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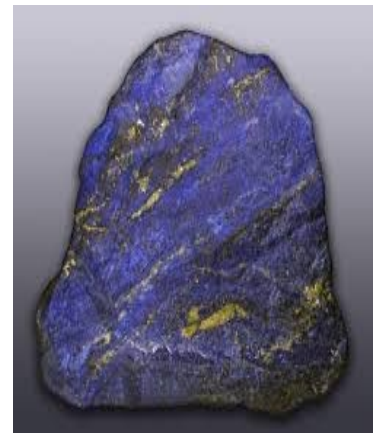
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Please join us
December 11th at
11:00am for the
monthly meeting,
followed by our Potluck
Christmas Brunch!
Visitors are always
welcome.



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. Submission deadline is the 20th of each month. Thanks!

THE PREZ SEZ by John Poole



Merry Christmas to all OPLC members and friends! I hope you have a healthy and Happy Holiday Season!

Our December meeting will start at 11:00 a.m. We have some business to conduct and the all-important election of Officers and Board Members for 2015.

I would like to thank Helen Serras-Herman and Norma Lackow for stepping up and volunteering to coordinate the Christmas Potluck. If you haven't signed up for the Potluck, please call Helen at (520) 761-9907 or Norma at 742-7561.

It's hard to believe this year is nearly gone, but it has been a good year for the

Club. The roof on the meeting hall has been repaired and sealed with elastomeric coating; and the HVAC in the Training Center's faceting shop, saw shop, casting shop and the silversmithing shop is all new, efficient, and economical. A shop is open every day of the week of most days several. Our membership is over 400 and continues to grow. So, with your support, next year could be even better.

See you December 13th, 2014 at 11:00 a.m.

-John

Jim Griffin passed away November 2nd, 2014. Jim was a great asset to OPLC. He not only donated many hours to the club, tumbling rocks for the kids, acting as a saw room monitor, and for many years ran the Silent Auction very successfully. Many of us spoke with Jim the day of the Silent Auction. His gruff greeting will be greatly missed. The family requested no flowers or phone calls, and are planning a memorial service later this month in Chicago. A sympathy card was sent from all of us here at OPLC.

Front Cover Pictures: Gorgeous twinned crystals of "Tanzanite" (Zoisite), from Tanzania, December's newest Birthstone. Outstanding rough Lapis Lazuli from Afghanistan will cut fine cabs!

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OPLC November Meeting 11/8/14

The meeting was brought to order at 10:15 AM by President John Poole and a quorum was present.

President John Poole thanked Gwen Folsom for supplying the treats for October's meeting.

October meeting minutes were approved after Pete Peterson asked that his saw room hours in the OPLC newsletter be changed from 10-1 to 9-12.

Guest Will Shepherd and new members Mike Mattel and Gail Joseph were introduced.

Today's raffle brought in \$168.

OLD BUSINESS

John Poole stated that the club now has 413 members. He reviewed the new member prorated dues and membership renewal policy. Membership chairman Wayne Klement is happy to take renewals for 2015 now. The deadline for renewing your membership is January 31st.

Mark Gibson gave the treasurer's report. The Silent Auction proceeds were above average. For more detailed information, please contact Mark.

John Poole thanked Silent Auction volunteers on behalf of Danny Harmsen. Thanks went to Dennis Murphy, Phil Madsen, Don Feyrer, Wayne Klement, Donna Pugh, Mim Thompson, Ted and Janet Rupp, Twink Monrad, Don Morrin, Phil Babcock, Ginny Peterson, Diana

Hara and Steve Slat.

Wayne Klement, Phil Madsen, and Dennis Murphy were given a big thank you and a round of applause for the work they did to create sturdier and more long-term parking lot lines with old fire hoses in the back parking lot.

John Poole reported on the October tailgate sale held after the general meeting. He asked the membership if there was any interest in doing it again. Kim Phillips said it was enjoyable and we should keep it informal. She also said having it in October might have been too close to the Silent Auction. Consensus was that it was a good event and we should consider doing it again in the spring.

The 2015 Slate for the OPLC Board of Directors has been published in the November newsletter. If you will not be at the December meeting, please mail your proxy in to the secretary, Twink Monrad. Nominations will be taken from the floor at the December meeting. Voting will commence immediately afterward.

Janelle Cortwright presented an update on field trips. The field trip committee is researching a trip to Pierce, AZ and the JC Holmes mine north of Patagonia. There is a fieldtrip planned for Quartzite on January 16-19.

John Poole announced that all the HVAC

work in the training center has been completed. There are new units in the faceting shop, saw room, casting shop, and silver shop. The units are much more energy efficient and very quiet. The bill has not arrived yet, but is forthcoming.

NEW BUSINESS

Diana Hara presented the current status of the 2015 USFG Tucson Frolic and OPLC Hob Nob planning activities. The USFG Frolic will take place on Thursday, 2/5 9am-TBD, Friday, 2/6, 9am-TBD, and Saturday, 2/7, 9am-3pm. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner fare will be available for purchase. The Frolic will consist of presentations, classes and demonstrations. Classes for beginning and experienced faceters, as well as a presentation on GemCAD by Robert Strickland are a few things on the schedule. When the agenda is finalized, Diana will pass it along. You need not be a USFG member to participate, but some programs will be fee based. The 2015 Hob Nob will be from 6-9pm on Saturday, 2/7. Diana will be asking for volunteers at the beginning of the year to help clean the clubhouse, assist during the Hob Nob, and then clean up afterward. The organizers of the Tucson Frolic will also be asking for help during the programs early in the New Year. This will be Diana's last year as Hob Nob Chairman. She is looking for someone to take her place in 2016. Now would be a good time to join her and shadow her in the beginning planning stages for 2015. If you are interested, please contact her at 572-0339, Diana@dianahara.com or in person. John Poole announced that Bill Cascio would monitor the Silver Shop on Thursday evenings from 6-9pm beginning

on 11/20.

Shiela Powell briefed the membership on the duties of the Junior Education Chair. Middle school children are the audience for our education efforts. She said that you do not have to have a lot of mineral knowledge to take over. Periodically, the Junior Education chair gets a request from a school for minerals. She usually takes 2-3 flats with her and allows each student to take a sample. She fields any questions, with the teacher helping out. If she doesn't know the answer to a question, she just says she doesn't know. In February, there are usually a lot of requests for mineral specimens from teachers who visit the gem show. It is not unusual to send out 20 to 30 boxes. Shiela is happy to help whoever steps up to take over. Contact her with any questions.

John Poole gave an update on plans for the December meeting/potluck. The meeting will begin at 10am. We will have elections and plan to eat around 12pm. The potluck signup sheet is in the kitchen. The club will provide two turkeys and a ham.

The Tucson Gem and Mineral Club will be having their annual sale on Saturday, 12/6 from 9-4.

Don Morrin won the door prize.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50am.

Diana Hara for Twink Monrad,
Secretary

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Bola Owodunni
William Shepherd
John Fisher
Linda Devitt



Ken Ledbetter: 30 buckets of Jaspers, Agates, Geodes, Thunder eggs and Obsidian

Skip & Jean Barkley: Vibra Tek Polisher

Paula Mass: Specimens for children, garnets, citrine, jasper, agate, onyx, display case

Giac D'Aquisto: Boulder opal cabs

To donate to OPLC, just see or contact Dennis Murphy at 490-9188.

REMINDERS

- December meeting starts at 11:00 am, not the usual time!
- Club dues are due by January 31st, 2014. Get them paid early!
- Recycling aluminum cans made us \$90.00 last week! Keep those cans coming!
- Check the lab schedule, as a few changes have been made this week. Also, call ahead to make sure your monitor doesn't have holiday plans!

OPLC PROXY

I, _____, a member of the Old Pueblo Lapidary Club of Tucson, Arizona, cast my vote for these candidates, and/or those specific items listed below, and in my absence, do hereby tender by proxy to the Board of Directors or (indicate a specific member, if so desired)

_____ to represent me and to vote as they deem in the best interest of the club and on any other business which may be considered at the meeting to be held on December 11th, 2014. In the event that I do not vote my preference for those candidates and/or those specific items listed below, I also tender my proxy vote to the entity indicated above to vote those items as they deem in the best interest of the club.

President: **(Vote for one for each Officer Position)**

John Poole

Vice President:

Mike DeMeritt

Treasurer:

Mark Gibson

Secretary:

Twink Monrad

Board of Directors - Two-Year Term: **(Vote for two)**

Janelle Cortright 2015-2016

Skip Barkley 2015-2016

Board of Directors - One-Year Term:

Bob Powell

Signed _____, Date: _____

NOTE: This is a snapshot of the proxy as it stands at the time of this printing, November 1st, 2014.

QUARTZSITE/PARKER
FIELD TRIP 16-19 January 2015

For those of you who haven't been previously, Quartzsite is overwhelming, quite like the first time visitor feels about Tucson in February. There are vendors and mine owners that don't come to Tucson as it is too expensive to rent tent and hotel space. It's all outside so can be windy, wet, cold, or warm and sunny. It's the build-up of the excitement about Tucson and all our shows, and prices are generally cheaper. The local rock club does have a show starting on 21 January for 4 days, called the Pow-Wow. I prefer walking the various shows earlier to the organized one, which is very like any Tucson show.

Our plan is to drive to Quartzsite on Friday, visit shows and vendors as you wish. Dinner at the hotel as there are very few places to eat in Quartzsite. I will make a reservation for 630pm should you wish to eat together, at the Blue Willow. There are also pizza places and Mexican restaurants in Parker. We have 2 full days to visit the vendors, and to do some exploring north and west of Parker in California, and south of I-40 to visit some sites listed in the Gem Trails of Southern California. Hopefully, we can get to the Palo Verde Rock Shop in Palo Verde, CA. It's a second generation family shop, and has great rocks for sale, plus the owner is very knowledgeable about collecting sites all over the area. There are also farms/orchards around Blythe area selling citrus at really good prices. I usually bring home a huge bag of grapefruit along with our Jeep full of rocks. A lot of the collecting sites say a 4 wheel drive vehicle or pickup is preferable as the roads are rough and/or sandy. Once you get there, if you find you want to spend all your time at the shows versus the rock shop visit and field trip, that's fine, too.

Parker is 45 miles north of Quartzsite, Blythe is 35 miles west. We've stayed in Blythe for years, and the hotels there cannot compare with the Blue Water Resort/Casino.

This field trip is a very flexible trip. You can come for all days or only some, and you can arrive when you want to in Parker. For those that wish to caravan, we will meet at the McDonald's near Eloy at N. Toltec Rd. at 9am. Mileage from Tucson to Quartzsite is 244 miles, approx.. a 3 ½ drive. We are staying in Parker at the BlueWater Resort, website: bluewaterfun.com. There are RV parks in and around Quartzsite, as well as desert dry camping. Rates at the hotel are approx. \$80 for two persons per night. Call the hotel direct at 888-243-3360 or try their website. No other vendor has space available for the Casino/Resort. If you even think you might be going, make a reservation as there is no cancel penalty outside the 72 hours prior.

We usually take food for lunch with us as we never know where we will be at lunch time. Food is available at the shows. I did read some reviews for a place called The Desert Bar outside Parker. It's 5 miles out a dirt road into the desert, has a live band, hamburgers and beer, only open on Saturday and Sundays noon to 6pm. I'll check with them closer to the dates of our trip for their schedule.

If any of this sounds like you'd be interested in coming with us, let me know. Bring your walkie-talkies and GPS if you have them. Brings lots of water, a hat and sunblock.

Janelle Cortright

e-mail: bum140@aol.com, cell: 520-223-1675, land: 520-761-1924



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Dear Old Pueblo Lapidary Club,

Re: SAL 10th Annual Golf Tournament – Tubac – October 19th, 2014

Thank you so much for your generous contribution to our S.A.L. Charity Golf Tournament. Because of you and several other local businesses, our Annual S.A.L. Golf Tournament was a great success, this year raising over \$4600.

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With your help, we have succeeded in meeting our budget goals for charitable contributions for the year.

Thanks again for your support.

Sincerely,

David McKee

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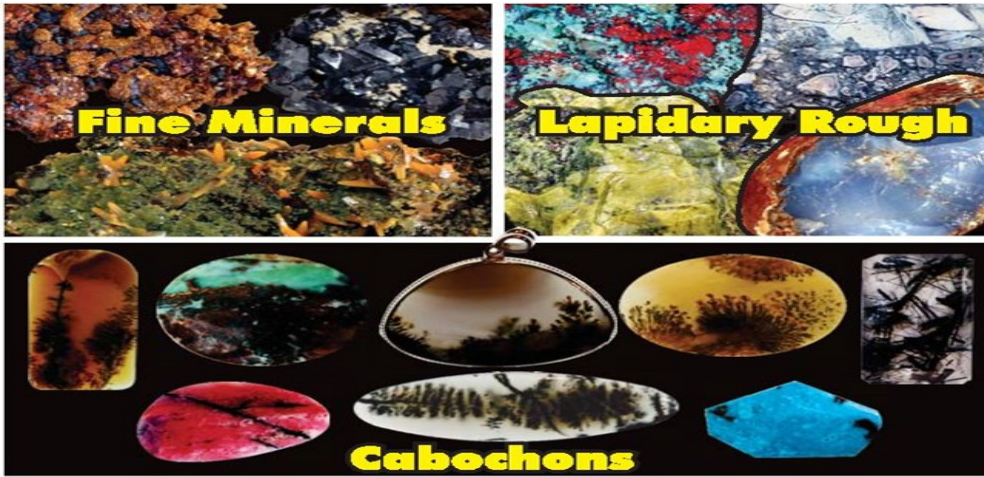
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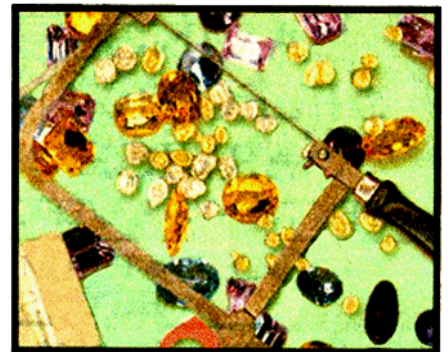
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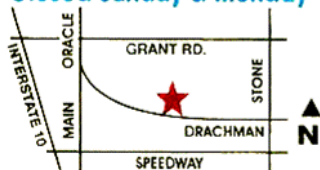
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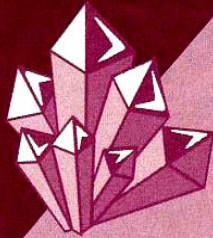
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1PM - 4PM **Silversmith Lab**

Monitor - Lou Akerman 290-6968

5PM - 9PM **Cabbing**

Monitor - Joseph Blackcoyote 891-6822

6PM - 9PM **Beginning Faceting**

Monitor - Earl Zoeller 886-3518

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9AM - Noon **Cabbing***

Monitor - Mike DeMeritt 203-8430

9AM - Noon **Silversmithing Lab**

Monitor - John Poole 777-5588

1PM - 4PM **Beginning Faceting**

Monitor - Mike DeMeritt 203-8430

1 PM - 4PM **Cabbing**

Monitor - Jerry Glazman 860-689-3432

Wednesdays

6PM - 9PM **Beginning Casting**

Monitor - Chuck Lundstrom 241-9262

6PM - 9PM **Cabbing**

Monitor - Keith Haubert 784-8283

6PM - 9PM **Silversmithing Lab**

Monitor - Bill Penrose 544-7517

6 PM - 9PM **Faceting**

Monitor - Billy Bob Riley 225-9060

Thursdays

9AM - 12PM **Cabbing**

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9AM - 12PM **Rock Sawing**

Monitor - Pete Peterson 886-9021

6PM - 9PM **Silversmithing**

Monitor - Bill Cascio 638-8144

Fridays

9AM - 12PM **Cabbing***

Monitor - Mike DeMeritt 203-8430

1PM - 4PM **Silversmithing**

Monitor - Terry Cox 296-4949

Saturdays

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Monitor - Terry Cox 296-4949

10AM - 3PM **Cabbing***

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10AM - 3PM **Cabbing**

Monitor - Dennis Murphy 490-9188

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Monitor - Giac D'Aquisto 207-6219

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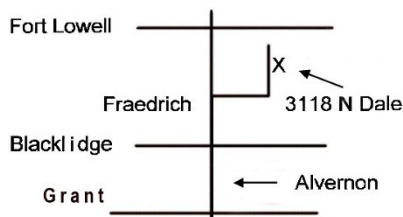
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Mail to: Membership Chairperson, Old Pueblo Lapidary Club, 3118 N. Dale, Tucson, AZ 85712



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.