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Please join us October 14, 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 25<sup>th</sup> of each month. Thanks!

**THE PREZ SEZ** ..... by Victoria Fila, President

Hello everyone

Looks like we are going to start getting into fall weather. It's about time.

Not much to report out this week other than upcoming field trips.

10/22/23 Round mountain I will be the trip lead. Sign up and waivers will be at the October meeting on 10/14/23. And meeting place and time.

Still waiting on Rowley mine to call back to set up a date and time.

Everything at the club is going well.

See you all at the meeting

Victoria Fila

OPLC President



**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**



JoAnnah Bartos

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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:**

Diane Hammond - specimens(copper minerals, quartz crystals, pyrite, calcite, etc..), assorted rough, display towers.

Alan Romey - Brazilian agate, Petrified wood, thunder eggs, polishing compounds.

Jim Turner - California jade and agate.

Ted Rupp - opalized wood and agate.

Jerry Foley - polishing compounds, tools, greek leather, hard hat, water pumps.

Mystery donor(name unreadable) - specimens, slabs.

## October 14, 2023 OPLC speaker – Brenda Reichel

### The Crown Jewels of Hawai'i and the jewelry of the Kingdom



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Brenda with Helen at AGTA 2022, Photo courtesy HSH

We are in for a super-special treat for our October 14, 2023, OPLC monthly meeting, with Brenda Reichel coming all the way from Hawaii to speak to us about **The Crown Jewels of Hawai'i and the jewelry of the Kingdom.**

The Crown Jewels of the Hawaiian Kingdom are the only crowns in the United States. The crowns are on display in Iolani Palace. They were made in England, but there is a mystery as to who made them. There are stories that surround the gems and the crowns.

Brenda is a Graduate Gemologist, G.G. from the GIA. She has been in the jewelry business with her company, Carats and Karats, for over 36 years, as a full service jeweler and personal property appraiser in Honolulu, Hawaii. She became nationally known when she identified the John Schmitt's missing 1968, Super Bowl III ring. She does custom designs, estates, collectibles, art, and all types of jewelry services, and sells pearls, colored stones, diamonds, Hawaiian jewelry and more.

Brenda has worked with the Bishop Museum, Iolani Palace, Honolulu Museum of Art, Hawai'i State Archives, and Lodge Le Progres De l'Océanie. She has appraised items from the Monarchy of the Kingdom of Hawai'i, the Crown Jewels, Masonic Tools of King David Kalakaua, John Dominis, Princess Bernice Pauahi Bishop, Queen Kapiolani, Queen Lili'uokalani, and Princess Abigail Kekaulike Kawanakoa.

The Ni'i'hau Cultural Heritage Foundation recognizes Brenda Reichel as a qualified appraiser of Ni'i'hau Shell lei. Brenda has lectured in London, Edinburgh, and to the GIA Alumni Association Chapters, Appraisers International Society, NAJA, ASA, ISA, and Saint Andrew Society of Hawai'i. Brenda has taught the Gemologist course at the Honolulu Museum of Art.

Brenda has sponsored Miss Hawaii, Miss America and Miss Hawai'i (USA) scholarship pageants, and has hosted her own talk show radio called GemNews. Please visit her website at [www.caratsandkarats.com](http://www.caratsandkarats.com) .

Please make sure you don't miss this great speaker, Helen Serras-Herman, OPLC Program chair.

Minutes of OPLC Membership Meeting  
September 9, 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 Claire Scragg, *FGA, DGA, GG*: "The Multi-faceted world of Diamonds", covering the natural origin of diamonds and the many characteristics that affect their beauty and value.

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

Treasurer Report – Mark Davidson was absent – There were no large or unscheduled expenses. Exact figures are not published here, but are available to members on request.

Membership report – Janet Keisler - Current count was 402 members. New members introduced themselves.

Library Report – Bill Cascio – The library is open and available to members during member meetings or on special request.

Field Trips – Victoria Fila – Rose Cruz is organizing a field trip to the Dobell Ranch site near Holbrook on September 30. Approximate prices are \$50 for a five gallon bucket of material. Participants should travel to the area the day before; the Days Inn is recommended. Bring your own water and food. Sign up in the kitchen or contact Rose Cruz. A waiver must be signed before the trip and will be collected on site.

The tailgate sale will be held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday, September 16. Vendors can set up at 7:30 am and the sale will run from 8:00 to 12:00. Vendors will be asked for a minimum donation of \$10.

Saw Room – Mark Gibson - Waste oil has been removed at a cost about one-quarter of other proposals and the new oil recycling system is in place.

A new pricing schedule has been set up to reflect the amount of work from volunteers and the ongoing cost of saw blades and maintenance. The schedule will be posted at different places in the lab and meeting buildings.

Nominating Committee – Consists of David Schulte, Twink Monrad, and Bill Penrose. Nominations for the Board are still to be completed.

Volunteer help will be need for the Silent Auction, held in early November. People are need for preparing and conducting the auction, as well as food service. Contact Danny Harmsen.

Raffle income was \$196. The door prize was won by Dick Boudreau.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 am.

A new casting lab session will begin on Thursdays from 9 am to 1, with Mark Dragoslovich John Poole urged people interested in a silver class to sign up now.

The door prize was won by Jean Downes.

Raffle income was \$232.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 am.

## OPLC SPEAKERS FORECAST 2023 - 2024

Here is the latest list for our upcoming speakers.

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

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

December 9, 2023 – Holiday Party, no speaker

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January 13, 2024, Christine & Scott Logan, Turquoise History

March 9, 2024 .....

April 13, 2024 Dr. Art Friedman, Unusual Gemstones - Minerals with Unusual Chemistry and/or Physical Properties, which make Faceting Difficult

May 11, 2024.....

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

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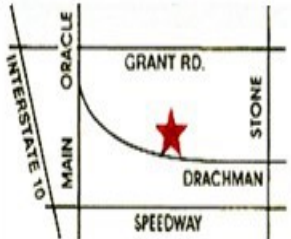
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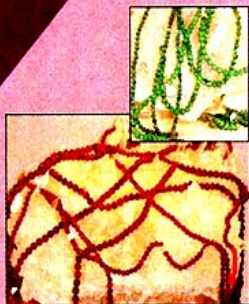
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6pm-9pm Donovan Wagner (520) 869-2050

**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~~ Closed till October.  
6pm-9pm Brian Peterson (520) 449-2660

**Wednesday** 5pm-8pm Keith Haubert (520) 784- 8283

**Thursday** 7am-11pm Betty Mehloff (253) 208-7460  
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**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  
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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

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**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

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Minutes of October 3, 2023 OPLC Board Meeting  
5.30 pm, W Penrose, [wrp0143@comcast.net](mailto:wrp0143@comcast.net)

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

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 August. **Many checks written to OPLC have major error or can't be cashed – An announcement must be made to write checks in blue or black ink only and to check for errors.** The faceting fund for scholarships for juniors is not spent because we have no junior members interested in faceting. The money will be kept on deposit pending an opportunity to make an award in future.

Membership – Janet Keisler – 403 as of this report, plus one unprocessed application.

Field Trips –The Dobell Ranch trip was successful, and everyone collected good material. Victoria is organizing a trip to Round Mountain for Sunday, October 22.

#### Lab Reports

Cab Lab – Donovan Wagner - Wheels are in stock, but it's not time to change them due to reduced lab use and improved care of machines by members.

Faceting Lab – Dave Richardson – The water line is installed but not ready to use due to a damaged valve. The parts needed by Ultratech were sent free. Dave R will write a letter of thanks to the company. Faceter's Guild will use the lab Jan 30-31 and pay for it. Hob Nob will be the Thursday to Saturday.

Silver Lab – John Poole – Everything is okay. More members have been trained and are attending daytime sessions.

Casting Lab – Chuck Lundstrom – No report.

Saw Room – Two saw blades were received damaged and must be returned.

Refreshments – Wayne Klement.

Nominating Committee – David Schulte - The ballot has been prepared and proofed. It will be published in both the November and December newsletters. Committee recommendations are:

Executive - President: David Schulte;  
Vice President: Dave Richardson;  
Treasurer: Mark Davidson;  
Secretary: Bill Penrose.  
Board –Victoria Fila, Ted Rupp, Wayne Klement.

New business – Janet wants to send an email to nonrenewing members asking them why they didn't renew. Agreed.

Fence repairs – David Schulte got a bid from Biff Baker for about \$1900, too high for the small amount of work. More bids will be solicited.

Board meeting adjourned at 6:15 pm.

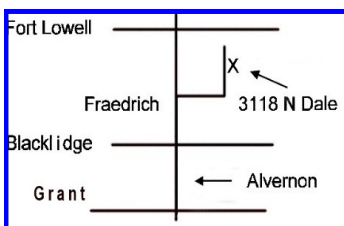
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