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# THE PREZ SEZ ..... by David Schulte

11/24/18

The season of thanks and eating way too much food is once again upon us. Our business board meeting for November was held on Friday, November 2nd, 2018. Our next business board meeting will be held on Friday, December 7th in the main building at the club at 10 AM. As always, members are invited to attend and participate in the board meetings and the clubs future discussions.

The silent auction was once again a great success and helped raised lots of money for the club. Thanks to all of the members that donated throughout the year to make this event possible. I would like to send out a special thanks to all of the folks that helped run the silent auction, serve food and helped clean up after the event: Tom McDevitt, David Richardson, Danny Harmen, Ted Rupp, Janet Rupp, Jean Barclay, Skip Barclay, Dianna Hara, Al Romey, Wayne Klement, Sheila Powell, Peggy Jo Hays and Bob Powell. As I mentioned at the last club meeting Tom is handing over the reigns for the donations and silent auction effort this year to David Richardson. I want to thank Tom for all the hard work he has put in on behalf of the club in collecting donations and running the silent auction event over the last few years and welcome to David Richardson in his new role for the club. If any member have any material to donate to the club its never too late and we welcome everything. The donations are also tax deductible for you.

The second annual club clean-up day was held on Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup>. We had a bunch of folks that gave up their Sunday to come in and help spruce up the place. Thanks to Wayne Klement, Malcom Currie, Skip and Jean Barclay, Janet Bostick, Lou Ackerman, Donavon Wagner, John Poole, Rebecca Jones and Sharon Wilcox for all their hard work.

Victoria Fila is heading up the efforts for our pot luck Christmas dinner on December 8<sup>th</sup> and we will vote for the new board for 2019 at this short meeting prior to the dinner. We still are in need of side dishes and desserts for the pot luck and I believe Victoria is looking for volunteers to help set up, serve and clean up after the event. Victoria has a sign-up sheet as she is coordinating this

effort. Please see her if you are interested in bringing in a side dish or a dessert so she coordinate the food efforts.

Shane Thompson King has completed his second wire wrapping class with outstanding participation. I believe this course will be offered again and I highly recommend that you take advantage of this opportunity to learn a new technique in jewelry making. Billy Bob has started teaching beginning faceting on Monday's and I recommend that members take advantage of this opportunity to learn how to facet. David Richardson and Billy Bob have gone through all the faceting machines and cleaned them up. They are in the process of modifying the dop inserts such that they are all keyed for ease of transfer and alignment of stones. David is also working of installing higher benches in the faceting lab.

All of the wheels in the cab lab have been replaced with new ones and a special thanks go out to Mike and Bonnie DeMeritt and Al Huslig for spending their Tuesday morning taking the machines apart and installing the new wheels. As advertised, we will be replacing the wheels in the cab lab about every 8 months in order to keep the machines in correct working order for everyone. We also purchased saw blades and will replace the trim saw, water saw and slab saw blades as needed throughout the year.

Twink Monrad is heading up the nomination committee effort for club officers and board members for us again this year. The ballot will be posted in November and the vote for the new board will be in December at the club meeting just prior to the pot luck dinner.

The dues for 2019 are going up by \$5 annually. It's still not too late to save this \$5 increase, you can renew your membership before the end of the year and still be charged the 2018 dues rate. See Wayne Klement and he can make this happen for you.

I would like to wish all our members a very Merry Christmas and look forward to seeing everyone down at the club! Have a marvelous December!!!

David



## Christmas Party Info

**Ham and turkeys are taken care of as we have members who volunteer to cook these up each year.**

**What we do need is side dishes. Like to have at least: two dishes of mashed potatoes, sweet potato, green bean casserole. These dishes empty out quickly. Plus all the other tasty dishes sides and desserts. We have so many great cooks in our club.**

**Kitchen help to serve up food is always needed.**

**Please contact Victoria Fila if you are bring in a dish, so I can keep track to make sure there's a variety or volunteering to help.**

**Email [sabinofila@aol.com](mailto:sabinofila@aol.com)**

***Front Cover Pictures: Incredible gem-quality faceted and rough crystal "Tanzanite" (Blue/Purple Zoisite) is December's newest birthstone; gorgeous rough Turquoise is an older December hit!***

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## PRIOR MONTH'S MEETING MINUTES... Patrick Droll, Secretary

11/10/18 – 9:00 AM at OPLC – Bill Penrose (for Pat Droll)

Sindi Schloss, gemologist and appraiser from Scottsdale, gave an excellent presentation on Ethnic Symbolism in Global Jewelry.

Snacks were provided by Abe and Norma Lackow and Victoria Fila.

The minutes from last month's meeting minutes were seconded and approved.

Before the start of the usual business meeting, Dave Schulte reviewed the OPLC laboratory Code of Conduct for the membership. The Powerpoint presentation was prepared by Jean and Skip Barkley.

Treasurer's report by Bob Powell: Last week's Silent Auction netted \$6685 for the club. This is our largest single moneymaker each year. The Treasurer reported the club treasury in good shape, in spite of the unexpected and expensive repairs to the underground water lines.

Membership status report by Wayne Klement – Four new members were introduced to the membership. We have 474 members in good standing. There will be a dues increase in 2019, but members who renew before December 31 will pay the old rate. The maximum increase is \$5. less for juniors and part-year members. Details are on the renewal forms.

Program status - Helen Serras-Herman could not be present, but programs for the next few months are listed in the newsletter.

Upcoming field trips - Victoria Fila. The peridot trip to the White Mountains is still scheduled for November 17. The trip to the Prism and Spectrum amethyst mines originally scheduled for December 16 has been postponed due to the illness of the host. Waivers must be signed and submitted as usual for all field trips under club sponsorship.

Library status – no report. Library is available for use by members.

Silent auction – Dave Schulte for Tom McDevitt. It was a great success this year. I would like to thank Tom McDevitt and all others who helped. A special thanks go out to all of the folks that made

the event happen, set out the material and food, helped collect money and run the event. Tom McDevitt, David Richardson, Danny Harmsen, Ted Rupp, Janet Rupp, Jean Barkley, Skip Barkley, Dianna Hara, Al Romey, Wayne Klement, Sheila Powell, Peggy Jo Hays and Bob Powell. If you are interested in making a donation to the club all donations are tax deductible. We are definitely in need of equipment for next year's auction. If you have some old equipment you are no longer using, even if it needs some help, bring it in and we'll put it up for auction next November.

David Richardson will be taking over for Tom next year as the lead but he needs a helper or two. Please see David or myself if you're interested in helping out.

Safety -- Wayne Klement has replaced all of the fire extinguishers throughout the club with "in date" and certified units.

Our semi-annual clean up day was held on Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> right after the silent auction. I would like to personally thank everyone that showed up to help clean the place up: Wayne Klement, Malcom Currie, Skip and Jean Barclay, Janet Bostick, Lou Ackerman, Donavon Wagner, John Poole, Rebecca Jones and Sharon Wilcox. These folks spent a good part of their Sunday helping to clean up the club and fix stuff up. They are the folks that make this club a possibility and I really appreciate their efforts!!!

OPLC board 2019 nominations The ballot for the new board was in the last Cutting Remarks news letter. You can fill out your ballot and give it to Twink or bring it in on December 8<sup>th</sup> at the pot luck dinner. We are always looking for fresh ideas on how to improve the club and welcome all members to join the board and help make it better for everyone. Our thanks go to all the current and past board members for volunteering their time and efforts to make the club a possibility.

We still need to get a few more volunteers to man our TGMS booth next year at the show and we must have these names into the TGMS folks NLT

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*Happy  
Holidays*

JUST A REMINDER...2019 DUES ARE DUE JANUARY 1, 2019. THERE WILL BE A \$5 INCREASE IN DUES FOR NEXT YEAR. YOU CAN AVOID THIS INCREASE IF YOU PAY NEXT YEAR'S DUES AND HAVE IT ARRIVE AT THE CLUB BEFORE DECEMBER 31ST. DUES RECEIVED AT THIS YEAR'S RATES AFTER DECEMBER 31ST WILL BE RETURNED FOR THE EXTRA \$5.00.

## 2019 OPLC Speakers

Kevin Lane Smith, lapidary and jewelry artist (January 8, 2019)

Elise Skalwold, “The Viking Sunstone” (February 9, 2019)

Wolfgang Mueller, “Arizona Gemstones” (March 9, 2019)

Gregory McNamee, “Monumental Places: National Parks & Monuments in the Grand Canyon State (May 11, 2019)

Les Presmyk, “UofA Gem & Mineral Museum” (June 8, 2019)

Larry Fellows, “Pompeii & Vesuvius” (October 12, 2019)

Please do come to the meetings and enjoy these great speakers and their presentations.

Looking forward to seeing you all soon,

Helen Serras-Herman, OPLC Program chair

### **OPLC CALENDAR December 2018 through January 2019**

**December 8 – Annual Christmas Dinner, potluck. AND ELECTION.**

**Short meeting starts at 11AM. Clubhouse open at 10AM to get food set-up. More info to follow and who to notify what you’re bringing. OPLC provides turkey and ham, everything else is up to the members! Send email to [sabinofila@aol.com](mailto:sabinofila@aol.com) to let Victoria know what you’re bringing.**

**January 4 – Board meeting at OPLC Clubhouse 10AM. Members welcome to attend.**

**January 11 – Monthly OPLC member meeting. Doors open 8AM, meeting at 9AM.**

7 December. There is a sign-up sheet for volunteers posted in the kitchen. You get a pass for the show as long as you volunteer for a time slot. We will also be collecting work pieces to display at the show and will send out a notice for folks to bring their creations in for display at the appropriate time. John Poole will be collecting those pieces and is always present Tuesday mornings in Silversmithing.

Pat Droll is taking over as treasurer from Bob Powell next year. Bob will be continuing on the board next year. Pat will be leaving the state before the end of 2019 and will only be here through next October. We are still looking for a volunteer to shadow Pat next year as he takes over the reins of treasurer after October next year, with the intent of taking this task over once he leaves us. If you are interested, please see Pat Droll, Bob Powell, or Dave Schulte.

Victoria Fila is heading up the efforts for our pot luck Christmas dinner in December when we vote for the new board. Wayne Klement has agreed to once again cook the hams for the event.. Skip Barkley and Bill Penrose will be cooking the turkey's this year. We still are in need of side dishes and desserts for the pot luck. Victoria has a sign-up sheet as she is coordinating this effort. Please see her if you are interested in bringing in a side dish or a dessert so she coordinate the food efforts.

David Richardson is taking over as the lead for the faceting lab and is in the process of raising the table heights in the lab. Billy Bob is teaching beginning faceting on Tuesday afternoons for anyone that is interesting in learning how to do this. The sign-up sheet is on the board in this room.

Ron Brooks has moved to Bisbee and the commute is just too long to come into the club and continue his lead efforts in the casting lab. We appreciate his teaching and lab efforts over the last couple of years. Liz Williams will be taking over the lab and continuing the wax carving and casting classes. The classes will be held on Tuesdays. Once she gets familiar with the kiln times and sequences, she will have a sign-up sheet for club members interested in learning how to cast.

We have ordered new wheels and saw blades for the cab lab to replace the worn out ones we currently have. This expenditure is in the cabbng lab budget for this year. We should have them in by the end of November.

We have a couple of items that need to be completed for the water pipe replacement but everything is back up and running again. The cost for the work ended up at \$5380.

The Faceting Frolic will be held again in 2019 during the GEM show. Set up for the event will be on Thursday 2/7/19 with the classes being held on Friday 2/8/19 and Saturday 2/9/19. The Hob Nob and associated faceting competition will be held on Saturday night on 2/9/19. We are looking for volunteers to help set up and run the Hob Nob event. We encourage folks to attend as we have world class faceters come to our club! If you are interested in helping out see Billy Bob or Dave Schulte.

Billy Bob has started up beginning faceting classes again on Tuesdays from 1-4. He has a sign-up sheet for those that are interested. I believe we will also have an evening class session offered for faceting in the near future as well. Thanks to both Billy Bob and David Richardson for the classes and the maintenance of the faceting machines that they have both been working on. Shane Thompson King has started his second wire wrapping class with outstanding participation. The cost for this class is \$20 and Shane will have a sign-up sheet on the board once he picks the dates. The classes are being held in the main building. Hopefully Shane will continue offering this class to the club in the future.

The current lab times are posted on the bulletin board installed in the training building for us. There will be a facility tour today after the meeting. If you are new and would like to see the labs, come up front after the meeting and I'll bring you all over to the labs..

Door prize.

Money received from raffle today was over \$100. The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 am

## OPLC PROXY

I \_\_\_\_\_, a member of the Old Pueblo Lapidary Club of Tucson, Arizona, cast my vote for the those candidates, and/or those specific items listed below and in my absence, do hereby tender by proxy to the Board of Directors or, (indicate a specific member, if so desired) \_\_\_\_\_ to represent me and to vote as they deem in the best of the club and on any other business which may be considered at the meeting to be held on December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018. In the event I do not vote my preference for those candidates and/or those specific items listed below, I also tender my proxy to the entity indicated above to vote those items as they deem in the best interest of the club.

President: **(Vote for one for each Officer Position)**

( ) David Schulte

( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Vice President:

( ) Victoria Fila

( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Treasurer:

( ) Pat Droll

( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary:

( ) Bill Penrose

( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Board of Director – Two year term: VOTE FOR 2

( ) Skip Barkley

( ) Bob Powell

( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Board of Director – One year term: VOTE FOR 1

( ) Dave Richardson

( ) \_\_\_\_\_

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

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



**Shawn Lee Fallin Jr.**  
**Molly Rhea O'Meara**  
**Michel Burkum**  
**Gary Burkum**  
**Maureen Byrne**  
**Malcolm Currie**  
**Melissa Kay Giffords**  
**Jamey Giffords**

**Gloria Giffords**  
**Zandra Gutierrez**  
**Stan Hart**  
**William Jones**  
**Joanne Lustre**  
**Tony Lustre**  
**Jan Roberts**

This is how I try to define design, as having to do  
with how things fit - how things fit the hand,  
how furniture fits the body, how people fit in buildings,  
and how buildings fit the landscape.  
Design, most of the time, is about finding  
this sense of fit between people, places, and things.

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**- Akiko Busch**



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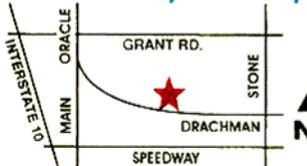
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### Mondays

9AM - Noon **Faceting Lab**  
Monitor - Billy Bob Riley 225-9060

1PM - 4PM **Silversmith Lab**  
Monitor - Pat Droll 345-2792

3:30PM - 6PM **Cabbing**  
Monitor - Margarette Harris 561-2315

6PM - 9PM **Faceting Class**  
Monitor - Earl Zoeller

6PM - 9PM **Cabbing\*\***  
Monitor - Donovan Wagner 869-2050

### Tuesdays

9AM - 1PM **Cabbing\***  
Monitor - Mike DeMeritt 520-455-5378

9AM - Noon **Silversmithing Lab**  
Monitor - John Poole 777-5588

1PM - 4PM **Faceting Class/Open Lab**  
Monitor - Billy Bob Riley 225-9060

1PM - 4PM **Cabbing**  
Monitor - Liz Williams (818)300-5262

6PM—9PM **Cabbing**  
Monitor - Victoria Fila 664-0302

### Wednesdays

9AM - Noon **Cabbing**  
Monitor— Sharon Wilcox 878-8685

9AM - 1PM **Silversmithing**  
Monitor - Dennis Murphy

Noon - 3PM **Rock Sawing**  
Monitor - Sharon Wilcox 878-8685

6PM - 9PM **Cabbing**  
Monitor - Keith Haubert 784-8283

6PM - 9PM **Silversmithing Lab**  
Monitor - Bill Penrose 780-1143

### Thursdays

9AM - Noon **Rock Sawing**  
Monitor - Pete Petersen 886-9021

9AM - Noon **Cabbing**  
Monitor - Bob Powell 403-8980

1PM - 4PM **Silversmithing**  
Monitor - Giac D'Aquisto 207-6219

6PM - 9PM **Silversmithing**  
Monitor - Bill Cascio 638-8144

6PM - 9PM **Cabbing**  
Monitor - Tom Tuten 803-260-5423

### Fridays

9AM - Noon **Cabbing\*\***  
Monitor - David Schulte 954-8554

9AM—Noon **Silversmithing**  
Monitor - James Germaine, 520-288-0135

1PM - 4PM **Silversmithing**  
Monitor - Lou Ackerman

1PM - 4PM **Cabbing**  
Monitor - Pete Valentine, 208-409-7910

6PM - 9PM **Cabbing**  
Monitor - Victoria Fila 664-0302

### Saturdays

9AM - 2PM **Silversmithing**  
Monitor - Pat Droll 345-2792

9AM - 2PM **Cabbing\***  
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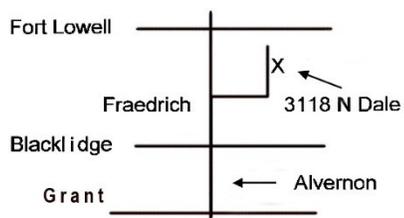
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The Business Meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month. A pre-meeting social hour (except for the December meeting) is at 8:00 a.m., followed by an educational program, and ends with the monthly meeting. Visitors are most welcome.