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Please join us on
September 9th for the
next meeting which
begins at **9:00 AM**,
optional social hour
begins at **8:00 AM**.



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

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THE PREZ SEZ.....by Don Rittenberry



September?!! Where did the time go????!!!! We have to get ready for the annual elections for Board Members and Officers. We have three board members to elect or re-elect. All Officers are up for election or re-election. By the way, I'm running for re-election and I hope I have your support. I know that Donna Pugh said that she didn't want to run again and I'm not sure about Dave Witwer or Diana Hara. If any one would like to run for Office or Board Member, they are more than welcome to do so. Just let us know before October 20th so your name can be put on the ballot for the proxy votes that will be sent out in the November newsletter. You have to have been a member for at least six months by the time of Election Day which is December 9th.

have monthly contests for jewelry and other lapidary pieces made by **you the members** to be judged by the **members** that attend the general meetings. At the next general meeting on September 9th I will ask the members to come with a list of what items to be judged each month. Every month will be a different item. For example, one month could be bracelets next month necklaces, next month earrings, and so forth. Then **we** can have and judge the first contest at the October general meeting. The winner would receive a punch card for open lab. You can come out to enter the contest or judge the contest or both and participate in your clubs' functions and festivities.

come out and help celebrate your friends' birthday with us and join in the fun.

We also decided on an annual picnic in January. **We** need to talk about where to have it and what type of events to have there. Potluck or catered, and on what date? Come to the meeting and help decide these things since this is **your** club.

We also have a door prize each month for the members of the club. **We** also need **your** input and advice at the general meetings since this is your club. So please come out and support **your** club. And I hope to see **ALL** at the next meeting.

We also decided to have birthday cake at the meetings to celebrate birthdays of the members for that month. So,

Your President,
Don

LIMB CASTS are distinguished from petrified wood by the complete absence of any structural appearances — there are no cells or growth rings. It has been completely replaced by agate or chalcedony, generally retaining the form of the limb from the tree.

Source: *Wichita Gem & Min. Society, August 2005*

?? PAST PRESIDENTS ???

Sylvia Czayo, the Club Historian, is compiling a list of the Club's past Presidents but is unable to determine who was President for the periods 1981, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 2000, 01, and 02. If you can fill in some of the blanks, please give Sylvia a call at 297-8607.

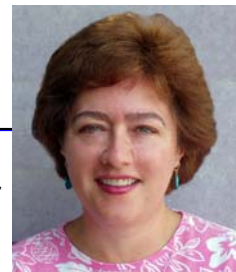
SEPTEMBER PRESENTER

Sylvia Czayo is going to take us on a field trip through Brazil. Knowing Sylvia the way we do, it should be something you wouldn't want to miss.



AUGUST BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

..... By Diana Hara



Meeting came to order at 9:06 AM. A quorum was present.

OLD BUSINESS

Charlotte Rittenberry stepped down as Secretary and Diana Hara was sworn in as her replacement.

JoAnn Sam said that she needs volunteers to help with the Ryan Air Field/ Todd's Restaurant November Sale. She needs people who know about advertising to help her get that organized, and she needs volunteers to man the OPLC booth that day. She also reminded everyone about the sign-up sheet if you are interested. Also, please let her know if you need one table or two. Don gave an overview of the sale for the new members. This is an opportunity that the owners of Todd's Restaurant at Ryan Air Field are giving OPLC members to showcase and sell their lapidary creations. They are supplying an indoor and outdoor area for us to setup in, tables, chairs, and refreshments. The show may not be a big draw for the public this year since it's new, but it's a way for the restaurant to increase business and the OPLC to showcase the club and its activities. It could take off and get better as the years go by. The cost for a table is \$10 and the date is November 18th.

Don reminded the club that there is a contest to create a new club logo. Everyone is encouraged to submit a design. Members will vote for the new logo at the October meeting. This

is so the snowbirds can be involved too.

Visitors to today's meeting were Randy and Linda Rutger from Oro Valley. Randy said they were part of Harrison's entourage. We also had a new member in attendance – Silvia Czayo's friend, Gary Forth.

Welcome!

Don had Jim Quigley stand to be recognized as the new Membership Chairperson.

NEW BUSINESS

Sylvia Czayo said that she was appointing Chad Blair as her assistant for club history. Also, Dagny Olness Thvedt passed away a few weeks ago. She used to take care of the kitchen. Donna took the obituary and will let Wayne know to put it in the newsletter.

Mary Beth announced that she is planning another round of both beginning and advanced wire-wrapping classes. They are on hold at the moment while she finishes some projects at home, but she will let us know when she is ready to start the new sessions.

Billy Bob is going to try to get another cabbng class started this coming Monday. The fee is \$30 for six weeks and meets once a week on Monday evenings from 6-9pm.

Don announced that Larry Gallagher joined us at the meeting today. We were all very happy to see him in attendance!

Don announced that he wants lots of participation this year in the election process. He will be running for president again. He

has asked Dave Witwer to run for re-election as Vice-president.

He said he might ask Diana to run for Secretary after she gets her feet wet. Donna has been Treasurer for almost 2 ½ years and does not want to run again. Rim said he wanted to let someone else try his Board position next year. Don urged members to consider running for Office or Board positions. The cutoff date for nominations will be October 20th.

Don and Charlotte Rittenberry donated the birthday cake for the social hour today. It was Dave Witwer's wife's birthday. She didn't make it to the club meeting, but the cake did! Don said he would like to have a birthday cake every month and celebrate the member birthdays. A motion was made and the club voted to pass the proposal. There will also be a block in the newsletter with member birthdays each month and the membership form will be changed to add a space for birth date information (Month/Day).

Don proposed the idea of a monthly contest for members. Each month will be a different contest. One month might be a contest for a ring, another for a pendant, etc. Members at the meeting will vote on the winner. The winner will receive a free lab card or a new T-shirt. A motion was made and the members voted unanimously to pass it.

Don also brought up the idea

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of an annual picnic. Initially, it was proposed for December, but after some discussion, January was agreed upon. A motion was made to vote and the majority passed the proposal.

John Lebourgeois took the floor and wanted to bring up a concern to the members. The club is legally setup as a non-profit corporation with an educational purpose. He said we should be concerned that we have so much money in our bank account while much of our lapidary equipment is old and sub-standard. If the IRS decided to audit the club, they could take the money, and the club would be liable for the interest and penalties. He recommended that the club review what new equipment is needed and begin an upgrade in the labs. Sheila Powell raised concern that before anything happens, the board should review the Form 990. John said perhaps the club should get the help of a CPA as well for a formal review. Christine Meissner said she used to belong to a non-profit theatre group, and she believed that John's concerns were valid. John made a motion to create a committee to review this issue and Christine seconded it. Mary Beth stated that she has gone into the lapidary lab and hasn't been able to finish a stone because the wheels have been too worn out. Jim Quigley stated that he was in the cabbing lab recently and there

were safety issues. The guards on one of the machines had been removed. He said that he would help in whatever way he could to resolve the issues.

Don said that the budget for the lapidary lab this year was \$1000. In order for him to spend more on upgrading that room, he needed a motion from the membership. He said that Black Hole Enterprises would donate two Genie-type machines to the cabbing room with a few contingencies: 1) the club empties the trailer out and either throw away or donate its contents. The trailer will be hauled away and 2) obtain another, safer storage container 3) clean the storage room out and convert it into the silversmithing/casting area – combine the current cabbing room and casting rooms to make a larger cabbing room – convert the current silversmithing room into a classroom. A motion was made. The membership voted and passed this issue. The two Genie-type machines will be installed after all contingencies are met - perhaps in the November timeframe.

John Lebourgeois said that he could get the club one of those shipping containers used to transport goods overseas at a cheap rate. He is going to look into this further for the club.

Sylvia announced that she would like to have a Q&A in the monthly newsletter (**Ed Note - See Page 5**). Each month a lapidary question will be posted in the newsletter. Members will have to come to the meeting to

get the answer. The answer will also be posted in the following month's newsletter. Sylvia will submit the question for the newsletter.

Donna announced that Jenny Coniglio will be teaching a new course sometime in 2007. The price and dates are not set, but there is a sign up sheet. The class will be Beading and Jewelry Making 101. If you are interested, sign up and write your preferred time and day of the week for the class.

There are several shows coming up:

- Huachuca Gem and Mineral Show Oct. 14,15, Sierra Vista.
- Sedona 5th Annual Gem and Mineral Show. Sept. 30th, 9-4, Sedona Red Rock High School Cafeteria – Free
- Payson Rimstones Rock Club, Oct. 14,15, \$3.00, Payson. Donna has \$1 off coupons if you are interested.

JoAnn Sam asked if we were going to have an advisory committee to direct the club improvements. Don said that he has already been apprised of the needs for the silversmithing and cabbing rooms. He is getting feedback from Paul and Earl on what needs to be done the faceting room.

Jim Quigley suggested putting a signup sheet out to see when people are available

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to come in and work in the labs. Don suggested it might be better to have members contact the monitors to determine when other labs might need to be scheduled.

Don had a get well card for everyone to sign for Art Kavan. Dave Witwer said that Art had volunteered to do a program for the club today, but had to cancel because he still wasn't feeling well. Don and Charlotte Rittenberry, Billy Bob, and Jim Quigley will deliver the card after the meeting today.

The club door prize this month was a gift certificate for one consultation and exam from Gold Canyon Chiropractic donated by Murray Victor D.C. (an OPLC club member). Janet Rupp was the winner – Congratulations!

The meeting ended at 10:00AM.

ANOTHER REMINDER

Don't forget about the Prez's request regarding the contest for a new Club logo but keeping your's truly. The Prez is requesting suggestions for a new Club emblem and / or logo. Submission deadline is October 11 and the winning submission will be voted on at the October meeting.



ADVANCED FACETOR'S CORNER

SEPTEMBER QUESTION OF THE MONTH

What are the necessary characteristics which make a mineral a gemstone?

Come to the September meeting to hear the answer to the question.

REMINDER - - SUMMER LAB HOURS CHANGE

Danny Harmsen's Friday Open Lab from 9-Noon will be temporarily suspended until October 6th.

AND YET ANOTHER REMINDER

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.

MONEY SAVING DISCOUNTS

- **DAH Rock Shop** - 10% on most items. See ad on page 8 of this newsletter
- **Colorwright** - Amount of discount depends on item(s) being purchased
- **Jed's Rock Shop** - 20% on all items
- **Copper City Rock Shop** - Bring in ad from page 9 of this newsletter and get 10% off on all purchases
- **Todd's Restaurant at Ryan's Field** - 10% on total food bill now through August 31st. Just show your membership card.
- **Kent's Tools** - 10%

DONATION RECEIVED

The Club would like to thank Dan Caudle for his generous donation of flat laps, polishing grits, dopping waxes, books, and other faceting paraphernalia to the Club. The activity in the faceting lab has been brisk and more people are taking faceting classes. Dan's gift is timely and will be well used.

And, as a reminder, OPLC is a non-profit Arizona corporation, and the value of any donations can be deducted when filing your taxes.

☆ WELCOME NEW MEMBER ☆

Carrie Carmody — Carrie, welcome to your new family consisting of cabbers, rockhounds, silversmiths, facetors, wire wrappers, and beaders.

IN MEMORIUM

It is with sadness that we announce the passing of Dagny Olness THVEDT. She was born November 24, 1917 in Ryder, N.D. She passed away Sunday, July 30, 2006 at the age of 88. She graduated from St. Olaf College, Northfield, MN and from Fairview Hospital School of Nursing, Minneapolis, MN. She was married to Ingvald M. Thvedt, June 20, 1943. He served as a Lutheran pastor and chaplain in North Dakota, Minnesota, Wisconsin and Tucson until 1980. They lived in retirement in Tucson since 1980. Pastor Thvedt died in 1987. She was a dedicated Christian and was active in her Lutheran Church, Old Pueblo Lapidary Club, Norse Federation and several social ministry projects, such as helping Vietnamese refugees, Cheer Visitation in hospitals, Stephen ministry and church library. In lieu of flowers, donations are encouraged for Community of Hope Library or Building Fund.

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Contact Lou Akerman 290-6968

Mondays 6 - 9 PM

Beginning Faceting - Class fee charged.
Contact Earl Zoeller 886-3518

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Open Shop. Fee charged. Beginners welcome. Tools
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Open Lapidary Lab - Fee charged. Beginners welcome.
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Contact Don Rittenberry 682-8317

Open Silversmith Lab - Class fee charged.
Contact Billy Bob Riley 408-3074

Wednesday 6 - 9PM

Beginning Casting - Class fee charged.
Contact Jamie De Zubeldia 616-9344

Wire Wrap (Advanced) - Class fee charged
Contact Maribeth Terry - 331-7066

Thursdays 1 PM – 4 PM

Beginning Cabbing - Class fee charged.
Contact Billy Bob Riley 408-3074

Wire Wrap (Beginning) - Class fee charged
Contact Maribeth Terry - 331-7066

Fridays 9 AM - Noon

~~Open Lab - Fee charged.~~ Closed till October 6th
Contact Dan Harmsen 721-8452

Fridays 6 - 9 PM

Beginning Faceting - Class fee charged.
Contact **(Pending new monitor)**

Saturdays 10 - 3 PM

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Contact Ron Davidson 749-3157

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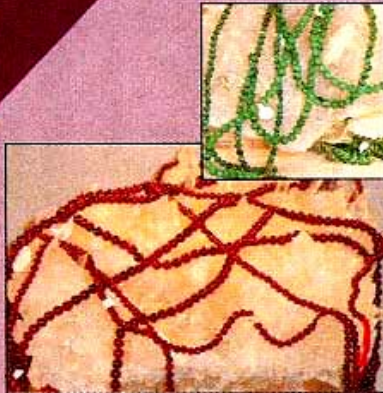
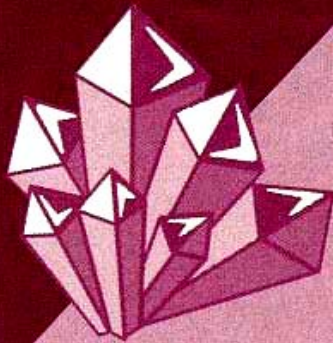
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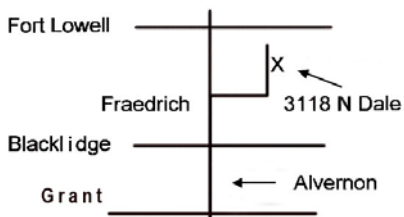
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Mail to: Membership Chairperson, Old Pueblo Lapidary Club, 3118 N. Dale, Tucson, AZ 85712



The Business Meetings are held on the 2nd Saturday of each month which starts at 9:00 a.m. A pre-meeting social hour is at 8:00 a.m. for those that are interested. Visitors are welcome.