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Please join us
September 9, 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

Temps still seem high and a bit muggy outside.

My surgery went well and I started to put some weight on the ankle and tolerated it for a short period of time. I will be in for the meeting on Saturday. I will have to close the Cab lab for classes and lab use for 9/2/23 and 9/9/23. Will be back open for 10/7/23 and 10/14/23.

For October's field trip still waiting on word for October. Will be coming up with plan B, the date will be 10/28/23. If anyone has a great spot for a group field trip please send me a text to 520- 664-0302.

Our tailgate sale is just around the corner on 9/16/23. If you are wanting to set up please contact John Poole @ 520-777-5588. Remember buying is open to the public so spread the word.

Everything is running smoothly at the club so not much to report out.

Hope to see everyone at the meeting on 09/09/23 until then stay safe and cool.

Victoria Fila

OPLC President



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Anthony Espericueta Dante Moreno
Becca Hunsaker Brian Mullin

Albert Price
Lisa Wissinger

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 - Arbor, slabs, turquoise, saw, rough,

Ted Rupp - slabs, jasper,

Chuck Lundstrom - 3-D Printer System

Alan Romey - geodes, thundereggs, rough

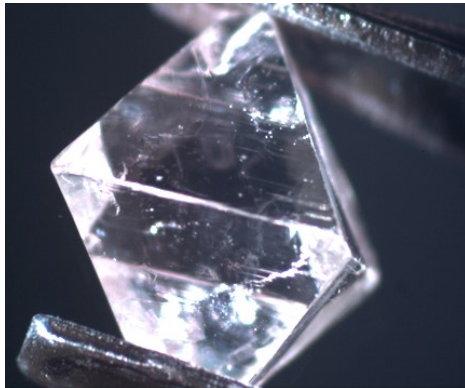
Tom & Sandy Niederriter - sandstone fish imprints, rock picture framed

Mark Gibson - poly arbor w/ 80 & 220 diamond wheels

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JULY 9, 2023 OPLC SPEAKER – CLAIRE SCRAGG

The Multi-faceted World of Diamonds



Claire Scragg, and diamond crystal, photos courtesy Claire Scragg;

Helen and Claire, TGMS Show 2017, courtesy HSH

We are in for a special treat for our September 9, 2023, OPLC monthly meeting, with **Claire Scragg** FGA DGA GIA GG, presenting **The Multi-faceted World of Diamonds**. We want to welcome Claire into our OPLC speakers' circuit, and hope to host her again in the future, as she just made Tucson her new home.

Claire invites you to join her to explore the journey of a diamond - from its geological beginning deep in the earth's mantle to its final 'brilliant' cut. Subject areas include rough diamonds, diamond grading, common diamond treatments and synthetic (lab created) diamonds.

Claire Scragg comes with an incredible depth of knowledge. She began her journey with gems and jewelry in the 1990s working in a family-owned retail jewelers store in Great Britain. Over that time, her fascination and love of gemstones grew into a passion which brought her to full-time study with the Gemological Association of Great Britain (Gem-A), whose headquarters are in London's jewelry district of Hatton Garden.

Claire joined Gem-A as a full-time instructor in 2004 in London. In addition to maintaining a busy teaching schedule, in London and at overseas conferences and seminars, Claire has written articles for gem and jewelry trade publications in the UK and USA. Claire moved to the USA in 2017 working with Gem-A and JTV to establish the first 'in-person' gemological teaching center for Gem-A's gemological programs here in the USA.

Claire's passion and enthusiasm for gemstones, minerals, and gemology education have also taken her on gemological adventures around the world. She has travelled to the gemstone mines of Europe, USA, East Africa, Brazil, Madagascar, and Sri-Lanka, but her home and happy place is now here in Tucson working as a freelance Gemologist and volunteering as a Docent at the UA Alfie Norville Gem and Mineral museum.

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

Minutes of OPLC Membership Meeting
August 12, 2023, 9:00 AM at OPLC

Thanks to Chris Osterman for his presentation "Mining in Saudia Arabia".

Thanks to Wayne Klement for supplying the social hour goodies.

Motion to approve last month's meeting was approved.

Treasurer Mark Davidson reported that the treasury is in good standing.

Janet Keisler reported club has 395 members.

Bill Cascio reported the library is open.

Field Trips: No field trip scheduled for August and September due to the temperature. Victoria is working with Railey Mine for a possible trip on either 3rd or 4th Saturday in October. If it materializes an announcement will be sent out. Emery is lobbying with the tribal council for us to have a trip to his mine in San Carlos. No idea when or if this will happen.

Rocky Mountain Federation convention was held in Casper Wyoming. We were represented by proxy.

Payson club has a convention scheduled Sept. 14 - 17 .

We have a Tailgate Sale scheduled for the 3rd Saturday in September (9/16/2023). Members can set up tables for a donation of \$10. The sale is open to the public.

Our Silent Auction will be held on the 1st Saturday of November (11/4/2023) and is open to the public.

Members voted to adjourn the meeting.

Door prize was won by Warren Weimer.

Raffle brought in \$189.

Meeting minutes recorded by Dave Richardson for Bill Penrose,. Secretary.

OPLC SPEAKERS FORECAST 2023 - 2024

Here is the latest list for our upcoming speakers.

September 9, 2023, Claire Scragg – The Multi-faceted world of Diamonds

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

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

December 9, 2023 – Holiday Party, no speaker

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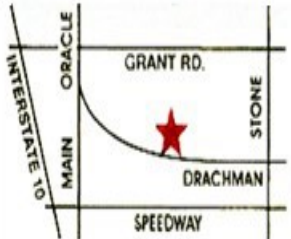
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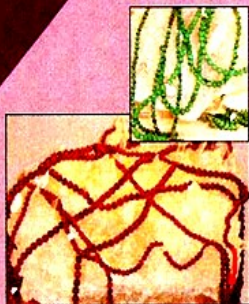
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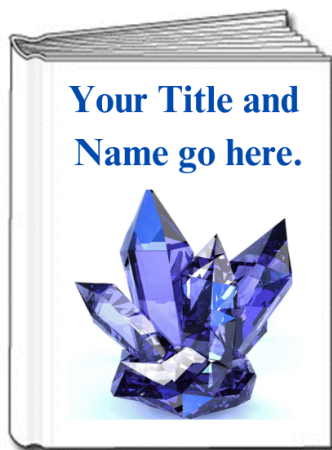
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6pm-9pm Donovan Wagner (520) 869-2050

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~~3:30-6pm Margarete Harris (520) 561-2315~~ Closed till October.
6pm-9pm Brian Peterson (520) 449-2660

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Friday **No Labs currently scheduled.**

Saturday **1st and 2nd Saturdays** Victoria Fila (520) 664-0302
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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

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Friday 10am-3pm Giac D'Acquisto (520) 444-4143

Saturday 9am-12pm David Schulte (520) 945-8554

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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

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Tuesday 2nd & 4th 8am-12pm Liz Williams (818) 300 - 5262

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I was very pleasantly surprised, honored and thrilled to receive a **2nd Place Award in Jewelry Class**, being one of 24 jewelry artists – the most populated category of the show. The awards are always given out during the artist's dinner reception on Friday night. Three judges went around the show floor looking at everyone's art.



Thank you so much!!

MINUTES OF AUGUST 29, 2023 OPLC BOARD MEETING

5.30 pm, W Penrose, wrp0143@comcast.net

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

Treasurer's Report – Mark Davidson – August report will be available after August 31. Budget figures are confidential but can be made available to members on request. There were no major budget items in August.

Membership – Janet Keisler – 398 as of this report, plus one unprocessed application.

Field Trips – Sue and Alan Robertson are organizing a trip to the Dobell Ranch collection area near Holbrook on the last weekend of September. Hotel accommodations are to be arranged. A signup sheet will be available at the membership meeting on September 9.

Lab Reports

Cab Lab – Minimal report. New wheels are to be installed.

Faceting Lab – Dave Richardson – A piped-in water supply will be installed to supply each machine. Estimated cost less than \$500, probably within the Faceting Lab assigned budget.

A bid is being prepared for parts for an Ultratech faceting machine.

Silver Lab – John Poole – The most recent Tuesday class has just ended. Bill Cascio has closed the Thursday evening class and will be monitoring Wednesday mornings 9 to 12.

Casting Lab – Chuck Lundstrom – No report.

Saw Room – The saw room waste has finally been removed. A new price sheet has been developed to reflect the actual cost of the saw service. Also, a limit has been set on the size and number of cuts for a given job.

Refreshments – Wayne Klement.

Nominating Committee – David Schulte, chairman, Twink Monrad and Bill Penrose.

The slate, as developed at this meeting was:

Executive - President: David Schulte;

Vice President: Dave Richardson;

Treasurer: Mark Davidson;

Secretary: Bill Penrose.

Board – Mike Tucker, Victoria Fila, Ted Rupp, Wayne Klement.

New Business – A hole has been cut in the fence behind the silver shop, apparently for theft of electricity. The east side fence was broken during the recent storm. Biff Baker will be asked to bid on repairs. (David Schulte)

Board meeting adjourned at 6:15 pm.

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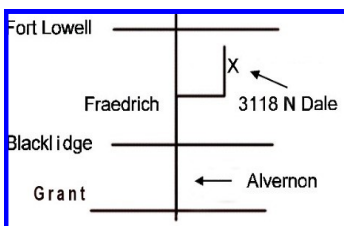
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