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Please join us  
**February 10th** at **9AM**  
for the monthly  
meeting. There is an  
optional social hour  
that begins at 8AM.  
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



February is here and so is the big GEM show! I hope you all have a great time at the show this year and find lots of interesting material at a good price. Our business board meeting for January was held on Friday, January 6th. Our next business board meeting will be held on Friday, February 2nd, 2018. Members are welcome to attend if you're interested in what your board is doing.

Our thanks go out to all the folks that donated jewelry and lapidary pieces for the OPLC display case at the convention center this year. Pat Droll will be setting it up and you should go down and take a look at all the nice stuff we are displaying. Bob Powell, John and a few other folks will be bringing a faceting machine, cabbing machine and some mineral samples down to the convention center along with club brochures. So folks can get a hands-on experience or what our club is all about. Thanks to all the folks that volunteered to sit at the booth during the show. Thanks to Wayne for updating the brochure with the latest information about the club.

The club now has board liability and club member on site accident insurance in place. We will continue to purchase this insurance each year. The North American Lapidary Society has also asked Philadelphia Insurance Company about the pricing for this type of insurance for all of their affiliated clubs across the country. If society offer this new insurance coverage as part of our affiliation with them, we will then not have to purchase it separately.

The Hob Nob and the Faceter's Frolic are coming to our club in February. Gloria will be running the Hob Nob event on 2/3/18 starting at 6 PM. This is a great chance for everyone to come down and see some amazing faceted stones, maybe buy some rough or finished faceted stones at a great price and even put your own stone into the running for the awards: the best natural faceted stone; the best man enhanced faceted stone; and the best man made faceted stone. There will also be a speaker for the main Hob Nob event given by **Scott Sucher** - "*The Evolution of Diamond Cutting*". The price for entry into the Hob Nob is \$5 and well worth it! There are a number of other

speakers during the three days of the Frolic at our club and you all have received the detailed brochure for all the presentations and events during the three day event. Hope to see you there.

The club is still looking for a volunteer to take over the silent auction efforts in 2018 or at least be the number two person along with Tom. If anyone is interested in helping out, please contact Tom McDevitt or David Schulte. We will also be cleaning and sealing the floor in the main building after the Gem show is over and are looking for volunteers to help get this work done. Please see or contact David Schulte if you are interested in helping out.

My thanks go out to Victoria Fila for running the meeting in January and I will chair the meeting in February which is on 2/10/18. Refreshments, as always, will be available at 8 AM and the meeting will start at 9 AM. Due to the GEM show, Faceter's Frolic and the Hob Nob events, we will not have a speaker at this club meeting. We do, however, look forward to members sharing with everyone their "finds and deals" this year at the show. I will leave some time at the end of the meeting for folks to share some suggestions with the rest of the club members. Remember to wear your OPLC badge to the meeting.

If you have not renewed your membership for 2018, it's that time again. For those of you that have renewed your membership but did not sign the liability disclaimer form, you need to do so before you will be allowed to use the equipment at the club. Wayne is maintaining a listing of all those members that have paid their dues and signed the liability disclaimer form and this is being checked by the monitors at each of the labs.

I hope you all have a great GEM show this year and I look forward to seeing you all at the club

David

**Front Cover Pictures:** Gorgeous faceted **Amethyst**, a purple variety of Quartz, is February's primary birthstone. **Sugilite** from South Africa makes a beautiful purple cabbing material.

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## PRIOR MONTH'S MEETING MINUTES... Twink Monrad, Secretary



The meeting was called to order by Vice President Victoria Fila at 10:00 am. Victoria thanked our speaker Eric Fritz who gave an excellent slide show and talk about Coral.

The OPLC officers and board members were sworn in for 2018.

Victoria thanked Margarita for supplying the goodies.

Motion was approved for last month's minutes that were published in the Cutting Remarks.

New members and visitors were introduced.

Wayne gave a membership status and reminded everyone that the waiver form must be signed prior to anyone using the club labs or equipment.

The club is looking for a couple of volunteers to take over the task of planning field trips for the club and running and organizing the once a year silent auction. If interested contact David Schulte or Victoria Fila.

Bill Casio gave a library status and reminded the membership that there are many interesting and informative books dealing with all aspects of the lapidary hobby including rock identification and collecting. these books can be checked out and returned up to two months later.

Victoria informed the membership that short sleeve t-shirts with the club logo will be ordered soon in two different colors.

Victoria reminded the membership that the annual dues are due.

The club liability waiver and disclaimer statement will be sent out to the club membership at least 10 days prior to the

February membership meeting where the board will be asking the membership to approve these changes to the By Laws.

The OPLC operating budget for 2018 has been drafted by Bob Powell and will be presented to the membership for approval at the February membership meeting.

The board is considering adding back in a formal cabbng class at a cost of \$45 per person. The hope is that educating people on how to use the equipment in the cab lab will reduce the wear and tear on the equipment.

A call was made to the membership for pieces to be displayed in the OPLC display cabinet at the annual TGMS show. The club is looking for cut and polished stones, jewelry and faceted stones that could be or were made here at the club.

Victoria thanked all the members who have volunteered their time to make the club such a success. A special thanks was given to Wayne, Victoria, Skip and Dennis for cooking the turkeys and hams and to all the other folks that brought in food and helped set up and clean up for the Christmas dinner.

A reminder to the members that donate aluminum cans to the club that if they could crush them the club gets 10 cents more per pound than uncrushed. John Poole and Pat Droll took the last batch of cans to the recycler and received \$255 for the club coffers.

Victoria again mentioned that the club is looking for volunteers to man the booths at the TGMS show and the Pima county fair, work with the treasurer Bob Powell this year in order to take over as the club treasurer in 2019, head up the field trips, organizing and running the silent auction, running the Hob

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## 2018 OPLC Speakers- A Forecast Look

So, let's take a forecast look at the year 2018.

Juan Garcia, "Maria Felix: Her Life & Jewelry" (March 10, 2018)

Patti Polk, "Agates & Jaspers of the Southwest" (April 14, 2018)

Kevin Lane Smith, lapidary and jewelry artist (May 12, 2018)

Jim Turner, "Turquoise Mining around Jerome" (June 9, 2018)

Nick Sacketti, "Fluorescent Minerals" (October 13, 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

### **MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL INFO:**

Hey gang.....for those of you who haven't yet renewed.....this is your last newsletter. If you need a renewal form, go to our website: [www.lapidaryclub.org](http://www.lapidaryclub.org), and click on the "Join Us" tab and download the membership PDF file. This form also includes the liability statement on the second page that needs to be filled out and signed. Thanks, Wayne Klement,  
Membership.

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**



**DAVID BALLARD ARMIN MARLIN**  
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**NICHOLAS BRESTEL BENJAMIN COOPER**  
**ANGIE CURELL WATCHMAN**  
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**CAROL KEITH**

*Speak to the Earth  
and let it teach you*  
**- Job 12:8**



**(No Donations this month)**

**To donate to OPLC, just contact Tom McDevitt at (520) 575-0517**

## OPLC CALENDAR February through April 2018

**Tucson Gem and Mineral Shows begin January 24 through 11 February, various venues around Tucson. Check online for locations and times and specialties. Favorite shows are 22<sup>nd</sup> Street Show, Mineral & Fossil Show at Fortuna Inn Suites, formerly InnSuites, Kino Gem and Mineral Show at Kino Sports Complex.**

**January 31 through February 3, 2018. Tucson Faceters Frolic and Hob Nob, lectures and classes. OPLC Clubhouse. See email sent out on Jan 22 listing all activities and times.**

**Feb. 2 – Board meeting at OPLC Clubhouse, 1pm. Members welcome to attend to observe.**

**Feb. 8 through Feb. 11 – TGMS Show at Convention Center. We have a booth there and volunteers staff it. Signup sheet in Clubhouse. We give away rocks to children, promote the club and usually have someone demonstrating some lapidary equipment**

**Feb. 10 – Monthly OPLC member meeting. Doors open 8am, meeting at 9am. OPLC Clubhouse.**

**March 2 – Board meeting at OPLC Clubhouse. Members welcome to attend to observe.**

**March 10 – Monthly OPLC member meeting. Doors open 8am, meeting at 9am. OPLC Clubhouse. Member parking lot sale after meeting in back parking lot.**

**March 18 – Field trip south of Patagonia for jasper, and Duquesne Wash for quartz and maybe green garnet. Info in March newsletter.**

**April 6 – Board meeting at OPLC Clubhouse. Members welcome to attend to observe.**

**April 7-8 – Petrified wood field trip to Snowflake and environs. More info at March mtg.**

**April 14 – Monthly OPLC member meeting. Doors open 8am, meeting at 9am. OPLC Clubhouse.**

**April 19 through April 29. Pima County Fair. We have a booth there and staff it with volunteers. Signup sheet in Clubhouse. Bob Powell can let you know what is required.**

*(Meeting Minutes Continued from Page 3)*

Nob event for the faceting guild in February and monitors for the various labs. Please see David Schulte or Victoria Fila. **Remember this is your club and we are only as strong as the folks who volunteer to make the club work!**

We now have a firm quote for the liability insurance coverage and are in the process of putting it into place.

Floor cleaning and buffing will be scheduled in February and the club is looking for volunteers to help out.

Changes to the monitor times have been posted outside each of the labs and will be updated as necessary. Thanks go out to Mike DeMeritt for his continued efforts in getting out the monthly newsletter.

The new board members were announced as follows: They are President; David Schulte, Vice President; Victoria Fila, Secretary; Pat Droll, Treasurer; Bob Powell, and board; Twink Monrad, Diane Braswell, Tom McDevitt and Bill Penrose.

Bathroom cleaning services were suspended by the board. The cost was too much of a drain on the club coffers. Pat Droll and Bill Penrose have agreed to help out with the cleaning to save the club \$140 per month in cleaning fees. If anyone would care to help out please see the president or vice president.

Scott Homan announced to the members that the Gold Show will be held at the Tucson Expo on February 18th and 19th. He has tickets for \$5 which is half the price of the cost at the doors.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 am

Pat Droll, Secretary



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**WEEKLY WORKSHOP SCHEDULE Phone 323-9154**

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8AM - 11AM **Cabbing**

Monitor - Gloria Jean Dana 369-7225

1PM - 4PM **Silversmith Lab**

Monitor - Pat Droll 345-2792

6PM - 9PM **Beginning Faceting**

Monitor - Billy Bob Riley 225-9060

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

Monitor - Margarette Harris 561-2315

**Tuesdays**

9AM - 1PM **Cabbing\***

Monitor - Mike DeMeritt 240-5133

9AM - Noon **Silversmithing Lab**

Monitor - John Poole 777-5588

1PM - 4PM **Cabbing**

Monitor - Jerry Glazman 860-689-3432

1PM - 4PM **Faceting Open Lab**

Monitor - Billy Bob Riley 225-9060

**Wednesdays**

9AM - Noon **Cabbing**

Monitor— Sharon Wilcox 878-8685

9AM - 1PM **Silversmithing**

Monitor - Dennis Murphy

Noon - 3PM **Rock Sawing**

Monitor - Sharon Wilcox 878-8685

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

1PM - 4PM **Silversmithing**

Monitor - Giac D'Aquisto 207-6219

6PM - 9PM **Silversmithing**

Monitor - Bill Cascio 638-8144

6PM - 9PM **Rock Sawing**

Monitor - Tim Rose 360-480-1817

6PM - 9PM **Cabbing**

Monitor - Tom Tuten 803-260-5423

**Fridays**

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

Monitor - David Schulte 954-8554

1PM - 4PM **Silversmithing**

Monitor - Lou Ackerman

**Saturdays**

9:00AM - 2:00PM **Silversmithing**

Monitor - Pat Droll 345-2792

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

Monitor - Ron Bryan 619-495-7967

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**Sundays**

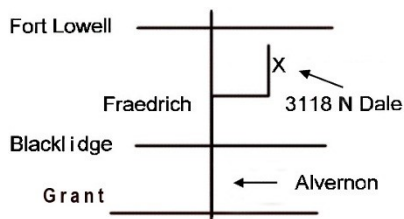
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