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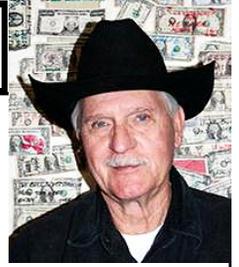
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Please join us **October 13th** at 9:00am for the monthly meeting. There is an optional social hour that begins at 8:00am followed by an educational program at 9:00am, followed by the monthly meeting. Visitors are always welcome.



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 520-203-8430. Submission deadline is the 20th of each month. Thanks!

THE PREZ SEZ by Pete Peterson



October is here, the weather is cooling off, and it's time to start thinking Field Trips. There are two trips planned for October, one to Round Mountain (an overnight trip), and another trip to the Mission mine, which is a day trip. While talking about field trips, if any of you members have an idea for a trip, let our committee know about it. Their names and phone numbers are listed in our newsletter. When speaking with new or prospective members, almost always the first question they ask is, DO YOU HAVE FIELD TRIPS? A lot of our members have their own special collecting spots that they visit occasionally, sometimes by themselves or with one or two friends. Maybe they would be willing to tell our field trip committee about one or two of these areas so they could plan a trip to collect as a club function. Of course you would not be expected to share your most secret area where you believe no one has hunted before. It's been my experience that every time I show a rock among my fellow collectors they know what it is, where I found it, and they have been going there for years. There are probably not many secret places left to protect. It would be nice if we shared a few of these spots with all of our members, especially with the new members?

October is also our "get ready" month for the November Silent Auction. See Danny Harmsen if you would like to volunteer to help. He will tell you where and if he needs any help. Danny has put in a lot of work this past year sorting through all the items donated to the club. You may have noticed him sitting in his "Office" or

out in the parking lot high grading and cleaning rocks or maybe in the dark shadows of the large container surveying the equipment for sale at the auction. It promises to be an outstanding auction this year.

This month is the last chance to put your name on the ballot for a position as officer or as a board member. See Murray Hiller for information about nominations. Our ballot will be published in November, we will vote in December and the new officers will be installed in January of 2013.

One of the suggestions I have received was to get a list of volunteers that would be willing to substitute as an instructor or monitor in case of an emergency or conflicting schedule of one of our regular instructors or monitors. Sometimes your schedule does not leave time to teach a class or be a monitor on a regular basis, but maybe you could be a substitute occasionally. Having such a list would make it easier to find people on short notice. Remember that suggestions for improvement of the club will always be reviewed and considered by the Board and results reported to the members.

That's all for now. Happy Halloween. Have fun and be safe.

Pete

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

I'd like to apologize for this month's newsletter. Both the content and the timing this month are, well, let's just say "less-than-spectacular"! I was extremely busy this month with a myriad of projects (and drama), and sometimes even I get behind on things. This month's issue lacks my usual "Monthly Tips" and "Monthly Stone" columns, both of which I love to write and sincerely wish I had made more time for... I promise to do better next month, guys!

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PRIOR MONTH'S MEETING MINUTES... Pat McMullen, Secretary



Terry Haag was our speaker. She told us behind the scenes stories on the numerous articles she has written over many years for Lapidary Journal.

The meeting was brought to order by President Pete Peterson.

We had a few visitors including someone who had seen our brochures and display at the Pima County Fair. New member Tony Borsellega was introduced. There were several birthdays and anniversaries announced.

The minutes of the August meeting were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's report: the Club is doing well and to date we have spent 49.2% of the year's budget.

Membership: Frank Schleicher was present and asked members there who are not receiving the newsletter to please talk to him.

Pete Peterson asked for two members to volunteer to be present at our meetings greet new members, hand out membership forms or cards and answer questions. Barb Elliott and Phil Babcock offered to do this at each meeting.

Classes: Jenny Coniglio is holding a Fun with Beads class after this meeting and the \$5 charge for each person will go to the Club.

Mike DeMeritt will start his turquoise classes on Sunday. As he has 23 members signed up already, he will notify each person when they should be present and he will do this in groups. Each \$10 charged will go to the Club.

Pete Peterson complimented Mike DeMeritt on his production of "Cutting Remarks" and the articles he frequently writes.

Ron Davidson was at our meeting and everyone enjoyed seeing him after his lengthy hospital and home stay.

Pete reported on our Board meeting to the members: He said that two of the regular members were present to offer suggestions, one being that we publish a FAQ list for new members to read. Any ideas for this FAQ list will be welcome. It was decided that we will now have a suggestion box in the meeting room. Ideas for the new budget are also welcome.

Advertising: Melinda Thompson reported that she has had a former advertiser call her and will perhaps place a new ad.

Buildings and Grounds and Equipment: Pete reported that the missing table top Fordham unit has not shown up. It is hoped that someone is cleaning or repairing it and that it will be returned.

Field Trips: the Mission Mine trip is still scheduled for October.

Sheila Powell is planning an overnight trip to Round Mountain October 6th and 7th. The group should meet at the Triple T at 7 AM on Saturday.

Historian/Librarian reported nothing new.

Kitchen: It is in good shape and Pete thanked all of the members who donate time bringing in sodas and water bottles when they are on sale and those who donate towels and other items.

Refreshments: Norma Lackow thanked the members who furnished refreshments for the meeting.

Security: No one has broken in or out.

Our annual Silent Auction will be held the FIRST Saturday in November which is November 3rd.

Danny is asking for two people to offer to take the money during the auction.

Abe Lackow spoke about his concern for the use and care of the coping saw blades. Recently has found one loose and four broken blades. Someone needs to instruct the users on how to handle the equipment properly as these blades are costing money to replace. New member Tony suggested that members could bring in their own blades, as one idea. It was stated that we should start the procedure that each member using equipment in any classroom/lab should have a card from each class before using any equipment. We also could use a new sign stating that safety regulations need to be followed. Norma Lackow said that at the Arizona Sonora Desert Museum all of the volunteers have to be recertified each year.

It was suggested that a card be printed with each type of class be listed and any or all could be checked off as the person completes instruction on any given class. John Poole asked about the authority a Monitor has regarding proper equipment use in the labs. Pete said that every Monitor on duty does have that authority and there is a sign to that effect.

The meeting was adjourned at 11 AM and then the raffle and door prize drawing began.

Minutes taken by Twink Monrad

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Tracy Lynn Smith 9/25
Dan & Kim Urrea 8/20
Larry Jones 9/15
Joseph Repscher 9/15
Nora & Melanie Nelson
8/25
Barb Duro 8/18

Jeanette Bostick 8/20
Greg Macantz 8/15
Jan Kaufman 8/4
Rex & Julia Walters 9/xx
Dennis Murphy 9/xx
Bill & Betsy Tietz 9/18
Judy Muhlestein 9/25



11TH ANNUAL SILENT AUCTION

OLD PUEBLO LAPIDARY CLUB



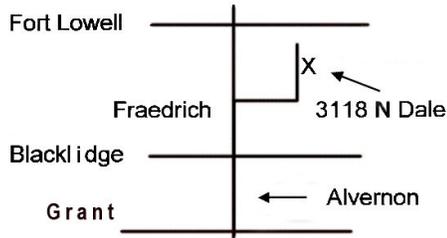
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Free parking - Free admission

DATE: Saturday, November 3, 2012 HOURS: 9:00am—2:00pm

Don't Miss it! This is once-a-year chance to select all your mineral and lapidary needs from a myriad of mineral specimens, petrified wood, turquoise, opals, faceting rough, all kinds of cutting material, slabs, polished stones, findings, jewelry, equipment – including: rock saws, tumblers, scales, faceting machines, ball mill, and other miscellaneous equipment and additional items. There will also be a “kid’s only table”.

Choose from lots and lots of items. One of nine tables will be randomly called and replenished every 15 minutes. Place your bids and try to find time for tasty snacks on sale in the Club’s kitchen as you wait to see if you are the lucky owner of some great new lapidary finds.



OPLC SHIRTS

Don't forget that there are OPLC T-shirts for sale in both long- and short-sleeved versions! Long-sleeved shirts are \$15, and short-sleeved shirts are \$12. What a bargain! And all proceeds benefit the club. Be sure to show your appreciation and pick one (or two!) up! Thanks, everybody!





OCTOBER SPEAKER

CARGO MUCHACHOS MINING DISTRICT IMPERIAL VALLEY, CALIFORNIA

The history of this gold mining area near Yuma will be presented by OPLC VP Jean Barkley.

In addition, Jean will show the results of a rockhound collecting trip to this area in May 2012.

The history of the Cargo Muchachos area goes as far back as the 1600's up to the present, and is filled with stories of riches made and lost.

Come and learn about this mining area near Yuma, AZ and be inspired to visit and go rockhounding there yourselves!

Thanks, Jean



THINGS TO KNOW...

- If you are right handed, you will tend to chew your food on the right side of your mouth.
- If you are left handed, you will tend to chew your food on the left side of your mouth.
- To make half a kilo of honey, bees must collect nectar from over 2 million individual flowers.
- Heroin is the brand name of morphine once marketed by 'Bayer'.
- Tourists visiting Iceland should know that tipping at a restaurant is considered an insult!
- People in nudist colonies play volleyball more than any other sport.
- Albert Einstein was offered the presidency of Israel in 1952, but he declined.
- Astronauts can't belch - there is no gravity to separate liquid from gas in their stomachs.
- Ancient Roman, Chinese and German societies often used urine as mouthwash. (yuck!!, Jean)
- The Mona Lisa has no eyebrows. In the Renaissance era, it was fashion to shave them off!
- Because of the speed at which Earth moves around the Sun, it is impossible for a solar eclipse to last more than 7 minutes and 58 seconds.

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DON'T FORGET

Please don't forget to continue to bring in **YOUR** (or anyone else's for that matter) aluminum cans to the Club for recycling. Your contribution would be greatly appreciated to help add \$'s to the Club's treasury. **Thanks!**

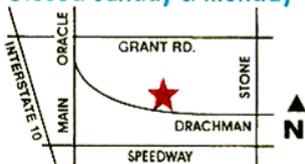
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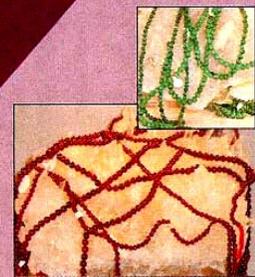
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**IMPORTANT
ANNOUNCEMENT**

Dan Harmsen wants to remind everyone that there are NO LABS during or after the Silent Auction on November 3rd, 2012... Regularly scheduled labs will re-commence the following week (Saturday, Nov. 10). Thanks!



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Jim Goff - agates, jaspers, fossils, rhodonite, rocks for tumbling, petrified bone, slabs, turritella, petosky stone, rhyolite, bloodstone, amethyst, tiger eye, turquoise, specimens, expandable drum, faceting wheels, misc parts, magazines.

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1PM - 4PM **Silversmith Lab**
Monitor - Lou Akerman

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

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9AM - Noon **Cabbing**
Monitor - Billy Bob Riley

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

10AM - 1PM **Rock Sawing**
Monitor - Jim Baker 886-2126

6PM - 9PM **Silversmithing**
Monitor - Ray Brown 390-5667

Wednesdays

6PM - 9PM **Beginning Casting**
Monitor - Chuck Lundstrom 577-6446

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

6PM - 9PM **Silversmithing Lab**
Monitor - Bill Cascio 638-8144

Thursdays

10AM - 1PM **Rock Sawing**
(BY APPOINTMENT ONLY)
Monitor - Jim Baker 886-2126

Fridays

9AM - 12PM **Cabbing**
Monitor - Danny Harmsen 721-8452

Saturdays

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Monitor - Ray Brown 390-5667/
Terry Cox

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Monitor - Mike DeMeritt 203-8430

Sundays

12PM - 4PM **Cabbing***
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Dave Arens 749-2413

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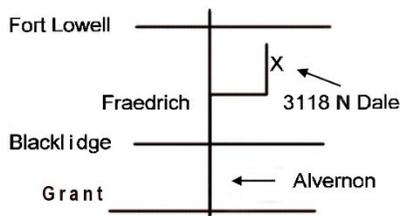
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Mail to: Membership Chairperson, Old Pueblo Lapidary Club, 3118 N. Dale, Tucson, AZ 85712



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