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Please join us May 11th at **9AM** for the monthly meeting. There is an optional social hour that begins at 8:00am followed by an educational program at 9:00am, followed by the monthly meeting. 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 520-455-5378 or (520) 240-5133. Submission deadline is the 20th of each month. Thanks!

THE PREZ SEZ by David Schulte



5/2/19

We're actually getting a break from the heat so far this year in April and May. The weather has been marvelous and it doesn't look like the ice will melt in the washes any time soon. These are the kind of days why we all moved here to Tucson! Our next business board meeting will be held on Friday, May 3rd in the main building at the club at 10 AM. Members are invited to attend and encouraged to participate in the board meetings and discussions.

The new motor for the water saw apparently was not the issue with the saw as it still did not work. The saw has been returned to the manufacturer for repair and should be back up in a week or so in the cab lab. Pete and his team have the old 24 inch blue slab saw back up and running in the saw room. Thanks go out to all those that worked so hard in getting this saw back up and running. The chain protector is lower on this saw and it lets the saw room folks cut a slightly larger rock then in the other saws.

The vacuum/heating tool donated by Bill Penrose is up and running now, we now have a vacuum rock stabilization tool for the members to use. Training be conducted by the cab lab monitors in its use and members will be required to get certified on the use of the tool prior to using it. There will be a usage listing of those certified to use the tool. There is no cost for the training but members must go through it before using the tool.

The County Fair is over now and a special thanks goes out to all of the members that spent their time manning our booth at the fair. Bob Powell and his team did a fantastic job in the display case and setting up the tools for show

and tell to all those that stopped by to check us out. Many tumbled rocks were given out to "children" of ALL ages as an enticement. We should get some new members for our efforts. The remote control airplanes next to us probably got more of the younger crowd but we had a lot of folks interested in what we do. Thanks to all the members that donated their works of art to draw folks in to our club. I think we could have sold a lot of it if we had had prices on the pieces.

Thanks to all our members that have donated items to help make the club run. Please remember that we welcome any and all donations to the club AND we'll give you a tax receipt so you can claim them on your taxes. The donations are a big part of how the club runs and are used in making up the table offerings during the Silent Auction which is our biggest money maker every year. If you have anything dealing with lapidary that you would like to donate, we'll come and pick it up! Just let Dave Richardson know and we'll set up a time to come get it or drop it off at the club!

Our thanks go out to Tim Rose for his generous donation of 3 X 5 gallon buckets of cut slabs, approximately 4 X 5 gallon buckets of good rough and a large piece of black jade weighing approximately 20 pounds. This will be a fantastic addition to some of the material that will be for sale at this years silent auction to help raise money for the club!

David

Front Cover Pictures: "The Lion", a 5,655-carat **Beryl var. Emerald**, was found recently in Zambia. What a birthstone for May! "**Williamsite**" is **Serpentine** from Maryland that cuts fantastic cabs.

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

OLD PUEBLO LAPIDARY CLUB

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING, April 13, 2019

Secretary, William Penrose, wrp0143@comcast.net,
520-780-1143

The speaker at the April meeting was our own Chuck Lundstrom, who discussed the process of lost-wax silver casting as carried out at OPLC.

Refreshments for this meeting were provided by Dave Witmer and Sandra Penrose.

Minutes from the March meeting, as published in 'Cutting Remarks', were approved by the members by show of hands.

New members and visitors were introduced to the membership.

Membership Report (Jan Keisler) – We are up to 358 members in good standing, plus some new members that signed up or renewed at this meeting. Five members have yet to sign the liability form.

Financial Report – (Pat Droll) The Club's financial assets stood at \$x as of March 27. Of that, \$x is in cash and bank accounts, and \$x is in the form of CDs.

Programs for 2019 – (Helen Serras-Herman) Next month's speaker will be Gregory McNamee, "Monumental Places: National Parks & Monuments in the Grand Canyon State".

Field trips – (Victoria Fila, phone 664-0302) Mike Rose has organized an overnight trip to Round Mountain, on the board between Arizona and New Mexico. This area is on BLM land and is rich in fire agate and chalcedony.

Library (Bill Cascio) – The library is open for loans.

County Fair – Bob Powell is collecting items for display at the County Fair. Volunteer sign-up sheets

and Fair passes are available from Bob.

Class and Shop Scheduling The current lab times are posted on the bulletin board installed in the training building and Wayne has had the web site updated with the corrected lab opening times and monitors.

We are attempting to cope with changed lab times and unexpected absences by monitors by building a Facebook page where last minute changes, lab closures, or other urgent messages can be posted. This page is expected to go live within the month. We will observe to see how well this approach can solve the problem of members driving long distances only to find the lab (or the gate) locked.

Faceting Lab (Dave Richardson) In full operation.

Silver Lab (John Poole) In full operation.

Saw Room (Pete Peterson) The used 24 inch saw was sold to the highest bidding member at \$200. The gears and feed mechanism for the older 24-inch saw have been replaced and it's back in service.

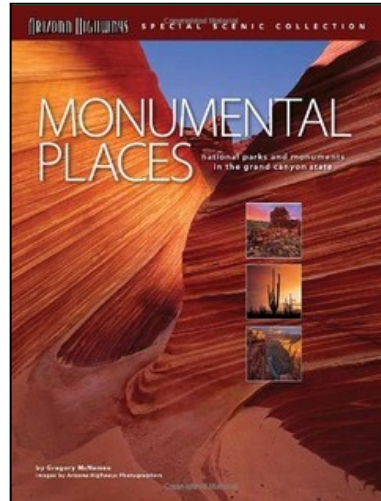
Cabbing Lab (Dave Schulte) Both Highland Park slab saws are up and running. The water saw was not repaired by replacing the motor, and the saw has been returned to the manufacturer for rework. The vacuum system donated by Bill Penrose is now working, and until a system of classes or orientation has been set up, monitors are being shown individually how to operate it. The system is useful for stabilizing porous stones like turquoise with Opticon, Cactus Juice, or other stabilizers.

Silent Auction (Dave Richardson) The club's biggest money maker every year is the Silent Auction, to be held on November 1. Donations have been slow in the past month, and members are urged to dust off that old equipment or material that's no longer needed.

Money received from raffle today was still being counted at end of meeting, but was about \$117.

Motion to adjourn meeting. Seconded and passed by show of hands at 11.00 am.

May 2019 OPLC Speaker: Gregory McNamee



We are in for another special treat for our May 11, 2019 OPLC monthly meeting. Gregory McNamee is a Tucson-based historian and author, journalist, photographer and publisher. He is the author or title-page editor of forty books and more than five thousand periodical publications, including articles, essays, reviews, interviews, editorials, poems, and short stories. Among the many assignments as editor, publisher and lecturer, he is a member of the Speakers Bureau of the Arizona Humanities Council. Gregory spoke to us 2 years ago on “Arizona Place Names: Stories of the Land”.

Gregory McNamee will present “**Monumental Places: National Parks & Monuments in the Grand Canyon State**”. From the Grand Canyon to saguaro forests near Tucson, Arizona has more national parks, monuments, historic and cultural sites than any other state. The stories in *Monumental Places* tell why these scenic treasures are embedded in Arizona's heritage. Gregory will illustrate this exciting tour of the sites with stunning images. For more information about Gregory and his books please visit his website at <http://gregorymcnamee.com/>

Looking forward to seeing you all in the May meeting! Helen Serras-Herman, OPLC Program chair

OPLC Speakers Forecast 2019-2020

Here is the latest list for our upcoming speakers.

Les Presmyk, “U of A Gem & Mineral Museum” (June 8, 2019)

Stan Hart, “Origin, Age & Evolution of Earth” (September 14, 2019)

Larry Fellows, “Pompeii & Vesuvius” (October 12, 2019)

Jim Turner, “Zuni Fetishes & Carvings” (November 9, 2019)

Kent Solberg, Kent’s Tools (January 11, 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



DONATIONS

Tim Rose - three buckets of slabs, four buckets of rough and one 20 pound piece of black jade;

Mike Rose - one bag of turquoise

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

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Elana Webb
Ying-Cho Cheng
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Emiko Matsuda
James Griffith
Angelique Griffith
Eli Whetten
Lanni Sidoti

Randy S. Fairbrother
Ruth Wojcik
Barbara Lancaster
Heather Schmitz
Elizabeth Schmitz
Aris Schwabe
Cindy Cooper

Alpine Field Trip

June 3,4,5,6,7 2019

Field trip to Snowflake and Alpine, AZ and day trips into New Mexico. Travel day 3 June will be with a stop in Snowflake for short stops for picture sandstone and petrified wood. Days 4,5,6 to be decided depending on weather and road conditions. Crystal and luna blue agate and carnelian/chalcedony can be found.

We're stay at Tal-Wi-Wi. Please feel free to stay elsewhere or to camp. Available places can be found online. Group dinners can be arranged, not required.

Come for one day or several. Just let me know what days you'll be interested in going out with us. Off road vehicle capability desired. Pack your lunches as we don't go back for sourcing food during the day. Leave from Bear Wallow Restaurant about 830am. Hunting sites usually an hour or more away from Alpine.

Last day 7 June will be a travel day unless I can find the apache tears location east of Safford before, then we can try that one out.

Contact: Janelle Cortright and Jerry Behn. Email: bum140@aol.com. Tel and text: 520-223-1675. No sign up sheet other than emailing me.



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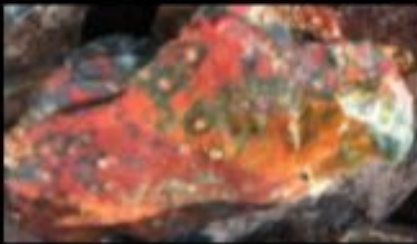
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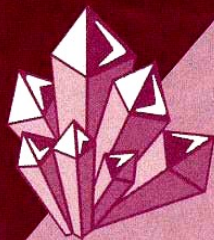
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1PM - 4PM **Silversmith Lab**
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Monitor - Margarette Harris 561-2315
6PM - 9PM **Faceting Class**
Monitor - Earl Zoeller 886-3518
6PM - 9PM **Cabbing****
Monitor - Donovan Wagner 869-2050

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
1PM - 4PM **Faceting Class/Open Lab**
Monitor - Dave Richardson 245-2172

Wednesdays

9AM - 1PM **Silversmithing**
Monitor - Dennis Murphy 490-9188
6PM - 9PM **Cabbing**
Monitor - Keith Haubert 784-8283
6PM - 9PM **Silversmithing Lab**
Monitor - Bill Penrose 780-1143

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****
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9AM—Noon **Silversmithing**
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1PM - 4PM **Silversmithing**
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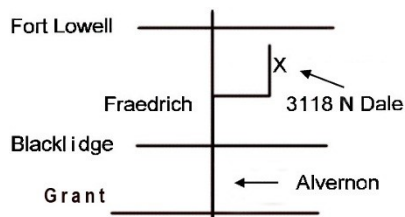
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