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Please join us **August 10**, at **9:00am** for the next monthly meeting. There is an optional social hour that begins at 8:00am followed by the monthly business 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 call him at 520-954-6298. Submission deadline is the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month. Thanks!

See us online at: [www.lapidaryclub.org](http://www.lapidaryclub.org)

## THE PREZ SEZ ..... by David Schulte, President

The mountains are greening up nicely this year with the rain we're getting! No torrential downpours yet but some nice consistent rain at least and I hope everyone is enjoying it! Our latest Board meeting was held on 7/30/24 at 5:00 PM at the Club's main building. We have changed the start time for the Board meetings so now and all future meetings this year will start at 5 PM. Once again we like to see members involved in the decisions the Board is making for the Club so all Club members are encouraged to attend our board meetings and give us your ideas on how to improve and grow the Club.



Our next tail gate event will be on 9/21/24 and members are allowed to sell their lapidary materials for a modest donation to the Club. There's always some great deals to be had at the tail gate events and its open to the public to attend so there are lots of opportunities to sell your precious lapidary creations and rough material.

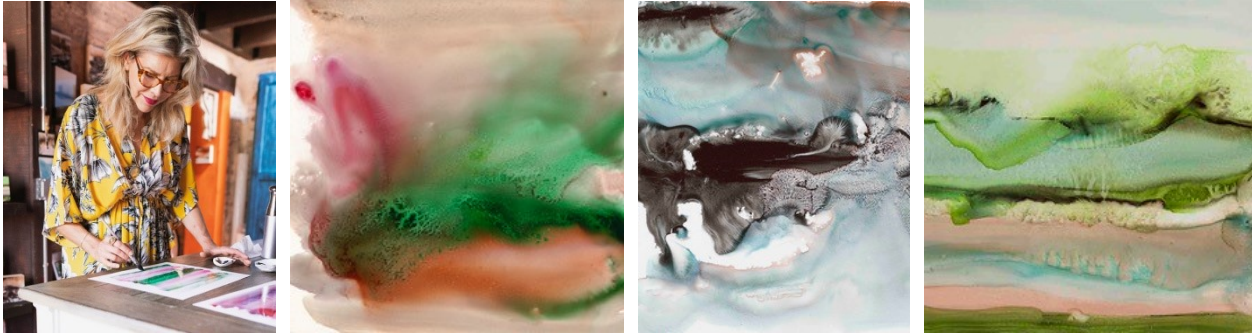
John Poole and Bill Cascio have stripped the floor in the silver lab and put down a new epoxy floor covering for the lab. They did a great job! You should come by and see it sometime. It should be much easier to maintain now and WHEN someone drops something on the floor, it'll be easier to see and pick up. Many thanks to both Bill and John for their hard work!

Victoria and I are going to set up an outing to Potter USA here in town during the month of August as a "field trip". It's too hot to be out collecting stuff in the desert right now and the rolled and stamped silver/copper items, the impression dies, bezel dies and impression pattern plates offered by Kevin Potter are truly amazing! Kevin has literally travelled the world to save dies that lapidary artists have been creating for hundreds of years and he literally has thousands of them! All jewelry used to made using this technique and his facility is truly amazing! I encourage everyone to attend! I'll send out an email to Club members once we have a firm date set up for the tour.

We are still looking for members come in to teach specialty classes on any subject dealing with lapidary to expand our member's capabilities in making neat stuff! If anyone would like to volunteer to teach a specialty class and/or monitor at the Club labs, please talk to me or any of the board members to get more information about this. We ask that monitors sign up for a 3 hour slot in the lab that they monitor in once a week for at least a year. Monitors can use the lab they monitor in for free as long as it's a scheduled time slot for that lab to be open.

Donations to the Club are always welcome and we accept anything dealing with lapidary. As we are a 501C organization so donators will receive a tax receipt to write off their donation. We'll come and pick it up if you need us to. Let Danny Harmsen or any of your board members know and we'll set up a time to come get it or you can drop it off at the Club anytime any of the labs are open! I hope everyone is having a marvelous and productive Tucson summer. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at the Club sometime!

## August 10, 2024 OPLC speaker – Karyn Holyk **Your Waste is My Treasure! Gemstone Painting**



Photos courtesy © Karyn Holyk

We are in for a super treat at our August 10, 2024, OPLC monthly meeting with **Karyn Holyk**, an Artist, Crystal Alchemist and Teacher, who lives right here in Tucson.

Karyn is a professional watercolor artist. She focuses on making and working with gemstone and crystal pigments as her main medium and creative guide. Yes, she paints with crystals and gemstones! Many she makes herself with verified, ethically sourced crystal and gemstone dusts. Karyn infuses every pigment with clear or rose quartz along with other minerals to amplify their impact and color. Each pigment, like their crystal parent holds a story, lesson and vibration.

Karyn shares that “as a resident of the Southern Arizona’s Sonoran Desert, many crystals and gemstones, which become my pigments, are locally sourced. Creative inspiration is literally right under our feet. The magic of my work is the combination of physical properties of each mineral, married with their spiritual and metaphysical attributes”. Her artwork and classes weave together a journey through history, faith, color theory, geology, and science. Each piece of artwork and every class is infused with true emotional benefit.

In her presentation and demonstration, Karyn will share her process and technique from taking 50 micron gemstone dust (often the discard) and turning it into stunning pigments. She will make 2- 3 beautiful paints and share her fine art techniques. She promises that we’ll be inspired by the process and never look at our discarded dust the same way again. “Your Waste is My Treasure!” Her focus in this lecture is on Sonoran Desert Gems, including turquoise, malachite, red Jasper, and black tourmaline.

You can also visit Karyn Holyk’s website at [www.bluesoulcreative.com](http://www.bluesoulcreative.com)

As per Karyn’s request, please save all of your gemstone dust and bring it to her at the meeting!

Please make sure you don’t miss this truly unique presentation, Helen Serras-Herman, OPLC Program chair

## OPLC SPEAKERS FORECAST 2024- 2025

Here is the latest list for our upcoming speakers.

August 10, 2024, Karyn Holyk, **Gemstone paintings**

September 14, 2024, Ihor Kunasz, **Pegmatites - Lithium Legacy**

October 12, 2024 Shelly Sergent, **“Somewhere in the Rainbow” Collection**

November 9, 2024, Tikka Opals, **Opals**

December 14, 2024 – No speaker – Holiday Party

January 11, 2025.....

February 8, 2025.....

March 8, 2025, Claire Scragg, **Being a Gem Detective**

## SEPTEMBER 21st TAILGATE SALE

Old Pueblo Lapidary Club—3118 North Dale

**THIRD SATURDAY OF SEPTEMBER from 8am to 12pm**

**OPLC members only as sellers!!**

**Items for sale MUST be related to the lapidary or  
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**If any questions call John Poole @ 520-777-5588**

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Erika Aquirre	Steff Koeneman	Johanna Raupe
Jasmine Alvarez	Jim Lomard	Kitty Schwartz
Gabby Cook	Joe Marino	Tomi Williams
Christopher Inc	Ryan Martz	Rebecca Wolford
Dana Eker	Jamie Morales	

## DONATIONS

**Thanks to those that have made donations to help keep this club running! We welcome donations so if you have lapidary related items, please contact Dan Harmsen at (520) 721-8452 to arrange a pickup or drop-off. Recent donations:**

Anonymous - petrified wood.

Ted Rupp - jasper and agate rough, and Chilto Mine rough.

★ **THIS IS A NOTE FROM OUR LIBRARIAN – BILL CASCIO** ★

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Bill





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## MINUTES OF JULY 30, 2024 OPLC BOARD MEETING

5:00 pm, W Penrose, [wrp0143@comcast.net](mailto:wrp0143@comcast.net)

Present: David Schulte presiding, Wendy Huber, Mark Davidson, Bill Penrose, Dave Richardson, Wayne Klement, Victoria Fila, John Poole, Janet Keisler, Ted Rupp, Chuck Lundstrom, Twink Monrad. A quorum was present.

Treasurer's Report – Mark Davidson – The cash position is positive. Exact numbers are not given here, but are available to members on request.

Membership – Janet Keisler – 434 members to date, plus a couple of unprocessed applications.

### Lab Reports

Silver Lab – John Poole – The lab is closed until after the weekend to complete the refinishing of the floor by John and Bill Cascio. A/C problems have been repaired. John is starting a new class on August 6. David Schulte is running a bolo tie class on Tuesday evenings at 6.00 pm.

Saw Room – No report.

Cab Lab – Mike repaired a saw by replacing the blade. There is a leaking water valve on one of the Titans.

Faceting Lab – Dave Richardson – A water valve needs to be repaired. More laps will be needed soon.

Casting Lab – Chuck Lundstrom – More supplies are needed, so the casting lab may run over budget by \$150. MOTION to add \$150 to the Casting Lab budget. PASSED

Library – no report

Facilities –

A/C Units should be cleaned annually with a spray called Spray Away, followed by Windex to remove the cleaner.

Field Trips – Victoria Fila – listed a number of possibilities for field trips when the weather cools – weekday trips may be more convenient for some members. Possible sites – Round Mountain for kids and new members – Raleigh mine – Fat Jack (may be picked over) – White Mountain peridot (is it open again?)

The message machine doesn't work. David S will buy another to replace it.

There was a MOTION to move the Board meeting time to 5:00 pm again. PASSED.

Treasurer's Position – Mark Davidson does not want to continue in the position, so David will ask the membership if there is anyone with accounting or bookkeeping skills that can take over next year.

Nominating Committee – David Richardson, Chair; Twink Monrad, and Janet Keisler.

Tailgate sale – will be September 21

More brochures are needed – Wayne suggested 150 will be enough until the new year when some of the names may change. MOTION to approve enough money to pay for printing these brochures. PASSED.

Meeting adjourned 5:35 pm.



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6pm-9pm Donovan Wagner (520) 869-2050

**Tuesday** 9am-12pm 1st and 3rd Tuesday Dan Lilly (801) 995-9692  
3:30-6pm Margarett Harris (520) 561-2315  
6pm-9pm Brian Peterson (520) 449-2660

**Wednesday** 5pm-8pm Keith Haubert (520) 784- 8283

**Thursday** 7am-11am Betty Mehloff (253) 208-7460  
1pm-4pm Wendy Huber (206) 669-6002

**Friday** **No Labs currently scheduled.**

**Saturday** **4th Saturday** 9:00am-2pm Ron Bryan (619) 495-7967  
7am-12pm Dennis Stock (602) 421-2707  
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**Sundays** 9pm-12pm Gloria Shenanaquet (520) 396-9715  
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**Wednesday** 9am-12pm Bill Casico (520) 343-9927  
6pm-9pm Bill Penrose (520) 780-1143 - On Hiatus

**Thursday** 10am-4pm Sloane Padilla (520) 808-8699 (Text Only)

**Friday** 10am-3pm Giac D'Acquisto (520) 444-4143

**Saturday** 9am-12pm David Schulte (520) 954-8554

**Sunday** 10am-3pm Giac D'Acquisto (520) 444-4143

### **Faceting**

**Monday** 9am-12pm Dave Richardson (520) 245-2172 Class & Open Lab

**Wednesday** 5:30pm-8:30pm David Schulte (520) 954-8554 Open Lab

**Thursday** 4pm-7pm Chuck Lundstrom (520) 241-9262 Class

**Sunday** 12:30pm-3:30pm Dave Richardson (520) 245-2172 Class & Open Lab

### **Casting**

**Monday** **Noon-3pm 1st & 2nd Mondays** Liz Williams (818) 300-5262

**Tuesday** ~~8am-11am Steve Weeks 978-807-0075~~ **(Gone until August 13th)**

**Wednesday** 4pm-7pm Chuck Lundstrom (520) 241-9262 Classes every other month, beginning every January, running 5 weeks; look for sign-up sheets in the meeting hall. Open lab available when NO class is running. Call for open lab availability.

**Thursday** 9am-1pm Mark Dragodovich 520-906-4657

**Friday** 2pm-5pm 2nd & 4th Fridays Travis Austiin (540) 420-3844

**Sunday** 1pm-4pm 1st & 3rd Sundays Travis Austin (540) 420-3844

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**MEMBERSHIP RATES FOR NEW MEMBERS**

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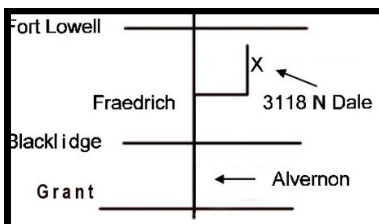
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