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Please join us September 14th 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!



9/9/19

Greetings from below the equator! I took this picture on one of the islands in the archipelago and it reminded me of a few of our former presidents so I thought I would share it.



The weather where I'm at has been a lot nicer than it's been in Tucson this last few weeks. The monsoons in Tucson have been somewhat of a bust this year so hopefully we'll get some nice fall rain. Our next business board meeting will be held on Friday, October 4th 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 new 14 inch saw we received as a donation from one of our members is installed and up and running in the big saw room. The new wheels, blades and belts have been ordered for the cab lab and will be installed in the next couple of weeks. The large belt polisher and cerium oxide polishing machine has been reinstalled in the cab lab. We will be looking at adding a vacuum system to prevent dust from coating members as they work at the sink. Thanks go out to all those that worked so hard in getting the new up and running and installing all the new wheels, blades and belts in the cab lab.

The monthly silent auction event proposed by Dave Richardson has been yielding some great

dividends and income for the club. This event will continue indefinitely at the end of each of the monthly club meetings. We auction off some great stuff at great prices so I encourage everyone to bring your wallets and check books and see what we are offering each month from our donation coffers.

Twink is heading up the club board nomination efforts this year with John Poole and Janet Keisler on the board. If you are interested in participating on the board as a member at large or filling one of the board positions, please see one of these folks to get your name on the ballot. We welcome and encourage new blood and ideas on the board! If anyone has ideas on what we could do to improve the club, remember that we have suggestion boxes in both the main building and the training building.

Once again our thanks go out 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!

David

Front Cover Pictures: Quality facet rough of September's birthstone, common name **Sapphire**, from Australia. **Blue Apatite facet rough from Madagascar with nice saturation of color.**

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

OLD PUEBLO LAPIDARY CLUB
MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING, August
10, 2019
Secretary, William Penrose,
wrp0143@comcast.net, 520-780-1143

The meeting featured an excellent illustrated discussion by Helen Serras-Herman on "Passion for Opals".

Thanks to Shiela Powell, Pete and Ginny Peterson, and Leia Ballard for supplying refreshments for this morning's meeting. A request was made for more volunteers to bring food in the coming months. Up to \$40 will be reimbursed.

David S. thanked the following club members for their contributions to our semi-annual clean up day: Pat Droll, John Poole, Skip Barkley, Malcolm Currie, Victoria Fila, Bill Penrose, Tom McDevitt, Hugh Ann Schneider, Gloria Jean Shenanquet, Wayne Klement, Mike Tucker, Pete Peterson and Lou Till. An appeal was made for more members to volunteer to help keep the club running.

The motion was made to approve the minutes of last month's club meeting. Passed.

New members were introduced to the club.

Treasurers report – (Pat Droll) The club finances are running according to budget if the large purchase of new wheels for the cab lab for November is taken into account. No large unbudgeted expenses are expected.

Membership report – (Janet Keisler) We have 422 members at this date. A couple of members were not charged correctly for their dues by a few dollars. Janet will be assessing the missing amounts. A notice has been sent out to the monitors reminding them of the due fee structure for new members and renewing members. The new membership fee structure is on the current application/renewal forms.

Upcoming field trips – (Victoria Fila) The September field trip to Payson has been changed to September 28. The date for the November trip to Courtland has been set at November 16.

Library status – (Bill Cascio) Bill is pursuing overdue books.

Lab Schedules – There have been some updates to the monitor times and we've added a few more time slots that the labs are open to the membership. Please be sure to consult the latest Cutting Remarks News Letter for the current schedule.

Nominating Committee - Twink Monrad has once again graciously agreed to chair the nomination committee one more time for the 2020 OPLC board. We are looking for 2 volunteers to help her out, as well as candidates for treasurer and president. If you are interested in any of these positions, please contact David Schulte or Twink Monrad (520-297-9454).

Twink has also agreed to volunteer to put together some donation specimens that we've received for our display cabinets. A request was made for volunteers to help her set up the new specimens. Malcolm Currie volunteered to help out.

Jack D'Aquisto will be holding a broom casting and salt casting workshop event in September for any members that are interested in participating. Anyone that would like to participate, please see Jack after the meeting.

David S thanked all of the members for their kind donations to the club. All donations are tax deductible. If you have anything you would like to donate, please see Dave Richardson.

Where possible, please provide the provenance of donated items (for example, 'turquoise from Cananea' affects value more than just 'turquoise').

There will be a facility tour today after the meeting for new members.

Door prize, a sample of wulfenite, was won by Jerry Behn.

Money received from raffle today was \$168. Last month's silent auction netted \$200. The monthly mini-auctions will continue.

Meeting adjourned.

Conclusion of silent auction and collection of proceeds.

September 14, 2019 OPLC Speaker: Dr. Stan Hart

Origin, Age and Evolution of Earth



We are in for another special treat for our September OPLC monthly meeting. Dr. Stanley Hart, an Isotope Geochemist, Senior Scientist Emeritus from the Dept. of Geology & Geophysics at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution in Cape Cod, Massachusetts, is a recent Green Valley transplant and new OPLC member.

Dr. Stan Hart's talk is titled: **Origin, Age and Evolution of Earth**. In his own words: "the Earth formed in the chaos of the early solar system, 4567 million years ago. So did our moon. In childhood, the earth's surface formed into rigid plates some 50 – 100 miles thick. The slow movements of these plates cause the rift valleys and mountains that form our scenery. Slow upwellings from deep in the earth form most of the volcanoes on Earth. How do we really know this stuff? I will weave it all together as a simple story, told in easy words. I will end with the story of the exploration of a new underwater volcano in Samoa. Her name is Vailulu'u".

Dr. Stan Hart is currently retired and living in Green Valley. His career was spent in academia as a geochemist and marine geologist, first at the Carnegie Institution of Washington, then at M.I.T. and finally at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution. He traded that in 2009 for hiking, running and bird watching in Arizona! No rocking chair yet. For more information please visit his website at <https://directory.whoi.edu/profile/shart/>

Looking forward to seeing you all in the September meeting!

Helen Serras-Herman, OPLC Program chair

OPLC Speakers Forecast 2019-2020– Updated August 23, 2019

Here is the latest list for our upcoming speakers.

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)

Bob Jones, “Russian Lapidary Art” (March 14, 2020)

Bob & Elaine Royer, “Tour of Swarovski crystal jewelry in Austria” (April 11, 2020)

Angéline Fahey, Tucson Wildlife Center (June 13, 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



Sarah Cook

Susan Dubow

Judi Maikoff

Zoe Zeszut

David Sunderland

Ann Jones

Larry Jones

Jeremy Vaughan

FIELD TRIP INFORMATION

POC: Victoria Fila 664-0302

September field trip will be on 9/28/19 Payson AZ meeting at the Safeway on 260.

October Round Mountain 10/26/19 meeting the Travel truck stop.

November Courtland 11/2/19 meeting at 9:00am at the mine will have direction.

Cost:

Tour: \$20 includes: 1900s era copper ore processing plant then to the Native American campsite then the mine. Tour is about 1.5 hours. Mike also points out where to find specimens.

Rockhounding \$20 for the dump sites

This money goes to the Historical preservation. They are working towards the National Historical Class 3 cultures studies.

Those who are feeling sparky enough they will have someone to take anyone up to Turquoise mountain which is a 45 minute walk. One person he has in mind has help people to find nice quality turquoise. This person will be helping out and tips to him/her will be appreciated.

They also have cater lunch under the Ramada normally \$20 which is hamburger with side and drink. Optional

I need a count on tour + rockhounding or just rockhounding. You do not need to do the tour you can go straight to collecting

Working on December through April waiting on a call back from Rick at Duquesne mine. Will be calling Emery in October to set up a date for Peridot.

SEPTEMBER STONE: SAPPHIRE



Fine Faceted Sapphires in various colors

Sapphire is the gemstone for September, and the common name for gem-grade **Corundum** (technically, **Ruby** is another name for gem-grade corundum, but only for those rare red crystals with chromium as the chromophore, or coloring agent...) Corundum is an oxide of Aluminum that occurs as trigonal crystals (typically barrel-shaped with several steep hexagonal bipyramids, tabular bipyramids, usually lamellar, and sometimes granular). It has vitreous luster and is translucent to transparent. It has no cleavage, a Moh's hardness of approximately 9.0, and a density of approximately 4.0. Color is usually grey, weakly blue, yellow, or red, but all colors can occur. Normally pure Al_2O_3 , the color-giving ions, such as Cr (ruby) or Fe and Ti (sapphire), are present only in very small amounts - typically only a few parts per million! Crystal structure can be described as an almost-hexagonal close packing of spheres of O atoms in which two-thirds of the octohedrally-coordinated interstices are occupied by Al and the remaining third are empty. Corundum occurs in silicon-poor igneous rocks such as syenites and nepheline-syenites and associated pegmatites, in contact zones between peridotites and surrounding rocks, and in metamorphic rocks such as gneisses, mica-schists, and crystalline limestones. Because of its hardness and chemical resistance, it is also widespread in sand and gravel deposits.

Sapphire is found all over the globe - important deposits occur in Sri Lanka, Cambodia, Thailand, Vietnam, Tanzania, Madagascar, and Queensland, Australia, among others. We have gem occurrences in the United States in North Carolina and Montana. The most famous sapphire deposits, though long mined-out, occurred at high altitude at Padar in Kashmir, India, where marble and other metamorphic rocks are cut by pegmatitic dykes. New sources are found often, especially in Africa, but a very recent find in Ceylon, Sri Lanka, shows amazing promise with deep-blue transparent crystals that can weigh over 20 grams! Sapphire is fairly easy to cut and polish, though beginners sometimes have trouble with pre-polish. Try using a 8,000-grit diamond on zinc lap, followed by 50K on zinc, with 3/4 to full speed. You will probably never cut another stone with such sharp facet breaks (unless you are a diamond brillianteer!) You *will* go through laps/saws more quickly, thanks to corundum's incredible hardness. But after factoring in corundum's high refractive index (1.76), decent dispersion, and amazing variety of colors, you'll come to understand why this species is truly "king of the colored gems"!



African Sapphire Rough

Compiled/written by Mike DeMeritt, 2012

OCTOBER TAILGATE SALE

-Tailgate Sale DOES NOT START UNTIL AFTER THE MEETING!

-OPLC MEMBERS ONLY!

-Bring your own tables!

**-Items for sale MUST be related to lapidary or metalsmithing arts,
or OPLC activities.**

-Parking for participants is in North Lot - FROM 8AM UNTIL 8:30AM ONLY!

-The North Lot WILL be open to Monitors working THAT DAY!

**-After 8:30AM, the North Parking Lot will then be open to the
General membership.**

-Again, the Tailgate Sale WILL NOT START until after the October meeting is over!

ATTENTION OPLC MEMBERSHIP:

THIS IS NOT OUR WORKSHOP SCHEDULE, BUT WAS OUR WORKSHOP SCHEDULE EXACTLY SIX YEARS AGO. I WANTED EVERYBODY TO SEE JUST HOW FAR WE'VE COME SINCE THEN! A BIG "THANK YOU!" TO ALL OF OUR NEWER MONITORS THAT HAVE HELPED MAKE THIS POSSIBLE!

Mondays

1PM - 4PM **Faceting Guild** (Exp. Facetors Only)
Monitor - Paul Head 296-0331

1PM - 4PM **Silversmith Lab**
Monitor - Lou Akerman 290-6968

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

Tuesdays

9AM - Noon **Cabbing***
Monitor - Mike DeMeritt 203-8430

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

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

1PM - 4PM **Faceting***
Monitor - Mike DeMeritt 203-8430

6PM - 9PM **Silversmithing**
Monitor - Billy Bob Riley 225-9060

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

6PM - 9PM **Faceting***

Monitor—Billy Bob Riley 225-9060

Thursdays

10AM - 1PM **Rock Sawing**

(BY APPOINTMENT ONLY)

Monitor - Jim Baker 886-2126

Fridays

9AM - 12PM **Cabbing***

Monitor - Mike DeMeritt 203-8430

Saturdays

8AM - 12PM **Rock Sawing**

Monitor - Jim Griffin

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Monitor - Terry Cox 296-4949

10AM - 3PM **Cabbing**



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WEEKLY WORKSHOP SCHEDULE Phone 323-9154

Mondays

9AM - Noon **Faceting Lab**
Monitor - Dave Richardson 245-2172

9AM- 1PM **Cabbing**
Monitor - John Watt 520-247-6811

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

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

1PM - 4PM **Faceting Class/Open Lab**
Monitor - Dave Richardson 245-2172

Wednesdays

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

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

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 - Pat Droll 345-2792

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

THIS LAB RE-OPENS 09/27/19; WILL ALSO BE CLOSED 11/25/19 - 12/31/19

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

6PM - 9PM **Cabbing**
Monitor - Victoria Fila 664-0302

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

investing second Saturday of every month 12 - 3
casting pore third Saturday of every month 3PM until done.
This will not start until March 2019.

Sundays

9AM - Noon **Rock Sawing**
Monitor - Mark Gibson 297-4412

10AM - 3PM **Silversmithing Lab**
Monitor - Giac D'Aquisto 207-6219

10AM - 2PM **Cabbing**
Monitor - Gloria Jean Shevanaquet 369-7225

- ***INSTRUCTION AS AVAILABLE***

***** FIRST TWO MON/FRI OF EVERY MONTH IS CAB-
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Old Pueblo Lapidary Club
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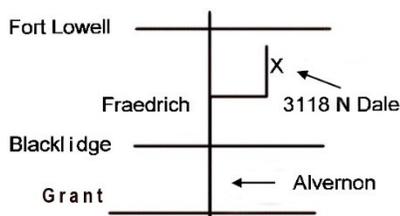
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