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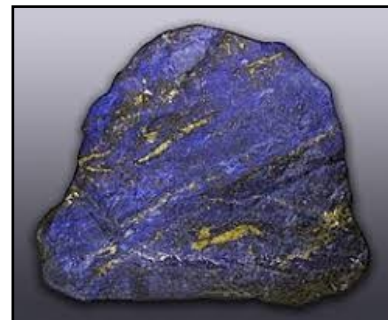
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Please join us
September 8th at **9AM**
for the monthly
meeting. There is an
optional social hour
that begins at 8AM.
Visitors are always
welcome.



Articles or news to be included in the *Cutting Remarks* should be emailed to your Editor, Mike DeMeritt (silverlininggemstones@gmail.com), or feel free to call him at 520-203-8430 or (520) 240-5133. Submission deadline is the 20th of each month. Thanks!

THE PREZ SEZ by David Schulte



08/31/18

The monsoon's are winding down but we still have the light shows to look forward to in September and some cooling weather as well. Our business board meeting for August was held on Friday, August 3rd, 2018. Our next business board meeting will be held on Friday, September 7th in the main building at the club at 10 AM. Members are always welcome to attend and participate in the clubs future.

Thanks go out to Pat Droll for purchasing the on demand electric water heater to be installed in the main building to replace the gas water heater that we currently have. The club will be selling the gas water heater once the new electric water heater is installed. If anyone is interested in purchasing it, contact David Schulte or any of the other board members.

We are working to get some more faceting classes set up in next month for those interested. I believe Billy Bob and David Richardson have voiced some interest in starting up classes again. A sign-up sheet will be posted in the main building once specific dates and instructors are identified. Shane Thompson-King has graciously agreed to hold a wire wrapping class for club members. The dates for the class are September 20th, 27th and October 4th. Each class will be three hours long and training will be done in the main building. Shane will be posting a sign-up sheet in the main building for those interested in taking the class. The cost will be \$20/person and Shane's sign-up sheet will inform folks of materials and tools they will need for the class.

The guillotine cutting tools for silver/copper/bronze/gold/platinum plate located in the silver lab was damaged along the cutting surface in two places this month when a member cut something (most likely steel) in the tool. At least two separate cuts were made as the blade was damaged in two different locations. Unfortunately, the person responsible for the damage did not own up to damaging the tool. We are having it repaired and ONLY silver, copper, bronze, gold or platinum plate may be cut in this tool from now on – NO STEEL or any other material is to be cut using the guillotine tool. Damaging club equipment without admitting it and paying for the repairs is not acceptable. Your board will be discussing appropriate punitive actions for future occurrences of this kind of behavior.

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 will be 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 David Schulte or any of the current board members.

Our speaker this month, on September 8th, will be Scott Sucher giving a presentation of Faceting- Considerations for Cutting Sensitive Materials.

David

**When you get a thing
the way you want it,
leave it alone.**

-Winston Churchill

Front Cover Pictures: Top-quality **Corundum**, commonly referred to as **Sapphire**, shows its cornflower-blue color off. **Lapis Lazuli** from Afghanistan will cut some knockout cabochons!

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

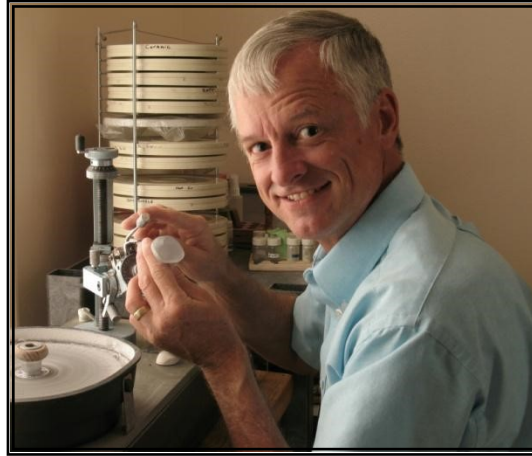
OPLC Membership Meeting Minutes 8/11/18

- Meeting was called to order at 10:35 am
- Thanks to Victoria Fila for supplying the goodies for the breakfast this morning.
- Last months meeting minutes were approved.
- Bob Powell presented the treasurers report.
- Membership status and member lab cleared for use – Wayne Klement.
- Janet Keisler has agreed to take over the membership status efforts for Wayne Klement next year. Wayne was absent from the meeting so Janet reported that there are currently 473 members. The president David Schulte thanked Wayne for his 15 years as the club membership chairman. Wayne will continue to volunteer his services including purchasing kitchen and lab expendables, spraying weeds, and many other things.
- Dave Richardson has agreed to take over the silent auction donation efforts and Tom McDevitt has agreed to help in this transition. Dave has also put his name in to run for the board in 2019.
- After the October 13th membership meeting the club will be holding the parking lot sale for members to sell there stuff.
- The new t-shirts are in. The short sleeve are \$12 and the long sleeve are \$15. They come in two colors, tan and light blue.
- The club thanked Bill Penrose for his donation of a vacuum/oven system to allow members to stabilize rocks using a vacuum and heating system. A location and training class still has to be identified.
- The clubhouse gas water heater is being replaced by an on demand electric water heater. This will save the club money by not having to pay the \$45 gas bill each month. The 220V drop for the new on demand water heater has been installed. The 40 gallon water

heater will be available for sale to any club member who is interested.

- We need more monitors for the faceting lab and casting lab in order to open it up for our members. Anyone interested in signing up for a time slot see the president, David Schulte.
- Club dues and liability waiver sign off for 2018. We still have a few members who have paid their dues but have not yet signed the liability waiver. Until your dues are current and the liability waiver is signed you CANNOT use any of the club labs or equipment.
- 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) then uncrushed.
- New board selection date approaches for 2019 OPLC board. If anyone in the club is interested in running for any position on the OPLC board you are welcome to submit your name to Twink Monrad. The club is looking for a new volunteer to take over as president for David Schulte and Twink Monrad's job as the nomination chairman/chairperson. Please see the president or Twink if you would like to volunteer for this. Twink is accepting nominations for board members until such time as we get a nomination chairperson. Nominations will be accepted up to October and the board slate will be posted in November with the vote for the new board in December. The new board will take over in January 2019. 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.
- Two of the wheels in the cab lab on the same cabbng machines were destroyed last week by someone mis-using the wheels and ripping a hole in these two wheels. Unfortunately, the person responsible for the damage did not own up to it so the club had to eat the cost for replacing a 280 and 600 grit wheel (\$180). There will be some new rules set up the cab lab for the monitors to verify the integrity of each station prior to members punching out of the lab to ensure that the club does not incur this cost again.
- Meeting was adjourned at 11:00am

September 2018 OPLC speaker- Scott Sucher- Faceter Extraordinaire!



We are very fortunate to have a special speaker for our September 8, 2018 OPLC monthly meeting. Scott Sucher is an internationally known faceter and will be talking to us about **“Considerations for Cutting Sensitive Materials”**.

According to Scott, “Many faceters have shied away from the delicate and sensitive materials as they can be quite daunting to cut based on available references. No more! See how the technical considerations of laps, grits, carrier fluids, glues, shear, stress, swarf control, and lap chemistry are unraveled so that any faceter can facet – dare it be said – even a sulfur”.

Scott Sucher is a retired Air Force Combat Search and Rescue/Special Operations instructor pilot, and was Chief, Air Operations in Kuwait for Operation Southern Watch. He is an acknowledged expert in the history and cutting of famous historical diamonds, having published *articles on the French Blue, Tavernier Blue, and Koh-i-Noor diamonds in Gems and Gemology, Review de Gemologie in France, and others.*

Scott was the featured expert gem cutter in the Discovery Channel documentary "*Unsolved History: The Hope Diamond*" that first aired in March 2005 and the 2010 National Geographic program "*Secrets of the Hope Diamond*" with significant on-air time in both programs. As a result of the Discovery Channel filming, he was privileged to be alone in the Smithsonian vault with the unset Hope diamond, the Blue Heart diamond, and Napoleon's Necklace. He has had several international displays, has co-displayed with the GIA at the Tucson Gem and Mineral Show, and has also guided projects in London and Paris. He was the keynote speaker for GIA's 2011 John Sinkankas Diamond Symposium. His work is on permanent exhibit in many museums.

Scott and his wife live in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Please do not miss this presentation!

Looking forward to seeing you all,

Helen Serras-Herman, OPLC Program chair

2018-2019 OPLC Speakers

Scott Sucher, Faceting- Considerations for Cutting Sensitive Materials
(September 8, 2018)

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 August through October 2018 including field trips

Send additions to Janelle at bum140@aol.com, or 520-223-1675

4 September – 7 September. Field trip to Alpine, Az. See more information in August newsletter. Sign up either at meeting or with Janelle at bum140@aol.com.

September 8 – Monthly OPLC member meeting. Doors open 8am, meeting at 9am OPLC Clubhouse.

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.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Meg Beer
Connor Farrell
Donna McCain
Patrick Power
Thomas Whited

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!



Family of Don Caudle: 2 paintings on slate, clocks set in petrified wood, several polished stone book ends, several small spheres and purple glass for faceting

Patti Polk: 50 pounds rock rough, 25 pounds rock rough

Anonymous: fifteen lbs. of turquoise, rough and cabs, 10 pounds Montana agate

To donate to OPLC, just contact Tom McDevitt at (520) 575-0517



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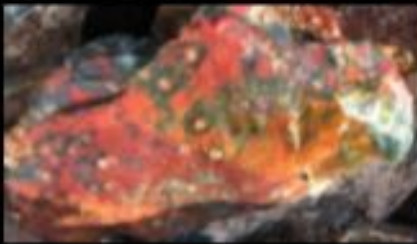
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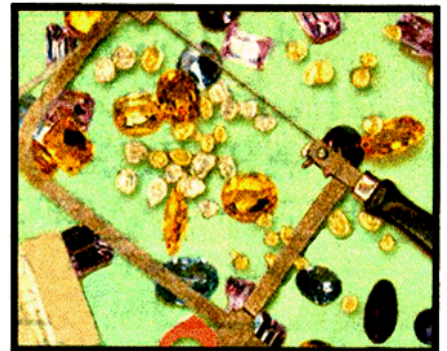
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DON'T FORGET

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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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 - Dan Lilly 801-995-9692

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

1PM - 4PM **Silversmithing**
Monitor - James Germaine, 520-288-0135

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***
Monitor - Ron Bryan 619-495-7967

10AM - 1PM **Casting Lab**

3PM - 6PM **Casting Class**
Monitor - Ron Brooks 520-378-2592

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Sundays

9AM - Noon **Rock Sawing**
Monitor - Mark Gibson

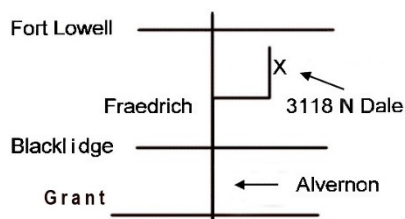
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10AM - 2PM **Cabbing**
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***** FIRST TWO MON/FRI OF EVERY MONTH IS CABOCHON CLASS, WHILE THE OTHERS ARE OPEN LAB***

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The Business Meetings are held on the 2nd 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.