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Please join us on
December 13th for the next
monthly meeting. **NOTICE:**
There will be no social hour
in December. The meeting
will start at 9:00am followed
by the Annual Pot Luck.
Visitors are welcome.



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!

THE PREZ SEZ by Bill Carmody



December is a month when the activities seem to crescendo making us all wonder how we are going to fit everything into the time we have available. We have the Christmas potluck after an abbreviated meeting on December 13th. There will be no presentation. We will have the election of Officers and Board members, as well as, some business items. If you have proxies to turn in, please mail them to the OPLC Secretary in time to arrive before the meeting.

Note: To you out-of-towners – the weather has been magnificent. I hope it portends a pleasant winter. The cooler weather has seen a jump in rock hound activity. Recently groups went to Round Mountain seeking fire agate and geodes. According to Danny, Jan Rupp had the find of the day: a piece of fire agate about the size of a silver dollar and needing very little work to gem-ize it. The next day they went south to Clayton Canyon with Jim Baker in the lead looking for more agate. Another group went to Utah to view petroglyphs, rock hound, and see the “Burning House of Fire”. The burning house is an old cliff dwelling built under a convex overhead of highly fractured sandstone. When the sun hits this irregularly-surfaced sandstone just right, it looks exactly like flames licking up from the building. Donna Pugh, who was on this trip, held her photos down to a little over 800. I hope some of them are

landscapes. Otherwise her companions would be exhausted from all that posing. I can just see her ... “Okay, you all just stay where you are. Wayne, would you move that mountain a little closer?”

Please check with Pat McMullen, 818-2455, to coordinate what you are planning to bring to the Potluck. I am really looking forward to it and plan on eating enough to gain a few new stretch marks.

I know you are all curious about the Silent Auction results. So, I will steal a little of Melinda’s, the Treasurer, thunder here and tell you that we had the best year ever. As usual, we had a lot of great things for sale. It was superbly organized and was executed like a well-choreographed ballet. But these things are done almost this well every year. I think some of the difference is that we had more enthusiastic people attending this event. And, I was right last month when I said it would be a real “corker”. I love being right and saying, “I told you so.”

Ron Davidson and Chuck Lundstrom just finished painting the Casting Room floor. The reports I have been getting indicate that the job was a real corker. It turned out so well as a matter of fact that there is talk about painting all the hallway floors in the shop building. Thanks, Chuck and Ron.

Also as we go into December, we should be thinking about our

needs and desires for the Club for next year. During the annual business meeting we will broach the subject for comments at that time. We will start the Proposed Budget for 2009 during the Board meeting on December 9th. So, you want to get your thoughts to us for that meeting as well. Also, monitors and instructors should be making their lists of needs for the upcoming year and getting them to us.

The TGMS is having an Arts and Crafts Show at their Club on December 6th. It’s a good chance to inexpensively pick up some really nifty gifts for Christmas that you might be able pass off as your own work. (I am just kidding about falsely claiming attribution.)

The Tucson Gem and Mineral Society’s Show in the Tucson Convention Center runs from February 12th through the 15th. Again we have been invited to participate with a booth. Mark it on your calendars and budget your time accordingly so you will be able help with the activities. It is a lot of fun to be part of show seeing all kinds of things (especially “Mineral Oddities”) and meeting a plethora of interesting people. It should be a real corker. (I have always wondered what a corker is.)

And remember, always practice safe pot lucking.

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NOVEMBER MEETING MINUTES By Jenny Coniglio



An informative program about how the huge telescope lenses are manufactured for space and terrestrial applications preceded the meeting. Phil Muir from the University of AZ /Mirror Lab of the Steward Observatory showed slides of the step-by-step assembly and even transport to the telescope site. Tours of the Mirror Lab are offered also.

The meeting began by approval of the October minutes as printed in the Newsletter.

Next month we will have a brief business meeting at 9:00AM followed by the annual Pot Luck brunch. There will be no social hour prior to the business meeting.

Bill Carmody thanked all those who brought treats today for our social hour.

Old Business: We have gas again for heat as well as a new hot water heater! All our gas lines have been replaced or repaired and we are finished with that long project.

Ron Davidson was thanked for lining the parking lot parking spaces.

The Silent Auction was the biggest one ever held. Much thanks goes to Dan Harmsen for organizing this big event!

New Business: Now that the casting room has been remodeled it is time to paint the floor. Next Saturday is planned to be the time to have volunteers to move the equipment and paint. Ron Davidson will lead the project.

The Silversmith room buffer hood needs to be replaced. A motion was made and passed to approve spending up to \$1500.

Elizabeth Runkle's honorary membership extension was approved by the membership vote.

Bill Carmody asked for volunteers to be a committee for organizing the Pot Luck. Pat McMullen volunteered to be the committee chairman and several others volunteered to help.

Elections: Skip Barkley has assembled a slate of Officers and Board Members to be voted on at the December meeting. The current board officers have indicated that they will be willing to serve another year if elected.

Field Trips: Rim Talat-Klepsa announced that the Ray Mine trip will be November 22nd and is already full. The next Ray Mine trip will be in March. There is a proposed overnight trip this month to visit the Lordsburg, NM, area. The first and second day will be spent going to the Douglas area (Round Mountain) to look for fire agate. At least 7 people are planning to go, meeting at Benson this Friday at 7:00 AM.

It was reported that the Bisbee annual turquoise hunt revealed "good pickings" in an area that will soon become another mine area.

Rob Ezzo mentioned that he has a claim of 160 acres near the Greaterville area where

there is placer gold to be found. He suggested that the Club could plan an excursion to his claim to look for gold. Several thought this was a good idea for the coming year.

New Members: Rob Ezzo has been a previous member 15 years ago and loves rockhounding and history. He is a Tucson resident since 1950 who also writes songs and has written a book about lost mines and stories of the Southwest. Mike Nelson of Tucson wants to learn lapidary and casting techniques. Twink Monrad became interested in rock hounding, sawing and casting techniques since she attended her first Gem and Mineral Show last year. Marilyn Reynolds, a Tucson resident and member of TGMS has gotten the rock hounding bug, and has agate from a recent Moab trip. Ryan is also a Tucson resident who joins the Club after being bitten by the "bug" at the Gem and Mineral Show. Jerry & Mary Glassman are RV"ers who like to visit mines around the US.

Jerry found a sapphire this year and wants to learn how to facet it.

Library: Our Librarian, Cathy, needs someone to take over her responsibilities since she is only a part time resident. Suzette Fleming volunteered to be our new librarian.

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Jewelry Contest: There were several wonderful entries, but John Poole (as member of

12 years) won with his lapis and fabricated silver bracelet. He agreed to teach a silversmithing class in 2009.

It was requested that a roster of members be available to

members. A roster will be posted on the bulletin board in the clubhouse.

The meeting ended, and the Door Prize was won by Betty Haynes.

SEE PAGE NINE FOR A LISTING OF THE SILENT AUCTION WORKERS

Notice: There will be no social hour preceding the December monthly meeting. The meeting will start at 9:00am followed by the annual Christmas Pot Luck.



Nettie DuSold signing up



New Members: I-r, Marilyn Reynolds, Mike Nelson, and Bryon Engbretson.



New member, Robert Ezzo signing the book that he has authored.



Jerry & Mary Glazman

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HAPPENINGS AROUND THE CLUB



Silver Casting class participants from left to right: Sally Vega, Julie Bailey, and Claudia Salmoni



Terry Forrest working in cab lab on piece of turquoise he recently found in Bisbee at the 'dig'



Danny Harmsen, Silent Auction Chairperson, is accepting a donation from Anna Domotrovic from her personal collection of exquisite specimens for the Silent Auction.

New Member Mark Gordinier just joined OPLC November 4, 2008 and is having fun in the Cab lab on November 5, 2008 along with monitor, Keith Haubert (foreground).



And THANKS to Jim & Carrie Kuderna for mailing in a donation of set of borosilicate lampwork beads in time for the Silent Auction.



ANNUAL DUES DUE- - JANUARY 1, 2009



This is a reminder that the dues for 2009 are due January 1, 2009 and may be paid at the January 10th monthly meeting. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please mail your dues to OPLC, Attention: Membership. Members whose dues are not paid by the end of January will not receive further newsletters nor be able to attend Club functions, participate in field trips or work in the labs.

Membership renewal dues are: Couples \$20.00, Singles \$15.00, Juniors \$7.50.

November speaker, Phil Muir - Staff Technician Sr. on the Mirror Casting Team at the University of Arizona Mirror Laboratory gave the November presentation for OPLC. He had a



Phil Muir

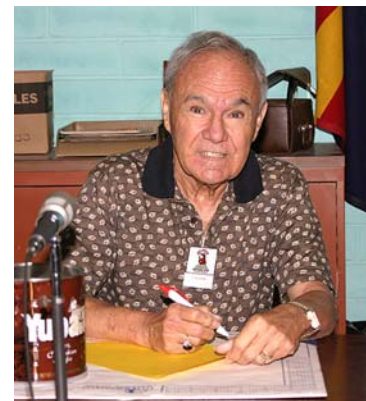
PowerPoint presentation showing the fabrication process of some of the worlds most expensive, giant, lightweight mirrors of unprecedented power for a new generation of optical and infrared telescopes allowing science to look at our universe as it has never been seen before. He explained how the team has developed a revolutionary method to polish the



New member Jerry Glazman looking for impurities in a sample piece of glass.

honeycomb mirrors with a deeply curved, parabolic surface that gives them a focal length much shorter than conventional mirrors which improve performance. He went on to say the metal, typically aluminum used to make the mirror a 'mirror' which is applied in a vacuum chamber by evaporating a small amount of metal and allowing it to bond to the clean glass surface is usually applied at the observatory site. Phil had samples of the borosilicate glass to pass around. I think some of the facetors in the Club would love to have a few pieces of this stuff as it is so pure it would almost fool someone into thinking they were looking at diamonds. **Thanks** Phil, for the great, informative presentation.

IN MEMORIAM



John Pavon passed away early November after fighting a long battle with leukemia. John was born December 20, 1930, in Oakland, California. John served in the Navy from 1951-1955 and was honorably discharged in 1955 after four years of active duty. John, at different times and locations, owned and operated many successful beauty businesses in North Long Beach, California, Flagstaff and Sedona area, San Jose, California, and then Carefree, Arizona, eventually retiring and settling in Tucson.

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL SILENT AUCTION

THANKS TO ALL FOR THEIR GENEROUS AND FREQUENT BIDDING!



And the Club and it's participants could not run on an empty stomach, and didn't, thanks to the kitchen crew. From l—r are: Linda Leist, Gwen Folsom, Twink Monrad, Donna Schreier, Pat McMullen (Chairperson), Deborah & Terry Forrest, and Bev Griffin.



Don Feyrer Emcee'd again. He did such a great job he's moved to the top of the list for being Emcee next year!



Murray Hiller, Don Feyrer, and Carl Bowlby, checking things out after having set up and place items for bid on all of the tables.

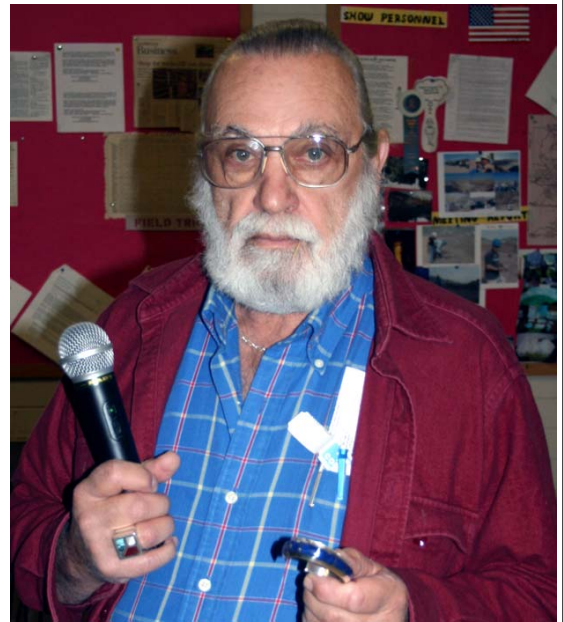
The order of the day was to 'come early and bid often.'





←
Susette Flemmings,
the new OPLC
Librarian. Susette,
thanks for
volunteering.

→
John Poole, winner
of the November
bracelet contest.



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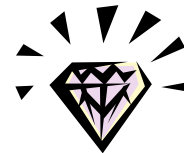
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DON'T FORGET

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 !



ADVANCED FACETOR'S CORNER

The November question of the month was: Quartz is isotropic **True or False?**

The answer False.

DECEMBER QUESTION OF THE MONTH:
Tourmaline has a large birefringence. True or False?

Come to the December meeting to hear the answer.



MONTHLY JEWELRY CONTESTS

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

January - Bolo Tie	May - Brooch	August - Faceted Stone	November - Bracelet
March - Belt Buckle	June - Cabochon	September - Chain	
April - Necklace	July - Charm	October - Pendent	

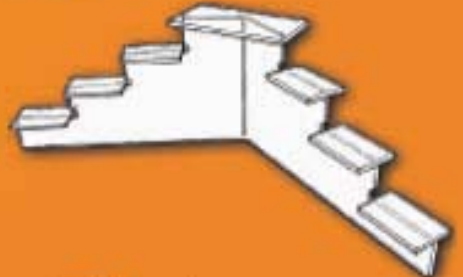
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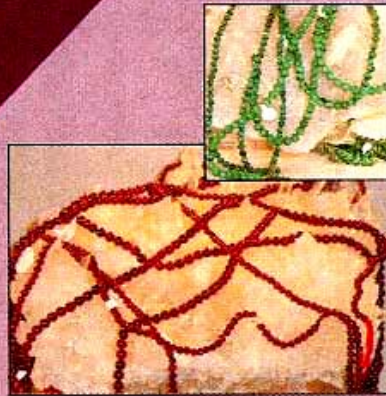
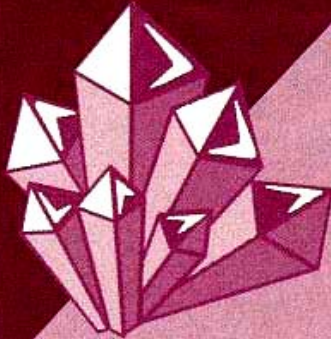
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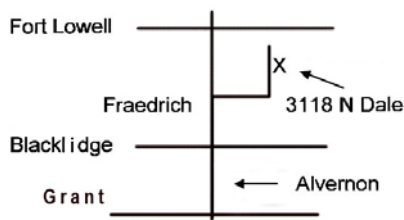
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Mail to: Membership Chairperson, Old Pueblo Lapidary Club, 3118 N. Dale, Tucson, AZ 85712



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.