

NOC NEWS

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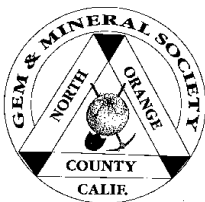
Day and Location:

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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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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President's Message

Hello and welcome to February, the month of love and devotion. Yes love is in the air. I can feel my wallet shrinking just thinking about it.

So, this is a big month for a lot of reasons. The super bowl LIII is ready to get started and boy its going be tough for both teams. My sadness lies in the fact that the DALLAS COWBOYS will not be there. Armando, Rose, and Matt went to Quartzite to pick up the geodes for the big show in June and they had a great time. Beth and I would have loved to have gone to this great show, but I still cannot travel at this time. Did anyone else get to go on this great field trip?

Field trips is a project that we are working hard on. Its really nice to get out and explore our hobby in different areas around the state and I for one can't wait to get out of the house and see what we can find.

We as a club are also working on going to events to make our presence known to the county. So up coming events include the Avocado festival May 18th from 10:00 To 4:00pm. The Citrus Fair is another event we are working on to be in, and the Tamale Festival. Also let's not forget the BIG SHOW in June. Wow! That is a lot of cool events coming up. Would you like to help? Let us know we could always use the help.

That Is all for now have a great February and I will see you on February 13th which as you know is our general meeting.

Thank You

Kevin Smith President NOCGMS

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NOC Club Activities

Board Meeting - 6 p.m. 1st Wed. at La Habra Community Center -
Field Trips - TBD

Program

Speaker for February is Patrick Keegan. Patrick will bring to us his experience and knowledge of traveling to Tucson Arizona.

A location where the world comes together to present the rocks, fossils and Minerals created by Mother Earth and appreciated by many like us.



Meeting

Date: Wednesday, February 13

Time: 6:30 p.m.

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

Shows and Events

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

MAHCH 2 - 3 : VENTURA, CA
Ventura Gem & Mineral Society
Ventura County Fairgrounds
10 West Harbor Blvd
Hours: Sat 10 -5, Sun - 10 - 4
Contact: Diane Cook 895 312-8467
Email: info@VGMS.org
Website: www.vgms.org

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)

March 30 - 31: TORANCE, CA
South Bay Lapidary & Mineral Society
Ken Miller Recreation Center
3341 Torance Blvd (entrance on Madrona Ave)
Hours: Sat. 10-5: Sun 10-4
Contact: Kathy Polliard 310 533-4931
Email: jhutching22@hotmail.com
Website: www.rockrollers.com

MARCH 2 - 3 : VENTURA, CA
Ventura Gem & Mineral Society
Ventura County Fairgrounds
10 West Harbor Blvd
Hours: Sat 10 -5, Sun - 10 - 4
Contact: Diane Cook 895 312-8467
Email: info@VGMS.org
Website: www.vgms.org

APRIL 13 -14: MARIPOSA, CA
Mariposa Gem & Mineral Club
Mariaposa County Fairgrounds
5007 Fairgrounds Rd. (South of Hwy 49)
Hours: Sat 10 -5, Sun - 10 - 4
Contact: Meredith Meehan 559868-3535
Email: mgmc@sti.net
Website: mariposagemclub.org

APRIL 27 -28: LANCASTER, CA
Antelope Valley Gem & Mineral Society
Antelope Valley Fairgrounds
2551 West Avenue H (Hwy 14 & Ave H)
Hours: Sat 10 -5, Sun - 10 - 5
Contact: Susan Chaisson Walblom (661) 406-0143
Email: slcaisson@yahoo.com
Website: www.avgem.weebly.com

JUNE 7 -9: LA HABRA, CA
North Orange County Gem & Mineral Society
La Habra Community Center
101 W. La Habra Blvd.
Hours: Fri.5 - 8, Sat 10 -5, Sun - 10 - 4
Contact: Armando Pedroza
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Website: www.nocgms.com

Membership Dues Are Now Due

It is time to renew your membership!

Please pay at the February meeting.
Individual Membership is \$20 plus \$10 for each additional family member.

If your additional family member is 17 or younger then it is an \$8 fee.

If you are a new member, there is a one-time \$10 fee for a badge.

If you do not have a badge, you may order one for a \$10 fee.

Also, if any of your information has changed that is on the roster, please let me know.

Thank you,
Nancy O'Connor

A Jewel to the Rock Hound

Written by Matthew Pedroza

Hello Rockmates! We have an amazing story about the first field trip of the year. Packed with good friends, good dining, and the most admirable sights I've been lucky enough to witness.

My Family and I drove four hours out to Quartzsite, Arizona. We met up with dealers and rockmates from around the world that were stocking up on all the gorgeous wholesale "rock finds". I must say, I found a few beautiful specimens myself.

On the way to Quartzsite, we stopped at IHOP the home of the all you can eat short stack pancake plate. This would be our first meal until lunch at the Pow-Wow show.

Once we arrived at the Pow-Wow, we stopped to buy our clubs famous geodes. We were so distracted by all the rock show entrances that we never imagined the amount of geodes that would be laying there before us.

Luckily, every year it's the same spot, same guy, our friendly miner Martin. After Martin urged us to pick out the best geodes, we located fellow gem hunters browsing through the crowds. Eventually, we had gathered all our things, ate, and mingled. There was only one thing left to do... drive home.

But before we go, there's one more thing worth mentioning. These NOC field trip's have left a clear image of the wonders of nature in my memories. The patterns, the shapes, the essence of appreciation in all things earthly. From the view of individual rock formations to the colors of the sparsely covered mountain sides, Quartzsite is a jewel among our many outings: A jewel to the rock hound. Don't miss these opportunities!



This \$100 Million Pearl is the Largest and Most Expensive in the World

*by Roberta Naas
founder of ATimelyPerspective.com
Photos by Aileen Cynthia*

Just about 10 years ago, a Filipino fisherman made an amazing discovery in the sea off the coast of the Palawan Island, Philippines: a two-foot long (26 inches to be exact) pearl inside a giant clam.

He took it home and hid it under his bed - keeping it as a good luck charm.

Recently, his tiny home burned down, but the 75-pound pearl survived.

Via officials in the Philippines, the pearl has been verified at 26 inches in length, 12 inches in width and weighing nearly 75 pounds.

It is valued at \$100 Million.



Viewers see the clam-grown natural pearl for the first time

The pearl, which has not yet been named, beats the current “world’s largest” pearl known to exist; the Pearl of Allah (sometimes called the Pearl of Lao tze). which is valued at \$36 million and weigh less than 15 pounds.

That pearl was also found off Palawan Island in the Philippines in 1934. It is currently on exhibit in New York at Ripley’s Believe it or Not! Museum.

Pearls are the only gems in the world to be born and grow inside a living organism.

Most are found inside oysters, but very scarcely are they found in clams - making this clam-found pearl even rarer.

This pearl was recently shown to the public in the Philippines for the first time.



The nearly 75-pound pearl was found 10 years ago inside a clam. Approximately 2 feet long by 1 foot wide, it is valued at \$100 Million.



Gems & Minerals Show

JUNE 7TH - 9TH, 2019

Fri. 5pm to 8pm | Sat. and Sun. 10am to 5pm

Exhibits, Raffle Prizes, Unique Gems/Rocks/Jewelry, Supplies & Tools, Geode Cutting, Food, and Grab Bags. Supporting the Youth Committee and Scholarship Program. Free Admission!

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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.

8/18 **For contact information of officers and club newsletter, please refer to www.nocgms.com**