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Please join us June 10, 2023, 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 Summer temps are here and a good thing we have air conditioning.

Wednesday faceting lab is open again. Silver lab is all freshened up so please check out the hard work that was done. We are in the summer time so please check with lab monitors to make sure they are here and lab time is open.



At the last monthly meeting on 03/08/23 motion was set to pay for removal of the old barrels behind the shed which could cost up to \$4,000. Motion was seconded and all members in attendance voted yes. Since we use mineral oil, removal of used oil will be easier and no cost as we will have kitty litter in the oil so we can place it in trash barrels. Thank you Mark Gibson for working on this and helping to clean up around the club.

Wayne will be working on freshening up parking spot markers. Thank you Wayne for helping out on this.

Club is running smoothly and not much more to report.

Hope to see you at the next meeting.

Victoria Fila

OPLC President



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Alyana Hammond	Jack Henderson	Dennis Stock
Ann Hammond	Nicholas Marstall	Tony William
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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:

Tom McDevitt - Miscellaneous slabs.

Bill Carmody - Apache tears, obsidian, jasper and agate rough, petrified wood, slabs, malachite, chrysocolla, turquoise, and opal.

Anonymous - Gem templates, Petrified wood, agates, tumbled rocks, black light, light fixture, and Swap Top (flat lap grinder & glass cutter).

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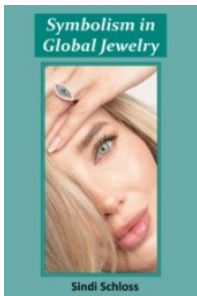
JUNE 10, 2023 OPLC SPEAKER – SINDI SCHLOSS

The Symbolism of Stones and Jewelry



We are in for another great treat for our June 10, 2023, OPLC monthly meeting, with Sindi Schloss, gemologist and appraiser, talking on **The Symbolism of Stones and Jewelry**. Sindi is a return speaker, very knowledgeable, lively and entertaining, and is coming down from Phoenix to give her presentation.

As Sindi will share with us, "Symbolic thought defines us as "modern man". Jewelry is one of the first indicators of symbolic thought and predates rock art by 90,000 years." This presentation will examine primary symbols witnessed by early humans in minerals and translated into jewelry. Not only will this presentation expand your worldview but give you a greater appreciation and ability to interpret purpose and meaning of jewelry."



Sindi Schloss is a graduate gemologist, professional jewelry appraiser, jewelry historian, and owner operator of a school of gemology. Her thirty-eight plus years of experience in valuation science, gemology and teaching, as well as extensive world travel and involvement with a museum of human adornment, have given Sindi a unique perspective and knowledge of global jewelry. Her ability to condense archaeology, history and gemology into a simplified fun format, has made her a popular presenter.

Sindi will have her new book *Symbolism in Global Jewelry* available for purchase.

Please make sure you don't miss this great speaker.

Helen Serras-Herman, OPLC Program chair.



PLEASE NOTE



Clean and freshly painted, top to bottom! I would like to thank the hard working crew that did it, all in a week! Sloane and Gabe Padilla, Elizabeth Boccardo, Greg Merdinger, Peter Mike and Mike Tucker.

Thanks again, great job!

John Poole, Shop Owner

Minutes of OPLC Membership Meeting
May 13, 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. Art Friedman, "Minerals and Gems with Unusual Chemical and Physical Properties, Part II" Thank you, Dr. Friedman

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

Wayne Klement was thanked for providing the refreshments for the meeting.

Membership report – Janet Keisler - Current count was 353 members. New members introduced themselves.

Financial Report – Mark Davidson - The club is in a positive financial position with 28% of the budget spent on April 30. Upcoming large expenditures are insurance premiums, new wheels for the cab lab, plus a new waste disposal expense not in the budget. This latter item is addressed below. Figures are not published in these public minutes but are available to members on request.

County Fair – Thanks to all those who participated. Names are published in the newsletter.

Field Trips – A summer field trip to a private museum in the Phoenix area is being planned by Alan Morgan. Details TBA.

Library – Bill Cascio - The library is open.

Labs: Saw Room: - Mark Gibson - Due to a member complaint, a sign will be posted absolving the club of responsibility for material that's broken or otherwise damaged.

Silver Lab – John Poole - The lab will be closed from Monday May 15 to May 21 for painting.

Casting Lab – Chuck Lundstrom – The rebuilt lab is open for business.

Waste Disposal – Mark Gibson - The saw room has four 55 gal drums of saw room waste that will cost up to \$4000 to dispose of. MOTION: Members were asked to approve up to \$4000 from general funds to pay for the disposal of waste. PASSED: by voice vote.

The raffle earned \$277

The meeting was adjourned at 10.35 am.

OPLC SPEAKERS FORECAST 2023

Here is the latest list for our upcoming speakers.

July 8, 2023 Dr. Susan Leib (curator of Alfie Norville Gem & Mineral Museum)

August 12, 2023, Dr. Chris Osterman – His recent Mining trips to Portugal, Romania and Saudi Arabia

September 9, 2023, Claire Schragg

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

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

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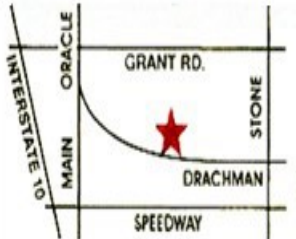
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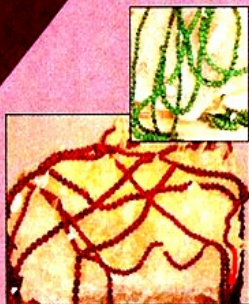
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6pm-9pm Brian Peterson (520) 449-2660

Wednesday 6pm-9pm Keith Haubert (520) 784- 8283

Thursday 8am-12pm Betty Mehloff (253) 208-7460
1pm-4pm Wendy Huber (206) 669-6002

Friday **No Labs currently scheduled.**

Saturday **2nd and 3rd Saturdays** Victoria Fila (520) 664-0302
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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

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.

Tuesday 9am-2pm Liz Williams (818) 300 - 5262

Saw Room

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

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Minutes of May 30, 2023 OPLC Board Meeting

5.30 pm, W Penrose, wrp0143@comcast.net

Present: Victoria Fila presiding, Dave Richardson, Mark Davidson, Bill Penrose, Wayne Klement, David Schulte, John Poole, Donovan Wagner, Janet Keisler, Pete Peterson, Mark Gibson, Twink Monrad, Mike Tucker, Ted Rupp, Chuck Lundstrom, Brian Peterson.

Treasurer's Report – Mark Davidson - The club is in healthy financial shape as of May 30. Exact figures are available to members on request.

Membership – Janet Keisler - 357 members in good standing by meeting date

Field Trips – Victoria Fila - A field trip is being organized for September by Paul Hardenberg. Details TBA. Paul will be organizing club sponsored field trips now.

Lab Reports

Cab Lab – Brian Peterson and Donovan Wagner. A new flat lap machine is needed. Hoods have been ordered for the Titan. Some wheels for the Genies have been replaced, but more need to be ordered.

Faceting Lab – Dave Richardson – one Facetron with a bad bearing will go to the Silent Auction

Silver Lab – John Poole – The silver lab is painted and open for business. There is a new sink and other things have been replaced. Leftover painting equipment has been stored against possible future use.

Casting Lab – Chuck Lundstrom – On budget, no issues.

Saw Room – Mark Gibson - Waste Management has been raising their cost estimate, so we're looking for a new outfit to take our waste. In the meantime, David Schulte will order new oil.

Refreshments – Wayne was willing to do it again.

New Business – Mike Tucker says we need a plan to get rid of material and waste accumulated in the yard and the hall of the lab building. The filter system for collecting oily waste is under construction, but uses paper grocery bags as the filter elements. We should ask members to donate paper grocery bags.

Board meeting adjourned at 5:55 pm.

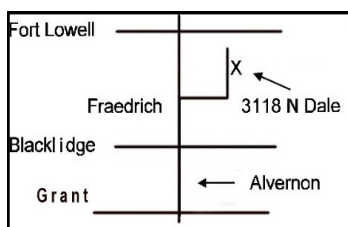
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The membership fees shown below are informational purposes only and are listed on the form:

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