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Please join us June 11, at **9AM** for the monthly meeting. There is an optional social hour that begins at 8:00am followed by the monthly meeting commencing at 9:00am. See meeting minutes for details.

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 20th of each month. Thanks!

THE PREZ SEZ by Victoria Fila, President

Hello everyone, hope everyone is doing well.

Saw room is reporting they are caught up so if you have any rocks to be cut, perfect time to bring them in. If you cannot come in when the saw room is open, you can bring your rocks to any monitor. They will assist you getting your rocks into the cabinet. Any monitor can assist in picking up your cut rocks and take money.



Temperature is getting hotter will be in triple digits for a while. Be careful stay in air conditioning as much as possible. We have the air conditioning running early enough so the meeting building will cooled.

We are up to 345 members yeah.

Refreshment sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the meeting room.

Wolfgang Mueller is June speaker. His talk "Minerals and Rough: The Choices", will give attendees the viewpoint of a mineral collector and lapidary.

Next board meeting will be 6/28/22 at 5:30 PM.

Hope to see you all at the meeting.

Victoria

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Melody Varjavand
Ben Brandt
Kira Buck
Justin Blair
Bella & Sydney Vitale

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 - Thunder eggs and Geodes,

Chuck Lundstrom - Silver and lapis ring

Paul Hardenberg - Coral

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Old Pueblo Lapidary Club
General Meeting Minutes, May 14, 2022

Presentation "Minerals with Unusual Properties" was given by Art Friedman.

Thanks to Wayne Klement for supplying the goodies for breakfast this morning. Volunteers to assist in this task are welcomed. Costs are covered by the club to a \$40 limit.

Motion to approve last month's club meeting minutes/newsletter. seconded? All in favor.

Treasurer Report - Given by Mark Davidson. The Treasury was reported as being in good order.

Membership status - (Janet Keisler) There were 339 members in good standing as of this meeting.

Field Trips - Victoria will be planning field trips starting again in the fall.

Library status - (Bill Cascio) The library is in good shape. Please return overdue books.

Volunteers are still needed as lab monitors. If willing to help the club, please volunteer.

Pima County Fair - Thank you to all the people that helped make the fair a success.

Door prize was won by Art Friedman.

Raffle proceeds were \$158.

Members voted to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting minutes recorded by David Richardson

PIMA COUNTY FAIR UPDATE - - Bill Cascio was inadvertently left off the volunteer list of members who participated at the fair Club table. Bill, sorry for the omission and thank you for volunteering.

May 2022 OPLC bonus speaker – Branko Deljanin



We were very lucky to have a second bonus speaker, Branko Deljanin, at our May OPLC meeting. He was a special guest speaker who gave a very short presentation on colored stones and diamond identification. Branko was visiting Tucson, invited for a two-day workshop at the Alfie Norville Gem & Mineral Museum.

Branko is an expert in identification of natural, treated and synthetic diamonds, and colored stones, with extensive North American experience in diamond grading and gem identification and research at major gem labs since 1995. He was present at the 2022 AGTA GemFair show. Branko is a speaker at many international conferences and author of several books. He was very generous to our OPLC by donating 3 of his books to the raffle.

We thank him for this bonus presentation and hope that we will have another opportunity to listen to a full presentation from him sometime in the future. To learn more about Branko, his workshops and books, please visit him at <https://brankogems.com>

Since Branko's presentation was arranged last minute, I didn't have the opportunity to share this information in the May newsletter as I did for our regular speaker, Dr. Art Friedman, who gave us a great talk.

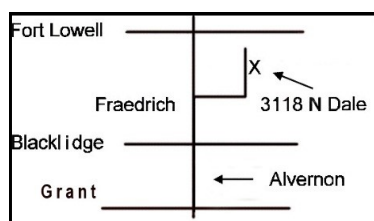
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An application form can be downloaded from the Club website at: lapidaryclub.org/join_us.shtml

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</u>
<u>Renewals</u>					



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 wel-

June 11, 2022 OPLC speaker – Wolfgang Mueller

Minerals and Rough: The Choices



We are in for another great treat for our June 11, 2022, OPLC monthly meeting, as one of our very own members, Wolfgang Mueller, returns as our speaker. His talk **Minerals and Rough: The Choices** will give attendees the viewpoint of a mineral collector and lapidary.

Wolfgang will share his great experience and expertise of collecting minerals that can yield mineral specimens and/or cutting rough. He will tell us how he brings choice mineral specimens intact and undamaged to light, and how he chooses the ones for cutting.

Wolfgang Mueller is a retired geologist, mineral collector and a very active lapidary. He has rockhounded in many places around the country, especially for his favorite wulfenite and copper ore minerals. He is famous for his hand-cut spheres and eggs, as well as rare gem material cabochons and one-of-a-kind beads. Wolfgang and his wife Diana exhibit with their company name DiWolf, and both have lots of knowledge and years of experience in lapidary and jewelry artwork. Wolfgang had led several rockhounding trips for OPLC, and given other presentations in the past.

We look forward to having Wolfgang back as our speaker and listen to this exciting new presentation.

Helen Serras-Herman, OPLC Program Chair

OPLC Speakers 2022 – Summer/Fall

Here is the latest list for our upcoming speakers.

June 11- Wolfgang Mueller

July 9 - Raymond Mason, **Behind the scenes of Appraisals**

August 13 - Mark Marikos, Photography – **Overcoming those digital photo blues**

September 10 - Scott Sucker, **The Art of Grinding & Polishing**

October 8 -

November 12 -

BOARD MEETING MINUTES 5/31/2022 OPLC

Minutes of May 31, 2022 OPLC Board Meeting 5.30 pm - Dave Richardson for Bill Penrose.

Meeting started at 5:35.

Present: Victoria Fila presiding, Dave Richardson, Mark Davidson, David Schulte, Donovan Wagner, John Poole, Pete Peterson, Mike Tucker.

A quorum was present.

Treasurer's Report - Mark Davidson – May expenses exceeded income by \$551.00. Major expenses were insurance and lab refrigerator.

Membership - 345 members are signed up for 2022 so far.

Labs status:

Cab lab –Donovan Wagner– Scheduling Plan to change the cab lab locks to establish key control.

Faceting - Dave Richardson – Have our first junior person starting the faceting class.

Casting - no report

Silver – John Poole – All OK.

Saw room – Pete Peterson – Saw room is completely caught up. One saw may need work.

Field trips: –Victoria Fila - Will be scheduling a field trip each month starting in October.

New Business -

Water heater room needs the plumbing modified to make the room usable.

Meeting adjourned at 6:09.

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