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Please join us July 13, 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!

See us online at: www.lapidaryclub.org

THE PREZ SEZ by David Schulte, President

The monsoons have arrived EARLY this year!!!! I hope everyone is enjoying the respite from the hot dry desert season. Our latest Board meeting was held on 7/2/24 at 6:00 PM at the club's main building. We encourage all club members to attend our board meetings and give us your ideas on how to improve and grow the club.



We've installed motion lights onto the training building now to discourage anyone from taking stuff from people's cars at night. Once again, we cannot be responsible for member's personal property so please LOCK your cars when you park at our facility! We've also installed a new, more secure key safe in the training building to house the club keys. Thanks to Mark Davidson for his help in putting up the new safe and his wife Patti for helping us figure out how to set the combination for the safe and marking all the key hangers.

We would love to have 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 and/or monitor at the club labs, please talk to 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. We'd like to expand the club teaching classes for various lapidary specialties so if anyone is willing to share their knowledge with the other member's, we encourage you to talk to the lab owners about setting up a class.

We accept any and all donations dealing with lapidary for the club. You will receive a tax receipt in case you have anything you would like to part with that deals with lapidary and we'll come a 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 you all have a marvelous and productive Tucson summer and hopefully we'll have a wet monsoon season this year. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at the club sometime!

July 13, 2024, OPLC speaker – Mark Marikos
What's a Diamond Worth?



We are in for another great treat for our July 13, 2024 OPLC monthly meeting. Our very own member, Mark Marikos, is returning with a new presentation **What's a Diamond Worth?**

Mark shared, “We have all seen the mind-boggling prices that spectacular diamonds go for at auction and understand that they get those prices because diamonds are rare (at least near earth’s surface), and they can be breathtakingly beautiful. However, those valuations understate the true value of diamonds to science, because of what diamonds reveal to us about what happens deep in the earth, beyond our reach. The strength of the diamond crystal structure makes it the perfect vessel for carrying small inclusions of mantle minerals from virtually any depth in the earth’s mantle, bringing those samples to the surface intact. We have no other way of knowing about many of the minerals that form in the mantle. What we learn from diamond inclusions, and the diamonds themselves, allows us to understand many of the processes that occur in the mantle, and how those processes influence the overlying crust on which we live. And some of the less attractive diamonds reveal so much more because they have more inclusions. Diamonds are truly a geoscientist’s best friend!”

Mark began collecting at the age of five. That led to him to pursue a degree in Geology and Geophysics from the University of Missouri-Rolla (now Missouri University of Science and Technology), followed by a master’s degree. He worked as a staff geologist with the Missouri Geological Survey for 11 years, until insanity seized him, and he decided to go for one more degree, beginning at UCLA and then following his advisor to the University of Arizona. After a few years, he ran out of time, money and his wife’s patience; the first two of which he could have done something about. He worked for a few more years as a geologist in several part-time and temporary mineral exploration positions, until the market went dry, and has for the last 22 years worked at the University of Arizona in Facilities Management. Though he no longer works as a geologist, it is still his hobby, and he is an avid reader of journal articles in the field.

Looking forward to seeing you all, Helen Serras-Herman, OPLC Program chair

OPLC SPEAKERS FORECAST 2024

Here is the latest list for our upcoming speakers.

July 13, 2024, Mark Marikos – **Diamonds**

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**

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Mike Copeland
Amparo Gross
Dante Gross

Megumi Takeno
Tetsuya Takeno
Vernon “Jon” Williams

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:

Donna Pugh - 2 - 36” dust mop replacement heads.

Anonymous - Peridot, Jewelry boxes, jade figurines, rolling mill, acetylene hose assy, tools, and plume agate slabs.

Ted Rupp - jasper, agate, stromatolite, display pieces, Eden Valley petrified wood, and slabs.

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OPLC BOARD MEETING MINUTES - July 2, 2024

Meeting started at 6:00 PM

Board members present: Wendy Huber, Victoria Fila, Dave Richardson, Mark Davidson, Ted Rupp, David Schulte, Donovan Wagner.

Mark: Treasury is in good standing.

Membership: 419 members.

Next parking lot sale is Sept. 21st.

Field Trips: Looking for trip opportunities. Will contact Mineralogical Society for possible joint field trips.

Cab Lab: No issues.

Casting: No issues

Faceting Lab: No issues

Silversmith Lab: Working on finishing the floor.

Saw Room: No issues.

Motion detection lights are in but need adjustment.

Bolo tie class is scheduled to start 7/9 but only one member has signed up. Must have at least three to hold class. An email will be sent out to the membership.

Mark Davidson will be stepping down as Treasurer in 2025. Looking for a possible replacement. This the most important job in the Club and Mark has worked very hard to do a good job. We are looking for a qualified volunteer for this position.

The charge slips from the saw room need to include the total cost along with the charge breakdown.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30.

OPLC MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

MEMBERSHIP RATES FOR NEW MEMBERS

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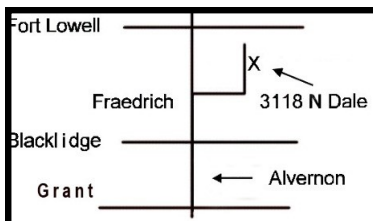
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6pm-9pm Donovan Wagner (520) 869-2050

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
4th Saturday 7:00am11am Dennis Stock (602) 421-2707
(Dennis will cover when Ron is not available)
2pm-5pm Wendy Huber (206) 669-6002

Sundays 9pm-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

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 to 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 Chuck Lundstrom for open lab availability.

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

Saw Room

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

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