

NOC NEWS

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Day and Location:

With the exception of July, August and December, meetings are held at 7:30 p.m. the second Tuesday 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 (909) 598-2456

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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, \$10; Family, \$15; Juniors, \$3.
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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President's Message

by Don Warthen

We are off to a great start this year. We had a very interesting speaker at the last meeting. The plans for this years show are coming along well. We have some new ideas for this years show. I think they will work out good. Lets all try to do a little something special this year for our cases and really show-off our hobby.

We are leaving for Quartzsite this week and if the weather holds we should have a great trip this year. I hope to see many of you there. Ofelia is going to get some things there for the door prizes this year and I'll see if I can scare up a white elephant or two.

February Meeting

Date: February 12
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Place: La Habra Community Center
101 W. La Habra Blvd.
Program: The program this month will be Steve and Anita Shearer on on Plains Indians.

Refreshments

by Oscar Veloz

Trini Hermosillo will bring the goodies for the February meeting. Thanks to Irene and Oscar Veloz for bringing the goodies to the January meeting.

NOC Club Activities

Cab Classes at Walt Messemer's --- 7-10 p.m.
every Wednesday Evening.
Board Meeting --- To be announced
Field Trip --- To be announced.
Deadline for NOC News --- February 17.

Programs

by Irene Veloz

Our speakers for the month of February are Steve and Anita Shearer on Plains Indians. On display will be real Indian artifacts. They have spent 30 years traveling 500,000 miles on Indian studies/research and collecting.

Members in the News

HAPPY BIRTHDAY and have a wonderful day all of you who were born in February.

Frances Toemmler - Feb 2
Chalmer Steed - Feb 3
Clarence Pool - Feb 8
May Richardson - Feb 9
Verle Stadel - Feb 23
Alfred Hermosillo - Feb 26
Al Stadel - Feb 27

Your gemstone is Amethyst
Your flower is Primrose or Violet

Shows and Events

via CFMS Web Page

February 1, 2, 3, 2002, Redlands, CA

37th Annual Pacific Micromount Conf.
Southern California Micro-Mineralogists
San Bernardino County Museum
2024 Orange Tree Lane
Beverly Moreau (714) 577-8038
E-mail: bcmoreau@4dnet.com
Web Site: <http://www.mineralsocal.org/micro/>

February 15-24, 2002, Indio, CA

San Geronimo Mineral & Gem Society
Riverside Co. Fair & National Date Festival
Gem & Mineral Bldg. (on the Fairgrounds)
46-350 Arabia Street
Hours: 10-10
Don Grisham (909) 795-7289

March 2-3 2002, Arcadia, CA

Monrovia Rockhounds, Inc.
The Arboretum of Los Angeles County,
Ayres Hall
301 N. Baldwin Ave., Arcadia, CA 91007
Hours: 9-4:30 both days
Jo Anna Ritchey (636) 359-1624 /
j.ritchey@verizon.net

March 16-17 2002, Hawthorne, CA

Northrop Grumman Gem & Mineral Club
12329 Crenshaw Blvd. (Gate 16)
Hours: Sat 10-6 Sun 10-5
Jimmy Lapham
E-mail: lapham@carthlink.net

March 23-24, 2002, Boron, CA

Mojave Mineralogical Society, Inc.
Boron High School Multipurpose Room
Prospect Street
Hours: Sat 9-5 Sun 9-4
David Eyre (760) 762-6575

March 23-24, 2002, La Habra, CA

North Orange County Gem & Mineral Soc.
La Habra Clubhouse
200 W. Greenwood
Hours: Sat 10-5 Sun 10-4
Don & Jane Livezey (714) 524-6280 /
jdlive27@aol.com

March 23 - 24; Torrance, CA

South Bay Lapidary & Mineral Society
Ken Miller Recreation Center
3341 Torrance Blvd.
Hours: Sat 10 - 6 Sun 10 - 5
Doris Turney (310) 322-2556

April 6-7 2002, Haciends Heights, CA

Puente Hills Gem & Mineral Club, Inc.
Magic In Rocks
Steinmetz Park
1545 Stimson Avenue
Hours: 10 - 5 both days
Bob Hess (562) 696-2270

April 27-28 2002, Lancaster, CA

Antelope Valley Fairgrounds
155 East Avenue
Hours: 9-5 both days
Olan Flick (661) 943-3882

May 4-5 2002, Anaheim, CA

Searchers Gem & Mineral Society
43rd Annual Show, America's Treasures
Brookhurst Community Center
2271 West Crescent Ave.
Hours: Sat 10-6 Sun 11-4:30
Betty Nelson (714) 530-1365 / bethar@msn.com
Nancy Norlund (714) 960-6957 / njnorlund@netzero.net

July 12-14 2002, Placerville, CA

CFMS 23rd Show & Convention -
Treasures of the Sierra Nevada
El Dorado County Mineral and Gem Society
El Dorado County Fairgrounds
100 Placerville Drive
For more info: (530) 622-3038

NOC General Meeting January 8, 2002

By Susan Hansen

The meeting was called to order by President Don Warthen at 7:35 pm.

The flag salute was led by Bill Burns.

Announcements: The club received a Christmas card from *Norberto* in Crescent City, inviting club members to visit him. We also received a card from *Bill Hill* who will be in Quartzsite at Tyson Wells Jan. 4 to Jan. 22, 2002.

The **program** was given by Mike Havstaad on Pegmatites and Tourmaline of San Diego County.

Twenty-one members and 7 guests were present.

Drawings were held and Loretta won the main prize. Marguerite won the white elephant.

The minutes were approved as printed in the bulletin.

Treasurers' report was given by Don Livezey. He reminded us that *Dues are due*.

Pat Felix has volunteered to be librarian.

Federation Report was given by Loretta. The Federation Field trip will be to Wileys Well Jan. 28 to Feb. 1. There are motels in Blythe for those that don't have motor homes. It's at the first off ramp this side of Blythe-Wiley's Well off ramp. Don put pictures on the CFMS Federation Website of *their Past Presidents & Golden Bear award winners*.

Bill Burns brought in a book on the Tucson show, theme this year is *African minerals*.

Field Trip Report was given by Izzie Burns. She has a map of Quartzsite, and will stay at the parking lot next to QIA. Saturday night there will be a pot luck, either at our campsite or at the Autonetics area further out. Abramsons will be in spot 98, and have the pot luck location information. The Autonetics group will have orange pie plates with a large **A** marking the site.

Al Hermosillo brought in pictures he took at the Christmas Party. He has extra copies if you want any.

Show Report - Jane Livezey reported that Trini will do the Friday night dinner again. We need night guards, Don O. and Bill will stay Friday night. We

need people to volunteer/sign up for kitchen duty and for the spinning wheel. There will be signup sheets for the kitchen. First Prize will be \$100, there was some discussion of whether it should be dollar coins, 2 \$50 prizes or other. After a vote, it was decided to continue the 100 dollar coins. We usually have enough other good prizes that we shouldn't need second prizes of \$50.

Izzie brought in a rock collection that the CFMS used for identification. It was in egg cartons with labels to ID rocks. Rocks are laid out. Kids ID, and placed them in the carton next to their ID. Izzie has rocks we could use, if others have smallish ones - we would need about 100 of each. Izzie has obsidian, howlite, agate, quartz crystals, opalized wood, jade, marcasite. We need about 12 different ones. We will need egg cartons, Jane L. brought in 50. Also, no sharp edges on the rocks, please round them off. It was also suggested that when a kid buys a stone, members could polish a window in it, and Loretta could carve their initials in it. We've done it before and it's gone over well. We have about 1/2 bucket of small geodes and 1/2 bucket of slightly larger ones

Don L. reported we got a waiver on the Police Dept. fee for the show. That brings the show rental down. The City also signed a waiver on the cleaning fee. Angie will do the Boutique/Krafty Korner. She asked for pot holders because last year people asked for them crochet or sewn. Clarence has tumbled stones for us. The Graftons volunteered to pick them up.

Budget Committee - Don, Don and Don, will set up a meeting time and have a report next month.

Saturday will be the **Youth Center Earth Science day** at Hacienda Heights. We will meet at 9:30 at the Youth Center. Floyd will bring his faceting machine. Ginny has the findings/mountings.

We have a **new show case on Cement** in the La Habra Community Center lobby.

We decided **not** to do the *I Love La Habra Days* in February, because the weather has been so bad the last couple of years. The city has rescheduled it to May.

Clouds moved the Jamborie to Laughlin NV.

The meeting adjourned at 10 pm.

Clouds Gem & Mineral Jamborree

By Hal Buist - w6mtp@ix.netcom.com

My daughter and I went to Laughlin to see the new relocated Clouds Gem and Mineral Jamborree. He had lost his Jamborree site in Quartzite and moved the Jamborree to Laughlin, NV.

I checked the Internet and the Riverside Casino had a special, which sounded great. I got a reservation for two for two nights, Sunday and Monday for \$39. The package included two of the following five: (1) China Wok Meal for two. (2) Two breakfast buffets at \$5 plus. (3) Two first run movie passes at \$9. (4) Four games of bowling. (5) USS Riverside cruise for two worth \$20. We took the cruise and the movie and the room was 1\$ short of being free.

The Gem and Mineral show was held in a large tent in the Riverside Casino parking lot. Booths were set up in the usual manner. I was disappointed that it was only finished jewelry. Information about the show was almost completely non-existent.

I was surprised when told by one of the sellers that the main show was at the Indian AVI Casino. This required taking the Needles Highway toward Needles and turning left on Aha Macao Parkway, which is not on any map that I have. A short twenty-minute drive took us to the AVI Casino and a huge parking lot for RV's.

That's where the rock show was being held. There were three rows of sellers with good size spots and full camper hookups. I spoke to some of the sellers and they said it was much better than Quartzite, cleaner, less dust, and the rent was less. I was told that Mr. Cloud hired an advertising company but there were no signs or directions about the two locations at either place.

The signs at the Riverside Casino were small and the only other sign, rather small was at the entrance to Parkway from the Needles Highway. I hope that Mr. Cloud gets the bugs worked out and that this show grows, as this is the great location for the Rock and Gem show.

I no longer have a trailer and a twenty minute drive from the AVI Casino puts you back in Laughlin where there are many available hotel rooms with cable TV, slot machines and buffets. Many hotels had rooms in the \$22 range.

March Show News

by Don & Jane Livezey
Show Chairmen

Our plans for the March show are progressing very nicely. Trini has volunteered to cook our Friday night meal. Thanks, Trini. Everyone else should be praised for undertaking all the jobs involved with putting on our wonderful show. I'm sure all will agree that it's quite a production and involves lots of hard work and good will. I think we will feel very satisfied with the results!

All of us will need to think of ways to help. We all:

- Bring a pie or other desserts for the kitchen.
- Bring an item to be used as a donation prize.
- Sell our tickets
- Save egg cartons for Izzy and polished rocks for Joann.
- Make or find articles which can be sold in the Krafty Korner.
(Small articles like potholders sell and plants do well.)
- Sign up to help Joann at the spinning wheel or Oscar in the kitchen.
(If we don't have a full-time show job.)

Don Ogden and Bill Burns have volunteered to stay Friday night. Because we don't have police protection we do need two guys to stay Saturday night. We have Aero-beds (very comfortable air mattresses) for your use. Please consider helping.

Also we need to patrol the show. Once in a while we do have theft, so we need to be especially watchful. We'll be asking for volunteers for that. Here's to a great show!!

Jane & Don
Any questions?
(714) 524 6280

Treasurer's Report

Dues were due the first of the year. Please send a check to:

Don Livezey
1722 Virginia Place
Placentia, CA92870
Thanks, Don

New Method of Tumbling

by Al Nutile in Tule City Conglomerate

The writer believes that the following idea can take much of the work from the poplar method of tumbling. All of the instructions we have seen state: "Wash stones and tumble very clean between each change of grit or final materials," at the same time stating, "If liquid is too thick add some slurry or grit from previously used material." We know some will argue against our method, but here goes:

Don't wash after each week of tumbling with grit! Start with #50 grit *tumbling a week*. Then *DON'T EMPTY THE TUMBLER*, but add five teaspoons of the new grit [one step finer] to the mixture in the three-pound tumbler. Follow this procedure through #190, #320 and #600 grits. Now (finally) thoroughly wash the stones and tumbler before pre-polish and final polishing. Fair really glossy finish, wash out the polishing powder, then add three spoons of sugar, one spoon (level) of Cascade or All or any non--sudsing detergent and add about ten drops of muriatic acid, if you have some. Let stand one minute-open tub, close tub, and tumble for a week.

We have run eleven tubs using this method and found that even ordinary sandstone comes out highly glossed. Except for extra final step, you save three washings and getting rid of the slurry each time. Saves time, work and mess, and still gets a better polish.

(Via Delvings 1/2002)

Great New Members

by Jane Livezey
Membership

Our club has been enriched with an influx of new members.

Floyd Allen has agreed to be on the board, and brought his faceting machine to demonstrate at our Youth Science Club seminar on Jan. 12.

Pat Felix has agreed to take over our library for which I am very grateful. So happy to have both of you on board!

Address Change

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750 Cessna Dr., Crescent City, CA 95531
Ph. (562) 921-1298

Untried Shop Tips

(From the Internet author unknown via Del Air Bulletin September 2001)

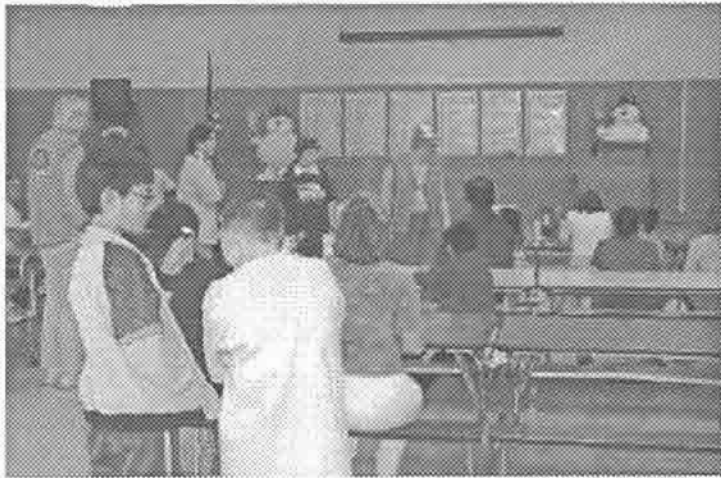
Special Glue for Intarsia and Channel Work: Sometime ago, I noticed a pretty, sludge in the pan on my Pixie grinding unit, particularly when cuffing lapis or malachite. Since I was doing channel work and intarsia, I started letting the contents of the pan settle when I was through, poured off the clean top layer of water, and then poured off what remained in clean glass jars, which I then put on a shelf. The water evaporated, and I scraped the powder into very small jars, covering them with their jar lids.

I routinely mix a bit of the powder with epoxy when gluing the mineral inlays into their channels. If there is a small gap into which the epoxy oozes, not to worry, the epoxy will have the same color as the adjoining mineral! I guess this is also using the powders as a pigment.

I have jars of lapis, malachite, rodochrosite, magnesite, and black onyx powders. You don't need much- a little goes a long way!

NOC G&MS Earth Science Program at Wedgeworth School

January 12, 2002



Izzie starts things rolling.



Ginny and the students make tooth paste from rocks.



Jane display fossils.



Floyd shows his faceting skills.



Forming and polishing cabs.



Mounting cabs to make a necklace or key chain.