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

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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,  
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**(909) 444-2727**

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**P.O. Box 653**

**La Habra, California 90633-653**

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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.*

Please send exchange bulletins to:

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# NOC GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY NEWS

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## President's Message

This message is from Vice President Armando Pedroza.

Looking into the future, our club is looking great. I know a lot of folks would say "it sure doesn't look like it to me", but when you experience meetings at other clubs you can begin to see what I see.

North Orange County Gem and Mineral Club is no doubt going through a bit of hard knocks, but if you look around, and truly look at the amount of new membership, our club is growing!

Right now -more than ever- we need a surge of sincere participation with foresight and good will... not only for our ailing members, but for those who are concerned with change.

Thank you all  
Armando

## PICK UP YOUR BADGE!

Please check at the "sign in table" for your membership badge.

**Our club needs to unit with other clubs so that our interest and hobby can have a voice**

## NOC Club Activities

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

## Program

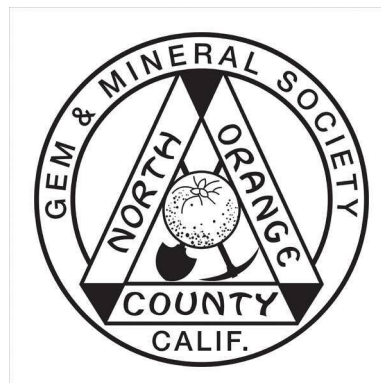
The program for November 14, 2018 is the annual club silent auction. Every one is welcome to our silent auction.

Come and support this fund raiser for the clubs Christmas dinner and in the process pick up some things to give as gifts for the coming holidays.

There will be rough rock, slabs, finished material and some donations that will surprise all.  
See you there

## Meeting

**Date:** Wed. November 14  
**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

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

DECEMBER 1 - 2: BARSTOW, CA  
Mojave Desert Gem & Mineral Society  
Cora Harper Community Center  
841 S. Barstow Road  
Hours: 10-5 daily  
Contact: Danny Watts (769) 373-1309  
Email: dvwatts@msn.com  
Website: www.mdgms.net

### 2019 SHOWS

FEBRUARY 15 - 24 : INDIO, CA  
San Gorgonia Mineral & Gem Society  
Riverside County Fair & National Date Festival  
82-503 Highway 111  
Hours: Sat 10 - 10 daily  
Contact: Bert Grisham (591) 849 1674  
Email: bert67@verizon.net

MARCH 8, 9 & 10: POMONA, CA  
**80 th CFMS SHOW & CONVENTION**  
Hosted by the Pasadena Lapidary Society  
California's Natural Treasures  
Fairplex, Building 6  
Hours: 10 a.m - 5 p.m. (Fri/Sat) -  
10 a.m. - 4 p.m. (Sun)



**Afton Canyon/Cady Mountains April 29, 2005**

## Holiday Dinner December 12

by Nancy O'Connor

Our annual holiday dinner will be at the Community Center on our regular meeting day, Wednesday, December 12. The delicious buffet menu will include the following: bbq pork ribs, chicken, tri-tip, brisket, mac & cheese, garlic mashed potatoes, green beans, coleslaw, cornbread, rolls, and dessert. Beverages include coffee, tea, and water.

**Important Details:** Reservation forms will be available at the November 14 meeting OR mail your reservation form and money to her at her address.

Nancy O'Connor,  
9946 Winfield Avenue, Whittier, CA 90603  
Any questions, please call Nancy at 562 690-6878 (home). Leave message if not home.

### Deadline to Pay is Monday, December 3.

#### **COST:**

Member & guest with member \$20  
Non-Member \$30  
Junior Member through age 17 \$15

#### **TIME:**

6:30-7:00 p.m. - time to socialize

7:00 p.m. - buffet dinner served

At this dinner, the Club is also collecting unwrapped toys and canned goods to be distributed in our community.

**NOTE:** A copy of the application can be found on page 9 of this newsletter.

## Membership Information

by Nancy O'Connor

### **Membership Dues for 2019 will be due soon.**

I will be collecting 2019 dues in January and February. I will have all member fill out a new application at that time. If pertinent information has not changes, just write the same in the spaces.

There is a printable membership application on page 10 of this newsletter. If you would like to renew in November or December, I will gladly accept your dues!

### NORTH ORANGE COUNTY GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY MEMBER INTEREST SURVEY

**TO: ALL MEMBERS**

We value your input and would appreciate your time in completing the following survey. Each member should complete his/her own survey.

#### AREAS OF INTEREST

#### OFFICERS & COMMITTEES

<input type="checkbox"/> Lapidary	<input type="checkbox"/> Geology	<input type="checkbox"/> Annual Show Helper
<input type="checkbox"/> Carving	<input type="checkbox"/> Field Trips	<input type="checkbox"/> Budget
<input type="checkbox"/> Silversmithing	<input type="checkbox"/> Teaching Classes	<input type="checkbox"/> Membership
<input type="checkbox"/> Wire Wrap	<input type="checkbox"/> Community Projects	<input type="checkbox"/> Refreshments
<input type="checkbox"/> Jewelry Making	<input type="checkbox"/> Future Rockhounds of America (IR members)	<input type="checkbox"/> Becoming a Club Officer or Committee Chair or Member
<input type="checkbox"/> Gold Panning	<input type="checkbox"/> Fund Raising Projects	<input type="checkbox"/> Scholarships
<input type="checkbox"/> Education/Speakers	<input type="checkbox"/> Other:	<input type="checkbox"/> Other:

Please put any additional information or ideas on the back of this form. Thank You!

YOUR NAME \_\_\_\_\_

*Would you like to be able to collect rocks, minerals, petrified wood and common invertebrate fossils on some of the lands that have been off limits to hobby collecting in Southern Utah since 1996?*

*Now is your chance to be heard. The BLM may restore hobby collecting but Rockhounds need to speak up now.*



**The BLM is now accepting public comments on the Travel Mgmt Plan for  
Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument (GSENM)**

**& Kanab-Escalante Planning Area (KEPA)**

**BLM Deadline: Friday, November 30, 2018**

The Southern California Paleontological Society (SCPS) has written a great comment letter.

Clubs/Societies and Individuals are invited to join SCPS and ask the BLM to restore casual collecting in GSENM-KEPA.

**Rockhounds & gem-mineral societies**, as members of the public who have a special Stakeholder interest in hobby collecting on public lands, federal statute requires the BLM to consider your input in drafting land use and travel management plans.

SCPS has done the hard part – writing an effective letter that supports you and your hobby. Do your part. Sign onto it or write your own personalized letter. Ask your society to sign onto the SCPS letter.

Now is the time to SPEAK UP. After all, if you don't advocate your own interests, who will?

***Want to write your own personalized letter? Great, submit comments by November 30th:***

- Mail: 669 S Hwy 89  
Kanab, UT 84741  
Attn: Matt Betenson
- ePlanning: <https://goo.gl/EHvhbc>

To help the BLM properly consider and incorporate your feedback, please include a reference to a specific page or section of the Draft EIS/Draft RMP in your comment.

**Many voices can make a difference**  
*One authoritative letter supported by many organizations and individuals is one of the most effective ways to get a management plan that accommodates hobby collecting!*

*(Boilerplate letters are counterproductive.)*

**Sign onto the SCPS comment letter  
by November 27th**

**Here's how in 3 easy steps:**

1. Download the current draft of the SCPS comment letter from the SDMG website at (short URL): <https://goo.gl/Vj3zp4>
2. Take the SCPS letter to your board for approval ASAP.
3. Upon approval, send an email to Karol McQueary ([socalpaleo@yahoo.com](mailto:socalpaleo@yahoo.com)) with your club contact info to add to the letter:
  - Club/org/school name
  - Officer name and title
  - Number of members in your club
  - Club mailing address (okay to omit street address, but don't leave out city, state, zip)

**Need help? Got questions?**  
email: [socalpaleo@yahoo.com](mailto:socalpaleo@yahoo.com)  
or [ajhoekstra@yahoo.com](mailto:ajhoekstra@yahoo.com)  
or [editor@sdmg.org](mailto:editor@sdmg.org)

**Support hobby collecting  
in the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument (GSENM)  
& Kanab-Escalante Planning Area (KEPA)**

***Sign onto a comment letter  
by November 27, 2018***

***contact: Karol McQueary [socalpaleo@yahoo.com](mailto:socalpaleo@yahoo.com)***

**BLM revisits what's okay in S. Utah monument.**

The BLM has prepared a draft plan for managing public lands within and adjacent to the redrawn boundaries of Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument (GSENM) in Southern Utah. The proposal includes lands that are located outside the monument – now called the Kanab-Escalante Planning Area (KEPA).

**Why does it matter to Rockhounds?**

Lands excluded from the monument by Presidential Proclamation 9682 have not reverted to their previous status; they will remain closed to hobby collecting until a new management plan is drafted. Rockhounds and hobbyists now have the opportunity to ask for explicit accommodation of casual collecting in the new management plan. Unless the BLM receives input from the public to allow hobby collecting, it could be disallowed once and for all.

**A letter that Rockhounds can support.**

The Southern California Paleontological Society (SCPS), has drafted a comment letter asking the BLM to explicitly accommodate hobby collecting in the GSENM-KEPA management plan.

**What position does the letter advocate?**

The SCPS comment letter supports Alternative 'D', which is the option that would allow hobby collecting of paleontological resources and collectable rocks and minerals in some of the areas where it has been disallowed since 1996.

Hobby rock collecting will be regulated in the same manner as hobby collecting of common invertebrate and botanical (petrified wood) fossils. Rockhounding will be allowed or prohibited in the same areas as described under the "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 original Grand Staircase-Escalante monument. Alternative 'D' also proposes to allow hobby collecting in two designated areas within GSENM.

**SCPS has done the work, your part is easy –**

Anyone who cares about hobby collecting, especially paleontological organizations, AFMS-affiliated societies, and their members residing in the U.S., now have the opportunity to tell the BLM that you support hobby collecting on public lands. Be effective and do it by signing onto the SCPS comment letter. By the way, spread the word.

An actual signature (or facsimile) is not needed. Just email your (or your organization's) information to **Karol McQueary** ([socalpaleo@yahoo.com](mailto:socalpaleo@yahoo.com)). Indicate whether you are signing for yourself or on behalf of an organization. Include essential info:

- your name
- org title (usually club president)
- number of org members
- org address (City, state, zip/postal code is fine)

If you are signing as an organization representative, be sure to include a sentence saying your board authorizes you to sign onto the letter.

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## Field Trip

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### Afton Canyon: November 22-25

The trip over Thanksgiving is to Afton Canyon, as known as the Grand Canyon of the Mojave Desert. It is a fascinating place to explore; there are virtually a thousand places to look for cutting material throughout the region. It is not often you get a chance to drive up and down the Mojave River.

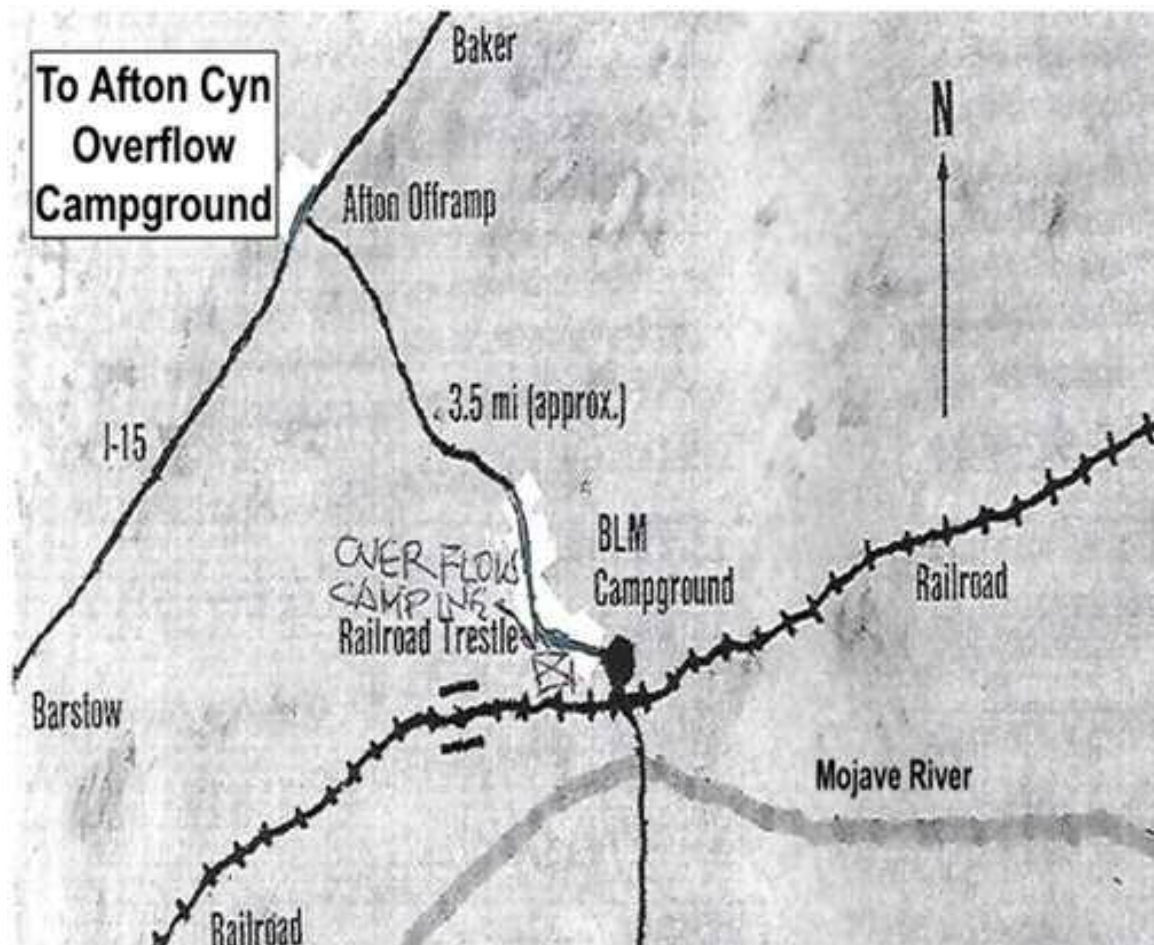
If the weather is dry, the sand in the riverbed will support vehicle traffic, and by stopping here and there you may find agates and jaspers in a multitude of colors. If it has rained, it's best not to drive on the riverbed. There are alternate routes to the quarry at the east end of the canyon. At the quarry, there is what appears to be dolomite and hematite amongst other things - even a geocache (a marker in GPS-driven hiking games).

Our camping area is the group/overflow camping area - on the right, just before going down to the main camping area. Go to the end of the curve. There should be a sign on the fence.

This is a great field trip and is interesting to both novice and seasoned rockhounds: the views will surprise and amaze.

Going Somewhere in Calif. Joe Goetz

**Directions to Afton Canyon.** Head toward Las Vegas on I-15. Go past Field Road and past the rest stop. Get off at Afton Road, turn right, and stay on the road (do not turn on the road that goes to the right, 29882 county road). It's a 3.5 mile drive on the dirt road, and once you're in the hills, slow down a bit. When you can see the main campground below, you are close to the group campground. If you get to the campground by the river, you've gone too far. Go back up the road and turn left where you can go through the fence, and you are there!







NOCGMS HOLIDAY DINNER  
 La Habra Community Center  
 101 W. La Habra Blvd.  
 La Habra, CA 90633

**When:** Wednesday, December 12, 2018  
**Time:** 6:30-7:00 pm social time – 7:00 pm buffet dinner is served

**Member Cost:** \$20 - a guest attending with a member pays \$20  
**Non-Member Cost:** \$30  
**Junior thru age 17 Cost:** \$15

**Menu:** BBQ pork ribs, chicken, brisket, tri-tip, mac & cheese, garlic mashed potatoes, coleslaw, green beans, corn bread, rolls & dessert. Tea, coffee & water.

**VERY, VERY IMPORTANT**

**DEADLINE:** Your paid reservation must be in Nancy O'Connor's hands by **Monday, December 3. No exceptions.**

- We need an accurate head count. No reservations can be accepted after that date or at the door.

You can pay Nancy at the silent auction on Wed., Nov. 14, or mail it to her by the deadline. If you have any questions, please call Nancy O'Connor

Nancy O'Connor, 9946 Winfield Ave., Whittier CA 90603  
 562.690.6878 (Home-preferred) or 562.618.3283 (Cell)

*Please bring an unwrapped toy and/or canned goods for distribution in our community.*

**+++++++detach here & include with your money+++++++**

Member & Guest	\$20 each	X _____	(number of people) = \$	_____
Non-Member	\$30 each	X _____	(number of people) = \$	_____
Juniors thru age 17	\$15 each	X _____	(number of people) = \$	_____

YOUR NAME \_\_\_\_\_ **Total \$** \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT PHONE # OR EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_



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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.

1/18 **For contact information of officers and club newsletter, please refer to [www.nocgms.com](http://www.nocgms.com)**