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Please join us March 9,
at **9:00am** for the next
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!

See us online at: www.lapidaryclub.org

THE PREZ SEZ by David Schulte, President

Greetings fellow lapidarian folks and happy Tucson springtime to everyone! Our last board meeting was held on 2/27/24 at 5:30 PM at the club and I'd like to reiterate that all club members in good standing are welcome to attend our board meetings and participate.



Janet Keisler has a new listing of members that have paid their dues for 2024 and these are posted in each of the labs. Monitors will of course be checking this list before any member will 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 of the folks that loaned us your jewelry and other material for the display case at the TGMS show. Our Tucson mayor was apparently very impressed with our display and all the marvelous things that we make at our club! For those of you that have not picked up your items that you loaned us for the TGMS display, you can pick them up at the club from David Schulte on Sunday 12:30-3:30, Monday 9-12, Wednesday 5:30-8:30 PM or Saturday 9-12.



The County Fair is fast approaching 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.

We had an unfortunate incident in the parking lot a few weeks ago as someone wandered into our parking lot from the street and helped themselves to a computer in an unlocked car parked inside the gates. As a reminder to everyone, please **lock your vehicles** when you're in the main building for a meeting or working in the labs. We cannot control access to the facility parking lot while the club is in use and the gates have to remain open while members are in the club. We have purchased two motion sensitive lights that will be installed at the club so that the parking lot area will be illuminated if anyone walks around the cars but it's up

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to everyone to lock up your valuables when at the club.

Our club runs on volunteers to run the labs, instruct classes and to run the club meetings and events in addition to the items that we resell at our silent auction from items that are donated by the members to the club. As a reminder to everyone, we gladly accept any and all donations dealing with lapidary for 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 and we'll even come a 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! If anyone is interesting in becoming a monitor or a board member and donating some of your time to help the club out, please contact any of the board members to get details about these activities.

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



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Jonathan, Daniella, Charles, and	J. Curt Penny	Steve Weeks
Charlotte Fitzgerald	Lucy Rand	Kathleen Wujcik
Esther Fletcher	Cara Reynolds	Sundee Zeller

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 - Silver and casting tools, flat laps (New), for cab lab, copper, tool boxes (4), and templates.

MARCH 9, 2024 OPLC SPEAKER – ANNA DOMITROVIC

Genesis of a Limestone Cave & Associated Mineralogy



Sandblasting in the cave; stalactites. Photos courtesy Anna Domitrovic

We are in for great treat at our March 9, 2024, OPLC monthly meeting. From the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum Earth Sciences Curator Emerita & Mineralogist Anna Domitrovic is coming back to give us her new talk **GENESIS of a LIMESTONE CAVE & ASSOCIATED MINERALOGY**.

Anna says, “While the Desert Museum’s limestone caves look real, they’re not! But how did we do it?! This presentation will take viewers through the process, from the ground breaking first blast into caliche to the finished product. The message the Desert Museum wants to relate to visitors is one of cave conservation. Since our caves are artificial, we encourage a close up-and–personal experience, something they wouldn’t have in a real cave. The Desert Museum also maintains an extensive regional mineral collection. Many specimens resemble cave formations, called speleothems. How do we justify that while still educating the public about cave conservation? This important question will also be addressed.”

With the exception of a brief hiatus when she volunteered from 2006 – 2016, Anna has been with the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum in Tucson as an employee and volunteer in the Earth Sciences Center from 1977 – present, with the current title of Earth Sciences Curator Emerita & Mineralogist. Coming from coal mining country in southwestern PA, it’s logical that her background and education is in geology with an emphasis on mineralogy. She received her Bachelor’s Degree in Geology from Edinboro University of Pennsylvania in 1973. She is especially interested in *pseudomorphs*, a mineral form in which the original mineral’s chemistry is replaced with another but retains the crystal form of the original, thus the term pseudomorph, which means false form. Anna also has a special interest in mining history and is an active collector of mining artifacts from the 19th & 20th centuries.

Please make sure you don’t miss this wonderful presentation,

Helen Serras-Herman, OPLC Program Chair

OPLC SPEAKERS FORECAST 2024

Here is the latest list for our upcoming speakers.

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**

September 14, 2024, Ihor Kunasz, **Pegmatites - Lithium Legacy**

ANOTHER PARKING LOT TAILGATE SALE

Old Pueblo Lapidary Club-3118 North Dale

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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 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
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

Saw Room

Sunday 7am-Noon Betty Mehlhoff (253) 208-7460

Wednesday 7am-Noon Betty Mehlhoff (253) 208-7460

Wednesday 7am-Noon Mark Gibson (520)-850-0514

Thursday 7am-11am Betty Mehlhoff (253) 208-7460

Minutes of February 27, 2024 OPLC Board Meeting
5:30 pm, W Penrose, wrp0143@comcast.net

Present: David Schulte presiding, Wendy Huber, Mark Davidson, Bill Penrose, Dave Richardson, Wayne Klement, Victoria Fila, John Poole, Janet Keisler, Twink Monrad, Donovan Wagner, Ted Rupp, Bette Mehlhoff.

Treasurer's Report – Mark Davidson – Budget figures are confidential, but can be made available to members on request. There were no major budget items in February.

Membership – Janet Keisler – 340 renewals to date; 136 former or lapsed members have been contacted to urge them to renew for 2024.

Field Trips – A field trip is planned for March 30 to the Spectrum mine for amethyst and quartz. There is a charge of \$30 which covers access for a year to the site. There was a discussion regarding reimbursement of gasoline for travel while scouting promising rockhound sites.

LAB REPORTS

Saw Room – There is a water leak in the saw room.

Cab Lab – Donovan Wagner – all okay

Faceting Lab – Dave Richardson – The water supply is being re-done.

All equipment is in good working order.

Silver Lab – John Poole – Everything is okay.

Casting Lab – Chuck Lundstrom – No report.

Refreshments – Wayne Klement.

Web updates – Brian and David will investigate using credit cards for membership renewal.

County Fair signups – very little signup activity so far.

Future board meetings will be held at 6 pm Tuesdays rather than 5:30.

Members should be reminded to pick up their jewelry items now that the TGMS show is over.

There are water leaks in the sawroom and the main water valve. A plumber will be brought in to repair them. Stanchions will be installed to prevent cars from damaging the water valves.

The phone in the meeting building is intermittent. Wired phones will be replaced with Bluetooth handsets. MOTION to buy a set of four Bluetooth phones, PASSED.

Donovan will talk to T Mobile about a quote for an internet hub plus main phone line.

A computer was stolen from an unlocked car in the parking lot. We will confirm that automatic lighting is working. The parking lot lights should be on whenever there are people there in the evening.

Meeting adjourned 6:30 pm.

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OPLC MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

MEMBERSHIP RATES FOR NEW MEMBERS

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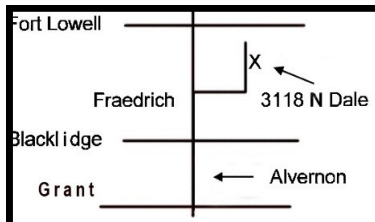
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The Business Meetings are held on the 2nd Saturday of each month except for December. A pre-meeting social hour is at 8:00 a.m., followed by an educational program, and ends with the monthly meeting. Visitors are most welcome.