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Please join us April 8, 2023, at **9:00am** for the monthly meeting. There is an optional social hour that begins at 8:00am followed by the monthly business meeting. Visitors are always welcome.



Articles or news to be included in the *Cutting Remarks* should be emailed to your Editor, Wayne Klement (wayneklem@aol.com) or call him at 520-954-6298. Submission deadline is the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month. Thanks!

# THE PREZ SEZ ..... by Victoria Fila, President

Hello everyone

Warmer weather is on it's way so our bones can thaw out.

Paul Hardenberg is reporting that he had a good number of members going to the Round Mountain trip and had a great time. Thanks for helping out Paul.



For April we do not have a trip set. If one gets set, we will announce.

Pima County Fair is just around the corner and Dave is reporting he can still use some volunteers. If you like to volunteer, please call Dave Richardson at 520-245-2172.

I did not receive any calls or text for clean-up on 4/2/23 so this will be moved to a different date to be determined.

At the March membership meeting we had a full house and the raffle brought in \$300 thanks to all who bought tickets. The tailgate sale last month we had more people setting up and a lot more looking and buying. Next tailgate will be in October after the general meeting.

Next Board meeting will be on 5/2/23, 5:30 PM all are welcome to attend.

Next general meeting will be held 4/8/23, social hour 8-9 AM, presentation at 9-9:45ish, then general meeting at 10:00ish AM.

Take care of yourself and see you at the next meeting.

Victoria Fila

OPLC President

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



- |                  |               |                 |
|------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Travis Austin    | Donald Hoppe  | Sally Mueller   |
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Minutes of OPLC Membership Meeting  
March 11, 2023, 9:00 AM at OPLC  
William Penrose, Secretary, wrp0143@comcast.net

The meeting was brought to order at 9 am. A quorum was present.

The presentation was given by Gloria Todzia, of Rincon Trading, on “All About Turquoise” with much information on the mineral and its history and commerce, delivered with humor.

The minutes of the February meeting were approved by voice vote of the membership.

Wayne Klement was thanked for providing the refreshments for the meeting.

Membership report – Current estimate was 400 members. Several new members introduced themselves.

Financial Report – The club is in a healthy financial position. Figures are not published in these public minutes but are available to members on request.

Field Trips – Paul Hardenberg is organizing a trip to Round Mountain for chalcedony, March 25. Members will meet at the Love’s truck stop in Lordsburg at 9 am. Call Paul if you plan to attend, at 320-279-0864

Shows – Victoria reminded members that we cannot transact business at the TGMS show or the County Fair. We cannot accept membership dues. They must be brought to the club or mailed in. This is crucial to our tax status as a nonprofit organization.

County Fair – Volunteers are needed to man the booth for the period of the Fair. Signup sheets are in the kitchen. Jewelry for display should be given to Dave Richardson or David Schulte before April 17. Label exhibit items and take a photograph of them first.

Cleanup Day – will be April 1. We need volunteers to help clean out the meeting hall beginning at 8 or 9 am. Labs will be closed until 2 pm.

New business – a suggestion to get a first aid kit suitable for field trips.

Approximately \$269.00 was collected for the raffle today.

The meeting was adjourned at 11 am.

### PIMA COUNTY FAIR TIME

The Pima County Fair is just around the corner and Dave Richardson is looking for some volunteers to man the OPLC display booth. The dates are April 20 through April 30 and the signup sheets are already posted on the wall in the kitchen. It’s a fun time and an opportunity to meeting interesting people and a chance to see the Fair.

**We are looking for display items for the Pima County Fair starting April 20th. If you have anything you would like to display, please contact Dave Richardson at 530-245-2172. I am at the club on Sunday afternoons 12:30 - 3:30 and Monday mornings 9:00. - 12:00.**

Thanks, Dave Richardson

# April 8, 2023 OPLC Speaker – Mark Candee

## Gems of Arizona



Photo courtesy Mark Candee



Gem silica – Photo by Helen Serras-Herman



Arizona Mineral Museum 2014, Photo by HSH

We are in for a great treat for our April 8, 2023, OPLC monthly meeting, as Mark Candee will be talking to us about **Gems of Arizona**, or as he said “at least some of them!” Among them, Mark will feature turquoise, peridot, amethyst, pyrope garnet, and gem silica (the trade name for chrysocolla-in-quartz).

Mark Candee is a goldsmith, gemologist, lecturer, appraiser, and gem and mineral collector. He has field collected in 30-plus U.S. states and on four continents. He served as Assistant Curator and Collection Manager of the University of Arizona Mineral Museum from 2009 to 2014. The photo on the top right is from the TGMS tour Mark Candee guided at the UofA Mineral Museum in 2014 before it was all packed and moved to the new Alfie Norville Gem & Mineral Museum.

Mark has also served as Director, Vice President, and President of the Tucson Gem & Mineral Society (TGMS). Locally he exhibits with his gem and mineral company, Canyon Colors, with his fellow club members at the Annual TGMS Holiday Craft Show in December.

Mark said he will also bring a few items for show-and-tell.

We look forward to this presentation,

Helen Serras-Herman, OPLC Program Chair

### DONATIONS

**Thanks to those that have made donations to help keep this club running! We welcome donations so if you have lapidary related items, please contact Dan Harmsen at (520) 721-8452 to arrange a pickup or drop-off. Recent donations:**

Carl Bowlby - agates

Ted Rupp - slabs, rough, and thunder eggs

Janelle Cortright/Jerry Behn - display unit, wire

## OPLC SPEAKERS FORECAST 2023

Here is the latest list for our upcoming speakers.

April 8, 2023, Mark Candee – **Arizona Gemstones**

May 13, 2023 – Dr. Art Friedman – **Minerals & Gems with Unusual Physical & Chemical Properties - Part 2**

June 10, 2023 Sindi Schloss - **The Symbolism of Stones and Jewelry**

July 8, 2023 .....

August 12, 2023, Dr. Chris Osterman – **His recent Mining trips to Portugal, Romania and Saudi Arabia**

September 9, 2023, Claire Schragg

October 14, 2023, Brenda Rachel - **The Crown Jewels of the Hawaiian Monarchy**  
(tentative)

November 11, 2023 Dr. Larry Fellows – **Our Ice Age**

## ATTENTION NEW (RECENT) MEMBERS



Our long-standing Membership Person had to take a couple of month's off and her job was parceled out to several volunteers. Needless to say some of the routine work has not been timely actioned but we're working on it. Normally, a letter goes out to all new members providing a copy of the Club's By-Laws, a recent newsletter and a copy of the Frequently Asked Questions. It also advises that a name badge, a lab card good for 3 free hours of lab time and a membership card is available for you to pick up in the Administration Building.....which has been done. You may pick these items up the next time you visit the Club. Thank you for your understanding.....Ed.



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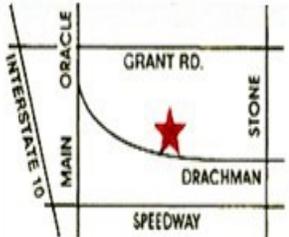
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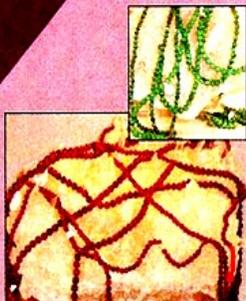
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**Thursday** 8am-12pm Betty Mehloff (253) 208-7460  
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**Friday** **No Labs currently scheduled.**

**Saturday** **2nd and 3rd Saturdays** Victoria Fila (520) 664-0302  
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**Saturday** 9am-12pm David Schulte (520) 945-8554

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### **Faceting**

**Monday** 9am-12pm Dave Richardson (520) 245 - 2172

**Wednesday** Lab is closed for 4 weeks

**Sunday** 12:30pm-3:30pm Dave Richardson (520) 245-2172

### **Casting**

**Wednesday** 4pm to 7pm Chuck Lundstrom (520) 241-9262

Classes every other month, beginning every January, running 5 weeks; look for sign-up sheets in the meeting hall. Open lab available when NO class is running. Call Chuck Lundstrom for open lab availability.

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Present: Victoria Fila presiding, Dave Richardson, Mark Davidson, Bill Penrose, David Schulte, John Poole, Wayne Klement, Twink Monrad, Pete Peterson, Mike Tucker, Ted Rupp, Chuck Lundstrom.

**Treasurer's Report** – interim figures pending closing of March books.

**Membership** – about 294 members in good standing. Up-to-date rosters are needed in the labs.

**Field Trips** – The Round Mountain trip was successful with many attending.

**Lab Reports**

Cab Lab – The blocked drain appears not to be a problem. It is likely the sediment bucket that is blocking water flow.

Faceting Lab – One machine is down. Another needs a new controller; Dave has bought a new controller from a supplier in Phoenix.

Chuck Lundstrom will also be conducting a faceting class.

Silver Lab – A new class of five people started today.

Casting Lab – currently in renovations.

Saw Room – one 24" saw has reached the end of its useful life and has been sold. We have three and a half barrels of sludge that must be disposed of.

**Refreshments** – soda will now be 75 cents a can, or we are losing money.

**New Business**

Pima County Fair – not all time slots are covered, but certificate of insurance has been submitted.

Rocky Mountain Federation meeting is July 13-16 in Casper, WY – we will likely not be represented.

Danny Harmsen wants to set up a display of fluorescent specimens from Franklin, NJ in the meeting hall – general agreement.

John Poole – should we not have a presentation on the days of the tailgate sale?  
VOTE: We should not have a presentation.

Bill Penrose – Should we change the board meeting time to 5:30. Yes, by consensus.

Adjourn at 5:35 pm.

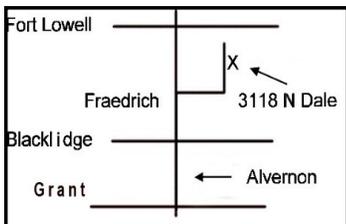
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