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Please join us February 10, 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 David Schulte, President



I hope everyone is finding LOTS of deals and beautiful trinkets at the Tucson GEM Show this year! We are really spoiled to have the largest Gem Show in the world in our city. Our last business board meeting was held on Tuesday, January 30th at the usual place at 5:30 PM. Thanks to Wendy Huber and Victoria Fila for leading the meeting due to me having a retina detachment eye issue. Club members are encouraged to come and participate in the board meetings and discussions and your inputs are always welcome.

Janet has new listing of members that have paid their dues for 2024 and these are posted in each of the labs. Monitors will be checking this list before any member will be allowed to use the equipment in the labs. Our insurance does not cover members that have not paid their dues, so this is **mandatory** if you want to work in any of the labs.

I would like to thank Dave Richardson, David Smith and Chuck Lundstrum for the fantastic job they did last week at our annual Facetor's USFG Tucson event. Dave and Chuck ran the faceting classes for the event and Dave presented a class on faceted stone doping techniques. David Smith set up faceting equipment and helped run all the presentations and raffles during the Hob Nob. The Hob Nob event on Saturday night was incredibly successful with the club making over \$1600 during the event. We had 10 dealers selling products to the 70 - 80 attendees. A special thanks to Dave Richardson, Victoria Fila, Chuck Lundstrum, Susan Carter, David Smith, Royce Birnbaum and several USFG attendees for their support of this event. The food was catered by 420.

The TGMS event starts on February 8th and we will have a display down on the main floor showing all the gorgeous stuff our members have or could have made at the club. Thanks to all of those that loaned us their jewelry, stones, specimens and other items for the display. Wendy Huber is running the OPLC demonstration booth on the mezzanine and we'll have a faceting and cabbing machine to demonstrated some of the things that we do at the club along with literature to hand out to anyone interested in joining our merry little band. We'll also have some rocks to hand out to the kids. Thanks to all of those that have volunteered to man the demonstration booth at TGMS.

The County Fair is also coming up soon and we are still looking for a few more volunteers to man our OPLC booth at the fair this year. There are still a few 4 hour slots not filled and you get free parking and entry when you sign up! The sign-up sheets are on the white board in the main building at the club or contact Dave Richardson.

Thanks to Dave Richardson again for arranging to have a plumber fix our water leak at the club. We had an attendee of the USFG Tucson Symposium park were they shouldn't have and damaged the main water feed to the club. The board will look into putting up a barrier in front of water main to prevent future mishaps.

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Once again, we gladly accept any and all donations to the club AND we'll give you a tax receipt so you can claim them on your taxes in case you have anything you would like to part with. We accept any donations dealing with lapidary that you would like to give to the club and we'll come and pick it up! Just let Danny Harmsen or any of your board members know and we'll set up a time to come get it or drop it off at the club!

HOB NOB EVENT UPDATE

Dave Richardson - Ph. 520-245-2172 cell

The Symposium event was very successful. We had 10 dealers selling products to 70 - 80 attendees. Thanks to David Schulte, Victoria Fila, Chuck Lundstrum, Susan Carter, David Smith, and several USFG attendees for their support of this event. The food was catered by 420 Taco.



The winners for the Hob Nob contest were:

- Tom Ross for the best Natural Stone
- Diana Trujillo for the Best Synthetic Stone
- Tom Ross for the best Fantasy Stone

OLD PUEBLO LAPIDARY CLUB
General Meeting Minutes
January 13, 2024

Welcome to the new year!

Thanks to Christine & Scott Logan for their presentation "Turquoise & the Art it Inspires".

Victoria, as the past president, proceeded swearing in of the new Board.

Thanks to Wayne Klement for providing the goodies.

Motion to approve last month's meeting was approved.

New members were introduced.

David Schulte gave a welcoming speech to the new Board and the various people that work to make and keep the club running.

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

Janet Keisler reported a membership of 208 plus several new memberships added today. Membership dues for 2024 must be paid to use the labs so renew now.

The TGMS show is coming the second week of February. We need items to display representing the type of work we do in the labs. Items can be given to David Schulte, Dave Richardson, or John Poole. Please individually wrap each item and tag the items with your name and phone number.

The USFG Faceters Symposium will be held at the club February 1-3 with the club HobNob (hosted by OPLC) starting at 6:00 on Sat.2/3/24. The recommended cost for the HobNob is \$20.00 per attending person. A Catered meal is included. Dealer tables are available for the HobNob at \$50.00/table.

If you have any lapidary related donations for the club, please contact Danny Harmsen. We are a 501C3 club, so the donations are tax deductible.

Lab times are posted on the bulletin board and in the newsletter as well. It is recommended to call the monitor ahead of time to make sure the lab will be open.

A lab tour will be immediately after the meeting.

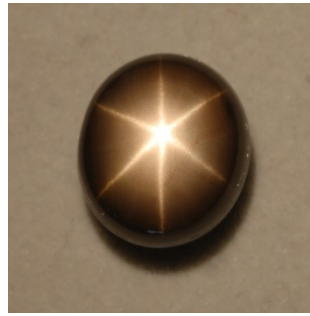
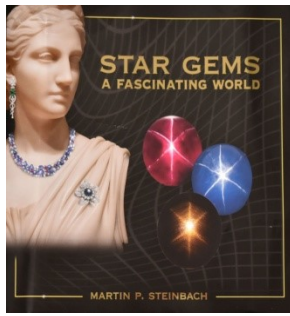
The door prize was won by Jim Downes

Members voted to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting minutes recorded by Dave Richardson for Bill Penrose, Secretary.

February 10, 2024 OPLC speaker – Martin P. Steinbach

Star Gems – A Fascinating World



Photos

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We are in for a super treat at our February 10, 2024, OPLC monthly meeting with Martin P. Steinbach presenting **Star Gems – A Fascinating World**

Martin P. Steinbach has become the face of gems with stars. His over 40-year career dealing with and studying gemstones, especially those exhibiting the optical phenomenon of asterism, makes him a de facto authority for these rarities. Martin P. Steinbach is a tall, imposing German; his English is perfect with a German accent, and his warm manner makes an instant friend out of you.

Martin started his gem business at 13-years old trading opal triplets. His uncle, who was cutting diamonds at home, gave him a citrine —his first cut stone — and then started visiting mines in his hometown area. Martin studied gemology in 1983 in Bangkok, Thailand, and then in Idar-Oberstein, Germany. He opened his own company **Steinbach – Gems with A Star** trading gems in 1984, which continues to be a global promoter and educator of star gems. Martin amassed his gem collection and enormous knowledge during many buying trips at mines and gem markets in Myanmar (Burma), India, Sri Lanka, Hong Kong, Thailand, Brazil, and the USA.

Martin P. Steinbach's first book *Asterism – Gems with a Star* is a comprehensive 900-page tome with 1000 dazzling photos, published in 2017. It is definitely a monumental, mind-blowing work – a labor of love – reflecting his passion for these niche gems. His new book *Star Gems – A Fascinating World* is a lighter version with over 700 photos, graphs and drawings, describing over 60 different gems with a star. Martin will have copies of his book at the meeting.

Martin will be set up at the 2024 Tucson AGTA GemFair in the Galleria. You can also visit his website at www.star-sapphires.com. I wrote a detailed article about Martin P.

Steinbach published in the **2024 Tucson EZ-Guide**, free copies of which will also be at the meeting.

Please make sure you don't miss this presentation, Helen Serras-Herman, OPLC Program Chair

OPLC SPEAKERS FORECAST 2024

Here is the latest list for our upcoming speakers.

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

March 9, 2024 Anna Domitrovic, **Genesis of a Limestone Cave & Associated Mineralogy**

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**

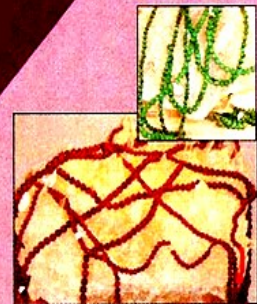
June 8, 2024, Twink Monrad & planetary scientist Dr. Larry Lebofsky– **The Gold Basin Meteorite Adventure and Twink’s Meteorite Collection**

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

August 10, 2024, Karyn Holyk, **Gemstone paintings**

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MEMBERSHIP RATES FOR NEW MEMBERS

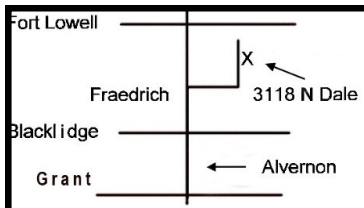
	<u>Jan - Jun</u>	<u>Jul - Dec</u>
Single	\$35.00	\$20.00
Couple	\$50.00	\$35.00
Juniors	\$15.00	\$10.00

MEMBERS RENEWING

\$30.00
\$45.00
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Note: Renewal fees will apply for members returning to rejoin regardless of the time of year.

Make check out to OPLC and mail to: Old Pueblo Lapidary Club
Attn: Membership Chairperson
3118 N. Dale Avenue
Tucson, AZ 85712



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.



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BOARD MEETING MINUTES - - JANUARY 30, 2024

Meeting started at 5:30 PM

Board members present: Wendy Huber, Victoria Fila, Dave Richardson, Mark Davidson, Ted Rupp, David Schulte, Donovan Wagner

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

Membership: 374 members.

Spring parking lot sale will be on the third Saturday of March. One week after the general meeting, Bulk trash pickup week begins 2/18/2024.

Field Trips: Looking for trip opportunities. Discussion held on how to find more locations.

Cab Lab: One Titan machine is overheating.

Casting: Thermo coupler needs to be replaced in one kiln.

Faceting Lab: USFG class is in progress. Another Ultra Tec faceting machine has been added, A Facetron machine was received as donation. Water system works but needs to be tuned.

Silversmith Lab: Just finished a class. All up and running.

Saw Room: One saw down.

Refreshments will be provided by Wayne for the general meeting.

Hob Nob: Begins Thursday.

Board meeting time is changed to 6:00 PM on Tuesday.

Fair: working on application. No plans to take the church to the fair this year.

TGMS Show: All volunteer slots filled. Still need display items.

Meeting adjourned.

Meeting minutes recorded by Dave Richardson, for Bill Penrose.

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Ihor Kunasz

Kimberly Paul
Bruce Rodgers
Jeff Schaezle
Dorothy Schneider
Ronald Schneider

Travis Sharon
Brad Walker,
Andrea Walker,
Owen Walker,
Austin Walker &
Madison Walker

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:

Anonymous -Tumbler, metals (copper, brass, ..etc.), tools for Foredoms, slabs, obsidian, books, Fire agate, rough, 10 inch saw, and glass grinder.

Ted Rupp - rough material..

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6pm-9pm Donovan Wagner (520) 869-2050

Tuesday 9am-12pm 1st and 3rd Tuesday Dan Lilly (801) 995-9692
12pm-3PM 2nd and 4th Tuesday Liz Williams (818) 300-5262
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3:30-6pm Margarete Harris (520) 561-2315
6pm-9pm Brian Peterson (520) 449-2660

Wednesday 7am-11pm Betty Mehloff (253) 208-7460
5pm-8pm Keith Haubert (520) 784- 8283

Thursday 7am-11pm Betty Mehloff (253) 208-7460
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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

Sundays 9pm-12pm Gloria Shenanaquet (520) 396-9715
12pm-2PM Paul Fickle (520) 883-6061

Silversmithing

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

Casting

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

Tuesday 1st & 3rd 9am-12pm Liz Williams (818) 300-5262

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

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