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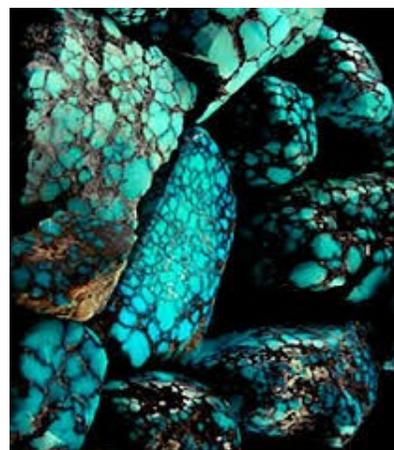
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Please join us
December 10th at 11
**AM for the OPLC
Christmas Meeting
and Potluck!**
Visitors are always
welcome.



Articles or news to be included in the *Cutting Remarks* should be emailed to your Editor, Mike DeMeritt (silverlininggemstones@gmail.com), or feel free to call him at 520-203-8430 or (520) 240-5133. Submission deadline is the 20th of each month. Thanks!

THE PREZ SEZ by John Poole



This year has just flown by! December 10 is our final meeting of the year and our Holiday Party. The meeting will start at 11 am and lunch will be ready around noon. Norma Lackow and Victoria Fila have a committee to plan the luncheon. OPLC will provide ham and turkey, the rest is "Potluck". Kerri Gimmler is keeping track of sides, this will give us an idea how many are coming and what we may need to fill in. Kerri can be reached at 520-465-3242 or weegonzaart@gmail.com.

There will not be a program, but the election of officers and Board Members will take place. I'll see you the 10th at 11am, don't forget to wear your OPLC Badge and get a free ticket with a purchase.

If you can't make the meeting have a great Christmas and Holiday Season with family and friends!

John

Coming Attractions:

December 10, 2016, Holiday Party

January 14, 2017, Eric Fritz- Raman Spectroscopy

March 11, 2017, Brian Cook, Paraiba Tourmaline & Rutilated Quartz from Brazil

Front Cover Pictures: Breathtaking crystal of **Zoisite "Tanzanite"** from Tanzania is December's Birthstone; Beautiful spiderwebbed natural **Turquoise** rough is an older December Birthstone.

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PRIOR MONTH'S MEETING MINUTES... Twink Monrad, Secretary



OPLC Monthly Meeting November 12, 2016

The meeting was brought to order by President John Poole at 10:10 AM.

He thanked our speaker Pat McMahan who showed lovely slides of his agate collection and brought copies of his new book Agates, The Pat McMahan Collection to sell. Pat said he would allow a future field trip or interested members to see his collection at his residence in Cottonwood.

Refreshments were furnished by Bill and Kathy Kennedy and Norman and Shirley Dewey. Norma Lackow, our refreshment chairman, is asking for volunteers to sign up starting in January 2017. A reimbursement of up \$40 is provided. Please call Norma at 742-7561 to sign up.

The minutes of the October meeting as published in Cutting Remarks were approved.

Three new members/guests were introduced. Our membership is 515 as of today.

The treasurer gave a report which will be filed for audit. A motion was passed by the membership to allow the Board to order a new saw for the saw room for \$4100 including shipping. The saw which is being replaced was repaired and sold.

Silent Auction: Tom McDevitt was in charge of the auction and the club made approx. \$7000. Tom

thanked many members who helped him all year preparing for the day as well as those who helped during the auction: Danny Harmsen, Diane Braswell, Pete and Ginny Peterson, Al Romey, Diana Hara, Janet and Ted Rupp, Mims Thompson, Jeff Hansen, Mike Tucker, Skip and Jean Barkley, Mark Gibson and John Poole. He also thanked the kitchen crew headed by Victoria Fila who in turn thanked her helpers: Diane Braswell, Zoe Dunn, Roberta Gutierrez, Barb Elliott, Sherri Cleaveland and Twink Monrad.

Christmas lunch meeting Saturday Dec. 10 starts at 11 AM. Victoria and Norma have a committee to plan the luncheon. Kerri Gimmler can be reached at 465-3242 to tell her what you would like to bring to the pot luck. Ham and turkey will be furnished by the Club. The election of officers will be held that day. Also volunteers are needed for set up, take down and clean up.

Field Trip reports: An outing for peridot on the San Carlos reservation is being planned for December 17th. There will be a sign up sheet at the December meeting.

Tucson Gem and Mineral Society is having their annual mineral/jewelry etc. sale at their facility on Blackledge on Saturday December 3rd from 9-4.

TGMS show in February 2017 will be here soon. It is time for members to sign up to volunteer at our booth which will be open to the public Feb. 9-12 .

Twink Monrad, Secretary

REMINDER!



Don't forget - it's that time of year again!

Dues are due by the first of January for next year's membership. See Wayne Klement or any Monitor or Officer to pay. Thank You!



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Robert Munoz: Petrified Wood and Chaledony

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Tim Rose: Chrysocolla slab

Judy Shivack: Silversmithing Book

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To donate to OPLC, just see or contact **Tom McDevitt at 575-0517** or **Mike DeMeritt at 240-5133**

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...Just So You Know

Kent's Tools will be hosting a Gem Show during the Tucson Gem Show, and Kent has graciously offered our Club the opportunity to rent a 10x10-foot space for \$300 during these two weeks. There are many possible logistical problems with this idea, though simply dismissing it out-of-hand could be foolish. If we can come up with solutions for how the rent is paid and by whom, who can display items (and what items would be displayed), this could be a boon for our club in terms of recruiting new members. Something to think about, anyway! If you have any ideas regarding this offer, please get with John Poole or bring them up at our business meeting. Thank You!



2016 OPLC SILENT AUCTION

The 2016 OPLC Silent Auction was held November 5th, 2016, from 9am until 2pm and went off without a hitch! Many thanks to Tom McDevitt and his many behind-the-scenes magic elves who helped make this auction as successful as all of our previous auctions! Everybody left with trunks and backseats loaded with goodies - my kids showed up at the car looking for all the world like they were about to open a mineral specimen storefront!



Arizona China Travel & Tours

Announcement

Trips to Hubei and Hunan Provinces (China) are being finalized for April and May 2017.

Detailed itineraries will follow shortly.

11 Day Hubei Tour



Turquoise Mine, Yun County Hubei, China

Photo Courtesy of Lichun He

This tour will take you to the **Turquoise producing region of Hubei**, including **Yungaishan** (Cloud Covered Mountain) in Yun County, and **Zhushan** (Bamboo Mountain). You will visit turquoise markets, factories, and shops. Optional trip to **Wudang Mountain**, the “Forbidden City in the Sky”, an UNESCO World Heritage site, birth place of Taichi, and Taoist holy mountain.

<http://www.arizonachinatravel.com/wudang-mountain.html>

You will also visit **Daye Mine**, **Huangshi (“Yellowstone”) National Mining Park**, and **Tonglushan Ancient Copper Mine Ruins**, a copper mining and smelting site dating back 3,000 years.

10 Day Hunan Tour



The special May 2017 tour will take you to **Hunan Gem & Mineral Show**, and to **Phoenix Ancient Town** (“Fenghuang”), a historical town in Western Hunan with a high concentration of ethnic Miao and Tujia Minorities.

The Intangible Cultural Heritage of Miao is **silversmithing**. Miao women are known for their exquisite silver ornaments, which are hand-made by men in family workshops. You will visit one of the workshops.

7 Day “Venice of the East” Tour



This is a 7 day/6 night foodie tour that starts in Shanghai, but focuses on **Suzhou**, a 2,500 year old town known for its spectacular classical gardens and crisscrossing canals (all UNESCO World Heritage Sites).

A day excursion will also take you to **Hangzhou**, known for its scenic West Lake and the enchanting Buddhist Temple (UNESCO World Heritage Site). This tour has nothing to do with minerals, but can be combined with other tours.

For Questions and/or Information, Please Contact:

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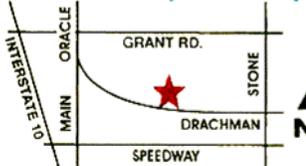
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9AM - Noon **Silversmithing Lab**

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Monitor - Chuck Lundstrom 241-9262

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9AM - 12PM **Cabbing**

Monitor - Bob Powell 403-8980

1PM - 4PM **Silversmithing**

Monitor - Giac D'Aquisto 207-6219

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1PM - 4PM **Silversmithing**

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Saturdays

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Monitor - Dennis Murphy 490-9188

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Monitor - Dennis Murphy 490-9188

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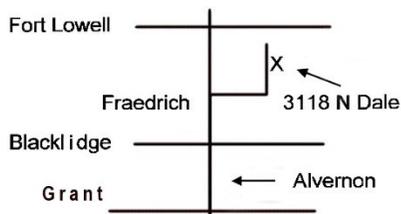
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The Business Meetings are held on the 2nd Saturday of each month. A pre-meeting social hour (except for the December meeting) is at 8:00 a.m., followed by an educational program, and ends with the monthly meeting. Visitors are most welcome.