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Please join us April 13th at **9AM** for the monthly meeting. There is an optional social hour that begins at 8:00am followed by an educational program at 9:00am, followed by the monthly meeting. 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 520-455-5378 or (520) 240-5133. Submission deadline is the 20th of each month. Thanks!

THE PREZ SEZ by David Schulte



3/23/19

March madness is one again upon us and unfortunately our Cats will not be participating this year. Our next business board meeting will be held on Friday, April 5th in the main building at the club at 10 AM. Members are invited to attend and encouraged to participate in the board meetings and discussions.

The parts to repair the two slab saws have arrived and both slab saws are back up and running in the cab lab. We will be replacing the motor in one of the slab saws this month as it's been running hot and needs a bigger motor to avoid this. The new motor for the water saw has been ordered and we hope to have this up and running this month.

Thanks to the donation of the vacuum/heating tool donated by Bill Penrose and the hours of work he has put in in getting this tool back up and running, we now have a vacuum rock stabilization tool for the members to use. We will be training the cab lab monitors in its use and mem-

bers will be required to get certified on the use of the tool prior to using it. We'll have more details once the board meets again.

We received a Graves XL5 faceting machine and equipment and some faceted stones from one of our members last month and the board will decide if we auction off the machine or make room for it in the faceting lab. The stones will most likely be auctioned at the next silent auction this year. Thanks to all our members that have donated items to help make the club run. Please remember that we welcome any and all donations to the club AND we'll give you a tax receipt so you can claim them on your taxes. The donations are a big part of how the club runs and are used in making up the table offerings during the silent auction which is our biggest money maker every year. If you have anything dealing with lapidary that you would like to donate, we'll come and pick it up! Just let Dave Richardson know and we'll set up a time!

David

Less is only more where more is no good.

-Frank Lloyd Wright

Front Cover Pictures: April's birthstone is **Diamond**, a stone coveted by nearly all. **Titanite** (or **Sphene**) is a rare Calcium Titanium Silicate with incredible dispersion that rivals even diamond.

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PRIOR MONTH'S MEETING MINUTES... William Penrose, Secretary

OLD PUEBLO LAPIDARY CLUB

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING, March 9, 2019

Secretary, William Penrose,
wrp0143@comcast.net, 520-780-1143

The speaker at this month's meeting was our own Wolfgang Mueller, who spoke on Wulfenite and Vanadinite Localities of the Southwest, displaying many beautiful specimen photographs, some taken 40 years before, many from places that are no longer accessible. After the meeting, he auctioned off a specimen of wulfenite, with proceeds going to the club.

Refreshments for this meeting were provided by Rebecca Jones. Volunteers to supply refreshments for future meetings should contact Leia Ballard 780-8641, email: 5grandsons53@gmail.com. Up to \$40 will be reimbursed.

Minutes from last month's meeting were approved by the members by show of hands.

Item by Jerry Glazman – The Tucson Gem and Mineral Society is holding a surprise party for staffers Pat and Rose after having to cope with last-minute changes forced by Convention Center officials. The party is potluck to be held at TGMS HQ on Sunday, March 31. Jerry's number is 860-689-3432.

Membership (Jan Keisler) – We are up to 332 members in good standing, plus 11 added this morning. Five members have yet to sign the liability form. Five new members introduced themselves at the meeting.

Financial – (Pat Droll) The Club's financial assets stood at \$(number redacted) as of February 28. \$(number redacted) of that is in the form of CDs. This number reflects the approved purchase of a new 24" saw in February. The club's financial

outlook is strong.

Programs for 2019 – Helen Serras-Herman confirmed that we have a nearly full schedule of speakers for the current year.

Field trips – (Victoria Fila, phone 664-0302) An overnight trip to the Red Cloud Mine is scheduled for March 22. Members will meet at Denny's at the I-8 Exit 2 in Yuma. Overnight stay on March 21 is recommended. Another trip is planned for April 16 to Round Mountain, on the Arizona-New Mexico border. In addition, Victoria has information on non-club field trips to Courtland (between Pearce and Tombstone), fee \$25, and the Old Holland Mine, south of Patagonia, \$45.

Library (Bill Cascio) – The library is open for loans.

Trunk sale --The March meeting will be followed by a trunk sale in the north parking lot. Do not use the north lot unless you are selling.

Shiela Powell has some copies of a book written by Billy Williams, "Playing in a Big Boy's Sandbox", about the history of the mission mine where he worked for 40 years. Copies are for sale at \$60.

Facetor's Frolic and Hob Nob – Our club is well known for its faceting members and their award winning gemstones. In 2020 the Australian Facetors Guild is hosting the International Faceting Challenge. Because of our heritage of award winning gems we have been requested by the US Facetors Guild to join the USA team. The details for the completion and the web site are in this month's Cutting Remarks. You can see Dave Richardson for more details.

The Hob Nob was a great success. We made over \$500 for the club along with a very generous donation from Farooq Hashmi of \$500. Thanks to Gloria Jean Shenanaquet for all her hard work in

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April 2019 OPLC Speaker: Chuck Lundstrom



We are very fortunate to continue our New Year 2019 monthly speaker programs with another wonderful speaker, our very own OPLC member, Chuck Lundstrom, who will be our speaker for our April 13, 2019 OPLC monthly meeting.

Chuck will discuss the Art of Lost Wax casting and the offerings that are available from OPLC. Chuck's discussion will give an overview of wax carving, the tools required and the casting process.

Chuck Lundstrom joined OPLC in 2006, and began teaching Lost Wax Casting classes in October of 2006. He has taught hundreds of OPLC members. For a while last year he moved away from Tucson, but now he has returned and will be back in the OPLC wax carving workroom.

Please do not miss this presentation!

Looking forward to seeing all of you,

Helen Serras-Herman, OPLC Program Chair

OPLC Speakers Forecast, May-November 2019

Here is the latest list for our upcoming speakers.

Gregory McNamee, "Monumental Places: National Parks & Monuments in the Grand

Canyon State (May 11, 2019)

Les Presmyk, "U of A Gem & Mineral Museum" (June 8, 2019)

Stan Hart, "Origin, Age & Evolution of Earth" (September 14, 2019)

Larry Fellows, "Pompeii & Vesuvius" (October 12, 2019)

Jim Turner, "Zuni Fetishes & Carvings" (November 9, 2019)

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



Ron Bryan - 3 DVDs

Tim Henderson - Graves faceting machine, Misc. cut gems, faceting rough, misc. faceting tools

Oscar Hunsaker - 5 boxes of rough, slab and misc.

Patti Polk - Slabs and misc.

Ted Rupp- 2 bags rough and slabs

Mike Rose - Misc metal and jewelry items

To donate to OPLC, just contact Dave Richardson at (520) 245-2172.

Round Mountain Field Trip

Field trip leader Victoria Fila

Ph 520-664-0302

Date: 4/20/19

Meeting place: Travel center off of exit 20 Lordsburg NM

Meeting time: 9:00am.

Collecting : Fire agates and chalcedony are in this area. Could find geodes.

Vehicle: 4X4 as parts of the road going back to the main collecting area can be rough. Due to bad weather the field trip posse was not able to scouting the new area, but we will be going in this area for the trip anyone that wants to go further then the main collecting site can do so must have 4X4.

The new area that we are exploring offers better chances of finding fire agates.

Tools need: shovel (some areas will require digging about 2 feet to find material). Boots (hiking), plenty of water, lunch/snacks, sunscreen and hat, bug spray. Collecting buckets.

Please write down my phone number as I do not check my email on my phone.

Due to requests the trip has been changed to a Saturday date.

Alpine Field Trip

June 3,4,5,6,7 2019

Field trip to Snowflake and Alpine, AZ and day trips into New Mexico. Travel day 3 June will be with a stop in Snowflake for short stops for picture sandstone and petrified wood. Days 4,5,6 to be decided depending on weather and road conditions. Crystal and luna blue agate and carnelian/chalcedony can be found.

We're stay at Tal-Wi-Wi. Please feel free to stay elsewhere or to camp. Available places can be found online. Group dinners can be arranged, not required.

Come for one day or several. Just let me know what days you'll be interested in going out with us. Off road vehicle capability desired. Pack your lunches as we don't go back for sourcing food during the day. Leave from Bear Wallow Restaurant about 830am. Hunting sites usually an hour or more away from Alpine.

Last day 7 June will be a travel day unless I can find the apache tears location east of Safford before, then we can try that one out.

Contact: Janelle Cortright and Jerry Behn. Email: bum140@aol.com. Tel and text: 520-223-1675. No sign up sheet other than emailing me.

arranging and running it. Assisting her were Skip and Jean Barkley, Bonnie DeMeritt and daughter, Billy Bob Riley, Diane, Dave Richardson, and Pam and Michael Miele.

Bob Powell is collecting items for display at the County Fair. You can give your items to Pat Droll or John Poole for display at the fair. Bob is also still looking for a few more volunteers to man the booth at the fair. The sign-up sheets are in the kitchen area or you can see Bob. This is the last opportunity to sign up.

The Freeport McMoran Foundation matched the donated time that Tom Tuten puts in for the club to the tune of \$500. I'm not sure if the various other companies our volunteers work for have a similar program but it would be worth checking it out and seeing if we can bring some more income into the club.

Thanks to Mark Gibson for installing a new ballast for the lights in the kitchen area last month.

Faceting Lab (Dave Richardson) The faceting room looks fantastic now with the new table tops. Dave Richardson and Mike Rose have also installed new flooring in the lab. If you haven't had a chance to see it yet, stop on by and check it out.

Silver Lab (John Poole) We have a new 20 ton jack with a pressure gauge in the press tool in the silver lab. Thanks to Malcom Currie for his work on reworking the tool to accommodate the new jack system.

Saw Room (Pete Peterson) We have a used 24 inch saw that has been replaced by the new one that was just purchased for the club. The new lab is up and running. The old saw needs a little TLC to get it up and running so we are auctioning it off to the highest bidder. Bidding starts at \$200 and the bidding will end on 3/15/19 with the saw going to the highest bidder. Please see Pete or Dave Schulte if you are interested in bidding on the

saw.

Silent Auction (Dave Richardson) The club's biggest money maker every year is the Silent Auction, to be held on November 1. The items that are sold are all from membership donations, but we are a little lite this year on donated material. If you have donations for the club in the way of rocks, tools etc. please see David Richardson. Please remember that all donations are tax deductible and we will give you a receipt for your tax preparation for your donations. We are also specifically looking for a couple of vacuum cleaners to put in the labs and some more rolling chairs for the faceting lab. If you have some older chairs that still work well but might be a little "unsightly" for your house and are looking to help the club out we could use them in the faceting lab. See or call Dave Richardson if you have **anything** to donate to the club.

Cabbing Lab (Dave Schulte) The parts for our two Highland Park slab saws came in this week and one of the two saws is back up and running. We hope of have the second slab saw up next week.

The current lab times are posted on the bulletin board installed in the training building and Wayne has had the web site updated with the corrected lab opening times and monitors. We are looking at potentially having a Facebook page that folks can check if a monitor will not be able to make a particular time slot. This is still in the planning stages and we'll let you know when we get it set up.

The door prize, a piece of carved halite, was won by Natalie Hutton..

Money received from raffle today was still being counted, but was over \$100.

Motion to adjourn meeting. Seconded and passed by show of hands.

Trunk sale in north parking lot. .

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Neil Norton
Nancy Norton
Jim Tuthill
Helen Barker
Arnold Romero
Greg Horn
Brenda Croell
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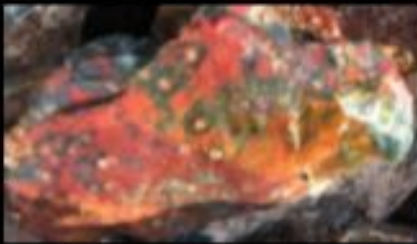
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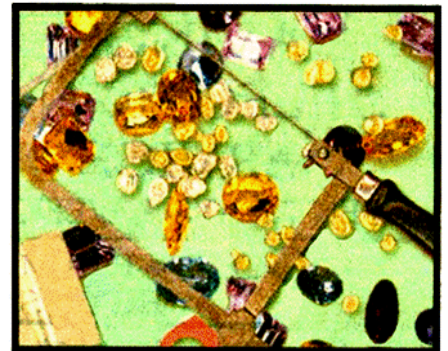
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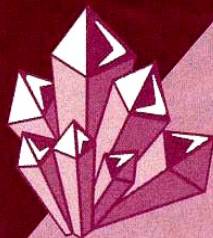
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Monitor— Sharon Wilcox 245-4080

9AM - Noon **Faceting Lab**

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1PM - 4PM **Silversmith Lab**

Monitor - Pat Droll 345-2792

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

Monitor - Margarett Harris 561-2315

6PM - 9PM **Faceting Class**

Monitor - Earl Zoeller 886-3518

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

Monitor - Donovan Wagner 869-2050

Tuesdays

9AM - Noon **Cabbing***

Monitor - Mike DeMeritt 520-455-5378

9AM- Noon **Casting**

Monitor - Liz Williams (818)300-5262

9AM - Noon **Silversmithing Lab**

Monitor - John Poole 777-5588

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

Monitor - Dave Richardson 245-2172

Wednesdays

9AM - 1PM **Silversmithing**

Monitor - Dennis Murphy 490-9188

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

1PM - 4PM **Silversmithing**

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

9AM—Noon **Silversmithing**

Monitor - Pat Droll 345-2792

1PM - 4PM **Silversmithing**

Monitor - Lou Ackerman 290-6968

1PM - 4PM **Cabbing**

Monitor - Pete Valentine, 208-409-7910

6PM - 9PM **Cabbing**

Monitor - Victoria Fila 664-0302

Saturdays

9AM - 2PM **Silversmithing**

Monitor - James Germaine, 288-0135

9AM - 2PM **Cabbing**

Monitor - Ron Bryan 619-495-7967

Casting Class

Monitor - Chuck Lundstrom 241-9262

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This will not start until March 2019.

Sundays

9AM - Noon **Rock Sawing**

Monitor - Mark Gibson 297-4412

10AM - 3PM **Silversmithing Lab**

Monitor - Giac D'Aquisto 207-6219

10AM - 2PM **Cabbing**

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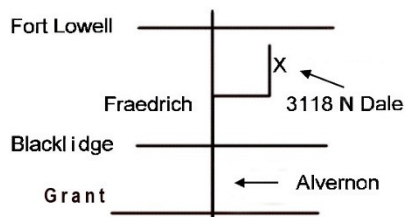
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