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Please join us on
April 14th for the next
meeting. Optional social
hour begins at 8:00 AM,
followed by the monthly
meeting at 9:00 AM.



Articles or news to be included in the *Cutting Remarks* should be emailed to your Editor, Wayne Klement (wayneklem@aol.com), or feel free to call him at 520-954-6298. Submission deadline is the 25th of each month. Thanks!

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THE PREZ SEZ by Dave Witwer, Vice President



Since our president, Ron Davidson, is still in the hospital, I will be writing this month's "Prez Sez". I last spoke with Ron on Thursday, 22 March. He's doing well and will be leaving the hospital on 18 April after completing his course of antibiotics. He's hoping to return to the club in time for the May meeting and wants to thank all those who have volunteered to take over his club duties during his absence. If anybody would like to contact him, he's in room 157 at

the VA hospital and his phone extension number is 5272.

Can you imagine this? A few members actually thought it would be more fun to go to the Deming Gem & Mineral Show and field trips than attend the monthly meeting. They reportedly had a good time and, in addition to the show field trips, they successfully explored a new area. Maybe they did have more fun after all!

The County Fair in April is rapidly approaching and volun-

teers are needed to man the OPLC booth. If you're able to volunteer some of your time, please contact Merlyn Hiller.

All for this month. Please keep Ron Davidson in your thoughts.

Thank you.

Your Vice President,
Dave Witwer



Another illness to report. Rosie Page has been battling an eye problem that has resulted in several surgeries with a potential for more. She has asked that her responsibilities as Chairperson for Advertising be passed on to someone who can devote the time needed to do a proper job. If anyone is interested, please contact Wayne Klement (954-6298), who will be filling in for her during her absence and let him know that you would be interested. Rosie, thank you for the excellent job you have done in the past and we wish you a speedy recovery.

MONTHLY MEETING PRESENTORS

Talk about being organized, no pun intended, the talks for the next few months will be:

APRIL

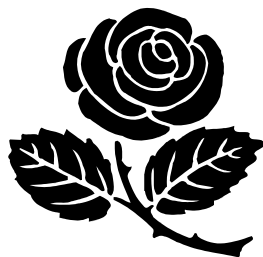
Chuck Lundstrom will present almost everything you would want to know about casting.

MAY

Constance Jane Harmon - Constance will do a presentation on beading.

JUNE

Dick Zimmerman from the Arizona Mining and Mineral Museum will talk about the history of the museum, interior and exterior displays, and what projects are underway for the future.



We are sorry to report that long-time Club member, Richard (Dick) Zell, passed away on March 4th. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Rose Zell. Many club members will remember him for his love of lapidary, but Dick was also an avid ballroom dancer, golfer and enjoyed traveling. Dick will be missed by his family and his many friends. Over 100 people attended the remembrance service held on March 11th.

MARCH BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

By Maribeth Terry

The March meeting minutes were not made available at press time. Look for them in the May issue of **Cutting Remarks**.



Pima County Fair Booth

This Year, the Pima County Fair is April 19 (Thursday) through April 29 (Sunday). We have a space in the Old Pueblo Building with a display case and table. We will be demonstrating faceting, cabbing, silversmithing, and any other aspect of lapidary endeavors. Anyone having items which can be displayed as a part of our demo, can.

Contact Murray Hiller at 296 4469 (e-mail: merlynhiller@cox.net). We will have a locked display case for the items on display. I would like to thank all who have so graciously volunteered their services to man the booth. The entry and parking tickets will be distributed at the monthly meeting on April 14. Anyone who has volunteered, and will not be at that meeting please contact me to get their tickets. Hours for the event will be 10:00 AM thru 6:00 PM. Entrance and parking will be at the main parking area, entrance off Houghton Road. Setup for the event will be at 9:00 AM on April 18th. Anyone wishing to volunteer their help at the setup may contact me at the above phone number or e-mail address.

Thank you,

Murray Hiller

CZ or Diamond? How can you tell?

1. Cubic Zirconia does not have the edges of a diamond.
2. A line drawn on a sheet of paper is visible through CZ but not through a diamond.
3. A CZ will be transparent if placed in water; a diamond remains visible.
4. If not sure, take it to a jeweler.

Source: Leaverite News - May 2006

THE LARGEST

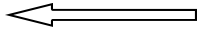
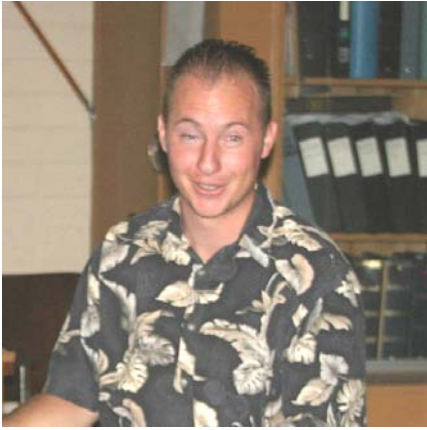
The largest known opal is a yellow-orange one of 220 troy ounces unearthed by a bulldozer at Andamooka, South Australia in January 1910.

The largest recorded stone of gem quality was a 520,000-carat (229lbs) aquamarine found near Marambals, Brazil, in 1910. It yielded over 200,000 carats of gem quality stones.

The largest lump gold ever found was in the Holterman Reef, New South Wales, Australia in 1972. It weighed 7,560 ounces.

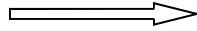
The largest pearl weighs 14 pounds, 1 ounce. It is 9-1/2 inches long by 5-1/2 inches in diameter. It was found in Palawan, Philippines, on May 7, 1934, inside the shell of a giant clam.

Source: Rock Chips February 2007



Ryan Dewitt was the presenter at the March meeting and gave an extremely interesting and enthusiastic talk about rock hounding in Arizona.

Thank you Ryan.



This is what makes a great Club. Frank Gonzales noticed that the floor needed sweeping and rather than tell someone about it, he took the initiative to grab a broom and do it himself. Thanks Frank!

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- **Kent's Tools** - 10%
- **Tucson Mineral & Gem World** - 10%

DON'T FORGET

Please don't forget to bring in **YOUR** aluminum cans to the Club for recycling. Your contribution would be greatly appreciated to help add \$'s to the Club's treasury.

Thanks! !

MEMBERSHIP NOTE

Due to the significant increase in the price of name badges, it has become necessary to charge \$3.00 for members that need a replacement badge.



ADVANCED FACETOR'S CORNER

The answer to the March question of the month: Explain cleavage (as it pertains to cut stones).

The answer: Cleavage - a natural plane of breaking.

APRIL QUESTION OF THE MONTH

What is the difference between toughness and hardness?



MONTHLY JEWELRY CONTESTS

In order for members to better plan for future monthly contests, here is the schedule for each category by month:

October - Pendent	January - Bolo Tie	April - Necklace	July - Charm
November - Bracelet	February - Earrings	May - Brooch	August - Faceted Stone
December - Ring	March - Belt Buckle	June - Cabachon	September - Chain

Each issue of the newsletter will print a reminder for the next month's contest.

NOTE:: Winner of the belt buckle contest for March was Dave Witwer - congratulations Dave!

CLASSES IN SESSION AT OPLC

CASTING 101 TAUGHT BY CHUCK LUNDSTROM.....



Chuck Lundstrom -
teaching by example



Brian Nikkari attending to
some detail work



Barbara Lundstrom &
Larry Cox concentrating

AND ANOTHER FACETING CLASS BEING TAUGHT BY EARL ZOELLER



(l-r) Earl Zoeller
showing the fine
art of dopping a
stone, observing
are Chuck
Lundstrom
(student this
time) and Skip
Barkely taking
mental notes on
'how to'.

Murphy's Other Law

- Light travels faster than sound. That is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.
- If you line up all the cars in the world, end to end, someone would be stupid enough to try to pass them, five or six at a time on a hill, in the fog.
- The 50-50-90 rule. Anytime you have a 50-50 chance of getting something right, there's a 90% probability you'll get it wrong.

Source: *Gulfport Gems* - Dec. 2006

AND THIS MONTH WE HAVE A DONOR'S PAGE

Murray Hiller (l) standing next to Mike Davis, owner of DAH ROCK SHOP, who so generously



donated what you see in the foreground. Several members met early one Saturday morning, and catalogued (and priced) it all for the up coming Silent Auction. The Silent Auction is held each year the 1st Saturday of November. All of the items are too numerous to list but some include: gem stone tumblers with 8 extra barrels, polishing and tumbling grits, large bench vise, 21 small vises, new 1/3 HP motor, Lortone lap cabinet, tack welder, bead boards and materials, numerous grinding wheels, Vigor vibrator tumbler, flat lap unit, polishing pads and wheels, punch dapping tools, rock saw blade, soldering iron set, and much, much more.

So, if you'd like to take a look at some of these items, come to the Club on the day of the Silent

Auction in November. You are sure to find something that you desperately need to round out your compliment of tools or supplies.

Thank you Mike!

HONORARY MENTION - MEMBER DONATIONS

BILL CARMODY

Bill, in pursuing resolving the Club's plumbing issues, took it upon himself to pay for the line cleaning of the waste water for the Lab which amounted to over \$100.

GRETCHEN ARNAIZ

Gretchen donated a mechanized 8" trim saw for use by the club. It looks like it's brand new.



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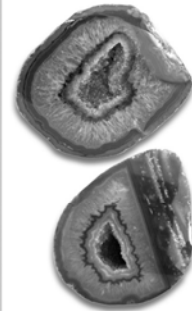
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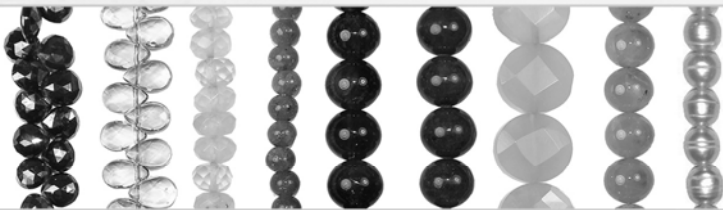


Metaphysical Tools

Pendants



Beads



Key Chains



Area Map

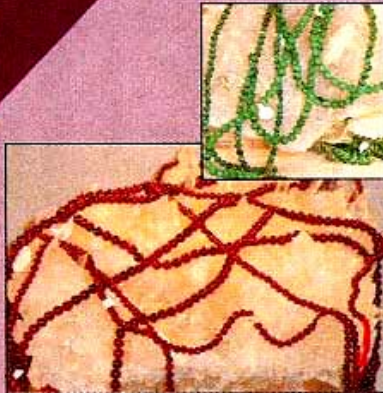
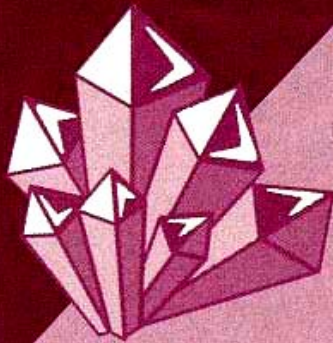


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Contact Lou Akerman 290-6968

Mondays 6 - 9 PM

Beginning Faceting - Class fee charged.

Contact Earl Zoeller 886-3518

Beginning Cabbing - Class fee charged.

Contact Billy Bob Riley 408-3074

Tuesdays 9 AM – Noon

Open Shop. Fee charged. Beginners welcome. Tools and equipment available.

Monitor – Ron Davidson 749-3157

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Tuesdays 6 - 9 PM

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Contact Billy Bob Riley 408-3074

Wednesdays 6 - 9PM

Beginning Casting - Class fee charged.

Contact Chuck Lundstrom 577-6446

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Contact Dan Harmsen 721-8452

Fridays 6 - 9 PM

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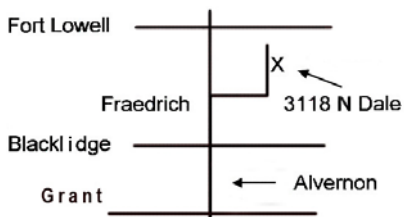
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The Business Meetings are held on the 2nd Saturday of each month which starts at 9:00 a.m. A pre-meeting social hour is at 8:00 a.m. for those that are interested. Visitors are welcome.