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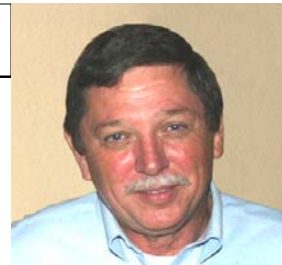
Please join us on **April 8th** for the next meeting which begins at 9:00am, optional social hour begins at 8:00am.



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 520-546-9404. Submission deadline is the 25th of each month. Thanks!

See us online at: www.lapidaryclub.org

THE PREZ SEZ.....by Don Rittenberry



GOOD NEWS!!! The Potluck dinner is on for May 6th. Get your giddy up gear on or come as you are, for the first and hopefully not the last potluck dinner with TGMS. This should be fun and an enjoyable time before our snow bird members and friends head back to escape the desert heat and leave us desert rats here to carry on. **Look** in the newsletter to get all the information. This date is set in stone so be there or be square. Also please **RVSP** to let us know how many will be there so the club can buy accordingly.

We are still actively looking for members to volunteer for the Pima County Fair which runs from April 20th - 30th. We have sign up sheets in the back of the club house next to the attendance sheets. If you can volunteer just for a few hours we would greatly appreciate the effort you put into this project. I'll be there a couple of times or more myself, and remember **I'm not paid** either. I can sure use the members help with this project. I go to have fun and I usually do.

Danny Harmsen has stepped up to the plate and has taken the silent auction by the reins. Billy Bob and I have volunteered to take turns to MC it. If you would like to donate any equipment or rock, please contact us. It doesn't have to be related to the lapidary field as long as it's in good working order, looks good, and can be sold at the silent auction in November.

We still need a vice president if anyone is interested. You can contact me directly or one of the board members of the club. The duties include getting speakers for the club and also the continuing education of classes for club members and also take over the president's duties when the occasion arises.

We are also still looking for a membership chairperson. If you would be interested in this position, please call me. I have fun with my position and I want every person that volunteers for a position whether for being an officer, board member, chairperson, monitor, helper and or any other position that this club offers to have fun. That's an **order** from the president, **ME!! :)**

There was a board meeting March 27th and I think it was pretty positive. We decided to test a spot on one of the walls for painting. We'll let it stay on the wall for a little while to see if anything bleeds through. If it does we might have to primer the walls first. So if you come to the clubhouse and see a section painted you'll know why. By the way the walls haven't been painted inside since 1975. I do think it can stand a coat of paint and we sure could use **your** help with this also. We need people to mask, tape, cut in around trim and cases. Oh! I forgot painters also. :) You can sign up or call me to let me know if you can help or come out to give moral support and laugh at the ones getting the paint on the walls hopefully or

themselves.

We also talked about giving door prizes and it was decided that I, not the club, will donate the first one. If you come to the meeting you have a chance of winning it **and I'm not telling what it is** and none of the officers or board knows either. We will draw a name at the end of the meeting to see who wins it, so put your name in the bowl.

We are also going to raffle off some interesting items so you need to buy raffle tickets at the meeting. Raffles have brought in \$114 for the year so far. This is a good money maker for the club to help pay the bills. I'll give a financial report at the meeting also. **You**, the members, should and have the right to know how the club stands financially.

I mentioned at the last meeting that I and my wife, the club secretary, will not be at the June meeting. We will be in Tennessee for a vacation and to also represent the club by donating items to be auctioned off for kids' charities. If you would like to donate an item that you made personally, I would be glad and honored to present them to the charities. This is for a very worthy cause. I have already received and asked a few members personally for items. I want to have a card for each item that tells who donated the item, what it is, and any

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other pertinent information. For further information you can go to www.carsforkidsusa.org to read up on these charities and how this came into play. I will give more information at the April meeting.

You the members will be voting on an issue which needs to be addressed, display cases and the trailer in the parking lot. These have not been used since 1995. We will vote on whether we should keep these or sell, donate or throw them out. **If anyone** has any

objections to getting rid of these, you should be at the meeting and voice your opinion. Remember the majority rules and **you** are members that make up this club. **You** are the club.

I hope to see you at the April meeting.

MARCH BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

..... By Charlotte Rittenberry



President Don Rittenberry called the meeting to order at 9:00AM and a quorum was present.

Don thanked everyone who helped with the Beaudry Show and the Tucson Gem and Mineral Society Show held at the Tucson Convention Center. Don also thanked everyone who helped with the Hob Nob and the cleaning of the Club for this event. The people of the Beaudry Show told Art Kavan that they would like to have us back again next year. Bill Hodgson also told Don Rittenberry that they were very pleased with our booth this year and would also like to have us back again next year. The Club had demonstrations for faceting, cabbing, wire wrapping, and chain making and examples of these items were also on display.

Sylvia Czayo asked that the contents in jars in the faceting room be labeled to avoid having them tossed out in the future. At the Hob Nob Paul Head won first place for the synthetic stone group and Andrea from out of town won first place for the natural stone group.

Don read a letter from Jim

Farley stating that he has to resign from his position as Vice-President due to illness. This now leaves his position open to fill for the rest of the year. He thanked Jim Farley, Jim Griffin and John Pavon for a job well done since they're stepping down from their positions. These positions need to be filled. If anyone is interested, please contact Don Rittenberry at 572-8674. A board meeting will be held in about two weeks.

Don read a letter from Louise Coffin, a life time member, thanking the club for the newsletters so she can keep up with the club activities since she is not an active member. She donated \$25.00 to the club. He also read a letter from Mildred Kiser, a member who paid her dues thanked the club for the newsletters and to also keep up the activities of the club. She stated that she had very little energy for the club but enjoys the newsletter.

Don is asking for volunteers to paint the inside of the club house. He wants to get it painted but left the date open for next meeting. There is a sign-up sheet on the back

table. Shelia Powell said it was a good idea to paint the club house.

Maribeth Terry has a new grandson weighing 8lbs 8ozs in Odessa, Texas. New classes for wire wrapping will start sometime the end of March. Please contact Maribeth Terry at 331-7066 after March 14th as to when the classes will begin.

Jamie De Zubeldia has 3 weeks left with the current casting class. The next class will begin on April 15th. After that the next class will be in September. Please contact him if you are interested in taking his casting class at 616-9344. His class is limited to 4 to 5 people, so it's first come, first served.

New visitors were recognized and welcomed to the Club. Some new members joined due to the Beaudry and TCC shows.

Paul Head announced to the Club that if anyone was interested in baseball tickets he had some for sale. The cost was \$3.00 each. The cookies in the kitchen were made by Paul's

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wife and donated by the baseball center. Half the price of each ticket goes for the baseball center and the other half goes to the volunteers.

Wayne Klement told the members that there were contact lens cases in the back of the club that could be used for micro specimens. If you want any, please feel free to take them.

Billy Bob Riley is starting a new cabbing class on Monday from 9:00AM to 12:00 noon.

Heather Rouse canceled her Silversmith class because not enough people showed up for class. She's not sure if she

would like to try another class at this time.

The Club was asked to return to the Pima County Fair this year. There are sign-up sheets on the back table for this event and many volunteers are needed. The Fair will be from April 20th to the 30th.

The Club is going to have the Pot Luck dinner with Tucson Gem and Mineral Society at Old Pueblo Lapidary Club. A time and date will be given in the president's notes. Volunteers are needed to help set up and tear down tables and chairs and also help in the kitchen. If you will please let Shelia Powell, Don or Charlotte Rittenberry know what dish you will be bringing so we won't have a lot

of duplications and this will also let us get a head count to see how much the Club needs to buy for the main dish. Shelia Powell can be reached at 578-1976 or Charlotte Rittenberry at 572-8674. It is going to be a western theme.

Art Kavan donated \$227.00 to the club from the sale of a faceting machine that he bought at the last silent auction and refurbished. He sold it at the Hob Nob in February. Don and the Club thanked Art for his generous donation.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:00AM followed by the raffle and a chain making demonstration presented by Dave Arens.

LINCOLN'S MARBLE LEAKS!

Did you know the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, DC is sprouting stalactites and stalagmites in its basement? This phenomenon is caused by water seeping through the marble. Though the Memorial is a little over 55 years old, the formations have grown several feet in length. When the Memorial was built, engineers sank 122 cylinders to bedrock 50 feet underground. The base of the Memorial is set high above ground on a rectangular platform, thus forming a cavernous space beneath the floor. This is where the stalactites and stalagmites are growing.

Souce: Rockhound Ramblings—February 2006

The Club offers its heartfelt sympathy to Hazel Brown, whose husband Burnell, passed away March 16, 2006. Hazel said Burnell was proud to be a member of OPLC.

SHOP HINTS

Save the inner plastic rings from scotch tape rolls. They make handy stands for spheres.

To display large rocks on a pedestal, remove the top and bottom of a tuna can and spray the can black.

Drop a small stone or bead on the carpet? Cant' find it? Place a nylon stocking over the vacuum hose. The stone will adhere to the nylon without going up the hose. Bare feet work well, too. If the rug is a shag, get out the comb or forget it.

Souce of the above hints: St. Croix Leaverite News

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:

- Art Kavan 297-8798, or
- Bill Carmody 760-8598, or
- Don Rittenberry 572-8674.

THE OPLC LABS ARE BUSY



Two of the Club's hard working monitors; (l-r) Billy Bob Riley (cabbing) and Earl Zoeller (faceting).



Carol Westberg in the faceting class.



John Lebourgeois also in the faceting class.



Robert Driver cabbing

Even our President is getting in some cabbing time.



Please contact Maribeth Terry at 331-7066, if interested, as to when the next wire wrap classes will begin.

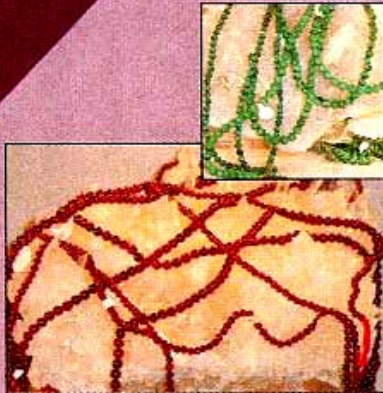
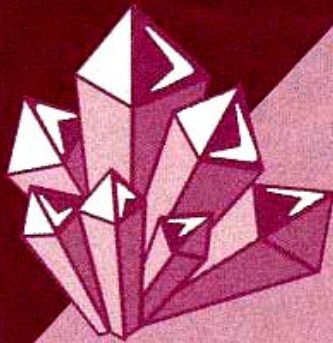
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(l,r) Bill Hodgson, Diane Braswell, and Carol Johnson in Billy Bob's Monday morning faceting class.

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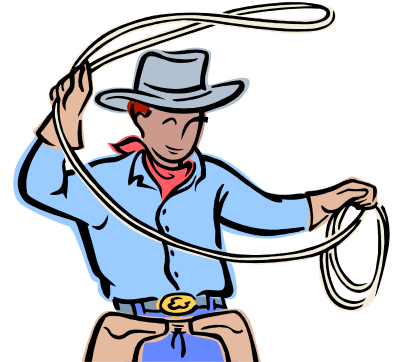
OPLC / TGMS Potluck!

The Old Pueblo Lapidary Club is hosting a joint OPLC / TGMS potluck on Saturday, May 6, 2006 from 4:00p.m. to 6:00p.m.

The culinary theme is "western" and OPLC will provide the main dish. If you plan on attending, you are asked to bring a side dish.

Please RSVP by contacting Shiela Powell at (520) 578-1976 or Charlotte Rittenberry at (520) 572-8674 to help them plan accordingly (also to prevent duplications of side dishes).

So partners, put on your boots and hats and mosey on over to the OPLC Clubhouse located at 3118 N. Dale for a rip-roaring good time! YEEE HAWWW!



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Silversmith Lab - Fee charged.
Contact Lou Akerman 290-6968

Mondays 6 - 9 PM

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

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

Tuesdays 9 AM – Noon

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Monitor – Ron Davidson 749-3157
Rock Sawing – Dave Arens 749-2113

Tuesdays 6 - 9 PM

Open Lapidary Lab - Fee charged. Beginners welcome.
Tools and equipment available.

Contact Don Rittenberry 572-8674

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

Thursdays 1 PM – 4 PM

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

Fridays 9 AM - Noon

Open Lab - Fee charged.
Contact Dan Harmsen 721-8452

Fridays 6 - 9 PM

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

Saturdays 10 - 3 PM

Open Shop - Fee charged.
Contact Ron Davidson 749-3157

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Ron Davidson 749-3157

CLASSES & PROGRAMS

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CLUB HISTORIAN

Sylvia Czayo 297-8607

FIELD TRIPS

Rim Tallat-Kelpsa 760-8704
Don Feyrer 661-7588

JUNIOR EDUCATION

Gretchen Arnaiz 747-1511

KITCHEN

General Membership

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Cathy Van Atta 256-6869

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Donna Pugh 299-1535
Wayne Klement 546-9404

SECURITY

Marion Russel 622-5506

SILENT AUCTIONS

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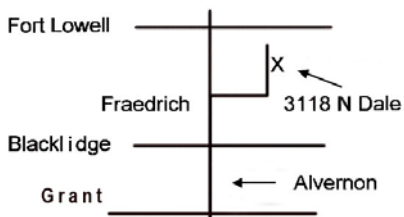
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Mail to: Membership Chairperson, Old Pueblo Lapidary Club, 3118 N. Dale, Tucson, AZ 85712



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.