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Please join us on
September 12th for the next
monthly meeting. **Optional
social hour begins at 8:00am**
followed by the educational
program at **9:00am** followed
by the meeting. **Visitors are
always welcome.**



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!

THE PREZ SEZ by Bill Carmody

August sure lived up to expectations. It was hot and muggy. I couldn't take it anymore. I had to get out in spite of the heat. And I had to rock hound. When a non-rock hounding friend called me last week and told me he dug up and brought home a rock he and his wife passed every day on their walks over the last six months, I knew he was ready to make the big step to become a **Rockhound**. I asked him if he wanted to go rock hounding the next day. He did. And, we did. We went to my favorite spot on earth: Teran Wash. Several days



later, he came over to see what lapidary could do to one of his rocks. We cut a slab off one fine, multi-colored piece of jasper he had found. We trim sawed it and then shaped and polished on my Genii and leather buffing wheel. For those of you that know me – yes, it was a heart. We made it into a necklace for his wife. He is coming over to the club tomorrow to check out our facilities.

I will be checking out Discovery Days Skylab program later this month and will let you know how it went. As you recall, various topics are offered, including different scientific topics on areas particular to the Catalina Mountains: humming birds, near-Earth asteroids, mountain weather phenomena, photography, and tree-ring research to name a few. We will be doing the photography program.

Sorry for the Saw Room down time. The rock dust mud had reached the upper limit of capacity and had to be mucked out. Jim Griffin, Ted



Rupp, and Jim Baker volunteered to do the deed. They removed the saws from the room, de-mucked them, and pressure washed them. This presented an excellent time to epoxy (paint) the floors and perform maintenance on the saws. Ted and Jim put the first coat on the floor which had to cure and Murray Hiller masterfully and adroitly applied coat number two. Donna, Wayne and I noticed that the walls' dinginess was accentuated by the professionally painted floor. Sunday we painted the walls white. It looks a little bit like an operating room now.

Ron Davidson is still in the VA Hospital. He is in Building 60 in bed #1 of room 156. His cell phone is 400-2125. His progress in good and he will be there several more months

as they get him back together again. We plan on doing the “before the general meeting board meeting” there in a few days.

Thank you to the guys filling in for Ron in the shops and labs.

Remember, this is a transition period. Please call the monitors for the specific

activity to make sure the open lab or shop is actually happening.

I just talked with Billy Bob. If you remember, he moved to Baton Rouge with his son. He is back to faceting everyday and seems happy. He says he misses everyone here and hopes to be back for at least the Hob Nob.

I won last month’s faceted stone contest. I am sure I would have won even if someone else had entered a stone.

And remember, always practice safe painting.

Bill Carmody

AUGUST MEETING MINUTES By Jenny Coniglio

Bill Carmody called the meeting to order with a quorum present.

The July meeting minutes were approved as printed in the Newsletter.

Announcements: Ron Davidson is in the VA Hospital in room #156 of the west wing of Building 60. His cell phone is 400-2125. Ron has had his knee prosthesis removed and is being treated for an infection; therefore he will probably be there for 5 – 6 months. His absence is definitely being felt, but several people have volunteered to take over his lab monitoring responsibilities.

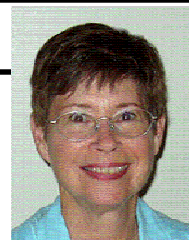
Jim Griffin will have Saturday open cabochon lab duties; Keith Haubert and Ray Brown will share responsibilities for silversmithing and cabochon labs. Keith will concentrate on

the Thursday night cab lab, while Ray will concentrate on silversmithing, a subject in which Ray has an associate’s degree. Keith is quite proficient in making cabochons. Open labs allow you work on your own project with an expert monitor present to answer questions and give direction; beginners are welcome. Classes in a particular technique are more structured.

Billy Bob Riley is currently moving to Baton Rouge to live with his son. We will really miss him – he was always ready to go rock collecting and helped run many of the labs.

Jerry Foley sends an e-mail to say “Hello” from the Yukon where he has found 3 small pieces of gold and lovely raspberry bushes. He and his wife are enjoying the cool weather panning for gold.

We received a note from Judy Talbot thanking us for our donation of some selected rocks for her Camp Hope children in Sierra Vista.



New Member: Daniel is originally from S. Carolina and S. California and likes collecting rock. He wants to learn more about them and go on field trips.

Visitor: Ann Nelson is the wife of a rock hound and sees her job as learning how to polish the stones he collects.

Security Alert: Bill Carmody began by thanking all those of us who volunteer our time to work here. However last Wednesday the rear door to the shop building was discovered to be wide open, although the gate had been locked.

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Chuck Lundstrom checked the shop rooms and everything seemed in order. We MUST be careful to lock everything securely!

New Business: If the Librarian isn't present, returned library books can be dropped in the slot below the large glass case next to the "stage" in the front of the meeting room.

We have purchased a vulcanizer and a wax injector from Tom Miller's mother for \$740 for the casting lab room. We had budgeted a little less than this, but the board has the option to go over budget by up to \$500 before needing to ask the membership's approval for specific purchases. However, we are anticipating the purchase of a Titan for approximately \$2,500. The General Membership approved the expenditure. We will wait until after the November 7 Silent Auction before making the

purchase based on having the funds available.

Bill Carmody noted that we no longer need to pay Pima County real estate taxes, and RMFS has switched to a different insurance that is saving us more money. Therefore, it is anticipated that the Club should have an increase in our bottom line this year.

Several of us that have used the new cab polishing wheels really like their performance since they are much quicker to grind and polish stones!

The end of August is the deadline for monitors to turn in their lab equipment "wish lists" to Melinda so the Board can purchase needed items budgeted for this year.

Blue Club t-shirts are now \$6.00 – 1/2 price! And Club sew-on patches are also at a discounted price.

Harrison Yocum announced that his rockhounding classes

and field trips run September 26 – December 5. Pima County Community College charges \$89.00 for the course. Harrison will also have his yearly Ice Cream Social at his home October 21 from 1 – 4:00 PM.

A member of our club, Elaine Turner's home has burned, and she is looking for a camper that would sleep 4 for a temporary place to stay.

Skip Barkley is asking for volunteers or nominations for our board secretary and treasurer for next year. Please consider helping the Club by running for office. Elections will be held at the Dec. meeting.

The meeting was adjourned.

Rim Tallat-Kelpsa won the Door Prize of a crystal geode. There were no other Jewelry Contest participants except for Bill Carmody who unanimously won first prize.

Submitted by Jenny Coniglio,
Secretary

LOOOOONG DISTANCE READER

Dougal McIntyre logged onto the Internet and just happened to read the August issue of the newsletter and read the memoriam that was written for Marion Russell. Mr. McIntyre sent us an email expressing his sympathy of Marion's passing stating that he and his wife, Janet, visited our Club in 1986, and again in 2003, hosted both times by Marion Russell.

Dougal and Janet McIntyre are from Scotland.

Mr. McIntyre is sending a copy of a small booklet he put together describing the agates found in Scotland. Mr. McIntyre requested that it be dedicated to the memory of Marion.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHSTONE : BLUE SAPPHIRE

Birthstone Color: Deep Blue



The striking deep blue of a quality sapphire is reminiscent of a cloudless night sky. Ancient civilizations believed that the world was set upon an enormous sapphire, which painted the sky blue with its reflection. This legend, as well as the belief that the ten commandments were inscribed upon tablets made of sapphire, gives September's birthstone a royal place among gemstones.

Named after the Greek word "sapphirus", meaning blue, Sapphires have long been a favorite among priests and kings, who considered them symbolic of wisdom and purity. These gemstones are prominent among the British Crown Jewels, and Prince Charles chose this as the engagement stone for his fiancée, Princess Diana.

In ancient times, Sapphires were thought to be protective against envy, and even against poisoning. A common belief was that a venomous snake placed in a Sapphire vessel would rapidly die! Ground to a powder, the blue stone was believed to cure colic, rheumatism and mental illness, and to strengthen eyesight.

Sapphire is a variety of the mineral corundum. Corundum is found in every color of the rainbow, with red being designated as ruby and all other hues Sapphire. But the most prized color of Sapphire is a rich, deep blue. These gemstones were mined as early as the 7th Century BC from India and what is now Sri Lanka. They are found today in Sri Lanka, Kashmir, Myanmar, Thailand, Australia, Nigeria, Kenya, Tanzania, China, Madagascar, and the United States. Large specimens of Corundum crystals are rare, although the 563-carat Star of India can be seen in the American Museum of Natural History. This is the largest and most famous of star Sapphires, which are cut to reflect light from inclusions within the stone, revealing a bright six-legged star pattern.

The Sapphire is second only to the Diamond in hardness, making it a durable gemstone for setting into jewelry. A gift of Sapphire represents sincerity and faithfulness. As nourishing to the soul as gazing up at the sky on a summer day, this brilliant blue gemstone is truly a heavenly choice!

Source: About Birthstones.com

"If you wish to forget anything on the spot, make a note that this is to be remembered." - Edgar Allen Poe, 1809-1849

"We are most nearly ourselves when we achieve the seriousness of the child at play." - Heraclitus

"A friend may well be reckoned the masterpiece of nature." - Ralph Waldo Emerson

"I find television very educating. Every time somebody turns on the set, I go into the other room and read a book. - Groucho Marx

ACADEMY VILLAGE UPDATE

Academy Village located off of Old Spanish Trail is where OPLC has been having a great opportunity to display and sell articles made by our members. Sunday, August 9th some of the Club members met with Maureen and Bill Wright at the Village who allowed us to place new items in the case and change out some of the goodies so that the residents could have a varied choice of items to purchase. The Village keeps 15 percent of the sale price and the artist gets the rest so it is a three way win for the Village, the artist and the lucky person who gets to own and wear the beautiful items crafted by OPLC members.



Janet Rupp (l), discussing the display cabinet with Maureen Wright observed by Bill Wright.



Jean Barkley (foreground) with Jenny Coniglio making adjustments to their items for sale in the display cabinet.

Ray Brown and Jenny stocking the display cabinet being supervised by Maureen and Bill Wright.



JULY PRESENTERS



Twink Monrad gave an interesting talk on meteorites, shown here with her friend, Fredric Stephan. The larger meteorites on display on the table are from Fredric's personal collection.



Several OPLC members had shown an interest in some of the lectures at the Mt. Lemmon SkyCenter sponsored by the U of A so Anna Spitz was invited to give an overview of their program and upcoming schedule

NEW LAB MONITORS



Ray Brown will supervise the Saturday Silversmithing lab and coordinate the Thursday evening cab lab with Keith Haubert. Ray's primary interest is in Silversmithing.



Jim Griffin will have Saturday Open Cabochon Lab duties.



Keith currently has the Wednesday cab lab and will pick up the Thursday evening cab and silversmith lab. Ray will help out in the event Keith would have a conflict.

DONATIONS

You may contact one of the following individuals if you are interested in making a donation (rocks, equipment, etc.) to the Old Pueblo Lapidary Club. Please call: Bill Carmody at 760-8598 or Dan Harmsen at 721-8452.

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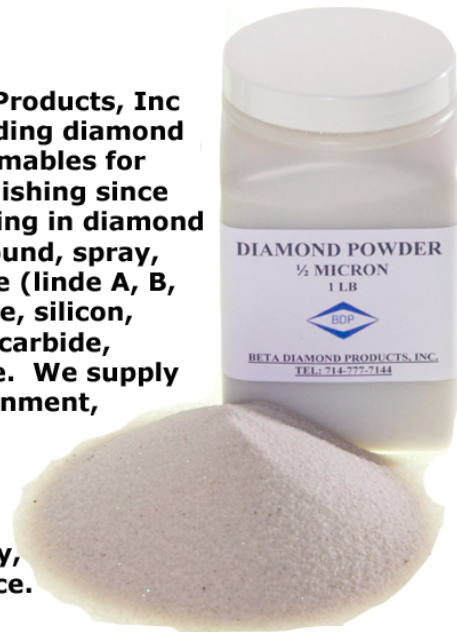
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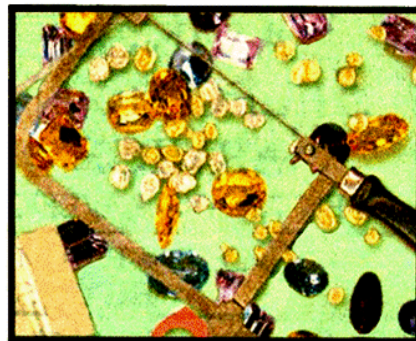
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MONTHLY JEWELRY CONTESTS

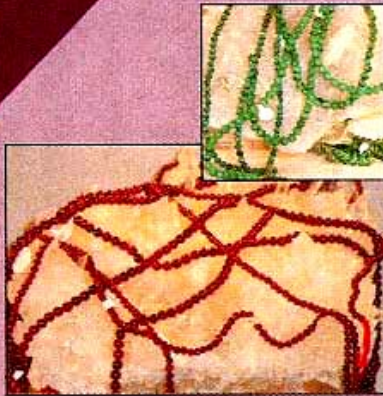
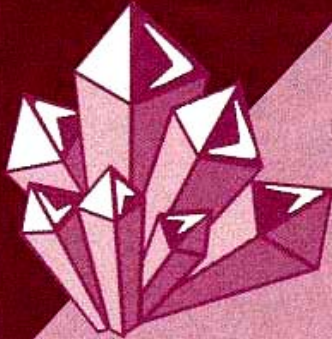
In order for members to better plan for future monthly contests, here is the schedule for each category by month:

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

Bill Carmody won the August Faceted Stone contest.

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Silversmith Lab - Fee charged.
Contact Lou Akerman 290-6968 **(Note: Lou will be going North June 7 and will return September 8)**

Mondays 6 - 9 PM

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

Tuesdays 9 AM – Noon

Open Cabbng - Fee charged.
Contact , John Poole 777-5588

Silversmithing Lab - Fee charged.
Contact John Poole 777-5588

Tuesdays Rock Sawing

8 - 10AM Dave Arens 749-2413
10AM - 1PM Jim Baker 886-2126

Wednesdays 6 - 9PM

Beginning Casting - Class fee charged.
Contact Chuck Lundstrom 577-6446

Open Cabbng - Fee charged.
Contact Keith Haubert 888-8719

Thursdays

10AM - 1PM Rock Sawing - Fee Charged
Monitor - Jim Baker 886-2126

6 - 9PM Open Cabbng & Silversmithing
Monitor - Keith Haubert 888-8719

Saturdays 10am - 3pm

Silversmithing - Ray Brown 323-6410

Cabbng - Jim Griffin 578-3765

Rock Sawing - Jim Griffin

★ **NOTE:** Please call the respective shop Monitor for the lab you plan to attend to ensure that the lab will be open. During the summer months, some of the labs close early due to lack of attendance. Thanks for your cooperation. ★

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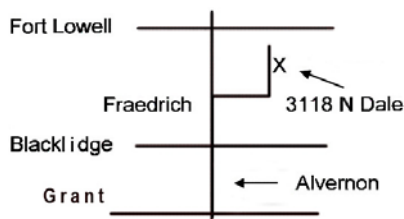
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Mail to: Membership Chairperson, Old Pueblo Lapidary Club, 3118 N. Dale, Tucson, AZ 85712



The Business Meetings are held on the 2nd Saturday of each month. 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.