

NOC NEWS

**NORTH ORANGE COUNTY GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY, INC.**

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*A member of the*  
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**Meetings**

**Day and Location:**

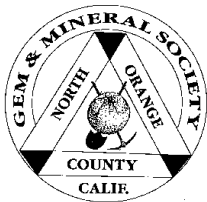
**With the exception of December,**  
**meetings are held at 6:30 p.m.**  
**the second Wednesday of the month at the**  
**La Habra Community Center,**  
**101 W. La Habra Blvd., La Habra.**

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

**For current meeting information,**  
**please call (714) 342-1227**

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# NOC GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY NEWS

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## From President's Corner

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Hello everyone and welcome to this monthly newsletter. It has been a very busy month this May and let me tell you it was a huge month.

Early this month we had the La Habra Citrus Fair and yes, we had our booth. What was really exciting we were very lucky to be inside the beautiful new city hall building. I wish all our club members could have been there to see the show it was very exciting.

There was so much to see and learn about it was truly amazing. Robots you say why yes there were, lots of them running around the area and out in the parking lot was very large robots competing against one another. Then there was the livestock there was a sight to behold too there was cows, sheep, and much more.

And then there was the NORTH ORANGE COUNTY GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY, yes, we were there to talk to people about our hobby and our obsession with rocks and people were amazed at the display we had there. We talked to wide eyed kids as they held stuff millions of years old and peeking into the past with old fossils. We also made some jewelry with Beth leading the way showing the young and old alike how easy it is to make something really outstanding, with a little guidance and a lot of skill.

I would like to thank Beth Smith, Armando Pedroza, Rose Pedroza, Matt Pedroza, Linda Chu, and Karry Pomeroy for helping at the citrus fair. We all Had a wonderful time.

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## NOC Club Activities

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Board Meeting - 6:30 p.m. 3rd Wed. at  
La Habra Community Center  
Field Trips - June TBD

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## Programs

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The program for June is TBD.

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## Refreshments

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Thanks to the family for bringing the goodies to the May meeting.

**Date:** Wed. June 14

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

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

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I would encourage all our members to get involved and do shows and events. It is a great base to build a bigger stronger club that we all can be proud of.

Jewelry classes are in full swing and going strong. Linda Chu and Loretta Ogden has been doing an excellent job teaching classes. Would you like to take a class? If so just contact Linda Chu for more details. The next class is June 8 @12:00pm at the La Habra community center.

Thank you all for being great members and we will see you at the big show June 2,3,4 at the La Habra community Center.

Kevin Smith

President NOCGMS

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## Shows and Events

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### **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**

### **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**

### **OCTOBER 8; FALLBROOK, CA**

**Fallbrook Gem & Mineral Society**

**Fallbrook Gem & Mineral Building**

**123 West Alvarado Street**

**Hours: 9 -4**

**Contact: Janice Bricker, (760) 728-1130**

**Email: fgms@sbcglobal.net**

**Website: www.fgms.org**

### **OCTOBER 14 - 15: TRONA, CA**

**Sears Lake Gem & Mineral Society**

**Gem Show Building**

**13337 Main Street**

**Hours: Sat 7:30 - 5; Sun 7:30 - 4**

**Contact: Jim & Bonnie Fairchild, (760) 372-5356**

**Email: slgms@iwvisp.com**

**Website: www1.iwvisp.com/tronagemclub**

### **OCTOBER 21 - 22: WHITTIER, CA**

**Whittier Gem & Mineral Society**

**Whittier Community Center**

**7630 Washing Ave**

**Hours: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.**

**Website: wgmsca.com**

### **NOVEMBER 4-5; ANAHEIM, CA**

**American Opal Society**

**Business Expo Center**

**1850 S. Anaheim Way**

**Hours: Sat 10 - 6; Sun 10 - 5**

**Email: info@opalsociety.org**

**Website: www.opalsociety.org**



**Orange Cuntly Gem & Mineral  
General Meeting Minutes  
May 10, 2017**

**Location: La Habra Community Center**

*Members in attendance: 24*

*Guest in Attendance: 3*

*New Member: 1*

President - KevinSmith opens the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Flag Salute - Kevin Smith

President - Kevin Smith - Welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.

Vice President - Armando Pedroza presented our speaker for the evening, we all learned about beads and jewelry design plus what "The climate of the current bead market" at this time.

Break and Raffle - We enjoy our time together during our break and the snacks were wonderful. We appreciate all our members who volunteer to bring a snack every month. We normally partner with another member so the burden is light. Please if you have not signed up to bring a snack talk to Rose Pedroza our snack chair and she will set you up.

Raffle Chair - Beth Smith as always had 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 question 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 to the minutes. No change.

Minutes by NOC Secretary - Teri Heuer

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

Email: terishelp@yahoo.com

Subject Line: NOC Member ...(So I know to look at it right away)

**Some extra notes from Teri**

Matt Pedroza is our Historian, if you have been a member for a long time and if you have some time, please reach out and talk to Matt he would like to build our clubs history. Matt could use old pictures, information on field trips that were interesting maybe areas that are not available any longer. Plus for the business side of our club if possible our past chairs, officers and Presidents whom could sit with Matt and tell him of their experience on a board, in office, running a committee, as this will help future board members and chairs. We can provide the future with a bit of our past so our club can carry on our traditions.

Do you have any rocks or minerals possibly a personal collection? Would you like to show and tell? We members would love to see what you have ...as you took the time to collect and now it is time to show. If you notice we set up our general meeting room with side tables, these tables are there to show and if you like tell.

If you need help with bringing in our collection to share with the club, feel free to reach out and give me a call and I will make sure we provide assistance. (Call/Text Teri 951-640-2923)

It is show time, If you are a member you should be at our show! Even if you are not on the work crew you are always on the welcome neighbor crew. If you find someone that may have any interest in finding our more information about our club, please walk them over to the raffle table and introduce Beth & I, Teri to them, we will take it from there. We could really use some NOC ambassadors; I want to thank you ahead of time for being on the lookout for someone that may need anything during the show. Your ambassadors are our eyes and ears, very important for our show success. Raffle table can provide assistance during the show as we tend to be grand central if anything else just come on by and say "Hi"

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## It Dosen't Cost Much

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*From SMS Matrix (Sacramento) via  
East Bay Nodule (5/87)*

It dosen't cost a penny  
to shake your neighbor's hand.  
It's a universal language  
that people understand.  
A pleasant smile, a cheerful air,  
a friendly word or two.  
It's very hard to measure  
the good that it will do.  
Oh sure, we all have problems,  
that we live with every day.  
And how to let them worry us,  
is up to us to say.  
SMILE, a bit more often,  
it's easy if you try.  
And soon you'll look at others frown  
and really wonder why.

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## How to Kill a Club

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*by Jerry Conley  
NOC Treasure 1987*

Don't go to meetings; but if you do, arrive late.  
Don't volunteer for anything.  
Criticize the work of the organizers and members.  
Get mad if you're not a committee member; if you  
are, make no suggestions.  
If the chair asks your opinion on a subject, say you  
have none. After the meeting, say you've  
learned nothing or tell everyone what should  
have happened.  
Don't do what has to be done yourself; but when  
members roll up their sleeves and do their best,  
complain that the group is run by a bunch of  
ego-trippers.  
Pay dues as late as possible.  
Never introduce new members.  
Complain that nothing published interests you but  
never offer to write an article, make  
suggestions, or find a writer.

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## BLM Planning Rule 2.0

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By Don Warthen

In the closing days of the Obama Administration Rule 2.0 was finalized. and caused quite a stir among many western states. So much so that six western states filed law suits against the rule because they felt it would "severely impair their ability to work with BLM on future planning and management issues."

Planning Rule 2.0 was criticized as a Washington top down planning rule that would diminish the role of state and local governments in the land management process.

In April of this year, President Trump took the final step in nullifying the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) updated planning rule (2.0) when he signed H.J.Res.44.

Secretary Zinke was present for the signing ceremony as were several state governors.

The BLM it is now back to square one. No one knows exactly what the agency will do next in terms of rewriting a planning rule especially since they are still waiting for a new Director to be named.

Meantime, Mike Nedd, a BLM career employee, has been named as Acting Director.

For the meantime, the new Nat. Monuments which impact our local deserts is on hold. As for now we can still collect rocks in these areas.

The text of Joint Resolution 44 is available at this website:

<https://www.congress.gov/115/bills/hjres44/BILLS-115hjres44enr.pdf>

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## What is the Rock Cycle?

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**Rocks**, like mountains, do not last forever. The weather, running water, and ice wear them down.

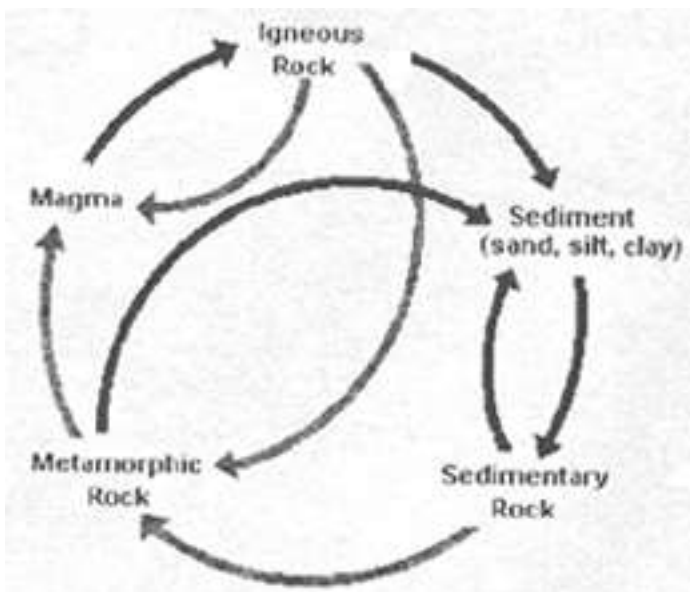
All kinds of rocks become sediment. Sediment is sand, silt, or clay.

As the sediment is buried it is compressed and material dissolved in water cements it together to make it into sedimentary rock.

If a great amount of pressure is exerted on the sedimentary rock, or it is heated, it may turn into a metamorphic rock, or it is heated, it may turn into a metamorphic rock.

If rocks are buried deep enough, they melt. When the rock material is molten, it is called a magma. If the magma moves upward toward the surface it cools and crystallizes to form igneous rocks.

This whole process is called the Rock Cycle.



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## Jewelry Class

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The jewelry class in June will be as follows:

Time: June 8 and June 22 from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Location: La Habra Community Center.

We will finish up the copper bracelet of hammered texture metal.

Linda Chu

Education Committee

lmkchu@yahoo.com

CFMA/AFMA Venture Gem & Mineral Show

I will go to the show on Friday, June 9 on a day trip. If anyone is interested in carpooling and sharing the gas and parking fee, please contact me at

lmkchu@yahoo.com.

Linda Chu

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## Donations

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There has been a few donations for our Gem Show Raffle table from our members? Normally one month before our show my living room is full of donations right!

So we need for all our members to bring their donations ( rocks, gems, gift cards or cash). Every member is suppose to donate a item for the Gem Show Raffle Table.

Thanks Teri Heuer

Email terishelp@yahoo.com

Call/Text Teri 591-640-2923

Desert Facts and hazards  
by Don Warthen

For those of us that occasionally wander through the desert in search of great treasures we find many great things we are not looking for, but they can be quite astonishing.

One is the Prickly Pear Cactus: the syrup the prickly pear is a natural magenta colored syrup makes exceptionally flavorful Margaritas, Wine Coolers, Spritzers, and Lemonade. This syrup can also be used on pancakes and desserts.



Another is the Scorpion

There are over 1,300 species of scorpions throughout the world. All but about 90 of them exist in the United States. But only one with the potential to KILL.



Most scorpion stings are not considered life threatening to humans -- the exception is the sting of the bark scorpion, the most venomous in the United States. Most of the scorpions in the U.S. are found in the southwest, preferring the warm, dry climates found in Arizona, California and New Mexico.

Snakes in the Mojave Desert

It is not uncommon to encounter snakes while in the outdoors. What is uncommon is for people to react to the presence of a snake with calm. Most people fear snakes because they do not understand them or their importance in the natural world. While several species are potentially dangerous to humans, however most are harmless creatures that form vital links in their ecosystems as highly efficient predators of rodents. Common sense is the best protection against dangerous species when afield: watch where you place your hands, where you place



your feet, and where you sit. If you find a snake LEAVE IT ALONE! Purchase a field guide for identification of the various species. Enjoy the outdoors by learning more about these fascinating animals.



Mojave-Rattlesnake

There are four types of RATTLESNAKES in the Mojave "Sidewinder, Western Diamondback, Speckled Rattlesnake and the Mojave Rattlesnake. However, there are about 15 or 16 Common or Non-Venomous varieties of snakes.

The most dangerous things in the Desert

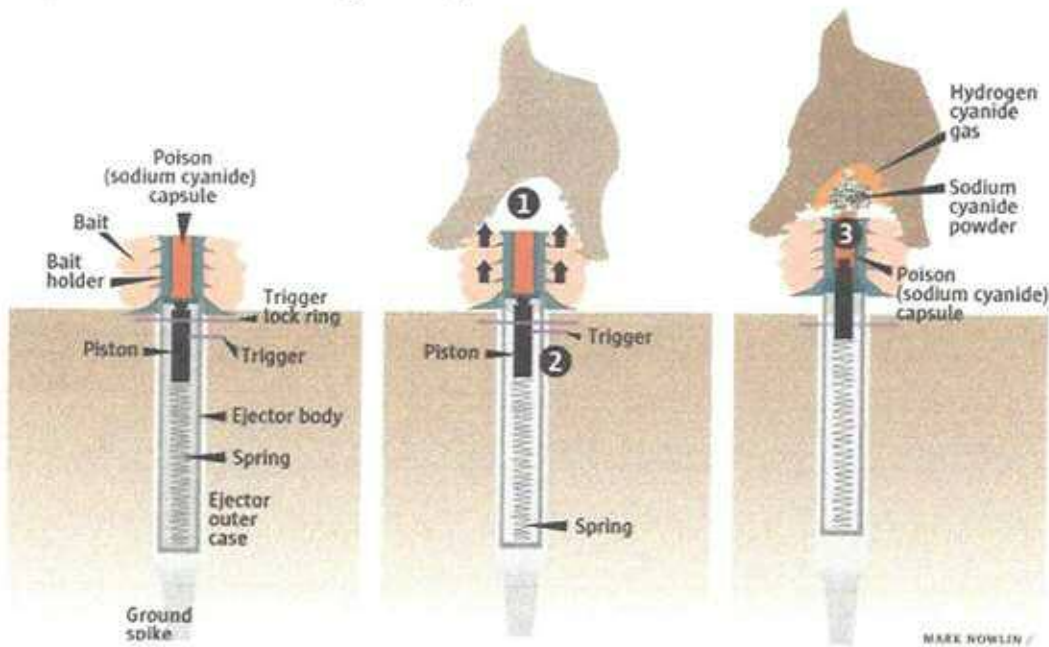
As John Martin pointed out in his latest article "ROCKHOUND SOAPBOX" in the June CFMS Newsletter that the most dangerous things in the desert are manmade. The example he made was the M-44 Cyanide Device (also called a "cyanide gun" or a "cyanide trap"). The M-44 Device is used to control coyotes, wild dogs, foxes, and other predator wildlife which prey on grazing livestock and other domestic animals as well as other endangered species.



An M-44 Device is a capsule holder wrapped with cloth or other soft material, a small plastic capsule containing 0.88 grams of sodium cyanide, a spring-powered ejector, and a 5-7-inch stake. When the trap is triggered, the spring propels a dose of sodium cyanide into the animals' mouth, and the sodium cyanide combines with water in the mouth to produce poisonous cyanide gas. In addition to the cyanide, the capsule contains Day-Glo fluorescent particle marker.

The M-44 device uses a cyanide capsule that is registered as a restricted use pesticide by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). can be used only by trained certified applicators. Wildlife Service Officers are authorized to use M-44. Wildlife Service personnel do not use M-44s on any property unless requested by the land's owner or manager.

The important thing to remember here is that when we are out in the desert collecting rocks and we find one of these things "LEAVE IT ALONE" and keep an eye on any pets you may have out there, these devices are usually fatal to pets.





**Things From Time You  
and I Never Saw**



**At least this one won't be quite as dangerous  
as the old single whelled models.  
Baby in back.**



**Camping Out in 1918**



**Here ia anearly motorhome built in 1926**



**This is a travel tent accessory built in 1910**

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## **BLM Initiates Stage III Fire Restrictions in the California Desert District**

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*Submitted by Don Warthen*

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has initiated Stage III Fire Restrictions for BLM-managed public lands within Los Angeles, San Bernardino, Riverside, Imperial, Inyo, Kern, and San Diego counties. The restrictions will remain in effect until further notice.

Stage III Restrictions state that setting, building, maintaining, attending, or using open fire of any kind is prohibited in designated areas. Controlled flame devices, such as portable stoves fueled by petroleum or liquid petroleum gas products, are allowed only by permit. Smoking is only permitted within enclosed vehicles or camp trailers. The possession or use of all fireworks, including “safe and sane”, as well as the use of floating sky lanterns, fire balloons or acetylene balloons is prohibited. This order closes approximately four-million acres of public lands to recreational use.

For those of us that like to go to the Saturday night pot-luck and set around the camp fire and tell stories and sing old folk songs. These activities are now prohibited until further notice. Violation of this order is punishable by a fine up to \$1,000 or imprisonment of up to 12 months, or both.

It should also be noted that this order also restrictions on recreational target shooting.

Maps of the affected areas are available at: [www.blm.gov/programs/public-safety-and-fire/fire-and-aviation/regional-info/california/fire-restrictions](http://www.blm.gov/programs/public-safety-and-fire/fire-and-aviation/regional-info/california/fire-restrictions)<<http://www.blm.gov/programs/public-safety-and-fire/fire-and-aviation/regional-info/california/fire-restrictions>>

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## **WELCOME TO UR 2017 SHOW “GAME OF STONES”**

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It's with immense pleasure that I welcome you and your families to our North Orange County Gem & mineral Society's 33rd annual show in the city of La Habra.

We invite you to look around and enjoy the exhibits of rocks, minerals, and fossils from all over the world. We have dealers with jewelry, gems, beads, slabs and various specimens. Also, our members display with immense pride there items they have made or collected that are featured in showcases around the building.

There are great demonstrations of lapidary work, cabochons, faceting, wire wrapping and geode cutting.

The North Orange County Gem and Mineral Society is a nonprofit organization. Our main purpose is to disseminate knowledge of earth science, mineralogy and encourage interest in these subjects to the public and mainly our youth. We support the La Habra youth committee, give several scholarships to Sonora & La Habra High School Students.

We also have a great partnership with the city of La Habra. We thank the City of La Habra, The City Counsel Members and La Habra Chamber of Commerce for all their support. They continue to give us over the years, and especially **YOU** the members of this community.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENDANCE.**  
Kevin Smith President  
**North Orange County Gem & Mineral Society.**

# Brea resident has made hobby of collecting petrified wood

*Reworked from local newspaper.*

Would you believe Walton Wright of Brea has the largest collection of petrified wood in the world?

We discovered him in La Habra at the North Orange County Gem and Mineral Show on June 21-22 2008.

He started collecting 50 years ago when his mom gave him a piece of petrified wood.

His oldest piece of wood is 320 million years old and the most recent piece of wood is a mere 15 1/2 million years old.

What does Walton do when he isn't going all over the world to collect old pieces of wood?

The botanist, geologist and paleobotanist teaches classes and gives seminars.



Walton Wright of Brea says he has the world's largest collection of petrified wood.

