Our member Calvin Smith, whom is also a member of the Local La Habra Lions, told us about the upcoming fundraiser which is a "Pancake Breakfast with all the fixings" April 8, 2017 at the La Habra El Centro Park. Tickets are a \$5.00 donation. You can contact Calvin Smith for Tickets.

Show Cases signup sheet is ready for you to sign up - We would like for all our members to think about having a case at our Big Gem Show... You could put your own collection or something educational or teams up with another member. Our cases run along the hallway and in our main room during our Big Gem Show. The public loves to look at all of our cases. Without our members participating we will have nothing in our cases and that would be sad. So step up members and let's work together by participating to make this the best Big Gem Show our club has ever had in its history.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Minutes by NOC Secretary - Teri Heuer

Please contact Teri Heuer for comments, corrections or feedback or for anything

Email: [terishelp@yahoo.com](mailto:terishelp@yahoo.com)

Subject Line: NOCGMS Member...

(So I know to look at it right away)

Call/Text Teri 951-640-2923



## APRIL BIRTHSTONE: **Diamond**

Formed by tightly-bound carbon crystals, diamonds are prized for their durability, high refractivity, and their brilliance. Today's diamonds are valued based on the "4 C's": color, cut, clarity, and carat size. While they are typically colorless, diamonds can be found in tints of yellow, brown and, rarely, other hues.

**Fun Fact:** Diamonds are the hardest natural substance known to man. The only thing that can scratch a diamond is another diamond.



From the Whittier April "The Rockhounder" Newsletter

**Stoddard Wells**  
April 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> Fieldtrip

**T**he place this month is the Stoddard Wells area. It is close, about 1-½ hrs. travel time. And there is a fair amount to be collected. There is jade, verde antique marble, blue dolomite, soapstone, tri colored marble and other collectables not far away.

Camping at the site of the tailgate is actually quite nice. And for non-campers Victorville offers lots of lodging possibilities.

It is close enough that a day trip is easy to do, however camping offers unique opportunities such as seeing the sunrise that can only be enjoyed while camping and not seen in town. Desert sunsets can be spectacular after a day of collecting and exploring. At night seeing the stars in the sky is absolutely fantastic, you probably didn't realize just how many stars can be seen when the city lights are dim.

A potluck or a run into a Victorville restaurant would be on Saturday night. And later weather permitting a campfire back at camp not in the restaurant!

Bring all the usual things like a hat, sunglasses, lunch, sunscreen, water, rock hammer, a bag to put rock into and dress in layers. April can still be cool in the morning and quite warm in the afternoon and downright cold at night.

Since the snakes have already come out because of the warm weather there are a few common sense things you can do to protect yourself such as not putting your hands where you can't see or not walking between two large bushes because it is a place snakes like to lurk. And dress in loose jeans or pants and wear boots that go over the ankles and of course be aware and look carefully at your surroundings. It's about being careful and still having fun. I hope to see you out there!

Lost somewhere.....

*Joe Goetz*

