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Please join us on
March 12th for the
next meeting.



Articles or news to be included in the Cutting Remarks should be emailed to your editor, Wayne Klement at “wayneklem@aol.com”, or feel free to call him at 546-9404. Submission deadline is the 25th of each month. Thanks!

See us online at: www.lapidaryclub.org

THE PREZ SEEZ.....

With 2005 starting out wet and rainy, I think we are in for a great year for wild flowers. Although erosion is supposed to be a bad thing, I have already noticed freshly exposed rock treasures in one of my favorite hunting grounds. It just might be a great year for rock hounding too. I dropped by Ron Davidson's Tuesday morning open lab on the 1st of March. The facilities were nearly at capacity, bustling with members turning mere rocks into great cabochons. Dave Arens had the choir of rock saws humming as they were turning out slab pancakes at a charity, all-you-eat breakfast for the expectant lapidarists. Our Club's new paint job and the beehive like activity sure made me feel glad to be there and to be part of it. It's a good thing to see our Club being used and enjoyed. Even if you don't want to do any lapidary work, you ought to come out and see what some of the others are doing and maybe kibitz a little. Heck, even Carl Bowlby looked like he knew what he was doing.

On a sad note for just a second, I need to mention that Gaye Davidson passed away in February. She leaves us with good memories and fuller lives for having known her. She will truly be missed. Already several generous donations in her honor have been received by

the Club.

We have had our third Board of Directors meeting on 26 February (It is always easier to think of things that need to be done than to actually do them.) In spite of that, things are getting done. Paul Head's rough draft questionnaire came to fruition and was part of the February Newsletter. We already have started getting excellent responses with good ideas. I hope you remember my comments about wanting to get 100% participation. If I haven't gotten a response from you in a reasonable amount of time, buy two extra pork chops because I'm coming over at dinnertime some evening to ask you the questions personally. Seriously, we care what you think about your Club. Help us out here.

The Board has authorized serialized punch cards for open laboratory and shop usage along with sign-in sheets to document members using the facilities. Monitors will control the sale of the cards and use of the sheets designed by Donna Pugh. With this system being properly used, we will have a better understanding of how the facilities and equipment are being used, how many members are using them, and be sure that it is OPLC members using them. This should also give us better knowledge of how to allocate funds for

new equipment and replacement parts.

We need to ensure that keys are available for members to carry out their responsibilities without creating a situation where there is no protection for the Club's assets. Anyone who has a need for a key or keys to Club spaces, please contact me or Ron Davidson to ensure your needs are met. Everyone currently with a key or keys to the Club, please contact Ron or me. If we can identify where all of the serialized keys are, we may be able to avoid the expense of re-keying the entrance locks.

Shad Blair is in charge of arrangements with the Pima County Fair officials for this year's OPLC booth in Pueblo Hall for a mineral display and for the demonstration of faceting and cabochon creation. Paul Head is in charge of the display and faceting demonstrations. Billy Bob Riley is in charge of the cabochon demonstrations. Murray Hiller is helping with setting up. Thanks to Shad's hard work, everything is on track. Other volunteers are needed to help with the demonstrations and setting up. Please contact one of them to pitch in.



SPEAKER FOR APRIL MEETING

Club member Jim Farley will discuss old arrowheads and will bring some of his extensive collection for display and for discussion. Jim collected these specimens in Fairfield and Athens Counties in Ohio during 1965 to 1978. He was fortunate to connect with owners of private land to allow him to work legally. The arrowheads have been dated to circa 11,000 to 1,000 years B.P. Jim is an interesting speaker due in part to his solid background in the English Language including both American and Hillbilly.



DONATIONS RECEIVED

JOE SEMAN - Tumbled stones

HARLEY T. FUJIMOTO - Two new diamond wheels and a set of *Lapidary Journals* from 1962-2004.

The membership is grateful for their thoughtfulness and generosity.

Deming Rock Hound Roundup - March 10-13, 2005 - All OPLC Members

By Danny Harmsen

On Wednesday, March 9th at 7:30am, we will meet at the Country View Restaurant in Benson and then go to a rock hunt in the Deming area. To get to the Country View Restaurant, take I-10 Exit 304 to Benson, turn right at the stop sign onto Ocotillo and the restaurant will be about 1/10th mile on the left. We will arrive in Deming about 3:30pm to sign up for trips on Thursday and Friday mornings. We will return to Tucson on Saturday and hunt rocks again on the way home. A high clearance vehicle will be needed to participate in the rock hunts. Please note that the I-10/Houghton overpass will be closed until some time in April. Use Kolb or alternate routes to gain access to eastbound I-10.

Show Hi-lites:

- Rock show all four days
- Silent auction Friday night – usually starts at 8:00pm
- Regular auction Saturday night
- Rock trips Thursday – Saturday; usually \$5 - \$10 per trip per person

Things to do besides the rock show:

- Winery
- Rock shops – Red Roof and Geode Kid's
- Luna Mimbres Museum (excellent geode/thunder egg collection plus an extensive Indian artifacts collection)
- Rock Hound State Park – nice trails for hikers to find rocks.

Hotels include:

Motel 6	1-505-546-2623	Grand Motel	1-505-546-2632
Days Inn	1-505-546-8813	Hacienda Motel	1-505-546-0817

Point of contact - - Dan Harmsen 721-8452



REMINDER

The club will be opened at 8:00am for socializing before the general business meeting.

PIMA COUNTY FAIR - - - - - OPLC EXHIBITION APRIL 14 — APRIL 24

THE OLD PUEBLO LAPIDARY CLUB WILL HAVE AN EXHIBITION BOOTH WITH DISPLAYS AND DEMONSTRATIONS OF FACETING AND CABOCHON CREATION. THE HOURS WILL BE 11:00AM TO 4:30PM DAILY.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR BOTH FACETING AND CABOCHON DEMONSTRATIONS.

TO SIGN UP AND FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT SHAD C. BLAIR 294-0963 OR E-MAIL standman1@aol.com.

HELPFUL COOKING HINTS.....

- Maple syrup can be substituted for sugar in recipes. Add 1 ½ cups syrup and ¼ tsp baking soda for each cup of sugar used.
- To soften brown sugar, place amount needed on a pan in a 300 degree oven for 15 minutes.
- Chopped green tomatoes make good substitute for green peppers.
- Slices of banana bread make great gourmet French toast.
- Never store herbs right over the oven. The constant heat ruins the seasonings .
- Is the egg fresh? Place it in a glass of water. A fresh egg will sink.

Johnson Camp Mines Tour— Wednesday, April 27, 2005

Enjoy an interesting presentation on the history of these mines by the current Chief Geologist, Clive Baily. Then it's off to the mine. Clive will escort us to several sites. There we will hear about the specific deposits we are observing, their age, content, etc. , and we will do some collecting of copper minerals. At the last site, we will stop for a **BYO lunch** and also team up for any optional afternoon visits to a nearby verde marble mine or to the Amerind Foundation. If you haven't been to Amerind, it's recommended as it is one of the finest American Indian Museums in the west.



Here is the scoop:

Location: Johnson Camp is about 1.5 hours east on I-10, 3 miles past of the top of Texas Canyon.

Getting there: Anyone wanting to **car pool, be at I-10 & Houghton** road at 7:15AM. We will stop in Benson for **breakfast at about 8:00AM at the Horse Shoe Restaurant**, 154 E 4th St, first exit to Benson exit for Hwy 80, then east on 4th. The restaurant will be on the right in downtown Benson. They have great bacon!

We will meet any non-carpoolers & non-breakfast folks across from the I-10 exit to the mine at that ugly tourist trap at the top of Texas Canyon, "**The Thing**". At 9:00AM we head to the mine together.

Sign Up: We are limited to 15 so it's first come, first served. Sign up will start at the March 12 OPLC meeting. Look for the sign up sheet.

Misc: The mine is about to reopen but will not be in production so there are fewer safety considerations. Our vehicles will be allowed to go to the very conservatively selected parking near the collecting sites. Four wheel drive not required. But, Clive wants have a minimum of vehicles, hence we are pushing for the car pools.

The mine has been closed to rock hounds for some time and still is. Good news, there is still some stuff there, Bad news it's still closed. Please don't try to go back!

Don't forget, **BYO LUNCH**.

Questions, call Don Feyrer 661-7855

COMMENTS FROM THE SILVERSMITHING SHOP

John Poole

After conferring with Ron Davidson and some of the members who use the silversmithing shop I came up with a wish list of tools and equipment that would be a good addition to our shop.

Rim Tallet-Kelspa, a Board Member, asked me to present the proposal to the Board of Directors at their January meeting. The Board of Directors authorized me to spend up to \$400.00.

I spoke to Kent of Kent's Tools and he gave the Club a 10% discount. The next time you go to Kent's Tools let him know you are an OPLC member and appreciate his support.

So come on down to the Club Silversmithing and Lapidary shops and use some of your new equipment.



THE GREAT TREASURE HUNT

Recollections of Art, the Desert Rat

Cont'd from February Issue

He was right. As I went my way, I gunned it to jump over these nasty rocks and the trailer hitch hit so hard it blew out my back window. Darn, now I have to replace the back window. I thought what the heck, with all the gold we are going to find, no sweat. I've been a bottom feeder all my life and now is the time for the big find. I went to this one house I figured was the general's and noticed a packrat nest in the fireplace, so I started tearing the fireplace apart as packrats are known to pick up shiny objects as in gold and silver.

So, after taking it apart, no small task, Art said he was afraid of snakes and wandered off on his own. I took a shovel and dug like hell all the while using my treasure finder to check things out. I worked about for two and a half hours and found a couple

of square-headed nails and one piece of a bullet. Somebody didn't inform these uneducated pack rats what they should have been doing the last three hundred years.

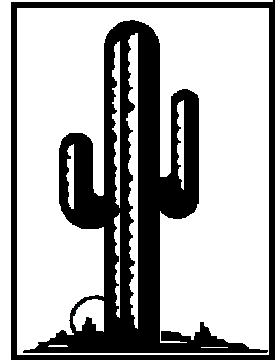
Well, I rounded Art up and said let's try a little gold panning as the creek had a good flow of water in it. After an hour of that crap, it was time for lunch.

First I removed most of the broken glass from the back of the Blazer, then we moved about a half mile away where I knew of an old Celtic house up a close by wash.

We stopped and ate lunch and I could feel my body cramping up a little. Art said there was no way he could go any further and he was done walking. I said this house is neat to look at and not to far, but he insisted he wanted to stay seated in the car but it was all right if I went.

So I headed out, as I wanted to see the Celtic place again. I finally found it and it was a good thing Art didn't come with me as it had deteriorated so bad that it wasn't very impressive and I would have hated to see a seventy-year-old man cry. As a last effort I tried my gold finder for another hour and finally gave up. So it worked out this way, treasure finder 400 bucks, new window that I installed myself 131 bucks about 25 for gas and another 15 for Miscellaneous. All that and I'm still a bottom feeder. Oh well, I had fun!"

ART



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Beginning Cabbing - Fee charged - contact Billy Bob Riley 408-3074

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 8 AM Work Groups

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 Shop - Fee Charged. Beginners welcome. Tools/ equipment available.

Contact Rim Tallet-Kelspa 760-8704

Thursdays 1 PM – 4 PM

Beginning Cabbing - Contact Billy Bob Riley 408-3074

Fridays 6-9 PM

Beginning Faceting - Fee charged - contact Rob Kulakofsky 792-1439

Saturdays 12-3 PM

Open Shop - Contact Ron Davidson 749-3157

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **March 10-13 9am - 5pm. Deming, New Mexico** Annual Rockhound Roundup. Contact Barbara Hamilton 505-544-8643.
- **April 1-3 San Antonio, Texas:** 45th annual show, "Fiesta of Gems" Southwest Gem & Mineral Society; Morris Activity Center, Freeman Coliseum, SBC Center Pkwy.

IN MEMORIAM

Gaye Davidson passed away February 17, 2005. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Old Pueblo Lapidary Club. The OPLC membership extends its heartfelt condolences to Ron and his family.



Old Pueblo Lapidary Club Membership Renewal

DATE: _____ PHONE: _____

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SINGLE RENEWAL: \$15.00

Junior: \$7.50

Couple Renewal: \$20.00

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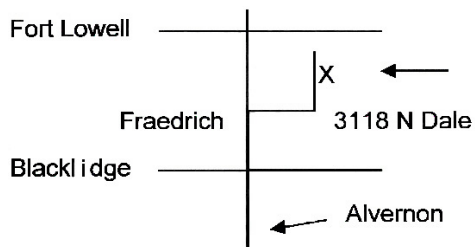
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Type of membership: ___New single member \$20.00 , ___New Couple (same address) \$30.00 , ___New Junior \$7.50

Yearly Renewal: ___Single \$15.00 , ___Couple \$20.00, ___Junior \$7.50

Mail to: Membership Chairperson, Old Pueblo Lapidary Club



Meetings: Business & Program are held on the 2 nd Saturday of each month. The business meeting starts at 9:00 AM and is followed by the program meeting. Visitors are welcome
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