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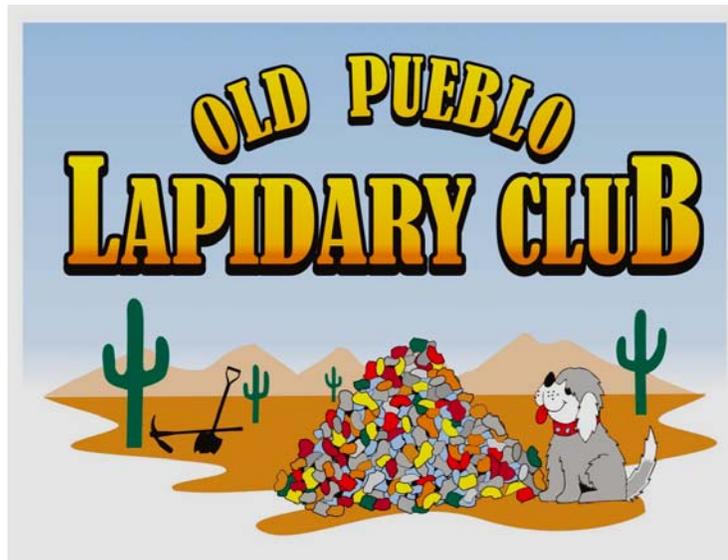
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To Be Announced

Please join us on March 11th  
for the next meeting which  
begins at 9:00am, optional  
social hour begins at 8:00am.



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# THE PREZ SEZ.....by Don Rittenberry



First I want to **thank** all the volunteers that manned the booths at the Beaudry and TGMS shows. Both events went extremely well and both places would like us to come back next year for a repeat performance.

I would also like to **thank** all the volunteers **that participated in the general clean-up of the club for the Hob Nob event. About 75 people showed up for the Hob Nob from all over the country and out of the country. This truly was a great event sponsored by Art Kavan. I hope that Art will sponsor another event at the club next year.**

The next show is the Pima County Fair which will be in the latter part of April. There will be sign up sheets at the March meeting. You can also contact Billy Bob Riley at 408-3074 to sign up as a volunteer. We sure could use a lot of volunteers, since this is a long running event. If we have enough volunteers, we won't have to put a lot of time individually into this worthwhile project.

Next I want to sincerely thank Shelia Powell for her hard work and effort for putting showcases into four of the schools. We goofed and credited someone else in the last newsletter for your work. We, the club, apologize for the error and we hope you will continue to serve the club in other projects.

The club and I would like thank Rim Tallat-Kelpsa for arranging and taking a group of members to the Silverbell and Ray mines where I hear that everyone had a good time. I also heard that everyone got to take home something. That's what going out on trips is about,

having a good time.

**We** also have a pot luck dinner coming up in March with **Tucson Gem and Mineral Society** to take place at **our** club. It will be a Western theme for this pot luck. Should have a date at the March meeting to pass on. You can contact Shelia Powell at 578-1976 or Charlotte Rittenberry at 572-8674 to let them know what you will be bringing and to also volunteer for setting up, serving and/or tearing down. I will be there with my sense of humor (you have been warned) :)

A few members of the club and I were very fortunate to have learned about some rough being sold at a discount rate, When looking over the rough we discovered approximately **three** 55 gallon barrels of tumbled stones. I acted on the club's behalf and purchased the tumbled stones for **\$300**. These stones will be given to kids when the club sets up booths at shows, given to schools and/or students and when someone goes and makes presentations. Some can also be sold at the silent auction. No one could tumble all the stones that the club received for that price. This was and is a **"GREAT DEAL"!!!** Also, I would like to thank the members that helped get the stone and rough to their respective places.

Now for the unpleasant part of my job. I have to remind you that some members have let their membership lapse. Please look at your address label on your newsletter to see when your dues are due. Remember your dues go towards the bills of the club, utilities,

insurance, taxes, newsletters and other expenses.

Without your support, there would be no Club and **you** are the Club

At the March meeting a lot of the members will be in Deming for the rock trips and show. I wish all of you that do go, good luck on your venture and have a good time. Those that don't make the trip, I hope to see you at the March meeting and I promise to bring my good sense of humor :).

The Club and I would like to extend our gratitude and thanks to Jim Griffin for stepping up to the plate and being the Membership Chairperson and being involved with the silent auction for the past years. He just informed me on February 25, that he unfortunately had to relinquish his duties. We will miss him at his jobs. He assured me that he and his wife Beverly, will remain as club members. We hope to see them at the general meetings and other functions of the Club in the future. **Thanks again, Jim.**

I also talked to John Pavon the morning of February 28, and learned that he would also have to relinquish his duties from the Silent Auction. The Club and I would like to thank him for his service to the Club and extend to him our get well wishes. Hope to see you at the meetings. **Thanks again, John.**

If any one is interested in taking over the Membership Chairperson responsibilities and/or the Silent Auction position, please contact me at 572-8674 or 270-7832.

## Business Meeting Minutes

**NOTICE:** There was no meeting in February so there are no February Business Meeting Minutes.

### SILVERBELL MINE TOUR

On January 21 a group of members went on a field trip to the Silverbell Mine that was organized by Rim Tallat-Kelpsa.



Looking for that 'find of the day'.

Dave's persistent efforts resulting in a nice solid piece of cabbable malachite.



Heading for a pocket of iron pyrite crystals in matrix.



### MARCH SPEAKER

The speaker at the March meeting will be one of our own.... Dave Arens. Dave will reveal the "ins and outs" of chain and chain making.

## RAY MINE TOUR

On January 27 a group of members went on a field trip to the Ray Mine which was also organized by Rim Tallat-Kelpsa. Suffice to say ... no one came home disappointed.



### THE GROUP

(l-r) Sheila Powell, Diana Braswell, Bill Hodgson, Carol Johnston, Harrison Yocum, Ursula Wilson, John Huck, Danny Harmson, Rim Tallat-Kelpsa, Maria Tallet-Kelpsa, Dave Witwer, Carl Bowlby, Wayne Klement, Sally Cromwell, Donna Pugh, and Don Feyrer.

Our host, Sterling Cook, gives a mine orientation pitch to the group.



Looking for native copper at the bottom of one of the pits.

## OPLC CLEAN-UP DAY, JANUARY 31, 2005

In preparation of the Hob Nob event at OPLC during the Gem & Mineral Show, a group of ambitious volunteers showed up at 9:00 am to clean the building.



(l-r) Sandy Kavan, Diane Hara, Jaime De Zubeldia, Don Rittenberry, Art Kavan, and Murray Hiller mopping the floor.

Ursula Wilson, Diane Hara, and Sandy Kavan wiped down all of the chairs in the meeting room



Pizza was graciously provided by Sylvia Czayo for all who volunteered.



And here we have a crew working on the "Monster Machine" to get it up and running for the Hob Nob event on Saturday. (l-r ) Art Kavan, Paul Head, Murray Hiller, Tom Miller and Billy Bob Riley. The Monster Facetor Machine is designed to facet extraordinarily large gem stones. If this 'brain trust' can't figure it out, nobody can.



## FEBRUARY 2006 GEM SHOW ACTIVITY

### OPLC BOOTH AT THE BEAUDRY GEM & MINERAL SHOW:



(l-r) Phil Howe supervising, Frank Gonzales doing some cabbing and Jaime De Zubeldia on the faceting machine.

Tom Miller and Art Kavan are talking about the Club to a couple of prospective members.



### AND OUR BOOTH AT THE TUCSON CONVENTION CENTER DURING THE TUCSON GEM AND MINERAL SHOW.....



Jaime De Zubeldia faceting, Diane Hara supervising, Dave Arens demonstrating chain making, and Don Feyrer doing some cabbing.

Paul Head answering a question, Billy Bob Riley on the faceting machine, and our President, Don Rittenberry supervising.



Photograph by Karen Sobel

**ANOTHER ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE MARCH MEETING**

Mr. Robert Grant, Norcross-Madagascar (U.S.), L.L.C. in Tucson will be at the March meeting and talk about his company. The Norcross group of affiliated businesses is involved in mining, processing, and importing into the United States and other countries of mineral products from Madagascar. Mr. Grant would like to offer an opportunity to those members who may be interested in part-time work with Norcross, possibly trading personal skills for rough material. Some of the types of rough that would be available include Labradorite, Orbicular, Rose Quartz, Celestite, Zebradorite, Amazonite, Blue and Orange Calcite, Tourmaline, Opal, Girasol, and Rhodonite.



Many pounds of tumbled rocks have been acquired by the Club with the help of Ron Davidson to give to the children when Sheila and Gretchen do their school presentations or when OPLC has a booth set up at a show somewhere. This picture shows only SOME of the rocks as there are more in his yard and some are already at the Club.

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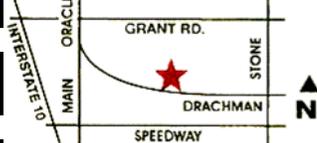
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Contact Paul Head 296-0331

Silversmith Lab - Fee charged.  
Contact Lou Akerman 290-6968

### 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 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 and equipment available.  
Contact Don Rittenberry 572-8674

Open Silversmith Lab - Class fee charged.  
Contact Billy Bob Riley 408-3074

### Wednesday 6 - 9PM

Beginning Casting - Class fee charged.  
Contact Jamie De Zubeldia 616-9344

### Thursdays 1 PM – 4 PM

Beginning Cabbing - Class fee charged.  
Contact Billy Bob Riley 408-3074

### Fridays 9 AM - Noon

Open Lab - Fee charged.  
Contact Dan Harmsen 721-8452

### Fridays 6 - 9 PM

Beginning Faceting - Class fee charged.  
Contact **(Pending new monitor)**

### Saturdays 10 - 3 PM

Open Shop - Fee charged.  
Contact Ron Davidson 749-3157

## COMMITTEES

### BUILDINGS, GROUNDS & EQUIPMENT

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### LIBRARIAN

Cathy Van Atta 256-6869

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### SECURITY

Marion Russel 622-5506

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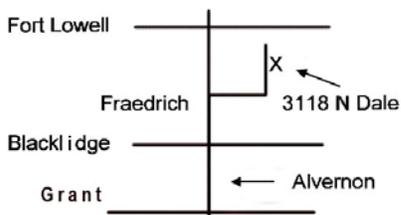
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