

# “CUTTING REMARKS”

The Official Publication of the Old Pueblo Lapidary Club  
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Please join us October 9th 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.

Please check in often for updates regarding scheduling of meetings, labs, and field trips. Most labs are open again - see inside.



Articles or news to be included in the *Cutting Remarks* should be emailed to your Editor, Wayne Klement (wayneklem@aol.com) or call him at 520-954-6298. Submission deadline is the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month. Thanks!



Prez Sez comments not available at time of publication.

Volunteerism is the ultimate act of community!

OPLC Speakers Forecast Fall 2021
Here is the latest list for our upcoming speakers.
November 13, 2021 – Jim Turner, Arizona Gold (updated talk)
December 11, 2021, Holiday Party
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



Minutes of OPLC Membership Meeting  
September 11, 2021 9:00 AM at OPLC  
Bill Penrose, Secretary, wrp0143@comcast.net

A quorum of the membership was present, at least 40 members.

The speaker was Elaine Royer, speaking on "Swarovsky Crystals", a form of jewelry built from metal-coated glass, and the long history of this form.

A moment was reserved to remember members who have passed in the previous year: Abe Lackow, Robert Powell, Billy Bob Riley, and Skip Barkley.

In the absence of published minutes, the meeting of August 14 was approved.

Treasurer's Report (Mark Davidson) – As of May 31, the next income for Jan-August of 2021 was \$2446. Upcoming insurance payments are likely to force net income into the negative temporarily. The summer silent auction earned \$1125.

Membership Report (Janet Keisler) – Total members in good standing 352. At least six new members introduced themselves.

Silent auction – A lot of equipment and rock have been accumulated for the November silent auction.

Field trips – October 23 – Fourth of July Butte (jasper and agate in a variety of colors). Meet at the Pilot in Gila Bend, exit at Butterfield Road. Gila Bend is 110 miles from Tucson.

November 27 – the annual peridot trip to the White Hills east of Show Low.

Later trips – Pearce (Hwy 191 south of Willcox) various quartz forms in former gold field  
Safford – (Hwy 191 north of Willcox) for apache tears.

Labs – All labs are fully open. Current versions are available in the labs and on the Old Pueblo Lapidary Club Lab Monitors Group on Facebook.

Volunteers are needed for the TGMS Show in February 2022 and the County Fair in April. Monitors are needed for all labs.

Christmas Party – a decision was deferred pending the uncertain behavior of the pandemic.

Elections – a nominating committee must be appointed to be presented to the membership in November, voted on in December, and installed in January.

Meeting calendar: Board, September 28 at 5 pm; membership, October 9 at 9 am.

The raffle proceeds were \$104.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 am.

## October 2021 OPLC speaker: Les Presmyk

Quartz - Another Mineral Arizona Should be Famous For



We are in for special treat for our October 9, 2021, OPLC monthly meeting. Les Presmyk will give us a presentation on **Quartz - Another Mineral Arizona Should be Famous For**.

Although quartz specimens may not be the first, second or even third mineral species one thinks of from Arizona, there are a number of localities that have produced fine specimens. On the lapidary side of our hobby, Arizona's fire agates, gem silica, and its multitude of agate and jasper localities are certainly well known, as is the world-class amethyst stones from Four Peaks. Some of Arizona's specimen quartz localities are the result of its long mining history. Sparkly, drusy quartz crystals covering chrysocolla, along with quartz colored by chrysocolla and pseudomorphs have been produced from the Old Dominion Mine (Globe), the Live Oak Mine (Miami), the Ray Mine (Kearny) and the Bagdad Mine (Bagdad). Then, there is a number of Arizona's quartz localities recovered as the result of collectors working the areas for specimens. These include Date Creek Ranch, the Fat Jack Claim near Crown King, the Huachuca Mountains south of Sierra Vista, Diamond Point northeast of Payson, the Stanley Butte area on the San Carlos Apache Tribe Reservation, and the Washington Camp/Duquesne localities in southern Arizona, to name a few. These localities have produced fine scepters, Japan-Law twins, amethyst, smoky quartz and even lustrous, clear and amethyst crystals that rival the famous Herkimer, New York crystals.

Les shared that the 2023 Tucson Show theme will be Silica which will give us an opportunity to show the rest of the collecting world the quality of Arizona quartz specimens.

Les Presmyk and his wife 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 has made presentations 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 October meeting!

Helen Serras-Herman, OPLC Program chair

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



**Jack & Teresa McCabe  
Lashelle Entsminger  
Gerard Pope  
Bonnie Williamson  
Jessika & Chelsea Krcek**

## DONATIONS

**NO DONATIONS THIS MONTH**

**Thank you to all that have made donations to help keep this club running!  
We welcome donations so if you have lapidary related items, please contact  
Dave Richardson at 520-245-2172 to arrange a pickup or drop-off.**

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- **Colorwright** - (928) 862-4120, Web address: <http://www.color-wright.com/>, **MAILING ADDRESS:** . 2160 Shelby Road, Suite 101, Sedona AZ 86336. Amount of discount depends on item(s) being purchased.
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**566 Ash, Globe, AZ 85501**
- **Kent's Tools** - 10% discount. 520-461-1350 - **2745 N 1st Avenue, Tucson**
- **Tucson Mineral & Gem World** - 10% 520-883-0682 Web address: [www.tucsonmineral.com](http://www.tucsonmineral.com)  
**2801 South Kinney Road, Tucson**
- **Arizona Lapidary** - Arizona Lapidary & Gem Rough - 10% Discount off rough rock 520-399-6641  
7320 E Broadway Blvd, Tucson
- **Silver Lining Gemstones** - 20-35% discount on most items. 520-203-8430, or see Mike DeMeritt at any of his labs. Includes Instagram Store (IG Name **silverlininggemstones**)
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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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# CURRENT LAB SESSIONS

## **CABBING:**

Monday, 6 - 9 pm, Monitor: Donovan Wagner, (520) 869-205

First and second Monday of every month available for cabbng instructions

Tuesday, 9 -12 am, Call for dates. Monitor: Dan Lilly, (801) 995-9692

Tuesday, 3:30 – 6 pm, Leave message on phone. Monitor: Margarette Harris (520) 561-2315

Wednesday, 9 - 12 am, Monitor: Mark Davidson, (520) 975-6075

Wednesday: 6 - 9 pm, Monitor: Keith Haubert, (520) 784-8283

Thursday: 6 - 9 pm, Monitor: Tom Tuten, (803) 260-5423

Friday: 9-12 am, Monitor: David Schulte, (520) 954-8554

First and second Friday of every month available for cabbng instructions

Saturday: 9:30 am - 2:30 pm, Call for dates. Monitor: Victoria Fila (520) 664-0302

Sunday: 10 am - 2 pm, Monitor: Gloria Shenanaquet, (520) 396-9715

## **SILVERSMITHING:**

Tuesday 9 am -12 pm, Monitor John Poole, (520) 777-5588

Available for silver smithing classes upon sign up and class schedule to follow

Wednesday 9 am - 12 pm, Monitor Elizabeth Boccardo (520) 245-0923

Wednesday 6 pm - 9 pm Monitor Bill Penrose (520) 780-1143

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Thursday 12 pm - 3 pm Monitor Giac D'Aquisto (520) 207-6219

Thursday 6pm - 9pm, Monitor Bill Cascio (520) 638-8144

Friday 9 am - 12 pm, Monitor Kim Knebel, (520) 873-8990

Saturday 9 am - 12 pm, Monitor Jamie Germaine, (520) 288-0135

Sunday 10am - 3 pm Monitor Giac D'Aquisto (520) 207-6219

## **CASTING:**

Tuesday 9 -12 am, Monitor Liz Williams, (818) 300-5262

Wednesday 4 - 7 pm, Monitor Chuck Lundstrom (520) 241-9262

Available for casting instructions upon sign up and class schedule to follow

## **Faceting:**

Monday 9:00 - 12:00 am, Monitor Dave Richardson, (520) 245-2172

NOTE: Available for faceting instructions every day he monitors

Monday 1:00 - 4:00 pm, Monitor Dave Richardson, (520) 245-2172

Monday 6:00 - 9:00 pm, Monitor Rick Franz, (520) 401-6414

Wednesday 6:00 – 9:00 pm, Monitor Dave Richardson, (520) 245-2172

## **SAW ROOM:**

Call Mark Gibson (520) 297-4412 or Pete Peterson (520) 886-9021

For cutting times and procedures.

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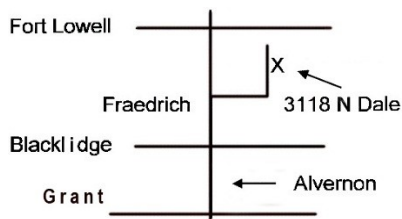
**OPLC Membership Information**

**An application form can be downloaded from the Club website at: [lapidaryclub.org/join\\_us.shtml](http://lapidaryclub.org/join_us.shtml)**

**The membership fees are shown below for informational purposes and are listed on the form:**

Type of membership:	<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>Annual Renewals</u>
Single Member	\$30.00	\$23.00	\$16.00	\$11.00	\$25.00
Couple (same address)	\$40.00	\$30.00	\$23.00	\$16.00	\$30.00
Junior	\$14.50	\$11.00	\$9.00	\$6.00	\$12.00

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The Business Meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month except for December. A pre-meeting social hour is at 8:00 a.m., followed by an educational program, and ends with the monthly meeting. Visitors are most welcome.