

# NOC GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY NEWS

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## President's Message

*by Nancy Bird*

Wasn't that a great program in September? Hope you were there because if not you missed something really special.

Loretta and the nominating crew will be asking people to fill jobs for the coming year-if you are asked, please consider it.

Don Warthen has graciously accepted to be show chair again this next year. He does such a great job especially with the city and the Chamber.

And Trini Hermosillo has accepted the job of being in charge of the Christmas dinner.

And Jay Valle will be our field trip chair.

So-what will you do?

Thanks to the clubs donation from the raffle it brought our total to over \$150 which I and my neighbor (Melissa) and her children took to Albertson's and they doubled it-so you all helped send over \$300 to the Hurricane Katrina relief fund for the Red Cross. Great, huh?

Our next meeting's speaker will be the Ogden's daughter explaining the new Medicare pharmacy program. And the nominating committee will be presenting their slate so come on out!

## Members in the News

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

*Susan Hansen*

*Ofelia Warthen*

Your gemstone is Opal or Tourmaline.

Your flower is Calendula or Cosmos

## Refreshments

Pat Felix will bring the goodies for the October meeting. Thanks to Don and Loretta Ogden for bringing the goodies to the September meeting.

## NOC Club Activities

Board Meeting — To be announced

Field Trip — To be announced

Show — June 3-4, 2006

Deadline for NOC News — October 17

## October Meeting

Date: October 11

Time: 7:00 p.m.

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

## Program

In October, Maralisa Van Andel will provide information on the new Medicare pharmacy program. She is an Executive Sales Representative with GlaxoSmithKline (GSK) Pharmaceuticals.

GSK is a leading research-based pharmaceutical company. GSK is committed to improving the quality of human life by enabling people to do more, feel better and live longer.

Headquartered in the UK and with operations based in the US, GSK is one of the industry leaders. GSK has more than 100,000 employees worldwide, and conducts research and development at 24 sites in seven countries. This year alone, GSK will spend \$4 billion on the search and development of new medicines.

Mara will help to explain what's involved in the discovery and development of new medicines and how this research has helped us and will help us in our daily lives.

She would also like to discuss the upcoming medicare Changes and the **discount programs available to seniors.**

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## Shows and Events

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### October 8-9 2005, Trona, CA

Searles Lake Gem & Mineral Society  
13337 Main Street  
HOURS: Sat: 7:30 - 5; Sun. 7:30 - 4  
Bonnie Fairchild (760) 372-5356  
E-MAIL: [jbfairchild@verizon.net](mailto:jbfairchild@verizon.net)

### October 15 2005, West Hills, CA

Woodland Hills Rock Chippers  
First United Methodist Church 22700 Sherma Way,  
at Falbrook  
101 Fwy off at Fallbrook - North & Right on  
Sherman Way  
Hours: 10 - 5  
Virginia Rotramel (818) 790-7598  
Email: [show@rockchippers.org](mailto:show@rockchippers.org)

### October 15-16 2005, Long Beach, CA

Mineralogical Society of Southern California  
Long Beach Convention and Expo Center  
300 East Ocean Blvd.  
Hours: 10 - 5 both days  
Jason Butts  
Email: [msscshow@hotmail.com](mailto:msscshow@hotmail.com)

### October 15-16 2005, Whittier, CA

Whittier Gem & Mineral Society  
Whittier Community Center  
7630 Washington Ave.  
Hours: 10 - 5 both days

### November 12-13 2005, Lancaster, CA Palmdale

Gem & Mineral Club  
Lancaster Fairgrounds  
2551 west Ave. H  
Hours: Sat. 9 - 5; Sun. 9 - 4  
John Martin (661) 916-9479  
Email: [pgmc@antelecom.net](mailto:pgmc@antelecom.net)

### November 19-20 2005, Victorville, CA

Victor Valley Gem & Mineral Club  
San Bernardino County Fairgrounds  
4800 Seventh St.  
Hours: Sat. 9 - 5; Sun. 9 - 4  
Mavis Mushaney (760) 241-8282

### November 26-27 2005, Barstow, CA

Mojave Desert Gem & Mineral Society  
Barstow Community Center  
841 South Barstow Road  
Hours: 10-5 both days  
Bob Depue (760) 255-1030

### March 11-12 2006, San Marino, CA

Pasadena Lapidary Society  
San Marino Masonic Center  
130 Hunting Drive  
Hours: Sat 10 - 6, Sun 10-5  
(626) 355-6964 or (626) 914-5030

### June 9-11 2006, Angels Camp, CA

CFMS Convention and  
Calveras Gem & Mineral Society Show  
Calveras Co. Fairgrounds  
Hours: 10-5 daily

via CFMS Web Site



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# NOC General Meeting Minutes - Sep. 11, 2005

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*Submitted by Janis Logsdon*

The meeting was called to order at 7:55 p.m. by President Nancy Bird. Waving two flags the salute was led by Bill Burns.

Several guests attended the meeting including many Archeologists and others active or retired from the field. Our speaker was introduced, Joe Girtner, shared a fascinating program on Pre-Historical Indian Cog Artifacts. Slides were shown and he also brought several samples of his own Cog collection along with samples of beads and jewelry made by local Indians.

Refreshments: Brownies and cakes were provided by Don and Loretta Ogden. Thank You!

Pat Felix will provide refreshments at the October meeting.

As suggested by Loretta tonight's raffle money will go into the Red Cross collection box – voted on and approved.

Show Report: Because Don Warthen was in Paradise this month Nancy Bird reported on the show this year. Don Eschbach handed out a Show Report written by Don Warthen to all members. It was announced that Don Warthen would take on the Show Chairmanship for 2006.

Izzie Burns reported on the Future Rockhounds of America program to club member asking for their vote to set up a group in La Habra. Future Rockhounds would be open to all La Habra and surrounding area youth from 8-18 years. The purpose of the club is to assist local youth and to interest adults in the area to join NOC. This would be done through monthly meetings and various programs that would help kids earn badges. (See page 7, Having Fun.)

Club members were invited to ask questions and then to vote on the establishment of a group. Concerns consisted of liability to NOC and where we would acquire young members. Vote was taken and seconded to establish a Future Rockhounds club. Janis Logsdon was elected Chairman with Izzie Burns Co-Chairman and Don Warthen to assist.

AFMS – Izzie announced to the club that there are three book titles available for us to buy in bulk. Discussion followed as to what use we would put to these classic titles. Suggestions included using them for auction, as door prizes at the show, or sell to interested members. Motion to purchase all three titles approved and seconded.

It was announced that the 2006 show meeting would be held at the La Habra Community Center on Sept. 27, at 6:30 p.m. All who are interested to take part in setting up the show are encouraged to attend.

Field Trip Report: Don Eschbach announced that Jay Valle has asked to be Field Trip Chair in 2006. This position is normally filled by the current acting president. Nancy Bird immediately approved of Jay as Chair.

Federation Report: Was given by Loretta Ogden who told us to think of ZZyzz.

Librarian: Pat Felix reminded us that the library contains lots of stuff! Great books and videos.

No Old Business.

New Business: Two new committee members were nominated Floyd and Izzie. Two directors, a second VP, and a secretary also need to be nominated.

Loretta is having her daughter come in October as a guest speaker. She will address the group on the new Medicare choices available to seniors in the New Year. She also announced that Lapadary classes will begin on a weekly schedule starting October 4 with an open house. The classes will be on Tuesday nights from 6 to 9 p.m. for \$25 per class and will begin on October 18. Bring your own rough.

Nancy brought tickets for the Delvers show to be held Sept. 24 and 25. She also reminded us of the Whittier show on Oct. 15 and 16.

It was announced that Glendora is selling equipment and rocks Sept. 17 and 18, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., at 755 W. Dike St, (626) 914-5030.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

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## Minutes of Board Meeting Wednesday, 9/7/05

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*by Pat Felix, Temporary Secretary*

Attendees included Nancy Bird, Don and Ophelia Warthen, Bill and Isabelle Burns, Loretta Ogden, and Pat Felix.

The first item for discussion was which board positions would be open for new occupants as of 1/1/06. Loretta accepted the position of Chairman of the Nominating Committee. It was determined that we will need two new directors, a Second Vice President (Membership Responsibility), and a Secretary. A new Librarian also must be appointed, as Pat Felix will be moving out of town next year.

Don Warthen presented the Treasurer's report and gave it to Nancy. He said that through our donation awards ticket money, we were able to give the Youth Club of LaHabra a check for \$1200. These young people were very helpful at our June show, though they were completely surprised at being given the money, and were very grateful.

The September 13<sup>th</sup> meeting's program will be a talk and slide show by Joe Girtner, an instructor of Art at Cerritos College, on some prehistoric artifacts of Orange County, particularly Bolsa Chica, called "Cogs". These are a subject of much interest and conjecture among historians because their purpose is not known. Mr. Girtner will bring examples from his own large collection.

Nancy is planning to bring a collection box to the meeting for victims of Hurricane Katrina. The money will be divided among three verified charitable organizations: The Red Cross, The Salvation Army, and habitat for Humanity.

We will wait for next Tuesday's meeting to hear from Don Eschbach about field trip plans.

The club workshop is set up and ready to go at Don and Loretta's house. The Grand Opening will be on Tuesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, at 7 p.m., and every Tuesday night thereafter except for meeting nights. It was agreed that the system formerly in place at Walt Messemer's, in which participants purchase a card good for 12 uses for \$25, then have it punched each time, was convenient, so it will be used again. Loretta will bring directions to their house to the September 13<sup>th</sup> meeting.

On 9/27, there will be a meeting at 7 p.m. in the Avocado Room for those members interested in planning next year's show. Don Warthen said work must begin now if we want to be accomplish everything in time, and also the City wants to publicize it in their paper, so want us to provide information. The date of next year's show is 6/3-6/4/06. Possible themes were discussed, including a showcase of member's best work for the main case. Some possible attractions might be offering adult classes during show hours and a scavenger hunt with metal detectors outdoors. It was mentioned that Steve with the Delvers Club is experienced with metal detectors, and also that contacting a local store may provide us with at least a representative, if not a prize. Magellan's, the maker of GPS systems, was recommended. Everyone felt the jewelry making for kids was big hit last year, and we should expand on that next year by finding more members to help with it. We will need to find display cases this year or make them. Don Warthen has a blueprint for making them, which he will find and put in a later bulletin.

A couple weeks ago, some of our members who would like to begin a youth division of our club met (Bill and Izzy, Don and Ophelia, Janis Logsdon). They wrote up some basic ideas on how it could be organized and will bring them to the next meeting.

Izzy brought a notice from the AFMS regarding the sale of cartons (only) of three books of great interest to rockhounds, offered at a great price reduction to gem and mineral clubs only. The orders must be submitted by September 25<sup>th</sup>, so it was decided to ask for club members' vote at the next

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meeting before the money was spent. Izzy will bring the details to the meeting.

There is a new type of insurance being offered to clubs that protects the officers and directors of the club, should the club be sued. The cost is \$250/year. The Board recommends purchasing it, though this type of issue must be voted on by the membership, so that will be done at the September meeting.

The AFMS show next year will be held in Nashville, TN.

The Whittier Gem and Mineral club is having a rock sale on 9/17 and 9/18 in Glendora, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. The address is 755 W. Dike St., Glendora. (626)914-5030.

Of interest, we learned that Don and Ophelia's daughter, Estella, her husband and 14-year-old daughter, Lindsey, left for a vacation in New Orleans the exact week that the hurricane hit! They were not heard from for a week, and did actually stay for a short time in the Superdome, which was, of course, very traumatic. They are home now, thankfully. Also,

Vicki Marks is moving to Phoenix to be with her husband, Ken, who has been living in Chandler, AZ. They have purchased some property almost in downtown Phoenix, according to Izzy, and can have animals there! (Which is wonderful, because Vicki has bought back her horse from the people she sold him to 15 years ago. He is 30 years old now, and he was very glad to see her again after all these years.)

It looks like Pat Felix and her husband Lou will be pulling up stakes in Yorba Linda next year and moving out of state, probably to Payson, AZ – Lord willing – though Pat said she would still like to take care of the donation awards at next year's show if possible. Couldn't miss the show!

Meeting was adjourned about 8:30 p.m.

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## Winter Holiday Safety

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*by Chuck McKie, Safety Chairman*

**Beware of holiday lighting.** Take care when burning candles. Be sure they are kept away from decorations or other combustible materials. Don't leave children unattended in a room with lit candles, and always keep candles, as well as matches and lighters, out of the reach of children. Never display lighted candles in windows or near exits. Decorate only with flame-retardant or noncombustible materials. Avoid using candles during parties. If guests will be smoking, provide them with large, deep ashtrays and check them frequently. After the party, check inside and under upholstery and in trash cans for cigarette butts that may be smoldering.

**If using electrical lights,** don't overload a circuit.

**Keep Christmas trees fresh.** Choose a fresh Christmas tree and secure it in a sturdy stand. Place the tree away from heat sources and exits, and water it daily. If you purchase an artificial tree, be sure it is labeled as fire-retardant. If you plan to hang stockings on your fireplace, do not use the fireplace for fires.

**Designate a driver.** When attending a party, always designate a non-drinking driver. If you are the host of a holiday gathering, be sure there are non-alcoholic beverages available for guests who are driving. Buckle up. During the holiday months, people travel more than ever. Wearing a seat belt is the easiest and best way to prevent injury in a motor vehicle collision. Ensure that all passengers are also wearing safety belts. Enroll in a first aid and CPR course. Although these tips can help prevent an emergency, it is also important to be prepared should an emergency situation arise.

To enroll in a first aid or CPR course, contact your local Red Cross.

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## Show Report

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by Don Warthen, Show Chairman

Some people are asking how we did at the show this year. As I was out of town for the June meeting, I sent a copy of the Treasurer's & Show Report to the President. I'm sorry it was not presented at the last meeting. In short, the show was a great success!

We had a larger show this year than ever before. We added the second room which was a big hit with the displays from two museums, the face painting, Janis helping the kids make bracelets, Loretta carving names on flat rocks for the kids, Jerry's Black Lights were a big attraction, Ofelia polishing cabs and spreading good will and of course Walt's Petrified Wood. Outside Pat M. was cutting geodes, Bill doing water grinding and the Gold Panning Club.

Other activities in the hallway this year was Chalmer keeping the Silent Auction moving and our President Nancy with her plants and grab bags, more than doubled our goal in that area.

Al & Trini's display was equal to that in any museum in the main room. Ticket sales with Barbara and Pat F. bypassed last year by over \$100.00. Kathy kept all our guests moving from one room to another. Demonstrators (Don, Genny, Verle & Jonas) did a superb job in a new setting. All the members who did security during the show and those that stayed overnight (Don O., Don W., Nancy & Robin). We had a full array of high quality dealers, thank to Izzie (had three more dealers). Kids & adults were spinning Joann's wheel with great enthusiasm! If, I failed to mention anyone that helped, you all did a great job and THANK YOU!

The City & Chamber of Commerce were there with ribbon cutting and ready to help out where ever they could to make this a great successful show! Councilman Gomez was there in the opening ceremonies and great big thanks to Vanessa from the city for all the coordinating work she did this year.

The youth from the city were there to help out and don't forget the Sonora Band Booster group who ran the kitchen.

The show did really well this year and this is the first year in a long time we didn't have to take money out of the CD to operate the show, in fact, even after making a donation to the La Habra Youth Programs, we are putting money into our savings account.

Unfortunately I will not be able to attend the September meeting, I'll be in Camp Paradise. I have sent an accounting of the show to Nancy to present at the meeting.

Have a good meeting and I'll see you when I get back.

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## Show Photos

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### Cutting the Ribbon



### Al and Trini Hermosillo's Case



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## Having Fun Juniors Activities

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*by Jim Brace-Thompson, Juniors Activities Chair*

At this year's annual CFMS show and convention, I had good conversations with members of various societies on the topic of involving kids. The most common lament was that many clubs are composed primarily of older members and that kids are few-and-far-between. Thus, while they wish they could get a juniors program up-and-running, there are no kids within the current ranks of the club membership.

We talked about possible ways to play the Pied Piper and draw kids in. One way is through the annual show. If your club has an annual show, be sure to have a visible kids activities area and stock it with flyers describing your club and welcoming families with kids to join. And have a sign-up sheet to collect phone numbers for follow-up.

During my conversations, we also talked about engaging in outreach and checking on possibilities of forging connections with local kids programs already in the community, such as the Boy and Girl Scouts, 4H, YMCA, etc. Many kids in such programs enjoy earning the pins and badges and other awards such programs offer. You can introduce the new AFMS Future Rockhounds of America Badge program to



show how you can help kids earn “neat stuff” while enjoying the outdoors, building collections, and learning the craft of jewelry-making, either within the context of monthly meetings and planned group events or on their own.

But the single most important thing, by far, is having a single dedicated individual within your club appointed as the Juniors Activities Coordinator. My own club in Ventura is one of those where kids are presently few-and-far-between, and our success drawing in and maintaining a kids program has waxed and waned. The boom times are when we have an appointed coordinator who takes the job seriously and maps out the entire year in advance with planned activities for each month. Thus, the activities can be publicized well in advance so that kids and their parents can look ahead and enter activities into their schedule. One member, Emma Mayer, was spectacular at this, but we were unable to enlist a replacement for her at the conclusion of her term, and the program has waned.

Thus, in my experience, it comes down to a single individual. The kids are out there. Who's the Pied Piper in your club to draw them in and keep them in with activities they find meaningful and enjoyable? Cultivate that individual, encourage that individual, and—as a whole club—support that individual and make long-term plans for successors to continue the program once it's begun. Yes, it takes a single individual, but it takes a whole club to bring the necessary commitment to ensure a program's long-term success. Here's to committing to having fun!



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## Museum Corner

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by *Richard Knox, Museum Committee*

### **The San Diego Natural History Museum**

The San Diego Natural History Museum is a disappointment to me. In the past, there was a hall of minerals that consisted, for a large part of the Josie Scripps collection and displays of mineral characteristics and the many gemstones found in San Diego County and how they are mined. There was also a fine hall of paleontology.

Two to three years ago they added a new wing to the building where all of the displays are and all of the old halls became offices and classrooms for school children. Today the minerals of San Diego County are displayed in one four-foot square case. The paleontology displays are scattered around with no continuity..

Oh! The CFMS Nephrite Jade boulder is still on display, but the credit label for the CFMS has been removed.

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### **Jurupa Mountains Cultural Center**

7621 Granite Hill Drive, Riverside, CA 951-685-5818

The Jurupa Mountains Cultural Center has a fine museum that is dedicated to earth science subjects. They recently acquired a collection of dinosaur eggs from Hunan Province in China that is reputed to be the largest collection of Chimneys dinosaur eggs in the United States. I counted twenty-three clusters and single specimens on display at the museum. Most all have been cat scanned and many show that they contain embryos. They also have a complete skeleton of a Craptosaurus dinosaur on display.

In addition to the above, they also have twelve displays of fossil animals, six displays of fossil plants, twelve displays of rocks and minerals, three displays of lapidary arts and seven displays of Native American crafts.

In addition to the above, there is an animated display of the geological history of the Jurupa Mountains, a display of antique equipment and a display on loan from NASA on meteorites. Be sure to see the CFMS collection of petrified wood on display.

Eighteen of the displays have very appropriate background paintings showing the environments of the displayed specimens. These paintings add tremendously to the effectiveness of the exhibits. There is another building that has additional displays and a store where books, and many rocks, minerals and fossil specimens can be purchased.

There are many outreach programs at the Center, mostly aimed at young people. The oldest is collecting rocks at the dinosaurs (life-size models). Summer School and Boy and Girl Scout badge programs are also offered. A lapidary class for adults will open in the near future. There is also a plant nursery where botanical specimens can be purchased.

The Center is open from Tuesday through Saturday form 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM except for holidays.

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## Rhyolites

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via *The Petrified Log Jan./2005*

Rhyolites are the fine-grained, light colored igneous rocks with a composition similar to granite. Crystals of each mineral may be very small, and may not even be discernible. Some are called “wonderstone”.

In Nevada at Washington Mountain, near Fallon, you can collect cabochon quality rock. In New Mexico at Truth Or Consequences, the rhyolite, called “candy rock”, is brightly banded in tints and shades of yellow, red, orange, rose, and lavender. The material is hard, compact and takes a mirror polish. At Eagle Peak, southwest of Truth Or Consequences, red, yellow, cream, buff, and white occur in intricately banded and swirled rocks. In Utah, at Yuba Lake, birdseye is found. In California, you may find banded and brecciated rhyolites in Kern County, and orbicular rhyolites, with two-toned eyes, in the Ord Mountains.