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Please join us on July 9th
for the next meeting and
on July 16th for the joint
OPLC/TGMS potluck.



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 248-969-8556. Submission deadline is the 25th of each month. Thanks!

See us online at: www.lapidaryclub.org

THE PREZ SEZ.....by Bill Carmody



Time is flying. As I get older, it seems to go faster and faster. As I write this, it is the end of June already and the monsoon is rapidly approaching. We have to exercise caution as we rock hound in washes and other areas of runoff so we don't get into problems with flooding. The desert has been green and beautiful so far this year. The prickly-pear cacti fruits are ripening and some of my friends will be making jelly. I may try it this year since I have never done it. Anyone have a good recipe for prickly-pear jelly?

We have just added the Newsletter, "Cutting Remarks", to our Club Website. Logon to our website at www.lapidaryclub.org. Rob Kulakofsky created a new link in the navigation bar on the top of our website that reads "newsletter". Click it; your browser will go to a new page listing our newsletters. Click on the month you want and our newsletter for that month can be read online with Adobe Acrobat. Rob has been the mastermind for the Club's website using his funds to procure it and has been keeping it updated with Bob Keller's help. The addition of the Newsletter really enhances the utility of our site. A big thanks to Rob, Bob, and Wayne for this accomplishment.

The Board of Directors along with the instructors are in the process of developing syllabi for the courses that our club offers. Once we have

finished this, Bob Keller will place these on our website. It just keeps getting better.

After a fairly long hiatus, we have a casting course up and running. Jaime De Zubeldia and Bob Keller did a massive amount of work getting the spaces in shape and getting the equipment and materials needed in order to launch the first class in June.

We all need to spend a few minutes thinking about the history of the OPLC and come up with input and ideas to support Sylvia Czayo in her role as Club historian. This is an important function. This function has not had the attention it deserves in the past and any written history I have been able to find has been very scant. We all need to pitch in here.

I was reviewing some of our records in the safe last week. I noticed that the last inventory of OPLC assets was done in 1994. I think that the OPLC Club membership should have an updated inventory so we know what the club assets on hand are and for insurance purposes. A committee, which includes Phil Babcock, Shad Blair, Paul Head, Ron Davidson, Billy Bob, Murray Hiller, and me, will begin the inventory June 25, at 9:00 AM. Anyone else who would like to participate in the inventory, please contact me.

Also while reviewing the safe items, I came across the

Club's Articles of Incorporation issued by the State of Arizona in 1970. I found it interesting to read the statement concerning the general purposes and objectives for which this corporation was formed: "To increase and disseminate knowledge of the lapidary arts and skills; to foster study and increase knowledge in related areas, such as mineralogy, earth sciences, metallurgy, creative design, base and precious metal working, enameling and engraving; to conduct, for these purposes, meetings, lectures, seminars, displays, competitions, field trips, public shows and educational programs; to participate, affiliate or join with other similar organizations, individuals, municipal, state or national subdivisions or organizations in any activities designed to foster the aforesaid purposes and objects." It reads a little like legal-ese, but it is explicit in spelling out our mission.

This is a good point at which to extend this reminder: **The Club's shop and lab facilities are not to be used for manufacturing of materials for commercial purposes.**

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PREZ SEZ REMARKS.....
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Our purposes are intellectual, not commercial. I hope I don't scare off Carl Bowlby when I use the word "intellectual".

We decided at the June 21st Board of Directors meeting to invite TGMS members to visit our club to see our facilities and capabilities. I agreed to make up a mini syllabus to hand out at the July 16th joint potluck to go along with the invitation to visit our club.

The Board reviewed and approved the Monitor Guidelines For Open Shops and Lapidary Labs during the June 21st meeting. These guidelines, in this Newsletter, will be given to each of the monitors, and will be posted in both buildings. This is a living document and will be changed as necessary. Please feel free to make suggestions on its improvement.

Paul Head surfaced the need to replace some of the faceting laps and upgrade three of our Facetrans with dial indicators. The total amount for

the equipment replacement and upgrades is estimated to be around \$1,000.00. Since we set aside \$375.00 in our estimated annual budget for faceting equipment maintenance, we will purchase only the faceting laps at this time. Paul will address the membership at the next business meeting seeking approval for spending the funds to upgrade the Facetrans machines.

Rim Tallat-Kelpsa has retired from his monitor position to join the ranks of the punch card users. Rim has worked hard to make this a better club and that work is greatly appreciated. So, here is a big thank you, Rim. Rim has served the club well and he continues to volunteer his services in other areas. He said tentative plans to go to the Silverbell mine in October are being firmed up. The mine representatives have limited the excursion to 15 people and 3 vehicles. We have SUVs with drivers lined up. Rim will have a firm date later.

Showing initiative is a good thing and has always been a

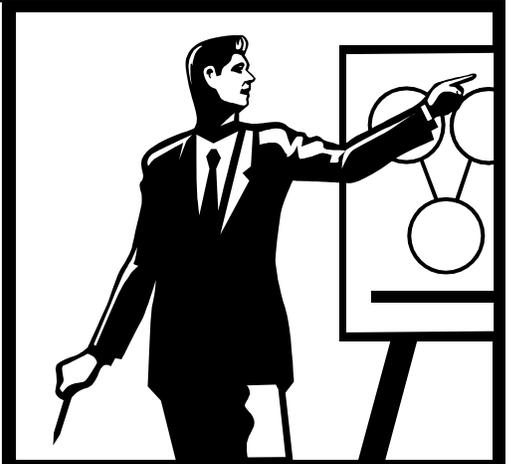
way to accomplish things expeditiously. However, we need to communicate better with one another when we do this. For instance, if we move or remove a piece of equipment, the rest of the club should be notified. I stress that we need to communicate better with each other. Not telling other members what is going on often causes confusion or, sometimes, mistrust.

Phil Babcock is checking on the price of a screen door for the kitchen and will present his findings at the July business meeting for a vote.

We now have 25 OPLC questionnaires returned to us (about 10%). We have gotten good input from those who have responded. Thank you. For those who haven't responded yet, there are blank questionnaires on the table in the back of the meeting room. Also, be watching the ads for sales on pork chops and be watching for me to darken your doorway at some supertime when I come to ask you the questionnaire questions personally.

JULY PRESENTER

Shad Blair, a long time member of OPLC, present member of the Board of Directors, and charter member of the facet club, will present and discuss some of his multitude of crafts, cut stones, fabricating and conversational art after the general meeting.



JUNE BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES By.... Ursula Wil-

Vice President Phil Babcock called the June meeting to order at 9:05am. A quorum was present. President Bill Carmody was unable to be with us. He is steadily recuperating from his surgery and plans to be at the July 9 business meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Once again, Bill would like to thank all the members for their time and the effort they have put into their volunteer work. It has dramatically increased and is greatly appreciated. Special thanks go out to:

- Sheila Powell for organizing our potlucks and clearing our outside area of the unsightly weeds.
- Bill Glover for his faithful cleaning of the club house. We appreciate his dedication to the job.
- Jaime De Zubeldia for cleaning and organizing the casting room. Everyone should go and take a look. It is all set for classes beginning June 29.
- Danny Harmsen for volunteering to monitor the cabbng room starting July 15.
- Dave Arens for offering a chain making class. The sign up sheet is on the bulletin board.
- Paul Head & Ron Davidson for fixing the leaks and hole in the ceiling of the faceting room.
- Wayne Klement for

continuing his work with the newsletter through the summer even though he is now in Michigan.

We have a wonderful group of people that are making our club a great organization.

NEW BUSINESS

Shad Blair would like to see more of our members share their work. We could have "Show and Tell" programs after the meeting. He has volunteered to present the first program.

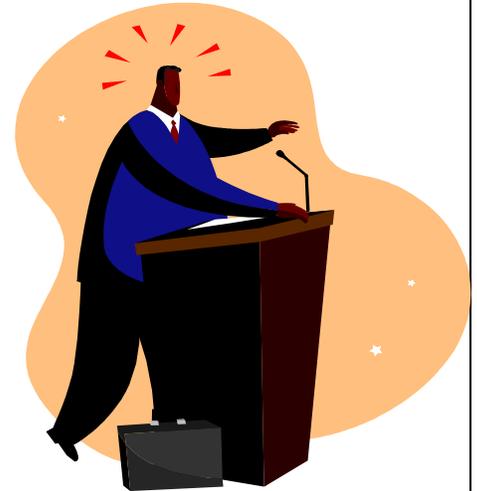
Bill Hodgson, President of the TGMS, joined us extending a personal invitation to the joint potluck at the TGMS building on July 16. Please RSVP to Ursula Wilson, 733-1654.

Gretchen Arnaiz needs more rocks for her school children. Please help.

We express our condolences to Harrison Yocum on the loss of his sister and Larry Cox on the loss of his mother. Our deepest sympathy to you both.

The Boy Scouts are coming! We will be looking for members to develop a plan on when and what we want to show them. We would need volunteers for cabbng and faceting demos and to conduct a tour. Possibly a little hands-on cabbng -- depending on their numbers and time. Our liability insurance covers this type of activity.

Donna Pugh would like us to check the membership roster to make sure all the information is correct. She brought us free contact lenses cases for anyone



who can use them. She gave us information on the Huachuca Rock Show to be held on October 15, from 9:00-6:00, October 16, from 9:00-4:00. It is a good show so put it on your calendar.

Thank you, Sylvia Czayo, for accepting the job as our club historian. She will appreciate all the help we can give her. Shad Blair was the first to volunteer to help. She would like to put a booklet together for the club's 50th anniversary. If you have any photos or information please get in contact with Sylvia.

Beverly Griffin expressed a need for a screen door in the kitchen. It was a general consensus of the members that it was very necessary.

Bob Keller volunteered to put the club syllabus on the OPLC website.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40.

The raffle was held after the meeting followed by the potluck.

GUIDELINES FOR THE OPLC MONITORS PRESENTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MONITOR GUIDELINES For Open Shop and Lapidary Labs

Responsibilities:

- All new members get three hours of free shop usage time when they join OPLC. During this initial period the monitor shall determine if the new member has the knowledge and experience to use the equipment during the times of open shop or be directed to enroll in an appropriate cabochon or silver smith class.
- There are sign-in sheets and punch card passes that are to be utilized by members when using the Club's resources. The monitors are to ensure that these are being used by each member and supervise the members to ensure the proper use of tools and equipment.
- The monitors are responsible for instructing and enforcing lab and equipment safety. Safety eyewear is recommended while using the equipment.
- The monitors are to ensure that all equipment is properly cleaned by user at the end of each session. The cleaning includes the walls behind the equipment as well. If the user escapes without properly cleaning the equipment he or she used, it then becomes the monitor's responsibility to do so.
- Monitors who experience members that continually do not comply with or disregard the rules and policies of the Club are to be brought to the attention of the Board of Directors. (This includes ensuring the OPLC facilities are not used for commercial manufacturing purposes.) Equipment misuse and abuse significantly drives up the Club's maintenance costs.
- At the end of each session, the monitor shall turn off all appliances, lights, heat, A/C, water, gas, or machines as appropriate, and lock all rooms, buildings, and gates.
- Monitors shall occupy the room they are monitoring
- Monitors shall not use or remove equipment from other rooms that are not under their jurisdiction.
- Monitors shall have access keys to access the Club and the room(s) they monitor.
- Monitors shall collect individual punch passes at the beginning of the lab or shop session and ensure the member fills out the sign-in sheet at that time. At the end of the user's session, the monitor shall punch the time used on the card and return it to the user when he completes signing out.

Desired Background For Monitors

- The candidate for monitor should have taken at least two classes in the in the area they wish to monitor.
- If a candidate has not taken classes at OPLC, they need to demonstrate their expertise and capabilities to the appropriate subject instructor or the supervisor of shops.

Privileges:

- During the open lab or open shop activity, the monitor may use the equipment for working on his own materials. However, the monitor must ensure that the paying card member knows that he or she has priority in using the equipment and facilities and should feel free to bump the monitor off equipment when they need to use it.

REQUESTED BY POPULAR DEMAND.....

These are recipes for a couple of dishes that were brought to last month's potluck that apparently were very tasty. So here they are courtesy of the chefs that presented them.....

Cheese Potato Dish by Carol Clinkingbeard

2 bags O'Brian potatoes (frozen)
1 can cream soup (any kind) she used cream of mushroom
1 (8 oz) package cream cheese
16 ounces cheese (Colby Jack)
1 package cubed ham (1 lb)

Pre heat oven 350 degrees. Mix soup, cream cheese, cheese and ham. Stir in potatoes.
Bake 1 hour. Stir as needed, every 20 minutes or so.

Eggs Portugal by Sheila Powell

1 cup or 1/2 pound sausage
1 clove garlic (grated)
1 teaspoon ground oregano
Cook first 3 ingredients together until done

1 cup hash browns (diced or grated potatoes)
1/4 cup diced onion
Brown in pan used to cook sausage

1/3 pound. Cheddar cheese (grated)
6 to 9 eggs
1 teaspoon dry mustard
Mix eggs with 2/3 cup of milk and mustard

1 can cream of mushroom soup
1/3 cup milk
Mix cream of mushroom soup & 1/3 cup milk together

Put Hash browns in 2 quart sauce dish, sprinkle with 3/4 grated cheddar cheese, add sausage to sauce dish, add egg mixture, add cream of mushroom soup, sprinkle with rest of grated Cheddar. Bake 1 hour at 375 degrees.

ANNOUNCEMENT!

SATURDAY, JULY 16, 2005

TGMS/OPLC JOINT POTLUCK!

"ITALIAN NIGHT!"

Hosted by: Carol Johnston & Ursula Wilson

TIME: Social hour 5:00 p.m., dinner 6:00 p.m.

PLACE: 3727 E. Blacklidge



TGMS will be providing the "PIZZA", lemonade, coffee and iced tea. If you enjoy a glass of "Vino" with your pizza, feel free to BYOB.

Please bring a salad or dessert to be enjoyed by everyone!

RSVP to:

Bill Hodgson: 520-575-0731, email: wrh@dakotacom.net

OR

Ursula Wilson: 520-733-1654, email: jbwuew@aol.com

(This will help to make sure that enough pizza will be provided!)



WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

Mondays 1-4 PM

Faceting Guild - Fee charged - experienced faceters only
Contact Paul Head 296-0331

Beginning Cabbing - Fee charged
Contact Billy Bob Riley 408-3074

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 8 AM Work Groups

Tuesdays 9 AM – Noon

Open Shop. Fee charged, Beginners welcome. Tools and equipment available.

Monitor – Ron Davidson 749-3157

Rock Sawing – Dave Arens 749-2113

Tuesdays 6-9 PM

Open Lapidary Lab - Fee Charged. Beginners welcome. Tools/equipment available.

Contact **(Pending new monitor)**

Open Silversmith Lab - Fee charged

Contact Bob Keller 808-6546

Thursdays 1 PM – 4 PM

Beginning Cabbing - Fee charged
Contact Billy Bob Riley 408-3074

Fridays 6-9 PM

Beginning Faceting - Fee charged
Contact **(Pending new monitor)**

Saturdays 10-3 PM

Open Shop - Fee charged
Contact Ron Davidson 749-3157

WELCOME - NEW MEMBERS

Jerry Burkey Christine Meissner

G. Scott Carle Drew Meissner

Nancy Hazelton Jo Ann Sam

COMMITTEES

BUILDINGS, GROUNDS & EQUIPMENT

Ron Davidson 749-3157

CLASSES & PROGRAMS

Phil Babcock 498-5058

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Sylvia Czayo

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Rim Tallat-Kelpsa 760-8704

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JUNIOR EDUCATION

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KITCHEN

General Membership

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Cathy Van Atta 256-6869

MEMBERSHIP

Jim Griffin 578-3765

SECURITY

Marion Russell 622-5506

SILENT AUCTIONS

Jim Griffin 578-3765

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Jul 1-3 - FLAGSTAFF, ARIZONA:** 19th annual show; Flagstaff Gem & Mineral Society; Little America Hotel, Butler Ave. and I-40
- **Jul 1-3 - PASADENA, CALIFORNIA:** International Gem & Jewelry Show Inc.; The Pasadena Center, 300 E. Green St
- **Jul 8-10 - DURANGO, COLORADO:** 51st annual show; 4 Corners Gem & Mineral Club; La Plata County Fairgrounds, 2500 Main Ave
- **Jul 16-17 - MOOSE LAKE, MINNESOTA:** 36th annual show, "Agate Days" Carlton County Gem & Mineral Club; Moose Lake High School gym
- **Jul 27-31 - FRANKLIN, NORTH CAROLINA:** 40th annual show, "Macon County Gemboree" Gem & Mineral Society of Franklin, Franklin Chamber of Commerce; Macon County Community Building



REMINDER #1

The club will be opened at 8:00 AM for socializing before the general business meeting.



REMINDER #2

Begin planning now. The next Silent Auction will be held November 5. See Jim Griffin, Chairperson, for details (or call 578-3765).

- A fanatic is one who can't change his mind and won't change the subject.
- There are a terrible lot of lies going around the world, and the worst of it is half of them are true.

Sir Winston Churchill
British politician (1874 - 1965)

++ CLEARANCE- - - STILL! ++
ROCKS & MORE FOR SALE
Ron Davidson - 9219 E. Kayenta
749-3157

Agates, Petrified Wood, Picture Jasper, Thunder Eggs, Obsidian, Geodes, Slabs, and more. Call to arrange for appointment to preview items desired.

Help Wanted

Member responses to the questionnaire revealed that more open lab times and classes are needed. For this to happen, **MORE VOLUNTEERS** are required to staff instructor and monitor positions. Please contact Phil Babcock at 498-5058 if you would be interested in volunteering Please!!

ADVERTISERS WANTED

Open to members who want to place a one-time or continuous ad. The fee is \$3.00 for 1/8 page. Best Deals in town. Contact Bob Keim 690-1830 or Rosie Paige 745-6603

DONATIONS

Please contact one of the following individuals if you are interested in donating materials (rocks, equipment, etc.) to the Old Pueblo Lapidary Club: Art Kavan 297-8798 or Bill Carmody 760-8598



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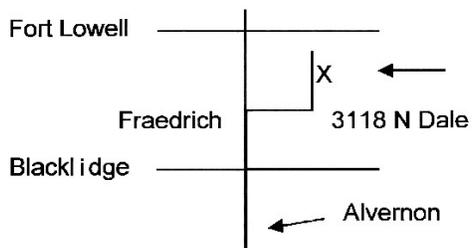
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Summer Dates: From _____ To _____

Type of membership: New single member \$20.00____, New Couple (same address) \$30.00 ____, New Junior \$7.50____

Yearly Renewal: Single \$15.00____, Couple \$20.00 ____, Junior \$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 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.