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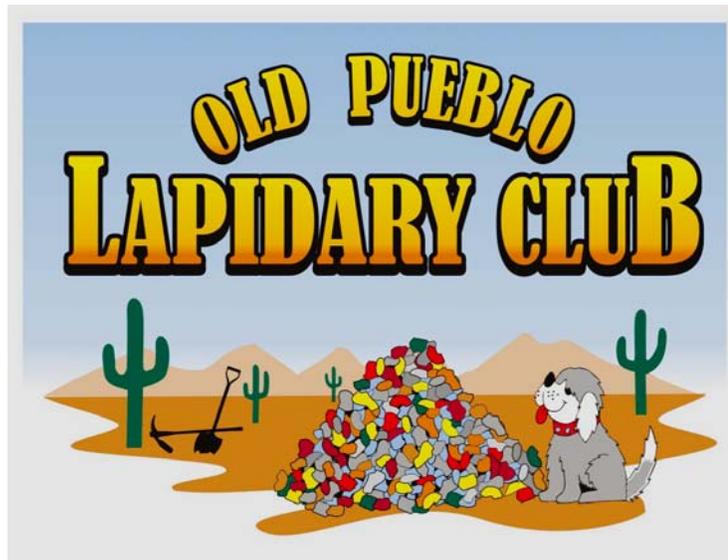
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THERE WILL BE NO MEETING IN FEBRUARY. Please join us on March 11th for the next meeting which begins at 9:00am, optional social hour begins at 8:00am.



Articles or news to be included in the *Cutting Remarks* should be emailed to your Editor, Wayne Klement (wayneklem@aol.com), or feel free to call him at 520-546-9404. Submission deadline is the 25th of each month. Thanks!

See us online at: www.lapidaryclub.org

THE PREZ SEZ.....by Don Rittenberry

Here we are at the end of January and near the first of February and I've had one general meeting and one board meeting under my belt to start. Now the shows are coming upon us and the wheels are in motion. We have the volunteers in place for the Beaudry Show and the Hob Nob. We are still lacking volunteers for the Tucson Convention Center (TCC) show sponsored by The Tucson Gem and Mineral Society (TGMS). I'm asking for volunteers at this time and I'm **begging** since this is one of the most important shows of them all. This show fits the Club's needs and expectations more than all the rest. Don't get me wrong, they are all important but this is the most **noteworthy**. If you can volunteer, please call Maribeth Terri at 331-7066 or myself at 270-7832. I'm not above begging. I would also like to **THANK ALL VOLUNTEERS for their time and effort.**

The Board meeting went

well. New tools for the silversmithing room and a vibrating machine for the casting room were approved. Door prizes, classes, membership, the shows, and By-laws, among other things were discussed. **You, the members**, should also be in the loop and I will try to keep you there. Remember this is your Club and you elected the officers and Board members. We represent **you, the members**, and without **members and volunteers** there is no Club. If you have a comment about the Club, you can contact a member of the Board or me, whether it's in the negative or positive. My telephone number is 572-8674 and my email address is: oplc_president@yahoo.com.

I would like to thank everyone who came to last month's meeting. We had such a good turnout. I hope to see and meet more of you and also remember, I'm a monitor on Tuesday nights in the cabbings

room.

We also have the Pima County Fair coming up in April. The Club (**you**) also needs volunteers for that show. We will have sign up sheets in the Club house for that show at the next meeting which is in March. We will not have a meeting this February!!! It was decided at the meeting in January not to have one due the gem show activity going on in town at that time.

We had our first tailgate craft show in the parking lot after the last meeting. We might want to consider having future tailgate shows on a different day instead of monthly meeting days. I'm up for suggestions. I will also be bringing some exciting news about another tailgate craft show/club show at the March meeting.

I hope to see you then.



JANUARY BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES By Charlotte Rittenberry

Bill Carmody called the meeting to order at 9:00 am and a quorum was present. The minutes were approved as published in the newsletter. Bill went over the finances and thanked everyone who helped bring in money for the club and also thanked members for the

volunteer work they did. A copy of the financial report was placed on the back table for all to see. Bill thanked Art for the budget that he had left for Bill to work with for 2005. The budget for 2006 was set at \$14,145. Then Bill swore in the new officers for 2006: Don

Rittenberry, President, Charlotte Rittenberry, Secretary, Jim Farley, Vice President, and Donna Pugh will continue as Treasurer. The

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Board of Directors are: Jaime De Zubeldia and Tom Miller (two year terms), Paul Head, Merlyn Hiller, Rim Tallat-Kelpsa (one year terms), and Bill Carmody as Advisor.

The new President, Don Rittenberry thanked Bill for successfully leading the Club the past year.

Old Business:

The Beaudry Gem Show runs February 1 - 8. Tom Miller reported that 6 more volunteers were needed to man the OPLC booth at the show.

The TGMS show at the Tucson Convention Center runs February 9 - 12. Maribeth Terry is OPLC booth Chairperson for this event. More volunteers are needed. This is a very important show for the club. If you can volunteer, please contact Maribeth Terry or Don Rittenberry.

OPLC is sponsoring a pot luck dinner with the Tucson Gem and Mineral Society in March. Details are yet to be formed. Shelia Powell is Chairperson for this event.

Rim Tallat-Kelpsa is putting together 2 field trips. The first trip is to the Silverbell mine on Saturday, February 21, and the second one is on Friday, February 27, to the Ray Mine. Space is limited, so sign up early.

New Business:

A new member asked about taking a tax deduction on their personal tax returns for volunteering. The IRS will be contacted for guidelines on deductions.

Peggy Bauenfiend from the Pima County Fair Grounds offered OPLC the same deal as last year if the Club is interested. The dates for the Pima County Fair are April 20 - 30.

Anyone that has a piece of jewelry or other item they have made can be entered into the county fair. They should contact the county fair to get an application to enter their item(s) in the category that fits their item(s).

The Hob Nob is to be held February 4 at the Club from 6-9 PM. About 90 to 100 faceters will be here from all over the world. Art Kavan and Dieter Irmischer are the Co-chairs for this event. Sylvia is asking for volunteers to clean the club and she is supplying the cleaning supplies and the pizza for all the volunteers that will help do the cleaning. If you would like to volunteer please contact Art Kavan at 297-8798 or just show up on Tuesday, January 31, at 9:00 AM wearing work clothes.

Tumbled rocks are needed for all the shows and for Gretchen Arnaiz's school program. Gretchen gives tumbled rocks to students at the schools she visits. She has one bucket of tumbled rocks that she can donate to the shows and she is always looking for more. Members who have tumbled rocks to donate should see the Chairperson for the respective shows or Gretchen.

The mailing labels for the newsletters have additional information added. To assist members to help remind them when their dues are due, the month and year of membership

expiration is shown on the mailing label.

Jamie De Zubeldia talked about the next casting class he will be teaching. The class will begin Wednesday, February 15, and run for 7 weeks.

New members were recognized and welcomed to the club.

Shad returned his key to the President during the meeting.

Sylvia Czayo was recognized as a Life Time Member of the Club. Congratulations Sylvia.

Heather is starting a silversmithing class which has room for 5 to 6 people. The class will start after the gem show and will run for 6 weeks.

No meeting will be held in February so the next meeting will be held the 2nd Saturday in March.

A motion was made and approved to adjourn the meeting at 10:15 AM followed by the raffle.

The meeting concluded by listening to an interesting and informative presentation by Grady Cook, U.S. Forest Ranger that covered the rules and regulations for collecting on government lands.

The first tailgate sale was held in the parking lot after the presentation.

DONATIONS

You may contact one of the following individuals if you are interested in making a donation (rocks, equipment, etc.) to the Old Pueblo Lapidary Club.

Please call:

Art Kavan 297-8798, or
Bill Carmody 760-8598, or
Don Rittenberry 572-8674.

The work being done by Gretchen Arnaiz has resulted in a letter from one of “her” students. Thank you Gretchen for being the catalyst for generating interest in our Club.

In a message dated 1/20/2006 3:24:28 P.M. US Mountain Standard Time, mariah_estabrook@yahoo.com writes:

Hello this is Mariah, from Hohokam Middle School and I have a few questions about your club. You sent us a few of your rocks and I am wondering why you do this? What made you start sending rocks to schools? How did you start? When did you start? What motivated you to start this program? If you can send me an e-mail with these questions answered!!! Thank you.

And the President, OPLC responds:

Hello Mariah,

I received your e-mail that was forwarded through our newsletter publisher. I see you have a few questions for me. I'll try to answer all that I can. You must be around the age of 13 maybe 14 so you probably like or do wear jewelry. That is a part of what our club does. We take stones and enhance their beauty by incorporating them into jewelry pieces such as bracelets, pendants, rings, earrings, and other things. We send out rocks to different schools in the area to get students interested in the lapidary field so they might join the club with or without their parents. So they can learn how to do these skills. The Club has tools that we let members use at the Club workshop so they don't have to buy them. We offer classes to teach members of all ages how to do silversmithing, cabochons, casting, faceting and other things in the lapidary field. As for how long we have been doing this I'm not sure but we think it's a worth while project to teach kids, young and old, to be able to learn to do jewelry making and other things, as a hobby or for a business.

As for myself and my wife, we moved to the Tucson area in November 2003 with three dogs. We knew no one here and had no family here. We didn't know anything about the lapidary field until we moved here. We have been members since May of 2004.

I was just elected President this past December and took over my duties as of the 14th of this month. As President of the OPLC I am trying to get more people to join the Club so we can learn from each other and also teach new members the aspects of our field. My wife and I have met a lot of new friends and have had a lot of fun doing lapidary work at the Club and home. Also going out and finding different rocks with groups from the Club that we can use.

I hope I answered most of your questions that you asked and kind of gave you some insight of what we are about. If you have any other questions please free to contact me or anyone else at the Club. We also have a website if you are interested. It's at www.lapidaryclub.org . That also has our address and phone number on it with directions to the Club. We have meetings every second Saturday of the month at 9:00 AM which visitors are welcome.

Thank you for your interest.

Don Rittenberry
President,
Old Pueblo Lapidary Club

HELPFUL HINTS

How can you get rid of iron stains on your rocks? Try Super Iron Out. Members from various clubs have found that it removes stains from quartz, dolomite, fire agate, chalcedony roses, some amazonite, ceramics, cloth and carpet. It works better than bleach does on rust because bleach oxidizes iron which turns to rust. Super Iron Out de-oxidizes iron into a clear solution that easily rinses away and will not harm fabric as bleach does.

Source: Rocky Tales— September 2005

A good way to tell how solid a slab is: heat it in hot water (NOT in a microwave oven). The surface will dry immediately. If there are holes or fractures, everyone will be lined with water. These can then be marked with a pencil and used to orient your stone.

Source: St Croix Rockhounds Leaverite News—Oct 2005

To remove rust from household or collecting tools, make a paste using two tablespoons of salt and one tablespoon of lemon juice. Apply the paste to the rust with a dry cloth and rub.

From: Morton Salt 3/96 via Rolling Stones Gem & Mineral 12/03

To clean and shine most drusy specimens, use Easy Off oven cleaner (fume free is OK). Spray the specimen and then leave it overnight in a closed container or bag before rinsing. This even works on iron stained quartz crystals.

From: Rock Chips—January 2006

DONATION

OPLC member, Fern Upham, graciously donated several large boxes of lapidary, jewelry, and craft supplies consisting of beads, belt buckles, deer antlers, bolos, rock slabs, jewelry cases for rings & bracelets, ceramics and a rock identification apparatus. Thank you Fern for your generosity.

HOSPITAL NOTES

Ron Davidson had a successful knee operation on Thursday, January 5 at the Veterans Hospital and is now home.....and doing extremely well. Give him a call at 749-3157 to wish him well.

Bill Carmody also had one done and his was performed at TMC on Tuesday, January 17. He is also home doing extremely well. Please give him call at 760-8598 to also wish him well.

MAILING LABEL CHANGE - - REMINDER

Some of you may have noticed an addition to your mailing label. A fair number of members have inadvertently overlooked renewing their membership on a timely basis. It was decided that one way to help with this was to somehow remind members when the dues are due. A review of the financial records was made to try to determine when dues were last paid or when members had joined. Based on that review, a "tickler" (your membership expiration date) was placed on each mailing label. For some members financial "tracks" were not to be found. So, for those members a "Dues are Due" comment is shown on those mailing labels.

We apologize in advance for misreading dates or overlooking your information. We're not going to blame this one on computers this time. If you feel the information on your mailing label is incorrect, you may contact any of the following members:

Wayne Klement, Newsletter Editor	546-9404	email: wayneklem@aol.com
Donna Pugh, Treasurer	299-1535	email: najmah2adler@earthlink.net
Jim Griffin, Membership	578-3765	email: momg9231@aol.com

SOME RANDOM THOUGHTS

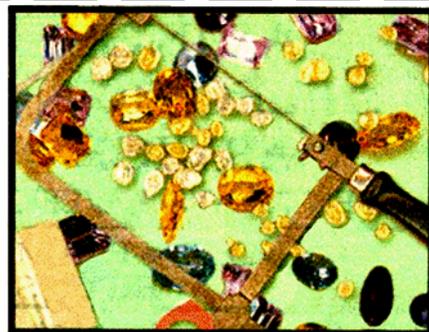
1. There's always a lot to be thankful for if you take time to look for it. For example, I am sitting here thinking how nice it is that wrinkles don't hurt.
2. If you can't be kind, at least have the decency to be vague.
3. A penny saved is a government oversight.
4. The older you get, the tougher it is to lose weight, because by then your body and your fat are really good friends.
5. The easiest way to find something lost around the house is to buy a replacement.
6. The sole purpose of a child's middle name is so he can tell when he's really in trouble.
7. How long a minute is depends on what side of the bathroom door you're on.
8. If ignorance is bliss, why aren't there more people happy?
9. If Wal-Mart is lowering prices every day, how come nothing is free yet?
10. I love cooking with wine, sometimes I even put it in the food.

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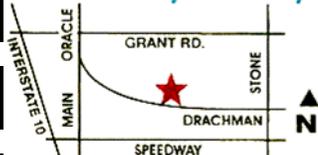
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FEBRUARY 2006:

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10-12--SANTA MONICA, CALIFORNIA: Gem show; Gem Faire Inc.; Santa Monica Civic Auditorium, 1855 Main St.; Fri. 12-7, Sat. 10-7, Sun. 10-5; weekend pass \$5; contact Yooy Nelson, (503) 252-8300; e-mail: info@gemfaire.com; Web site: www.gemfaire.com.

17-26--INDIO, CALIFORNIA: County Fair and National Date Festival; San Gorgonia Mineral & Gem Society; Gem & Mineral Bldg., Bldg. 1, 46-350 Arabia St.; 10-10 every day; adults \$7, seniors \$6, children \$5; contact Bert Grisham, (951) 849-1674.

19--GOLDFIELD, ARIZONA: 17th annual F&E Schrader Memorial Hunt; Superstition Mountain Treasure Hunters; call or e-mail for application; contact Superstition Mountain Treasure Hunters, (480) 983-3484; e-mail: smth03@hotmail.com.

24-26--MESA, ARIZONA: 56th annual show, "Art on the Rocks"; Maricopa Lapidary Society; Mesa Centennial Center, Centennial Hall, 201 N. Center St.; Fri. 10-5, Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4; Laurette Kennedy, (602) 738-2552; e-mail: Lkennedy11@aol.com.

24-26--SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA: Gem show; Gem Faire Inc.; Earl Warren Showgrounds/Exhibit Hall, 3400 Calle Real; Fri. 12-7, Sat. 10-7, Sun. 10-5; weekend pass \$5; contact Yooy Nelson, (503) 252-8300; e-mail: info@gemfaire.com; Web site: www.gemfaire.com.

25-26--ANTIOCH, CALIFORNIA: Annual show, "Treasures of the Earth 2006"; Antioch Lapidary Club; Contra Costa County Fairgrounds; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5; lapidary demonstrations, dealers, faceted stones, handmade jewelry, rocks, beads, supplies, opals, fossils, minerals; adults \$3, Scouts in uniform and kids 12 and under free; contact Ellen Bauer; (925) 458-2539; e-mail: ebauer_lapidary@yahoo.com.

25-26--BOISE, IDAHO: Annual show; Idaho Gem Club; Western Idaho Fairgrounds, Glenwood and Chinden; Sat. 10-7, Sun. 10-5; jewelry, gems, fossils, minerals; contact Charlie Smith (208) 628-4002.

25-26--PASADENA, TEXAS: Show; Clear Lake Gem & Mineral Society; Pasadena Convention Center, 7902 Fairmont Pkwy.; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; adults \$5, ages 12-18 \$1; minerals, fossils, gems and jewelry, about 30 dealers, children's activities, Scout badges; contact Al Pennington, (281) 481-1591; e-mail: gpenning@ghg.net; Web site: www.ghg.net/gpenning/annual.htm.

25-26--EVERETT, WASHINGTON: 53rd annual show; Everett Rock & Gem Club; Washington National Guard Armory, 2730 Oakes Ave.; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; contact John Peterson, P.O. Box 1615, Everett, WA 98206, (425) 402-9227.

WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

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Faceting Guild - Fee charged. Experienced facetors only.
Contact Paul Head 296-0331

Silversmith Lab - Fee charged.
Contact Lou Akerman 290-6968

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
and equipment available.

Monitor – Ron Davidson 749-3157
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Tuesdays 6 - 9 PM

Open Lapidary Lab - Fee charged. Beginners welcome.
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Contact Don Rittenberry 572-8674

Open Silversmith Lab - Class fee charged.
Contact Billy Bob Riley 408-3074

Wednesday 6 - 9PM

Beginning Casting - Class fee charged.
Contact Jamie De Zubeldia 616-9344

Thursdays 1 PM – 4 PM

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

Fridays 9 AM - Noon

Open Lab - Fee charged.
Contact Dan Harmsen 721-8452

Fridays 6 - 9 PM

Beginning Faceting - Class fee charged.
Contact **(Pending new monitor)**

Saturdays 10 - 3 PM

Open Shop - Fee charged.
Contact Ron Davidson 749-3157

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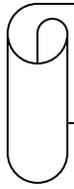
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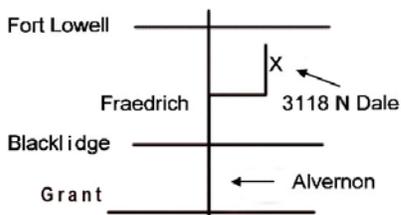
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Mail to: Membership Chairperson, Old Pueblo Lapidary Club, 3118 N. Dale, Tucson, AZ 85712



The Business Meetings are held on the 2nd 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.