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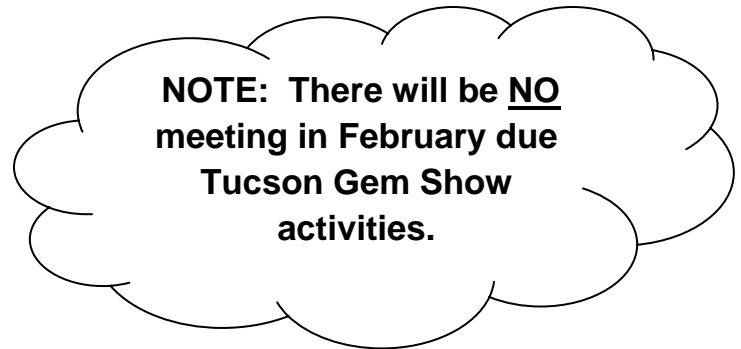
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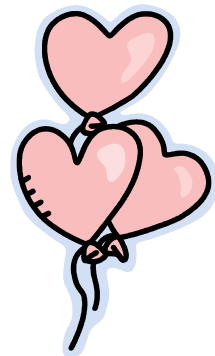
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## THE PREZ SEZ ..... by Bill Carmody



Tucson Gem and Mineral Show! Well, that says it all.

It might say it all, but you don't think that is going to keep me from saying a few more words, do you? Actually, I have some relevant information for you. Recently, I signed the TGMS' contract for our booth in this year's show at the Tucson Convention Center. It got my blood plumping with "show +excitement". It also emphatically reminded me of TGMS' extreme generosity. I can't thank them enough for enabling our Club to participate. I feel our demonstrations and information adds enrichment to the show – to use words from my corporate background: our Clubs' relationship is at least symbiotic and probably synergistic. Anyhow, we are lucky that we are part of the "Show" and again, TGMS, **THANK YOU**. This year's theme is "Mineral Oddities". (Do you think we can pass Carl Bowlby off as a mineral?)

As our membership increases, I notice more people volunteering ideas and action. Our sawroom is literally humming with activity. Thanks to Jim Baker, Jim Griffin, and Dave Arens. Speaking of Dave Arens – he is planning on starting a class in chain-making after the show, and his visitor situation stabilizes. Frank Beavan has started a lapidary open lab with instruction for those who ask. Jenny Coniglio

is planning a beading class soon. Be on the alert for new classes that interest you and be prepared to sign up – they go fast.

Probably our next project will involve painting the floors in the shop building. Please come to Ron Davidson or me with any suggestions you have in that regard.

The culmination of Diana Hara's hard work and research has been bought, received, and installed. What is it? It's the dust collection system for the buffing wheels in the Silver Smithing room. Ron Davidson, John Poole, and Dave Arens crafted the necessary modifications to mate our motor and wheels with the suction-filter system. Thanks, guys. We are confident that this improvement should make our air much more breathable in there.

Ron Davidson and I are Co-Chairing the TGMS show and will soon be contacting the volunteers running the Club's booth with last minute information. By the way, I think it is an excellent opportunity, for those of you who attend the show and who have not volunteered, to come by the booth and spend a little time with us to get a flavor of what the job is like and see if you might want to participate in the future. It's enjoyable to meet with people from all over the

world who have many of the same interests we do. It is also fun to have other OPLC members drop by. In preparation for the show, Dan Harmsen and Murray Hiller have been seen on numerous occasions sitting outside the shop soaking up sunshine cleaning and polishing the tumbled rocks **to give to the kids who stop by and visit our Club booth.**

By the time you read this, the Hob Nob will have just completed (February 7<sup>th</sup>) We will talk about how it went in the March meeting and put a recap in the March newsletter. The Hob Nob, run by Art Kavan, involves faceters literally from all over the world getting together in our club facilities to discuss faceting issues of interest (and eating pizza). Donna Pugh and Wayne Klement did the club house clean-up and set-up preparation for this year's event. Thanks, Guys.

I continue to be dazzled by the job that Wayne Klement is doing with the Newsletter. It has improved with every issue since he has taken the job. On behalf of all who read it, I sincerely say a hearty thanks and a job well done.

See you around the Club, at the show, and at the March meeting.

Bill Carmody

# JANUARY MEETING MINUTES ..... By Jenny Coniglio



The meeting opened with a quorum.

The minutes from the December meeting printed in the Newsletter were accepted.

**The 2009 Budget** was reviewed: The new computer projector shows as an item in the budget. This was used immediately for the presentation of the budget at this meeting. Andy Rouse and Murray Hiller selected the projector. Thank You!

Bill mentioned the Holiday Party and how successful it had been. We also thanked Pat McMullen for being the event chairman. Several proposals that we might change the time to later in the day, or have less food were presented by members. However, a casual vote showed that there was great support for keeping the event the same.

The 2009 Budget as proposed was accepted unanimously by the members.

**New Board Members:** Dave Witwer and Ted Rupp were introduced. Bill issued the oath of office that included adherence to the Club By-laws.

**Old Business:** Bill Carmody and Ron Davidson are Co-chairmen of the booth at the TGMS Gem Show. They need volunteers for the 4 days in 4 to 8 hour shifts. The volunteers need names and picture ID's to get parking and show passes that are made by TGMS. Demonstrations only are permitted (no sales) so we don't have to pay for our booth. This

opportunity is one of our best sources for new members; we can sign up new members and get their membership money at the booth. Serving the Club is fun, and you also get to see the rest of the show for free.

The silver room dust collector equipment has been received and will be installed very soon.

Wayne Klement reminded us that all memberships will run out at the end of Jan., and those who haven't renewed will not receive a newsletter.

**New Business:** The Pima County Fair will be April 17 – 26 for our booth. Murray Hiller needs volunteers to sign up or contact him even if you don't know the exact date you can work.

**Classes and Workshops:** John Poole will monitor an open shop in the silver room on Wednesdays 1 – 4 PM. This is for any skill level. Also Ron Davidson will hold beginning silversmithing classes on Thurs. nights for \$35 for the course. Abe Lackow offers personalized silversmithing 2 – hour classes for any skill level. Call him for flexible times. These will be \$4 per hour or you can use your Club punch card. Chuck Lundstrom is offering casting classes starting in February for \$45. Frank Beavens will have open shops as well as beginning lapidary classes on Thursday from 1 – 4 PM. Jenny Coniglio will have Fun with Beads classes during March/April. The exact time is uncertain, but sign up if interested and she will contact

you.

**New Members:** Mike Skinner formerly of Washington, DC introduced himself. Elmer Brooster's wife, Carol joined since she is interested in beading. Charlie Reese now retired in an RV in Benson has been a rock cutter since 1956 and for the past 4 years began faceting. He has 2 faceting machines for sale: "Facet" for \$2900 and the "Ultratech" for \$2400. Charlie is a former tool and dye maker who likes to facet large rocks.

Margaret Kendal, an artist and caster teaches in Sells during the summer at the Recreation Center. She is looking for more volunteers to teach our skills to the youth during the summer. Perhaps we could explore this as a Club.

**Guests:** Berry Londenbell is an R'ver and a friend of Betty Haynes. He is interested in wire wrapping.

**Announcements:** The "4 Seasons" bead shop on east Speedway (east of Craycroft) is under new management. They are offering classes in beading and wire wrapping. Harrison Yocum will have rockhounding field trips starting January 31 for \$89 through Pima County Community College. He needs 15 students to hold the classes. Many club members have met through his classes.

There was no Jewelry contest today. The raffle followed the meeting adjournment.





Do you remember that large TV set that used to be at the front of the meeting room? It has finally found a new home.

This was a win-win for the Club - we freed up floor space and someone wound up with a large screen TV.



### NEW MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

Bill Carmody, swearing in two new Members of the Board - Dave Witwer (l) and Ted Rupp (middle).



**OUR** dear Sylvia is scaring us once again. She is finally taking phone calls and seeing visitors other than just members of family. She looks and sounds great. There is no room or telephone number at this time as she is going to be transferred to another location, closer to her home in the next day or so.

### DONATION

Bette Haynes took pity on the Club for the sad condition of one of our coffee urns in the kitchen and gave us a brand new one. Thank you Bette.

### IT IS WITH REGRET

we inform you that Mary Clare Babcock passed away on Monday, January 12, 2009 following complications from surgery. The Club extends sincere condolences to Phil, daughter, Maureen, son and daughter-in-law, Timothy Babcock and Nicola Haylor-Babcock, and grandson, Duncan.



AND, meet another new member -  
Charles Reece

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### From the Casting Lab: Open Casting Days will be on the following Saturday's:

Saturday, February 21<sup>st</sup>

Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>

Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>

Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup>

Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>

Saturday May 16<sup>th</sup>

Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup>

Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup>

Experienced members are welcome to bring in a model (or models) that is ready to cast, limited by space available in the oven. Please contact me at 520.241.9262 to ensure we can meet at 8:00am to get the model invested and into the oven with the class flasks ready to be burned out. Normal lab fees will be charged for the time to complete the entire investment, burn out and casting process, probably about eight (8) hours.

Chuck Lundstrom

**Interested in Gold in Arizona?** The Arizona Geological Survey is making it easier for individuals interested in reading up on historic gold strikes in Arizona. They have made downloadable PDFs available from their web site at: [www.azgs.az.gov/minerals\\_gold.shtml](http://www.azgs.az.gov/minerals_gold.shtml).

You'll be able to research a breakdown of proven gold finds by county and included are tips on finding gold and useful guides for panning or harvesting gold.

The web site also contains reports and maps on copper and/or gold in Payson, Oatman, and Tombstone.



**DONATIONS**

You may contact one of the following individuals if you are interested in making a donation (rocks, equipment, etc.) to the Old Pueblo Lapidary Club. Please call: Bill Carmody at 760-8598 or Dan Harmsen at 721-8452.

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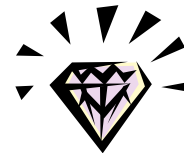


## MONEY SAVING DISCOUNTS

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### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Gerald Behn  
Norma Bello  
Janelle Cortright  
Margaret Kendle  
Robert Longley  
Jan Peterson  
Charles Reece III  
Michael Skinner



### ADVANCED FACETOR'S CORNER

The January/February question of the month: PERIDOT IS AN ALLOCHROMATIC STONE: ..... **True or False?**

**The answer .....**

Come to the March meeting to hear the answer.



### DON'T FORGET

Please don't forget to bring in **YOUR** aluminum cans to the Club for recycling. Your contribution would be greatly appreciated to help add \$'s to the Club's treasury.

**Thanks !**

### MONTHLY JEWELRY CONTESTS

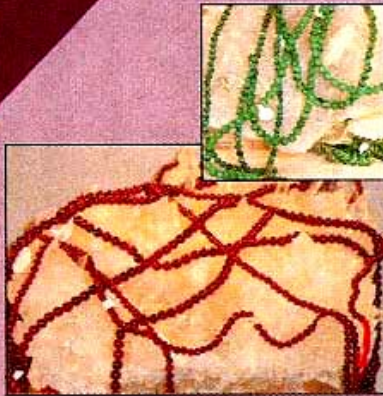
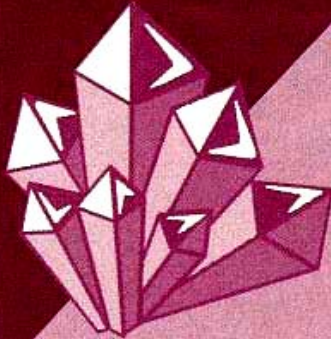
In order for members to better plan for future monthly contests, here is the schedule for each category by month:

January - Bolo Tie	May - Brooch	August - Faceted Stone	November - Bracelet
<b>March - Belt Buckle</b>	June - Cabochon	September - Chain	
April - Necklace	July - Charm	October - Pendent	

There was no jewelry contest in January.

# DAH ROCK SHOP

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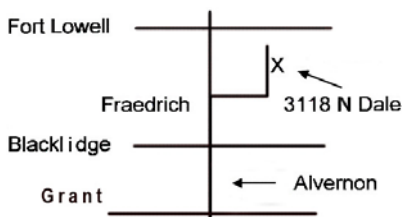
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The Business Meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month. A pre-meeting social hour (except for the December meeting) is at 8:00 a.m., followed by an educational program, and ends with the monthly meeting. Visitors are most welcome.