

“CUTTING REMARKS”

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**MEETING START TIME
CHANGED.**

**The monthly meeting on
December 9 will start at
11AM and the annual
Christmas luncheon will
begin immediately after
the 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

This is my last Prez Says. It has been an honor to have been your president for the past 4 years. I will still be on as the field trip coordinator and will work hard to find new and fascinating places to go hounding in.

For December I do not have any trips planned. I will find something for 1/6/24 just before the gem shows start.

Remember December meeting starts at 11 am and if you are bringing in a dish you can bring in 10:30am.

See you on 12/9/23 for a great time.

Victoria Fila

OLPC President



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



**Jo Clute
Aurora Clute
Andy Derrick**

**Mildred Gamez
Rob Sanders
Gordon Southam**

Kate Thompson

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:

Kathy Homan - Panning equip, Tibetan Beads, slabs, assorted rough, rock tumblers, casting tools, tools for the silver shop, optivisors, apache tears and obsidian, acetylene tank w/carrier, equipment for the cab lab, crock pot, findings, books, saw/grinder combo, deer horns, jewelry boxes, wires.

Mark Gibson - 2 Dremels, specimens, tools, copper minerals, black light, and thumbnails.

Anonymous - petrified wood, fossilized fish, dop pot, tumbler, pedestals.

OLD PUEBLO LAPIDARY CLUB

General Meeting Minutes

November 11, 2023

Thanks to Dr. Larry Fellows for his presentation "Our Ice Age: Planet Earth's Fifth."

Thanks to Wayne Klement for supplying the social hour goodies.

Motion to approve last month's meeting was approved.

Treasurer Mark Davidson reported that the Treasury is in good standing.

The auction brought in almost \$14,000.

Current major expenses planned are fence repair and insurance payment.

Janet Keisler reported club has 437 members.

The library is open.

Field Trips: 11/18 field trip is Rowley Mine. Signup sheets are in the kitchen. You must be a member in good standing to join a field trip.

The December meeting will host the Christmas dinner immediately after the budget approval and the election of officers and board members. The meeting will start at 11:00. No presentation is planned.

OPLC will have a display and welcome table at the TGMS show. If you have handmade items related to lapidary that you would like to have displayed let David Schulte or Dave Richardson know.

Members voted to adjourn the meeting.

The door prize was won by David Schulte.

The raffle brought in approximately \$200.

Meeting minutes recorded by Dave Richardson for Bill Penrose.

Ed. Note:

On the next page is the current voting slate for the Officer & Board Member election which will take place at the December monthly meeting. If you are interested in volunteering for any of the open positions, nominations will be accepted at the meeting.

OPLC PROXY

I _____, a member of the Old Pueblo Lapidary Club of Tucson, Arizona, cast my vote for the those candidates, and/or those specific items listed below and in my absence, do hereby tender by proxy to the Board of Directors or, (indicate a specific member, if so desired) _____ to represent me and to vote as they deem in the best of the club and on any other business which may be considered at the meeting to be held on December 9th, 2023. In the event I do not vote my preference for those candidates and/or those specific items listed below, I also tender my proxy to the entity indicated above to vote those items as they deem in the best interest of the club.

(Vote for one for each Officer Position)

President:

- David Schulte
- _____

Vice President:

- Wendy Huber
- _____

Treasurer:

- Mark Davidson
- _____

Secretary:

- Bill Penrose
- _____

Board of Director – Two-year term: **VOTE FOR 2**

- Victoria Fila **(2024-2025)**
- Dave Richardson **(2024-2025)**
- _____

Board of Director – One-year term **VOTE FOR 2**

- Mike Tucker **(2024)**
- Ted Rupp **(2024)** **Replacement for David Schulte’s second year term so he can become a candidate for President.**
- _____

Signed _____

Date: _____

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SILENT AUCTION KUDDOS



On November 4th, it was a busy day at the Club.

Thanks to the members who made the Silent Auction run smooth: Ted & Janet Rupp, Tom McDevitt, Donovan Wagner, Mark Gibson, Jack & Teresa McCabe, Mike Tucker, Dave Richardson, Victoria Fila, Jean Barkley, Diana Hara, Twink Monrad, John Poole, and Steve Lutes.

Special Thanks to David Schulte - voice of the sales. Wayne Klement - designer of the flyer & cashier, Dave Richardson - designer of all signs and faceting stone verifier.

Dan Harmsen,
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Here is the latest list for our upcoming speakers.

December 9, 2023 – Holiday Party, no speaker

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

February 10, 2024, Martin P. Steinbach (from Germany) **Star Gems – A Fascinating World**, bringing his new book

March 9, 2024

April 13, 2024 Dr. Art Friedman, **Unusual Gemstones - Minerals with Unusual Chemistry and/or Physical Properties, which make Faceting Difficult**

May 11, 2024, Jim Turner, historian on **History of Mining in Arizona**

June 8, 2024, Twink Monrad & planetary scientist Dr. Larry Lebofsky– **The Gold Basin Meteorite Adventure and Twink’s Meteorite Collection**

July 13, 2024, Mark Marikos - **Diamonds**

New prices as of Nov. 17, 2023

LAPIDARY EQUIPMENT FOR SALE

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Viking Hexagonal barrel tumbler w/aluminum frame and hand hold. Similar to Covington deluxe tumbler. \$90.00

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- **Tucson Mineral & Gem World** - 10% 520-883-0682 Web address:
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6pm-9pm Donovan Wagner (520) 869-2050

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~~3:30-6pm Margarete Harris (520) 561-2315~~ Closed till October.
6pm-9pm Brian Peterson (520) 449-2660

Wednesday 5pm-8pm Keith Haubert (520) 784- 8283

Thursday 7am-11pm Betty Mehloff (253) 208-7460
1pm-4pm Wendy Huber (206) 669-6002

Friday **No Labs currently scheduled.**

Saturday **1st and 2nd Saturdays** Victoria Fila (520) 664-0302
4th Saturday 9:00am-2pm Ron Bryan (619) 495-7967
Every Week 2pm-5pm Wendy Huber (206) 669-6002

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Monday 10am-1pm Jane Morris (727) 743-0883

Tuesday 9am-12pm John Poole (520) 777-5588

Wednesday 9am-12pm Bill Casico (520) 343-9927
6pm - 9pm Bill Penrose (520) 780-1143 - On Hiatus

Thursday 10am-4pm Sloane Padilla (520) 808-8699 (text only)

Friday 10am-3pm Giac D'Acquisto (520) 444-4143

Saturday 9am-12pm David Schulte (520) 945-8554

Sunday 10am-3pm Giac D'Acquisto (520) 444-4143

Faceting

Monday 9am-12pm Dave Richardson (520) 245-2172 Class & Open Lab

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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Tuesday 2nd & 4th 8am-12pm Liz Williams (818) 300-5262

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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.

Thursday 9am-1pm Mark Dragodovich 520-906-4657

Saw Room

Sunday 9am-Noon Mike Tucker (520) 400-9658 or Betty Mehlhoff

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OPLC BOARD MEETING MINUTES

11/28/23 5:30 pm

Minutes recorded by Dave Richardson for Bill Penrose.

Treasurer report - Mark - The silent auction final tally was \$16,458. The remainder of the lab budgets for 2023 was reviewed.

Membership status - Janet - 436 members.

Field trip status - Victoria - No field trip scheduled for December. Trying to find one for early January.

Status of the cab lab: Donovan - Good.

Faceting lab status - Dave - Still working on water system. Seventh UT faceting machine renovation completed.

Silver lab status - John - Three people completed the class.

Saw room - Mike - Running well. May need to buy oil soon.

Fence repair - David - Fence repair was completed.

Refreshment status for club meeting - No refreshments for the December meeting since it is Christmas dinner.

Nomination Committee - David - Finalized the Board nomination selections.

New business

Need to find a plumber for several minor jobs around the facility.

TGMS show - Wendy - Proposed buying a few bags for the school box handouts. Cost is around \$1.00 per bag. Motion was approved.

John brought up a situation where the Board was in violation of the by-laws. The Board had approved allowing Board members and Officers to use the labs at no cost last spring. This was in violation of Section 7 of the by-laws. Motion was approved to rescind that approval.

Meeting adjourned at 6:35.

Geology Book Giveaway

SATURDAY
JANUARY 13, 2024



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Time: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

**Location: Pinal Geology and Mineral Museum
351 North Arizona Blvd., Coolidge, Arizona**

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.....Continuation of Jose, TONTO & THE GROCERY BILL from the November newsletter.....

At long last, in 1899, Jose's bill crept up to the astronomical height of \$13.85 and Lovin called it quits. "Either you find that claim, or no more grubstake from me!". Sadly, Jose went back to his little home, his hungry children, and his patient Maria. "Que Lastima!" he sighed. "What can I do? There is no claim and Senor Lovin now knows it! But I did promise to find it and that I must begin to do.

Jose decided to start looking for a gold mine the very next day. Early the next morning, he found Tonto, his little burro, feeding near the shack. He placed himself firmly on Tonto's back and gave the creature its head. Tonto plodded off, turned down the road and, with no guidance from the rider, paused now and then to graze.

Finally, Jose and his burro reached an arroyo near Sitgreaves Pass where red-stained cliffs sometimes held back swirling flood waters, but which on this day provided only cooling shadows. Feeling no urge to continue, Tonto paused, and Jose slid off to nap in the shade. When Jose awakened Tonto was nowhere to be found. While searching for his burro he picked up a few interesting rocks. One pile especially intrigued him, so he filled his pockets. After finding Tonto, Jose mounted his burro and prepared to continue his journey.

"Instead of going on," he thought, "I'll go by Senor Lovin's and show him these rocks; he will think I have tried, even though I failed, and perhaps grubstake me once more." Somewhat dejected, he paused before Lovin's store. Finally gathering enough courage, he entered hesitatingly and humbly offered his few samples. Henry Lovin looked at them, hefted them and took them to the door for a better light.

"Jose, you have indeed found rich ore!" The little Mexican looked up, startled! "Your bill is paid and with these few rocks because they are worth far more than you owe me. Now take me to your mine!"

Thus, the discovery of the Gold Road Mine. Eventual gold production was about \$7,300,000....a tribute to the wandering of a little burro and to Jose's laziness.

Source: From the Ground Up by Governor Jack Williams

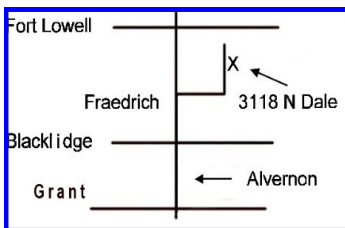
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An application form can be downloaded from the Club website at: lapidaryclub.org/join_us.shtml
 The membership fees shown below are informational purposes only and are listed on the form:

Type of membership:	<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>Annual Renewals</u>
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The Business Meetings are held on the 2nd Saturday of each month except for December. A pre-meeting social hour is at 8:00 a.m., followed by an educational program, and ends with the monthly meeting. Visitors are most welcome.