

NOC NEWS

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

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**Meetings**

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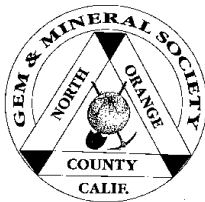
**With the exception of December,**  
**meetings are held at 6:30 p.m.**  
**the second Wednesday of the month at the**  
**La Habra Community Center**  
**101 W. La Habra Blvd., La Habra**

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

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

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**P.O. Box 653**

**La Habra, California 90633-653**

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- Future Rockhounds: ..... Open ..... ( ..... x

**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.*

Please send exchange bulletins to:

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# NOC GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY NEWS

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September 2018

The news letter is late this month because I have been waiting for the Presidents report, and meeting minutes which I have not received.

The good news is that we are having a wonderful speaker this week - Annais.

Linda Chu did a great job on the NOC Paver in front of the La Habra Council Chamber - see pages 6 and 7.

And Nancy O'Conner made a new Membership Application - see page 10.

September is the month we select a Nominating Committee to select officers for the next two years.

A nominating committee consists of five (5) members shall be selected at the September meeting in the following manner: the President shall appoint one (1) the Board of Directors will elect one (1), and the Society shall elect three (3).

See page 12 for ARTICLE V from the NOC By Laws.



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

## NOC Club Activities

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

## Program

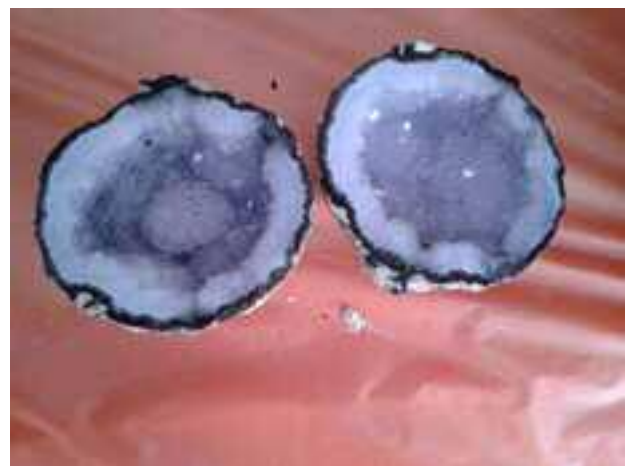
Our speaker for September 12 meeting will be Annais. (See page 5 about her.)

## Meeting

**Date:** Wed. September 12

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

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



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## Shows and Events

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### 2018 SHOWS

SEPTEMBER 15 - 16: CHICO, CA  
at the Feather River Lapidary & Mineral Society  
Silver Dollar Fairgrounds  
2357 Fair Street  
Hours: Sat 9:30 - 5; Sun 9:30 - 4  
Email: [jweazel@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jweazel@sbcglobal.net)  
Website: [www.featherriverrocks.org](http://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](mailto:slgms@wvisp.com)  
Website: [www1.wvisp.com/tronagemclub](http://www1.wvisp.com/tronagemclub)

OCTOBER 20 - 21: WHITTIER, CA  
WHITTIER Gem & Mineral Society  
Whittier Community Center  
7630 Washington Avenue  
Hours: 10 - 5 daily  
Contact: Frank Winn (626) 239-5457  
Email: [RkhndFW@gmail.com](mailto:RkhndFW@gmail.com)  
Website: [www.wgmsca.com](http://www.wgmsca.com)

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](mailto:info@opalsociety.org)  
Website: [www.opalsociety.org](http://www.opalsociety.org)

OCTOBER 27 - 28: LANCASTER, CA  
Palmdale Gem & Mineral Club  
Palmdale Elks Lodge  
2705 E. Avenue Q  
Hours: 10 - 5 daily  
Website: [www.palmdalegemandmineral.com](http://www.palmdalegemandmineral.com)

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## Have a Cold One

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*via web*

"Sometimes, when I reflect on all the beer I drink, I feel ashamed. Then I look into the glass and think about the workers in the brewery and all of their hopes and dreams.

If I did not drink this beer, they might be out of work and their dreams would be shattered. I think, it is better to drink this beer and let their dreams come true, than be selfish and worry about my liver."

Babe Ruth

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## Take a Walk

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Grandpa John was celebrating his 100th birthday and everybody complimented him on how athletic and well-preserved he appeared.

"Gentlemen, I will tell you the secret of my success," he cackled. "I have been in the open air day after day for some 75 years now."

The celebrants were impressed, and asked how he managed to keep up his rigorous fitness regime.

"Well, you see my wife and I were married 75 years ago. On our wedding night, we made a solemn pledge. Whenever we had a fight, the one who was proved wrong would go outside and take a walk."

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## Future Rockhounds

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NOC Future Rockhounds of America have been active working on their badge "Rock and Minerals" projects. They learned and finished polishing a Petoskey Stone (Michigan state stone) on July 28. Their next class is scheduled in September. Call Ofelia for details on date, time & volunteering for next project class.

Hello everybody, Confirm Future Rock hounds of America class as follows: Saturday, September 29th, 1 - 3 p.m. @ La Habra Church of Christ. Please call me to confirm attendance.

*Ofelia Warthen - (562) 946-0828*  
[ofelia.warthen@outlook.com](mailto:ofelia.warthen@outlook.com)

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## Vagina Egg

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I think you should reprint this in the next newsletter and I am suggesting we sell vagina eggs as a fundraiser  
Randi

Gwyneth Paltrow's Goop Will Pay \$145,000 For Misleading Customers About That Vagina Egg.

BuzzFeed News

The health and wellness empire agreed to settle a lawsuit alleging it made unscientific claims about several of its products, including its infamous no vaginal healing eggs. Read the full story.

<http://www.buzzfeednews.com/article/briannasacks/goop-vagina-eggs-settlement>

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## All American Club Awards Program

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*by Ofelia Warthen, CFMS Chair*

Very Happy and proud to announce North Orange County Gem & Mineral Society was awarded the Bronze Medal & Certificate for their 2017 entry from the American Federation of Mineralogical Society. The awards were presented to President, Kevin Smith at the May General Meeting.

Please note, the 2018 All American Club Award entries deadline TO SUBMIT will be January 15, 2019. The deadline will cover from January 1st through November 30, 2018. This short period is due to AFMS convention in Cedar Rapids, Iowa on March 15-16, 2019. Therefore, our Regional entries have a deadline of January 15, 2019. So let's get started preparing our 2018 entry. Call me for further information.

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## Shiny Happy Spirit House

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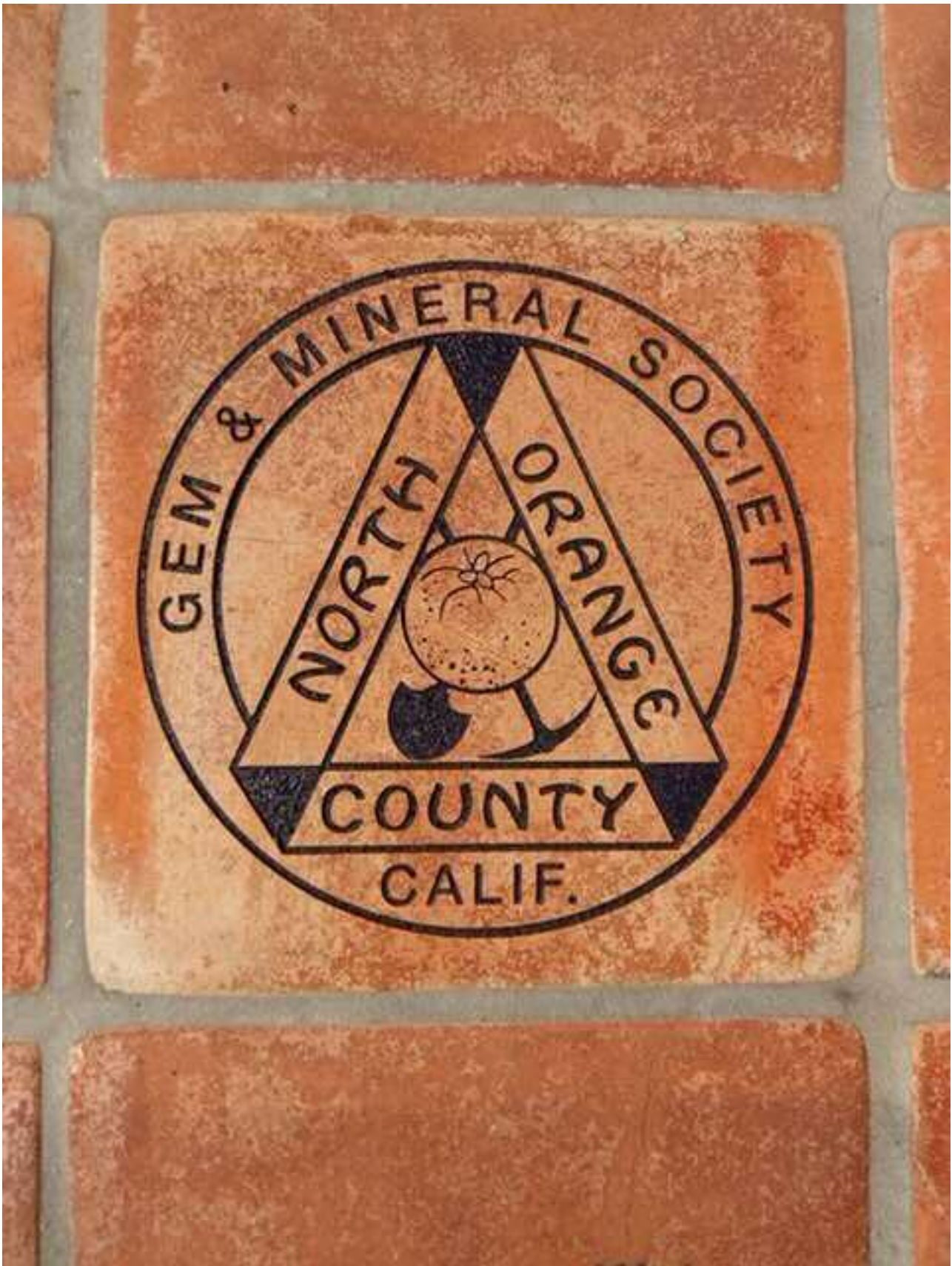
Shiny Happy Spirit House is the brain-child of Anais of Newport Beach, California. Anais has spent a lifetime collecting gems, minerals and crystals and utilizing them for energetic and healing purposes.

As an Intuitive Consultant and Healer of over 20 years, she is able to deeply connect with the energy of Gems and imbues them with beautiful and loving Energies! Anais studies both the science and metaphysics behind Gems and Crystals constantly and Loves to share her knowledge with her clients.

Anais is a certified crystal reader and gemstone consultant but her major talent is her eye for gems that offer the best vibrations. Anais consults with geologists, interior designers and feng shui experts to provide her clients with beautiful gems that are placed for optimum aesthetics and energy.



**Anais**



**NOC Paver in front of La Habra Council Chamber**

## We Have come A Long Way

by Linda Chu

Our paver has been engraved in front of the City of La Habra City Council Chamber. Thanks to Dan Beard and Geoffrey Chu for doing the graphic work without charge. Below is a list of all donors who contributed to the cost of the paver. Total donation amount is \$375.

**\$60 - Linda Chu**

**\$50 - NOCGMS**

**\$40 - Alan & Teri Heuer**

**\$30 - Denisse & Juan Castillo  
Beth & Kevin Smith**

**\$20 - Yvonne Cruz  
Nancy & Richard O'Connor  
Don & Loretta Ogden  
Armando, Matt & Rose Pedroza  
Don & Ofelia Warthen**

**\$10 - Marjorie Bush  
Randi Hetrick  
Jodi & Ryan Jackson  
Richard Sprowls**

**\$5 - Laura Castillo  
Kerry Pomeroy  
Mario Sampedro  
Theresa Sharp  
Lorenzo Veloz**



## Display Cases Needed

by Nancy O'Conner

At the entrance to the Community Center, we are fortunate to have the use of a Display Case that is locked. I would like to put in new items to display asap. This is an opportunity to have your gems & minerals on display for people entering the Community Center to look at and enjoy. Jewelry made in classes is also needed. Labels for identifying items are helpful. We will be redoing the outdated posters that are in there now. Any suggestions you may have are greatly appreciated. If you have items, you may bring them to the September 12 meeting.

If you have any questions, please contact me at [oonormancym@gmail.com](mailto:oonormancym@gmail.com) or at 562.690.6878

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### Welcome New Members

Dean Wanless  
Monique Forcier  
Allen Farquer  
Blazie Holling

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Don and other members,  
You take a lot of great pictures of activities going on in the club throughout the year. Would you have time to create 3 separate collages of recent pictures for the following titles on each one:

### Field Trips

### Jewelry Classes

**Club Activities** (such as shows, quartermania, silent auctions, speakers and anything else you can think of)

They can be a 11" wide by 14" tall. Email to me and I will get them printed. It would have to be in a file format that I can open – perhaps jpeg.

Please complete at your leisure. I am not in a big hurry, but we definitely need to have new pictures!!!

## Geological time gets a new period

Geologists have added a new period to their official calendar of Earth's history - the first in 120 years.

The Ediacaran Period covers some 50 million years of ancient time on our planet from 600 million years ago to about 542 million years ago.

It officially becomes part of the Neoproterozoic, when multi-celled life forms started to take hold on Earth.

However, Russian geologists are unhappy their own title - the Vendian - which was coined in 1952, was not chosen.

The decision was taken after a fifteen-year long period of consideration by expert geologists.

"There's always been a recognition that the last part of the Precambrian is a special time before the first shelled animals, when there are these weird, mesh-like creatures of uncertain affinity," Professor Jim Ogg, secretary-general of the International Commission on Stratigraphy (ICS), told BBC News Online.



Ediacaran organisms appear after a series of ice ages that covered the Earth



"Now it's an official part of the timescale."

### 'Snowball' Earth

The Ediacaran begins at the end of the last ice age of the Snowball Earth, or Cryogenian Period, a term given to a series of glaciations that covered most of our planet between 850-630 or 600 million years ago.

One theory proposes that these climate shocks triggered the evolution of complex, multi-celled life.

Professor Ogg said many of the new life forms that appeared in the Ediacaran seem to be simple organisms, probably related to present-day sponges.

"They appear to be lying flat on the seafloor and people think they may have had photosynthetic symbiosis much like corals do today," he explained.

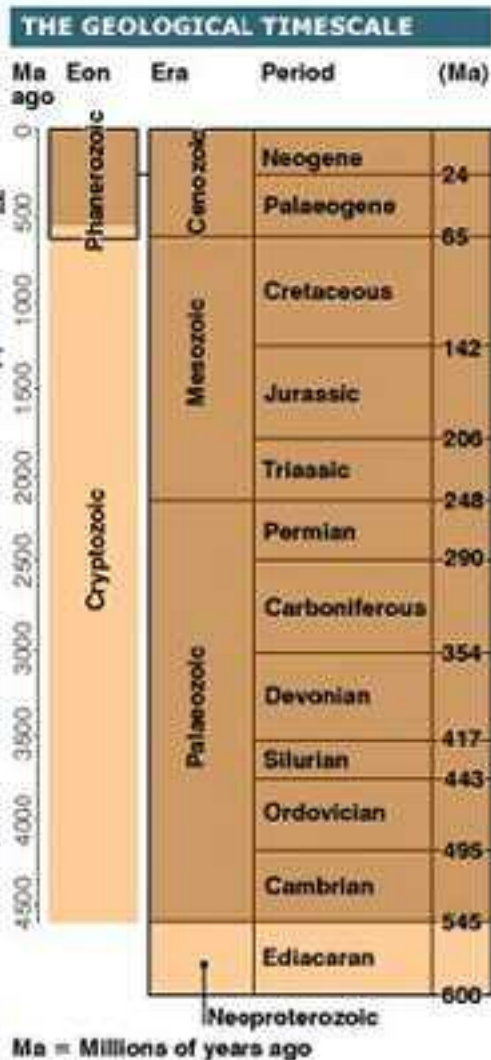
"These organisms were probably ripped to shreds when the first predators came along. That probably happened in the Cambrian Period."

The proposal had to pass three balloting stages, first by the members of the ICS's Terminal Proterozoic Period subcommission (which was set up specifically to consider the Ediacaran question), then by the ICS itself and finally by the International Union of Geological Sciences (IUGS) which ratified the definition in March.

At each stage, the vote had to be passed by two-thirds of the voting members.

However, Russian geologists are likely to continue to call the period by its alternative name: the Vendian.

In 1952, the Russian geologist Boris Sokolov coined the term Vendian for a system of sedimentary rocks in the former Soviet Union.





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**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

**CIRCLE ONE: New Member / Returning Member**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE:**  
 Check box  
 below if you  
 want your  
 address left  
 off the club  
 roster.

Last Name _____	First Name _____	Birthday Month _____	Cell Phone _____
Last Name _____	First Name _____	Birthday Month _____	Cell Phone _____
Additional Names: _____			
Address _____			
City/State/ZIP _____			
Home Phone _____	Work Phone _____	E-mail _____	

**AREAS OF INTEREST**

**OFFICERS & COMMITTEES**

<input type="checkbox"/> Lapidary	<input type="checkbox"/> Jewelry Making	<input type="checkbox"/> Field Trips
<input type="checkbox"/> Carving	<input type="checkbox"/> Geology	<input type="checkbox"/> Budget
<input type="checkbox"/> Faceting	<input type="checkbox"/> Gold Panning	<input type="checkbox"/> Monthly Bulletin
<input type="checkbox"/> Silversmithing	<input type="checkbox"/> Teaching Classes	<input type="checkbox"/> Membership
<input type="checkbox"/> Wire Wrap	<input type="checkbox"/> Annual Show	<input type="checkbox"/> Refreshments
<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Becoming a Club Officer or Committee Chair	<input type="checkbox"/> Future Rockhounds of America (Junior Members)
<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER		

**TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Individual Membership:** \$20 per year, plus a one-time fee of \$10 to cover the cost of the name badge.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Family Membership:** \$20 per year for the first person and \$10 per year for each additional person over 18 years of age. Plus a one-time fee of \$10 for each person to cover the cost of the name badge.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Junior Membership:** \$8 per year for family members from 7 through 17 years of age. Plus a one-time fee of \$10 for each person to cover the cost of the name badge.

**Amount Enclosed** \_\_\_\_\_ **Please make check payable to:** North Orange County Gem & Mineral Society (NOCGMS) and bring COMPLETED form to a monthly meeting on the second Wednesday of each month or mail to the P.O. Box above.

4/18 **For contact information of officers and club newsletter, please refer to [www.nocgms.com](http://www.nocgms.com)**

## **Public Comment Period Open NOW for Southern Utah BLM Management Plans – A. Hoekstra**

Would you like to again have the opportunity to collect rocks, minerals, and petrified wood and common invertebrate fossils on some of the lands where hobby collecting was banned in 1996 with the creation of the Grand Staircase Escalante National Monument (GSENM)? The BLM is considering this and wants your input. *Note that lands already removed (per Presidential Proclamation 9682) from the monument remain closed to hobby collecting, pending a new management plan – the excluded land has not reverted to its previous status.*

There is a November 30<sup>th</sup> deadline to make comments on the BLM proposals for future management of the lands excluded from the GSENM - now referred to as the Kanab-Escalante Planning Area - and also on the management plan for the lands retained within the GSENM.

For each management area, the BLM has discussed four alternative proposals. Public comments will influence their drafting of a final Resource Management Plan (which may include elements from any or all of the four draft proposals). Hobby rock collecting will be regulated identically to hobby collecting of common invertebrate and botanical (petrified wood) fossils – it will be allowed or prohibited in the same areas – as described under “Paleontological Resources” section of the plan alternatives (p. 3-44 in [Draft RMP and EIS Vol. 1](#)).

**For the Kanab-Escalante Planning Area, the proposed alternative ‘D’, which is the BLM’s “preferred alternative,” would allow hobby collecting of rocks, minerals, and common invertebrate and botanical fossils, including petrified wood, within almost the entire area excluded from the monument. Alternative D also proposes to allow hobby collecting in two defined areas within the GSENM. Rock hounds should support alternative ‘D’ in respect to the Paleontological Resources provisions (it is not necessary to support alternative D in whole or overall). You can submit a comment online (<https://eplanning.blm.gov/epl-front-office/eplanning/comments/commentSubmission.do?commentPeriodId=70905>) or by mail.**

**Clubs should consider co-signing a joint letter that would incorporate evidence in support of our position.** The Southern California Paleontological Society, a CFMS club, will draft a comment letter, preferably with participation of individuals representing other clubs (for information, please contact: [ajhoekstra@yahoo.com](mailto:ajhoekstra@yahoo.com)).

Note that for lands excluded from the Bears Ears NM rock hounding is not banned, and will not be banned: there is no new management plan being proposed for the area excluded from the BENM. For lands remaining inside the BENM, only the proposed alternative ‘A’, the “No Change” alternative, would allow rock hounding in the monument. Rock hounds may want to comment on the Paleontological Resources provisions of the BENM proposals (*no statute exists that bans rock hounding within BLM national monuments; is it really necessary to prohibit all hobby collecting of rocks or common fossils to protect scientifically significant fossils – i.e., dinosaur bones? Are all the rocks and common fossils actually being utilized for scientific research, or are they just weathering away? Is not rock collecting a traditional hobby and family activity, educational? In fact, don't amateurs often cooperate with professionals and contribute to scientific research on common fossils? Doesn't the PRPA, a legislative statute - or “law” - designate BLM lands as appropriate for hobby collecting?*).

**[Link for submitting a comment, and documentation – Grand Staircase Escalante NM & Kanab-Escalante PA](#)**

**<https://eplanning.blm.gov/epl-front-office/eplanning/planAndProjectSite.do?methodName=dispatchToPatternPage&currentPageId=141293>**

**[Directions for submitting a comment – Bears Ears National Monument](#)**

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**ARTICLE V            OFFICERS**

**SECTION 1            OFFICES**

The officers of this society shall consist of a President, a First Vice-President, a Second Vice-President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and a Federation Director, and five (5) elected Directors each of whom shall serve as a chairman of a standing committee appointed by the President.

**SECTION 2            NOMINATIONS**

- A. A nominating committee consisting of five (5) members shall be selected at the September meeting in the following manner; the President shall appoint one (1), the Board of Directors will elect one (1), and the Society shall elect three (3).
- B. It shall be the duty of the nominating committee to nominate one or more members in good standing as candidates for each of the offices to be filled. The names of all candidates nominated by this committee shall be presented to the membership in the October bulletin prior to the October meeting.
- C. Further nominations for office by the membership from the floor shall be allowed at the October meeting.
- D. A complete list of all names nominated by the committee and those nominated by the membership from the floor at the October meeting as candidates for office shall be published in the November bulletin prior to the November meeting and election. No further nominations shall be allowed at this time.

**SECTION 3            ELECTIONS**

Election of officers shall be held on the first regular meeting in November. Voting shall be by secret ballot. The candidate receiving the greatest number of votes cast on the ballot for that office shall be declared elected. Voting shall be restricted to senior members in good standing.

**SECTION 4            TERM OF OFFICE**

Officers and Directors shall serve for a term of two (2) years from the date of election and/or until their successors are elected and qualified, except the Federation Director shall be elected for term of 3 years.