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Please join us May 13, 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

Hope everyone is doing well. Temperatures are rising so stay cool out there.

This is the last week for the Pima County Fair and so far have been getting a lot of interest. So hopefully we will see a lot of new faces in May's general meeting. Volunteering for the fair is a lot of fun in meeting new people and showing off what we do best. Hoping next year we have more interest in volunteering for the fair and the Tucson Gem and Mineral Society Gem Show.



Next board meeting is on 05/02/23 at 5:30 pm. All members are welcome to come to the meeting.

Next general monthly meeting is on 05/13/23 social hour 8:00 am to 9:00 am. Speaker from 9:00 am to 9:45ish and meeting at 10:00 am. Raffle follows after the meeting.

Hope to see most of you at the meeting and until then stay safe and healthy.

Victoria Fila

OPLC President

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Roger Bell

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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:

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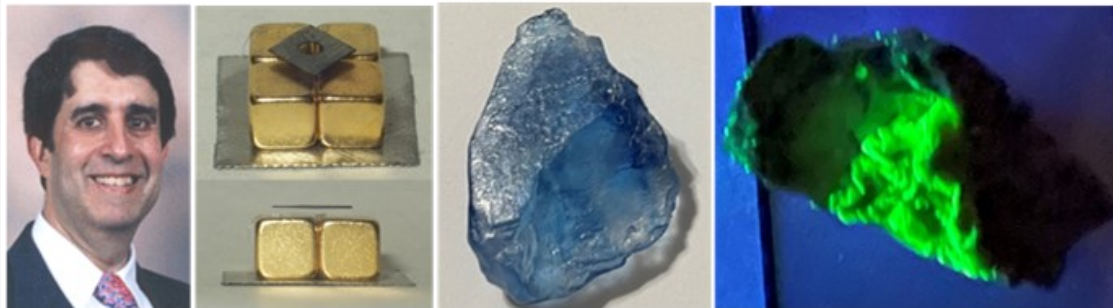
Carl Bowlby - display cases, agates, geodes.

Elizabeth & Frank Amigo - Jade, slabs, grinder, rough, misc tools.

Ted Rupp - thunder eggs.

May 13, 2023 OPLC speaker - Dr. Art Friedman

Minerals & Gems with Unusual Physical & Chemical Properties Part II



We are in for a great treat for our May 13, 2023, OPLC monthly meeting, as our very own member, Dr. Art Friedman, will give Part II on his **Minerals & Gems with Unusual Physical & Chemical Properties** presentation. Art gave his Part 1 presentation exactly one year ago.

While the previous talk centered on unusual optical properties, this lecture will focus on some of the more unusual aspects of mineralogy such as color center formation, piezo- and thermoelectric effects, magnetism and radioactivity. These effects will be illustrated using specimens from his personal collection, acquired over a 62-year period.

Dr. Art Friedman is a native of Philadelphia, PA, and received a B.S. degree in biological sciences and an M.S. degree in biochemistry from Drexel Institute of Technology. Following 35 years of employment as a research and development scientist and manager with 16 U.S. Patents and 20 publications, he left industry and taught general chemistry, biochemistry, instrumental analysis and organic chemistry at the college level. Prior to retirement, Art also spent 12 years teaching AP biology, AP chemistry and honors physics at several Chicago-area high schools.

Dr. Friedman promises this to be an exciting presentation, as he will demonstrate some little used tests which anyone can do at home that can aid in the identification of mineral specimens and gemstones.

We look forward to this unique presentation, Helen Serras-Herman, OPLC Program Chair

OPLC SPEAKERS FORECAST 2023

Here is the latest list for our upcoming speakers.

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 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

MINUTES OF OPLC MEMBERSHIP MEETING - APRIL 8, 2023, 9:00 AM

William Penrose, Secretary, wrp0143@comcast.net

The meeting was brought to order at 9 am. A quorum was present. The meeting was chaired by Dave Richardson

The presentation was given by Mark Candee, University of Arizona Geosciences, with a hands-on presentation of "Arizona Gemstones."

The minutes of the Marh 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 332 members. Several new members introduced themselves.

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.

Field Trips – Nine members accompanied Paul Hardenberg to Round Mountain in March. A large amount of chalcedony was recovered. There are no field trip plans for April.

Shows – Jewelry for display should be given to Dave Richardson or David Schulte before April 17. Label exhibit items and take a photograph of them first.

Rocky Mountain Federation – convention will be in Casper, WY. A prior meeting will be held in Phoenix April 15. Six representatives can go from OPLC.

Tailgate Sales - A proposal has been made to eliminate presentations on the day of the tailgate sales. This was vigorously opposed by several members and will be reconsidered at the next meeting of the board. An alternative suggestion was to eliminate the raffle at the meeting where a tailgate sale is being held, since having the raffle and sale at the same time seems to generate confusion.

The raffle brought in \$197.00.

The door prize was won by "Bobbie O".

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am.

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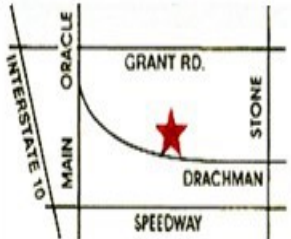
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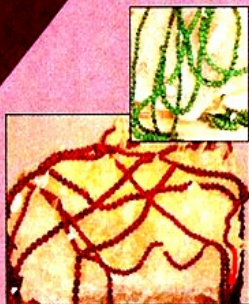
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Thursday 8am-12pm Betty Mehloff (253) 208-7460
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Friday **No Labs currently scheduled.**

Saturday **2nd and 3rd Saturdays** Victoria Fila (520) 664-0302
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Sunday 10am-3pm Giac D'Acquisto (520) 444-4143

Faceting

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

Wednesday Lab is closed for 4 weeks

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

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Wednesday 4pm to 7pm Chuck Lundstrom (520) 241-9262

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PIMA COUNT FAIR WRAP-UP - - Dave Richardson

The Pima County Fair was April 20 - April 30. We were setup in the Old Pueblo Conference Building along with other hobbies. We displayed many types of work done at the Old Pueblo Lapidary Club along with several rock displays. The club demonstrated cabbing, faceting, wax carving, and the sphere machine. Kids were given a free tumbled rock. The hobby building generally has low attendance and this year was no exception but there was some interest shown by the observers.

The displays were from David Schulte, Victoria Fila, Danny Harnsman, Dan Satterfield, Jerry Glazman, Jean Barkley, Bill Penrose, Chuck Lundstrom, Wendy Huber, Twink Monrad, and Dave Richardson.

The volunteers that manned the booth were: Sharron Wilcox, Jerry Glazman, Wendy Huber, Jean Barkley, Sam Wyatt, Victoria Fila, Chuck Lundstrom, Tim Seppanen, Dan Satterfield, Royce Birnbaum, David Schulte, Jane Morris, and Dave Richardson with the setup and takedown done by Dave Richardson and David Schulte



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Pima County Fair Wrap-Up Cont'd.....



Minutes of May 1, 2023 OPLC Board Meeting

5.30 pm, W Penrose, wrp0143@comcast.net

Present: Victoria Fila presiding, Dave Richardson, Mark Davidson, Bill Penrose, David Schulte, Poole, Janet Keisler, Mark Gibson, Twink Monrad, Mike Tucker, Ted Rupp, Chuck Lundstrom, B Peterson.

Treasurer's Report – Mark Davidson - The club is in healthy financial shape as of April 30. The b is at 26%.

Membership – Janet Keisler - 343 members in good standing by meeting date

Field Trips – None scheduled.

Lab Reports

Cab Lab – No report.

Faceting Lab – Dave Richardson – one machine repaired. A new motor and controller were needed. A new bearing might be needed.

Silver Lab – John Poole - A class has just wound up. Two volunteers have come forward to pain silver lab during the week of May 15. The silver lab will be closed for that week, Monday to Sunday.

Casting Lab – Chuck Lundstrom - ready for operations with new equipment and layout.

Saw Room – Four barrels of waste must be disposed of. The bid range is \$2000 to \$4000, which is not in the saw room budget or in related line items. MOTION: To seek approval from the membership to use up to \$4000 from general funds for waste disposal. PASSED by show of hands.

After a member incident, a sign will be posted at the saw room drop off indicating that the club will not be responsible for rocks that break or are damaged during handling by saw room staff.

Refreshments – Wayne was not present. The board hoped he would be willing to do it again.

Pima County Fair – Dave Richardson suggested that the club gains little benefit from involvement in the Fair. He suggested that we stop participating and perhaps look for other venues for public display.

Meeting format – After much confusion among presentations, raffle, and tailgate sale at March and October meetings, a MOTION was made that Tailgate Sales will be held on the third Saturday of March and September, with a \$10 entrance fee. PASSED by show of hands.

John Poole suggested that Danny Harmsen be allowed unlimited use of the cab lab in return for his past and present contributions to the club. MOTION PASSED by show of hands.

Mark Davidson suggested that we need to send a proxy vote to RMFMS so they can have a quorum at the next meeting.

Board meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm.

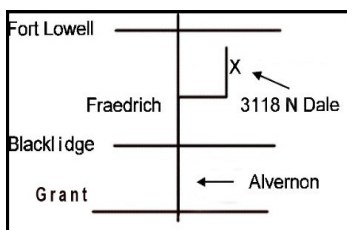
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