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The July and August General Membership Meetings have been cancelled. Please check in often for updates regarding scheduling of meetings, labs, and field trips. Some labs are open again - see inside.



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THE PREZ SEZ by Victoria Fila, President



Hello everyone. I hope everyone is doing fine and staying healthy.

Monthly meeting for August is canceled. Board will meet up (by email) to discuss September's meeting. We keep up to date on current status so we can make as informed a decision as possible.

Pat Droll and his wife's home in Colorado will soon be completed and they will be moving. Please join me in wishing him and his wife the best. Pat, thank you for all you have done for the club as a: Silver-smithing room monitor, Treasurer and working on the Gem Show Case. When you can come back to see us.

It is with great sadness that I have to share: Abe Lackow passed away this past Saturday 7/11/20. Abe had some medical issues and did not pass due to COVID-19. Speaking with Norma, she told me that Abe passed a month before their 70th Anniversary. Norma says she was blessed for each day of the 70 years. Let's all keep Norma in our thoughts.

Since we can not gather for our monthly meeting to share rockhounding stories or show some work we have done, I thought that we could stay connected by showing off our art pieces or sharing some stories if you were able to go out with social dis-

tancing practices to look for rocks, especially in cooler weather areas. Giac D'Acquisto posts on his Facebook his work and he calls it his COVID-19 pieces a.k.a "Artist in Residence". I asked Giac if I could borrow this for the newsletter and if he would get us started.

Pleased to present:

Giac's Artist in Residence corner.

This piece is a Titanium coated drusy stone given to Giac by Jaimie Germaine, another one of our talent club members.

Thank you Giac for sharing - this is a very beautiful piece.

Last thing I want to share is from the Courtland Mine trip. I collected a good amount of Variscite and finally was able to get to my saw to cut. Nice material, and once we are back and able to go rockhounding would like to go back.

Everyone please keep safe and we'll see each other soon.

Victoria Fila
President



Front Cover Pictures: July birthdays are blessed with **Ruby**, the red variety of **Corundum**, as their birthstone, like these from Kenya. **Eudialyte** is also red, and comes from Greenland and Russia.

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You may have been wondering when you were going to hear from the Board of the Old Pueblo Lapidary Club. We haven't been sitting still. We've been carefully watching out for the health and safety of our members, as well as following the directives from the Governor of Arizona. Here are the headlines:

- some lab sessions will be re-opened on a limited basis, with due regard to safety of our members. Details are contained in this letter.
- a list of rules is also contained in this letter, limiting the use of labs until further notice.
- the club's insurance was unexpectedly canceled by our carrier, but will be re-instated before the end of this week.
- there will be no membership meetings until September at the earliest.
- there will be no classes until further notice.

Rules for Lab Use, Until Further Notice

1. Distancing has been proven to limit the spread of the virus. The numbers of members allowed per lab session will be limited to allow for distancing. This list will be updated as necessary. The limits are:

Cab lab: monitor plus a max of 4 members, or fewer if the monitor chooses.

Silver lab: monitor plus a max of 3 members, or fewer if the monitor chooses.

Casting lab: monitor plus a max of 2 members.

Faceting lab: monitor plus a max of 3 members, or fewer if the monitor chooses.

Saw room: operator.

2. Members must phone or email monitors to reserve a place in a scheduled lab session. You cannot use the lab facilities without reserving a time slot with the appropriate monitor. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

3. Wearing of masks and gloves is encouraged, but is not practical in all cases. Members bring their own mask and gloves. Hand sanitizer in spray bottles and paper towel will be on the table in the corridor.

4. Monitors will wipe down equipment that was used or handled during a session, including torch grips, faucet handles, light switches, etc. The virus can last for days on some surfaces.

5. Persons or visitors not scheduled to work must not enter the building.

6. Monitors are not empowered to make exceptions to these rules, so don't ask. The Board is responsible for making any changes as they become advisable.

7. Current rules will be posted in labs, lab hallway, and clubhouse.

8. Disinfectant solution and paper toweling will be made available in the corridor of the lab building.

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Cabbing: David Schulte, (520)954-8554, e-mail dschulte777@aol.com Silver: John Poole, (520)777-5588, e-mail jjpooledesigns@gmail.com
Casting: Chuck Lundstrom, (520)241-9262, e-mail AZLundstroms@comcast.net Faceting: Dave Richardson, (520)245-2172, e-mail dlrichard11@yahoo.com

Lab Sessions to be Re-Opened on a Limited Basis (be sure to read the rules before calling)

Cabbing: Monday, 6 - 9 pm, Monitor: Donovan Wagner, (520)869-2050
Wednesday, 9 - 1 pm, Mark Davidson, (520)975-6075
Wednesday: 6 - 9 pm, Monitor: Keith Haubert, (520)784-8283
Thursday: 9 - 12 am, Bob Powell, (520)403-8980
Thursday: 6-9 pm, Tom Tuten, (803)260-5423
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Wednesday 9a-1p, Dennis Murphy, 520 490 9188 dexter1cd@cox.net
Friday 9a-12n, Kim Knebel, 520 873 8990 lmsonora@msn.com
Saturday 9a-2p, Jamie Germaine 520 288 0315 hgarb@mac.com

Casting: Call Chuck Lundstrom at 520-241-9262

Faceting: Monday 9:00 - 12:00 Dave Richardson, ph. 520-245-2172, e-mail dlrichard11@yahoo.com
Monday 1:00 - 4:00 Dave Richardson, ph. 520-245-2172, e-mail dlrichard11@yahoo.com
Monday 6:00 - 9:00 Rick Frank, ph . 520-401-6414, e-mail rcfranz@cox.net
Wednesday 6:00 - 9:00 Bob Powell, 520-403-8980, e-mail robbette@att.net



NO DONATIONS THIS MONTH

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Dee Denton



Be sure to volunteer at OPLC!

*The smith also sitteth by the anvil,
And fighteth with the heat of the furnace,
And noise of the hammer and the anvil is ever in his ears,
And his eyes look still upon the pattern
Of the thing that he maketh.
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And waiteth to polish it perfectly.*

- Ecclesiasticus

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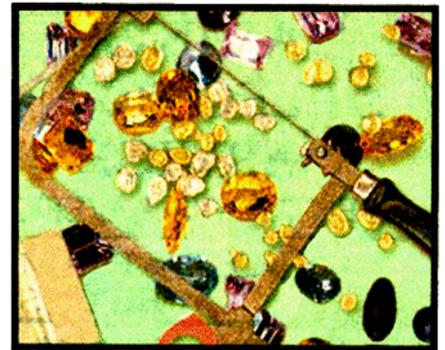
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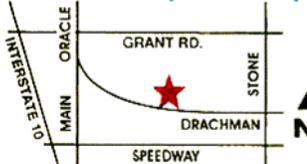
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Monitor - Dave Richardson 245-2172

9AM- 3:30PM **Cabbing**
Monitor - John Watt 520-247-6811

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

1PM—4PM **Faceting Lab & Class**
Monitor - Dave Richardson 245-2172

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

6PM - 9PM **Faceting Class**
Monitor - Earl Zoeller 886-3518

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

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

Tuesdays

9AM - Noon **Cabbing***
Monitor - Mike DeMeritt 520-455-5378

9AM- Noon **Casting**
Monitor - Liz Williams (818)300-5262

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

Wednesdays

9AM - 1PM **Silversmithing**
Monitor - Dennis Murphy 490-9188

3PM - 6PM **Rock Sawing**
Monitor - Steve Lutes 320-360-4329

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

6PM—9PM **Faceting Lab & Class**
Monitor - Bob Powell 403-8980

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 - Kim Knebel 873-8990

1PM - 4PM **Silversmithing**
Monitor - Lou Ackerman 290-6968

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

Saturdays

9AM - 2PM **Silversmithing**
Monitor - James Germaine, 288-0135

9AM - 2PM **Cabbing**
Monitor - Ron Bryan 619-495-7967

Casting Class
Monitor - Chuck Lundstrom 241-9262

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Sundays

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10AM - 2PM **Cabbing**
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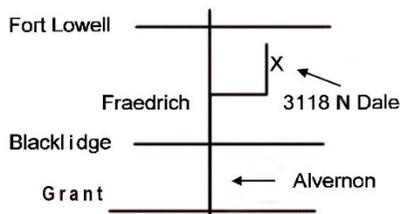
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