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for the monthly  
meeting. There is an  
optional social hour  
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welcome.



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



09/25/18

With the moisture in the air in the mornings, the sunrises are truly spectacular this month! Get up early and enjoy them. Our business board meeting for September was held on Friday, September 7th, 2018. Our next business board meeting will be held on Friday, October 5th in the main building at the club at 10 AM. David Richardson and Diane Braswell are joining us at the board meetings with their new positions for 2019 and of course all members are always welcome to attend and participate in the club's future.

Thanks to Pat Droll and his helper for installing the on demand electric water heater in the main building to replace the gas water heater that we used to have. The club is selling the 30 gallon gas water heater and if anyone is interested in purchasing it, contact David Schulte or any of the other board members.

David Richardson is still interested in starting up some more faceting classes again sometime in the near future. A sign-up sheet will be posted in the main building once specific dates and instructors are identified. Shane Thompson-King started his wire wrapping class for club members on September 20th. The dates for the last two classes are September 27<sup>th</sup> and October 4<sup>th</sup>. Each class will be three hours long and training will be done in the main building. Hopefully Share will be willing to hold some more classes in the future as well so everyone that didn't get an opportunity to participate in this can do so later.

Thanks to Janelle Cortwright and her helpers for the Alpine rock hounding trip in early September. I understand that everyone brought back some really cool rocks! Gloria is planning on a trip to St. David to collect selenite roses on October 14, 2018. The sign-up sheet is in the main building for those interested.

The silent auction is coming up in November so save your pennies so you can pick up some great deals and support the club. This is the club's biggest annual money maker and our thanks go out to all of the folks that have donated material throughout the years to make this a successful event. We are still a little light in the equipment area for the silent auction so if you have some equipment that you are no longer using please bring it in. Remember that all donations are tax deductible!

We are looking for volunteers to help set up and run the annual pot luck dinner in December. Victoria Fila will be running the event this year and you can contact her if you are willing to bring in a food item, a dessert or help with the set-up, cleaning and tear down for the pot luck dinner which will be held right after a short December member meeting as always.

We are still open for nominations for folks that would like to run for the board and help shape the future of our club. Twink Monrad is heading up the nominee board effort for us again this year. If you are interested in taking a more active role in running the club, please talk to Twink or any of the other current board members.

The dues for 2019 are going up by \$5 annually. If you would like to save this \$5, you can renew your membership before the end of the year and still be charged the 2018 dues rate. See Wayne Klement and he can make this happen for you.

Our speaker this month, on October 13th, will be Nick Sacketti who will be talking about "Fluorescent Minerals".

David

**By the hammer  
and hand, all the  
arts do stand.**

—  
**-Traditional**

**Front Cover Pictures:** October enjoys two standout birthstone choices: **Opal**, like this beautiful **Lightning Ridge Black**; and **Tourmaline**, available in nearly every color of the rainbow!

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## PRIOR MONTH'S MEETING MINUTES... Patrick Droll, Secretary

OPLC Membership Meeting Minutes 9/8/18

Meeting was called to order at 10:35 am.

Thanks to Rebecca Jones for supplying the goodies this morning.

Last months meeting minutes were approved.

Bob Powell was not present to provide the treasurer's report

The membership chairman, Wayne Klement, reported that there are 457 members of which 10 have not signed the waiver.

Wayne also reported that the 2019 dues will be raised to \$30 annually next year. Wayne will be putting out a new membership renewal and new member form showing the quarterly rates reflecting this increase. Members that pay their 2019 dues prior to Jan 1 will be able to pay the current rate of \$25 this year for their 2019 dues. If you wish to do this, see Wayne.

Upcoming field trips and plans for 2018 as follows: October 14, 2018, trip to St. David to collect selenite roses, November 2018 trip to collect peridot and December 2018 trip to Prism Spectrum Mine.

We are always looking for folks to lead a field trip or bring up some new places for the club members to enjoy. If you are interested or have some good ideas, please see Victoria.

Silent auction status and donations – Tom McDevitt/David Richardson.

The silent auction will be held on November 3<sup>rd</sup> this year. This is the clubs largest money maker annually and there are always great deals to be had. Save the date and your pennies to spend them on some nice material and equipment!

Anyone interested in making a donation to the club is reminded that all donations are tax deductible on your tax returns. We are definitely in need of equipment for the auction. If you have some old equipment you are no longer using, even if it needs some help, bring it in and we'll put it up for auction to make the club some money.

Bill Cascio presented the library status

David Schulte thanked Bill Penrose for donating the vacuum/oven system to the club to allow members to stabilize rocks using a vacuum and heating system. Bill is working on operating instructions. There will be a training class that members must take before using this new equipment. Bill Penrose also donated a leather welding apron to the casting lab for folks to wear while pouring molten metal into their forms and preventing clothing and bodily injury . Thanks to Bill for his generosity!

We still need more monitors for the faceting lab in order to open it up for our members. Anyone interested in signing up for a time slot, please see David Richardson or any other board member after the meeting. David Richardson will be starting up a beginning faceting class around November and Billy Bob will also be teaching a class. Sign up sheets will be posted along with dates and times once these are firmed up. David and Billy Bob are also going through all the faceting machines and cleaning them up. David will be working on raising the height of the tables in the faceting lab as well. Thanks to Billy Bob and David for their efforts!

The 220 Vac drop for the hot water on demand heater is now in. The gas to the closet has

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## October 2018 OPLC speaker: Nick Sacchetti- A New Wave In Fluorescent Mineral Displays



We are very fortunate to have another special speaker for our October 13, 2018 OPLC monthly meeting. Nick Sacchetti, is the director of programs for the Prescott Gem and Mineral Club, and a member of the research group of the Fluorescent Mineral Society. He will be talking about **“A New Wave in Fluorescent Mineral Displays”**.

Fluorescent minerals have been admired and displayed ever since the phenomenon of fluorescence was described by Sir George Stokes in 1852; minerals which converted ultraviolet light to visible light, by a mechanism which has since been named the Stokes shift. Nearly every display since that time has used either arc or low-pressure mercury lamps for generation of the ultraviolet used to produce the fluorescence. Recently, however, the advent of near-UV and UV LEDs and diode lasers has opened up a new frontier in displays, and combining UV technology with modern digital beam-steering creates the possibilities for new artistic expression in displays.

Nick Sacchetti retired from a career at Raytheon Missile Systems five years ago, and since then has been researching and developing new display techniques for fluorescent minerals. The research combines his previous optical, sensors and controls engineering background with the hobby that he has enjoyed for over 50 years. He is presently working with the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum on a unique display of Fluorescent Minerals. Over the past three years the continual progress in displays has been showcased at the Prescott Gem and Mineral Club’s annual show.

Nick Sacchetti is coming down from Prescott, so please do not miss this presentation!

Looking forward to seeing you all, Helen Serras-Herman, OPLC Program chair

## 2018-2019 OPLC Speakers

Nick Sacketti, "Fluorescent Minerals" (October 13, 2018)

Sindi Schloss, "Ethnic Jewelry" (November 10, 2018)

Kevin Lane Smith, lapidary and jewelry artist (January 8, 2019)

Wolfgang Mueller, "Arizona Gemstones" (March 9, 2019)

Gregory McNamee, "Monumental Places: National Parks & Monuments in the Grand Canyon State (May 11, 2019)

Larry Fellows, "Pompeii & Vesuvius" (October 12, 2019)

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

### **OPLC CALENDAR October through December 2018 including field trips**

Send additions to Janelle at [bum140@aol.com](mailto:bum140@aol.com), or 520-223-1675.

**October 5 – Board meeting at OPLC Clubhouse 10AM. Members welcome to attend.**

**October 13 – Monthly OPLC member meeting. Doors open 8AM, meeting at 9AM OPLC Clubhouse. PARKING LOT SALE after meeting in north lot. More info in September newsletter and at September meeting. Open only to members to sell and/or buy**

**October 14 – FIELD TRIP to St David for selenite. Leader Victoria Fila, email: [sabino-fila@aol.com](mailto:sabino-fila@aol.com) See separate email, and more info at meeting.**

**November 2 – Board meeting at OPLC Clubhouse 10AM. Members welcome to attend.**

**November 3 – Silent Auction at OPLC. 9AM to 2PM. Lots of good specimens and tools for sale. Bring your cash or checkbook. This is our big fundraising of the year.**

**November 10 – Monthly OPLC member meeting. Doors open 8AM, meeting at 9AM**

**December 7 – Board meeting at OPLC Clubhouse 10AM. Members welcome to attend.**

**December 15 – Annual Christmas Dinner, potluck. Short meeting starts at 11AM. Clubhouse open at 10AM to get food setup. More info to follow and who to notify what you're bringing. OPLC provides turkey and ham, everything else is up to the members!**

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been turned off and Pat and his helper will be installing the new on demand hot water heater this month. Thanks to Pat for his efforts!

Reminder to donate cans to the club and crush them if possible as we get more money for the crushed can's (\$0.10 more per pound) than uncrushed.

OPLC board 2019 nomination status – Twink. We are always looking for fresh ideas on how to improve the club and welcome all members to join the board and help make it better for everyone. I would like to hand the reigns of the presidency over next year and if you are interested in this position, please see me after the meeting. November is the deadline for submitting your name for a club position. The voting will occur at the December club meeting.

The guillotine plate cutting tool in the silver lab was damaged in two different locations on the blades as a result of someone cutting material that was not meant to be cut in this tool (most likely steel or possibly even a rock). ONLY non-ferrous plate material up to 14 gauge may be cut on the guillotine. Anyone cutting anything else on this tool will purchase the club new blades for the tool. Unfortunately the person responsible for damaging this equipment was not forthcoming in admitting it. The tool has been repaired and is back up in the silver lab. Springs have been added to the hand guard to allow plate to be easily slid under this brace and aligned for cutting. The guard is NOT to be removed ever when cutting plate material.

We have purchased a new 20 ton press and are working to get a 6 inch by 6 inch plate affixed to the jack to ensure even pressure application. This new tool should be up and working next month.

The OPLC Tail Gate sale will be held on 13 October. There is some great material and finished cabs/ jewelry and tools to be had at this event. All sale items must be related to lapidary or metalsmithing arts or OPLC activities. Don't bring your garage sale items! I encourage everyone to bring you money and pick up some fantastic deals! The sale is not open to the public but only club members. Only folks selling will be allowed to park in the north parking lot between the two buildings on October 13 with set up from 8 to 8:30AM. The North parking lot will be open for monitors working on that day. After 8:30 AM the parking lot will be open to the general membership so get your spot early. You must bring your own tables and displays for setting stuff up. There will be NO selling prior to the end of the meeting on that Saturday. The tailgate sale WILL NOT START until after the meeting!

The Faceters Frolic will be held again in 2019 during the GEM show. Set up for the event will be on Wednesday 2/6/19 with the classes being held on Thursday 2/7/18, Friday 2/8/19 and Saturday 2/9/19. The Hob Nob and associated faceting competition will be held on Saturday night on 2/9/19. We are looking for volunteers to help set up and run the Hob Nob event. Having helped a couple of times, I encourage folks to attend as we have world class faceters come to our club and its really interesting to see! If you are interested in helping out see me after the meeting please.

Shane Thompson King has agreed to hold a wire wrapping class. The class will consist of three classes at three hours each on September 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> and October 4<sup>th</sup>. The cost for this class is \$20 and Shane has a sign-up sheet on the board.

The current lab times are posted on the bulletin board installed in the training building for us.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:04am.

St David Selenite Rose field trip

Date: October 14, 2018, Sunday

Leader: Victoria Fila, email: sabinofila@aol.com

Meet at 9AM at Farmhouse Café, 8aa W. 4th St., Benson

Take exit 303 off of I-10 east, the restaurant is about 1 mile.

Collecting location: near Apache Powder Plant

Due to some areas on the road a low clearance vehicle is not viable. Lots of sand. Four wheel drive or pickups best.

Tools needed: Small hand tools (gardening) small rake, egg cartons to store specimens, tissue to wrap as selenite can be delicate, gloves.

Necessary items: long pants and long sleeve shirts, plenty of water to last up to 5 hours. Time there depends on individual. Lunch or snack and BUG SPRAY and SUNLOCK.

We will be leaving café to head to collection site by 9:15AM. If you want breakfast, arrive earlier.

This is a great collecting site as you don't have to look too hard for material. Great for kids. If you want to dig you can find a lot more material.

Please pick up a field trip waiver at October's meeting and bring with you on day of trip.

**OLD PUEBLO LAPIDARY CLUB**

**FIELD TRIP RELEASE - PAGE 1**

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TRIP DESCRIPTION: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Mia Goodly**

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**Alan Huslig**

**Suzanne Lakavage**

**Michael Loven**

**Morgan Loven**

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**Patrick Power**

**Thomas Whited**

**Henry Zappia**

## OCTOBER TAILGATE SALE

**-Tailgate Sale DOES NOT START UNTIL AFTER THE MEETING!**

**-OPLC MEMBERS ONLY!**

**-Bring your own tables!**

**-Items for sale MUST be related to lapidary or metalsmithing arts,  
or OPLC activities.**

**-Parking for participants is in North Lot - FROM 8AM UNTIL 8:30AM ONLY!**

**-The North Lot WILL be open to Monitors working THAT DAY!**

**-After 8:30AM, the North Parking Lot will then be open to the  
General membership.**

**-Again, the Tailgate Sale WILL NOT START until after the October meeting is over!**



**No Donations this month**

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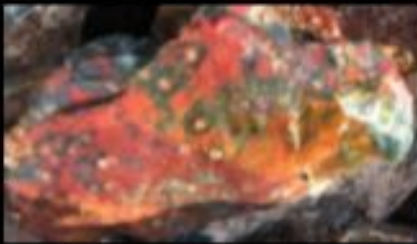
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## **DON'T FORGET**

Please don't forget to continue to bring in **YOUR** (or anyone else's for that matter) aluminum cans to the Club for recycling. Your contribution would be greatly appreciated to help add \$'s to the Club's treasury. **Thanks!**

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## WEEKLY WORKSHOP SCHEDULE Phone 323-9154

### Mondays

9AM - Noon **Faceting Lab**  
Monitor - Billy Bob Riley 225-9060

1PM - 4PM **Silversmith Lab**  
Monitor - Pat Droll 345-2792

3:30PM - 6PM **Cabbing**  
Monitor - Margarette Harris 561-2315

6PM - 9PM **Faceting Open Lab**  
Monitor - Earl Zoeller

6PM - 9PM **Cabbing\*\***  
Monitor - Donovan Wagner 869-2050

### Tuesdays

9AM - 1PM **Cabbing\***  
Monitor - Mike DeMeritt 520-455-5378

9AM - Noon **Silversmithing Lab**  
Monitor - John Poole 777-5588

1PM - 4PM **Faceting Open Lab**  
Monitor - Billy Bob Riley 225-9060

1PM - 4PM **Cabbing**  
Monitor - Liz Williams (818)300-5262

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

### Wednesdays

9AM - Noon **Cabbing**  
Monitor— Sharon Wilcox 878-8685

9AM - 1PM **Silversmithing**  
Monitor - Dennis Murphy

Noon - 3PM **Rock Sawing**  
Monitor - Sharon Wilcox 878-8685

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\*\***  
Monitor - David Schulte 954-8554

9AM—Noon **Silversmithing**  
Monitor - James Germaine, 520-288-0135

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

1PM - 4PM **Cabbing**  
Monitor - Pete Valentine, 208-409-7910

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

### Saturdays

9:00AM - 2:00PM **Silversmithing**  
Monitor - Pat Droll 345-2792

9:30AM - 2:30PM **Cabbing\***  
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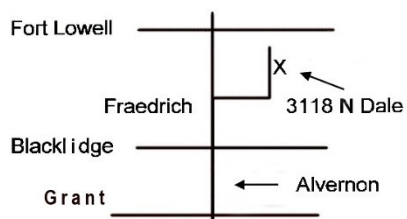
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The Business Meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month. A pre-meeting social hour (except for the December meeting) is at 8:00 a.m., followed by an educational program, and ends with the monthly meeting. Visitors are most welcome.