

# NOC GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY NEWS

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## President's Corner

Welcome to May 2018. The weather is looking like spring and its time to spring into action lol. This is the month where there is a lot going on. Yes, it's the month we have May day, this is also the month we have Cinco De Mayo, and for us Rock Hounds we have the Citrus Fair on Cinco De Mayo or the fifth of May. This is where we show the public what we are about. We have a spot at the La Habra City Hall. We are not sure of the exact spot yet, but I am sure we will find it. If you would like to help at this event, please let me know.

My number is as follows 714-342-1227. Please text or leave a message.

So, Tickets get your tickets. We have the tickets for the "Big Show" and we need our members to help sell them. So again, please call me to get your tickets. Dollar for one Five dollars gets you six. Every member should be selling tickets and not let just a few sell them. So, I am going to do this. The person who sells the most tickets will receive a very nice prize. I am not going to tell you what it is but the person who sells the most tickets will get their prize at the general meeting after the "big Show".

That's all for now, remember to get your tickets ASAP we only have a moth till the

## NOC Club Activities

Board Meeting - 6 p.m. 3rd Wed. at La Habra Community Center

Field Trips - Himalaya Mine - May 19, 2018

## Program

Janie Duncan is the Speaker for May 9 program meeting.

The Program will be on Fossils and Dinosaurs.

## Meeting

**Date:** Wed. May 9

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

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

May 13



Big Show is here, and just a reminder we are looking for people to help out in the setup and tear down of the show.

Kevin Smith  
President NOCGMS

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## Shows and Events

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### **MAY 5-6; 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.searchersrock.org

### **JUNE 8 - 10: LA HABRA, CA 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 23 - 24: CULVER CITY, CA**

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

### **OCTOBER 13 - 14: TRONA, CA**

Searles Lake Gem & Mineral Society  
Gem Show Building  
13337 Main Street (corner of Main & Trona Rd.)  
Hours: Sat 7:30 - 5: Sun 7:30 - 4  
Contact: Jim & Bonnie Fairchild, (760) 372-5356  
Email: slgms@wvisp.com  
Website: www1.wvisp.com/tronagemclub

### **NOVEMBER 3 - 4; 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  
Website: www.opalsociety.org

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## NOC General Meeting Minutes April 11, 2018

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Hi Don, I had an angiogram yesterday and I have been so under the weather, that I was unable to put these minutes Beth Smith took for me on a word doc. Maybe you could just copy and paste it into the newsletter?

I am on the mend and hopefully can take my responsibilities to the club back soon. Thank you, Don for your patience during my absence. Teri

### **These Are The Minutes Beth Texted Me.**

Armando did a presentation on salt, and talked about the upcoming show in June.

Kevin Smith had people to speak about their jobs:

Cathy Houwen talked about sending out cards. She is our new Sunshine girl.

Rose Pedroza talked about the show and asked for volunteers.

Richard Sprowls talked about the field trip's  
Don Warthen told about Zzyzx and camp Paradise.

Kevin Smith talked about getting a new Warehouse for the club and show storage. We will save \$1000 a year. He asked for volunteers to help clear out the old Warehouse, and move the storage items to the new Warehouse.

Kevin told everyone about the Citru Fair May 5, 2018 and asked for Volunteers.

Kevin closed the meeting at 8:14.

Teri Heuer  
951-640-2923

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## Fossils At The Community Center

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*by Nancy O'Connor*

Please take a look at the display case on the right as you enter the La Habra Community Center. You will see a fabulous display of fossils.

The majority of them are from Armando Pedroza's collection. The dinosaur bones are from Jann Cohen and dinosaur skin from Nancy O'Connor. We are very, very fortunate to have this display case available for the club to use.

I am always looking for interesting items to display, and I know all of you rockhounds have something of interest!!! So please see me or email me.

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## Wildlife Question

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Bats do which of the following for humans?

- 1 -- Bats eat their body weights in insects.
- 2 -- Bats pollinate 300+ species of fruit.
- 3 -- **Bats inspire medical marvels.**
- 4 -- **All of the above.**

**Keep reading for the answer.**

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## Desert Alert

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*By Don Warthen*

The Bureau of Land Management has initiated Stage II and Stage III Fire Restrictions as of April 30 for BLM-managed public lands within Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino, Riverside, Imperial, Inyo, Kern, Mono, and San Diego counties. These restrictions will remain in effect until further notice.

Stage II Restrictions -Setting, building, maintaining, attending, or using open fire of any kind, except campfires within approved fire pits and grills provided for in developed recreation sites is prohibited. Controlled flame devices such as portable stoves and lanterns with shut-off valves, using gas, jellied petroleum, or pressurized liquid fuel are allowed and require a valid California Campfire Permit. Smoking is only permitted within an area that is clear of any vegetation for a minimum of 5 feet in all directions.

Stage III Restrictions -Setting, building, maintaining, attending, or using open fire of any kind is prohibited. Controlled flame devices such as portable stoves and lanterns with shut-off valves, using gas, jellied petroleum, or pressurized liquid fuel are allowed with a valid California Campfire Permit. Smoking is only permitted within enclosed vehicles or camp trailers.

There are also further restorations in place pertaining to the use of Fireworks and Fire Arms in the California Deserts.

Whenever collecting in the desert please pay close attention to these safety rules. For more information about wildfire prevention from the BLM, please contact:

California Desert District Office 951-697-5200;  
Barstow Field Office, 760-252-6000;  
El Centro Field Office, 760-337-4400;  
Needles Field Office, 760-326-7000;  
Palm Springs-South Coast Office, 760-833-7100;  
Ridgecrest Field Office, 760- 384-5400

## Himalaya Mine May 19, 2018

*via Whittier Gem and Mineral Society  
May Newsletter*

Southern California is the Number 1 source of tourmaline above the equator. You have to go to Brazil to find our rival.

The Himalaya Mine, opened in 1898, was the world's top producer for a long time before shutting down in 1977. Discovery of a new pocket in 1989 yielded half a ton of tourmaline. The mine can't support commercial operations but continues as a

popular destination for rockhounds.

The fee for a day is \$70 per person, discounted to \$50 if our group has 20 people or more. You get to take home whatever you find.

The tourmaline there is beautiful, a hard gemstone with a large crystal in a range of colors – especially pink, green, and a bicolor variety called watermelon (the pink surrounded by the green).

The Himalaya Mine is in San Diego County, not far from Lake Henshaw, ten or so miles from Hellhole Canyon Preserve. It gets hot there. Bring your easy-up and plenty of water. Also important, bring a lunch.

For more information or to sign up: (626) 260-7239 or e-mail at: [joenmar1@verizon.net](mailto:joenmar1@verizon.net).



*Digging for gemstones at the Himalaya Mine, April 28, 2012*

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## Lapidary Classes

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Our first lapidary class was held last weekend at the Warthen's house, for those that signed up at our February meeting, due to space constraints the classes are limited to the number of members that can attend each class, those of you who signed up



in February and did not get to come to this class will get started at the next class.

All attendees finished their cab and were excited to go to the next step. At the first class the rock slab was already mounted on the dopstick and each student got to experience shaping, doming, and polishing their own work of art.

Future classes to be announced



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## Food For Thought

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The first step you should take if want to be successful is to decide what kind of executive you are.

Executives fall into three categories:

1. Those who make things happen.
2. Those who watch things happen.
3. Those who wonder what happened.

By John Capozzi

More people get into trouble for things they say rather than for what they do.

By Albert Einstein

Any problem you can solve with a check isn't a problem. It's an expense.

By John Erskine

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## Received Exciting News!

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*From Ofelia Warthen*

Our CFMS President, Jennifer Haley announced two of our societies won bronze metals and one 1st place among ALL the societies in the nation! "YES" 1st place in the nation! Will announce winners in next bulletin.

Thank you, Don Warthen, for completing the entry for North Orange County Gem & Mineral Society.

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## New Members


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Carroll, Rocio

Chu, Amy


Chu, Elijah - Future Fockhound

Wanless, Dean



We should all be very proud of our Future Rockhounds.

They have all been very active learning all the earth sciences, the hardness scale, classes of rocks and even wire wrap, and of course they have been creating fabulous works of art and keepsakes.



At the April workshop our Future Rockhounds made some beautiful clocks using a variety of different rocks.



Don & Ofelia

## CFMS JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CONTEST "NAME THAT DINO"



Dear CFMS Junior Activities Chairmen,

CFMS has a new addition to the family of Rockhounds. She is an animated baby Triceratops puppet, designed by a paleontologist, and made for Natural History Museums and Jurassic theme parks. She blinks her dreamy eyes, opens and closes its mouth to say "hello," and is sure to be a charmer for kids and adults alike. She has been donated for appearances during the Annual CFMS Shows & Conferences.



CFMS is having a "naming" contest for the sweet creature. We are inviting all of our Junior Activities Chairmen to gather your Pebble Pups together to come up with a fantastic name for the baby triceratops. As junior group leaders you know your "pups" the best. If you can organize the kids coming up with one name representing your junior's group, that would be

swell, but knowing how originally creative kids can be, if your "pups" come up with a few more "irresistible" and clever names, you are welcome to write those in too.

### CFMS Official "Name That Dino" Entry Form

Entries must be received no later than July 31, 2018

Name of Juniors Society: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of junior members in your society: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Junior Activities chairman, and contact information: \_\_\_\_\_

Junior society's name chosen for the dino: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional names suggested: \_\_\_\_\_

Snail Mail or Email your entry to: CFMS Secretary: Ellen Ferrall  
1392 Bouquet Dr. #A  
Upland, CA 91786-3358  
[ellenbf2007@aol.com](mailto:ellenbf2007@aol.com)

\*Process of choosing the dino's name: After 7/31/18, all names will be reviewed. Of those submitted, six names will be chosen by the EC. Those six names will be voted upon by the Directors during the Director's Meeting on 9/15/18, and announced at the Awards Banquet.

### Our Society Entered the "Name That Dino" Contest

Name of Society: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of junior members in your society: \_\_\_\_\_

Junior society's name chosen for the dino: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional names suggested: \_\_\_\_\_

## Answer

**4 -- All of the above.**

Called creepy, scary and spooky, bats often get a bad rap. They're an important species that impact our daily lives in ways we might not even realize. From pollinating our favorite fruits to eating pesky insects to inspiring medical marvels, bats are heroes of the night. Rock climbers and explorers can help protect bats by simply doing what they love and then tell us where they see bats.

## A ZZYZX Experance

by Don Worthen

Have you ever wondered about that sign on Hwy 15 by Baker that says ZZYZX→? Well, there is a lot to tell about Zzyzx, but the main thing right now is that you can jump-start you Rockhound experience at Zzyzx.

Once a year the CFMS get Zzyzx for one week where they hold numerus classes and workshops. Ofelia and I are fortunate that we were able to attend this year.



There is almost an unlimited array of Rockhound related classes

Cabochon Making  
Faceting  
Wire Wrap  
Soft Stone Carving

Silver Smithing  
Ming Trees  
Enameling  
Glass Bead Making

Glass Fusion  
Metal Casting  
Precious Metal  
Clay (PMC)



And they have great Food!

And it's all included in the cost of the camp, even three meals a day. Zzyzx is over for this year but will be back next year. However, there is another camp, "Camp Paradise" in Northern California.

Camp Paradise this year will be August 26<sup>th</sup> and a second week on Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup> at Clipper Mills, California. Clipper Mills is a mountain community about 490 miles North of La Habra.



**THE CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF MINERALOGICAL SOCIETIES, INC.  
EARTH SCIENCE STUDIES  
CAMP PARADISE - 12725 La Porte Road, Clipper Mills, CA 95930**

**PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE REGISTERING**

1. Any cancellation prior to August 1 will incur a \$25.00 Administration Fee.
2. No refunds or cancellations after August 1 unless a substitute is provided.
3. Do not mail before APRIL 1st.

**\*04/13/18 CLASS UPDATE:**

PMC3 Clay Classes will be held during Week 1  
Fused Glass Classes will be held during Week 2

Make Checks Payable to: **CFMS EARTH SCIENCES**  
Send to: Margaret Kolaczyk  
24551 Shake Ridge Road  
Volcano, CA 95689  
[markkolaczyk@gmail.com](mailto:markkolaczyk@gmail.com) Phone: 209-296-5597

**FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Marion Roberts  
1505 Plumas Avenue  
Modesto CA 95358-5939  
Phone: 209-538-0197

**Please Note: Sign In will be on Sunday, August 26th and Sunday, September 2nd, 2018 from 1:00 PM to 4 PM**  
CAMP PARADISE is approximately 50 miles east of Marysville on Highway E-21 (Marysville Rd. towards Brownsville). Elevation is approx. 3,500 ft. The facilities are at a rustic church camp, rooms may have double beds for couples and/or bunk beds. Bathrooms and showers are communal and located in each building. Housekeeping is the responsibility of each guest. Also available, on a limited basis, are cabins for 4 or more persons (bathrooms and showers are located nearby). RV space with electricity and water for most spaces is available. **Since it is a church camp, no alcoholic beverages are permitted. Room assignments will be made by staff.**

CLASSES - Beginning Faceting, Ming Trees, Lapidary, Soft Stone Carving, Silversmithing, Lost Wax Casting, Beginning through Advanced Wire Art, Lampwork Bead Making, Bead Weaving, PMC3 Clay and Dichroic Glass. **\*SEE CLASS UPDATE**

**Please Note: There will be some classes with limited space - Preference will be given to first time students.**  
**\*\*\*\*\* CHANGES MAY BE MADE AS NECESSARY \*\*\*\*\***

A list of supplies will be sent to you with your confirmation. Please e-mail me after 30 days if you have not received information.

**PLEASE CUT ALONG DOTTED LINE & KEEP THE TOP PORTION FOR FUTURE REFERENCE**

**PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY**  
**REGISTRATION FORM**

\_\_\_ Week 1 August 26 – September 1, 2018      \_\_\_ Week 2 September 2 – September 8, 2018  
**\$400 A PERSON - PER WEEK / DAY TRIPPER IS \$250 FOR THE WEEK**

Name 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Name 2 \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_ CLUB \_\_\_\_\_

Accommodations (Circle One) **Couples Dorm** **Dorm** **Cabin** **RV Area** **Day Tripper**

Would Like to Room With \_\_\_\_\_ (if possible)

Special Needs: Food \_\_\_\_\_ Diabetic \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

(explain briefly) \_\_\_\_\_

**Due to the lack of dietary knowledge and the various interpretations of different needs, we ask that you bring your special food items and we will do our best to prepare them for you**

Animals will be allowed in the **RV Area Only** and must be kept on a leash and picked up after. Any violation could result in adherence to their **No Pets Rule**.

By attending this activity you are giving your consent for CFMS, to make photographs, videotapes, films or other likeness of me. I hereby grant to CFMS unrestricted right to copyright any of the above-mentioned materials containing images of me as well the unrestricted right to use and reuse them, with their caption information, in whole or in part. These rights include, but not limited to, the right to publish, copy, distribute, alter, license and publicly display these materials and images for editorial, trade, marketing and/or advertising purposes. I also grant CFMS and its licenses the unrestricted right to use and disclose my name in connection with use of the above material.



North Orange County Gem and Mineral Society  
 P.O. Box 653  
 La Habra, CA 90631



**Membership Application**

**Note!**  
 If you want your Address left off the club roster, please check this box.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ New Member/ Returning Member (Circle one)

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Last Name First Name Birthday Cell Phone

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Last Name First Name Birthday Cell Phone

Other Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
 City State Zip

Home Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Areas of Interest**

- Lapidary Stone
- Carving
- Faceting
- Silversmithing
- Wire Wrap
- Beading
- Education
- Field Trips

**Officers & Committees**

- Jewelry Making
- Geology
- Gold Panning
- Teaching Classes
- Working on the Show
- Becoming a Club Officer
- Field Trips
- Budget
- Bulletin
- Membership
- Refreshments
- Future RockHounds of America (Junior Members)

**Type of Membership**

\_\_\_\_\_ Individual Membership: \$20.00 per year, plus a one-time fee of \$10.00 to cover the cost of the name badge.

\_\_\_\_\_ Family Membership: \$20.00 per year for the first person and \$10.00 a year for each additional person over 18 years of age. Plus, a one-time fee of \$10.00 for each person to cover the cost of the name badge.

\_\_\_\_\_ Junior Membership: \$8.00 per year for family members from 3 through 18 years of age. Badges for junior members are available for a one-time fee of \$10.00.

Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make check payable to: **North Orange County Gem & Mineral Society (NOC)** and bring to monthly meeting on the second Wednesday of each month.

For more information, contact *Ofelia Warthen* (626) 330-8974 or (562) 946-0828