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Please join us August 9 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 25th of each month. Thanks!

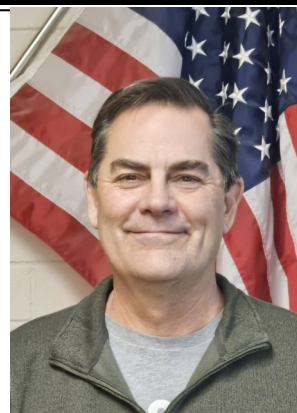
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THE PREZ SEZ by Jack McCabe, President

Good news - We have a new Treasurer! Bobbie Oosterbaan has agreed to volunteer for that position. We appreciate her stepping up to help keep the club operating. I also want to thank Mark Davidson for taking the time to get us through this transition, we could not have done it without him.



The club tailgate sale will be Saturday - September 20th from 8am to Noon. There will be flyers with the details at the club and in the newsletter. If you would like to be a vendor we are asking for a \$10 donation and you will set up in the back parking lot between 7:30 and 8am. If you would like to see what is for sale and support our vendors just park in front and enjoy shopping.

There have been a few changes in the labs this month. Ray Darragh will now be the lead for the saw room taking over for Betty Mehlhoff. In the Cab Lab Ken Briggs will be taking over for Donovan Wagner. Betty and Donovan will still be involved and helping in those labs. Thank you to all lab leads and monitors for the time and knowledge they give to the labs and classes.

There will be a wire wrap class coming this fall. Jerry Thomas has volunteered to teach the class and we are just working out the details on how and when it will happen. Look for a sign-up sheet in the coming months for this new class.

You will see some changes in lighting at the club over the next year. Mark Gibson has volunteered to change out the old lighting to new LED lights. Thank you Mark

Remember that the club does take donations of rocks and lapidary equipment to help keep the club operating. We are a 501 c and your donations are tax deductible. We will even come to you and pick-up the donations, all you have to do is let anyone on the board know.

We will have a Show and Tell section at the meeting. If you have any examples of projects you created in the labs or if you have been to a good rockhounding area and would like to tell the club about it we would love to hear from you.

Hope to see you at the Club.

MINUTES OF OPLC MEMBERSHIP MEETING

July 12, 2025, at 9:00 am at OPLC
William Penrose, Secretary, wrp0143@comcast.net

The presentation was given by a familiar face, Sindi Schloss, "The Symbolism of Stones and Jewelry." Her new book, "Symbolism of Global Jewelry" was also available for sale to members.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wendy Huber brought muffins for refreshments.

Our Treasurer has resigned, and the club desperately needs a new treasurer. An announcement was made to this effect. Any person interested in getting involved in club operations, please contact any board member.

Treasurer Report – no report due to resignation of Treasurer

Membership – Janet Keisler – Members in good standing is at 429. Members are reminded to carry their membership cards for admittance to the labs as well as to claim discounts at participating merchants.

Field Trips – Mo Garrett – (forward from last month) She is organizing a three day trip to Wickenburg in October or November, with visits to four locations for obsidian, pastelite, quartz crystals, and fluorescents. A tour of the Vulture Mine may be included.

Library – no report.

Door Prize – Won by Jack McCabe, a sample of pyrite

The raffle brought in \$155 approximately.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 am.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Lilly Doyle
Lisa Joyce
Tom Joyce
Allison Kubo

Trevor Mock
Augie Munoz
Hana Peck
Linda Robinson

Karyme Santiago
Robert Weldon
Daniel Zizovic

DONATIONS

Thanks to those that have made donations in the past to help keep this club running! We welcome donations so if you have lapidary related items, please call Wayne Klement, 520-954-6298 or Chuck Lundstrom, 520-241-9262, and leave a message to make arrangements to have the donation picked up if you need help, or to drop off at the Club.

August 9, 2025 OPLC speaker – Ron Hyde ---- From Fossils to Fluorescents: New Science & Technology Museum Brings Prehistoric Wonders to Southern Arizona



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We are in for another great treat for our August 9, 2025, OPLC monthly meeting with Ron Hyde, Curator of the **Southern Arizona Museum of Science and Technology** in Sierra Vista. Ron will share with us the stories behind the museum's collections.

Ron became interested in paleontology at the age of five when he started collecting fossils. He holds a certificate in paleontology from the University of Alberta; two museum studies certificates from Smithsonian Institution and Harvard University; a Master of Education in Learning and Technology from Western Governors University; and Bachelor of Science from Purdue University. Ron has collected fossils from places as far away as Hawaii and Finland. His collection grew to the point beyond being housed at his home, and needed a museum.

After about a year opening the museum at a strip mall location, the Southern Arizona Museum of Science and Technology moved earlier this year at 2200 El Mercado Loop, Suite 1170, within the Sierra Vista Mall. The museum held its Grand Opening on Saturday April 26, 2025, and I was very happy to be invited and able to attend.

This museum, unique in its kind in Cochise County, is a natural history museum with fossils, minerals, meteorites, and live natural history exhibits. It has been curator Ron Hyde's dream to share his fossil collection with the world. The museum is staffed completely by volunteers, many from the local Huachuca Mineral & Gem Club.

At its new mall location, the museum is able to expand its retail merchandise offerings that help with the expenses, but also bring a lot of interest from the young visitors. All of them love being allowed to hold the large fossil eggs of the theropod dinosaur *Therizinosaurus*, discovered in the Gobi Desert around 2013, and experience how heavy they actually are.

Please make sure you don't miss this wonderful speaker.

Helen Serras-Herman, OPLC Program chair.

OPLC SPEAKERS FORECAST 2025

I would like to thank all of our speakers who give us some terrific and diverse presentations that our members have truly enjoyed. They come near and far and we are definitely enriched by their shared knowledge and expertise. And huge thanks to all of our members who come and are great audiences for our speakers.

Here is the latest list for our upcoming speakers:

August 9, 2025, Ron Hyde, Curator of **Southern Arizona Museum of Science & Technology** in Sierra Vista presenting **Museum Collections**

September 13, 2025, Chuck Galloway, **History of Mining in Santa Cruz County 1540-1946**

October 11, 2025, Gwendolyn Awen Jones, **The Callanish Stones in Scotland**

November 8, 2025, Mo Garrett, **Fossils of El Golfo Mexico**

December 13, 2025, **Holiday Party (no speaker)**

OPLC SPEAKERS FORECAST 2026

January 10, 2026, Sandy Lanter Raynor, **Jewelry Styles and Trends during the Revolutionary War (1775-1783)**

February 7, 2026, Dr. Bob Farrar, **The Pulsifer Quarry in Maine famous for its fluorapatite**

March 14, 2026, Robert Weldon, renowned photographer

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The South parking lot will be open to members and shoppers.

Participants need to bring their own tables.

A suggested donation of \$10 per vendor is requested.

If any questions call JACK McCABE 529-297-3029

OPLC MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

An application form can be downloaded from the Club website at: [Old Pueblo Lapidary Club Join US](#)

MEMBERSHIP RATES FOR NEW MEMBERS

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|---------|------------------|------------------|
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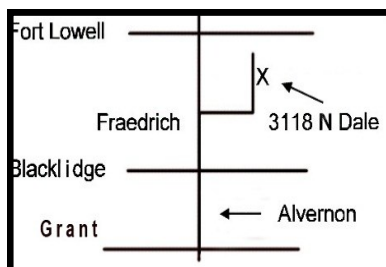
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Old Pueblo Lapidary Club
Attn: Membership Chairperson
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The Business Meetings are held on the 2nd Saturday of each month except for December. A pre-meeting social hour is at 8:00 a.m., followed by an educational program, and ends with the monthly meeting. Visitors are most welcome.

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MINUTES OF TUESDAY, JULY 29, 2025 OPLC BOARD MEETING

5:00 pm, W Penrose, wrp0143@comcast.net

Present: Jack McCabe presiding, Chuck Lundstrom, Bill Penrose, Wayne Klement, Dave Richardson, Mark Gibson, Janet Keisler, Mark Dragoslovich, Twink Monrad, Mark Marikos, Wendy Huber, Bobbie Oosterbaan, Giac D'Acquisto. A quorum was present.

Announcements –

Betty Mehlhoff turned over ownership of the saw room to Ray Darragh.

Donovan Wagner turned over ownership of the cab lab to Ken Briggs.

Treasurer Report – We still do not have a permanent treasurer, and Jack is carrying out essential tasks for now.

Membership – currently 435 members in good standing

Lab Reports –

Silver lab – Giac - all OK

Saw room – Mark Gibson and Mike Tucker are helping Ray Darragh

Cabbing lab – no report

Casting lab – all okay – the current class is ending

Faceting lab – Two machines are down. Ultratech has offered a price of \$700 (discounted from \$1083) to overhaul our five machines. This amount requires a membership vote. MOTION: To present a request to spend \$3500 to the membership at the next meeting. PASSED

Library – Bill Cascio wants to donate duplicate books (about 30) to the Silent Auction.

Other business –

The next Tailgate Sale was scheduled for September 20, under the same rules as before.

Silent Auction – Chuck is in charge. So far, there is lots of material but few tools and machines.

100+ Men Proposal – Teenage Lapidary Program will be funded if awarded

Wire Wrap Class – Wendy Huber has proposed Jerry Thomas to teach a wire wrap class, the date, time, and schedule to be determined

Treasurer –

Bobbie Oosterbaan has volunteered to be our new treasurer. She had questions about the operation of our finances and the Board discussed the demands of the job. MOTION: To appoint Bobbie Oosterbaan as the new Treasurer of OPLC. PASSED

Meeting adjourned 6.00 pm.

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Monday 8am-11am Betty Mehlhoff (253) 208-7460
6pm-9pm Donovan Wagner (520) 869-2050

Tuesday 9am-12pm 1st and 3rd Tuesday Dan Lilly (801) 995-9692
6pm-9pm Brian Peterson (520) 449-2660

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

Thursday 7am-11am Ken Briggs (520) 780-0640
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
2pm-5pm Wendy Huber (206) 669-6002

Sundays ~~9am-12pm Gloria Shenanaquet (520) 739-5804~~ **(Temporary Hold)**
12pm-2PM Paul Fickle (520) 883-6061
2pm-5pm Mark Davidson (520- 975-6075

Silversmithing

Monday 10am-1pm Jane Morris (727) 743-0883

Tuesday 9am-12pm Bill Cascio (520) 343-9927

Wednesday 10am-2pm Sloane Padilla (520) 808-8699 (Text Only)
5:30pm-8:30pm Stephanie Mendibles (520) 460-2101

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

Friday 10am-2pm Giac D'Acquisto (520) 444-4143

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

Sunday 10am-2pm 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 Monday of the Month Investing Liz Williams (818) 300-5262
Noon-3pm 2nd Monday of the month Burn Out Liz Williams (818) 300-5262

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

Thursday 9am-12pm Mark Dragoslovich (520) 906-4657
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