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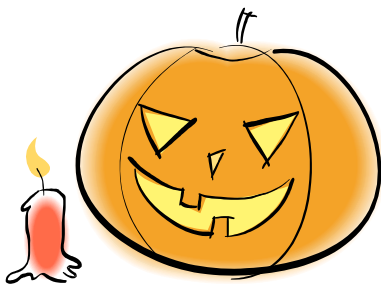
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Please join us on  
**October 11<sup>th</sup>** for the next  
monthly meeting. Optional  
social hour begins at  
**8:00 AM, followed by the  
educational program at 9:00  
AM, followed by the  
meeting at 10:00 AM.**



Articles or news to be included in the *Cutting Remarks* should be emailed to your Editor, Wayne Klement ([wayneklem@aol.com](mailto:wayneklem@aol.com)), or feel free to call him at 520-954-6298. Submission deadline is the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month. Thanks!

## THE PREZ SEZ ..... by Bill Carmody



I was driving up Sabino Canyon Road recently and was really impressed with how the mountain foothills are solidly green. They are very pretty indeed. Then, I got to thinking about being in Tucson and in the desert and knowing that most of the vegetation will die when the rains quit. And, you know they will quit too. We are going to have some pretty scary fires as a result of this new fuel. I hope people living in those areas keep this in mind and take whatever precautions they can to avoid the peril this presents (Even if one were callous and, as a rock hound, were looking for a silver lining for a burn off; this area doesn't have many interesting rocks that would be exposed).

I am going on a trip to the Himalaya Mine in California on a TGMS adventure in October. I will report on it next time. It might be something the OPLC would want to do. Speaking of rock hounding trips, the weather is cooling off a little now and Rim has put together some nice trips: the Mission Mine and the Ray Mine. He has one in the planning stages for near Douglas in November.

Watching the presidential campaigning, I can see by the absence of any mention of the border or illegal immigration that those problems must have cleared up. Irrespective of that shaky analysis, we will be extra cautious when in that area.

Ron Davidson is planning on painting parking stripes in the Club's lots and painting the casting room floor. He has gotten volunteers during the September general meeting to help. He can probably use a few more. If you are so inclined, check with him. We are painting the stripes in preparation for the Silent Auction.

Speaking of the Silent Auction: The flyers have been printed and are being distributed to spots where people, who would most likely be interested in our event, would most likely frequent. There is a list of where these flyers have gone on the kitchen counter. If you can think of other places we should put flyers, please take an appropriate number there and add that place to the list. We have gotten some real humdingers in the way of donations this year that should light up everyone's eyes (That's

scary when you think about it – everyone going around with lighted eyes). Again, tell your friends and neighbors as well as people you meet about the Silent Auction. Mark your calendars to be there on the first Saturday in November which happens to be November first (If the person who volunteered after the September meeting to paint the roadside announcement sign hasn't seen Danny Harmsen yet, please contact him or me).

I was really pumped to see so many members at our September meeting. It is good to see that much teeming activity. I was afraid that I might be the only one interested in Lauren's presentation about bats and Colossal Cave. Wow, my angst was for naught. It sure was well received. She did a great job. Thanks, Bobo, for recruiting her.

That's it for now. And remember, always practice safe rock hounding especially near the border.

Bill

### OCTOBER SPEAKER

**October 11th** - Jewelry appraiser Tracy Aros (of Artabella) will speak on a topic to be determined.

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## SEPTEMBER MEETING MINUTES ..... By Jenny Coniglio



The meeting was preceded by a superb presentation on the bats of Colossal Cave given by Lauren Hohl.

There was a quorum for the meeting. Bill Carmody opened the meeting with comments and "ramblings".

The minutes of August were approved as written in the Newsletter.

New members were recognized: Christi Smith who likes to make jewelry and wants to know more about stones; Dan Marshall previously from New York State; Don Phillips of Raytheon who likes rockhounding; Denise and Don Kay, Denise's grandmother introduced her to rockhounding and lapidary work; Ray Brown who has a collection of rocks and wants to know more about them; and Denise who is taking silversmithing instruction from Parks and Rec. and her mother.

Announcements: Tom Miller is recovering well and hopes to return by next month.

Thanks for the coffee hour treats go to Skip and Jean Barkley, Sam Greenleaf and Terry Liberty, and Paul and Dorothy Head .

Dan Harmsen announced a donation for our November 1 Silent Auction of 10 buckets of rocks and two large beverage coolers which someone might use as a big party ice bucket.

Leslie Lawrence will be 90 September 23. Congratulations Les!

Old Business: the Key box is

mounted in the Shop Building and only 3 people have keys: Ron Davidson, Jenny Coniglio and Melinda Thompson. See one of them if you need a key to monitor a lab or teach a class

The casting room has been remodeled and the oven repositioned closer to the exhaust fan. Ceiling lights and wall plugs for electricity are soon to be installed. The room will also need to have its floor repainted – call Ron Davidson to volunteer.

New Business: The gas company will install a gas meter adjacent the clubhouse on the Southwest corner.

New Classes Offered: Chuck Lundstrom will start new Casting classes in October; sign up now.

Jenny Coniglio has sign up sheets for a "Basically Fun with Beads" (making necklaces with beads) class starting in October.

Paul Head had one opening for his faceting class, but it was filled immediately with a club member from the audience.

Ron Davidson will offer a Silversmithing class in mid October on Thursday nights.

Dan Harmsen will reopen the Friday Open Cabochon/ Lapidary lab starting the first Friday in October.

Jean Barkley encouraged supporting our advertisers in the Newsletter and on our website. Bob Carmody thanked Jean for her efforts in getting those businesses to advertise. It was suggested that we list the phone numbers in the newsletter with

each organization that offers discounts to club members.

Upcoming Field Trips: Rim Tallat-Klepsa announced a Mission Mine trip which is full for Monday, September 29th. And another trip to Ray Mine about November 22nd will be open to previous participants as well as new ones – the sign up for that trip will be at 8:00 before the October general meeting. The spring trips to Ray Mine are for those who haven't been to that mine.

There is a proposed, not sponsored by the Club, November 14th & 15th overnight trip to the Douglas and the Lordsburg areas. We will gather fire agates from the Lordsburg area and geodes etc. from the Douglas area. This trip will need drivers with 4-wheel vehicles. Sign up with Rim or Jim Baker to share rides. Watch the November Newsletter for more details. Currently there are 5 drivers interested.

Bob O'Donnell asked for suggestions from the membership for future presentation. Suggestions included appraisal of gems, how to identify stones and rocks, and methods of stabilizing rocks and cabochons to prevent cracks and minimize the imperfections.

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Dan Harmsen requested volunteers to paint a sign to advertise the Silent Auction site on that day. Ron Davidson needs volunteers to help stripe the parking lots.

Skip Barkley is the Election

Committee Chairman who is looking for suggestions or volunteers for upcoming new officers and board members. The election will be held in December. Bill Carmody noted that the club has grown considerably in the last several years, and the club's leaders

and volunteers have played a major role in this expansion. Get Involved! You'll have fun!

The meeting was adjourned. There was a tie for the Jewelry Contest on "chains".

The Door Prize and the Raffle followed.



## 7TH ANNUAL SILENT AUCTION

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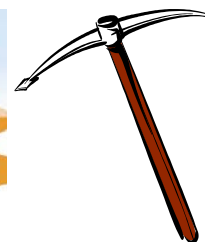
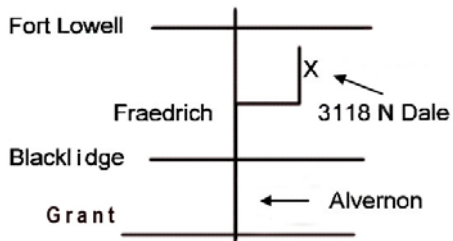
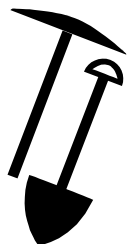
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Choose from lots and lots of items. One of nine tables will be randomly called and replenished every 15 minutes. Place your bids and try to find time for tasty snacks on sale in the Club's kitchen as you wait to see if you are the lucky owner of some great new lapidary finds.

For additional information, please contact Danny Harmsen, 520-721-8452.

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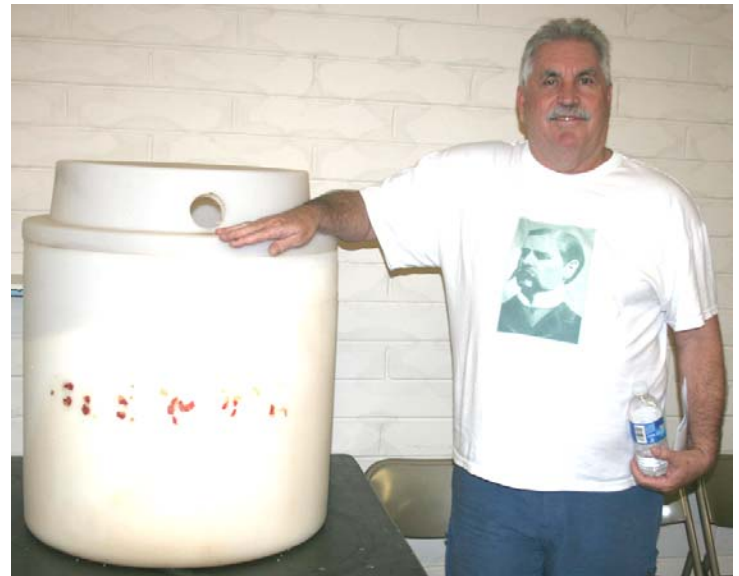


Source: *Golden Spike News* – Aug. 2008



Lauren Hohl from Colossal Cave Mountain Park in Tucson gave the presentation on 'bats' at the Club today. She kept the audience captivated during her informative presentation about 'bats'. After the talk there were many interesting questions coming from the audience. (Now we all know bats are 'not blind'.)

At the September 13th OPLC General Meeting club member, George Lueras, walked away with a special door prize donated to OPLC by Ian Swanton. At one time Ian had visions of making a rock tumbler out of what really is a beer keg cooler. This item could also be used for going 'green' and collecting rain water.



New member, Micah Lee got lucky and won the crystal door prize donated by Bill Carmody. Jean Barkley is showing Micah the door prize.



New OPLC members Kristy Smith and Dan Marshall.



New Member Linda Leist in the OPLC shop learning how to work silver.



Carolyn Emery donated the following items to OPLC: Malachite slices, tumbler with 3 buckets and shot, florescent lite, leather belt for a machine, grinding wheel, three 6 inch saw blades for wood, 4 inch red blazer saw blade, two 1/2 geodes, fire agate in quart jar, bottles of liquid, grits - white - walnut shells, another tumbler in pieces probably won't work; dop pot or jewelry pot, nine jewelry and rock books, and 45 rock magazines.

**And another donation** of over 150 pounds of rocks from Pam Howard. Thank you Pam for keeping OPLC in your thoughts.



New Members Denise and John Kay and Raymond Brown getting a tour of OPLC; they are in the capping room.

Winners of chain making contest it was a tie between Frank and Jenny. Congratulations!



A generous donation from Kate (Kate not shown) & Ian Swanton: Eleven 5 gallon buckets of various rocks, 10 inch saw, 2 grinding machines, 1 cutting machine, 1 tumbler, 2 electric motors, 2 boxes misc. grits.

AND, Ian thought it was about time that he return the borrowed Gem Cutting book he's been using from the OPLC library since the early 1980's.

## A SHORT QUIZ

### Questions

1. Only three words in Standard English begin with the letters ' dw' and they are all common words. Name two of them.
2. There are 14 punctuation marks in English grammar. Can you name at least half of them?
3. Name 6 or more things that you can wear on your feet beginning with the letter 'S.'

### Answers

1. Three English words beginning with dw. Dwarf, dwell and dwindle.
2. Fourteen punctuation marks in English grammar: Period, comma, colon, semicolon, dash, hyphen, apostrophe, question mark, exclamation point, quotation marks, brackets, parenthesis, braces, and ellipses.
3. Six or more things you can wear on your feet beginning with 's'. Shoes, socks, sandals, sneakers, slippers, skates and snowshoes.

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## 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.

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- **Tucson Mineral & Gem World** - 10%



## ADVANCED FACETOR'S CORNER

The September question of the month was: **Yellow quartz is often sold as genuine topaz?**

**The answer ..... True.**

OCTOBER QUESTION OF THE MONTH: Tiger Eye is a quartz pseudomorph. **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:

January - Bolo Tie	May - Brooch	August - Faceted Stone	November - Bracelet
March - Belt Buckle	June - Cabochon	September - Chain	
April - Necklace	July - Charm	<b>October - Pendent</b>	

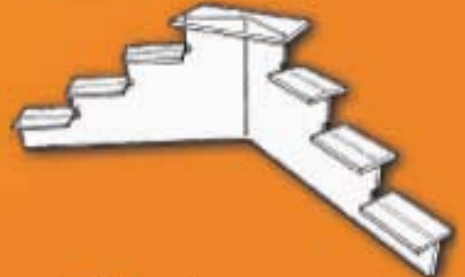
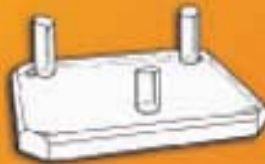
The winner of the September chain contest was a tie between Frank Gonzales & Jenny Coniglio!!!



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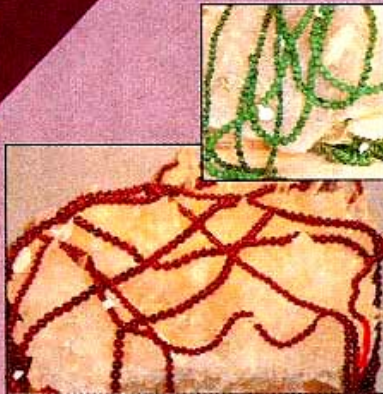
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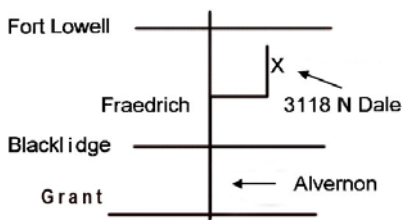
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Mail to: Membership Chairperson, Old Pueblo Lapidary Club, 3118 N. Dale, Tucson, AZ 85712



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.