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THE VICE PREZ SEZ by Dave Witwer, Vice President



Ah, yes, Fall has finally returned and so have falling temperatures. Of course, around here, falling temperatures this time of year means highs of "only" the low 90's to high 80's. Fall also means the return of our snowbird friends and greater attendance at meetings. Activity in the shop increases as does the size of classes presented by the Club. Hopefully, this will also mean the start of field trips as well. Yes, the Club will be coming out of it's summer "semi-hibernation". The coming of Fall also means that another routine, serious business, must be taken care of. The search for new Club Officers is but one example. We still need volunteers for President and

Treasurer. If you are interested in volunteering, or know someone who would consent to volunteer for one of these positions, please contact Bill Carmody. We will also need volunteers for the upcoming Silent Auction, the TGMS show in February, and the County Fair in April. Please consider serving your Club. Of the approximately 300 members, we have a core group who does most of the volunteering. Although a significant number, those volunteers need your help before they burn out. To those of you who do volunteer, I give my grateful thanks.

We need to start thinking about the December meeting. We will be having our elections and will need to decide if we

want our Christmas party at that meeting. If we have the party, we will need (here we go again) volunteers to organize it and work in the kitchen. By the way, there isn't a program scheduled for the December meeting.

Finally, I recently spoke with our President, Ron Davidson. He still has remnants of a staph infection in his new artificial knee. He said that it appears to be improving and he expects to be released from the hospital on 18 October. Again, please keep Ron in your thoughts.

Thank you for your continued support.

Dave Witwer

IN MEMORIUM

We have been informed that Dave Aren's wife, Janet, passed away on Thursday, September 20th, and Dan Caudle's wife, Elizabeth, passed away on September 28th.

The entire Club expresses its heart felt sympathy and condolences to Dave and Dan and their families during this difficult time.



Rock star, OPLC president Ron Davidson is surrounded by admirers while in rehab for the third time in two years.

Now we know the real reason he keeps going back.

(Photo by Bill Carmody)

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SEPTEMBER BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

By Diana Hara, Secretary



The meeting came to order at 9:50 AM. A quorum was present.

Minutes from August were approved.

The club welcomed visitor Chris Riley, and new members Joyce Kraft, Connie Glasby, Rich Thompson, John and Judy Fry, and Debbie Bernstein.

Thank you to Dave Witwer, Willa Kleymann, Bill Carmody, and Paul and Dorothy Head for refreshments this month!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ron Davidson is back in the hospital with a staff infection after having his knee replacement put back in mid-August. He says he should be out of the hospital in early October. If you would like to give him a call, the most recent number you can reach him at is 792-1450 ext 5352.

Sylvia Czayo gave the membership the answer to the Faceter's Corner question in the September newsletter: Specific gravity is a weight – True or False? The answer is True.

Sylvia also resigned as the Club Historian. If anyone is interested in taking over this role, please talk to one of the board members or officers. Sylvia, thank you for all the work you did researching and

documenting our club history!

Abe Lackow also announced his upcoming silversmithing class. It will be 6 sessions, 3 hours each, the date TBD, but possibly in the next few weeks on Tuesday AM. He will get with those on the sign-up sheet to determine the date/time of the class. Abe will also be our January program presenter talking about silversmithing.

Billy Bob Riley posted a sign-up sheet on the board for his next cabbing class to be held on Monday evenings from 6-9pm.

Danny Harmsen announced that he would be taking Ron's open cabbing shop on Tuesdays and Saturdays through September. Also, flyers have been made for the upcoming Silent Auction. There is a list of places they need to be distributed next to the box on the kitchen counter. Please take some flyers and help distribute them if you can. Cross off the location that you will be taking them to.

Jenny Coniglio announced the Gem & Lapidary Wholesale show going on through September 9th at the Quality Inn and Holidome. These are wholesale shows, but there is a retail/wholesale show going on

at the Tucson Convention Center too.

She also announced that her bead class will be starting in the next few weeks – it will be four sessions at two hours each. Time/date is TBD after she talks to those on the sign-up list.

Chuck Lundstrom has a new casting class starting this coming Wednesday, 9/12. There is also a sign-up sheet for an October class.

Rim Tallat-Kelpsa announced plans for a field trip to the Silverbell mine the last part of October and a trip to Ray Mine sometime after the Silent Auction. You can also sign up for one of Harrison Yokum's courses at Pima County Community College and have a field trip every weekend!

OLD BUSINESS

Dave said that the Beaudry Gem and Mineral show website states that the 2008 show has been cancelled. There is still a sign-up sheet on the board for those interested in volunteering at the 2008 Tucson Gem and Mineral Show though.

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Dave told the membership that the plumbing issue has been resolved, the new bathroom is complete, and the Board is now looking at electrical issues. Bill Carmody took the floor. He said that a licensed and bonded electrician has looked at the wiring at the Club. Overall, things look good, but he had a few recommendations. He gave an estimate of \$900 to add GFI outlets near sinks, get rid of any dead lines, add conduits, and check the wiring on top of the roof. A motion was made and seconded to approve the

funding for this activity, and the membership passed it unanimously.

As Nominating Committee Chairman, Bill told the membership that the Club still needs two officers for 2008 – President and Treasurer. Please consider volunteering for these positions.

Sylvia Czayo took the floor to remind everyone that Paul Head has a Monday afternoon advanced faceting lab for those who might be interested.

NEW BUSINESS

Murray Hiller announced that he bought new ceiling fans for the Clubhouse, and he and

Danny Harmsen will be installing them in the coming week.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 am.

August's program presenter was Debbie Colodner from the Arizona Sonoran Desert Museum. She spoke about the geography of the Gulf of California. Assisting her was her daughter, Erin.

The door prize this month was a \$25 gift card generously donated by Starr Gems. The winner was Paul Head!

Jenny Coniglio was the winner of the chain jewelry contest!

SILVERSMITHING LAB NEWS

We have been deluged with offers for people to fill in for Ron Davidson for open silversmithing lab time. All we can say is that just show up, someone will be there to monitor.

LAB CLOSING (ONE DAY ONLY)

The Open Cabbachon Lab will be closed Friday, November 2, due to the focused effort on setting up for the annual Silent Auction which will be held the next day, Saturday, November 3.

THINGS ARE HEATING UP AT OPLC

The presenter at the November meeting will be Chris Riley. Chris is a glass blower and the presentation should prove interesting. Since most people will be viewing from a distance, dark glasses should not be necessary but you may want to bring them if you intend to try to stand close to Chris.



MONTHLY MEETING PRESENTORS

OCTOBER - - Jenny Coniglio will speak about having fun with beads.

NOVEMBER - - Chris Riley (above) will give a talk about glass blowing entitled "Flame Working".

DECEMBER - - No program this month due to the Christmas party

JANUARY - - Our own Abe Lackow will give a program on the fascinating art of silversmithing.



AND a final reminder that the annual OPLC Silent Auction will be held on November 3rd. Don't forget to mark your

calendars accordingly.

The Club has received numerous donations this past year and it promises to be better than ever. So, come on down and place your bids to help support the Club.



MEET TWO NEW MEMBERS who are in Chuck's current casing class, Jerry Payne (l) and Tim George.



PICNIC SAFETY WARNING: Never use the limb from a tree whose fruit has a pit (stone) in it, such as choke cherry, peach, apricot, or cherry, to roast a hot dog or marshmallow. Apricots and chokecherry release cyanide when heated thus poisoning your food and you.

ABE'S SILVERSMITHING CLASS



From (l-r) Bob Powell, Abe Lackow, Jerry Foley, Jenny Coniglio, Audra Scovil, and seated, Diana Hara, Maria Tallat-Kelpsa.

BILLY BOB'S CABBING CLASS

Shown here with Billy Bob (l) are: Joyce Kraft, Connie Glasby, Gray Forth, and Rich Thompson.

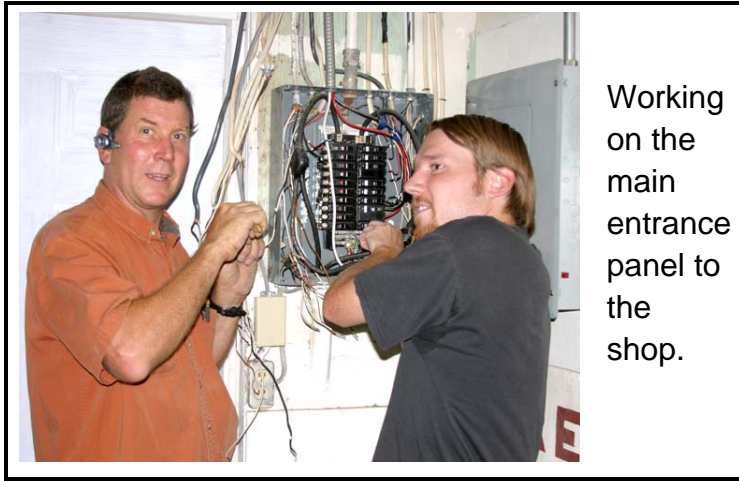


BEAUDRY SHOW UPDATE

Tom Miller has confirmed that the Beaudry February 2008 Gem Show has been canceled. Since he will not be Chairing the Beaudry event, he has volunteered to be the Chair for the Fair in April. Tom is asking for volunteers to help out at the Fair. If you would like to help him out he can be reached at 762-8436 or email him at "jeanmiller@gainbroadband.com". Thanks Tom!

AND.....ELECTRICAL WORK GOING ON.....

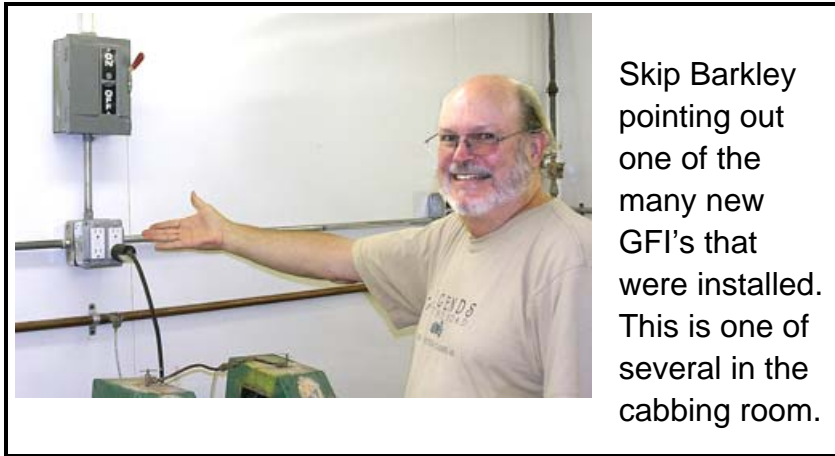
Brian Winkle, of Winkle Electric, and his assistant, Jason Barker, spent a day at the Club implementing various upgrades (GFI's, overhead lights, exhaust fan in saw room, removing dead circuits, and enclosing open wires) to our electrical system in the work shop.



Working on the main entrance panel to the shop.



No more exposed wires!



Skip Barkley pointing out one of the many new GFI's that were installed. This is one of several in the cabbing room.

SEPTEMBER PRESENTOR - DEBBIE COLANDER



Debbie was assisted by her daughter, Erin.

At September's meeting, the ever popular Debbie Colodner, from the Desert Museum, gave another of her interesting presentations. The program, Geology of the Gulf of California, described how the Gulf formed over millions of years and how it's geology may affect Southern California in the future. It seems that Southern California is slowly sliding north and will eventually become Canada's problem. Fortunately, none of us will be around to see that day millions of years in the future. She also noted that we shouldn't be counting on eventually having beach front property in Tucson.....Dave Witwer



Debbie receiving a token of thanks from Club Vice President, Dave Witwer, with Leslie Hamilton observing.

DONATIONS AND MORE DONATIONS!!



George W. McGee donated walnut shells inlaid with turquoise. It is interesting to see how turquoise is used to inlay in the walnut shells - finished and unfinished, with lots of chips of turquoise in glass jars, and miscellaneous cabbachons, two buffers, and a grinder.

Jim Farley dropped off a backpack, briefcase, satchel, misc. slabbed stones, and two beautiful reproductions of black on white pottery (below).



Rick Lintner donated a combination trim saw/grinder and a combination display case and desk.



OPLC Field Trip to ASARCO Ray Mine

This field trip will take place Friday, November 9, 2007. We will meet at 6:45 a.m. in the Trader Joe's parking lot at the Southeast corner of Oracle and Magee and leave at 7:00 a.m. sharp. From there we will take 5 SUVs which will take us to the mine. We will take Route 77 to Winkleman and Route 177 past Kelvin to Ray Mine. It is about 90 miles. We will be at the mine from 9:00 a.m. to about 1:00 p.m. We will be back at Trader Joe's about 3:00 p.m. You will need: a hard hat, safety glasses, sturdy shoes (**no sneakers**), long pants (**no shorts or tank tops**), rock bag or 5 gallon bucket, rock hammer, water and food. 4 SUV drivers are needed. There will be \$10/per person due to your SUV driver to help offset gas and a car wash. To sign up call me or see me at the October meeting..... Rim Tallat-Kelpsa 760-8704

Dr. Richard Cundiff generously donated the following items to the Club:

- An Alpha Tarus Faceting Machine
- 30 plus dopps with two racks
- 2 transfer jigs
- 5 sticks of dopping wax
- Gem mount pliers
- 2 x 45 degree angle attachments
- A trim saw
- Various faceting guides
- Gem stone gripper
- Diamond spray grits (4,000, 14,000, and 50,000)
- Dia lube
- 9 flap lap plates (disks)
- one bag of facetable gem stock
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- **Copper City Rock Shop** - Bring in ad from page 12 of this newsletter and get 10% off on all purchases
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- **Tucson Mineral & Gem World** - 10%

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 !!

MEMBERSHIP NOTE

Due to the significant increase in the price of name badges, it has become necessary to charge \$3.00 for members that need a replacement badge.



ADVANCED FACETOR'S CORNER

The September question of the month was: **Specific gravity is a weight: True or False?**

The answer True

OCTOBER QUESTION OF THE MONTH: Zircons have a high reflective index True or False? Come to the October meeting to hear the answer.



MONTHLY JEWELRY CONTESTS

In order for members to better plan for future monthly contests, here is the schedule for each category by month:

October - Pendent	January - Bolo Tie	April - Necklace	July - Charm
November - Bracelet	February - Earrings	May - Brooch	August - Faceted Stone
December - Ring	March - Belt Buckle	June - Cabochon	September - Chain

The winner of the jewelry contest for September was Jenny Coniglio. Congratulations Jenny!



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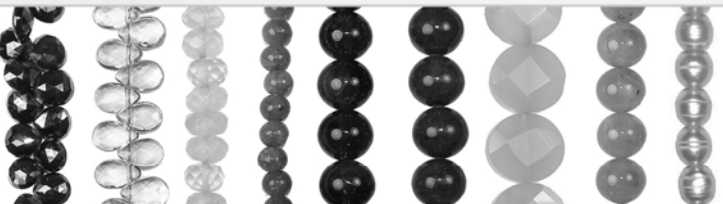
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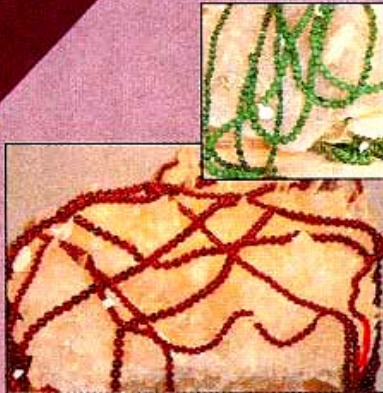
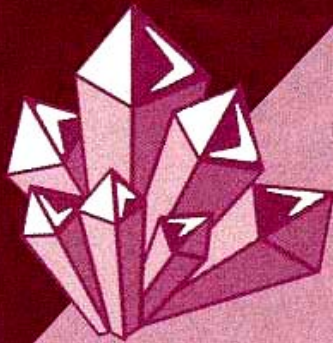
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Mondays 6 - 9 PM

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Contact Earl Zoeller 886-3518

Beginning Cabbing - Class fee charged.

Contact Billy Bob Riley 668-1082

Tuesdays 9 AM – Noon

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Contact Skip Barkley - 546-1651

Tuesdays 10AM - 1PM

Rock Sawing - Fee Charged

Monitor - Jim Baker 886-2126

Tuesdays 6 - 9 PM

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Contact Rob Driver 743-5152

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Contact Billy Bob Riley 668-1082

Wednesdays 6 - 9PM

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Contact Chuck Lundstrom 577-6446

Thursdays 1 PM – 4 PM

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Thursdays 10AM - 1PM

Rock Sawing - Fee Charged

Monitor - Jim Baker 886-2126

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Saturdays 10am - 2pm

Silversmithing, and Cabbing -

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Thank You Sean!!!

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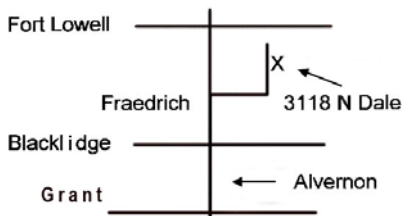
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The Business Meetings are held on the 2nd Saturday of each month. A pre-meeting social hour is at 8:00 a.m., followed by an educational program, and ends with the monthly meeting. Visitors are most welcome.