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Please join us August 12,
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 25th of each month. Thanks!

THE PREZ SEZ by Victoria Fila, President

Hello everyone

While we are still in the triple digits and monsoon is here hope everyone is staying safe and cooled.

Everything is running great for the club nothing to report out.

As we head into August, please remember our 3rd Saturday in September tailgate sale on 9/16/23.

Next membership meeting is on 8/12/23.

Be safe and hope to see you all at the meeting.

Victoria Fila

OPLC President



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



LaRonda Davis
Amber Doe
Cole Engle

Chandra Fredrickson
Maureen Gleason
Selena Guerrero

William Roh
Kim Smith

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:

Ted Rupp - sheen obsidian, Dumortierite, serpentine, agate

anonymous - tools, silver ring /w faceted quartz,

Al Romey -Polished stones, nodules, agates, Fossil shell tower

Mark Gibson - metallic minerals

Pete Peterson - Agates and Jaspers for Tumbling

OPLC Speaker August 12, 2023– Chris Osterman

Mining in Saudi Arabia



We are in for a very unique treat for our August 12, 2023 OPLC monthly meeting. Our very own distinguished member, Dr. Chris Osterman will share with us his recent mining expedition in Saudi Arabia. He has talked to us before about the discovery of the Silver Boulders in Gila County, Leopard opal from Mexico, and Mongolian turquoise from Kazakhstan. He has been a very busy man travelling to Romania, Portugal and Saudi Arabia for mining explorations.

Chris shared that, “The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia is home to one of the oldest cultures in the world, and very likely the location of King Solomon’s gold mines. The Kingdom has a history of trading. The national museum is full of 4000 year old jewelry. During the Roman Empire, the Arabian Peninsula was the source of much of the leather for the Roman legions. Now more known for the oil reserves, Saudi Arabia is a rapidly industrializing and urbanizing country with tremendous cash reserves. Most recently, the Kingdom has encouraged western mining companies to come in and start exploring for gold, copper, and nickel. Our talk will discuss the history of the Kingdom, gold mining, some of the early jewelry, the geography of the country, the people, and the exploration for nickel in the mountains to the east of the Red Sea.”

Chris Osterman has been involved with gold, silver and copper mining for the last 35 years. After earning a Ph.D. in Geology at the Colorado School of Mines, Chris has lived and worked in southern Africa, North and South America, and Central Asia. He served as the Chief Executive Officer of First Mining Finance Corporation, a company dedicated to the exploration of gold and silver deposits throughout the Americas, and is currently President of the Phoenix Silver Corporation, which holds the silver boulders and property.

Please join us for the super presentation by Dr. Chris Osterman.

Looking forward to seeing all of you,

Helen Serras-Herman, OPLC Program Chair

Minutes of OPLC Membership Meeting
July 8, 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 Dr. Susan Leib, of the Alfie Norville Gem and Mineral Museum, "Passion for the Geosciences and an Update from the Collections Basement". Thank you, Dr. Leib.

The minutes of the June 2023 meeting were approved by voice vote of the membership.

Membership report – Janet Keisler - Current count was 381 members. New members introduced themselves.

Financial Report – Mark Davidson – Some large expenses came due in June, resulting in negative income for the month. At the halfway point of the year, the budget is about 50% spent. Major expenses were new wheels for the Genies in the cab lab, new machines, and saw oil. Figures are not published in these public minutes, but are available to members on request.

Field Trips – Victoria Fila is ready to resume leading field trips and is laying plans for a September trip to the Rowley Mine near Gila Bend. Paul Hardenberg will assist as needed in the next field trip season. Field trips will generally be on the third or fourth Saturday of each month.

Library – Bill Cascio - The library is open.

The tailgate sale will be held the 3rd Saturday of September. Vendors can set up at 7:30 am and the sale will run from 8:00 to 12:00. Vendors will be asked for a donation of \$10.

Waste oil disposal seems to be in hand at last.

A new casting lab session will begin on Thursdays from 9 am to 1, with Mark Dragoslovich

John Poole urged people interested in a silver class to sign up now.

The door prize was won by Jean Downes.

Raffle income was \$232.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 am.

OPLC SPEAKERS FORECAST 2023 - 2024

Here is the latest list for our upcoming speakers.

August 12, 2023, Dr. Chris Osterman – His recent Mining trip to Saudi Arabia

September 9, 2023, Claire Scragg – The Multi-faceted world of Diamonds

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

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

December 9, 2023 – Holiday Party, no speaker

January 13, 2024, Christine & Scott Logan, Turquoise History

March 9, 2024

April 13, 2024

May 11, 2024

June 8, 2024, Twink Monrad – Her Meteorite Collection

July 13, 2024, Mark Marikos - Diamonds

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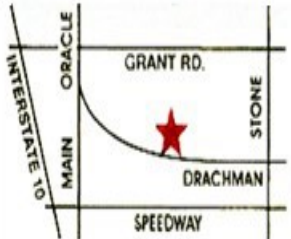
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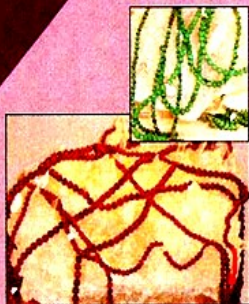
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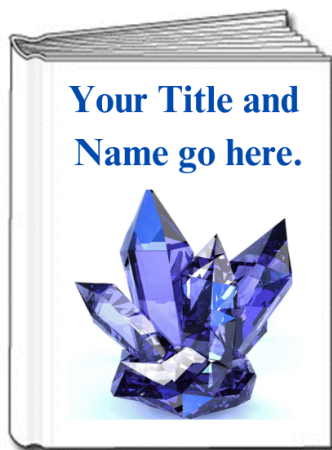
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Friday **No Labs currently scheduled.**

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Wednesday 5:30pm-8:30pm David Schulte (520) 945-8554 Open Lab

Thursday 4pm-7pm Chuck Lundstrom (520) 241-9262 Class

Sunday 12:30pm-3:30pm Dave Richardson (520) 245-2172 Class & Open Lab

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I was very pleasantly surprised, honored and thrilled to receive a **2nd Place Award in Jewelry Class**, being one of 24 jewelry artists – the most populated category of the show. The awards are always given out during the artist's dinner reception on Friday night. Three judges went around the show floor looking at everyone's art.



Thank you so much!!



PLEASE NOTE



There are NO Board Meeting minutes this month because a quorum was not achieved.

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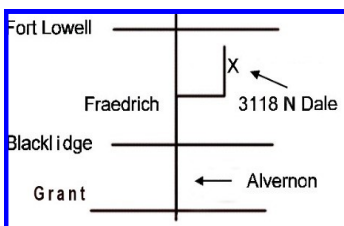
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