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Please join us on January 10th for the next monthly meeting. Optional social hour begins at 8:00 AM followed by the educational program at 9:00am followed by the meeting. Visitors are always 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



Now that it is January and the year-end holidays are behind us, do you think things will slow down? -- Nah. As you probably have figured out by now, I write these "Prez Sez" comments at the end of the month prior to the month the Newsletter is actually published. So, Happy New Year and hang onto your hats. We have lots of stuff coming up and many things to do. We will have a board meeting on Tuesday, January 6th, before the General Meeting which will be held on January 10th. Hopefully, we will be getting the 2009 Proposed Budget ready then for discussion when we hit the General Meeting. (I say "hopefully" since I have run out of energy getting ready for Christmas and doing Christmas. It sure was fun but now, I seem to be spent) Try to get any proposed budget comments, suggestions or other input to us by the 10th, or you can surface them at the general meeting.

I just starting thinking, "Did we do anything this past year?" My inclination is to say no and move on because I am so lazy. But now that I started thinking about 2008, a few things come to mind. We did demos at the TGMS Gem and Mineral show and the Pima County Fair. We hosted the Hob Nob. We trimmed our fence-line trees. We remodeled our Casting Room. We replaced our

water heater (no more stinky water). We eliminated the gas leak and brought our plumbing up to code. We purchased a dust collection system for the buffing wheels in the Silversmithing Room. We purchased a projector to work with our computer for presentations. We accomplished the inventory. We repaired the trailer door hinges. We had great field trips. We fixed a leaky ladies room toilet. We had some great presentations. We leveled the south portico roof. We had a great Silent Auction. We had a superlative holiday potluck. And, we have wheels ready to go on the Genies. These are just some of the things that readily come to mind.

There were a lot of Club members who volunteered and got these jobs done. The Club offers you a tremendously, huge THANK YOU to these generous, talented people. It's you that are making the Club successful.

We have the TGMS Gem and Mineral show rapidly approaching: the 12th – 15th of February. We will need lots of volunteers for handling the demonstrations and communicating with the public. It is an enjoyable time. We will have sign up sheets in the kitchen on the long counter at January's meeting. Please look

for times that are compatible with your schedule and sign up.

We also have the Hob Nob on the 7th of February. Sylvia Czayo has offered to treat the preparation crew to pizza during the clean-up. However, Sylvia is currently in the hospital and probably won't be able to meet that offer. I am sure someone else will step up to the plate (pizza box) in her stead. Sylvia, do not worry about it – just get healthy and back into the faceting lab. We love you, Gal.

As usual, there will be **no meeting in February** since there Are so many gem show activities.

The election of Club Officers and Directors is history. The membership demonstrated their complete lack of judgment once again. Yeah, I'm back as President. New faces of the Board: Ted Rupp and Dave Witwer. Welcome, guys. Outgoing Board of Directors are Danny Harmsen and Tom Miller. I personally want to say thank you to them. I can't think of anyone who could have done a better job than these two gentlemen. What a pleasure is was to work with them.

Remember, always practice safe elections.

Bill Carmody

DECEMBER MEETING MINUTES By Jenny Coniglio



The meeting opened with a quorum present.

The November meeting minutes were approved as they were printed in the newsletter.

Our annual Hob Nob dinner and meeting of faceters from around the world will be |February 7th from 6 – 9 PM. This will be our 9th year of hosting this event. January 31 will be the set-up and volunteers should contact Art Kavan; pizza will be provided for set-up and clean-up volunteers.

Volunteers are also needed for our TGMS Gem and Mineral Show booth at the TCC. There will be a sign-up sheet at the January meeting.

We will also have a Club booth at the Pima County Fair in the Spring. Murray Hiller will Chair and coordinate the activity.

The OPLC board is preparing the 2009 budget. "Want lists" for purchasing

equipment and supplies should be compiled by Shop Monitors and Instructors and given to Jenny Coniglio or another Board Member in early January. A dust collection system for the buffing wheels will be purchased and installed very soon. Also, a projection system for computer will be purchased. Andy Rouse will help select the best one that is compatible with our computer and has the best price.

Elections: There were no nominations from the floor, therefore it was moved to unanimously approve the nominees: President: Bill Carmody, Vice President: Bob O'Donnell, Secretary: Jenny Coniglio, and Treasurer: Melinda Thompson. Board Members: Skip Barkley and Ted Rupp were elected for 2 year terms; Dave Witwer was elected for one year. Remaining Board Members are Murray Hiller and Pete Peterson. The Board Advisor remains Ron Davidson.

Rim announced that there would be another Ray Mine trip in the spring.

Robert Ezzo invited the members to come to his claim near Greaterville to try their luck panning for gold. No dates have been set for these trips.

Frank Beaven announced that he will monitor an Open Lapidary Shop on Thursdays from 1 – 4 PM.

Wayne Klement reminded us that ALL membership dues are due by the end of January, 2009. Those who haven't paid by then will no longer receive newsletters.

There was no jewelry competition today.

The meeting was adjourned to the plentiful array pot luck Holiday brunch which was chaired by Pat McMullen. Thank You Pat!

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FIELD TRIP TO ASARCO RAY MINE

On Saturday, November 22, 2008, 24 members of the OPLC had a tour of the ASARCO Ray mine. We were guided by geologists Dr. Sterling Cook and Elizabeth Runkel. While overlooking the open pit mine, Dr. Cook explained the history of the mine and present day operations. We had the opportunity to collect native copper, chrysocolla, pyrite, chalcopryite, bornite, and the seldom-seen chalcotrichite. The ruby red fine hair-like crystals of cuprite are called chalcotrichite. It was found by splitting rocks, is micro mount size, and is best viewed under a microscope.



Looking for that perfect specimen

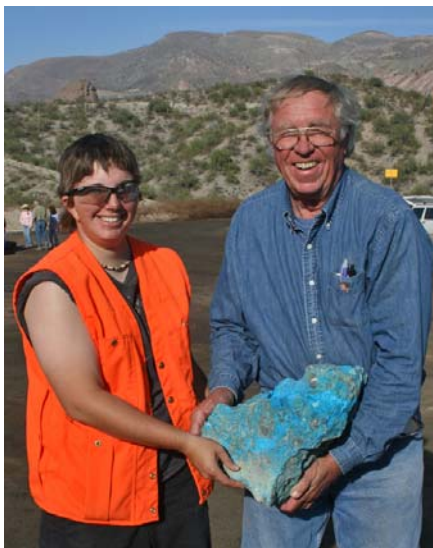
All eyes were popping when we saw the pile of blue chrysocolla. If you would like to know how much was collected, you should talk to Sam Greenleaf. His truck was loaded with boulders that took two people to carry. The result was a very low tire that needed to be changed at the mine exit gate.



↑ Looking for native copper & other minerals



A nice find by Sally Vega



This was the most exciting trip to Ray mine the club has had in several years. At the end of the tour, the Geologists presented the Club with a 70 pound bright blue chrysocolla specimen which will be on display at the Club! We are very grateful to ASARCO for allowing us access to the mine and to Dr. Cook and Ms. Runkel for guiding us on a very full and fruitful day and the wonderful piece of chrysocolla.

← Elizabeth Runkel, ASARCO staff member, presenting the chrysocolla specimen to Rim for display at OPLC.

DECEMBER POT LUCK



Art Kavan speaking to the group about the upcoming Hob Knob event which is held at the Club in conjunction with the Tucson Gem & Mineral Show



Kitchen help: l-r Twink Monrad, Sheila Powell, Pat McMullen (Chair), Donna Schreier, and Bev Griffin



Folding the tablecloths as neatly and carefully as if they were US flags are: l-r Theresa Liberty, Diane Mueller and Ginny Peterson



Sally Vega sponging down the table cloths before folding.



Another member of the kitchen staff - Marie Tallet-Kelpsa holding a drumstick



ANNUAL DUES DUE - - JANUARY 2009



This is another 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.



Wayne & Donna collecting dues at the December meeting.

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. See

Page 14 for correct amount of renewal dues.

It has been noted that some of you are paying more than the amount due for your respective membership status (i.e., single, couple). We are assuming that you intended to contribute that extra amount. If you have made a mistake and would like a refund, the Treasurer will cheerfully refund that amount, otherwise, the Club will consider the overage a contribution.

CLUB FIX-UP

The roof on the south entryway to the Club was tilted so Murray decided it needed straightening, with Wayne's help.



Several 'spacers' of 2x4 was just the ticket to fix the tilt of the canopy. Here Murray is screwing in lag bolts to make sure everything stays in place.



Wayne giving Murray an assist.

2009 TUCSON GEM & MINERAL SHOW™

Seminar Schedule

“MINERAL ODDITIES”

CB: Crystal Ballroom TB: Turquoise Ballroom

Thursday, February 12th

- 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm (TB) **Mineral Photography Seminar - JeffScovil**
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm (CB) **Society of Mineral Museum Professionals Board Meeting**
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm (CB) **Society of Mineral Museum Professionals Membership Meeting**
4:00 pm - 5:30 pm (CB) **Society of Mineral Museum Professionals Program**
3:30 pm - 4:30 pm (TB) **"Electron Microscopes and Whisker Pyrites"**
Andrew A. Sicree, Ph.D.

Friday, February 13th

- 9:30 am - 6:00 pm (TB) **Arthur Roe Memorial Micromount Symposium**
9:30 am - 10:00 am (TB) **Welcome and Scope Setup**
10:00 am - 11:30 am (TB) **First Session Symposium Talks:**
“Mineral Oddities From the Eifel Area, Germany” - Herwig Pelkmans
"Collecting Microminerals in Japan" - Alfredo Petrov
11:30 am - 12:30 pm (TB) **Break and Socializing**
12:30 pm - 2:00 pm (TB) **Second Session Symposium Talks:**
“Odd Minerals, Locations and Collectors” - Joe Marty
“Minerals of Granite Gap, New Mexico” - Ron Gibb
2:00 pm - 6:00 pm (TB) **“Freebie” Tables, Socializing, Specimen Trading Session**
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm (CB) **“To Be Announced” - Gene Meieran**
3:30 pm - 5:30 pm (CB) **Geo-Literary Society Meeting**
“History of Inclusion Studies with emphasis on Inclusions Oddities”
- John Koivula

Saturday, February 14th

- 10:00 am - 1:00 pm (CB) **30th Annual FM-TGMS-MSA Mineralogical Symposium**
11:00 am - 12 noon (TB) **“Mineral Stories” - Mark Mauthner**
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm (TB) **“Fluorite Oddities” - HerwigPelckmans**
3:30 pm - 5:00 pm (TB) **“The World of Minerals and Fossils Together” - GeorgesClaeys**

Source: '09Jan.-Feb. TGMS Rock Talk

DONATIONS

Bob Schlegel donated cabs, findings, a mandrel, gold filled wire, fire brick, and silver (wires, solder, and sheet).

Thanks to Marlys Duchene for the belt sander and paper shredder donation.

UPCOMING SHOWS

January 2-11, 2009: QUARTZSITE, ARIZONA: Show, "Tyson Wells Rock & Gem Show"; Tyson Wells Enterprises Inc.; Tyson Wells Show Grounds, 100 W. Kuehn St.; 9-5 daily; free admission; contact Kym Scott, P.O. Box 60, Quartzsite, AZ 85346, (928) 927-6364; e-mail: tysonwells@tds.net; Web site: www.tysonwells.com

January 9-11, 2009: MESA, ARIZONA: Show, "Flagg Gem & Mineral Show"; Arizona Mineral and Mining Museum Foundation; Mesa Community College, northeast corner of US 60 and Dobson Rd.; Fri. 9-5, Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-5; free admission; free activities and samples for children and teachers, more than 80 dealers, minerals, fossils, jewelry, beads, special displays, including the famous Peralta Stones; contact Ray Grant, (480) 814-9086; e-mail: raycyn@cox.net

January 16-18, 2009: GLOBE, ARIZONA: Gila County Gem & Mineral Show, (52nd Show) Gila County Fair Building, Hwy. 60, 3 miles north of jct. U.S. 60-70, Globe, AZ 85501, Show site phone: 928-425-5924 Sponsored by: Gila County Gem & Mineral Society Hours: Fri., Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-4 Admission: \$2.00 donation; children free; Parking: Free Show Chairperson: Bill Morrow, P. O. Box 1716, Claypool, AZ 85532, 928-812-0561 Dealers Contact: Andy Clark, P.O. Box 354, Superior, AZ 85273.

February 13-15, 2009 : WICKENBURG, ARIZONA: Wickenburg Gold Rush Days, Annual Gem & Mineral Show Sale, Wickenburg Community Center, 160 N. Valentine, Wickenburg, AZ Website: www.wickenburgchamber.com Hours: Fri., Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-4 Admission and parking: Free, Dealers Contact: Chamber of Commerce, John Creighton, 928-684-5061

February 21, 2009: PHOENIX, ARIZONA: Phoenix Prospectors' Day, Arizona Mining & Mineral Museum, 1502 W. Washington, Phoenix, AZ 85007, 602-771-1611 Gold panning demos, gold panning equipment, and more, activities for children. Sponsored by: Arizona Mining & Mineral Museum and Arizona Prospectors Association with the Maricopa Lapidary Society; Hours: 10-4; Show Chairperson: Charles Connell, 12912 W. Solano Dr., Litchfield Park, AZ 85340, 623-935-2007

January & February: For a listing of all 50 Shows in the Tucson Area from January 25 through February 15, 2009: Go to www.tucsonshowguide.com or www.visittucson.org.

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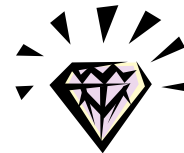
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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Lisa Abel
Linda Piorkowski
Stephen Rosenberg
Linda Vaught
Bobbie Wilson
Sid Wilson



ADVANCED FACETOR'S CORNER

The December question of the month was: **Tourmaline has a large birefringence. True or False?**

The answer False.

JANUARY QUESTION OF THE MONTH: PERIDOT IS AN ALLOCHROMATIC STONE: **True or False?**

Come to the January meeting to hear the answer.



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 !

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	

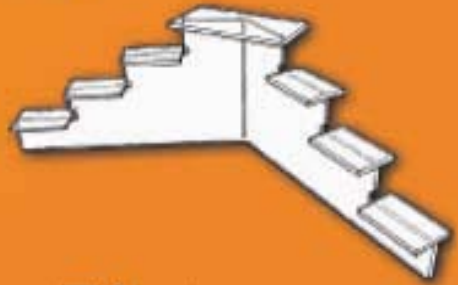
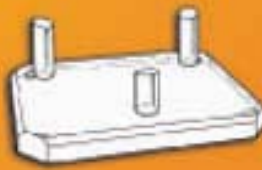
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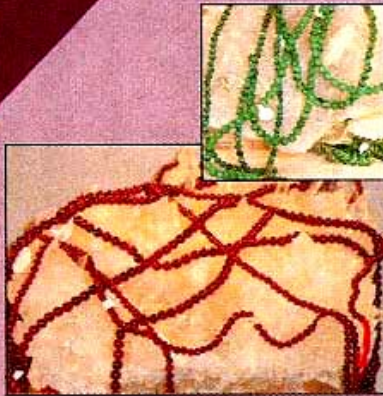
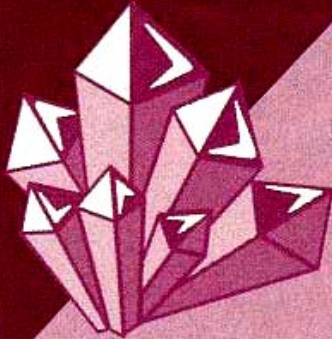
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CORRECTION

FROM A LOYAL READER: Two members of the Kitchen Crew in December's newsletter were identified incorrectly. On page 6, the second and third people (from the right) in the picture of the kitchen crew are Craig Runyon and Joy Parker, not Deborah and Terry Forrest. The same is true on page 14 under the Silent Auction workers kitchen staff list. Instead of Deborah and Terry Forrest it should be Joy Parker and Craig Runyon.

IS IT AMBER OR PLASTIC?

Distinguishing between Amber and plastic is quite simple. Amber, because of its extremely low specific gravity, will float in salt water. Plastic will not! Make up a saturated solution of salt in a bowl of water until no more salt will dissolve. Put the article of question in the water. If it sinks, it is plastic. If it floats, it is Amber. *Note:* A clasp on a bracelet or necklace will cause the ends to sink but the beads will float.

Source: Gulfport Gems - July 2008 via ROCK CHIPS AUGUST 2008

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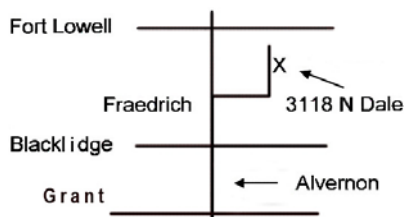
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Junior	\$7.50	\$7.50	\$7.50	\$7.50	\$7.50

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.