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THE JULY MEETING . . . MANY MINI SCENES

A special treat is in store for those who come to our July meeting. You will have to see it for yourself to believe the unique craft of Betty Moulding, our featured speaker. Her artwork is her own creation, and therefore she hasn't given it an official name yet; briefly, Betty creates miniature scenes using wax and clay as backdrops for various tiny little sterling silver figures. For example, one of her designs is a mini-scale opal mine (bespeckled throughout with real opalescence) with miniscule sterling miners digging for the fire-stones. A truly articulate masterpiece. She is going to demonstrate how she produces these classy little scene-o-graphs and will have much of her work on display. Betty is a recent graduate of Jewelry Tech Institute and an exceptionally gifted artist.

Following this very special program, delicious goodies will be served with a smile--and all this in air-conditioned comfort. Another highlight of our evening is the raffle, the prizes of which lately have raised a few chuckles (perhaps a few eyebrows, too). In addition to the regular prizes of opal stones and emerald in the rough, there have been some other interesting and entertaining spoils. We never know what to expect!!!

Mark your calendar for: THURSDAY, JULY 12 at 7:30
The California Federal Building
(Please see the enclosed map)

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From your editor: This abbreviated edition of our monthly publication is due to my frenziedly preparing to leave on vacation. Next month the usual Opal Express will resume. Look for: Part III of "The Lightning Ridge Opal Fields," by Athol Jenkins; latest board actions; Show update; Treating black Mexican opal

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Those who would like to volunteer their services for various jobs and duties at the Opal Show are asked to contact Jewett Pattee at the next meeting. We usually wind up a little short-handed, and the few have to do everything. The duty stints aren't really too hard or heavy. In fact, it is usually quite enjoyable, and the time passes very quickly.

PERSONALS

Following the recent untimely passing of Mr. W. Ando, Mrs. Ando is offering the following for sale to A.O.S. members:

Highland Park lapidary machine with 8" grinding wheels and polishing buffs, and 10" diamond saw with water pump & metal stand.
Call Mrs. Ando at 714-530-3009

JULY CELEBRATIONS....

The only (admitted) July birthday is Mildred DeHarrold, one of our associate members who is also quite renowned in her field. She has won a number of awards for her paintings and has become an expert jewelry maker as well. She has had several articles written about her craft in the trade magazines, but she is very humble about all her achievements and wishes to keep a low profile where publicity is concerned. Mildred will be showing much of her finished opal and other jewelry at the Show in October, and we can certainly look forward to appreciating her work in person. Happy birthday, Mildred, July 28.

The American Opal Society meets on the second Thursday of each month at the location shown. Visitors are heartily welcome to attend. Anyone wishing information about the Society please write to Colleen Guerrette, P.O. Box 3895, Downey, CA 90242

