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Please join us **June 8,** 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

All the labs are now squeaky clean, open and nicely air conditioned for everyone to work in as it gets so “damn hot” outside! Our latest board meeting was held on 5/28/24 at 6:00 PM at the club’s main building. We welcome all club members in good standing to attend our board meetings and give us your recommendations or ideas on how to improve the club.

The semi-annual clean-up day at the club was held on June 1st and we had a great turn out from club members willing to help. Please help me in thanking all of the club members that showed up to clean up the facility, labs and buildings. Here’s the list of



SIGN-IN SHEET
VOLUNTEERS FOR CLUB CLEAN-UP
June 1, 2024

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| 1. <u>BOBO</u> | 9. <u>Alex Oberman</u> |
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| 7. <u>Ken Briggs</u> | 15. <u>Brian Peterson</u> |
| 8. <u>JUNIE DIONRAO</u> | 16. <u>DONODON</u> |

all the folks, along with John Poole, that showed up to help:

Dave Richardson and Chuck Lundstrom are representing the OPLC club up in Phoenix this weekend to advertise both the faceting lab and casting lab classes that the club offers. We are apparently the ONLY casting training lab in Arizona and one of two faceting lab training facilities in

the state. Hopefully we’ll get some folks to come down and join in the fun at our club from the Phoenix area.

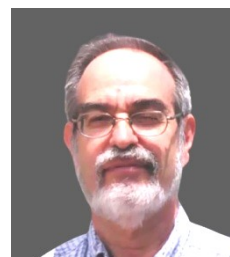
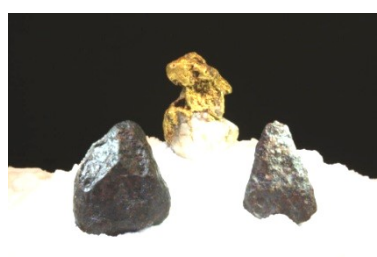
We’re always looking for new folks to volunteer to teach and monitor at the club so if anyone is interested in becoming a monitor in any of the labs, teach a class, take folks out on a field trip or joining the board, please talk to any of the board members about this. We ask that monitors sign up for 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 would love to have members come in to teach specialty classes on any subject dealing with lapidary to expand our members capabilities in making neat stuff!

Once again we accept any and all donations dealing with lapidary for the club. We’ll give you a tax receipt in case you have anything you would like to part with that deals with lapidary. 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 you all have a marvelous and productive Tucson summer and hope to see you at the club sometime soon!

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JUNE 8, 2024, OPLC SPEAKERS TWINK MONRAD & DR. LARRY LEBOFSKY

Gold Basin Meteorites



Photos courtesy Twink Monrad,

Dr. Larry Lebofsky

We are in for a very special treat for our June 8, 2024, OPLC monthly meeting. Our very own member, Twink Monrad, will show photos of her Gold Basin meteorite and gold adventure. Twink will bring several specimens from her collection, 4.5 billion-years old meteorites, and set-up them at the front tables for members to look at and touch! Dr. Larry Lebofsky will be present to answer any questions on asteroids and meteorites.

Twink Monrad and her family moved from Iowa to Tucson when she was two years old. She has been a rockhound since she first went to Mt. Lemmon as a young girl and saw quartz and mica among the beautiful ferns growing under the pine trees. Twink will explain how a chance meeting at the Tucson Desert Gold Diggers Club changed the lives of many people including scientists, educators, authors and meteorite hunters and led her to the Old Pueblo Lapidary Club.

Dr. Larry Lebofsky (recently a Sagan Medal winner) is a planetary scientist who did undergrad at Caltech and graduate studies at MIT. Since coming to the U of A, he has done research on small bodies in the Solar System, water in the Solar System and asteroid-meteorite connection. He now does education outreach. In 2024 he was named a Fellow of the American Astronomical Society.

Please make sure you don't miss this pair of great speakers. Twink has asked us to come between 8am and 9am, to look at her meteorite collection before the talk.

Looking forward to seeing you all,

Helen Serras-Herman, OPLC Program chair

MINUTES OF OPLC MEMBERSHIP MEETING

May 11, 2024, 9:00 AM at OPLC

William Penrose, Secretary, wrp0143@comcast.net

The presentation was given by Jim Turner, Strike it Rich! A History of Arizona Mining.” This was followed by a short presentation by Helen Serras-Herman on Mayan Art.

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

New members and visitors were introduced. Financial Report – Mark Davidson – April was a slightly negative month, while expenditures for the year are still positive. To date, 28% of the budget has been spent. Raffle income was \$275.

The display case for AMS has been paid for and will be delivered to AMS.

Membership – Jan Keisler reported a total of 405 member in good standing. Not everyone is getting our emails. Members advised to check their spam folder.

Field trips – No more trips are planned until autumn.

The library is now open to monitors to check out books for members.

Repair parts have been ordered for the vacuum chamber in the cab lab.

The County Fair was a huge success. Congratulations to the 29 people who helped out.

Semiannual cleanup day is June 1. Members are asked to come help out from 8 am to 11 am.

Motion detectors will be installed shortly to provide security in the parking lot.

The Arizona Mineralogical Society is having a show in Phoenix soon .

The door prizes were won by Helen Ringus, Russ Buhrow, and Anna H.

The meeting adjourned at 10:55 followed by raffle and lab tour for new members.



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Here is the latest list for our upcoming speakers.

June 8, 2024, Twink Monrad & planetary scientist Dr. Larry Lebofsky– **The Gold Basin Meteorite Adventure and Twink’s Meteorite Collection**

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**

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Minutes of May 28, 2024 OPLC Board Meeting

6:00 pm, W Penrose, wrp0143@comcast.net

Present: David Schulte presiding, Wendy Huber, Bill Penrose, Dave Richardson, Wayne Klement, John Poole, Janet Keisler, Donovan Wagner, Ted Rupp, Chuck Lundstrom, Ray Darragh, Twink Monrad, Mark Gibson. A quorum was present.

Treasurer's Report – Mark Davidson – Report delayed.

Membership – Janet Keisler – 407 members to date.

Lab Reports

Silver Lab – John Poole – Everything is okay.

Saw Room – New person in saw room, Ray Darragh.

Cab Lab – General maintenance. Replace vacuum oven gasket. Repair bushings in 10" saw. Change wheels on Titans.

Faceting Lab – Dave Richardson – We seem to be the only club faceting lab in Arizona with the possible exception of Quartzite. Dave Richardson will be attending a Mineralogical Society of Arizona meeting in Phoenix on June 1-2 weekend.

Casting Lab – Chuck Lundstrom – All in order.

Library – no report.

Field Trips – Suspended for the summer.

Credit card facility for memberships. The cost is \$25 per month minimum. The executive was in favor of dropping the idea due to cost and clumsiness.

New key safe – no report.

Motion detectors – to be installed.

Cleanup day – will proceed as scheduled for 8 am Saturday. An additional notice will be distributed.

Wayne – Pick up 2 dozen donuts for clean-up day on Saturday.

Another notice to monitors to check membership status before allowing anyone to use the labs, for insurance reasons.

Meeting adjourned 6:37 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 Margarete Harris (520) 561-2315
6pm-9pm Brian Peterson (520) 449-2660

Wednesday 7am-11am Betty Mehloff (253) 208-7460
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
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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

Tuesday ~~8am-11am Steve Weeks 978-807-0075~~ On Hiatus June-August 12th

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.

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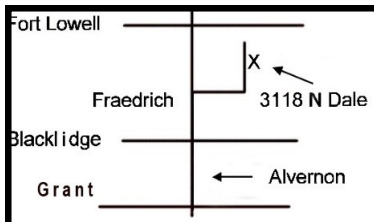
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