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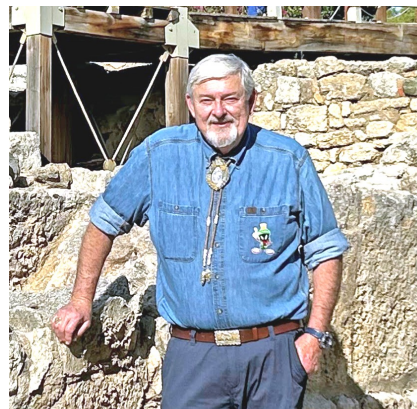
Please join us May 11, at
9:00am for the next
monthly meeting. There
is an optional social hour
that begins at 8:00am
followed by the monthly
business meeting.
Visitors are always
welcome.



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!

THE PREZ SEZ by David Schulte, President

May has arrived and things are getting a little more toasty in the Old Pueblo! The labs are open and nicely air conditioned for everyone to work in as it gets a little warmer outside! Our last board meeting was held on 4/30/24 at 6:00 PM at the club's main building. All club members in good standing are welcome and encouraged to attend our board meetings and give us your recommendations or ideas on how to improve the club.



As a reminder we are going to have our semi-annual clean-up day on Saturday, June 1st. Donuts, sodas and coffee will be provided by the club for all volunteers that show up to help. The more folks that come out, the quicker we get everything done. I'm looking forward to hopefully seeing some new faces helping out. We plan on starting at 8:00 AM and should be finished no later than 11:00. Our club exists only by the participation of membership volunteers so come on out and join the fun.

The county fair was a great success and we had lots of people interested in the club. Thanks to all the volunteers and please see Dave Richardson's write up and pictures in this news letter.

Dave Richardson will be representing the OPLC club in Oklahoma this year at the annual Rocky Mountain Federation Convention. He's also setting up a faceting machine at the Arizona Mineralogical Society show up in Phoenix in June to hopefully entice some of the folks in Phoenix to come and join our club as they don't have faceting classes up there.

I will be gone for about three weeks in May for my daughter's wedding in London so Wendy Huber, our vice president, will be taking over the reigns as President while I'm gone. I leave you all in VERY capable hands! Wendy is also coming up with some ideas and events to get some younger members to join and become active in our club and get involved in the lapidary arts. If anyone has some ideas about advertising these events, or what events we might hold for this activity, please see Wendy.

Our club is an all volunteer run club so if anyone is interested in becoming a monitor in any of the labs 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 gladly accept any and all donations dealing with lapidary for the Club. As a 501C club the donations are tax deductible and we'll give you a tax receipt in case you have anything you would like to part with. We'll even 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! If anyone is interesting in becoming a monitor or a Board member and donating some of your time to help the club out, please contact any of the Board members to get details about these activities.

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MINUTES OF OPLC MEMBERSHIP MEETING

April 13, 2024, 9:00 AM at OPLC

William Penrose, Secretary, wrp0143@comcast.net

The presentation was given by Art Friedman, University of Arizona, "Unusual Gemstones - Minerals with Unusual Chemistry and/or Physical Properties."

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

Board Announcement – Betty Mehlhoff has moved from Tucson, and the Board has appointed Chuck Lundstrom to serve as acting Board member for the remainder of the year.

Membership – Jan Keisler reported a total of 382 members in good standing. New members were introduced.

Brian Peterson investigated using credit cards to pay annual membership fees – this investigation is ongoing

Financial Report – Mark Davidson – Figures are not published in these public minutes, but are available to members on request. The financial status is positive, and there were no major expenses in March.

Major Purchase – The club has been asked to buy a display case, which will be kept by the Mineralogical Society of Arizona for display and exhibition purposes. We will have use of it as necessary and the club name will be on it. Because of the cost (\$850) the decision to purchase had to be made by the membership. MOTION made and CARRIED by show of hands to pay \$850 to MSA to purchase the display case.

Field Trips – The last field trip until autumn is scheduled for the end of April, to Globe for serpentine and some other mineral.

County Fair – A request was made for items to display at the fair. They should be given to Dave Richardson by Monday am in order to be included.

There will be a cleanup day on June 1, from 8 am to completion. All members are requested to participate.

Motion sensitive lights are being installed on the buildings to deter further thefts in the parking lot. Vehicles should be kept locked regardless.

Raffle income was \$190.

Meeting adjourned at 10:35 am



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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:

Anonymous - Poly Arbor, box of laps, specimens, wooden cigar boxes, jasper rough, tumbler and extra barrels, grits (assorted grinding and polishing compounds), agates, slabs, fire agates and Apache tears.

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Jan Keisler - Rolling mill.

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OPLC SPEAKERS FORECAST 2024

Here is the latest list for our upcoming speakers.

May 11, 2024, Jim Turner, historian on **Three Centuries of Mining in Arizona**

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**

May 11, 2024, OPLC speaker - Historian Jim Turner

Three Centuries of Arizona Mining



Jim Turner Photo;



Gold specimen ASDM, Photo HSH



Asarco Mission Mine, Photo HSH

We are in for another great treat for our May 11, 2024 OPLC monthly meeting. One of our favorite speakers and local historians, author and editor Jim Turner is coming back to talk to us about **Three Centuries of Arizona Mining**.

The Vulture, the Tombstone, the Lucky Cuss, and the Tough Nut: these colorful mining names embody the glory days of Arizona mining. But unlike other states that were inspired by the California Gold Rush, Arizona's story goes back to Spanish explorer Antonio de Espejo's 1573 discovery of ancient Native American turquoise mines. This PowerPoint presentation displays the history of Arizona mining and includes plenty of anecdotes and personal recollections. It proves what an old miner's son once told him: "Arizona was a mining state, not a cattle one."

Jim Turner received his master's degree in U.S. History at the University of Arizona in 1999. He served as Historian for the Arizona Historical Society from 2001-2009; then he was an editor for Rio Nuevo Publishers (2009-2020), where he wrote or co-authored more than a dozen books about the Southwest.

Please make sure you don't miss this great speaker. For more information about Jim Turner, please visit his website at <http://www.jimturnerhistorian.org/>

Looking forward to seeing you all,

Helen Serras-Herman, OPLC Program chair

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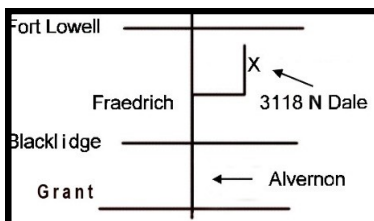
MEMBERS RENEWING

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\$10.00

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returning to rejoin
regardless of the time of
year.

Make check out to OPLC and mail to:

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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.

PIMA COUNTY FAIR SUMMARY

by Dave Richardson

The Pima County Fair was a success. We had many people come up and ask more about OPLC with several committing to come to the general meeting. A big thank you goes out to the following people: Chuck Lundstrom, Victoria Fila, Wendy Huber, Mike Wendler, and Janet Everitt for the extra effort they made during the fair. The following people also helped man the fair booth: Amanda Rodriguez, Aurura Clute, Bobo O'Donnell, Brian Jacobson, David Schulte, Debbie Hannum, Gary and Janice VanRikxoort, Jack and Theresa McCabe, Jim Rundlett, Jo Clute, Ken Saber, Mariza Richardson, Sam Wyatt, Sue Robertson, and Susan Carter.

The following people had displays that helped promote the club: Brian Peterson, Constance Peckham, Paul Hardenberg, Warren Weiner, Amanda Rodriguez, Wendy Huber, Danny Harmsen, Dan Satterfield, Chuck Lundstrom, Bill Penrose, David Schulte, and Dave Richardson.

We had demonstrations of faceting, cabbing, and wax carving and the always popular sphere machine.

As you can see, The success of the fair comprised a lot of club members but we could have used more.



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Minutes of April 30, 2024, OPLC Board Meeting
6:00 pm, W Penrose, wrp0143@comcast.net

Present: David Schulte presiding, Wendy Huber, Mark Davidson, Bill Penrose, Victoria Fila, Dave Richardson, Wayne Klement, John Poole, Janet Keisler, Ted Rupp, Brian Peterson, and Chuck Lundstrom

Treasurer's Report – Mark Davidson –Budget figures are confidential but can be made available to members on request. The club's cash flow for April and for the year was negative, although positive for the year to date. Liability insurance for the board will shortly be paid.

Membership – Janet Keisler – 393 to date.

Lab Reports:

Silver Lab – John Poole – Everything is okay. Bill Cascio is replacing the floor. A new class begins next Thursday.

Saw Room – Betty is leaving.

Cab Lab – The flat lap is running again. Two gaskets have been ordered for the vacuum oven.

Faceting Lab – Dave Richardson – One machine is back up. Repairs were only \$95. For junior members, half the cost of the class will be paid from the scholarship fund designated for this purpose.

Casting Lab – Chuck Lundstrom – A class begins Wednesday in May.

Library – no report – a key is left in an accessible place for monitors so books may be taken out at times other than monthly meetings.

Field Trips – A field trip will be made May 4 to Globe for serpentine and chrysocolla. This will be the last field trip before the summer pause.

County Fair - Dave Richardson is doing an article for the newsletter about fair. He will give credit to members that helped at the fair.

A new key safe will be purchased to replace the old worn out one.

Wayne – A request from Jerry Glazman to announce the opening of the new Museum of Science and Technology.

RMFMS Meeting – Dave Richardson will go since he has relatives in the OKC area. Bill Penrose will deal with proxy forms etc.

MOTION – Use the directed scholarship money to subsidize the cost of a faceting class for junior members. PASSED.

Motion detector lights – still pending – Donovan will mount them when able.

Club cleanup day is Saturday, June 1. Wayne will make a list of tasks in advance of the day.

Wendy will be acting chair of the membership meeting while David is in Germany.

Mineralogical Society of Arizona is having a show on June 1 and 2. Dave Richardson will be attending. He mentioned that our faceting lab is the only one in Arizona other than Quartzite.

Meeting adjourned 6:45.

**This is the lab schedule which is current as of 5-2-24.
Please CALL the Monitor that is running the lab to
make sure that they have space for you.**

Cabbing

Monday 8am-12pm Mike Wendler (817) 751-0622
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
Every Week 2pm-5pm Wendy Huber (206) 669-6002

Sundays 9pm-12pm Gloria Shenanaquet (520) 396-9715
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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

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

Wednesday 4pm to 7pm Chuck Lundstrom (520) 241-9262
Classes every other month, beginning every January, running 5 weeks;
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Thursday 9am-1pm Mark Dragodovich 520-906-4657

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Wednesday 7am-Noon Betty Mehlhoff (253) 208-7460

Wednesday 7am-Noon Mark Gibson (520)-850-0514

Thursday 7am-11am Betty Mehlhoff (253) 208-7460