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Please join us June 8th at **9AM** for the **monthly meeting**. There is an **optional social hour** that begins at **8:00am** followed by an **educational program** at **9:00am**, followed by the **monthly meeting**. **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 520-455-5378 or (520) 240-5133. Submission deadline is the 20th of each month. Thanks!



5/30/19

May was marvelous in the Old Pueblo this year! Our next business board meeting will be held on Friday, June 7th in the main building at the club at 10 AM. Members, as always, are invited to attend and encouraged to participate in the board meetings and discussions.

The water saw is back up and running in the cab lab. All training labs are up and running and the latest monitor schedule is in this news letter. We have a Facebook page set up now, thanks to Donavan Wagner, called “**Old Pueblo Lapidary Club Lab Monitors**” that has comments which inform you when a monitor slot will not happen on a particular day. Please check this Facebook page before you come into the club if you think a monitor may not be there for a particular scheduled session or you just want to verify a lab will be open when scheduled. During the summer a number of our monitors

take vacation or things come up unexpectedly.

Thanks to all our members that have donated items to help make the club run. Please remember that we welcome any and all donations to the club AND we’ll give you a tax receipt so you can claim them on your taxes. The donations are a big part of how the club runs and are used in making up the table offerings during the Silent Auction which is our biggest money maker every year. If you have anything dealing with lapidary that you would like to donate, we’ll come and pick it up! Just let Dave Richardson know and we’ll set up a time to come get it or drop it off at the club! The board is also considering adding a monthly auction after the club meeting raffle each month to raise money for the club. This has not yet been voted on and we’ll keep you posted in case this comes to fruition.

David

The one serious conviction that
a man should have is that nothing
Is to be taken too seriously

Samuel Butler

Front Cover Pictures: June’s birthstones include the color-changing variety of **Chrysoberyl** known as “**Alexandrite**”, shown here as a Cat’s Eye stone; and **Pearl**, which isn’t even a stone!

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PRIOR MONTH'S MEETING MINUTES... William Penrose, Secretary

OLD PUEBLO LAPIDARY CLUB
MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING, May 11,
2019

Secretary, William Penrose,
wrp0143@comcast.net, 520-780-1143

The meeting was chaired by Bill Penrose, in the absence of other executive members on vacation or working. A quorum of members was established.

Gregory McNamee delivered an updated talk on "Monumental Places: National Parks & Monuments in the Grand Canyon State".

Refreshments were supplied by Sandra Penrose, Alexandra Ramsey, and Rebecca Jones. Leia Ballard, who organizes the refreshments for the meeting, is in rehab for a recent surgery. We need a volunteer to bring in the food for next month's meeting. Members will be reimbursed up to \$40 for purchases.

Motion to approve last month's minutes, seconded and passed.

Financial report – Everyone involved in club finances is on vacation or working. There have been no large financial transactions in the past month, or upcoming, that need approval of the members. There is almost \$*n* in the checking and savings accounts and \$*n* in CDs. The club is in good health financially and we are on budget for the year so far.

Membership report (Janet Keisler). We have 382 members in good standing, but 4 of those still need to sign the liability form before they can use the labs.

New members and visitors introduced themselves.

County Fair – We had a good turnout of volunteers for the County Fair, due to Bob Powell's organizing and some folks who stepped up at the last minute to help. Jewelry items loaned for display are locked in the club's safe and cannot be accessed until the president or treasurer returns. The number and quality of the pieces impressed everyone who saw them.

Field Trips (Victoria Fila, Janelle Cortright) – Round Mountain was visited on April 20, but only small numbers of fire agate pieces were found. Janelle is organizing a field trip to Alpine on June 3. By necessity, it's an overnight trip. Picture sandstone, petrified wood, and agates, also apache tears at Superior on the return trip.

Library – Bill Cascio indicated the library open for business.

Facebook Page for short and long term lab notices (Donovan Wagner) – The OPLC Monitor page on Facebook is named 'Old Pueblo Monitors'. Member who have to come a long way should check the FB page before leaving to make sure the lab session is going ahead as usual. In principle, a monitor who gets a flat tire on the way here can call in from his phone and update the Facebook page. If you don't do Facebook, it's still wise to text or call the monitor before leaving for the lab to make sure it's going to be open, especially during the vacation time of year.

Cab Lab

The two oil saws have been repaired and are in service. The water trim saw could not be repaired with the new motor sent to us, and has been returned to the maker for repairs, at a cost of \$175 including return shipping. We also paid \$104 for shipping to the mfr.

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June 2019 OPLC Speaker: Les Presmyk



We are in for another special treat for our June 8, 2019 OPLC monthly meeting. Les Presmyk is coming down from Phoenix to give us a presentation about the upcoming new UofA Gem & Mineral Museum in Tucson.

The University of Arizona Mineral Museum was established 100 years ago. About 3 years ago, Alan Norville brought the idea of building a museum complex downtown to include art, photography and minerals into one venue. This idea has since morphed into the partnership with Pima County to house the UofA Gem & Mineral Museum in the south half of the historic Pima County Courthouse.

Pima County has spent significant capital to bring the building up to modern standards and building codes. A project manager, the UofA museum staff and a dedicated group of volunteers are working diligently to program each of the exhibits in the three major halls of the museum. A visitor will start in the Mineral Evolution Hall, where the geologic and mineralogic history of the earth will be told. From here, the visitor will enter the Arizona and Mexico mineral and mining hall. Displays of Arizona and Mexican minerals will be here as well as telling the story of the rise of rockhounding in Arizona. Visitors will then move through the fluorescent mineral display where mineral specimens will be on display along with how fluorescence is used in gemstone identification. The third and final hall will contain the gems and precious metals displays.

Les Presmyk, along with his wife of almost 43 years, Paula, are Arizona natives and University of Arizona graduates. Following graduation, they both went to work in the mines, he as a mining engineer at the Magma Mine in Superior, Arizona and she as an assayer and chemist for the Miami Copper Company in Miami, Arizona. After the mines closed down, they moved to Mesa and then to Gilbert, where they have resided since 1986.

Les went into the coal side of the mining business, working for the Salt River Project in its Fuels Department, from which he retired two years ago. On the hobby side of his life, Les has collected minerals for 57 years. He is a member of the Mineralogical Society of Arizona, the Tucson Gem and Mineral Society (president), the Flagg Mineral Foundation (vice-chairman) and the Prescott Gem and Mineral Club. He has been on the Tucson Show Committee for over

OPLC Speakers Forecast 2019-2020

Here is the latest list for our upcoming speakers.

Les Presmyk, “U of A Gem & Mineral Museum” (June 8, 2019)

Jerry Kastner, “Repairing Palidary Equipment” (August 10)

Stan Hart, “Origin, Age & Evolution of Earth” (September 14, 2019)

Larry Fellows, “Pompeii & Vesuvius” (October 12, 2019)

Jim Turner, “Zuni Fetishes & Carvings” (November 9, 2019)

Kent Solberg, Kent’s Tools (January 11, 2020)

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



No Donations this month!

To donate to OPLC, just contact Dave Richardson at (520) 245-2172.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



James Boulay
Jackie Berg
Earl Wampler
David Prather
Ghydaa Prather

John Watt
Khia Keller
Peter Moma

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The vacuum impregnation system is assembled and tested and ready for use. David and I tested it by painting activated Opticon on the surface of two different kinds of sample. When the chamber was pumped down, air was sucked out of the pores of the stone. This could be seen with a flashlight. Then air was let back into the chamber, forcing the Opticon into the pores. After three cycles of pumping until no more air came from the stone and the process was complete. Several monitors have been familiarized with the use of the chamber, and I have some instructions that will be posted next to it. Don't use the chamber without being checked out by a monitor who knows about it. In good time, we'll have a signup sheet plus a privilege list for people who've been checked out on the system.

Faceting Room (Dave Richardson) Classes underway and modifications made to the room to accommodate more people more comfortably.

Silent Auction (Dave Richardson)

Tim Henderson has donated a faceting machine plus a number of very fine stones and slab donation. Before putting these up for sale or for the silent auction, we intend to have the stones properly appraised so we don't sell the club short or charge too much.

Silver Lab (John Poole) Not much news. Everything is working.

Casting Room (Chuck Lundstrom). Regular sessions have been established. Jack D'Acquisto will be demonstrating or holding a class on broom casting.

Saw Room (Pete Peterson) – Repairs are complete and all the saws are running a full schedule. The old saw has been auctioned to a member.

New business - \$100 or more in ticket sales.

Door prize. A sand painting in a large bottle. It was won by Bette Powell.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 am.

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34 years and a dealer in the show for 32 years. He has made presentation at various mineral symposia and clubs. He received the 2017 Carnegie Mineralogical Award and in 2020 will become a 50 year member of SME, the Society of Mining, Metallurgical and Exploration Engineers.

Looking forward to seeing you all in the June meeting!

Helen Serras-Herman, OPLC Program chair



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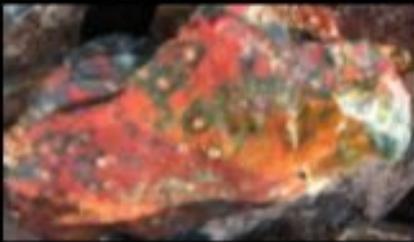
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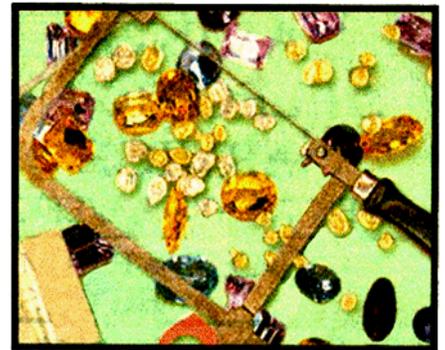
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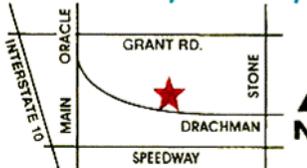
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6PM - 9PM **Cabbing****
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Monitor - Liz Williams (818)300-5262
9AM - Noon **Silversmithing Lab**
Monitor - John Poole 777-5588
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Monitor - Dave Richardson 245-2172

Wednesdays

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

9AM - Noon **Cabbing****
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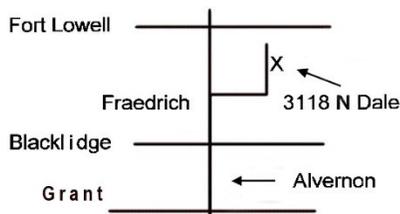
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