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Please join us November 9th 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](mailto:silverlininggemstones@gmail.com)), or feel free to call him at 520-455-5378 or (520) 240-5133. Submission deadline is the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month. Thanks!

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



10/23/19

Fall has arrived and the trees are changing colors up on Mt. Lemmon. It's definitely worth a trip up the mountain if you miss the changing of the seasons. Our next business board meeting will be held on Monday, November 4th at the usual place but at 5 PM to accommodate the future board members schedules. All members are, as always, encouraged to participate in the board meetings and discussions and your inputs are welcome.

All the other labs are up and running and there are no issues to report. Come on down, melt some silver, make little rocks out of big ones and create your master pieces!!! For those of you that were not aware of it, Bill Penrose donated a vacuum system to the club that allows you to pull a vacuum on slabs that you want to stabilize with epoxy like Opticon. Malcom Currie has also donated a heating tool that lets you keep the slabs hot prior to stabilization and during the cure of the epoxy times. You need to be trained on the use of the equipment and all cab lab monitors can do this for you for free. Please thank both Bill and Malcom the next time you see them for their generosity.

We will be continuing to hold a silent auction with 10 to 15 items at the all future club member meetings. There is some great stuff out on that table so bring your wallets and check books and pick up some deals. As a reminder the clubs main silent auction, which is open to the public as well, will be held on Saturday November 2<sup>nd</sup> in the main building (see the write up in this news-letter). The auction goes on for a good part of the day and we will be selling food and drinks in the kitchen area. We always welcome volunteers to help out and help clean up after the auction is over. You can see Dave Richardson, who is leading the silent auction event this year, if you would like to volunteer to help out collect items purchased or set up stuff on

the tables as the auction progresses. Peggy Joe is taking the lead to get the food together for the event and she has a sign-up sheet at the club meeting this month for those that are willing to pitch in. I hope you all have save your nickels (a penny is just not worth what it used to be) this year as there are always some great deals to be had thanks to the generous donations from all or our club members. So bring your check books and wallets and we'll see you at the auction!

Victoria Fila will be the lead this year for the Christmas dinner. We are 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.

As a reminder, if you have larger rocks that you need cut into slabs, bring them to the club on the days the saw room is open and we'll slab them out for you at a great price! In case I haven't reminded you lately, we welcome 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!

- David

**Front Cover Pictures:** *Topaz is November's birthstone, like this flawless "Imperial" crystal. Another November birthstone is modestly-priced Citrine (Quartz), often seen in exciting fantasy cuts!*

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

### OLD PUEBLO LAPIDARY CLUB

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING, October 12,  
2019

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

Members were reminded of the monthly silent auction at the back of the meeting room. Also, a tailgate sale was held immediately after the end of the meeting.

This month's presentation was given by Dr. Larry Fellows on recent findings in Pompeii and Mt. Vesuvius.

Refreshments for today's meeting were supplied by Wayne Klement.

Last month's meeting minutes were approved by vote of the membership.

Treasurer Report (Pat Droll) – The Club treasury is in healthy shape and increasing, with no unbudgeted or unusual expenditures or issues. Exact amounts are not included in the public minutes.

Membership Report (Janet Keisler) – Members in good standing 438. 3 new members introduced themselves.

Field trip plans (Victoria) – The field trip to Payson two weeks ago yielded staghorn coral, agate, and marine fossils. The Round Mountain trip is proceeding according to schedule on October 26, meeting at the Travel truck stop. The Courtland trip will be on November 16 and will include a tour of a 1900s copper smelter, \$20 fee to access the dump sites. A hike up Turquoise mountain may be available.

Library Status – open and operating.

Cab Lab – A new AC unit should be installed soon to replace the leaking unit. The HVAC supplier is

occupied with urgent domestic calls until the weather cools. New wheels have been installed on all machines. The vacuum system has been moved to a permanent place in the cab lab.

Faceting Lab (Dave Richardson) – The cost of the faceting class has been increased to \$60 from \$45 to cover costs, by approval of the Board.

Saw Room (Pete Peterson) – Some slabs will be cut for display and auction during club meetings beginning July 13 to raise funds in advance of the silent auction.

Silver Lab – All in order.

Silent Auction – The silent auction will be held on November 2<sup>nd</sup> here at the club. The auction is open to the public and the same rules apply as always. Items will be put out on the tables and you can bid by putting your name on the list and what you would like to pay for the item. Every 15 minutes a moderator will call a stop to the auction bids and everyone must step away from the tables. One of the tables will be called by number and if you are the highest bidder for an item on that table at this time, the item is yours. You will pay the cashier and walk away with another great buy! The auction goes on for a good part of the day and we will be selling food and drinks in the kitchen area. We always welcome volunteers to help out and help clean up after the auction is over. You can see Dave Richardson if you would like to volunteer. Peggy Jo will be coordinating kitchen help for the silent auction. We are looking for more help in the kitchen area.

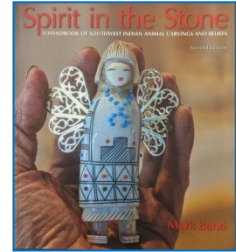
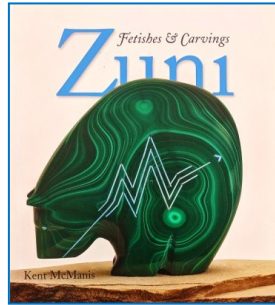
We are looking for volunteers to help set up, clean up and bring in pot luck items for the Christmas dinner in December. The club will supply two turkey's, two hams and a brisket.

Casting lab – (David S) - Jack D'Aquisto will be holding a broom casting and salt casting workshop

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# November 2019 OPLC speaker - Historian Jim Turner

## Zuni Fetishes and Carvings



We are in for another great treat for our November 9, 2019 OPLC monthly meeting. One of our favorite local historians, Jim Turner, is coming back to talk to us about **Zuni Fetishes & Carvings**. He was going to bring his new edition of the book “**Zuni Fetishes and Carvings**”, which offers the best general reference on the subject ever available for collectors, but unfortunately it will not be available until February 2020, so instead, he will bring copies of Mark Bahti’s book *Spirit of the Stone*.

When historian, author, and editor, Jim Turner, began his job with Rio Nuevo publishers in 2009, one of the first books he worked on was the second edition of Kent McManus’s *Zuni Fetishes and Carvings*. Drawing from that source, the new edition of leading Indian art dealer Mark Bahti’s *Spirit in the Stone* and other materials, Jim’s Powerpoint presentation will describe these charming carvings as indigenous art, their 20<sup>th</sup> history traditional icons, and objects of spiritual power. In addition to relating the traditional stories and beliefs Jim will, of course, describe the materials favored by the carvers with beautiful examples of fetishes created by three generations of Native American artists.

What does the bear represent, the frog, the eagle, what makes a fetish speak to a collector? These tiny exquisite charm stories are some of the most popular Native American art in North America and this recently combined edition noted dealer and Native American art Kent McManus answers all these questions and many more. He presents a range of fetish carving styles describes the materials that Zuni artist carved today and introduced many skilled carvers both acknowledged Masters and newcomers to the craft.

Please make sure you don’t miss this great speaker. We are so fortunate to have so many incredible people right here in Tucson to tap into their knowledge and experience!

Looking forward to seeing you all,

Helen Serras-Herman, OPLC Program chair



# OPLC Speakers Forecast 2019-2020

Updated October 23, 2019

Here is the latest list for our upcoming speakers.

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

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



**Duke Vincent - Petrified wood display**

**Skip Barkley - Faceting laps and accessories**

**Kristine Logan - 4 display cases**

**David Smith - Faceting machine, bead tools and class**

**Mike Rose - Specimens for kids table**

**Ted Rupp - Misc. rough**

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

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



**Diana Gagnon**

**Beverly Lynch**

**Nancy Panten**

**Zoie Holzknicht**

**Lithuania Denetso**

**Louise Denetso**

**Chuck & Dianna Baker**

## FIELD TRIP INFORMATION

**POC: Victoria Fila 664-0302**

October Round Mountain 10/26/19 meeting the Travel truck stop.

November Courtland 11/2/19 meeting at 9:00am at the mine will have direction.

Cost:

Tour: \$20 includes: 1900s era copper ore processing plant then to the Native American campsite then the mine. Tour is about 1.5 hours. Mike also points out where to find specimens.

Rocking hounding \$20 for the dump sites

This money goes to the Historical preservation. They are working towards the National Historical Class 3 cultures studies.

Those who are feeling sparky enough they will have someone to take anyone up to Turquoise mountain which is a 45 minute walk. One person he has in mind has help people to find nice quality turquoise. This person will be helping out and tips to him/her will be appreciated.

They also have cater lunch under the Ramada normally \$20 which is hamburger with side and drink. Optional

I need a count on tour + rockhounding or just rockhounding. You do not need to do the tour you can go straight to collecting

Working on December through April waiting on a call back from Rick at Duquesne mine. Will be calling Emery in October to set up a date for Peridot.

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event on October 26<sup>th</sup>. This event is already full and given the interest from our members we will most likely hold another one in the future.

Twink will be rotating some of the display material here in the main building to show off some of the other items that have been donated to the club. Please put your hands together for her continued support of efforts here at the club.

I would like to once again thank all of the members for their kind donations to the club. Remember all

donations are tax deductible! If you have anything you would like to donate, please see Dave Richardson. As he is not here today you can come and see me if you have anything you would like to donate and need someone to come pick it up.

The door prize was won by Helen Serras-Herman.

Income from the raffle exceeded \$150.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45.

*The afternoon knows what the morning never suspected...*

**-Swedish Proverb**

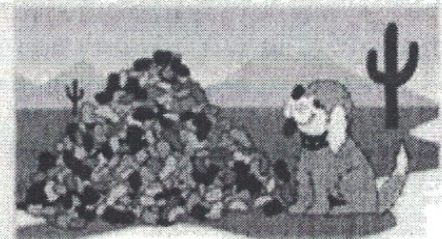
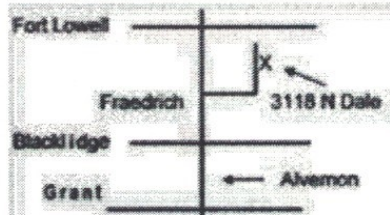
## 18TH ANNUAL SILENT AUCTION OLD PUEBLO LAPIDARY CLUB

3118 N. Dale, Tucson, AZ 85712  
Free parking - Free admission

**DATE: Saturday, November 2, 2019 HOURS: 9:00am—2:00pm**

Don't miss it! This is your chance to select all your material and lapidary needs from a myriad of mineral specimens and cutting materials including petrified wood, crazy lace, blue lace, thunder eggs, turquoise, jasper, obsidian and more, and faceting rough, slabs, polished stones, & equipment including: silversmith tools, rock saws, cab grinders, faceting machine, buffer & flat lap. There will also be a "kids only table".

For additional information, please contact Dave Richardson 520-245-2172



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## 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)**

President:

Victoria Fila

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Vice President:

Malcolm Currie

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Treasurer:

Margarett Harris

\_\_\_\_\_



Secretary:

( ) ) Bill Penrose

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

Board of Director – Two year term: VOTE FOR 2

( )  John Poole

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( )  Ted Rupp

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Board of Director – One year term:  VOTE FOR 1

( ) Mark Davidson

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

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

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## NOVEMBER BIRTHSTONE: TOPAZ

Those lucky enough to be born in the month of November have a particularly beautiful birthstone in **Topaz**. Topaz is a nesosilicate with the chemical formula  $\text{Al}_2\text{SiO}_4(\text{F},\text{OH})_2$ . Orthorhombic crystals are common, usually short to long prismatic along the *c* axis; crystals are terminated by bipyramids, other prisms, or pinacoid; the prism faces are often vertically striated. It also occurs as fine to coarse granular. Topaz has perfect basal cleavage [001], a Moh's hardness of 8, and a density of 3.5. It has a vitreous luster and is translucent to transparent. Chemically, F usually dominates over OH, so the crystal structure consists of chains of  $[\text{AlO}_4\text{F}_2]$  octahedra parallel to the *c*



Faceted Topaz gems come in an incredible array of colors.



Gorgeous Topaz on Albite specimen from Pakistan.

axis, linked by isolated  $[\text{SiO}_4]$  tetrahedra. This structure is reflected in the common prismatic crystal habit. Cleavage can take place by breaking only Al-O and Al-F bonds, without breaking Si-O bonds. The structure is a relatively dense packing of atoms, which explains the high density. Topaz can be colorless or shades of brown, orange, yellow, green, blue, and rarely pink to purple. Topaz is a characteristic mineral in pneumatolytic and pegmatitic veins related to Si-rich igneous rocks such as granites and rhyolites, and are typically associated with albite, tourmaline, cassiterite, apatite, fluorite, beryl, and micas.

Topaz is found all over the world, and important deposits include Ouro Preto and a few other locales in Minas Gerais, Brazil, where crystals over 200 kilograms have been unearthed; Siberia and Mursinka in Russia; Pike's Peak in Colorado and Hart's Range in Utah; Sri Lanka; Pakistan; and Germany. Most blue topaz rough started life as a lesser color and was heated and irradiated to final color - little of it is natural. Pink colors can be heated as well. Although most topaz is relatively inexpensive, "Imperial Topaz" from Brazil is much sought-after and very expensive to procure. Good, clean crystals only appear on the market when old collections are sold. Topaz isn't difficult to facet, but the perfect basal cleavage and occasional "finicky-ness" can be complicated for beginners.



Highgrade Imperial Topaz facet rough. Like tourmaline, topaz displays two different colors in different crystal axes. Some of the most beautiful are pink-orange and orange-red.

*-Written/Compiled by Mike DeMeritt, November 2017*



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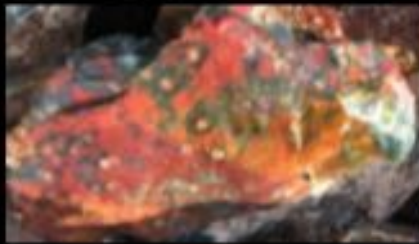
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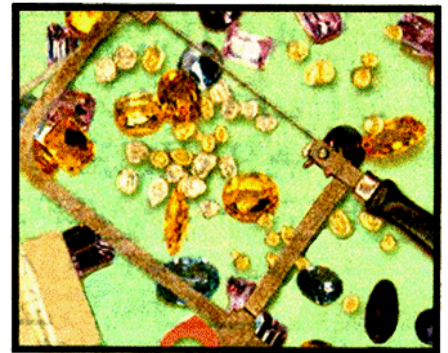
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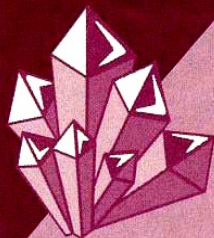
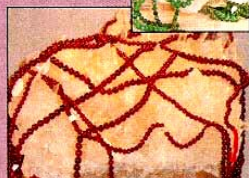
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### Mondays

9AM - Noon **Faceting Lab & Class**  
Monitor - Dave Richardson 245-2172

9AM- 3:30PM **Cabbing**  
Monitor - John Watt 520-247-6811

1PM - 4PM **Silversmith Lab**  
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6PM - 9PM **Cabbing\*\***  
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### Tuesdays

9AM - Noon **Cabbing\***  
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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

6PM - 9PM **Cabbing**  
Monitor - Keith Haubert 784-8283

6PM—9PM **Faceting Lab & Class**  
Monitor - Bob Powell 403-8980

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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

1PM - 4PM **Silversmithing**  
Monitor - Lou Ackerman 290-6968

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Monitor - Pete Valentine, 208-409-7910

6PM - 9PM **Cabbing**  
Monitor - Victoria Fila 664-0302

### 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

*Investing second Saturday of every month 12 - 3*

*Casting pour third Saturday of every month 3PM until finished.*

### Sundays

9AM - Noon **Rock Sawing**  
Monitor - Mark Gibson 297-4412

10AM - 3PM **Silversmithing Lab**  
Monitor - Giac D'Aquisto 207-6219

10AM - 2PM **Cabbing**  
Monitor - Gloria Jean Shevanaquet 369-7225

2PM - 5PM **Cabbing**  
Monitor - Malcolm Currie

- *INSTRUCTION AS AVAILABLE*

\*\* *FIRST TWO MON/FRI OF EVERY MONTH IS CAB-  
OCHON CLASS, WHILE THE OTHERS ARE OPEN  
LAB*

Old Pueblo Lapidary Club  
 (Cutting Remarks - November 2019)  
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**OPLC Membership Application**  
**Complete form can be downloaded at: [lapidaryclub.org/join\\_us.shtml](http://lapidaryclub.org/join_us.shtml)**

Name1 \_\_\_\_\_ Name 2 \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Local Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

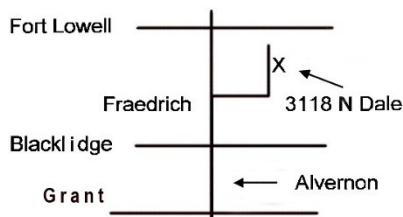
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Summer Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Type of membership:	<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>Annual Renewals</u>
Single Member	\$30.00	\$23.00	\$16.00	\$11.00	\$25.00
Couple (same address)	\$40.00	\$30.00	\$23.00	\$16.00	\$30.00
Junior	\$14.50	\$11.00	\$9.00	\$6.00	\$12.00

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



The Business Meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.