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Please join us January 13, 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 David Schulte, President

I want to wish everyone a belated Merry Christmas and a fantastic New Year! Our last business board meeting was held on Tuesday, January 2nd at the usual place at 5:30 PM and we swore in the new board members. As the incoming president, I would like to thank Victoria Fila for her leadership as president of our club over the last four years! I'm sure we are going to be seeing her much more at the club now that she is joining the ranks of retired folks in January. Members are encouraged to participate in the board meetings and discussions and your inputs are welcome.



Another reminder to everyone: Janet Keisler is collecting dues for 2024 and you must be paid up as of January 1<sup>st</sup> in order to be allowed in the labs. A new listing of members that have paid their dues for 2024 will be posted in each of the labs at the end of December and monitors will be checking this list before members can be allowed to use the equipment in any of 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 all the folks that brought in food, helped set up serve and clean up during the Christmas pot luck event this year at our December meeting. The food was fantastic as always and we had enough rocks for everyone to walk away with a door prize! We will be voting on the OPLC annual budget at the January club meeting.

As a reminder the Hob Nob and Facetor's Frolic are coming up at the end of this month and Dave Richardson will be posting the talks that will happen during the event. Tables are available for folks to rent during the Hob Nob to sell rough material, finished stones or faceting equipment. We are also looking for more volunteers to man our OPLC booth at the County 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 (520-954-8554).

The TGMS show is fast approaching and we are looking to make our display case the "show highlight" this year and the envy of all the other display cases! This is everyone's chance from the club to show off all the incredible things you've made at the club or could have made at the club in 2023. We will accept all entries for anything lapidary related. David Schulte and Dave Richardson are the leads for this effort and items can be dropped off with either David on Sunday's 12:30-3:30 PM or Monday's 9-12 AM, John Pool Tuesday's 9-3 PM or David Schulte Saturdays 9-12 PM. We need the items by February 1<sup>st</sup> and they will be returned to the owners at the end of the TGMS show.

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**.....Prez Sez Remarks Cont'd.....**

Please bring them in a box marked with your name and telephone number and the number of items that you are loaning for our display.

The new board was voted in during the December meeting and will be sworn in at the January meeting. Those elected consist of the following: David Schulte (President), Wendy Huber (Vice President), Mark Davidson (Treasurer), Bill Penrose (Secretary), Mike Tucker (Board member), Ted Rupp (Board member) and Donovan Wagner (Board member), Victoria Fila (Board Member), Dave Richardson (Board member).

As a reminder, we gladly accept all donations to the club AND we'll give you a tax receipt so you can claim them on your taxes. We accept any donations dealing with lapidary that you would like to give to the club, 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!

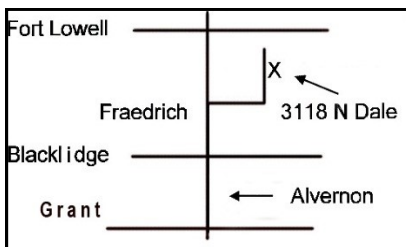
**Current Membership Rates Through January 2024**

**OPLC MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION**

An application form can be downloaded from the Club website at: [lapidaryclub.org/join\\_us.shtml](http://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>
Single Member	\$30.00	\$23.00	\$16.00	\$11.00	\$25.00
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Junior	\$15.00	\$ 9.00	\$ 6.00	\$3.00	\$10.00

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The Business Meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**New Membership Rates Beginning February 1, 2024**

**MEMBERSHIP RATES FOR NEW MEMBERS**

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

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Attn: Membership Chairperson  
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## JANUARY 13, 2024 OPLC SPEAKER – CHRISTINE & SCOTT LOGAN

### Turquoise & the Art it Inspires



Photos courtesy Christine & Scott Logan

We are in for great treat and start of the New Year 2024 at our January 13, 2024, OPLC monthly meeting. Christine and Scott Logan will be presenting **Turquoise & the Art it Inspires**.

The Powerpoint presentation **Turquoise and the Art it Inspires** focuses on an overview of the historic use of turquoise in world cultures, the folklore and traditions surrounding it. It then shifts to the modern sourcing of turquoise and the 'disappearance' of American sources. They will also bring some rare turquoise cabs for show-and-tell.

Christine calls Tucson her hometown. Being raised in the Tanque Verde area and graduating from the University of Arizona, she met Scott, her husband and native Tucsonan, at Rincon High School. She grew up with parents who were avid collectors and dealers of Native American art, jewelry and turquoise cabochons, and their passion is now her passion. American turquoise, both rare and common, has captured Christine's full attention.

Scott graduated with a degree in hydrology from the University of Arizona and had a career in the environmental science consulting industry working on projects for the Department of Defense, the Corps of Engineers, and FEMA, among others. His specialty was hydrogeology and how contaminants moved through water, soil, and rock. It was an excellent precursor to joining his wife in the gemstone world.


Connecting with artists, collectors, dealers and the lapidary community is an ongoing adventure for the two of them.

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



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## OPLC SPEAKERS FORECAST 2024

Here is the latest list for our upcoming speakers.

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 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**

## Old Pueblo Lapidary Club—General Meeting Minutes, 12/09/2023

Motion to approve last month's meeting was approved.

Treasurers report was given by Mark Davidson indicating that the Treasury is in good standing.

The Silent Auction continues to be a successful endeavor.

Next years' budget will be voted on at the January meeting.

The club election was held. The following is the 2024 slate of officers/directors:

President David Schulte

Vice President Wendy Huber

Treasurer Mark Davidson

Secretary Bill Penrose

Two year Board of Director

Victoria Fila

Dave Richardson

One year Board of Director

Mike Tucker

Ted Rupp

Members voted to adjourn the meeting.

Christmas Dinner was served.

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

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## HOB NOB 2024

### UNITED STATES FACTERS GUILD TUCSON SYMPOSIUM

Will be held at Old Pueblo Lapidary Club, 3118 N Dale Ave. February 1, 2024 through February 3, 2024. There will be presentations, demonstrations, and workshops to help any level gem cutter move forward. It is also a good place to find out about gem cutting and if it may be something you would enjoy. Anyone can attend and the Symposium is free. It ends at 5:00PM Saturday **BUT** the Old Pueblo Lapidary Club hosts a HobNob starting at 6:00PM.

The HobNob costs \$20.00 per person and includes a dinner. It is a great time to socialize with all levels of gem cutters and shop for faceting rough. A contest is also held for the most appealing stone that everyone votes on. Dealers can setup a sale/display table for \$50.00 each by reservation.

This is a great time to see and meet world renown gem cutters and learn about gem cutting. Make plans to attend some or all of the events February 1 - 3. Come join the fun!



## 2024 HOB NOB



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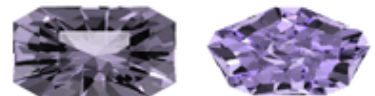
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Jake Niemiec  
George Salwaechter  
Judy Woolley  
Kris Woolley

## 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:**

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Anonymous - specimens, books and a sphere,

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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  
1pm-3:30pm Liz Williams (818) 300- 5262  
3:30-6pm Margarett Harris (520) 561-2315  
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

**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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## MINUTES OF JANUARY 2, 2024 OPLC BOARD MEETING

5.30 pm, W Penrose, [wrp0143@comcast.net](mailto:wrp0143@comcast.net)

Present: Victoria Fila presiding, in David Schulte's absence, Dave Richardson, Mark Davidson, Bill Penrose, John Poole, Janet Keisler, Twink Monrad, Donovan Wagner, Ted Rupp, Brian Peterson, Wendy Huber. A quorum was present.

Treasurer's Report – Mark Davidson –For end of 2023. Precise figures are confidential but available to members on request.

Overall, OPLC had a positive cash flow for 2023. 70% of the allocated budget was spent. All labs were positive except Faceting, which had an overrun of \$8.51! Interest income is higher now that banks are paying more interest.

Liability insurance was paid today, Jan 2, and does not appear on this year's statements.

Membership Report – Jan Keisler – There are 187 paid up members for 2024 so far. An annual and initial fee schedule was presented by Jan. It was discussed and some changes incorporated.

Cab Lab – Donovan Wagner – we are changing wheels on January 6, 2024

Silver Lab – John Poole - a new class begins next week

Saw Room – no report

Faceting – Dave Richardson – water supply is nearly installed – a used machine was acquired by Dave

Field Trips – new places for field trips are needed – should ask about locations by asking members

Future Meeting Times – during the day preferred – we can choose a time when Donovan is available on Zoom, his lunch hour perhaps?

Silent Auction – income from 2023 was critical to the club's positive cash position – Danny Harmsen manages it, but needs volunteers to do hands-on work.

TGMS Showcase – David is organizing the case – we have to request samples of work for the cases – paperwork must be sent in by Jan 12

County Fair – let's not take the church this year, the sphere machine attracts more people.

Hob Nob – was very successful last year and we expect the same this year – Dave Richardson has arranged the caterer – admission will be \$18 + a \$2 recommended donation

Budget for 2024 – To be approved at the next membership meeting.

New business – We need new brochures printed up. A printing of 500 will suffice. Phone numbers of some executive and membership members will be included.

The meeting adjourned at 6.30 pm.