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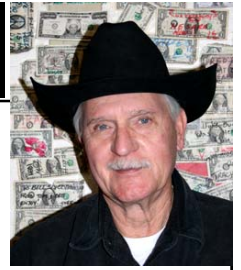
Please join us on October 9th  
for the next monthly  
meeting. Optional social hour  
begins at 8:00am  
followed by the educational  
program at 9:00am followed by  
the monthly meeting. Visitors  
are always welcome.

HAPPY  
HALLOWEEN



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 Pete Peterson



September had some good news and some not so good news.

Good news first. Pat McMullen has returned after a long illness to resume his duties as club secretary. Welcome back, Pat. Chuck Lundstrom has been awarded the Master designation for faceting. Membership is growing and we currently have 340 members. Our attendance has improved since summer. We had over 50 attending the September meeting.

We had a wonderful speaker at the September meeting and an excellent video presentation. If you were not at the meeting you missed one of the best. Thanks again, Helen.

There was also a sad time in the Rockhound Kingdom. We mourned the passing of

Harrison Yokum. Harrison had a major influence on our membership. We will miss him and his ever present smile and, of course, his train whistle and pocket squeakers. Good by, old friend. Thank you to Skip and Jean for providing your "Memories of Harrison" video presentation.

On to other things: We are looking for someone to be membership chairman and editor of Cutting Remarks. Wayne Klement has done a wonderful job for about 7 years. Let's give him a break. Any volunteers? In addition, we still have need of a historian. Wolfgang Mueller had agreed to be field trip leader for one year and his term is expiring soon so we will need someone or some group to lead field trips. This person would not have to lead every trip, but could coordinate

such trips with a committee type of approach.

We still have some free tickets for the show in Sedona. I will leave them in the kitchen with the rest of the literature.

Remember our Silent Auction is coming up soon on Saturday, November 6. Pat McMullen is has agreed to chair the food committee again this year. We are looking forward to a fun event and good food.

Don't forget to bring your aluminum cans to the club, as well as any donations you may have for the auction. Donations should be brought to Danny Harmsen to decide if appropriate for this sale.

That's all for now. Be safe, have fun and enjoy collecting.

Pete

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Daniel Freitas

Edward Fuller

Kleo Pullin

Elizabeth Fuller

Hannah Partlow

Guzal Usmanova

### DON'T FORGET - NOVEMBER 6TH - SILENT AUCTION

If you want to give rocks, books or magazines to the Silent Auction, please get them to me before the end of October! If you bring them the day of the sale, they will be for the next year's auction. - Dan Harmsen.

See the ad for this year's Silent Auction on Page Six.

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## SEPTEMBER MEETING MINUTES By Pat McMullen, Secretary



President Pete Peterson brought the meeting to order at 9:00am and introduced our speaker.

Helen Serras-Herman, gave a power point slide presentation that kept the members attention for a full hour with her life story and exquisite original creations.

After a break Pete Peterson opened the meeting at 10:17am. A quorum was present for the September meeting. Skip Barkley mentioned the passing of Harrison Yocum and while the projector was still in place, a presentation on his life at home and in the field was shown.

Sylvia remembered how Harrison became known as the sheriff, a nice tribute.

Wayne Klement will be doing a write up on Harrison's life for the news letter and would like any outside material you may have.

The minutes for August 2010 were approved.

Art Kavan asked for the floor to announce that Chuck Lundstrom

had won the prestigious U.S. Masters Championship in faceting. This is considered a LARGE achievement. Art is a World Class Master and Judge. Chuck will now be known as a Certified Master all over the nation.

Pete Peterson called for any new visitors and welcomed Midrelle Zabel, a friend of Helen Serras-Hermans, a gemologist-appraiser. New members were next: Edward and Elizabeth Fuller, Kleo Pullin and Gazal Usmanora with her four boys, were welcomed.

Pete announced that we have tickets to a rock-gem show in Sedona, Arizona, free for the taking.

He also announced the sale of agate-geodes we acquired.

Wayne reported that there are currently 348 members.

Chuck Lundstrom announced he would start a casting class the last week of September.

Diana Hara had a show and tell

on her jewelry creations, very nice.

Danny Harmsen will start his lapidary lab on October 1<sup>st</sup>.

Art Kavan brought up the need for a new Membership Chairman and an Editor for *Cutting Remarks*, the Club newsletter, and asked for a volunteer to step up and assume this important position, please!

Ron Davison will have an open shop September 16.

Murray Hiller will start a beginning faceting class on October 1<sup>st</sup>.

President Pete announced the drawing for the door prize and the winner was Abe Lackow.

A big thanks to Abe and Norma Lackow for the meeting treats, nice job.

President Pete adjourned the meeting and the door prizes were drawn and announced.

### - - Congratulations Chuck Lundstrom - - - -



Many of you know Chuck Lundstrom as the Monitor of our Casting Lab. What you may not know is that in the September issue of the United States Faceting Guild quarterly newsletter, the winners of the Master Competition were announced and Chuck placed 1st in this Class, with a score of 98.9150. Our own Chuck Lundstrom is now a Certified Master Faceter and is shown here being congratulated by Art Kavan, a past President of the United States Faceting Guild.

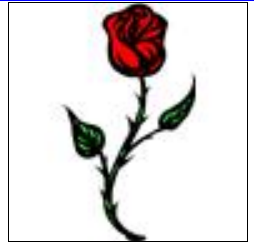
# THE PASSING OF AN ICON

Harrison Gerald Yocum gracefully passed away on August 31, 2010 at the age of 87. He was born on April 23, 1923 in Bethlehem, PA.



Harrison Yocum, May 17, 2004 Photograph ©2004 Edward McCain

He is survived by Norman and Daisy May Yocum. Internment was at East Lawn Palms Mortuary, 5801 E. Grant Road on Thursday, September 9, 2010.



After meeting Harrison for the first time, you walked away thinking that you'll never meet another individual as unique and interesting as he was. It was an interesting and educational experience to visit the "never duplicated" yard of Harrison Yocum in Tucson, Arizona. You saw a rock mountain range, totems, crystals, palm trees, many cacti and exotic plants bordered by rock paths. Harrison was a man of many interests. He spoke at least two languages, read three or four; taught landscaping and mineral/rock collecting through Pima Community College. He was a pianist and composed over 375 works for the piano, mostly waltzes.



Music, botany and horticulture dominated his early life. He became interested in growing palm trees from seeds when he was a senior in high school and ordered many kinds from all over the world. His interest in plants led him to study botany and horticulture at Pennsylvania State University, from which he received his bachelor's degree in 1955. In 1962, he received his master's degree in botany and horticulture from Rutgers. After teaching horticulture for two

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years, at the University of Tennessee in 1959, Harrison took a job teaching biology with the El Paso, Texas, public school system. A short time after getting settled, he saw a notice in the El Paso Times about a Cactus and Rock Club meeting, which he attended. The meeting affected him so profoundly, he became a rockhound after finding agates and quartz on these field trips. During Christmas vacation, he drove to Tucson, Arizona, and applied

for positions with several of the colleges there. In 1960, the University of Arizona chose Harrison for a research position. The 30 kinds of palm trees and other exotic plants that he had carried from state to state finally found a permanent home. A neighbor built him a greenhouse to house the increasing palm collection. On December 20, 1964, with Bernice Porter donating the property, Harrison founded the Tucson Botanical Garden in honor of his parents (*American Horticulturist*, April 1966).

Harrison's parents, Harry and Bertha, moved to Tucson in 1967. Father and son built an addition to the house using quartz, calcite,

petrified wood, and colorful copper mine rocks from their many Arizona rock collecting trips. They joined the local rock club and enjoyed

going on field trips that Harrison led throughout Arizona and New Mexico. Harrison was offered the job of Landscape Superintendent at the Tucson Airport in 1973. After his ideas were implemented, the airport gained national recognition in 1975 as the "The Best Landscaped Airport in the United States" by *Ground Maintenance* magazine. Even though he retired in

### HARRISON'S SENSITIVE SIDE

Harrison wrote about the chalcedony rocks from Round Mountain that he said looked like bird nests and always put small egg shaped rocks in them. Harrison wrote quite a few poems as well as composing waltzes that he would play on his piano. He had a remarkable mind and so knowledgeable about so many subjects

#### "Bird Nests"

Of all the rocks found in my quest  
None is finer then the bird nest.  
Which on a ranch near Duncan is found  
In sight of a mountain with the name of Round.  
Since they are few, a choice and rare  
One is but occasionally spared  
For a true, sincere and faithful friend.  
Wrought by God and His wondrous hand.

By: Harrison Yocum  
Tucson, Arizona

1982, he continued to water the plants in the terminal building once a week. In 1976 Pima



College called Harrison and offered him the job of teaching Landscape Gardening, Desert Landscaping, Plant Identification, and The Healing Herbs. Being a devoted rockhound, he suggested a Rock Identification and Mineral Prospecting class. He has taken students and guests on rock hunting trips on

weekends during the school year and in the past 33 years has led close to 900 trips, and literally, touched thousands of lives. Those wishing to celebrate Harrison can make their donations to the Tucson Botanical Gardens.



# 9TH ANNUAL SILENT AUCTION OLD PUEBLO LAPIDARY CLUB



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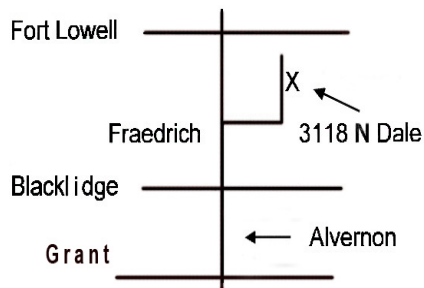
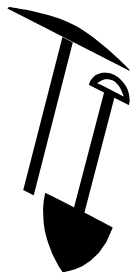
**DATE: Saturday, November 6, 2010      HOURS: 9:00am—2:00pm**

Don't Miss it! This is once-a-year chance to select all your mineral and lapidary needs from a myriad of crystal specimens, petrified wood, turquoise cabs, opals, faceted stones, quartz crystals, agates, fire agates, cut slabs, polished stones, shells, findings, jewelry, equipment – including: rock saws, Grobet hand tool with accessories, grinders, tumblers, portable jewelers bench and accessories, and much, much, more. There will also be a “kid’s only table”.

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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## WHY IS THERE SILVERWARE?



The REAL reason for Silverware use in the past is for HEALTH and Sanitation reasons. Just like the 49rs put Silver dollars in their water barrels, and

Europeans for hundreds of years used silver water jars (if they could afford it) or put Silverware or silver coins in their water if they had them, and of course, used “Silverware” in the first place, is because it was noticed that molds and bacteria’s didn’t build upon

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current (knocking off silver ions onto the affected area).

In my household, we make our own Silver (in its colloidal form) and use it to knock out cold and flu's before they take hold. US farmers use Ionic Silver generators in large scale to treat the feed water and keep their livestock much healthier, and ward off infections and disease. For more information on the use of colloidal silver as related to health, there is a website called Silver Gen that has a lot of information: [http://www.silvergen.com/colloidal\\_silver\\_history.htm](http://www.silvergen.com/colloidal_silver_history.htm). Here is a quote from that site: "Colloidal silver has been used for healing for centuries. The Greeks and Romans kept

liquids in silver jars. During the plagues in Europe, many royal families escaped disease because they ate off silver plates and used silver utensils. It was used by the American pioneers to keep water and milk from spoiling or becoming contaminated."

It is used by NASA to purify water in the space shuttle. Russia also uses it in their space shuttle. It is used by some airlines to purify water on flights. Thin silver foil is still used in India and China to wrap portions of food in. Silver is used in most of the burn centers in the U.S. and has been used to prevent blindness in newborn infants eyes for many years.

*Source: Quarry Quips Wichita Gem & Mineral Society, September 2010, via \*Editor's insert - Thanks to: Glenn Thompson & Davis K (Rhodium) Products Inc., via BEMS Tumbler 6/10, via West Seattle Petroglyphs, 5/10; via Boulder Buster, 5/10*

**SPEAKER AT THE SEPTEMBER MEETING**



The speaker for September, Helen Serras-Herman: a National Lapidary Hall of Fame Inductee in 2003, Gem Sculptor, Sculptor MFA, and Gemologist FGA.

Helen gave a power point slide presentation that kept the members' attention for a full hour with her life story and beautiful slides showing her exquisitely designed original creations.

Thank you Helen.

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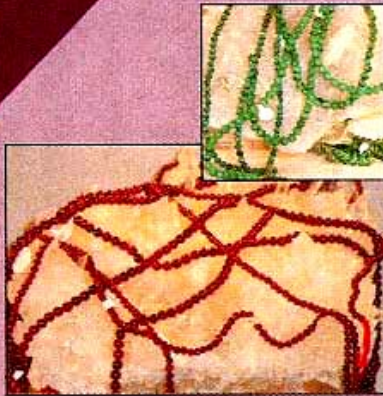
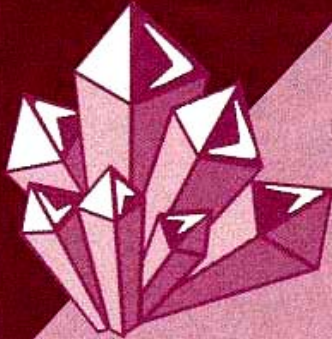


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1PM - 4PM **Silversmith Lab**

Monitor - Terry Cox 296-4949

(Lou will return September 7th)

6PM - 9PM **Beginning Faceting**

Monitor - Earl Zoeller 886-3518

### Tuesdays

9AM - Noon **Cabbing**

Monitor - John Poole 777-5588

9AM - Noon **Silversmithing Lab**

Contact John Poole 777-5588

10AM - 1PM **Rock Sawing**

Monitor - Jim Baker 886-2126

6PM - 9PM **Silversmithing**

Contact Ray Brown 390-5667

### Wednesdays

6PM - 9PM **Beginning Casting**

Monitor - Chuck Lundstrom 577-6446

6PM - 9PM **Cabbing**

Monitor - Keith Haubert 888-8719

### Thursdays

10AM - 1PM **Rock Sawing**

Monitor - Jim Baker 886-2126

~~1PM - 4PM **Beginning Cabbing**~~

~~Monitor - Frank Beaven 1-810-919-5545~~

**(Will reopen in the Fall)**

6PM - 9PM **Silversmithing**

Monitor - Ron Davidson 749-3157

### Fridays

9AM - Noon **Cabbing**

Monitor - Dan Harmsen 721-8452

**(Will reopen October 1, 2010)**

### Saturdays

9AM - 2PM **Rock Sawing**

Monitor - Jim Griffin 578-3765

10AM - 3PM **Silversmithing**

Monitor - Ray Brown 390-5667

10AM - 3PM **Cabbing**

Monitor - Ron Davidson 749-3157

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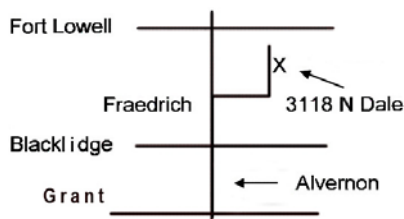
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Single Member	\$20.00	\$15.00	\$11.00	\$9.00	<b>\$15.00</b>
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Junior	\$7.50	\$7.50	\$7.50	\$7.50	<b>\$7.50</b>

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.