

NOC GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY

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President's Message

by Nancy Bird

Hello Everyone-

Congratulations to Loretta Ogden for selling the most donation award tickets last year. That was real nice of Don Warthen to give her due plus the nice surprise of a gift certificate for dinner. Ofelia came in 2nd and I was 3rd. Loretta sold over \$200 worth of tickets! I did \$80 just in my neighborhood. Loretta brought this year's tickets to our last meeting and everyone should be able to sell at least \$20 worth.

Thank you to everyone who stepped up and took responsibility for a Board or Chairperson job. And again a special thank you for Don Warthen for reminding me what I have to do. All I remember from last January is my Mom being in the hospital for 3 weeks. We will still need a secretary after Pat Felix moves in June. This isn't a hard job but it helps to have a computer in order to send the minutes to Don Ogden.

We're talking about having a garage sale at my house in April with the proceeds going to the club so start thinking about cleaning out closets and garages. We have the tables here from buying the cases. The tables will also be for sale.

I hope you all get up to the Whittier City Hall to see Ofelia's work on display. What an honor-congratulations!

Don't forget to bring in things for the raffle-we depend on you. Yesterday I went to an Estate sale and got a bunch of wood, agate slabs, and mahogany obsidian for \$5-things for us to raffle off. The next Board meeting will be an hour before our regular meeting.

Hope to see you at the next meeting-Nancy Bird.

Refreshments

Jay and Cathy Valle will bring the goodies for the February meeting. Thanks to Nancy for bringing goodies to the January meeting.

NOC Club Activities

Board Meeting — February 14, 6:00 p.m.

Field Trip — To be announced

Deadline for NOC News — February 17.

Show Meeting — Wed., February 22, 6:30 p.m.
at the La Habra Community Center

February Meeting

Date: February 14

Time: 6:00 p.m. Board Meeting
7:00 p.m. Main Meeting

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

Program: Since it is Valentines Day the evening of our meeting I wanted to give each one of you a gift. So here are some clues. Our guest has spoken at our meetings before. Our guest is very articulate and interesting. Our guest will thrill you with pictures and objects. Plus our guest will give us a little how to. If you really want to know call me but trust me you will be very happy on February 14. Be mine, Be there. Love Loretta

Members in the News

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

Chalmer Steed

Clarence Pool

Verle Stadel

Alfred Hermosillo

Al Stadel

Your gemstone is Amethyst

Your flower is Primrose or Violet

Shows and Events

February 17-26 2006, Indio, CA

San Gorgonio Mineral & Gem Society
Date Festival - Gem & Mineral Bldg. #1
Riverside County Fair & Date Festival
46-359 Arabia Street
Hours: 10-10 daily
Bert Grisham (951) 849-1674
Email: grish1@msn.com

March 4-5 2006, Arcadia, CA

Monrovia Rockhounds Inc.
The Arbouetum of LA County
301 N. Baldwin Ave.
Hours: 9 - 4:30 both days
Janie Duncan (626) 358-8151

March 11-12 2006, San Morino, CA

Pasadema Lapidary Society
"Magic From The Earth"
San Marino Masonic Center
3130 Huntington Drive
Hours: Sat. 10-6 Sun. 10-5
(626) 355-6964 or (626) 914-5030
Todd Neikirk (323) 256-4992

June 3-4 2006, La Habra, CA

North Orange County Gem & Mineral Society
Jubilee of Gems Show
101 W. La Habra Blvd.
Hours: 10 - 5 both days
Don Warthen (626) 330-8974
E-mail warthen@earthlink.net

June 9-11 2006, Angels Camp, CA

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

via CFMS Web Site

Tax Advisor Information

By Mike Kokinos

Just received IRS notice that the fee for application for new or change of tax exemption is increasing July 1, 2006. Those applying with gross receipts less than \$10,000 annually will pay a \$300.00 fee instead of \$150.00. Those with gross receipts of \$10,000 or more annually will pay a \$900.00 fee rather than \$500.00.

If you are contemplating filing for a new or change in tax exemption, I highly recommend you start the process as soon as possible. Prior to filing the application you may need to update articles of incorporation and bylaws to ensure they meet current IRS requirements.

The Corporate Compliance Center continues to try and secure \$150.00 from a non-profit organization for preparing the annual meeting minutes. There is no doubt that there should be minutes of the meeting and that they become part of the permanent records of a society. However, there is no logical reason to pay anyone \$150.00 to prepare minutes that your Secretary completes as a part of his/her duties.

My recommendation is to put their notice in the nearest circular file (wastebasket). If you have any questions, you can email me at zeileitz@directcon.net.

Cohn's Law

The more time you spend in reporting on what you are doing, the less time you have to do anything.

Stability is achieved when you spend all your time doing nothing but reporting on the nothing you are doing.

NOC DUES ARE DUE

Please send your dues: \$15 Individual; \$20 Family; Student, \$10 to:

Don Warthen
15455 Tetley Ave.
Hacienda Heights, CA 91745

NOC Meeting Minutes

November 8, 2005

by Janis Logsdon

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by President Nancy Bird. The salute was led by Nancy Bird.

Seveteen members and 1 guest were in attendance. There was no speaker as this was the night for the annual club auction.

Refreshments: Lots of wonderful holiday cakes and pies were provided by Don and Ofelia Warthen. Thank You!

The December meeting will be the club Christmas party Trini is planning the feast.

Business Meeting: Minutes of last months meeting were amended with the final date of the Christmas Party. The party will be held at the LH Community Center on December 13. Happy hour will start at 6:00 p.m., BYOP. Mexican buffet dinner will start at 6:30 p.m. The price per person is \$10, each member can bring one guest for \$10, each additional guest is \$15.

Treasurers' Report: Don Warthen outlined the club's current financial status.

Show Report: Don Warthen reported that to date 2 dealers have paid for the '06 show and one inquiry has been made. Jay Valle reported that he is looking into acquiring 13 display cases for \$35 each. Discussion proceeded as to whether or not club members would be allowed to purchase a case or if the club should just buy and store all of them. All club members must be alerted that they may have to supply their own display case.

Don Warthen announced that for the 2006 show we would have a third room where the La Habra Art Association will set up a display of 30 artists.

Kitchen services are still up in the air with three possibilities to consider: 1. La Habra kids; 2. Pizza Club; 3. Jerry's Hot Dogs. There is also the consideration to have a Kettle Corn stand.

Show publicity is out already to magazines.

Assignments for various aspects of the show have been given to Don Eschbach for demonstrations, greetings and announcements to Kathy Eschbach along with Barbara, Loretta, and Trini, and Janis Logsdon for the youth room. The Silent Auction and the Black Lights room are still open for assignment.

Don Eschbach is looking into an outside security service one idea is to utilize the La Habra police department volunteers program.

Field Trip Report: A trip to Wiley Wells has been set up for the Thanksgiving weekend, November 23-27. The December trip will be Gold Rock Ranch on Dec. 2-4. Jay Valle also announced the Whittier trip to Stonewall Pass.

Federation Report: Was given by Loretta Ogden, who, along with Nancy Bird will be going to the Federation business meeting in Visalia.

Librarian: Pat Feliz not present.

Programs: December annual Christmas Party/ Installation dinner.

No Old Business.

New Business: Izzie is in charge of the large case at the front entrance of the LA Community Center. With the show theme Cornucopia of Crafts (or Gems) all members are invited to place two pieces of their work in the case. Please let her know what you will be placing in the case.

Izzie also made known to club members that Gloria Lords, a member for many years, had passed away and reminded us that the clubs bylaws contain a \$25 endowment fund for such occasions.

Books are still available one for \$16.50 and two for \$10 please contact Izzie if you would like to purchase one of the titles.

Loretta announced that the Ogden Lapidary workshops will begin in January 2006.

Nancy Bird reminded everyone that the Opal Show will take place Nov. 19 and 20 in Anaheim. Also that the Barstow show will be held Nov. 26 and 27.

Nancy also read a thank you note from June and Don and suggested that we send them an invitation to the Christmas party.

Nominating Committee: Final elections were held and filled for the following offices:

2nd VP: Don Eschbach

Secretary: Pat Felix

Directors: Ofelia Warthen, Floyd, Kathy Eschbach, Janis Logsdon

The auction started with so many beautiful items to bid on! Don Warthen was a terrific Auctioneer and great fun was had by all.

Meeting and auction adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Gold Rock Ranch Field Trip

by *Don Eschbach*
Co Field Trip Chairman

CFMS Annual Field Trip to Gold Rock Ranch
December 2,3,4, 2005

December 2 was a beautiful day with crystal clear blue skies and perfect temperatures in the 70's and 80's. It was also an enjoyable drive along Salton Sea. We arrive at Gold Rock Ranch about 11 a.m. and the six NOC members checked into three separate cabins at the Ranch.

Jay and Kathy Valle, Don and Ofelia Warthen; and Don and Kathy Eschbach joined up with several other members of various clubs. Then, we headed out on a scouting trip lead by the CFMS Leader, Bob Fitzpatrick to Kyanite Hill, and the Dumortierite Collection areas. We returned to camp and enjoyed a nice dinner at Don and Kathy's Cabin and then had fun sitting around a nice camp fire hosted by the CFMS.

The next day we were all up early and left for Kyanite Hill and collected there for about two hours where we all collected some nice specimens of Kyanite and Goethite. Then, we were off to an old gold mine area where we collected some nice samples of Malachite and Copper minerals. The next stop was at the Dumortierite Collection area and again collected some nice specimens. Our last stop was at an Ancient River Bed where we collected several different types of Fossils. We all headed back to Gold Rock Ranch.

We were all looking forward to a nice dinner and live entertainment put on by Gold Rock Ranch. The dinner was great and we all got up and danced to the Western music. It was really a lot of fun and I think the whole trip was a success.



Safety

By Mel Albright - AFMS Newsletter, 4/98

One thing that we rockhounds do a whole bunch - pick up rocks - little rocks, bigger rocks, and big rocks. Rocks by themselves, rocks in boxes, rocks in buckets, rocks in sacks - all are ways we collect and move rocks. And heavy tool bags are lifted all too often. The classic joke picture of rockhounds is a bunch of people standing with straight legs, bent over at the waist, and touching the ground with their hands. It is too often true, unfortunately.

Another thing we rockhounds do is put those heavy tools and rocks into a vehicle - or take them out. - often by swinging things. And - the result is a lot of bad backs, sore backs, back strains, sometimes even permanently damaged backs. So, we need to learn - AND PRACTICE - the proper way to lift and lower heavy stuff (actually - light stuff, too) without hurting ourselves. To lift and move something, several steps should be followed. We'll pretend we're picking up a rock, but the rules are the same for ANYTHING we pick up - even our dirty socks.

Stand with your feet apart about shoulder width, the rock between your feet, and one foot slightly in front of the other (for balance).

Lower yourself by bending your knees until you can grab the rock. The rock should be close to your body. Keep your back straight and your chin tucked in.

SLOWLY lift the rock by straightening up your knees pushing with your leg muscles. Keep the rock in close to your body. Do NOT twist sideways.

Once standing, DO NOT TWIST your back. To move the rock sideways, turn with your feet. Keep the rock in close to your body.

Once you get where you are going with the rock, reverse the steps you used to lift the rock. Remember - KEEP YOUR BACK STRAIGHT!!

If the rock must go into a trunk or car or whatever, set it down on the edge keeping a straight back. Then slide it into the vehicle. Most of us will bend over at the waist and swing it in - a sure way to get a bad back!

You aren't SUPERMAN OR WOMAN! If the rock or bucket or bag is too heavy for you to carry easily, do it another way! Get help. Use a skid made from a heavy cloth or a wood slat with a rope tied to the end. Roll the rock using a long handled tool to pry with. Use your ingenuity!

**New Member David Miller's Cars
at the Packards International Show in Orange, CA**



1948 Packard Custom 8 Victoria Convertible



1954 Packard Caribbean Convertible



NOC Meeting Minutes

Jan 10, 2006

by *Pat Felix, Secretary*

Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m., 1/10/06

Nancy Bird, Don and Ofelia Warthen, Floyd Allen, Don and Loretta Ogden, Pat Felix, Janis Logsdon, Don and Kathy Eschbach, and Jay Valle were there. Bill and Izzy Burns could not be there as apparently Bill was in the hospital.

The first item of discussion was whether people who paid for the Christmas dinner, but ended up not being able to come or eat, should be reimbursed. The club had estimated and prepaid for a maximum of 35 dinners; 27 or 28 people came, but the club did not get a refund for having fewer people, because food was prepared and brought for 35 people. Accordingly, the Board opposed refunding the cost of dinner to those who couldn't make it.

Show cases: We were still trying to get measurements of the cases that had been purchased from another club. One case does not have glass. It was agreed that we should find out how many club members want to purchase a case for themselves and sell them as is.

Skirting: Nancy has been trying to locate suitable fire-retardant plastic skirting for the tables. No luck so far.

Club goals for this year: A bus trip was suggested as a worthwhile activity. There are plans for a garage sale to be held at Nancy Bird's house in LaHabra sometime in April. A yard sale committee was set up, composed of Nancy, Loretta, and Ginny. Everyone thought another Pearl Seminar would be a good idea, to be held two or three weeks after the Show. It was suggested that we need to set a date with the city for a kids' seminar this summer, and that it would be good to have it soon after school is out in June.

Nomination of Brenda Gomez for Earth Science Teacher Award: Brenda is the wife of councilman Jim Gomez. A motion was made that the NOC nominate Brenda Gomez for the award, and it was carried.

General Membership Meeting, 7 p.m., 1/10/06

One of our former members, Norberto Elicker, who had moved to Crescent City, California, came to the meeting.

Program: Don Ogden had composed a very entertaining slide show titled "Reflections of NOC", which included pictures of years of club activities. Loretta narrated.

Treasurer's Report: Don Warthen said he hadn't yet received the statement from BofA, but he reported on the club's financial status with that exception.

Show Report: The next Show Committee meeting will be Wednesday, 2/22/06 at 6:30 p.m.

It has been decided that every club member should contribute an item they have made or collected to be displayed in the main case. Photos will be taken of everyone to go with their pictures.

There will also be a case devoted to the state gemstone, Benitoite. Bill Burns was at the center of the effort to have it designated the state gemstone.

Walt Wright will be in the same location at the show as he was last year.

There will be a few more projects for children. The La Habra Art Association has also offered to have an exhibit at the show. The La Habra Community Youth organization may take the kitchen this year and will sell tickets for the show.

Loretta Ogden sold the most tickets last year (200+). Loretta, with help from Kathy Eschbach, will oversee the silent auction this year.

Eight dealers have signed up, with one more application supposedly on the way, so there is room for three more.

Cases purchase: The club we got the cases from required that we also take seven 8' x 2' wooden

tables, which are hand-made and heavy, but sturdy. (They are collapsible.) They will be offered for sale to anyone who wants them.

Federation Report: Loretta said that Colleen McGann, the new CFMS President, is very people oriented and intends to help clubs get new members. Loretta said it is a good experience getting involved with the CFMS and encouraged others to try it. Dues are now up to \$7.50 per person.

New Librarian for our club is Ofelia Warthen. New Refreshments person is Kathy Valle.

Zyzyx is filled for 3/19-25. Stoddard Wells is in March.

Programs: Loretta said she didn't yet have a program for February.

The Shop: Loretta said it's still too cold to be out in the garage at night, and they would like to wait until it's warmer.

Sale: The Delvers' Carl Gibson is selling his whole collection of equipment, which includes 5 grinders, 2-3 saws, a huge collection of Bruneau, plus. He wants to sell everything at once for \$15,000.

Display Cabinet: Chalmers' display has been in for three months, and he will remove it at the February meeting. Nancy Bird said she could put in a display of her fossils.

Special Honor: Ofelia Warthen has been asked by the city of Whittier to display 9 or 10 of her artworks at Whittier City Hall on Painter & Penn in Whittier. There will be a reception held from 5-7 p.m. on 1/24/06, and the public is invited.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

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Field Trip Schedule 2006

by Jay Valle

This is going to be a great year for field trips. A group of interested members representing the Whittier Gem & Mineral Society, Pasadena Lapidary Society and North Orange County Gem & Mineral Society met at Joe & Marcia's house to plan our 2006 field trip destinations.

The following list is what we came up with. First are the monthly destinations, followed by a list of possible day trips. If you have any particular destinations which you would like to visit, we want to hear from you so we can set something up.

<u>Month</u>	<u>Destination</u>
February 18-20	Tecopa minerals
March 18-19	Amboy-Cadiz Area
April 29-30	Imperial Valley west
May 27-29	Greenhorn Mtns. (tentative)
June (TBA)	Day-trip: Wrightwood
July (TBA)	Day-trip: Gold panning
August (TBA)	Day-trip: Big Bear
	Clear Creek (not a day-trip)
Sept 30-Oct 1	Owens Valley - Cerro Gordo
October	Searles Lake
October 28-29	Whittier Onyx Claim trip
November 23-26	Opal Mountain

Day trips:

<u>Month</u>	<u>Destination</u>
TBA	Silica mine
TBA	Jalama Beach/Gaviota Beach
TBA	Acton Agate
TBA	Gem Hill
TBA	Adelanto Garnets and Dendrites
TBA	Texas Canyon Rhodonite
TBA	Castle Butte area
TBA	Bowers Museum
TBA	LA or San Bernardino Natural History Museums

Field Trip - Tecopa Area February 18 - 20, 2006

by Jay Valle / Don Eschbach

On February 18, 19, 20, the Pasadena Lapidary Society, the Whittier Gem and Mineral Society, and the North Orange County Gem and Mineral Society are having a field trip to Tecopa, California (near Death Valley).

This area is unique for “rockhounding” with palm wood, fire opal, trilobites, amethyst, jasper, and agate available. Bring your U.V. light. We may hunt for

the opals at night. In addition to the opportunities for excellent “rockhounding” there are several family oriented areas such as the China Ranch date outlet with cookies, cakes, etc, the historical museum in Shoshone, Tecopa Springs baths.

Our camp will be at the Lower Noonday Camp, on Western Talc Mine Road, at: 35° 47.99', 116° 06.05' approximately 9 miles southeast of Tecopa.

Please bring fire wood and items for the Saturday night pot-luck.

*Thank you.,
Dave Kelty/Joe Goetz*

