

NOC NEWS

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

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*A member of the*  
**AMERICAN FEDERATION OF MINERALOGICAL SOCIETIES**  
**CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF MINERALOGICAL SOCIETIES**

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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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## THE PRESIDENTS CORNER

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Hello to all my friends in the North Orange County Gem & Mineral Society.

Here we are half the way through 2017. Boy it sure has been quite a ride thus far. July started out with a scholarship drive at Pizza Rev, at this point and it's been a month we still do not know how much was made. Why you ask? Well that's a bit of a funny story, Pizza rev closed its doors a day after our event, we are still trying to get an answer from Pizza Rev if we will get the money we earned. It was a blast as we made jewelry there while we met many new people and quite a few are very interested in joining NOCGMS.

We had two meetings in July and they were both used to make jewelry for the silent auction so that we can have a very cool Christmas Party. Now if you missed these Two events hold on to your gem stones.

In August there will be two more classes that we will be having. The second and the third Wednesday we will be doing this class again, and I believe Beth will be teaching us how to make necklaces with beads findings crimp beads and the like.

Remember what you make is donated to the club for the auction, so if you love what you made or eyeball another piece you can buy it on the spot, that's right all jewelry pieces made can be bought on the spot. How cool is that.

Speaking of silent auction, remember we need donations from all our club members. This is a way for everyone to get involved in this event and make the Christmas party Rock, yes pun intended lol.

Also, a cool reminder **INVITE YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILIES TO THIS EVENT.** I am very positive they would like to pick up some

## NOC Club Activities

Board Meeting - 6:30 p.m. 3rd Wed. at  
La Habra Community Center  
Field Trips - None in August (to hot)

## Programs

The program for August is two Jewelry making classes at the Community Center at on August 9 and 16 at 6:30 pm.

cool stuff at a great price. You just never know what will show up at this auction. We are also looking for volunteers to help with this event, the more that helps the easier it will be to have more fun.

And another event to be thinking about is the Quarter Mania. It is coming up October 26<sup>th</sup> at the community center in the city of La Habra. This will be the event that everyone will be talking about for a long time. Yes, there will be a costume party thrown into the mix as well. I cannot wait for this event. We had a wonderful time last year with lots of surprises that kept coming out of the wood works and I hope to see you all there. We have some fantastic vendors lined up for this event.

Well I believe that's about it from this corner of the world. I hope everyone stays cool and be stay safe out there.

Kevin Smith



President NOCGMS

## Shows and Events

### **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](http://www.omsinc.org)

### **OCTOBER 7 - 8: BORON, CA**

Mojave Mineralogical Society  
Boron Community Center  
26998 John Street  
Hours: 9 - 4 daily  
Contact: Bruce Davies, (760) 338-8829  
Email: [daviesb@yahoo.com](mailto:daviesb@yahoo.com)  
Web Site: Facebook page

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

Searles 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](mailto:slgms@iwvisp.com)  
Website: [www1.iwvisp.com/tronagemclub](http://www1.iwvisp.com/tronagemclub)

### **OCTOBER 21: WEST HILLS, CA**

Woodland Hills Rock Chippers  
First United Methodist Church  
22700 Sherman Way  
Hours: 10 - 5  
Contact: Virginia Rotramel, (951) 403-2634  
Email: [ginigem1@gmail.com](mailto:ginigem1@gmail.com)  
Website: [www.rockchippers.org](http://www.rockchippers.org)

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

American Opal Society  
Business Expo Center  
1960 S. Anaheim Way  
Hours: Sat 10 - 6; Sun 10 - 5  
Contact: Veronica Purpura, (714) 501-9959  
Email: [info@opalsociety.org](mailto:info@opalsociety.org)  
Website: [www.opalsociety.org](http://www.opalsociety.org)

### **NOVEMBER 18 - 19: OXNARD, CA**

Oxnard Gem & Mineral Society  
Oxnard Performing Arts Center  
800 Hobson Way  
Hours: Sat 9 - 5; Sun 10 - 4  
Contact: Stephanie Hagiwara, (805) 394-8002  
Email: [webmaster@oxnardgem.com](mailto:webmaster@oxnardgem.com)  
Website: <http://oxnardgem.com>

### **DECEMBER 9 - 10: RIALTO, CA**

Orange Belt Mineralogical Society  
Near Rialto City Hall Lot  
105 South Palm Avenue  
Hours: 9 - Dusk daily  
Contact: Jessica Pierson, (909) 381-0089  
Email: [OBMSTailgateInfo@gmail.com](mailto:OBMSTailgateInfo@gmail.com)  
Website: <http://OBMSrocks.yolasite.com>



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**Pictures of Jewelry Made by Members**

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**First Jewelry Class at the Communiter Center -- July 12, 2017**





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## Zzyzx, What Is It, And Where Did It Come From?

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by *Don Warthen, JD,GG*

You have heard us talking about Zzyzx and why everyone should go, but do know what Zzyzx is?

Zzyzx was met to be the last name is the phone book. Zzyzx, a resort that was founded by self-proclaimed “old time medicine man,” Curtis Howe Springer. He founded a Mineral hot Springs Resort and Health Spa in the Soda Springs area of the Mojave Desert. Curtis Springer was an interesting character to say the least. the American Medical Association subsequently dubbed him “the King of Quacks,”. His intention was to create an appealing place for high end guests to spend their money while he invested a minimal amount of his own money to get it off the ground.

He Built faux hot springs (pools heated by a broiler), broadcasting from a radio station while requesting donations in trade for miracle cures to major ailments, and recruiting a group of homeless men to construct an airport, a church, and a castle for the resort are all pieces of what make this endeavor so intriguing.

His big down fall was to start selling time-shares in Zzyzx, he sold more spaces then he had. the Bureau of Land Management took issue with Springer’s original claim to mining rights on the land, in fact the BLM held that the land where Springer had built his resort was acutely on BLM land.

After years of haggling Springer was evicted from the land and he was sent to Federal Prison. The BLM took over Zzyzx and let it sit there and detreat over the years until finely they entered in to a deal with California State University where the university developed an Earth Science Studies program.

Cal State has refurbished the property and is conducting Earth Science Studies there. The CFMS has the privilege to use Zzyzx one week a year and they have some of the finest earth science studies and lapidary that can be found anywhere. They have such classes as Cabbing, Faceting, copper enameling, metal clay, carving, wire wrap, silver fabrication, and much much more, they also have some great meals there.

Please note that the CFMS has two earth science programs Zzyzx in the springtime at Soda Springs and Camp Paradise in the fall at Clipper Mills, in Norther California. all members of the CFMS needs to take advantage of these programs.





Zzyzx 1999

