

February 2005

# “CUTTING REMARKS”

The Official Publication of the Old Pueblo Lapidary Club

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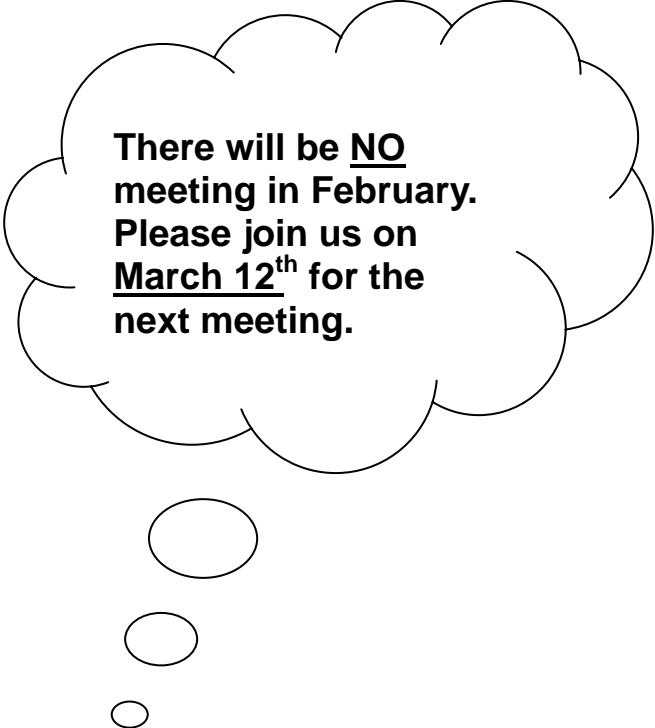
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There will be **NO**  
meeting in February.  
Please join us on  
**March 12<sup>th</sup>** for the  
next meeting.



Articles or news to be included in the Cutting Remarks should be emailed to your editor, Wayne Klement at [wayneklem@aol.com](mailto:wayneklem@aol.com), or feel free to call him at 546-9404. Submission deadline is the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month. Thanks!

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# THE PREZ SEEZ.....

Carl Bowlby nominated the Board of Directors that you subsequently voted to elect. I don't know where the magic came in, but you, the membership, came up with an all-star Board of Directors. In addition, Art Kavan, as the outgoing president, has agreed to join of Board of Directors in accordance with the Club's by-laws. His experience is proving to be invaluable to us. This Board is interested, concerned, and they came to work. Working with them is truly a pleasure.

We have had two Board of Directors' meetings already and have accomplished quite a bit. We started out with a list of issues, concerns, or items that we thought should be addressed. We scoped the list down to the most important things that we thought we could accomplish during this year.

The Board approved \$400.00 to spend on the purchase of silver smithing equipment as presented by John Poole. This equipment is necessary in order to conduct the silver smithing course.

Additionally, the Board of Directors authorized the implementation and use of punch passes and sign-in sheets. Donna Pugh designed and produced these items with Board approval. Thank you Donna for a job well done. (For additional information regarding punch passes and sign-in sheets, see section in this newsletter entitled: PUNCH PASSES AND SIGN-IN SHEETS.) This system will go into effect after the March 12, 2005 general business meeting.

By using the punch pass and sign-in sheet system, we will have a better idea of the specific facilities being used, how many

of the members are utilizing the labs, and gain an understanding of the adequacy of the shops' equipment. Also, monitors will know if unauthorized persons or non-members are in the facilities and using the equipment. As a nonprofit corporation, we need to have appropriate records available in the event of a possible audit.

The Board's responsibility to provide leadership and guidance to the Club and the Club's membership requires that it knows all of the activities conducted in its facility. Towards that object, I need a complete listing of shop monitors and Club instructors. **All monitors and instructors please contact me by March 1, 2005.**

When I became president, I was handed a bundle of keys. Many of these keys' functions are unknown. It quickly became apparent that there is no complete master list for who has keys and which key goes with which facility. This is unsatisfactory. The Board and I need to know who has keys to which facilities. There needs to be a complete set of keys available in case of emergency to allow access into each facility. I need to be contacted by anyone who feels they need access to which facility. Then, we will re-key the club facilities as appropriate. **IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT YOU CONTACT ME TO LET ME KNOW YOUR REQUIREMENTS.** Otherwise, you may not have the access you think you require. **The Board of Directors have voted to re-key the facility right after the March 12, 2005 business meeting.**

Tom Miller is the Chairperson for this year's nominating committee. Please see him if you would like to be an officer or a member of the Board of Directors. Also, contact him with the name or names of those club members who you would recommend for club service. (Only

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someone  
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who would  
be willing  
to do the  
job).

Phil  
Babcock is  
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chairperson. Please see him regarding these activities. He is especially interested if you have a briefing, talk, or presentation. I know I am ready for some outstanding presentations.

**Rockhounding.** Members interested in 'hounding please contact Rim Tallat-Kelpsa, Don Feyrer, or me and tell us what you can do to support or lead a trip and where you want to go. As rockhounds we are always looking for a new place to go or a chance to revisit a particularly good place. The weather is good and getting better. If we are going on a trip in the future, we need to **begin planning now.** Without a plan, things rarely happen, so come on, take some responsibility and get involved. As my old boss used to say, "if you don't know where you are going, any road will get you there." Let's make a plan and let's fly that plan. With no plans, nothing is going to happen. There, I am out of adages.

This month's newsletter contains a basic questionnaire. The Board and I really want to hear your ideas about the Club's operations. Please return the questionnaire, even if it is only tell us you like everything the way it is. I want to know that you have responded and that we have a complete set of data to work from. We want your Club experience to be as satisfying as possible. **So, please fill it out and return it as soon as possible.**



# THE PREZ's REMARKS CONT'D....

I recently met with Bill Hodgson, the president of TGMS, to discuss items of mutual interest. TGMS and OPLC joint field trips and TGMS members possibly using our workshops and taking OPLC course were some items that were discussed. These areas will continue to be explored both in our club and between the clubs. I am interested in anything you have to say in regarding these topics. The joint field trips appear to be the easiest thing to do. There are insurance ramifications, facility availability, and proprietary feelings that have to be worked in dealing with the other topics. I am interested in what you have to say about these issues so please talk to me about them.

We have a great Club and I am proud of it.

## ANNOUNCEMENT

Donna Pugh's mother has passed away in Florida and Donna will be there indefinitely attending to family matters. Bill Carmody will be acting Club Treasurer in Donna's absence. The entire OPLC membership extends its heartfelt condolences to Donna and her family.



## NOTICE


The Board of Directors have voted to re-key the facility right after the March 12, 2005 business meeting.



## PUNCH PASSES AND SIGN-IN SHEETS .....

The Board has authorized the use of serialized, punch-passes and sign-in sheets for members utilizing the Club's open labs. The serialized punch passes will be available through the Club's Treasurer and shop monitors. All members using the Club's facilities will sign in for each session listing their name, punch pass number, time in/out, and other information as called for on the sign-in sheet. Members will sign in also when paying cash by the hour (\$2,00 per hour). Each monitor will provide a separate sign-in sheet for each open shop period. The monitor may use that sheet repeated for that same period (e.g. every Tuesday evening 6 to 9 PM.) until it is full and then will turn it into the Treasurer. This system will go into effect after the March 12, 2005 general business meeting. At that time, old punch passes may be exchanged for the new punch passes with the existing punches transferred to the new card.

By using the system, we will have a better idea of the specific facilities being used, how many of the members are utilizing the labs, and gain an understanding of the adequacy of the shops' equipment. Also, monitors will know if unauthorized persons or non-members are in the facilities and using the equipment

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## TUCSON CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY

Rim Tallat-Kelpsa

Cacti and succulents are all around us in Arizona. However, many of them are being lost and destroyed during the construction blading practices in new home development and, in general, new construction projects. The Tucson Cactus & Succulent Society (TC&SS) has a cactus rescue program.

By working with developers, more than 4,000 cacti were saved last year. Each cactus

requires an Arizona tag which cost \$1 for plants under 8 inches and \$5 for all larger ones. The rescue crewmembers can keep what they like by paying for the tags. The majority of the plants are distributed through sales, donations, and re-vegetation projects in public areas.

The Tucson Cactus & Succulent meetings are held the first Thursday of every month at the Junior League of Tucson at 2099

E. River Road at 7:00 PM Each meeting features an interesting speaker.

The rescued plants gotten through the (TC&SS) activities and the rocks collected through OPLC field trips present a great opportunity to xeriscape (desert landscape) your home for a nominal cost and to gain the satisfaction of preserving desert life.

## Minutes of January Business Meeting — Ursula Wilson, Secretary

Art Kavan called the meeting to order at 9:10 am.

New officers were sworn in. The meeting was then turned over to the new President, Bill Carmody. Bill introduced himself to the club and asked other officers and board members to stand and do the same. Wayne Klement is the new editor of the newsletter. Guests and new members are Diane Braswell, Jim and Marsha Burnett, Jeronimo Grijalva, and Kathy Smith.

Bill spoke of our great club with over 200 members, thanking them for all their volunteering and hard work; and extended many, many thanks to Art Kavan for all the hard work he did for us as past president.

Bill would like to have the club members give him input on their interests and needs for the club. One suggestion Bill had was to have field trips once a month, but instead of one person leading and planning the trips, have a team. After the trip, he wanted to have a trip member pass on to the editor a description of the trip, the success, and any humorous events of the trip for inclusion in the newsletter.

The Club's financial statement will be available next month.

Bob O'Donnell asked about faceting classes. Paul Head stated that they will be starting in March. John Poole will have a sign-up sheet for his next silversmithing class. Class size is limited to five people. Billy Bob Riley has a posted a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for the cabbing class beginning next week.

Gretchen Arnaiz spoke to us about Junior Education. She needs more rocks and tumbled stones for District One elementary, middle schools, and home tutoring. If you have any rocks you can part with contact Gretchen.

Larry Gallagher will be having a class on cutting opals. Five to six people will be the maximum for the class. There will be 6 sessions for \$30.00. He will furnish the opals for the first 3 sessions.

Shad Blair volunteered his help anytime for any of the clubs needs.

**Merlyn Hiller suggested that we open the club at 8:00 am for socializing before the general meeting. There was show of hands and everyone agreed.**

Kathy Van Atta announced that our library is now open and available.

Jim Griffin passed out the new membership rosters. He will have more at our next meeting on March 12th. **THERE WILL BE NO MEETING IN FEBRUARY.**

When paying for your next class, Donna Pugh would like you to note what class it is for at the bottom of the check. It will help her to record the amounts in the right account.

Silvia Czayo announced that Dr. Norbert Kauffeld, a former president of the OPLC, passed away a few days after Christmas.

A motion was approved to accept last month's minutes submitted by Donna Pugh.

A motion to accept the proposed budget for 2005 was approved.

A motion to close the meeting was approved and the meet was adjourned at 9:45.

### **\*\*NOTICE\*\***

**There will be NO meeting held on February 12. The next meeting will be held March 12.**



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## WORK SHOP SCHEDULE

## COMMITTEES

### Mondays 1-4 PM

Faceting Guild - Experienced facetors only, contact Paul Head 296-0331

Beginning Cabbing - contact Billy Bob Riley 408-3074

### 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 8 AM Work Groups

### Tuesdays 9 AM – Noon

Open Shop. Fee charged, Beginners welcome Tools/ Equipment Available

Monitor – Ron Davidson 749-3157

Rock Sawing – Dave Arens 749-2113

### Thursdays 1 PM – 4 PM

Beginning Cabbing - Contact Billy Bob Reily 408-3074

### Fridays 6-9 PM

Beginning Faceting – Fee charged

Contact Rob Kulakofsky 792-1439

### Tuesdays 6-9 PM

Open Shop - Contact Rim Tallat-Kelpsa 760-8704

### Saturdays 12-3 PM

Open Shop - Contact Ron Davidson 749-3157

### BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

Ron Davidson 749-3157

### CLASSES & PROGRAMS

Phil Babcock 498-5058

### FIELD TRIPS

Rim Tallat-Kelpsa 760-8704

### JUNIOR EDUCATION

Gretchen Arnaiz 747-1511

### KITCHEN

General Membership

### LIBRARIAN

Kathy Van Atta 256-6869

### MEMBERSHIP

Jim Griffin 578-3765

### SECURITY

Marion Russell 622-5506

### SILENT AUCTIONS—TBD

### CLUB HISTORIAN—TBD

### **ADVERTISERS WANTED**

**Open to members who want to place a one-time ad or continuous ad. The fee is \$3.00 for 1/8 page.**

**Best Deals in town. Contact:**

**Bob Keim (520) 690-1830**

### **DONATIONS**

**Please contact one of the following individuals if interested in donating material (equipment, rocks, etc.) to the Old Pueblo Lapidary Club:**

**Art Kavan — 297-8798**

**Bill Carmody 760-8598**

### **New Members**

Diane Braswell

Jim & Marsha Brunett

Rocky Ferrell

Jeronimo Grijalva

Jeronimo Grijalva, Jr.

Debbie Kennedy

Jacob Lauser

Steven Richards

Kathy Smith

**HELPFUL HINTS**

- If you need to remove super glue, get a tube of Crazy Glue debounder. Keep a tube in your first-aid kit
- Tumblers— add one cup of spic & span for every 6 pounds of stones. Put in final phase of tumbling. Oxalic acid to most cleaners will bring a superior polish to most stones.

**USES FOR WD 40—VOLUME I**

- Protects silver from tarnishing
- Gets oil spots off concrete floors
- Removes lipstick stains
- Loosens stubborn zippers (are these two related?)
- Untangles jewelry chains
- Removes dirt and grime from BBQ grill
- Gives floors that “just waxed” sheen without making them slippery (but what about the smell?)
- Keeps flies off cows (wonder if it works on horses?)
- Keeps ceramic/terra cotta garden pots from oxidizing

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- January 1 - February 28 Desert Gardens 5<sup>th</sup> Annual International Gem, Mineral & Jewelry show
- January 29 - February 12 Arizona Mineral & Fossil Show - Tucson
- February 5 Annual Faceting Hobnob - Old Pueblo Lapidary Club, 6-9PM
- February 10 - 12 Tucson Gem & Mineral Show See [www.tucsonshowguide.com](http://www.tucsonshowguide.com) for complete listing
- February 19-20 Apache Junction “Rocks Alive...2005”
- March 4-6 Hachita, New Mexico - Community Center, Dealers and field trips
- March 4-6 Mesa, Arizona “Rocks & Gems Alive 2005”
- March 10-13 Deming, New Mexico - Annual Rockhound Roundup

**Don't Get Lost!!**

In an open space where the ground is level, drive a stake into the ground. Mark the tip of the shadow that the stake casts with a small rock. Wait at least ten minutes, then place another rock at the tip of the shadow. The line joining the two rocks will always run east-west no matter what time of day or year! Author unknown; source: The Rocky Mountain Federation News via the Petrified Digest July 1999.

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## Old Pueblo Lapidary Club Membership Renewal

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

LOCAL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_



**SINGLE RENEWAL: \$15.00**

Junior: \$7.50

Couple Renewal: \$20.00

Send check made out to:

**OPLC**

**Mail to: Jim Griffin**

**2864 S. Stacy Dr.**

**Tucson, AZ 85713**

## OPLC 2005 QUESTIONNAIRE

If you are completely satisfied with everything at the OPLC as it is now, please circle this statement and return it to the Club. (Return this form. Don't just throw it away. I want to know that I have reached you and have your input. Otherwise, I will call you during dinner some night and ask you a bunch of questions. Heck, I might just come over to your house at suppertime). Fold the questionnaire in half so the OPLC address shows, add a stamp and drop in a mail box.

If you would like to see some change, then please continue. Please circle as appropriate or write your comments.

### What classes do you want to take?

Cabochon creation	Faceting	Gold Smithing	Silver Smithing
Casting	Chain Making	Other _____	

### What could OPLC do to make it easier for you to take a class?

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### I would like to instruct the following:

Cabochon creation	Faceting	Gold Smithing	Silver Smithing
Casting	Chain Making	Other _____	

### I am interested in taking field trips.

#### Should there be more field trips?

#### I am interested in leading field trips.

#### I would like to be a shop monitor.

#### I would like to be a Club officer when I grow up.

### Would you like to have more hours of open workshop available?

### Would you like to see more social gatherings (pot-lucks, /ST. Pat's Day, 4<sup>th</sup> of July) after some of the monthly meetings?

Monthly                      Quarterly                      Semi annually

### In the following space, please comment on things relating to our Club you would like to see changed or added; things you would like to see more of; and things you would like to less of or not at all.

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# THE GREAT TREASURE HUNT

Recollections of Art, the Desert Rat

In the years shortly after moving to Tucson, Art Kavan started writing a series of anecdotes describing some of his Arizona adventures as only he can. Here's one he calls The Great Treasure Hunt.

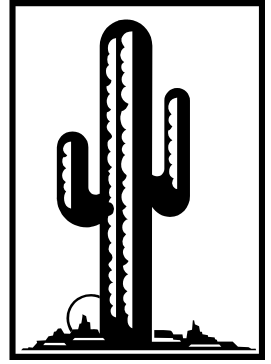
It starts, "My daughter-in-law had a new baby and as is the custom in her family, the mother and father come for a week or two and help her out. The father, who is named Arthur like myself, has a similar interest. So, when he knew he was coming, he wanted to know if I would take him to Arivaca treasure hunting with gold detectors. I hadn't been out in the mountains for a couple of years but I thought it would be great, I knew of an old Spanish village that is so remote the coyotes can't find it. Oh, I forgot to mention he is seventy years old and I am now sixty.

Anyway we get the date set and it comes. I pick him up in my four-wheel drive and we head out. The first stop is the grocery store to pick up a couple of hoagies for our lunch and then it's the highway for a seventy five mile drive to Arivaca. Life is good, all is well! From Arivaca we head south and get off the beaten path to pursue our endeavors (big words for me) and things are starting to look familiar.

About this time Art starts complaining that he has to go number two and I better stop or he is about to have an accident. I tell him to hold on for a few more miles as I'll stop at this old black man's camp. I finally get there and I've never seen a seventy year old man move so fast, he ran over the hill and out of sight. I figured he didn't want me to hear any screaming or unfamiliar noises so I wandered around looking for interesting rocks and killing time. Talk about time, I thought he must have taken the Sunday newspaper with him. I thought it was getting around lunch time, and I finally saw him coming up the hill and he had his treasure finder with him, I half expected to see the roll of toilet paper dragging behind him but, no.

After I gave him a little history of this black man's camp, we got in the car and continued on. We went through several gates and the road kept getting rougher and rougher, just as I remembered it. We were driving down a wash and I pointed to the black man's four-wheel drive still upside down in the wash after he got caught in a down pour and he lost his vehicle but escaped with his life, never to return. We stopped at an Old Spanish mission that was later turned into a ranch

and I pointed out to him where the Indians used to camp in order to get food from the mission.



Now, the Spanish village was only a mile away. I went up this wash that was the wrong one and we had so much debris like tree branches and brush on the windshield that we had to stop. I said let's walk and take our gear with us. Well, after three quarters of a mile through thick brush and past several beehives that Art was concerned if they were killer bees, which they probably were, I convinced him that at a temperature of sixty I didn't think they would attack. They sure were making a lot of noise and I think it was for them to keep warm. They didn't bother us the whole day.

We finally made it back to the car and continued back and this time I found the right wash and up it we went. It started getting very rough and I put two big dents on the passenger side in my blazer. Then, as we were pulling into the village it was really rough and Art said you better go that way and I said no I am going this way.

To be continued next month....

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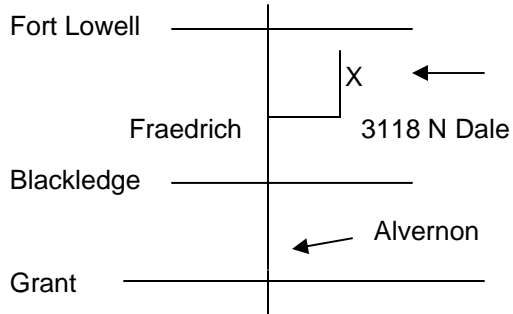
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Type of membership: \_\_\_ New single member \$20.00 , --- New Couple (same address) \$30.00 , \_\_\_ New Junior \$7.50

Yearly Renewal: \_\_\_ Single \$15.00 , \_\_\_ Couple \$20.00, \_\_\_ Junior \$7.50

**Mail to: Membership Chairperson, Old Pueblo Lapidary Club**



Meetings: Business & Program are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month. The business meeting starts at 9:00 AM and is followed by the program meeting. Visitors are welcome