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Please join us March 11, 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

Another gem show in the books. Hope everyone, found some great deals. We had a lot of volunteers for our booth so plenty of coverage thanks to all who volunteered.

We had a great turn out for the Faceters Symposium and Hob Nob. Food was great for Hob Nob and the same food truck was there for lunch time during the Faceters Symposium that received positive feedback for everyone having to find a place to eat. Great job to David Smith and Dave Richardson.



Field trips: Paul Hardenberg is reporting he had 19 members for his Safford Geode trip and everyone had fun and found nice geodes.

I had someone to help with the March field trip but I have not received any info to share so there may not be a March field trip. I apologize for this. It is hard to get a trip together and gather trip waivers when I am not the lead.

I am looking for someone to volunteer to take over the field trips. If interested please contact me at 520-664-0302.

Will be looking for volunteers to help clean up the club meeting building and lab building. Date and time will be announced later.

Next monthly meeting is on March 11, 2023. Social hour 8:00 am to 9:00 AM, presentation 9:00 am to 10:45 AM short break then the meeting is at 10:00 AM.

Hope to see many of you at the 3/11/23 meeting. Take care and stay healthy.

Victoria Fila

OPLC President

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Rachel Bender

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PIMA COUNTY FAIR TIME

The Pima County Fair is just around the corner and Dave Richardson is looking for some volunteers to man the OPLC display booth. The dates are April 20 through April 30 and the signup sheets are already posted on the wall in the kitchen. It's a fun time and an opportunity to meeting interesting people and a chance to see the Fair.

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March 11, 2023 OPLC speaker – Gloria Todzia

It's all About Turquoise



Photo courtesy Rincon Trading



Photo courtesy Helen Serras-Herman

Unfortunately our scheduled speaker, geologist Dr. Chris Osterman, is still in Saudi Arabia, so we have to re-schedule him for later in the year.

However, we are in for a treat for our March 11, 2023, OPLC monthly meeting, as Gloria Todzia from Rincon Trading has graciously agreed to be our speaker. I had talked to her husband, Bill Todzia, long time ago, but we had not been able to make this presentation happen until now.

Rincon Trading Co. LLC, formerly known as Rincon Mineral Company, was founded in Tucson in 1983. Rincon Trading has grown into a leading provider of beads, cabochons, jewelry, and gemstone carvings for the retail and wholesale market. They buy mine direct from domestic and overseas sources. Their contacts with overseas cutting factories, ensures consistency and quality in their finished product. They specialize in a variety of gemstones including sugilite, ruby, and tourmaline, but they are known for their amazing turquoise inventory in beads and cabochons.

Gloria Todzia will share her extensive knowledge with our members and bring samples for everyone to admire. She will also talk about the importance of social media in our industry. Gloria holds a Live Instagram Show every Thursday at 1pm at [instagram.com/rincontrading/](https://www.instagram.com/rincontrading/) or visit their website at www.rincontrading.com

Looking forward to seeing you in our March meeting,
Helen Serras-Herman, OPLC Program Chair

Minutes of OPLC Membership Meeting

February 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, although attendance was low because of the gem show. The meeting was chaired by the Secretary. There was no presentation this month only, again due to the gem show.

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

Financial Report – The club is in a healthy financial position. Figures are not published in these public minutes but are available to members on request.

Membership report – 267 members have joined or renewed as of the date of the meeting. New members were asked to introduce themselves.

Library – Bill Cascio – The library is open. Return boxes are located in each building.

Hats and Tee Shirts – The supply of hats has been exhausted. It was necessary to ask the membership to approve the purchase of 49 hats at \$15.50 ea. Moved, seconded, and passed by show of hands.

Casting Lab – Chuck Lundstrom described rebuilding of the casting lab, using the large donation from the Lundstrom Family Foundation.

Field Trip – Planned to search for geodes on Feb 18. Meet at the Circle K in Safford 9 am. Call Paul Hardenberg at 320-279-0864 for information and to sign up. A waiver will be required.

Faceter's Guild and Hob Nob – was successful, earning the club over \$2K. A supernumary faceting machine was sold, earning \$900 for the club.

County Fair – Volunteers needed April 20-30.

Site Maintenance – Fence repairs were needed in two places. There is a roof leak in the meeting hall west end. Both items are being addressed.

New Business - Twink recommended we set aside part of our display cases for current members' work.

There will be a tailgate sale following the next membership meeting March 11, 2023.

Meeting adjourned at 10 am.

OPLC SPEAKERS FORECAST 2023

Here is the latest list for our upcoming speakers.

March 11, 2023, Gloria Todzia (Rincon Trading) – **All about Turquoise**

April 8, 2023, Mark Candee – **Arizona Gemstones**

May 13, 2023 – Dr. Art Friedman – **Minerals & Gems with Unusual
Physical & Chemical Properties - Part 2**

June 10, 2023 Sindi Schloss - **The Symbolism of Stones and Jewelry**

July 8, 2023

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

September 9, 2023.....

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

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

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 - crystals
- Ed Perry donated a Hyperedge lap.

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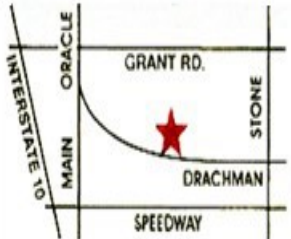
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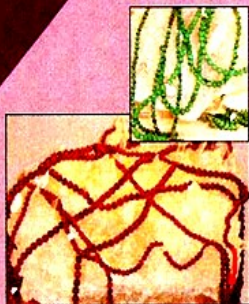
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Friday **No Labs currently scheduled.**

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Monday 9am-12pm Dave Richardson (520) 245 - 2172

Wednesday 5:30 - 8:30 Dave Richardson (520) 245 - 2172

Sunday 12:30pm-3:30pm Dave Richardson (520) 245-2172

Casting

**New Classes start in September on the first Wednesdays 4 to 7 and will run 4 weeks and start every other month from there. The off months will be open labs.
Call Chuck Lundstrom (520) 241 - 9262**

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

Treasurer's Report – interim figures pending closing of February books. Cash flow for February was positive – Form 990N has been sent to the IRS.

Membership – Wayne, Twink and Donovan in Jan's absence – about 320 members in good standing. Best wishes and fast recovery to Janet.

Donovan and Wayne will make name tags for new members. Names of new members will be needed to make tags and cards.

Field Trips – possible field trip for petrified wood in March.

Lab Reports

Cab Lab – new lap wheels are needed, as well as suede for buffers. A policy is needed to govern routine maintenance of laps and buffers.

The drain is backed up with some flooding It's time to get a plumber out for a permanent repair. MOTION – to get estimates on plumbing repair – PASSED. Elizabeth and Dave R will contact plumbers for estimates.

Faceting Lab – attendance has been down, but everything is working.

The Wednesday evening session will be shut down for three weeks at the end of March.

Silver Lab – in February, 188 hours of which 44 are free (monitors), about average

Casting Lab – currently in renovations

Estimates for electrical work are \$700 and \$1225. A third estimate is needed. Chuck will consult Mark Gibson to see if low bid is reasonable. This is billed to site maintenance.

Saw Room – one 24" saw has reached the end of its useful life and will be removed. It is not expected that a new saw will be needed in the near future.

Refreshments – increases in costs indicate that an increase in refreshment allowance may be needed soon.

New Business –

Fence Repair – it is important to proceed to get the work done. We have estimates in hand.

Chairs – the soft chairs in the meeting hall are no longer presentable – we should purchase some new ones – we will have to wait for fence repair and sewer work to confirm whether there is money in site maintenance budget

Twink suggested sending flowers and a card from the club to Jan as she recovers – the card will be brought to the general meeting for signing.

Mark - Lab Monitors should fill in shop card information completely so cash can be properly allocated by lab.

Price of hats – the cost to us \$15.50 – sales cost \$20? – not settled.

Meeting adjourned 6:05 pm.

RECAP OF HOB NOB 2023

The USFG Tucson Faceting Symposium and OPLC HobNob were a great success this year!

The Symposium started with a two-day faceting class (Feb 1 & 2) held in the OPLC Faceting Lab. Six students cut and finished their first stone. The main activities were three days of workshops, demonstrations, and presentations (Feb 2 - 4). On Feb 5 the USFG hosted a gem rough buying tour. All events were well attended.

On Saturday evening Feb 4th OPLC hosted the HobNob. Over 70 ticket and 8 dealer tables were sold. The catered meal was a success. Three stone contests were held with many cut stone entries. OPLC awarded plaques to each of the winners. The final activity was a raffle with many items donated by Ultra Tec Company and Faceters Paradise. The value of the items raffled ranged from \$15.00 to \$600.00. (And approximately 10 members were added to OPLC.)

The people that helped make the event successful are: Victoria Fila, David Schulte, Mariza Richardson, and David Smith. Twink furnished cookies.

A special Thank You goes out to David Smith of Faceters Paradise and Robert Rubin of Ultra Tec for their generous donations and work.

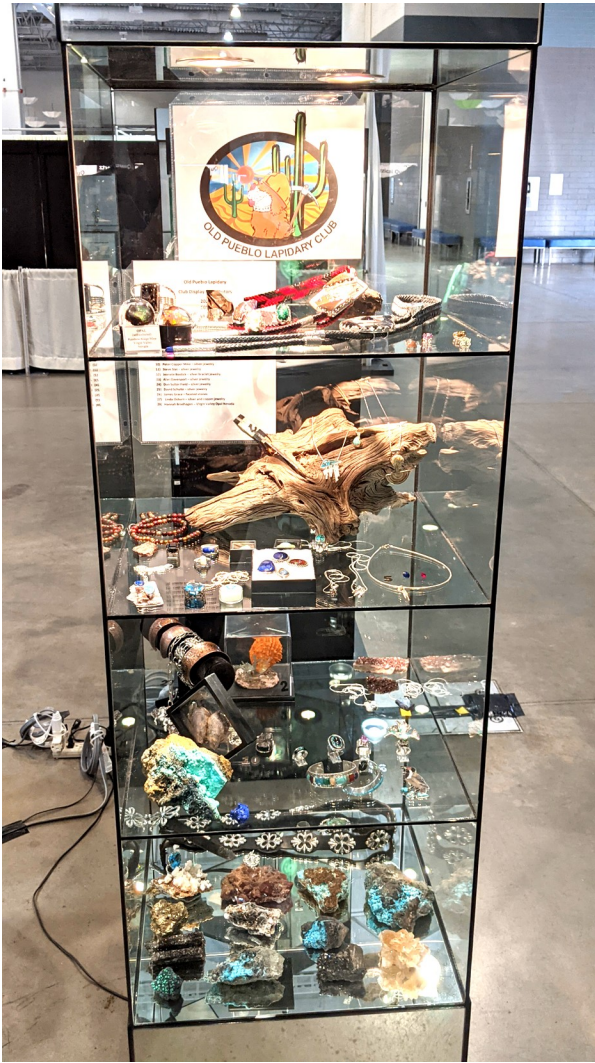
Dave Richardson

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- 1. Paul Hardenberg – rock specimens jewelry**
- 2. Giac D'Acquisto – silver jewelry**
- 3. Nancy Brackett – silver jewelry**
- 4. Dave Richardson – gold and silver jewelry**
- 5. Victoria Fila – faceted stone, silver and gold jewelry**
- 6. John Poole – silver jewelry**
- 7. Max Smith – silver jewelry**
- 8. Ken Salber – silver jewelry**
- 9. Twink Monrad – faceted stone in silver jewelry**
- 10. Peter Copper Mike – silver jewelry**
- 11. Steve Slat – silver jewelry**
- 12. Jeanette Bostick – silver bracelet jewelry**
- 13. Alan Davenport – silver jewelry**
- 14. Dun Sutter Field – silver jewelry**
- 15. David Schulte – silver jewelry**
- 16. James Grace – faceted stones**
- 17. Linda Osburn – silver and copper jewelry**
- 18. Hannah Brodhagen – Virgin Valley Opal Nevada**



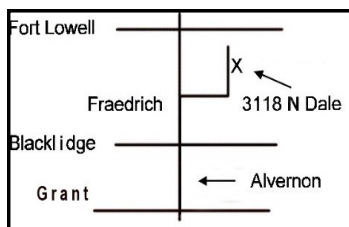
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The Business Meetings are held on the 2nd Saturday of each month except for December. A pre-meeting social hour is at 8:00 a.m., followed by an educational program, and ends with the monthly meeting. Visitors are most welcome.