

NOC NEWS

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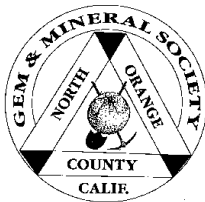
**With the exception of December,  
meetings are held at 6:30 p.m.  
the second Wednesday of the month at the  
La Habra Community Center  
101 W. La Habra Blvd., La Habra**

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

**For current meeting information,  
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**MISSION STATEMENT**

The objective and purpose of the North Orange County Gem and Mineral Society is to disseminate knowledge of mineralogy and the earth sciences and to encourage study in these subjects through means of: the presentation of public exhibitions, lectures, slide programs; field trips for explorations, study and collection of specimens; the preparation, publication and distribution of articles and studies pertaining to mineralogy and the earth sciences; the promotion of scientific research in these fields; the encouragement of interest among young people and the fostering of classes in mineralogy and lapidary arts; and all other means which are appropriate to the accomplishment of the primary objectives set forth.

*Annual Membership Dues: Individual, \$20; Family, \$20 and \$10 for additional member over 18; Juniors 3-18, \$8. (Initiation Fee: Individual, \$10; Family \$10) - Badges for junior members \$10 1 time fee.*

*Visitors are always welcome at our regular meetings and field trips.*

*The North Orange County Gem & Mineral Soc. does not yet have a Junior Division.*

*Material contained in this newsletter may be used if credit is given.*

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# NOC GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY NEWS

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## President's Corner

Hello members, it is June, and days away from our annual show. A show that has been a tradition for many years. This brings us to the show of Fossils in La Habra... we have an obligation to continue the tradition of bringing our hobby, knowledge and our excitement of the earth sciences to the community.

When I first joined the club, participating in the show was super exciting. The energy of members and vendors moving about with rocks and Minerals literally dropped my jaw. It was an unforgettable experience. I got deeply involved because I wanted to see more and understand more. I shadowed Loretta and Don Ogden for a long time. In fact, Loretta mentored me in identifying many specimens. Thanks Loretta!

Also, the club and the show is very fortunate to have a life-time member- Walt Wright who has the largest collection of petrified wood in the world. Within our grasp, we have this unbelievable collection, and a scholar with an unknown amount of educational degrees in earth sciences who is available to answer questions, so long as you have the time. It leaves me with just four words "Wow, what a gem" thanks Walt!

Please join us at our annual show this June 8th, 9th, and 10th in the La Habra Community Center. Come, volunteer, or just join the mix. You'll be amazed as we and our vendors display and sell wonderful pieces naturally crafted by jewelers and our own Mother Earth.

So, get ready, run, don't walk, and join us at "Fossils in La Habra"!

Armando Pedroza- Vice President/2018 Show Chairman

## NOC Club Activities

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

## Program

Hello NOC members our June meeting is just after our annual show and that means we have a number of new guests coming to visit with interest in joining our club. Let's all give a friendly welcome.

Our speaker for June's meeting will be **Linda Queally**. She will be presenting on mexican Amber and her travels to Mexico.

## Meeting

**Date:** Wed. June 13

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

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



## Shows and Events

**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  
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Website: www.culvercityrocks.org

**SEPTEMBER 15-16: CHICO, CA.:**  
Feather River Lapidary & Mineral Society  
Silver Dollar Fairgrounds  
2357 Fair Street  
Hours: Sat 9-30 - 5; Sun 9:30 - 4  
John Scott (530) 321-6331  
Email: jweazel@sbcglobal.net  
Website: www.featherriverrocks.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  
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## WILD LIFE QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Which of the following are true of long-tailed weasels?

- (a) Both diurnal and nocturnal
- (b) Can catch animals larger than themselves
- (c) Use their long, agile bodies to wrap around and trip larger prey
- (d) Good climbers and swimmers
- (e) All of the above

Answer below.



*Isabella "Izzie" Burns*  
1928 - 2018

## WILD LIFE QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Answer - (d) all of the above

Long-tailed weasels are both diurnal (active during the day) and nocturnal. They can catch animals bigger than themselves and use their long, agile bodies to wrap around and trip larger prey. Long-tailed weasels are also known for being good climbers and swimmers. (USFWS Pacific Southwest Twitter)

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## Meet Linda Queally

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A full time Fine Artist and Jewelry Designer, Linda's art education began with painting and later grew to incorporate gems and jewelry. She began her gem studies in 2009 with yearly trips to the International Gem Shows in Tucson, Quartzsite and Denver, followed by a four month trip to Mexico in 2012 which included four mining towns, and crowned with an Associates Degree and Certificate in Gemology from Santiago Canyon College in Orange in December of 2016.

Her jewelry education now continues with lost wax design. While her work focuses on water themes, mostly Mermaids and Pearls, she also developed a deep love and appreciation for Amber while in Mexico.

Join her as she shares a brief overview of her history, followed by a few things you may not have known about Amber in general. Then journey to Simojovel, The Land of Amber, deep in the mountains of Chiapas, Mexico, where you will discover the age, color, mining techniques, and properties that distinguish Mexican Amber from other regions.

She looks forward to sharing her adventure with you!

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## Passing of Izzy Burns

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*from Bart*

It is great sadness that I must tell you that long-time member and past president of our club Izzie Burns has died. Those of us who knew her will remember her sense of humor and joy of life.

Izzie Burns was admitted to hospital on May 8<sup>th</sup>, and on May 10<sup>th</sup> she was transferred to a hospice facility to keep her as comfortable as possible for what time she had left. On May 15<sup>th</sup> she quietly fell asleep and passed away.

Services will be on May 29<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 at Rose Hills Mortuary in Whittier. The services will be in the Rainbow Chapel which is at gate 14.

Izzie had a long relationship with the rockhounding community, and was president of both CFMS and AFMS. Izzie was also instrumental in the establishing of the earth sciences group at Zzyzx and Paradise, and enjoyed attending the events there for several years. She also server on the BLM Desert Advisory Committee for several years working to keep the desert open for rockhounding.

The family requests that any donations be made to the CFMS Earth Sciences fund.



**Izzie at the 1996 Dianond Daze Show  
in Riverside, CA**

## NOC Show

Fossils in La Habra the theme of our 2018 annual show. Members of the North Orange County Gem Club come and participate in this fun and exciting weekend.

There will be vendors with crystals and stones that have properties for energy and healing. We have a dealer of fossils bringing a full size crocodile from Morocco for us to display. Lapis from Afghanistan, crystals from Brazil and also Walter from Nevada Mining and Books is bringing to our show a recently acquired collection of rock material.

Of course let's not forget that our life member Walt Wright who holds the largest collection of petrified wood in the world will be displaying a good number of cut and polished specimens. WALT there available for answering questions or just to talk about his many world travels in search of ancient trees.

So be involved come and volunteer some time and in the process have fun and gain knowledge. See you all there, wear your badges and greet visitors.

This is the Grand Prize for the 2018 Fossils in La Habra Show Raffle.

It is a rare Brazilian Agate 14.5" diameter  
No dyes and polished on both sides.

Had a price tag of \$1300 when it came down off the shelf at Jewel Tunnel. Be sure to get your raffle tickets and good luck.

Armando Pedroza 2018 Show Chairman



**Kids evaluating their rocks after purchasing grab bags.**



**Fossil dealer Smail Ouadfel from Moroccan Stones**



## Preventing Hearing Loss

*via Mountain Lifestyle  
Runing Springs Newsletter*

We all want to prevent health problems whenever it's possible and before they hit us.

Good news: if you have normal hearing, there are easy ways to potentially prevent severe hearing loss. And you shouldn't think just because you could take loud noise in your youth, that you can still take it later in life without the possibility of permanent damage; aging affects every aspect of our health including hearing.

If you already have hearing loss, there's no way to restore it back unless there's a treatable medical condition that caused it. If it's not a medical condition, rather just age-related or noise-related hearing loss, most of the time it can be successfully treated with hearing aids. The sad part about hearing loss is it's almost always permanent ... the only exception is certain medical conditions that can be treated such as middle ear infections and certain other conditions that your doctor can advise you on.

The World Health Organization estimates one billion young individuals around the globe are at risk of hearing loss because of unsafe listening practices; especially with the popular listening devices, loud headphones, concerts, etc. 10% of our current population already has hearing loss.

A few of the easy measures to prevent hearing loss: Using ear plugs when you're exposed to loud noise is highly recommended. Avoid being too close to speakers at a friend's house or a live act at the local bar and concerts. Think more about loud noise exposure before you are exposed to it so you can do something about it when it suddenly happens. Do you go shooting or hunting? Avoid inexpensive hearing protecting! Gunshot noise is potentially severely damaging; you need quality ear protection to help prevent hearing loss.

Here's a list of probable risks that generate sound above 85 decibels (DB) which is the maximum level for safe hearing:

90-100 DB: Lawn mowers - If you mow your lawn or use heavy equipment, use ear plugs.

80-110 DB: Attending local fairs - Those race cars can hurt your ears if you're too close and the small entertainment venues can get loud too.

80-100 DB: Hair driers near your ear without ear plugs can also put you at risk. Also taking a helicopter ride or working near loud airplanes or vehicles.

120 DB and above: Shooting ranges and just about any military position.

90-110 DB: Subway trains.

115 DB: Baby's cry - Be careful when holding a crying baby near your ear.

110 DB: Car horn if you're too close to it.

100 DB: Snowmobiles and other off-road vehicles.

We are exposed to so many noises that can cause hearing loss; preventive maintenance can potentially help you avoid the need for hearing aids for many years. But if hearing loss has already occurred or you're not sure how severe your hearing loss may be, having your ears checked is FREE at many hearing aid companies. And there's no pressure to purchase anything when you visit them.

Treating hearing loss can save other health issues that have been known to increase:

- Frustrated loved ones when you ask them to repeat themselves often.
- Depression and feeling secluded.
- Accidents: Like not hearing a quiet car in a parking lot.
- Discrimination: toward the person with hearing loss.
- Compensation behaviors: When pretending you hear, people pick up on your miscommunication.
- Anger and frustration: in relationships and coworkers.
- Anxiety
- Social phobias



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### 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.  
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