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Please join us on  
**December 9<sup>th</sup>** for the next  
meeting. **Optional social  
hour begins at 8:00 AM,**  
followed by the monthly  
meeting at **9:00 AM,**  
**followed by the annual  
Holiday potluck!**



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# THE PREZ SEZ.....by Don Rittenberry



Look at the time!!!! It's time to elect or re-elect officers and Board members. That's why you're receiving the newsletter early. The proxy vote is in this issue, so I would like for all members that won't make the meeting December 9th for the elections (and turkey potluck Holiday dinner) to vote by proxy and send it in before the meeting. Ron Davidson has decided to run against me so we need your proxy votes to see who you want as your President for next year.

As I said before, we are having a Holiday turkey potluck brunch at the December meeting. We need to know what everyone is bringing so we don't have a lot of repeats. Please call my wife, Charlotte, to let her know what you're bringing or ask what we need. She also needs volunteers to help her out in the kitchen to heat and serve and clean. You can reach her at 682-8317.

I'm looking into having the January meeting take place at a

park near the Club in case it rains or it's just too cold to have outdoors. We will have the installation of new officers and Board members, business meeting, honor the volunteers, have contests, (dino-dung throw) and did I mention the food. I'm thinking cooking out. Come to the December meeting to let me know what you want to have for food and what kind of contests we should have. We'll need some for the kids and the old kids too. We will also have a birthday cake to celebrate the members having birthdays that month and the jewelry contest which is a ring.

The gem show is right around the corner. I'm Chairing the booth for OPLC at the Tucson Convention Center, so if anyone wants to man the booth or do demonstrations of faceting or cabachons, or just pass out brochures (and of course have a good time) please feel free to contact me to set a time and a date you could be there. It runs from February 8th - 11th.

The Beaudry Gem & Mineral Show runs from January 27th to February 4th. We need someone to Chair this event and need volunteers to man the booth there. We need volunteers to do the same for that booth like the booth for Tucson Gem and Mineral Society at TCC. If you would like to Chair it or volunteer your time for this event please feel free to contact me. We go to these events not only to recruit new members but also to have a good time. You can contact me at 682-8317.

I wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and I hope to see everyone at the meeting in December.

Your President,  
  
Don Rittenberry



## DECEMBER SPEAKER

Please meet Debbie Colander, the guest speaker for OPLC December 2006 meeting. Her talk will be History of Earth Sciences at the Desert Museum; where they have been and where they are going. She started there in February 2006 and formerly worked at the Biosphere. She has been in Tucson for 10 years.

# NOVEMBER BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

..... By Diana Hara



The meeting came to order at 9:02 AM. A quorum was present.

There were no visitors. New members in attendance were Nancy Curtis and Dick Zell. Nancy is from Leesburg, Virginia, but was raised in Scottsdale. She now lives in Tucson. She visited the Club booth at the gem show last February and took a brochure home. Dick was a member ten years ago and is happy to be back. Welcome!

The Club recognized members with birthdays in November.

Before beginning Old Business, Don Rittenberry asked John Duhanich to present his introduction on gold recovery to the group. After the general meeting, those interested could go outside to see a demonstration on how to pan for gold, see samples, buy literature, and get more details.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

The Ryan Airfield show is coming up – Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup>. Setup is Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup> from 10am -1pm or on Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at 6am. There will not be any security for booths set up on Friday. The show will be from 7:30am - 2pm. Free refreshments will be provided by Todd's Restaurant, e.g., coffee and soda. Directions: Go west on Ajo (Highway 86) from I-19. Ryan

Airfield is 7-10 miles from I-19 on the north side of the road. Donations are needed for the raffle. Contact Joann Sam at 403-0117 if you have anything to donate. Also, there will be a setup for kids to dig petrified wood in a sand box area. Advertising has been placed with KOLD, KGUN, KVOA, and several radio stations. There are 20 vendors signed up. This event is a venue for Club members to sell their work and for the Club to do some promotion.

It will be time for elections soon. Don Rittenberry is running for a second term as President. Ron Davidson is also running for President. Don said that he would work on increasing Club membership. He wants to see the Club grow to 500 -1000 members. Don asked Ron to stand and let the members know his plans for the club if elected. Ron said that he would keep the Club the way it is but might have a few ideas down the line. Dave Witwer is running for his second term as Vice-President. Diana Hara will be stepping down as Secretary as will Donna Pugh as Treasurer. If you are interested in running for any office, please contact Jaime DeZubeldia, the Nominating Committee chairman by November 20<sup>th</sup>. A proxy vote will be included in the December newsletter. Regarding Club membership, Barbara Alrick mentioned that

she learned about the Club through Harrison in his course at Pima Community College. She suggested asking Harrison to pass out OPLC brochures in his class. Donna Pugh took the action item to ask Harrison and provide him with the brochures.

Don talked about planning for the Club picnic in January. He is looking into possible parks where we might meet. He will let us know at the next meeting. It will be somewhere near the Club so we can re-locate if the weather is bad. Although we will be having our general meeting at the picnic and will be installing new officers, the main reason for the picnic is to recognize and celebrate our tireless volunteers.

Today, Club members voted on their favorite bracelet. Dave Witwer won by a close margin. Congratulations, Dave! Next month, we are having a ring contest. Bring in your work!

Rim gave a report on the Ray Mine tour. He said a good time was had by all, and everyone got something to take home with them.

Don went over the results of the Silent Auction. He said it went as 'smooth as glass', thanks to Danny Harmsen and all of his hard work. A big thank you goes to everyone who volunteered to make this event

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such a success this year. Donna reported that this year's auction brought in about 2 1/2 times more revenue than 2005!

**NEW BUSINESS**

Don Rittenberry said that he will be the Chairperson to head up the OPLC booth at the Tucson Convention Center during the gem show next year. There is no free parking at the TCC if you are a volunteer. If you are interested in becoming a member of the Tucson Gem & Mineral Society (TGMS), you should join soon. One of the benefits of TGMS membership is free entry into the TCC show. There is a fee for parking regardless of your TGMS/OPLC membership. Don is looking for a chairperson to head up the Club booth at the Beaudry show. He will be putting up sign-up sheets for volunteers.

TGMS is having a show on Saturday, December 2, from

9am-4pm. Admission is free. They will be selling minerals, gems, fossils and crafts.

There is a new discount available to Club members. Mention you are an OPLC member when you make a purchase at Tucson Mineral & Gem World and get a 10% discount. Thank you to Ron and Richard Ratkevich!

Our Holiday Dinner is coming up. It will be after our next general meeting. Don asked if the members would like to push the meeting time back so it would be closer to lunch when we ate, but after a vote, it was decided to leave the time the same. This will be a potluck with the Club providing the main dish. Members at the meeting voted for turkey.

A new casting class is starting this Wednesday, November 15. Chuck Lundstrom needs 2-3 more people. The cost is \$45 and you must supply the metal to cast.

Contact Maribeth Terry if you are interested in wire wrapping. The fee is \$30 for 4 weeks. Beginning classes are on Thursday evenings and advanced classes are on Wednesday evenings, 6-9pm.

Advanced Faceting is starting on Monday at 1pm.

Bill Carmody took the floor and asked the membership if they would be interested in a presentation from a local archeologist on the Hohokam Indians. Members voted and said yes. Bill will get with Dave Witwer to plan the program.

This month's question from the newsletter: What gems are not minerals? Sylvia Czayo told the members that pearl, amber, and jet are not minerals. Check out the December newsletter for the next month's question!

Ron Johnson won the door prize this month. It was a \$10 gift card to Starr Gems.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05am.

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President: **(Vote for one)**

- ( ) Don Rittenberry
- ( ) Ron Davidson
- ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Vice President:

- ( ) Dave Witwer
- ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Treasurer:

- ( ) Rocky Ferrell
- ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary:

- ( ) Maribeth Terry
- ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Board of Director – Two year term: **(Vote for two)**

- ( ) Billy Bob Riley
- ( ) James Quigley
- ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Board of Director – One year term: **(Vote for only one)**

- ( ) Merlyn Hiller
- ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_, Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE: This is a snapshot of the proxy as it stands at the time of printing this issue.**



Thanks to Big John Duhanich for an informative presentation at the November meeting covering gold recovery and his generous offer to take interested members on a gold recovery trip.

## MONEY SAVING DISCOUNTS

- **DAH Rock Shop** - 10% on most items. See ad on page 8 of this newsletter
- **Colorwright** - Amount of discount depends on item(s) being purchased
- **Jed's Rock Shop** - 20% on all items
- **Copper City Rock Shop** - Bring in ad from page 9 of this newsletter and get 10% off on all purchases
- **Kent's Tools** - 10%
- **Tucson Mineral & Gem World** - 10%

## TID - - BITS

- **Be sure to note the proxy on page 5. If you can't make the December meeting, be sure to fill out the proxy vote sheet and send it in to the Club so your vote can be counted.**
- **The December meeting will include the annual Pot Luck brunch after the meeting. Please call Charlotte Rittenberry at 682-8317 to coordinate the type of dish that you will be bringing to the pot luck.**
- **The silversmith lab will be closed until January 8, 2007.**

### **DON'T FORGET**

Don't forget to bring in **YOUR** aluminum cans to the Club for recycling. Your contribution would be greatly appreciated to help add \$'s to the Club's treasury. **Thanks!**

### **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

Jim Davis  
 Patricia Gibson  
 Justin Hunt  
 Gary Thompson  
 James S. Van Atta



### **ADVANCED FACETOR'S CORNER**

In case you missed the answer to the November question of the month: What important gems are not minerals?

The answer: Pearl, Amber, and Jet..

### **DECEMBER QUESTION OF THE MONTH**

Name the crystal systems.

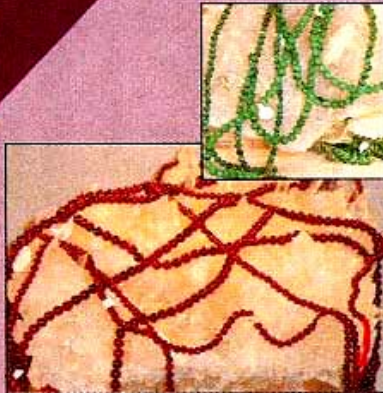
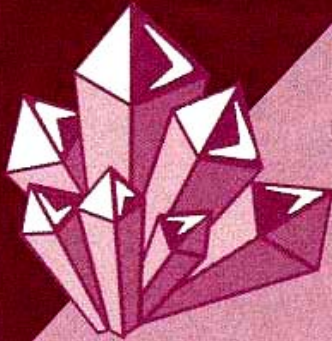
Come to the December meeting to hear the answer.





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**!!!! Closed till January 8, 2007 !!!!**

### Mondays 6 - 9 PM

Beginning Faceting - Class fee charged.  
Contact Earl Zoeller 886-3518

Beginning Cabbing - Class fee charged.  
Contact Billy Bob Riley 408-3074

### Tuesdays 9 AM – Noon

Open Shop. Fee charged. Beginners welcome. Tools  
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Open Lapidary Lab - Fee charged. Beginners welcome.  
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Contact Don Rittenberry 682-8317

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Contact Billy Bob Riley 408-3074

### Wednesdays 6 - 9PM

Beginning Casting - Class fee charged.  
Contact Chuck Lundstrom 577-6446

Wire Wrap (Advanced) - Class fee charged  
Contact Maribeth Terry - 331-7066

### Thursdays 1 PM – 4 PM

Beginning Cabbing - Class fee charged.  
Contact Billy Bob Riley 408-3074

Wire Wrap (Beginning) - Class fee charged  
Contact Maribeth Terry - 331-7066

### Fridays 9 AM - Noon

Open Lab - Fee charged.

Contact Dan Harmsen 721-8452

### Fridays 6 - 9 PM

Beginning Faceting & Open Lab -Class fee charged.  
Contact Jaime De Zubeldia 616-9344

### Saturdays 10 - 3 PM

Open Shop - Cabbing & Silversmithing - Fee charged.  
Contact Ron Davidson 749-3157

### Sundays 1 - 4 PM

Open Cabbing - Fee charged.

Contact Mike DeMerritt 401– 9572

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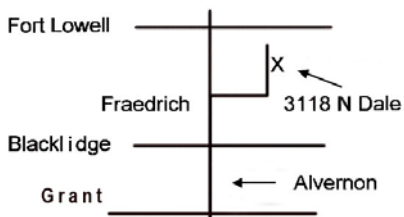
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**Mail to: Membership Chairperson, Old Pueblo Lapidary Club, 3118 N. Dale, Tucson, AZ 85712**



The Business Meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month which starts at 9:00 a.m. A pre-meeting social hour is at 8:00 a.m. for those that are interested. Visitors are welcome.