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Please join us **July 14th** at **9AM** for the monthly meeting. There is an optional social hour that begins at **8AM**. 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!



07/04/18

June surprised me this year and gave us a little cooling down moisture before the start of the monsoons season. Our business board meeting for June was held on Friday, June 1st, 2018. Our next business board meeting will be held on Friday, July 13th in the main building at the club at 10 AM. Members are always encouraged to attend and participate in the clubs future.

My thanks go out to the folks that have donated material to the club over the last year to help out our silent auction fund raising activities.

John Poole has replaced the silver shear-cutting tool in the silver room with a new unit from Kevin Potter here in town. It works like a charm and hopefully you'll get a chance to check it out.

The club is still looking for someone to take over as president of the club in 2019. If anyone is interested in helping to shape the future of the club, please contact David Schulte

or any of the other board members. Your current board is also looking for folks that would like to run for the board and we are trying to get nominee's in work this month rather than waiting until November again. Twink Monrad will be heading up the nominee board effort for us again this year. If you are interested in taking a more active role in running the club, please see David Schulte or any of the current board members.

Our speaker this month, on July 14th, will be Patti Polk who will be talking about "Agates of the Southwest".

There are still a few hold out members that have not signed the clubs liability disclaimer form and must do so before they will be allowed to use the equipment at the club. If you have any questions about this, please see Wayne Klement.

David

Front Cover Pictures: Top-quality red **Corundum** rough known as "**Ruby**" is July's birthstone. **Coral** is an organic "gemstone", unusual in the gem world. These cabochons are natural.

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

06/09/18 OPLC Club Meeting Minutes

David Schulte thanked James Turner for his presentation "Turquoise Mining Around the World and in Arizona"; and thanks to David Schulte for supplying the food.

Motion was approved for last month's club meeting minutes.

New members were introduced

David thanked all the volunteers and monitors that help keep our club running! A special thanks to Don for continuing to clean out our swamp drainage each month. Another thanks to Pete and his helpers for emptying out the junior's cabinet to make room for all the donations and equipment for the club's junior's work and building a new cabinet to house the saw room equipment in the hallway.

Bob Powell gave the treasurer's report.

Wayne Klement reported that there are 416 current members with 16 of those who still haven't signed the liability waiver.

Helen Serras-Herman reported that we have guest speakers for all months except November but working on acquiring a speaker.

Victoria Fila reported working on arranging trips. The peridot and Snowflake trips will be two of the trips to be scheduled. David mentioned that we still looking for anyone that would like to lead a trip or has any new places for the club members to enjoy.

David thanked Dave Richardson for taking over the silent action next years. Also mentioned that A few members have volunteer to help out with this years' silent action

Bill Cascio informed that the club library has many books on turquoise. Reminded that we now have book drop off boxes in the shop.

T-shirt and hat status - Victoria Fila. Asked members if they are planning to buy shirts if they can do so at the beginning of the meeting.

Our website manager has all the comments for suggested changes from the board and is in the process of incorporating the updates. This should be complete in the next week or so.

The 220 VAC drop will go in this week. If anyone is interested in the gas water heater we currently have, the unit is up for sale.

Reminder to donate cans to the club and crush them if possible as we get more money for the crushed can's (\$0.10 more per pound) then uncrushed.

A call for volunteers to monitors for all the labs, we have enough alternate we need members to sign up for three-hour time frame. We added for cab lab Friday 1:00pm - 4:00pm. David reminded everyone that this was your club and we are only as strong as the folks that volunteer to make the club work!

The current lab times are posted on the bulletin board that Bill Cascio graciously installed in the training building for us.

David mention that we lost a member. Terry Cox passed away April 9th.

Raffle ticket sales are approximately \$140.00

Meeting adjourned at 10:50 am.

2018-2019 OPLC Speakers

Larry Fellows, Geologic Features in Southern Arizona
(August 11, 2018)

Scott Sucher, Faceting- Considerations for Cutting Sensitive Materials (September 8, 2018)

Nick Sacketti, "Fluorescent Minerals" (October 13, 2018)

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

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

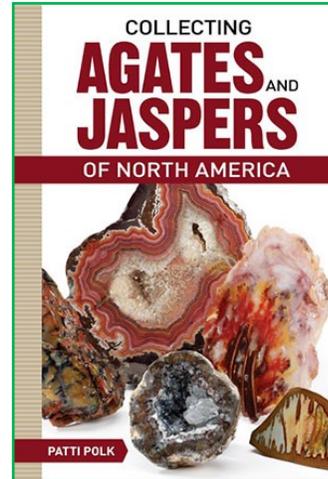
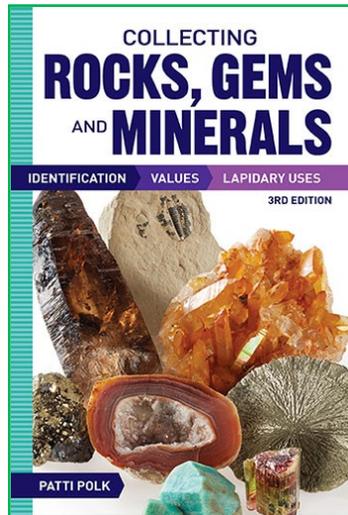
Looking forward to seeing you all soon,

Helen Serras-Herman, OPLC Program chair

*In iron we possess a substance from which
Can be made the heavy, thick ribs
Of the vessel of war, the slender blade
Of the surgeon's knife, or the exquisitely
Artistic leaf work of the chancel screen...*

**Paul Hasluck,
Metalworking, 1907**

July 14, 2018 OPLC speaker: Patti Polk Agates & Jaspers of the Southwest



We are very fortunate to have Patti Polk- rockhound, lapidary, jewelry artist and author, to give us a great presentation “Agates & Jaspers of the Southwest” for our July 14, 2018 OPLC monthly meeting.

Patti Polk, known to the rockhounding world as AGATEGRRRL, is a rockhound who loves collecting agates for well over 20 years, especially banded fortification types and agates with inclusions such as tube, moss, plume, and sagenite. She says that she “is not a big a big digger or commercial collector, and mostly does surface collecting, prospecting and hiking to pick up beautiful agates. Then she loves cutting and polishing the stones she finds, and make jewelry and art pieces”.

In 2010 she published her first book *Collecting Rocks, Gems and Minerals*, in which I was personally honored to be included with two photos. That book is now in its 3rd edition. In 2013, her book *Collecting Agates and Jaspers of North America* followed, and just this year *The Crystal Guide* was published. Her website <http://agategrrrl.com/> has a great collection of agates for sale and her books.

Patti used to live in Tucson, then for several years lived in Sedona. She recently moved back to Tucson, and we are so lucky to have her speak to our club and share her knowledge of agates and jaspers. Please make sure you come to the meeting for this wonderful presentation.

Looking forward to seeing all of you,

Helen Serras-Herman, OPLC Program chair

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Wendy Bergaman

Dirk Reeck

Susan Robinson

*Tanzanite looks like sapphire
Wishes it could look.*

-Barry Hodgkin, 1988



Himeer Zaveri: 60 lbs. Indian Moss Agate

To donate to OPLC, just contact Tom McDevitt at (520) 575-0517

OPLC CALENDAR July through September 2018 including Field Trips

Send additions to Janelle at bum140@aol.com, or 520-223-1675

July 13 – Board meeting at OPLC Clubhouse 10 AM. Members welcome to attend to observe.

July 14 – Monthly OPLC member meeting. Doors open 8am, meeting at 9am OPLC Clubhouse.

July 20-22 - Rocky Mountain Federation Mineral Society Convention and Show, Rapid City, South Dakota. Field trips 2 days prior and 2 days after. See RMFMS website for further info. Hotels and camping sites in and around Rapid City. OPLC is a member of the Rocky Mountain Federation, and thus we receive info and are able to participate in their activities. For questions, Janelle Cortright, 520-223-1675 or bum140@aol.com. I've been on the field trips in 3 different years and they have been great.

August 3 – Board meeting at OPLC Clubhouse 10AM. Members welcome to attend to observe.

August 11 – Monthly OPLC member meeting. Doors open 8AM, meeting at 9AM OPLC Clubhouse.

August 31 – Board meeting at OPLC Clubhouse 10AM – subject to change

September 8 – Monthly OPLC member meeting. Doors open at 8am, meeting at 9am. OPLC Clubhouse.

There will be a field trip to Alpine, AZ for September 5 and 6, travel days 4th and 7th. We are staying at the Tal-Wi-Wi Lodge and one of our members has volunteered his property in nearby Nutrioso for camping. Contact Janelle Cortright at bum140@aol.com to sign up. Make your own reservations for hotel/motel or RV park.



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Monitor - Mike Wendler 817-751-0622

1PM - 4PM **Silversmith Lab**

Monitor - Pat Droll 345-2792

3:30PM - 6PM **Cabbing**

Monitor - Margarette Harris 561-2315

6PM - 9PM **Faceting Open Lab**

Monitor - Earl Zoeller

6PM - 9PM **Cabbing****

Monitor - Donovan Wagner 869-2050

Tuesdays

9AM - 1PM **Cabbing***

Monitor - Mike DeMeritt 240-5133

9AM - Noon **Silversmithing Lab**

Monitor - John Poole 777-5588

1PM - 4PM **Faceting 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

1PM - 4PM **Silversmithing**

Monitor - Lou Ackerman

6PM - 9PM **Cabbing**

Monitor - Victoria Fila 664-0302

Saturdays

9:00AM - 2:00PM **Silversmithing**

Monitor - Pat Droll 345-2792

9:30AM - 2:30PM **Cabbing***

Monitor - Ron Bryan 619-495-7967

10AM - 1PM **Casting Lab**

3PM - 6PM **Casting Class**

Monitor - Ron Brooks 520-378-2592

(Casting Changes Temporary)

Sundays

9AM - Noon **Rock Sawing**

Monitor - Mark Gibson

10AM - 3PM **Silversmithing Lab**

Monitor - Giac D'Aquisto 207-6219

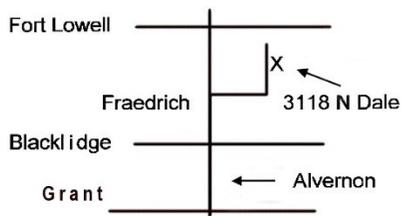
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