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Please join us August 10th
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!



7/28/19

The monsoons seem to be passing us by this year L! Lots of heat and humidity but no down pours like we're all use to and hope for. Hopefully it'll pick up a little in August. Our next business board meeting will be held on Friday, August 2nd at the usual place and time in the main building at the club at 10 AM. Members are always encouraged to participate in the board meetings and discussions and your inputs are welcome.

We have a couple of bids for the repair/ replacement of the mini split in the cab lab but the board has not yet come to an agreement on how to proceed. We will be discussing this at the upcoming board meeting once again. All the labs are up and running and there are no issues to report. Come on down and make some cool stuff!!!!

Please remember that we will be holding a second silent auction with 10 to 15 items at the next club member meeting, August 10th. We raised about \$200 at the last meeting and we are planning on putting out some more of the nicer donations that we've received and the bid starting value will reflect this so bring your check books and wallets!

I would like to thank all of the members that showed up for our club clean-up day on Sunday July 13th: Pat Droll, John Poole, Skip Barkley, Malcom Currie, Victoria Fila, Bill Penrose, Tom McDevitt, Hugh Ann Schneider, Gloria Jean Shenanquet, Wayne Klement, Mike Tucker, Pete Perterson and Lou Till. It was pretty hot on the 13th but these members

showed up with tools and great work attitude and ethic and knocked out the tree trimming, outside facility clean up, garbage removal and cleaning of the main building interior. These folks are what makes our club work! Next time to you see these folks, please make sure and thank them for their service to the club! We will have another clean-up day in the fall and I hope to see some of the other club members helping out for the next effort.

I'd also like to thank all of the members that donated items to the club. A very special thanks goes out to Fredric Stephan who donated a brand new 16 inch slab saw with a new blade to the club. This saw is being put into the big saw room and will be available in the next couple of weeks to cut up your slabs for you. We will most likely have some cut slabs from donations we received in the upcoming silent auction at the next club meeting as well. If you have larger rocks that you need cut into slabs, bring them to the club on the days the saw room is open and we'll slab them out for you at a VERY reasonable price! As a reminder, we welcome all donations to the club AND we'll give you a tax receipt so you can claim them on your taxes. If you have anything dealing with lapidary that you would like to donate, we'll come and pick it up! Just let Dave Richardson or any of your board members know and we'll set up a time to come get it or drop it off at the club!

David

Front Cover Pictures: August's primary birthstone is **Olivine var. Peridot**, like these faceted examples from San Carlos, Arizona; "**Sardonyx**" is a term for red-and-white-banded agate.

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

OLD PUEBLO LAPIDARY CLUB

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING, July 13, 2019

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

Prior to the meeting start Kim Filips and David Schulte announced the new monthly silent auction. Items on the tables set up in back of the meeting hall have a starting price marked on the bid sheets. All bids over this amount are accepted. Put your name and bid amount down on the bid sheets. Bidding will not occur during the speakers presentation time, and bidding will be closed just prior to the raffle event. Cash or check is required to buy the auctioned items. The money and distribution of the items sold at auction will occur after the completion of the raffle event. All proceeds go to the club's treasury. We plan on continuing this auction event at each general meeting throughout the year. Some of the nicer donations we have received will be put up for auction.

Jerry Kastner gave an enlightening talk on "Repairing Used Lapidary Equipment". Thank you, Jerry.

Refreshments for today's meeting were supplied by Victoria Fila and Shiela Powell. Volunteers to bring refreshments to future meetings should contact Leia Ballard at 520-780-8641, email: 5grandsons53@gmail.com
Costs are reimbursed to \$40.

Last month's meeting minutes were approved by vote of the membership.

Treasurer Report (Pat Droll) – The Club treasury is in healthy shape and increasing, with no unbudgeted or unusual expenditures or issues. The budget has been 40% used as of the halfway point of the year, although the routine exchange of the cab lab wheels in November will consumed much of the apparent surplus.

Membership Report (Janet Keisler) – Members in good standing 403, plus several new members signing up today.

Library Status – open and operating.

Field Trip Report (Victoria Fila) – Field trips planned for the remainder of 2019: A waiver of liability is needed for each trip, which is separate from the membership waiver.

September field trip will be on 9/28/19 Payson at AZ. We will meet at the Safeway on Hwy 260. An overnight stay near Payson is suggested.

October Round Mountain 10/26/19 meeting the Travel truck stop. Motel rooms are available in Lordsburg

November 2, 2019. Courtland, on the Ghost Town Trail between Pearce and Tombstone. There are two phases. First a meeting at 9:00 am at the mine, and second, tour of the ore processing plant and a Native American campsite.

Cost:

Tour: \$20 includes: 1900s era copper ore processing plant then to the Native American campsite then the mine. Tour is about 1.5 hours. Mike also points out where to find specimens.

Rocking hounding \$20 for the dump sites This money goes to the Historical preservation. They are working towards the National Historical Class 3 cultures studies.

Those who are feeling sparky enough can have someone to take anyone up to Turquoise mountain which is a 45 minute walk. It's possible to find nice quality turquoise. Tips to the guide will be appreciated.

There will also be a catered lunch under the Ramada normally \$20 which is hamburger with side and drink. Optional

I need a count on tour + rockhounding or just rockhounding. You do not need to do the tour you can go straight to collecting

Victoria is working on further field trips for December through April, and waiting on a call back from Rick at the Duquesne mine for a December 14 trip (there is a limit of 8 people for this trip).

Cleanup Day (David Schulte) – Tomorrow, July 14, 8 am, will be a general cleanup day in preparation for Tucson's annual bulk trash pickup. All members who are able should come out. Refreshments will be provided.

A volunteer is needed to be point of contact for advertising in the club newsletter, including the collection of payments. Two persons volunteered for the job, John Watt and Mira Frenkel.

We will be renting out the meeting hall to Peggy Hayes for her gourd club this month. The hall is available to other groups for \$50 per four hour period. A representative of the organization has to provide a certificate of insurance or indemnification.

Donations for the silent auction will continue to be accepted up until a few weeks before the auction in November. Donations are tax deductible. Please contact David Richardson 245-2172 if you need help with transport or have questions.

The door prize, a calcite display specimen, was won by Mark Davidson. Raffle income was \$114. The monthly silent auction was completed with the collection of cash from the successful bidders.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30.

August 10, 2019 OPLC Speaker: Helen Serras-Herman **Passion for Opals**



At our August 10, 2019 OPLC monthly meeting, we are in for special treat from our very own member and Program Chair, Helen Serras-Herman. Helen always reserves herself to speak when there is a schedule change or a month with no other pre-arranged speaker, which is the case for this month.

Helen will present “**Passion for Opals**”, and she we will take us on a photographic journey through the many beautiful opal varieties that come from all over the world. She will be showing the many different types of opals she has carved over the years, some together with her “opalholic” husband Andy Herman. The opals range from black opals to boulder and matrix opals, and to exotic common opals, and she will give us a rich visual story for why opals are such a beloved gem for lapidaries, jewelry artists and collectors. Helen will dispel the myths about opals, and will give us the inspiration and motivation to use opals in our gem artworks and jewelry.

Helen Serras-Herman, a 2003 *National Lapidary Hall of Fame* inductee, is an acclaimed gem sculptor and graduate gemologist (FGA) with over 36 years of experience in unique gem sculpture and jewelry art. Her award-winning, one-of-a-kind, distinctive artwork has been exhibited world-wide and published in over 200 trade magazines and books. You can visit her website at www.gemartcenter.com and her business Facebook page at Gem Art Center/Helen Serras-Herman

We look forward to seeing all of you at the August meeting!

OPLC Speakers Forecast 2019-2020

Updated August 2019

Here is the latest list for our upcoming speakers.

Helen Serras-Herman, "Passion for Opals" (August 10, 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)

Kent Solberg, Kent's Tools (January 11, 2020)

Bob & Elaine Royer, "Tour of Swarovski crystal jewelry in Austria" (April 11, 2020)

Angéline Fahey, Tucson Wildlife Center (June 13, 2020)

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



Fredric Stephan - New 14" Slab saw

Tom & David Ashcroft - Misc. rocks

Patti Polk - 2 bags rough

Robert Munoz - Miscellaneous

Michael Keith - 3 crates of minerals

Mike Rose - Bag of sunstone, misc. rough

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

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Adnane Boumediene Forest Paluh
Stephanie Boumediene Marv Kea
Kimberly Hall
Edward Ashton
Rhonda Kuntz
Dennis Main
Varda Main

FIELD TRIP INFORMATION

POC: Janelle at bun140@aol.com, or 520-223-1675

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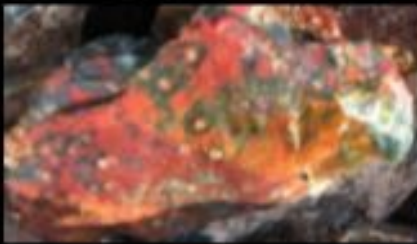
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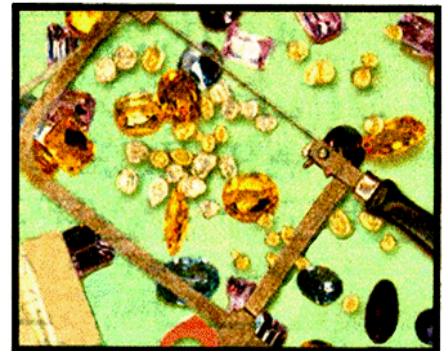
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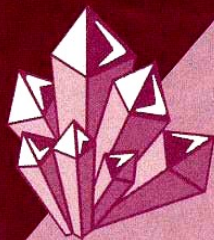
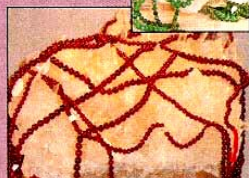
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WEEKLY WORKSHOP SCHEDULE Phone 323-9154

Mondays

9AM - Noon **Faceting Lab**
Monitor - Dave Richardson 245-2172

9AM- 1PM **Cabbing**
Monitor - John Watt 520-247-6811

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

6PM - 9PM **Silversmithing Lab**
Monitor - Bill Penrose 780-1143

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

6PM - 9PM **Cabbing**
Monitor - Keith Haubert 784-8283

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

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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

*investing second Saturday of every month 12 - 3
casting pore third Saturday of every month 3PM until done.
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**
Monitor - Gloria Jean Shevanaquet 369-7225

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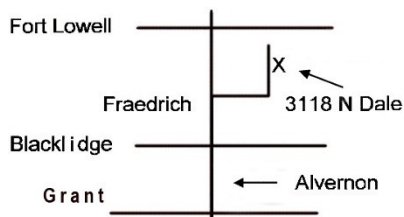
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The Business Meetings are held on the 2nd Saturday of each month. A pre-meeting social hour (except for the December meeting) is at 8:00 a.m., followed by an educational program, and ends with the monthly meeting. Visitors are most welcome.