

NOC NEWS

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Meetings

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.
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President's Message

by Don Warthen

Summers is almost gone and it's time to get back to work. But I know that everyone has been doing so much work this summer. We started the summer off with the best show ever. I really want to thank everyone for all the hard work, and we had a great show.

We had over forty people at the Pearl Seminar & Beading Class (a complete sell out) and everyone there wanted to know when we are going to have another one.

At the Bar-B-Q we had thirty club members, including a few new members and then we had about 20 children at the La Habra Youth Day Camp.

With all this you'd think we were ready to stop and take it ease for a while. But no we have already started planning the coming year. To start we have a great meeting planed for Sept. Bonita Chamberlin was working in Afghanistan before the war and she has been back since and has a good perceptive on what's happing in that country. She will be bring lapis from the mines and caves, which could not be taken out of the country before the war.

We will need a Show Chairperson for 2004 and a nominating committee to nominate next years officers and we need to start planning the Christmas Party. Also the Childrens Museum and The Boys and Girls Club of La Habra have mentioned that they would like us to do a program for them also.

See you all at the 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 — Sep 17.

September Meeting

Date: September 14

Time: 7:30 p.m.

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

Programs

by Don Warthen

We have a great meeting planed for September. Our speaker will be Bonita Chamberlin from the Institute for Continuing Education.

Ms. Chamberlin has been working with the refugees in Afghanistan. She will have an abundance of Lapis and one-of-a-kind Silver jewelry from the Afghan mines, villages and refugee camps.

Refreshments

by Nancy Bird

Nancy Bird will bring the goodies for the September meeting. Thanks to Don and Ofelia Warthen for bringing the goodies to the June meeting.

Shows and Events

September 27-28, 2003, Downey, CA

Delvers Gem & Mineral Soc.
Womens Club of Downey
9813 Paramount Blvd.
Hours: Sat 10-6 Sun 10-4
Earl Liston (562) 865-1348

September 27-28, 2003, Fontana CA

Kaiser Rock & Gem Club
California Speedway
9300 Cherry Ave.
Hours: 9-5 both days
Jo Ann Watson

October 11-12, 2003, Trona, CA

Searles Lake Gem & Mineral Soc.
Sigem Show Building
13337 Main St.
Hours: Sat 8-5 Sun 8-4
Bonnie Fairchild (760) 372-5356

October 11-12, 2003, Whittier, CA

Whittier
Whittier Community Center
7630 Washing Ave
Hours: 10-5 both days
Jay Valle (626) 934-9764 / jvalle@agmd.gov

November 15-16, 2003, Palmdale, CA

Palmdale Gem & Mineral Club
Palmdale Elks Lodge
2705 E. Ave. Q
Hours: 9-5 both days
Gail Becker (661) 256-4689
Email: Gail1010becker@aol.com

November 22-23, 2003, Victorville, CA

Victor Valley Gem & Mineral Club
San Bernardino County Fairgrounds
14800 7th Street
Hours: Sat 9-5 Sun 9-4
Bob Harper (760) 947-6383

Members in the News

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

Chuck Lortz - July 18
Walt Messemer - July 19
Norberto Elicker - July 29

Your gemstone is Ruby.
Your flower is Larkspur or Water Lily.

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

Linda Parker - August 3
Walton Wright - August 7
Sandy Mogan - August 27

Your gemstone is Sardonyx
Your flower is Poppy or Gladiolus

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

Angie Harwood - September 3
Mike Maneth - September 4
Irene Veloz - September 6
Don Ogden - September 13
Loretta Ogden - September 16
Dolores Maggs - September 23
Don Warthen - September 25

Your gemstone is Sapphire.
Your flower is Aster or Morning Glory.

November 29-30, 2003, Barstow, CA

Mojave Gem & Mineral Soc.
Barstow Community Center
841 S. Barstow Road
Hours: 10-5 both days
Bob Depue (760) 255-1030

via CFMS Web Site

Fall Business Meeting

Saturday, Nov. 8, 2003

by Loretta Ogden via CFMS Newsletter

The annual Fall Business meeting and election of officers for 2004 will be held at the Quality Inn at 4278 West Ashland Ave., Fresno, CA. on Saturday, Nov. 8, 2003.

The Cracker Barrel social will be held Friday night Nov. 7, 2003 at 7:30 p.m. in the main Banquet room. Coffee will be served. Directors, please bring cookies or fruit.

A through M to the Cracker Barrel and N through Z for the Saturday Directors meeting.

The Business meeting will be held Saturday Nov. 6 at 9:00 a.m. Directors, be sure to bring your copy of the Agenda you received in the mail.

Any CFMS member may attend the meeting, but only delegates may vote.

Room reservations must be made directly with the Quality Inns on 4278 West Ashland Ave., Fresno.-Phone 1-559-275-2727.

Be sure to tell them you are with CFMS in order to receive special rates. Make reservations by October 24, 2003. Rooms will be \$59.00, plus tax, per night for 2 persons, with additional charge for 3 or more.

(Quality Inns accepts no pets)

Take the Asland Avenue offramp from Hwy 99 in Fresno. The Quality Inn is located immediately to the west of the freeway overpass.

FROM THE EXEC SEC/TREAS

Deadline for committee reports is October 25. As in the past, I will accept them by e-mail or snail mail. If

unable to meet this deadline, please bring at least 100 copies to the meeting for distribution. Thanks

BANQUET

Installation of 2004 Officers

Our Saturday Evening Banquet will begin at 6:00 p.m. with a no-host bar and get-together.

Dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m.

MENU

Brooks Ranch Green Salad

Prime Rib or Chicken Marsala

Vegetable Medley

Garlic Potatoes

Bread and Butter

Cheese Cake

Coffee and Iced Tea

Cost is \$22.50 per person (includes tax and tip)
Make banquet reservations by November 1, 2003

Mail your check and reservations to:

CFMS

P.O.Box 1657

Rialto, CA 92377-1657

Please indicate choice of entree on reservation.
Make check payable to CFMS.

COMMITTEE MEETING RESERVATIONS

Committee Chairmen

Please reserve time now for your Committee Meetings on Friday, November 7, 2003 at the Quality Inn On 42278 Ashland Ave. Fresno, CA

Tentative schedule:

2:00 - 4.00 p. m. Executive Committee

9:00-10:00 p.m. Scholarship Committee

(following the Cracker Barrel)

Call or write Lois Allmen for reservations at:

407 Magnolia Ave.

Oxnard, CA 93030-5309

(805) 483-6871

e-mail allmenl@vcss.k12.ca.us

Tips on Staying Safe for Women, (and Men?)

The elbow is the strongest point on your body. If you are close enough to use it, do!

If you are ever thrown into the trunk of a car, kick out the back tail lights and stick your arm out the hole and start waving like crazy. The driver won't see you but everybody else will. This has saved lives.

Last night I attended a personal safety workshop, given by Pat Malone, who has been a bodyguard for famous figures like Farah Fawcett and Sylvester Stallone. He works for the FBI and teaches police officers and Navy SEALs hand-to-hand combat.

This man has seen it all, and knows a lot. He focused his teachings on HOW TO AVOID BEING THE VICTIM OF A VIOLENT CRIME. He gave some statistics about how much the occurrences of random violence have escalated over the recent years, and it's terrible. Something like 99% of us (?) will be exposed to, or become a victim of, a violent crime.

Here are some of the most important points:

(1). The three reasons women are easy targets for random acts of violence are:

(a.) Lack of Awareness: You MUST know where you are & what's going on around you.

(b.) Body Language: Keep your head up, swing your arms, stand straight up.

(c.) Wrong Place, Wrong Time: DON'T walk alone in an alley, or drive in a bad neighborhood at night.

(2). Women have a tendency to get into their cars after shopping, eating, working, etc., and just sit (doing their checkbook, or making a list, etc.) DON'T DO THIS! The predator will be watching you, and this is the perfect opportunity for him to get in the passenger side, put a gun to your head, and tell you where to go. AS SOON AS YOU GET INTO YOUR CAR, LOCK THE DOORS AND DRIVE AWAY.

(a.) A few notes about getting into your car in a parking lot, or parking garage: Be aware: look around you, look into your car, at the passenger side floor, and in the back seat.

(b.) If you are parked next to a big van, enter your car from the passenger door -- lock the doors before sliding across the seat! Most serial killers attack their victims by pulling them into their vans while the women are attempting to get into their cars.

(c.) Look at the car parked on the driver's side of your vehicle, and the passenger side. If a male is sitting alone in the seat nearest your car, you may want to walk back into the mall, or work, and get a guard/policeman to walk you back out. IT IS ALWAYS BETTER TO BE SAFE THAN SORRY. (And better paranoid than dead.)

(3.) ALWAYS take the elevator instead of the stairs. (Stairwells are horrible places to be alone and the perfect crime spot).

(4.) If the predator has a gun and you are not under his control, ALWAYS RUN!

(a.) The predator will only hit you (a running target) 4 in 100 times. And even then, it most likely WILL NOT be a vital organ. RUN!

(5). As women, we are always trying to be sympathetic: STOP IT! It may get you raped, or killed.

(a.) Ted Bundy, the serial killer, was a good looking, well educated man, who ALWAYS played on the sympathies of unsuspecting women. He walked with a cane, or a limp, and often asked "for help" into his vehicle, or with his vehicle, which is when he abducted his next victim.

(b.) Pat Malone told the story of his daughter, who came out of the mall and was walking to her car when she noticed 2 older ladies in front of her. Then she saw a police car come towards her with cops who said hello. She also noticed that all 8 handicap spots in "the area were empty. As she neared her car she saw a man a few rows over calling to her for help. He wanted her to close his passenger side door.

He was sitting in the back on the driver's side, and said he was handicapped. He continued calling, until she turned and headed back to the mall, and then he began cursing at her. In the meantime, she wondered why he didn't ask the 2 older ladies, or the policeman for help, and why he was not parked in any of the empty handicap spots. As she got back to the mall, two male friends of hers were exiting,

and as she told them the story, and turned to point at the car, the man was getting out of the back seat into the front and the car sped away.

DON'T GET CAUGHT IN THIS TRAP! ALWAYS BE AWARE OF WHAT IS GOING ON AROUND YOU! I'd like you to forward this to all the women you know. It may save a life. A candle is not dimmed by lighting another candle. I was going to send this to the ladies only; but guys, if you love your mothers, wives, sisters, daughters, you may want to pass it on to them, as well.

BESIDES, A LOT OF THESE THINGS MIGHT KEEP A MAN FROM BEING A CAR JACKING OR ROBBERY VICTIM!

Send this to any woman you know who may need to be reminded that the world we live in has a lot of crazes in it....better safe than sorry.

PLEASE BE SAFE AND NOT SORRY! JUST A WARNING TO ALWAYS BE ALERT AND USE YOUR HEAD!!!

Pass this along to every woman you have access to. Never let your guard down!!!!!!!!!!!!

National Public Lands Day

by Don Warthen

The BLM will be hosting a variety of work projects in Sawtooth Canyon in recognition of the 10th Annual National Public Lands Day September 20, 2003.

Check-in begins at 6:00 am on Saturday Sept. 20th at 28040 Barstow Rd/Hwy 247 Volunteer crews will work from 7:00 am till lunchtime

All participants will be served a BBQ lunch

The first 250 volunteers will receive a **Public Lands Day T-Shirt**

Check it out on the internet
www.ca.blm.gov/barstow/register.html.

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This Really Works

via email from Chuckmckie

If your telephone number is unlisted, this doesn't apply to you. But if you ARE listed, this is kind of scary. **I checked it out and it does work.** For anyone that has kids fooling around on the internet, this is good to know.

Google has implemented a new feature wherein you can type someone's telephone number into the search bar and hit enter. Then you will be given the name, address, and a map to their house.

Think about it, if a child, a single person, ANYONE gives out his or her phone number, someone can actually now look it up to find out where he or she lives.

The safety issues are obvious, and alarming. This is not a hoax; Map quest will actually put a star on your house on your street.

In order to test whether your phone number is mapped, go to <http://www.google.com> and type your phone number in the search bar with dashes (i.e. 310-XXX-XXXX) and hit enter.

NOTE: If your phone number is not publicly listed, you should be fine. **If you want to BLOCK Google from divulging your private information,** simply click on the telephone icon next to your phone number. You will see a link where you are allowed to REMOVE yourself.

Feel free to forward on to friends and family.

Bounce Dryer Sheets

via email from Al Jackson

Not sure where this originated from. The items seem worth investigating. I used "static sheets" on monitor screens and they appear to work well. Al

And all this time you've just been putting Bounce in the dryer!

It will chase ants away when you lay a sheet near them.

It also repels mice. Spread them around foundation areas, or in trailers and cars that are sitting and it keeps mice from entering your vehicle.

It takes the odor out of books and photo albums that don't get opened too often.

Repels mosquitoes. Tie a sheet of Bounce through a belt loop when outdoors during mosquito season.

Eliminates static electricity from your television (or computer) screen. Since Bounce is designed to help eliminate static cling, wipe your television screen with a used sheet of Bounce to keep dust from resettling.

Dissolve soap scum from shower doors. Clean with a sheet of Bounce.

Freshen the air in your home. Place an individual sheet of Bounce in a drawer or hang in the closet.

Put Bounce sheet in vacuum cleaner bag.

Prevent thread from tangling. Run a threaded needle through sheet of Bounce before beginning to sew.

Prevent musty suitcases. Place an individual sheet of Bounce inside empty luggage before storing.

Freshen the air in your car. Place a sheet of Bounce under the front seat.

Clean baked-on foods from a cooking pan... Put a sheet in a pan, fill with water, let sit overnight, and sponge clean... The antistatic agent apparently weakens the bond between the food.

Eliminate odors in wastebaskets. Place a sheet of Bounce at the bottom of the wastebasket.

Collect cat hair. Rubbing the area with a sheet of Bounce will magnetically attract all the loose hairs.

Eliminate static electricity from Venetian blinds. Wipe the blinds with a sheet of Bounce to prevent dust from resettling.

Wipe up sawdust from drilling or sand papering. A used sheet of Bounce will collect sawdust like a tack cloth.

Eliminate odors in dirty laundry. Place an individual sheet of Bounce at the bottom of a laundry bag or hamper.

Deodorize shoes or sneakers. Place a sheet of Bounce in your shoes or sneakers overnight.

Golfers put a Bounce sheet in their back pocket to keep the bees away.

Put a Bounce sheet in your sleeping bag and tent before or during and storing them. Keeps them smelling fresh.

Safety

by Bill Buckner
via AFMS Newsletter 6/03

Concerns of safety issues in our shops, studios, or whatever we call our places where we work with lapidary concerns and jewelry making.

1. Ventilation: either have enough room or have some way to get enough fresh air that there is no danger of breathing problems.

2. Eye safety: a pair of safety glasses (either prescription or goggles) are needed when using machinery and rocks or minerals. In breaking stones, sawing stones, grinding stones, or polishing stones small pieces of rock could hit your eye and cause damage.

3. Chemicals that we use: care should be taken to be extremely safety minded when we use these toxic chemicals. Follow directions on the containers. Most chemicals that mix with water should be mixed into water, not water added to the chemicals.

4. Storage of chemicals: they should always be stored in a safe place with a good cover on them and out of reach of small children. I try to store mine in a wood rack with wooden dividers between the bottles or containers. They should always be labeled properly.



A few DO NOTS:

A. Do not store gasoline or use it in a room where have a gas water heater or any gas appliances with pilot lights.

B. Do not haul acetylene in a closed trunk or car or truck cab without at least two windows open at least two inches. When there is an acetylene leak enough gas might build up to cause an explosion.

C. Do not try to use tools or torches when you are drowsy from medication. In fact it is a good idea to rest a little while before you go into your shop if you feel tired or sleepy.

D. Do not forget ventilation.

Ruby, Sapphire, and Tanzanite Lecture

by Francis Lau, G.G., G.I.A.

Highlights

Learn about Rubies, Sapphires, and Tanzanites

Guides on purchasing these stones

Tips on care of these precious stones

See some trendy, beautiful jewelry

Food

Enjoy a delicious all-you-can-eat Chinese Buffet Diner

Dance

Live Music by John Destry, for Ballroom
Dancing till 11:00 pm

When

Saturday, September 20, 2003
4:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Where

Langley Senior Center
400 W. Emerson Avenue
Monterey Park, California

Admission

\$8.00 per person
Pre-registration required
Limited number of seats.

Please make checks payable to and mail to:

Monterey Park Gem Society
902 Garfield Avenue
Monterey Park, CA 91754

Information:

Francis Lau (626) 573-2965
Isabella Burns (626) 288-3896

La Habra Youth Day Camp

