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Please join us **December 14**, at **11:00am** for the next monthly meeting. **There will be a short business meeting followed by our Annual Christmas Luncheon.** Members will be allowed to bring one guest.



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!

THE PREZ SEZ by David Schulte, President

I hope everyone had an amazing Thanksgiving and got way too much to eat! Our latest Board meeting was held on 12/3/24 at 5:00 PM at the Club's main building. As always we welcome all club members to attend our Board meetings and give us your inputs. Our next Board meeting will most likely be moved to 1/3/25 starting at 5 PM at the club.

We now have working motion lights in front of the training building thanks to Donovan Wagner's efforts. Although these are a deterrent to folks getting into vehicles parked in our lot, we still encourage everyone to lock your vehicles when you come to the club.

We received the new tables for the main building thanks to Ted Rupp and will be using them at our annual Christmas party/membership meeting on Saturday 12/14/24. As I've mentioned previously, the old tables are available to all club members that would like to buy them at the bargain price of \$10 each. Anyone wanting to purchase one of these tables "as is" need only bring your \$10 to the Christmas party and haul one off!

We will be voting in the new Board for 2025 at our Christmas party event and if you can't make it to the meeting, you can fill out a proxy vote and mail it into the Club or give it to any of the monitors at the Club. The proxy vote form is on Page 5. The new Board members will be sworn in at our January 2025 membership meeting. We have a number of people bringing in various dishes for the Christmas event and will always take more dishes or deserts on the day of the event even if you have not yet signed up to bring something in. I hope to see everyone there and hope that you all come to the party hungry!!! We also need a few volunteers to help clean everything up after the party if you're willing to stick around and work off some of the great food after the event. Start time is 10:15-10:30 if you are bringing food and for all others the start time is 11:00am. There will be an abbreviated meeting, then lunch.

The US Facetor's Guild has requested to rent the main building kitchen area on Wednesday, 2/5/25 to hold a presentation of judging faceted stones. This is just one of the many presentations and talks that the guild will hold during that first week in February. I encourage anyone interested to come and check out faceting talks to hone your faceting skills. Dave Smith and Dave Richardson will be posting all the presentation times and topics before the Facetor's Frolic starts. As always, the week's events will culminate with the Hob Nob where folks can purchase rough faceting material and faceting equipment. We will, of course, also have our faceting competition for those of you that want to enter either a synthetic faceted stone, a natural faceted stone or a Fantasy faceted stone and may the best person(s) win!

Wendy Huber is taking the lead for our display cabinet at the TGMS show this year. This is your chance to show off all your beautiful creations. We encourage you to bring in anything that you could have made at the club dealing with our lapidary hobby. You can drop off your items before the end of January with: John Poole on Tuesday's 9-12; Dave Richardson or David Schulte on Monday's 9-12 or Sunday 12:30 – 3:30; or lastly David Schulte on Wednesday's 5:30 – 8:30 PM or Saturday's 9-12. Please include a list of all the items that you loaning the club for the TGMS display along with your name and telephone numbers in the container you bring the items in so we can get your items back to you after the show. We are also still looking for volunteers to man the demonstration booth at the TGMS show up on the

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mezzanine. The club will reimburse folks for parking at the event and you get a badge that lets you get into the show for free when you volunteer. The sign-up sheets for volunteers are in the kitchen at the Club and you can add your name into a time slot if you're interested in helping out. This demonstration booth is an opportunity to show folks some of the lapidary work that we do at the club and we usually get quite a few new members from this event.

We're always looking for anyone who is willing to donate some of their time and knowledge to volunteer to teach a specialty class and/or monitor at any of the club labs. Please talk to me or any of the Board members to get more information about this. We ask that new monitors in any of the labs 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. The Board and I would like to thank ALL the volunteers for their time in monitoring in the labs so we can all enjoy our lapidary hobby.

As always we accept any and all donation to the club to include equipment or material dealing with lapidary. As a 501C organization you will receive a tax receipt to write off your donations to the club. We'll even come and pick it up if you need us to. Let Dave Richardson, David Schulte 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'm looking forward to seeing everyone at the Christmas Party and I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a fabulous New Year!

Old Pueblo Lapidary Club,
Cutting Remarks - December 2024
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OPLC MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

MEMBERSHIP RATES FOR NEW MEMBERS

	<u>Jan - Jun</u>	<u>Jul - Dec</u>
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Couple	\$50.00	\$35.00
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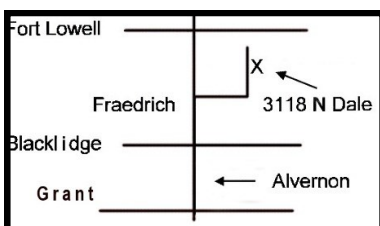
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Note: Renewal fees will apply for members returning to rejoin regardless of the time of year.

Make check out to OPLC and mail to:

Old Pueblo Lapidary Club
 Attn: Membership Chairperson
 3118 N. Dale Avenue
 Tucson, AZ 85712



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.

Minutes of OPLC Membership Meeting
November 9, 9:00 AM at OPLC
William Penrose, Secretary, wrp0143@comcast.net

The presentation was given by Mike and Luz Sondgeroth, www.tikkaopals.com "Opals", the history and classification of these rare gemstones, along with a display of high-quality material.

The minutes of the October 2024 general meeting were approved by voice vote of the membership.

Thank you to Wayne Klement for providing the refreshments.

New members and visitors were introduced.

Financial Report – Mark Davidson – Exact budget figures are not published here. They are available to members on request. Club finances are in healthy shape. To October 31, 50% of the budget has been spent, although there are some large items yet to be disbursed.

The silent auction brought in a significant amount of money, somewhat less than last year perhaps due to lower attendance. Thanks to volunteers Danny Harsmen, Dave Richardson, Jean Barkley; Diana Hara; Mike Tucker; Ted Rupp; Tom McDivitt; Chuck Lundstrom; Jack McCabe; Janet Rupp; Twink Monrad; Bill Penrose; David Schulte; Jennene Wulff; and Wayne Klement.

Library – no report

Membership – Jan Keisler reported a total of 453 members in good standing, plus 3 in process.

Field trips – Paul Hardenberg is planning to lead a trip to Round Mountain, most likely in February. No other trips are currently planned.

Nominating Committee – Dave Richardson – Ballots and proxies are in the newsletter. Return ballots at the Christmas meeting

The budget for 2025 was printed in the newsletter. MOTION: To accept the 2025 budget totaling \$62.3K. The 2024 budget was \$61.2K. PASSED

New folding tables are being purchased to replace the very old folding tables, many in need of repair. The old tables will be sold to members for \$10 each.

Volunteers will be needed to clean up before the Christmas party.

Donovan Wagner has installed new motion-sensitive, solar security lights.

The US Faceters' Guild will be meeting at OPLC February 1, 2025.

Volunteers are needed to sign up for the TGMS show at the Convention Center.

A volunteer is needed to help organize the Christmas party, December 14 at 11 am.

David Schulte will demonstrate the use of the 20-ton hydraulic press on Saturday, Nov 23.

Lab times are posted in the laboratories and published in the newsletter. Always call the monitor before driving to the club.

Door prizes – Rod Trevino, Rick Boudreau. Additional prizes contributed by TikkaOpals: Annaliese Foley, David Schulte, Paul Safar, Maryanne Penkova. Sets of opal earrings were won by Patti Davidson and Pete Peterson.

Meeting adjourned at 11 am.

Revision #1 Rec'd 11/13/2024

OPLC PROXY

I _____, a member of the Old Pueblo Lapidary Club of Tucson, Arizona, cast my vote for the those candidates, and/or those specific items listed below and in my absence, do hereby tender by proxy to the Board of Directors or, (indicate a specific member, if so desired) _____ to represent me and to vote as they deem in the best of the club and on any other business which may be considered at the meeting to be held on December 14th, 2024. In the event I do not vote my preference for those candidates and/or those specific items listed below, I also tender my proxy to the entity indicated above to vote those items as they deem in the best interest of the club.

(Vote for one for each Officer Position)

President:

- Jack McCabe
- _____

Vice President:

- Chuck Lundstrom
- _____

Treasurer:

- Mike Mc Dowell
- _____

Secretary:

- Bill Penrose
- _____

Board of Director – Two-year term: **VOTE FOR 2**

- Mark Marikos **(2025-2026)**
- Mark Dragodovich **(2025-2026)**
- _____

Board of Director – One-year term **VOTE FOR 1**

- Amanda Rodriquez **(2025)**
- _____

Signed _____

Date: _____



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MINUTES OF TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2024, OPLC BOARD MEETING

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

Present: David Schulte presiding, Wendy Huber, Mark Davidson, Bill Penrose, Wayne Klement, Janet Keisler, Dave Richardson, John Poole, Chuck Lundstrom, Jack McCabe, Twink Monrad, Ted Rupp, and Donovan Wagner. 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. Remaining large expenses for the year are RMFMS dues and insurance and pest control costs, plus fire and board liability insurance.

Membership – Janet Keisler – 476 members in good standing.

Lab Reports

Silver Lab – John Poole – All okay. David Schulte gave a demonstration on using the 20 ton press to form silver. Another demo may be scheduled for March due to the high demand.

Cab Lab – Donovan Wagner – New motors have arrived for the Titans. A new Titan will be ordered, although delivery may be slow. Remaining budget \$5400. A request will be made to the membership to approve a \$6500 limit to purchase a new Titan. The leather wheel for the polisher has been gouged. Mike Tucker will repair it.

Faceting Lab – Dave Richardson – Everything is okay. 30-inch lights have been ordered to replace the older 24-inch lights.

Casting Lab – Chuck Lundstrom – Okay.

Saw Room – Betty Mehlhoff will become owner of the saw room. The 18" saw will be replaced by a 20" machine. The cost is \$5500 which will require membership approval.

MOTION: To ask membership to approve a \$6500 increase to buy a new saw. PASSED

Should saw room rates be increased since we never recover costs? MOTION: To keep saw room charges unchanged for the time being. PASSED

Library – no report

Silent auction – Danny Harmsen can no longer handle the entire silent auction work like picking up large donations. Mike Tucker has agreed to fill in for the time being. Dave Richardson will run the actual auction, which he did this year, as well as the raffle at monthly meetings. Wayne and Ted have offered to help as much as possible.

Christmas Party – The folding tables have been received and will be unpacked and laid out on December 7 at 12:30 for the Christmas party.

MOTION to buy a toner cartridge for Wayne's printer (about \$90) so he can print and mail the hard copies of the newsletter. PASSED

MOTION to let the US Faceters' Guild use our kitchen during their meeting for \$100. PASSED.

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MOTION To delay naming the Nominating Committee for 2026 until a more convenient date. PASSED.

Wayne will be replacing Dave Richardson on the Board.

Jack McCabe announced that the updated books on rocks of Arizona have been ordered.

Wendy reminded that items to be displayed at the TGMS show should be requested at meetings.

Meeting adjourned at 6.05 pm.

DONATIONS

Thanks to those that have made donations to help keep this club running! We welcome donations so if you have lapidary related items, Recent donations:

Anonymous - Agate/Jasper slabs, jewelry trays, jewelry rolls for displaying items, Turquoise, Agates, Petrified Wood and Jasper

Mike & Lutz Sondgeroth (Tikka Opals) - 2 pair boulder opal earrings, 4 opal specimens, 5 boxes of gem & jewelry cases, 5 boxes mineral storage containers...Etc.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Alena Safar
Cathy Burns
Harrison Clark

Stephanie Pera
Jessica Martinez
Kathryn Verna

Matthew Bardram
Rollin Coble

OPLC SPEAKERS FORECAST 2024 - 2025

Here is the latest list for our upcoming speakers.

December 14, 2024 – No speaker – Holiday Party

January 11, 2025.....

February 8, 2025.....

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

April 12, 2025.....

May 10, 2025, Jim Turner, **The Mine with the Iron Door**

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WEBSITE

Brian Peterson (520) 449-2660

This is the lab schedule which is current as of 12-7-24. Please CALL the Monitor that is running the lab to make sure that they have space for you.

Cabbing

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

Sundays **9am-12pm Gloria Shenanaquet (520) 396-9715**
12pm-2PM Paul Fickle (520) 883-6061

Silversmithing

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

Tuesday 9am-12pm John Poole (520) 777-5588 No open shop Aug 13th, 20th, 27th.

Wednesday 9am-12pm Bill Cascio (520) 343-9927
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 & 2nd Mondays** Liz Williams (818) 300-5262

Tuesday 8am - 11 am Steve Weeks (978)-807-0075

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-1pm Mark Dragodovich (520)-906-4657

Friday 2pm-5pm 2nd & 4th Fridays Travis Austin (540) 420-3866

Sunday 1pm-4pm 1st & 3rd Sundays Travis Austin (540) 420-3866

Saw Room

Monday 7am-11am Ray Darragh (480) 652-0648

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(Form Effective January 1, 2025) Date _____

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Note: Please also fill out page 2 of form.... →



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Laboratory users are expected to behave in a manner consistent with the creative atmosphere of the club. Creativity flourishes in a respectful, friendly, enthusiastic, and peaceful setting. Please maintain civil and courteous behavior. We are committed to providing a respectful environment for all members, free from discrimination on any grounds, and from harassment.

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Member's Signature _____ Date _____

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Revised: January 1, 2025