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Please join us **August 12th** at 9:00am 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](mailto:silverlininggemstones@gmail.com)), or feel free to call him at 520-203-8430 or (520) 240-5133. Submission deadline is the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month. Thanks!

## THE PREZ SEZ ..... by David Schulte



The month of the Lion is here, let us roar – OK, maybe purr a little bit anyway for all the nice rain we got in July. Our business meeting for July was held on Friday, 7/7/17. Our next business meeting will be held on Friday, August 4th, 2017.

A special thanks goes out again to Brian Huff for donating a 55 gallon plastic container to the club. The club is going to purchase an additional 4 metal 55 gallon drums to replace the ones we have that have rusted through. It may take a few weeks to get them in place as the tops will have to cut off and we want to drill some more holes in them to prevent the rust through we had previously. We are looking at having another club fix-up day sometime in October/November time frame to strip and clean the floors and paint the main meeting room walls and the sealed duct work openings. Another special thanks goes out to John Poole and Danny Harmsen for putting out the large trash items to the curb for pick up this last month.

The club is still looking for qualified members to step up and become monitors in the cab, silver and faceting labs on various days so that we can increase the time that the labs are open for all our members. If you are interested please come and talk to me. We will gladly train folks in the responsibilities of being a monitor and remember your time in that lab is free if you monitor in it! We are also particularly interested in anyone willing to donate some time on a regular basis to come in and help cut rocks in the big saw room to help out our members.

Another special thanks goes out to Wayne Klement and his helper who took down the center tree over by the west side of the training

building which gave TEP access for the new approved power drop. The new 200-amp power panel and main power drop to this building is complete and has been inspected by the city. Chris will be coming down to get a list of items he will need to finish this power work inside the building during the week of 8/7/17. This will include new outlets for future upgrades to the labs including filtration systems in the labs, once approved by the membership.

We now have a new librarian for the club, Bill Cascio who has volunteered to take over this position. Pat Droll has also kindly volunteered to take over as secretary next year when Twink steps down. We still need our members to stand up and help run the club! We are specifically looking for a new Vice President currently to help run the club. Anyone interested in this position can come see me.

Our speaker this month will be Anna Domitrovic who will be talking about rockhounding & mining and hopefully giving us all some ideas about where we might go to collect. Our rock hounding trip run by Janelle Cortright and Jerry Behn is on for September and they will be hunting for carnelian and blue agate from September 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>. The details are in this newsletter. Come and join the fun!

I'll see you all at 8 am, August 12th, 2017 for treats and coffee followed by the club meeting starting at 9:00 AM. Remember to wear your OPLC badge to the meeting to get a free raffle ticket with the purchase of some more of them.

David

**Front Cover Pictures:** Those with August birthdays will certainly appreciate these beautiful **Olivine** variety **Peridot**, their birthstone. **Seraphinite** from Russia cuts unusual cabs due to chatoyance.

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OPLC MONTHLY MEETING JULY 8,  
2017

The meeting was brought to order by President David Schulte at 10:40 David thanked our speakers Sindi Schloss, who has given us another excellent presentation in the past- and her husband Jerry Romanella, who took us on a visual tour of the Four Peaks Amethyst Mine, our nation's highest gemstone mine.

Margaret Harris was thanked for furnishing refreshments.

The minutes of the June 10<sup>th</sup> meeting as published in Cutting Remarks were approved.

The treasurer's report was given and will be filed for audit. David said that a report is being generated to show the income and costs for each of our labs to help plan the new budget.

SODAS, WATER BOTTLES AND COFFEE: Members are asked to pay .50 for each item.

MEMBERSHIP: We now have 441 members.

ROSTERS IN LABS: All members approved to use our labs have names posted in each lab.

FIELD TRIPS: One will possibly happen in early September. If Janelle Cortright is able to put the trip together it will be in the Alpine and Snowflake, AZ. areas to possibly hunt blue agate, carnelian and petrified wood. This will be a three day trip and will be announced when it is planned.

Helen is continuing to plan great speakers

for our meetings.

David is continuing to investigate insurance for our Board and members.

We need a new Vice President as Jonathan has had to give up the position. Please see David or any Board member to volunteer. Bill Cascio has stepped up to be our librarian. For the next election we will need a new secretary so please consider volunteering for that position also.

David again thanked the volunteers who showed up for our clean up day. He also thanked Wayne and Scott who removed a tree and trimmed others so that TEP would allow our new electrical service to be installed. This saved the club \$300 or \$400. Some of our next volunteer projects will be painting inside the meeting room and polishing the floor plus more tree trimming.

Ventilation in the labs: David is getting an estimate as he feels this is a safety hazard for those using the labs. No action will be taken until it is brought before the membership.

The new 6 inch water saw is up and running and Mike DeMeritt has donated a stainless steel sawblade.

Faceting monitors have volunteered to run classes so the nine stations will be put to use. There will be a new cab lab on Wednesdays from 9 to 12 run by Sharon.

The door prize was won by Cipriani Flores. The meeting adjourned at 10:55 Twink Monrad, Secretary

August 2017 OPLC Speaker: Anna M Domitrovic  
MINERALOGY ALONG NORTHERN ARIZONA'S ROUTE 66



Gold in Quartz specimen in Anna Domitrovic's hand at the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum, Photo HSH

We are very fortunate to have another celebrated speaker for our August 12, 2017, OPLC meeting, Anna Domitrovic, from the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum, will present to us: **MINERALOGY ALONG NORTHERN ARIZONA'S ROUTE 66**

We will follow the first paved road in America, the famous Route 66, along some of the best preserved sections that stretch along northern Arizona, from Monument Valley and the Painted Desert, to Meteor Crater and the Grand Canyon, all the way west to Kingman, Chloride and Oatman. Copper and copper minerals, fossils, wulfenite, gold and silver, are some of the ores and minerals that we'll look at.

Anna Domitrovic studied geology at the Edinboro University of Pennsylvania, and has been a mineralogist-emeritus at the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum in Tucson for almost 40 years. She has a wealth of knowledge about Arizona minerals and rockhounding in this state!

Looking forward to seeing you all in our August meeting!

Helen Serras-Herman, OPLC Program chair

## 2017-2018 OPLC Speakers- A Forecast Look

So, let's take a forecast look to the rest of the 2017 year and some in 2018

- Anna Domitrovic, "Rockhounding & Mining along Route 66" (August 12, 2017)
- Bob & Elaine Royer, travelers extraordinaire, "Easter Island" (September 9, 2017)
- Brad Ross, "Lessons Learned from the Bingham Canyon Manefay Slide" (October 14, 2017)
- Jan Cleere, Tucson based historian and author, will present "Petticoat Prospectors- Early Women Miners of the Western Frontier" (November 11, 2017)
- Juan Garcia, "Maria Felix: Her Life & Jewelry" (March 10, 2018)
- Kevin Lane Smith, lapidary and jewelry artist (May 12, 2018)
- Jim Turner, "Turquoise Mining around Jerome" (June 9, 2018)

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



**.Jeff Hansen:** Slabs and Rough

**Judy Shivack:** Beads

**Anonymous:** Septarian rough

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## September 2017 Field Trip

### OPLC Members only

Alpine, AZ and Snowflake, AZ

5-8 September 2017

We will be searching for carnelian and blue agate on 6 and 7 September. 5 September will be a travel day. We will leave the Bear Wallow Restaurant in Alpine at 9am, after breakfast on both days. There are several sites to be visited. Bring your cameras as we spotted elk herds and turkeys last year. Each day we will be out 5-7 hours, so come prepared with lunch and drinks. Elevation varies from 8,000 feet upwards. Places to stay include Meadow Lodge, Sportsman Lodge and Alpine Inn. There are a couple of RV parks for those that camp either with an RV or tent. Dinner plans to be confirmed depending on how many sign up for this trip. Closest real grocery store is in Springerville, AZ. On Friday, 8 September we will travel to Snowflake area for a few hours of petrified wood hunting on a private ranch. None of the places we're going charge fees for collecting. Rule is 25 pounds plus one piece per day. We, Jerry and I, are staying at Tal-Wi-Wi. We drive a Jeep Wrangler and do not have room for anyone else. Most pickups do fine. Bring digging equipment. There is some surface collecting.

Routes there are either via Salt River Canyon, then through Pinetop and Springerville to Alpine, or through Safford. The road through Safford and Morenci is great if you have all the time in the world. However, it is not a fast drive. There are times when the mine canyon is right next to BOTH sides of the road. If your hair isn't already white, it will be afterwards. Hunting season begins on 8 September. Do wear some bright colored clothing so we can spot you. Weather is unknown at time of writing, but can be very cool at night.

Signup will be via email or telephone. Email is best as we live where cell service is spotty. We're going to Alpine even if there's only one other person that wants to do this. We need to collect liability forms from

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



**Conroy Anderson**  
**Sabrina Anderson**  
**Valerie Barnes**  
**Rose Dorr**  
**Pam Frankel**  
**Dereck Hyers**

**Janet Keisler**  
**Rex Stuessy**  
**Cheryl Thompson**

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each person. I will have some with me.

Field Trip Leaders: Janelle Cortright and Jerry Behn, Rio Rico so dial 520 also.

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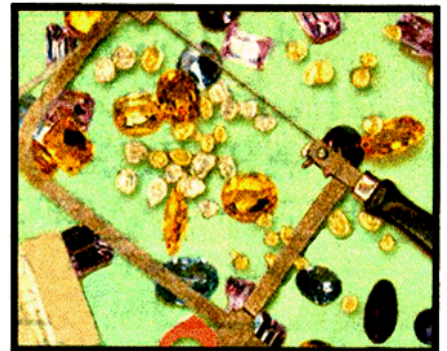
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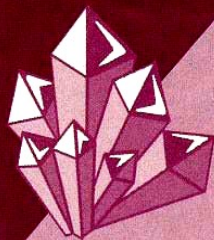
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9AM - Noon **Silversmithing Lab**

Monitor - John Poole 777-5588

9AM - Noon **Rock Sawing**

Monitor - Sharon Wilcox 878-8685

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Monitor - Ron Brooks 520-378-2592

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6PM - 9PM **Cabbing**

Monitor - Keith Haubert 784-8283

6PM - 9PM **Silversmithing Lab**

Monitor - Bill Penrose 780-1143

**Thursdays**

9AM - 12PM **Rock Sawing**

Monitor - Pete Petersen 886-9021

9AM - 12PM **Cabbing**

Monitor - Bob Powell 403-8980

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6PM - 9PM **Rock Sawing**

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9AM - 12PM **Cabbing\***

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1PM - 4PM **Silversmithing**

Monitor - Terry Cox 296-4949

**Saturdays**

9AM - 2PM **Silversmithing**

Monitor - Terry Cox 296-4949

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

Monitor - Ron Bryan 619-495-7967

**Sundays**

10AM - 3PM **Silversmithing Lab**

Monitor - Giac D'Aquisto 207-6219

10AM - 2PM **Cabbing**

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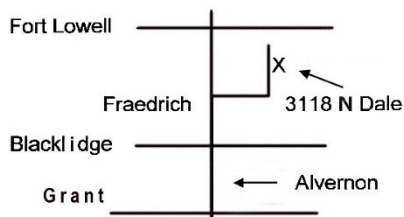
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