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with the Gem and Mineral
Show.

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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 520-954-6298. Submission deadline is the 25th of each month. Thanks!

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Tucson Gem and Mineral Show! Well, that says it all.

It might say it all, but you don't think that is going to keep me from blathering on, do you? Actually, I have some relevant information for you. I went over to TGMS in the last week of January to sign the contract for our booth in this year's show at the Tucson Convention Center. It got my blood plumping with "show excitement". It also emphatically reminded me of TGMS' extreme generosity. I can't thank them enough for enabling our club to participate. I feel our demonstrations and information adds enrichment to the show – to use words from my corporate background: our Clubs' relationship is at least symbiotic and probably synergistic. Anyhow, we are lucky that we are part of the "Show" and again, TGMS, **THANK YOU.**

As our membership increases, I notice more people volunteering ideas and action. Our saw room is literally humming with activity. Thanks to Jim Baker, Jim Griffin, and Dave Arens. Speaking of Dave Arens – he is planning on starting a class in chain making after the show, and his visitor situation stabilizes. Ron Davidson is

planning on a class in silver smithing on Tuesday evenings. Interested? Watch for additional information regarding these classes and be ready to pounce.

Rob Driver's job forced him to give up his lapidary open lab. He was sure nice to have here and I hope his job lets him have more time at the Club in future. Thanks a heap for all your help, Rob!

Ron Davidson and I are co-chairing the TGMS show and soon will be contacting the volunteers running the Club's booth with last minute information. By the way, I think it is an excellent opportunity, for those of you who attend the show and who have not volunteered, to come by the booth and spend a little time with us to get a flavor of what the job is like and see if you might want to participate in the future. It's enjoyable to meet with people from all over the world who have many of the same interests we do. It is also fun to have other OPLC members drop by.

In preparation for the show, Dan Harmsen and Murray Hiller have been seen on numerous occasions sitting outside the shop soaking up sunshine cleaning and polishing

the tumbled rocks **to give to the kids who stop by and visit our Club booth.**

By the time you read this, the Hob Nob will have just completed (February 2nd). We will talk about how it went in the March meeting and put a recap in the next newsletter (March). The Hob Nob, run by Art Kavan, involves faceters literally from all over the world getting together in our club facilities to discuss faceting issues of interest (and eating pizza). A big thank you goes out to Sylvia Czayo and her henchmen for all their preparations getting ready for the event. Murray's efforts got the clubhouse floors cleaned and polished in time for the event and Sylvia bought the pizza for those supporting the rest of the clean up activities. (I am beginning to think that faceters are a pizza-crazed bunch.)

People make a difference. No matter how well systems and organizations are set up, some things can go wrong. It takes people caring and stepping in to fix them. For instance: I recently got a call from the Treasurer of the Rocky

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Federation of Mineralogical Societies asking if our club was planning on dropping out since we weren't paying our dues. Of course we aren't dropping out. Our affiliation with them, among other things, enables us to get liability insurance for our club at very reasonable rates. The snafu was that they mailed us bills which we awaited and for whatever reasons never got. By personally stepping-in, the Federation treasurer, Gene Maggard, surfaced the problem

and all is well. Actually better than well, he turns out to be a pretty nice guy and we are going to try to squeeze in a mini-rock hound trip and OPLC facilities orientation while he is visiting the gem show.

Before I shut up for this month, ladies and utility conservationists owe a big thank you to Murray Hiller who, under partial supervision from me (I watched), replaced the valves in the ladies toilet which were leaking (the water bill has jumped up recently) and temporarily fixed the sticking restroom door. Eventually the

door will have be taken down and planed. For now, the door should open more gracefully. Before, the door stuck to the point that it required increasing more and more pressure to open, which eventually it did violently, running the risk knocking someone down in the kitchen or, at the very least, giving the exiting lady a dramatic entrance into the kitchen area. Thanks, Murray.

See you around the Club, at the show, and at the March meeting.

Bill Carmody

A SPECIAL THANKS goes to Dorothy Head for donating a copy of the Quick Books software to load onto the new OPLC lap top computer enabling the new Treasurer easy access to working on the Club's books.

UP-COMING CASTING CLASSES/OPEN LABS

Chuck Lundstrom

February's casting class starts on Wednesday February 20th. Since there is no February club meeting, please call (or eMail) to add your name to the list. There were no names on the list as of the 14th of January.

April's casting class starts on Wednesday April 2nd. Please add your name to the sign up list during the March club meeting or call (or email) me.

There will be casting open labs on February 9th and March 1st. Show up at 8:00am with a model that is ready to go.

If you're interested in learning about casting but don't want to drive in the evenings or at night, call me and we can arrange a Saturday class that falls on the casting days for the February or April class.

I can be reached at: (520) 577-6446 evening and weekends; (520) 663-9661 weekdays; (520) 446-6728 Pager; or (520) 241-9262 Cell. Email me at: az-Lundstroms@comcast.net or cllundstrom@raytheon.com

DECEMBER BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

By Jenny Coniglio



The meeting began at 10:10AM with a quorum present (80 people!) following an outstanding overview in the art of silversmithing given by Abe Lackow. He finished to a standing ovation.

New Officers were sworn in.

Guests were introduced, and new members were acknowledged.

Out new President, Bill Carmody heartedly thanked the outgoing Officers for all their accomplishments.

The previous minutes were approved as presented in the Newsletter.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Harrison Yocum announced his new rockhounding class from Pima County Community College will begin January 26, 2008.

Chuck Lundstrom has a new casting class and holds open labs on Saturday after the general meetings.

Art Kavan announced that the annual OPLC Hob Nob that hosts faceters from all over the world will be held February 2, 2008. Over 100 people usually attend. Sylvia Czayo will provide pizza for all volunteers who help set up the Club for this important event. She would like four to five volunteers to assist in running the Hob Nob.

Art Kavan will be managing

the event. His experience in faceting includes winning to prizes in the US Masters faceting competition since 2000. He was part of the US team that just won the world faceting competition in Australia!

Dennis Demerly announced that his company, D. Demerly's Rocks and Art Works, is giving a 10% discount to club members for lab grown CZ from two US manufacturers who will not be at the Gem Show, but have given rough facet material to Demerly's company.

Many thanks were given to Abe Lackow for his great presentation on silversmithing before the start of the business meeting. Abe announced that he is interested in giving a one (long) day class on silversmithing that will consist of one - two hour segments of one-on-one tailored instruction taking into consideration the different levels of expertise. The Board of Directors will discuss the date, time and charge for this class.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

Bill Carmody noted that many projects have been completed in the past year (see the past newsletter). He presented a list of things for the Club to do this year. Some of them are: check the roof and repair as necessary, check on the viability of installing a new exhaust system in the silversmith room, install a larger fan in the faceting room, paint the shop floors, order more Club t-shirts,

and account for all the keys by keeping a record of who has them on loan – maybe get a sectioned box to keep the un-loaned keys. (Need a key: see new Secretary, Jenny Coniglio at 546-3684). The possibility of installing a wall mounted, space heater for the kitchen area for when small groups are meeting in there should be reviewed. That would save the need to heat the entire Club when just the one area is needed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Several upcoming shows need volunteers: Tucson Gem and Mineral Society Gem show at the TCC February 14-17, Hob Nob at our Club February 2, and the Pima County Fair booth in April. Our participation at these events is a great way to attract new members and to educate the public about lapidary issues. Bill Carmody and Ron Davidson are Co-Chairmen for the TCC booth. See either of them if you can help or have questions. Tom Miller will be Chairman for the Pima Fair and also needs volunteers. Volunteers at TCC and the Fair often demonstrate techniques of faceting or capping while they interface with the show-attendees.

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Billy Bob Riley is living back east, in a house he had helped to build, with a fellow he used to baby-sit! He is very happy there and has been fabricating (and modifying the design) a bait bucket his friend designed and patented. He hopes to return for

the Gem Show.

Thanks goes to Wayne Klement for his great creativity and arduous work in turning the newsletter into a superior product. Additional, of note, the production to the Newsletter is almost paid for by the advertisements.

Chuck Peters was the only

entry in the bolo contest. You might say it was a solo bolo contest. If you have seen Chuck's work, you would think that it would have won anyway in spite of the number of other entries. Chuck is the monitor of the cab open lab Mondays 9AM – Noon

The meeting was adjourned for the raffle.

In view of the ongoing talk about the price of gasoline and crude oil prices, don't you often wonder what the volume was for a barrel of oil.....?

Crude Oil and the 42-Gallon Barrel - The 42-gallon standard unit for crude oil may have had its beginning during the rein of King Richard III of England (late 1400s). For it was King Richard III who declared a standard for a wine cask to be 84 gallons and a tierce (wood barrel) as holding half that volume or 42 gallons. By the early 1700s, a colonial Pennsylvania statute made the 42-gallon watertight wooden tierce a standard container for shipping commodities such as fish, molasses, soap, butter, wine and whale oil. (Whale oil was used as an illuminating oil in lamps prior to the availability of oils refined from petroleum).

In 1859, "Colonel" Edwin

Drake's oil discovery near Titusville, Pennsylvania led to the world's first oil boom. With the boom came a sudden demand for wooden barrels. Thousands of empty barrels once used for shipping everything from anchovies to whiskey were gathered up for shipping crude oil. When filled with petroleum, a 42-gallon barrel weighed slightly more than 300 pounds, the practical limit to what a man of average build could handle. Twenty barrels of this size would fit on a standard railroad flatcar (of the 1860s) while eight barrels would fit in an average horse-drawn wagon. Larger barrels were found to be unmanageable while smaller barrels were less profitable.

In the early 1860s, the most common oil barrel held 42 gallons. By 1866, the abundance of the tierce-sized barrels led to the establishment

of the 42-gallon barrel as an unofficial standard for the early oil industry. In 1872, the Petroleum Producers Association adopted this standard unit of volume. By 1882, the United States Geological Survey and U. S. Bureau of Mines also announced this standard. As the petroleum industry developed around the world, the 42-gallon barrel became the accepted unit of trade. Oil is no longer shipped in wooden barrels. However, the standard unit-volume of crude oil is still referred to as a "barrel", consisting of 42 gallons. (Note: The term "barrel" is a standard unit of measure whereas the term "drum", as in an oil drum, is a steel container with a common capacity of 55 gallons.)

Source of Data: Wells, Kris, The Petroleum Age, Vol. 3, No. 4, a quarterly newsletter published by American Oil & Gas Historical Society, Washington, D. C.,

January Speaker



Abe Lackow gave a very interesting talk on the fine art of silversmithing. He willingly shared many insights that contribute to his excellent work.

FIRST MEETING OF THE YEAR



It was almost standing room only for the January meeting. It was great to see so many people at the meeting.

GETTING READY FOR THE GEM SHOW



Dan Harmson, Bill Carmody & Murray Hiller polishing tumbled rocks which will be given out to the kids that attend the gem show and County Fair.

Start 'em early



Hannah Rouse demonstrating a woman's natural curiosity wondering what's behind the closed cabinet doors in the kitchen. And rather nattily dressed too!

ROCK TRIP TO MISSION MINE

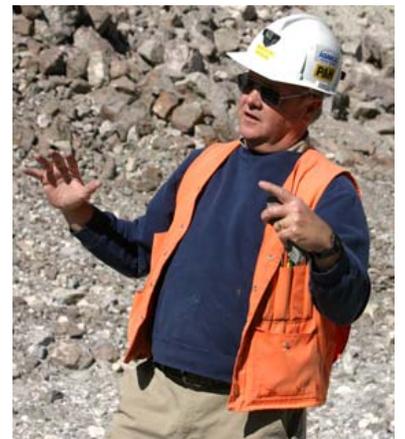


Rim Tallet-Kelpsa organized a great trip to the Mission Mine. Everyone found some great Chalcopyrite, Bornite, and Chrysocolla to take home.

(Left) The first stop was an overview and (Right) our host Bruce Veek explained the history and daily workings of the mine.

No one went home disappointed that day.

Thanks Rim, for organizing a great trip!



2008 Hob Nob - Another Outstanding Annual Meeting



Art, accepting a plaque commemorating his contribution as past President of the Facetor's Guild. The award is hard to see because it's made from acrylic.



Art, talking to two of the participants in this year's event.

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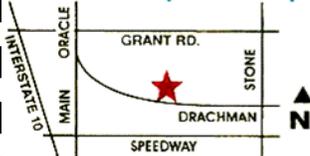
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DON'T FORGET

Please 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 !!

MEMBERSHIP NOTE

Due to the significant increase in the price of name badges, it has become necessary to charge \$3.00 for members that need a replacement badge.



ADVANCED FACETOR'S CORNER

The January question of the month was: A gem having high dispersion shows much 'fire'?

The answer True

MARCH QUESTION OF THE MONTH: Diamond, zircon, and quartz have high refractive index. True or False? Come to the March meeting to hear the answer.



MONTHLY JEWELRY CONTESTS

In order for members to better plan for future monthly contests, here is the schedule for each category by month:

January - Bolo Tie	May - Brooch	August - Faceted Stone	November - Bracelet
March - Belt Buckle	June - Cabochon	September - Chain	
April - Necklace	July - Charm	October - Pendent	

The winner of the Bolo Tie contest in January was Chuck Peters. Congratulations Chuck.

2008 TUCSON GEM & MINERAL SHOW™

Seminar Schedule

CB: Crystal Ballroom **TB:** Turquoise Ballroom

Thursday, February 14th

- 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm **(TB)** Mineral Photography Seminar
Jeff Scovil
- 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm **(CB)** Society of Mineral Museum
Professionals Board Meeting
- 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm **(CB)** Society of Mineral Museum
Professionals Membership Meeting
- 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm **(CB)** Society of Mineral Museum
Professionals Program
- 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm **(TB)** “Emerald Crystal Pockets of the
Hiddenite District, Alexander County,
North Carolina” - Ed Speer, Geologist

Friday, February 15th

- 9:30 am - 6:00 pm **(TB)** Arthur Roe Memorial
Micromount Symposium
- 9:30 am - 10:00 am **(TB)** Welcome and Scope Setup
- 10:00 am - 11:30 am **(TB)**
- First Session Symposium Talks:**
- "Microminerals of Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont"
Van King
- "Collecting in the Vicinity of Diamond Lake, Oregon"
Doug Merson
- 11:30 am - 12:30 pm **(TB)** Break and Socializing
- 12:30 pm - 2:00 pm **(TB)**
- Second Session Symposium Talks:**
- "RRUFF Project" - - Dr. Bob Downes
- "Mineralogy of the Indian Mountain, Cherokee County,
Alabama Iron Mining District" - - Dr. Henry Barwood
- 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm **(TB)** “Freebie” Tables, Socializing,
Specimen Trading Session
- 2:00 pm -3:00 pm **(CB)** “Michigan’s Copper Country”
Marc Wilson
- 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm **(CB)** Geo-Literary Society
“George Frederick Kunz’s Contributions to the Gem and Mineral
Literature of the U.S.”

Saturday, February 16th

- 10:00 am – 1:00 pm **(CB)** 29th Annual FM-TGMS-MSA
Mineralogical Symposium

“Minerals of the USA”

- 10:00 a.m. Introductory Remarks Symposium Co-Chairs
Julian C. Gray and Robert B. Cook
- 10:05 a.m. “Arkansas Quartz Crystals - The Leitmotif of
Quartz Morphology For Collectors” - Si Frazier
- 10:25 a.m. “Crater of Diamonds State Park, Arkansas –
an Overlooked Treasure” - J. Michael Howard
- 10:45 a.m. “Elmwood Zinc Mine, Carthage Tennessee”
Steve Neely
- 11:05 a.m. “Vibrant Orange Orpiment Crystals from the
Twin Creeks Mine, Humboldt County, Nevada”
Scott Kleine
- 11:25 a.m. “Bisbee, Arizona: The “Classic” American
mineral locality” - Richard W. Graeme
- 11:45 a.m. “The Mammoth-St. Anthony Mine, Tiger,
Arizona” - - Les Presmyk
- 12:05 p.m. Lunch
- 1:05 p.m. “The Gem and Rare Element Pegmatites of
Southern California” - - Jesse Fisher
- 1:25 p.m. “The Benitoite Gem Mine: Past, Present and
Future” - - Richard Kennedy
- 1:45 p.m. “Iridescent and other Fluorites from the Findlay
Arch, Ohio” - - John Medici and John Rakovan
- 2:05 p.m. “Minerals and History of the Red Cloud mine,
Arizona” - - Garth Bricker
- 2:25 p.m. “Amethyst Scepters, Ashaway Village,
Hopkinton, Rhode Island” - - John Rakovan
and Sal Avella
- 2:45 p.m. “The Mount Antero Mineral Locality, Chaffee
County, Colorado: A collecting History” - -
Mark I. Jacobson
- 3:05 p.m. “Emerald Crystal Pockets of the Hiddenite
District, Alexander County, North Carolina” - -
Ed Speer
- 3:25 p.m. “Mineralogy of the Gem-Bearing Alpine-Type
Quartz Veins from Hiddenite, North Carolina.” -
Michael A. Wise
- 3:45 p.m. “What is the “most important” mineral locality in
the U.S.?” - - Peter J. Modreski
- 11:00 am - 12 noon **(TB)** “Franklin, Sterling Hill, New Jersey,
Past, Present and Future” - - Dick Hauck
- 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm **(TB)** “A Historic Perspective of Bisbee and
It’s Minerals” - - Richard W. Graeme
- 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm **(TB)** “Patuxent River Agate, America’s
Newest State Gemstone” -
Courtland Lee

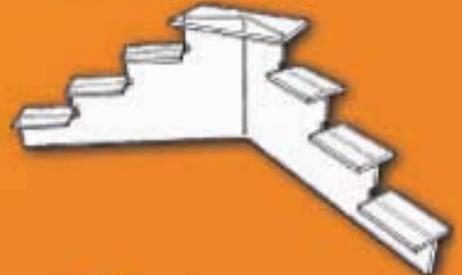
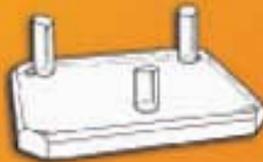
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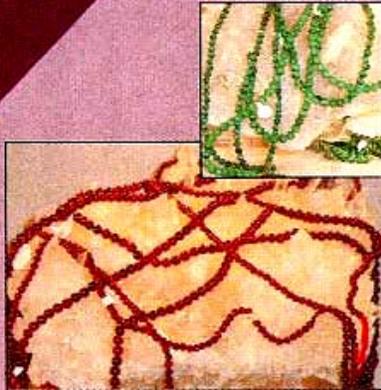
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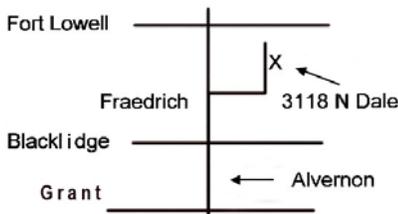
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City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Type of membership:	<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>4th Quarter</u>
Single Member	\$20.00	\$15.00	\$11.00	\$9.00
Couple (same address)	\$30.00	\$20.00	\$15.00	\$10.00
Junior	\$7.50	\$7.50	\$7.50	\$7.50

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. 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.