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Please join us **April 14th** at 9AM for the monthly meeting. There is an optional social hour that begins at 8AM. Visitors are always welcome.



Articles or news to be included in the *Cutting Remarks* should be emailed to your Editor, Mike DeMeritt (silverlininggemstones@gmail.com), or feel free to call him at 520-203-8430 or (520) 240-5133. Submission deadline is the 20th of each month. Thanks!

THE PREZ SEZ by David Schulte



04/04/18

Spring is in the air! The best time of year in Tucson is upon us once again. The flowers are blooming and desert is coming back to life. Our business board meeting for March was held on Friday, March 2nd, 2018. Our next business board meeting will be held on Friday, April 6th in the main building at the club at 10 AM. Members are always welcome to attend if you're interested in seeing what your board is doing or you have suggested changes or improvements to the club.

My thanks go out to all of the monitors, instructors and helpers that make the club run and work and allow us all to pursue a great hobby! The county fair is just around the corner and Bob Powell is heading up the effort for our booth at his event. We have all the volunteers lined up for the event and encourage everyone to go out and check out our booth. Bob will have the sphere machine going at the fair as well and will produce another sphere during the course of the fair.

All of the wheels and belts needing replacement in the cab lab have been replaced. There are new valves on the north wall grinding wheels now so they no longer leak water. We are continuing cabbng classes in the cab lab this month and this class will be a requirement for all members to take, if they are not yet proficient with the use of the equipment in this lab, in order to work in this lab. The times the classes are offered is the first two Fridays of every month from 9-12 and the first two Monday's of every month from 6-9 PM. The cost for the class is \$45 and the sign-up sheet for the class is on the board in the main hall at the club. If you

have not worked in the lab for a while and would like to take a refresher course, please feel free to sign up.

The update to the clubs website is in work and should be in place this month with updated information for folks to have access to on line.

The liability release waiver and the "you break it, you pay for it" clauses were voted on at the last club meeting and are being incorporated into the club bylaws. An updated copy of the bylaws is available to all members, and if you are interested in seeing a copy of reading them please see any of the current board members or ask David at the next club meeting.

The club runs on volunteers and we will be looking for a new president in 2019. If you are interested in making a difference and helping to shape the future of the club, put your name in hopper and get involved. The club is also looking for a volunteer to take over the silent auction efforts in 2018 or at least be the number two person along with Tom. If anyone is interested in helping out, please contact Tom McDevitt or David Schulte.

Our speaker this month is Patti Polk and she will be giving a presentation on "Agates & Jaspers of the Southwest".

For those of you that have renewed your membership but did not sign the liability disclaimer form, you need to do so before you will be allowed to use the equipment at the club. Wayne is maintaining a listing of all those members that have paid their dues and signed the liability disclaimer form and this is being checked by the monitors in each of the labs.

David

Front Cover Pictures: Gorgeous **Diamond** crystals from around the world, April's Birthstone. Doubly-terminated clear **Quartz** crystals from Herkimer, New York, are a modern April alternative stone.

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Minutes of OPLC Club Meeting
03/10/18 – 9:00 AM at OPLC Clubhouse

The meeting opened with a presentation by Juan Miguel on the “Life and Jewelry of María Félix”, a fascinating personage from the early 20th Century. Thanks to Wendy Ballard for supplying the goodies for the breakfast this morning.

There is sad news this month. John Poole’s wife, Jayne, passed away last Saturday, March 3. Jayne was instrumental in helping John run the club for many years while he was president. There will be a Celebration of Life event at the Congregational Church at 122 Craycroft Road today starting at 2 PM. Donations may be made to any cancer research organization in lieu of flowers.

Last month’s club meeting minutes were approved by vote of the membership. A special “Thank You” was given publicly to Trevor Chilcote for coordinating the painting of the clubhouse interior

New members and visitors were introduced to the membership.

Bob Powell reported on the club’s financial status.

Wayne Klement reported that we have 231 members in good standing plus 40 who have paid their 2018 dues but have not signed the liability waiver (summarized as “you break it, you buy it”). The latter group must sign the waiver in order to use the club’s shops.

The list of speakers for general meetings for 2018 is complete, as reported by Helen Serras-Herman.

Janelle Cortwright has retired from coordinating field trips; a volunteer is requested from the membership to take over this task. We are always looking for folks to lead a field trip for the club members. A trip south of Patagonia to a red jasper collection spot is planned for March 18. Victoria Fila is organizing a trip to the peridot locations in the White Mountains on March 31. Access to this area is controlled by the tribal council and costs \$35 per person. Up to seven pounds may be collected. On April 7-8, we will be collecting petrified wood in the area of Taylor, AZ.

Silent auction status and library status – no reports.

Victoria Fila reported that we now have short-sleeved tee shirts for sale in yellow or blue, XL is the largest size available so far.

A formal class in cabbng has been reinstated, on the first two Fridays of the month (9-12 am), and the first two Mondays of the month (6 – 9 pm). The cost is \$45. New member must take this class before working in the cab lab, or demonstrate their prior experience to Mike DeMeritt, Donovan Wagner, or Dave Schulte. The cab lab will be closed to other members during this time.

After the general meeting, a tailgate sale commenced in the middle parking lot.

2018 OPLC Speakers- A Forecast Look for the rest of 2018

Kevin Lane Smith, lapidary and jewelry artist (May 12, 2018)

Jim Turner, “Turquoise Mining around Jerome” (June 9, 2018)

Scott Sucher “Faceting- Considerations for Cutting Sensitive Materials (September 8, 2018)

Nick Sacketti, “Fluorescent Minerals” (October 13, 2018)

Still working on the rest of the months.....please stay tuned!

Please do come to the meetings and enjoy these great speakers and their presentations.

Looking forward to seeing you all soon,

Helen Serras-Herman, OPLC Program chair

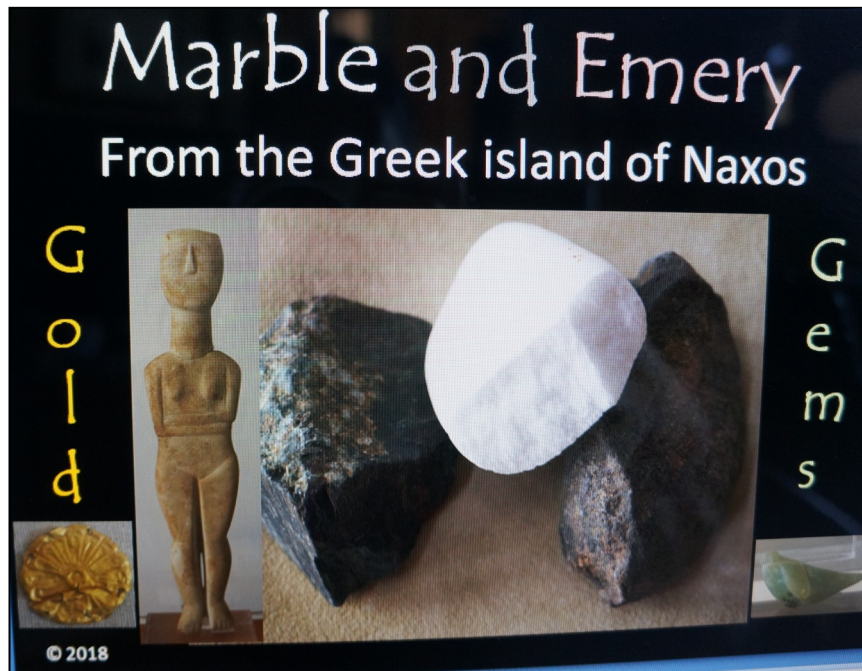
It is often said that the public doesn't appreciate art. Perhaps the public is dull, but there is just a possibility that we are also dull, and that if there were more motive, wit, human philosophy, or other evidences of interesting personality in our work, the call might be stronger!

- Robert Henri

OPLC April 14, 2018

Marble, Emery, Gold & Gems from the Greek island of Naxos

By Helen Serras-Herman



As I had to recently reschedule our previously arranged speaker for the April OPLC meeting to July and too late to arrange for another speaker, I will be giving this new presentation, which I am preparing for my upcoming East coast trip.

Marble and emery are natural rocks at almost the opposite ends of the hardness spectrum. Marble is a metamorphic soft rock that has been used over the centuries for sculptural and decorative purposes. Emery is a mixture of corundum and magnetite that has been used for thousands of years for sanding and polishing. High quality marble and emery are both found on the Greek island of Naxos, and both played a very important role in the development of the ancient Greek Cycladic Civilization, which dates back to the 4th millennium BC. The island flourished during the Late Neolithic and Early Bronze Age between 2700 and 2300 BC.

We will take a journey of the island of Naxos to see marble and emery natural specimens, gold and carved gemstones, and ancient marble artworks, at the Natural History Museum, the Geological Museum, the Temple of Demeter, two ancient marble quarry sites with unfinished giant sculptures called *kouroi*, and two Archeological Museums.

Looking forward to seeing you all there,

Helen Serras-Herman

OPLC Program Chair

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Ari Georgakopoulos

Angela Gonzales

Christopher Green

Diane Green

Tim Henderson

Rebecca Jones

In Kyong Kim

Harry Lutzow

Philip Muir

Don Richardson

Wanda Richardson

Carol Teal

Carter Thaxton-Smith

Derek Tracy

Dikki VenHelsland

Sam Wyatt

*Time is a great teacher.
Unfortunately, it kills all of its pupils.*

- Hector Berlioz



Anonymous: Rough rock and slabs

Anonymous: Rough rock, Faceting Equipment and Materials

To donate to OPLC, just contact Tom McDevitt at (520) 575-0517

OPLC CALENDAR April through June 2018 including Field Trips

Send additions to Janelle at bum140@aol.com, or 520-223-1675

April 6 – Board meeting at OPLC Clubhouse 10 AM. Members welcome to attend to observe.

April 14 – Monthly OPLC member meeting. Doors open 8am, meeting at 9am. OPLC Clubhouse.

April 19 through April 29. Pima County Fair. We have a booth there and staff it with volunteers.

May 4 – Board meeting at OPLC Clubhouse 10 AM. Members welcome to attend to observe.

May 12 – Monthly OPLC member meeting. Doors open 8am, meeting at 9am. OPLC Clubhouse.

June 1 – Board meeting at OPLC Clubhouse 10 AM. Members welcome to attend to observe.

June 9 – Monthly OPLC member meeting. Doors open 8am, meeting at 9am OPLC Clubhouse.

No field trips planned. See Victoria Fila or Janelle Cortright if interested in leading a trip.

There will be a field trip to Alpine, AZ for September 5 and 6, travel days 4th and 7th. We are staying at the Tal-Wi-Wi Lodge and one of our members has volunteered his property in nearby Nutrioso for camping.



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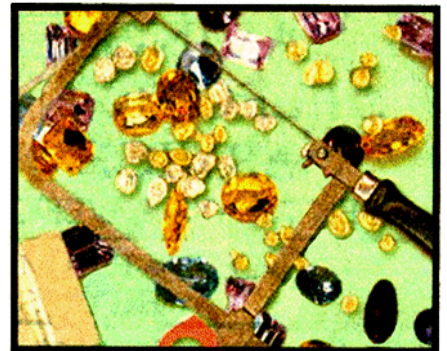
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Monitor - Mike Wendler 817-751-0622

1PM - 4PM **Silversmith Lab**

Monitor - Pat Droll 345-2792

3:30PM - 6PM **Cabbing**

Monitor - Margarette Harris 561-2315

6PM - 9PM **Faceting Open Lab**

Monitor - Earl Zoeller

6PM - 9PM **Cabbing****

Monitor - Donovan Wagner 869-2050

Tuesdays

9AM - 1PM **Cabbing***

Monitor - Mike DeMeritt 240-5133

9AM - Noon **Silversmithing Lab**

Monitor - John Poole 777-5588

1PM - 4PM **Cabbing**

Monitor - Jerry Glazman 860-689-3432

1PM - 4PM **Faceting Open Lab**

Monitor - Billy Bob Riley 225-9060

Wednesdays

9AM - Noon **Cabbing**

Monitor— Sharon Wilcox 878-8685

9AM - 1PM **Silversmithing**

Monitor - Dennis Murphy

Noon - 3PM **Rock Sawing**

Monitor - Sharon Wilcox 878-8685

6PM - 9PM **Cabbing**

Monitor - Keith Haubert 784-8283

6PM - 9PM **Silversmithing Lab**

Monitor - Bill Penrose 780-1143

Thursdays

9AM - Noon **Rock Sawing**

Monitor - Pete Petersen 886-9021

9AM - Noon **Cabbing**

Monitor - Bob Powell 403-8980

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Monitor - Giac D'Aquisto 207-6219

6PM - 9PM **Silversmithing**

Monitor - Bill Cascio 638-8144

6PM - 9PM **Cabbing**

Monitor - Tom Tuten 803-260-5423

Fridays

9AM - Noon **Cabbing****

Monitor - David Schulte 954-8554

1PM - 4PM **Silversmithing**

Monitor - Lou Ackerman

Saturdays

9:00AM - 2:00PM **Silversmithing**

Monitor - Pat Droll 345-2792

9:30AM - 2:30PM **Cabbing***

Monitor - Ron Bryan 619-495-7967

10AM - 1PM **Casting Lab**

3PM - 6PM **Casting Class**

Monitor - Ron Brooks 520-378-2592

(Casting Changes Temporary)

Sundays

9AM - Noon **Rock Sawing**

Monitor - Mark Gibson

10AM - 3PM **Silversmithing Lab**

Monitor - Giac D'Aquisto 207-6219

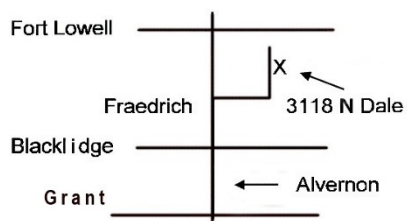
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