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Please join us <u>January</u> <u>11 at 9:00am</u> 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.





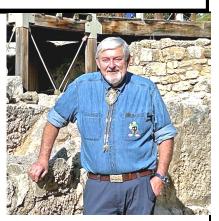
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See us online at: www.lapidaryclub.org

THE PREZ SEZ by David Schulte, President

Happy New Year to one and all! I hope 2025 is a great fun filled year for everyone! This will be my last write-up as I am passing the Club reigns over to Jack McCabe's capable hands. Our latest Board meeting was held on 1/3/25 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 ideas inputs.

We had a fantastic Christmas party in December and I want to thank all the people that brought all that marvelous food in for the event, all of those that helped set up and serve and clean up afterwards as well. You can see some of the pictures from the Christmas pot luck in this newsletter.



As a reminder we are now in the New Year and our insurance coverage requires that anyone using the labs MUST BE a current member of the Club prior to using any of the equipment in the labs. If you have not yet filled out and signed your membership application and paid your membership fees for 2025, we have instructed the monitors to not let you use the labs until this is taken care of. Remember we require you to fill out and SIGN the membership application each year to remain an active member of the Club.

The new 20 inch saw that the Club members approved, is up and running in the saw room just in time for all of our members that find some great new material to work with at the upcoming gem show. Speaking of which, we are still looking for some volunteers to man our display booth in the mezzanine during the TGMS show. The sign-up sheets are in the kitchen at the Club and you get a free pass to get into the show if you donate some of your time to man the booth. We also reimburse you for parking at the event.

We are collecting jewelry items, cabochons, specimens or anything else that can be made at the club for display in our showcase cabinet for the TGMS event. Items can be delivered prior to February 6th along with a note in the container that you bring you stuff in including your name, the items you are loaning us and your telephone number so we can get the items back to you at the end of the show. Please take a picture of all the items that you are loaning us for the display so we make sure we get everyone's stuff back to you. Items can be dropped off at the club to the following people and at the following times: 1. John Poole (silver lab), Tuesdays 9-12; 2. Chuck Lundstrom (faceting lab or casting lab), Sundays 12:30-3:30, Mondays 9-12, Wednesdays 4-7 or Thursdays 5:30-8:30; 3. David Schulte (faceting lab or silver lab), Sundays 12:30-3:30, Mondays 9-12; 4. Wendy Huber (cab lab), Thursdays 1-4 or Saturdays 2-5. This is your opportunity to show Tucson all the beautiful things that we make at our Club and entice folks to come and join our merry band of lapidary folks.

We are looking for a new lead to take over the field trip coordination efforts. Anyone interested in

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taking on this role should contact either myself or any of the club Board members.

The US Facetor's Guild Facetors Frolic will be held at the Club in February once again this year. The list of discussion topics and presentations planned during the week-long event was put together by Dave Richardson and Dave Smith and is posted at the Club and on our website. I encourage anyone interested to come and check out faceting talks to hone your faceting skills. The week's events will culminate with the Hob Nob where folks can purchase rough faceting material and faceting equipment. Tables for the Hob Nob to sell material are available at a modest fee on the Saturday we hold the faceting competition. Our faceting competition will be held on Saturday nights at the end of the Facetor's Frolic for those of you that wish to enter either a synthetic faceted stone, a natural faceted stone or a Fantasy faceted stone and may the best person(s) win!

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 come and pick it up if you need us to. Let Jack McCabe or any of your Club officers or 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!

I would like to thank all the outgoing OPLC Board members, Club officers and lab and donation leads (Dave Richardson, Wendy Huber, Victoria Fila, Mark Davidson, Donavan Wagner, Danny Harmsen, Ted Rupp and Mark Gibson) for all their efforts and contributions to the Club during their tenures as Board members and/or leads and officers of the club. It's been a pleasure working with these folks that have donated their time and efforts to making the Club possible for all of us to enjoy our lapidary hobby! Please join me in welcoming in the new and returning Board members and officers of the Club (Jack McCabe (President), Chuck Lundstrom (VP), Mike McDowell (Treasurer), Bill Penrose (Secretary), Mike Marikos (Board member), Mark Dragodovich (Board member), Amanda Rodriguez (Board member), Wayne Klement (Board member), Jan Keisler (Board member)) and give them your support for the coming year(s).

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 the Club, 520-323-9154 and leave a message.

JANUARY 11, 2025, OPLC SPEAKER HELEN SERRAS-HERMAN In Search of Mayan Jade ~ Green, Lavender, Blue & Black Exploring Historic and Contemporary artworks



We are in for a wonderful presentation for our January 11, 2025, OPLC monthly meeting with our very own OPLC member and Program Chair, Helen Serras-Herman.

In this presentation, we'll first travel back in history to the Maya world and marvel at their jade masterpieces. Then we'll explore all the current Guatemalan jade varieties – including the green and lavender jadeite, the "Olmec" blue, and the black "galactic gold" omphasite jade — how they are identified and distinguished.

Jade was revered in the Maya world, an ancient culture that flourished in the first millennium AD in Mexico and Central America. The sources for Mesoamerican jade were lost for the past five centuries, primarily because the Spanish conquistadores did not value jade. Today we know the exact location of many of the ancient mines, re-discovered in 1974 in the Motagua River Valley of Guatemala. A magnificent variety of jadeite colors is now mined in Guatemala. Helen will share the jade rediscovery story, which in April 2024 celebrated its 50th Anniversary with a grand event in Antigua, a celebration Helen was honored to be invited to attend.

We'll look at fabulous jade carvings from museum collections, including the Museum of Archeology and Ethnology, the Popol Vuh, and the Miraflores Museum in Guatemala City, all recently completely renovated with up-to-date display cases and exhibits. We will also go behind the scenes at the *Jades S.A*. factory for carving jade in Antigua, Guatemala, look at the carving jade machinery and equipment, and explore their high-end jade artworks, how they can be identified and valued. Lastly, we'll look at contemporary works by gem artists and Helen's *Maya Jade Collection*, her own work that celebrates the gem material revered by the Mayas.

Helen Serras-Herman, a 2003 National Lapidary Hall of Fame inductee, is an acclaimed gem sculptor with over 40 years of experience in unique gem sculpture and jewelry art and a graduate gemologist FGA. See her work at www.gemartcenter.com and her business Facebook page at Gem Art Center/Helen Serras-Herman

OPLC SPEAKERS FORECAST 2025

I would like to thank all of our speakers in 2024 who gave some terrific, diverse presentations that our members have truly enjoyed. They came 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:

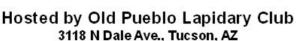
January 11, 2025 Helen Serras-Herman, **In Search of Mayan Jade** February 1, 2025, Renée Newman, **The Diversity of American Gems, Western States** March 8, 2025, Claire Scragg, **Being a Gem Detective**

April 12, 2025, Douglas Graeme & Richard Graeme IV, **Bisbee Minerals**

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



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OPLC MEETING MINUTES

December 14, 11:00 AM at OPLC William Penrose, Secretary, wrp0143@comcast.net

This meeting was our annual Christmas Party, preceded by a short business meeting which included election of officers for 2025.

Minutes of the November 9 meeting were approved by the membership.

New members and visitors introduced themselves.

Thanks to volunteers who set up the tables for the Christmas Party, and especially to Wendy Huber who added many seasonal decorations to the tables.

Financial report – The club is entering 2025 in healthy financial shape.

There was a motion requiring approval of members. MOTION – To approve \$5000 to buy a new 20 inch saw for the sawroom. PASSED

David Schulte thanked all of the retiring board members, Donovan Wagner, Ted Rupp, Dave Richardson, and Victoria Fila, and executive members David Schulte, Mark Davidson, and Dave Richardson.

MOTION New executive and Board members to be elected by acclamation: - PASSED

President – Jack McCabe Vice President – Chuck Lundstrom Treasurer - Mike McDowell Secretary – Bill Penrose Board (3 seats open) – Mark Marikos, Mark Dragodovich, Amanda Rodriguez

Meeting adjourned at 11:20, followed by Christmas Party

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Ed Allen Kyle Boyd Nancy Delveaux Jerri Markham Cindy Peary Mary Ellen Raines

Tammy Romero Alvin Theriault Stuart Williams

2024 CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

The second best part of the day, the food was first, was the abbreviated business meeting. Visitors and guests were introduced, no committee reports, a passing vote on an equipment purchase and the meeting was adjourned. Lets eat!

The table decorations looked fabulous, thank you Wendy Huber and



Danny Harmsen provided an array of petrified wood specimens, enough for everyone which was accomplished by the drawing of raffle tickets.

There wasn't much food left to be taken home and a lot of people helped with clean-up so clean-up was painless. Thanks to everyone who brought in a dish which really added to the fun. Looking forward to doing this again next year.







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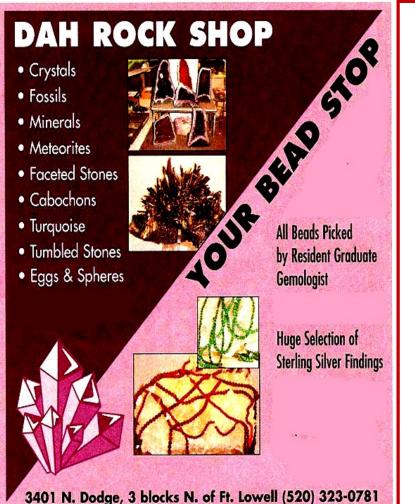
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Wayne Klement (520) 954-6298

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Brian Peterson (520) 449-2660

This is the lab schedule which is current as of 1-7-25. Please CALL the Monitor that is running the lab to make sure that they have space for you.

Cabbing	
Monday	7am-11am Mike Wendler (817) 751-0622 (Ken Briggs until 1/13)
-	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
-	9am-12pm Mark Davidson (520) 975-4845
Thursday	7am-11am Ken Briggs (520) 780-0640 (Betty Mehlhoff until 1/13)
	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 (On hold until Mid-March)
	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 Wednesday	7am-11am Ray Darragh (480) 652-0648 7am 11am Ray Darragh (480) 652 0648
Wednesday Wednesday	7am-11am Ray Darragh (480) 652-0648 9am-Noon Betty Mehlhoff (253) 208-7460
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In consideration of my lapidary activities, I do hereby for and on behalf of myself and my heirs and legal representatives release and forever discharge in the OPLC its employees, agents, officers, Board members and members and their successors and assigns, of and from any and all claims and demands of every kind, nature, and character which I may have or hereafter acquire for any and all damages, losses or injuries which may be suffered or sustained by me in connection with my activities from which such remissions is granted and any period traveling to or from the OPLC events at the Club or any other OPLC facility or activity associated with OPLC and all such claims are hereby waived and released and I covenant not to sue therefor.

Member's Signature	_ Date
Member's Signature	Date
Member's Telephone Number:	
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Revised: January 1, 2025	

MINUTES OF TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2025 OPLC BOARD MEETING 5:00 pm, W Penrose, <u>wrp0143@comcast.net</u>

Present: David Schulte presiding, Wendy Huber, Mark Davidson, Bill Penrose, Wayne Klement, Janet Keisler, John Poole, Chuck Lundstrom, Jack McCabe, Twink Monrad, Mike McDowell, Mark Marikos, Mike Tucker. 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. December figures are negative due to purchases of the 20" saw and new Titan. About 40% of the budget was spent in 2024.

Membership – Janet Keisler – 200+ members have renewed or joined so far in 2025. Up to date rosters are now in the labs and monitors are advised to check lab users against the list.

Lab Reports:

Silver Lab – John Poole – All okay. A new class will be started after the Gem Show. Cab Lab – Mike Tucker – They are awaiting delivery of the new Titan cabbing machine.

Saw Room – The new 20" saw has been installed and is being used regularly. Faceting Lab – Chuck Lundstrom – Chuck will substitute for Dave Richardson for the time being.

Casting Lab – Chuck Lundstrom – Everything is okay. A new class will start next week. A 3D printer will be purchased to replace the one loaned by Chuck

Field Trips – It's unlikely Victoria will be able to resume leadership of the field trips. We will have to ask the membership for a volunteer to take the lead in organizing field trips. Paul Hardenberg is available to assist.

Silent auction – After many years, Danny Harmsen will no longer handle the silent auction work, especially picking up large or heavy donations. Dave Richardson will run the actual auction, which he did this year, as well as the raffle at monthly meetings. Wayne Klement and Ted Rupp have offered to help as much as possible.

Facilities – The hot water heater has been replaced and the breaker and other electrics repaired.

Overhead fluorescent lighting will be replaced by LEDs. This should be done by an outside electrician using funds already in the budget. Mike Tucker was asked to seek a bid for the work.

Brochures – Wayne Klement – Prices have been requested for a new printing of brochures with the new executives listed. A printing of 1600 should be sufficient.

Adjourn 6:05 pm.

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