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Please join us  
December 14th at 11  
AM for the OPLC  
Christmas Meeting  
and Potluck!  
Visitors are always  
welcome.



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



11/22/19

It's getting a little nippy outside so I hope you all stay bundled up and enjoy the dessert "winter". Our next business board meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 3rd at the usual place but at 5 PM to accommodate the future board members schedules. Members are, as always, encouraged to participate in the board meetings and discussions and your inputs are welcome. Please remember that there will be no speaker or mini silent auction at the December club member meeting as we have our Christmas pot luck dinner that day and the voting in of the new board for 2020.

As a reminder, Janet Kaisler is collecting dues for 2020 and you must be paid up as of January 1<sup>st</sup> in order to be allowed in the labs. A new listing of members that have paid their dues for 2020 will be posted in each of the labs at the end of December and monitors will be checking this list before members can be allowed to use the equipment in any of the labs. Our insurance does not cover members that have not paid their dues so this is mandatory if you want to work in any of the labs.

Speaking of labs, they are all up and running and there are no major issues to report. The mini split in the cab lab has been replaced with a new unit so we don't have to have drip pans sitting on top of the Titan polishing machine anymore. Thanks go out to Dave Richardson for finding us a great deal on the unit and coordinating the efforts to get this unit installed. One of the slab saws is down right now and the part to repair it has been ordered.

I would like to thank all the folks that helped make the silent auction event happen this year in November: Dave Richardson (organizer and main stuckee), Danny Harmsen, Janet Rupp, Jean Berkley, Diana Hara, Wayne Klement, Al Romey, Mike Tucker, Mike Rose, Don Richardson, Tim Henderson, Bob Powell, Ted Rupp, Skip Barkley and John Poole. Thanks to Peggy Joe Hays, Twink Monrad, Sheila Powell, Mike Demeritt's daughter for her kitchen work and especially the add hock auctioning of the left-over food at the end of the event. This is our biggest fund raising event each

year and these folks did an outstanding job in making it all come together!

My thanks go out to Jack D'Aquisto and Pat Droll for holding our first broom casting class last month and hopefully we can get them to do it again sometime in the future so those that couldn't participate can learn this technique.

Victoria Fila is the lead this year for the Christmas pot luck dinner. We are still looking for volunteers to help coordinate the Christmas party efforts this year, help set up and help clean up after the event. This is pot luck event so we will be asking for folks to sign up to bring in various dishes such as salads, desserts, vegetables and other items. The club will supply two turkeys, two hams and a brisket for the event. A sign-up sheet is available at the club or you can contact Victoria if you want to bring in a dish or help set up and clean up. As always, the new board will be voted in after the Christmas dinner and nominations for board members will be accepted from the floor during the voting day.

In case anyone has forgotten, we gladly accept 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, myself 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!

This will be my last Prez says write up for the club as Victoria will be taking over the presidency next year and I would like to thank all the club members and monitors that have helped me and the club out over my three year tenure at the helm. I've enjoyed working with everyone and really appreciate the club members that have rolled up their sleeves and made this club happen for me and all the members! I will continue on the board as a non-voting member for one year in an advisory capacity but you are all in great hands with Victoria taking over. See you all at the club!

- David

**Front Cover Pictures:** Bernt Munsteiner does December's birthstone "Tanzanite" (Zoisite) justice in a fantasy-cut stone and ring; **Turquoise** from Indian Mountain, Nevada, is another December stone.

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

### OLD PUEBLO LAPIDARY CLUB

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING, November 9, 2019

Secretary, William Penrose, [wrp0143@comcast.net](mailto:wrp0143@comcast.net), 520-780-1143

The President thanked Jim Turner for his great talk and slide show on 'Zuni Fetishes and Carving'. The question period was quite active.

Members were reminded that there will be no speaker in February due to conflict with the Gem Show, but there will be a membership meeting. December's meeting will consist of our Christmas Potluck Dinner and election of officers and board.

Thanks to Roxanne Wilson for supplying the goodies for the breakfast this morning.

Minutes of last month's meeting were approved by the membership.

Membership (Jan Keisler) – Current paid-up membership is 455. Eight new members introduced themselves at the meeting as well. Janet reminded members to use the new form with the liability waiver when renewing membership for 2020. Dues for 2020 are now being accepted. Payment of dues is necessary by January 1 in order to continue using the labs. This is a condition of our insurance.

Treasurer (Pat Droll) – The club is in healthy financial shape and has only spent 67% of the budget at the 80% point in the fiscal year.

Field Trips (Victoria Fila) – The trip to Courtland will be next Saturday, November 16, beginning at 9 am.

There will be a trip to Duquesne, a town of two remaining buildings south of Patagonia, on December 7 for green garnet and quartz crystals; only 8 members are allowed at a time and the first trip of 8 people is fully subscribed. There will probably be another trip in March 2020.

Another trip to San Carlos for Peridot is in the works for April

Silent Auction – was a success with \$5620 taken in from sales and \$179 from the kitchen. The membership thanked those who contributed effort to the Silent Auction: Dave Richardson, Danny Harmsen, Ted and Janet Rupp, Skip and Jean Berkley, Diana Hara, Wayne Klement, Al Romey, Mike Tucker, Mike Rose, Don Richardson, Tim Henderson, Bob Powell, and John Poole. The kitchen was staffed by Peggy Jo Hays, Twink Monrad, Shiela Powell, and Mike Demeritt's daughter (who also auctioned off remaining food items after the event).

Christmas Potluck Dinner – The event will begin at 11 am December 14. Voting for officers and board members will take place before the food. Thanks to Twink Monrad, John Poole and Janet Keisler for seeking nominations to the slate of candidates. Volunteers are needed to help with setup, cleanup, and pot luck items. The club will supply two turkeys, two hams, and a brisket. Those wishing to help out should contact Victoria Fila at 520-664-0302 or [sabinofila@aol.com](mailto:sabinofila@aol.com).

Jack D'Aquisto and Pat Droll held the first broom casting session. More classes are planned for the future. However, there is a smoke issue caused by the burning out of the straw in the casting room which will have to be dealt with in the coming year.

Donations are still requested for next year's Silent Auction or for general club use. All donations are tax deductible. Contact Dave Richardson or David Schulte if you need assistance bringing a donated item to the club.

The door prize winner was Bruce Fulton who won a specimen of blue lace agate.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 am. The raffle and a lab tour followed for new members.

# OPLC Speakers Forecast 2019-2020

Updated October 23, 2019

Here is the latest list for our upcoming speakers.

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

Bob Jones, "Russian Lapidary Art" (March 14, 2020)

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

Eric Fritz, History of Turquoise (May 9, 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

## **“THE TREZ SEZ...”**

**It's that time of year - dues are “due” at OPLC! Don't forget to renew your membership, so you'll enjoy uninterrupted use of the facilities here at our fine club!**

**Renewal forms are available at the club (try asking a monitor) or on the back of this newsletter. Bring your completed forms to Janet Keisler, or any monitor or Board Member. Thanks!**

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



**Anna Thomas  
Jenny Shook  
Scott Brockenbrough  
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Karen Castle  
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Patsy Burgess  
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Elaine Ilsley  
Loren Bjorn  
Tomas Smith  
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Debby Beneze  
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**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!**



**NO DONATIONS THIS MONTH!**

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

**OPLC PROXY**

I \_\_\_\_\_, a member of the Old Pueblo Lapidary Club of Tucson, Arizona, cast my vote for the those 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 of the club and on any other business which may be considered at the meeting to be held on December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019. In the event I do not vote my preference for those candidates and/or those specific items listed below, I also tender my proxy to the entity indicated above to vote those items as they deem in the best interest of the club.

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

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( ) \_\_\_\_\_

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( ) Malcolm Currie

( ) \_\_\_\_\_

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( ) Margarete Harris

( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary:

( ) ) Bill Penrose

( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Board of Director – Two year term: VOTE FOR 2

( )  John Poole

\_\_\_\_\_

( )  Ted Rupp

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( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Board of Director – One year term:  VOTE FOR 1

( ) Mark Davidson

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Signed \_\_\_\_\_,

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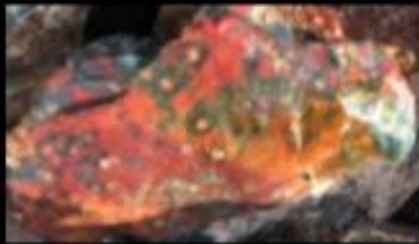
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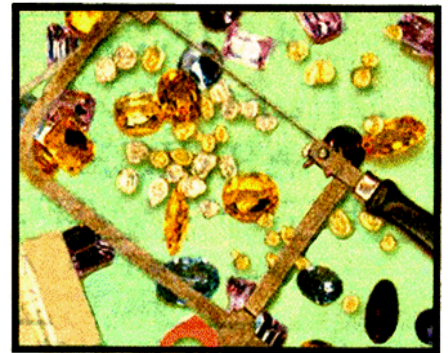
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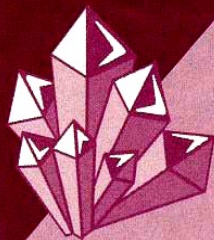
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## Mondays

9AM - Noon **Faceting Lab & Class**

Monitor - Dave Richardson 245-2172

9AM- 3:30PM **Cabbing**

Monitor - John Watt 520-247-6811

1PM - 4PM **Silversmith Lab**

Monitor - Pat Droll 345-2792

1PM—4PM **Faceting Lab & Class**

Monitor - Dave Richardson 245-2172

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

Monitor - Margarette 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

## Wednesdays

9AM - 1PM **Silversmithing**

Monitor - Dennis Murphy 490-9188

3PM - 6PM **Rock Sawing**

Monitor - Steve Lutes 320-360-4329

6PM - 9PM **Cabbing**

Monitor - Keith Haubert 784-8283

6PM—9PM **Faceting Lab & Class**

Monitor - Bob Powell 403-8980

## 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 - Kim Knebel 873-8990

1PM - 4PM **Silversmithing**

Monitor - Lou Ackerman 290-6968

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1PM - 4PM **Cabbing**

Monitor - Pete Valentine, 208-409-7910

## 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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## Sundays

9AM - Noon **Rock Sawing**

Monitor - Mark Gibson 297-4412

10AM - 3PM **Silversmithing Lab**

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10AM - 2PM **Cabbing**

Monitor - Gloria Jean Shevanaquet 369-7225

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Monitor - Malcolm Currie

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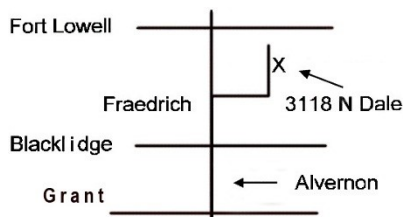
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Mail to: Membership Chairperson, Old Pueblo Lapidary Club, 3118 N. Dale, Tucson, AZ 85712



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