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Please join us on March
8th for the next meeting.
Optional social hour begins
at 8:00 AM, followed by the
monthly educational
program at 9:00 AM,
followed by the monthly
meeting at 10:00 AM.



Articles or news to be included in the *Cutting Remarks* should be emailed to your Editor, Wayne Klement (wayneklem@aol.com), or feel free to call him at 520-954-6298. Submission deadline is the 25th of each month. Thanks!

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THE PREZ SEZ by Bill Carmody



The Tucson Gem and Mineral Show is over. I feel my volunteering enriched my character; but my acquisitions en-poor'd my finances. Our booth at the TCC had lots of interesting visitors and the club members manning our booth did excellent work. I know you read my comments before you look at the rest of the newsletter, so look for photos from the show. Wayne is planning on including some in this issue. It is poor pay for such tremendously outstanding work that you show volunteers did, but here it is:

Thank you! Great job!

The real reward is meeting and interacting with people that have similar interests.

Oh, by the way: Thanks ever so much, TGMS, for including the Old Pueblo Lapidary in your show again this year. I hope many of our members made it to the show. Maybe I am biased, but I think the Minerals of the USA were the best ever. My favorites were the emeralds from North Carolina and rhodochrosite from the Sweet Home Mine in Colorado.

With the TGMS Show successfully behind us, it is time to look forward to the Pima County Fair. Murray Hiller has taken over the helm from Tom

Miller for our participation in the Fair. Tom will be on chemo therapy in about a week for 5 1/2 weeks and then will have an operation for his colon cancer. Tom says it was caught in the very early stages and it has very high survival rates. Murray and I went through the sign-up sheets yesterday (2/28/08) and saw that we have volunteers for everyday except Friday, April 18th. I signed up but we still need more support on that day. We have at least 2 people for every other day of the fair. We need at least three people everyday – so please sign up at the March meeting or call Murray at 296-4469.

The eighth annual Hob Nob was a complete success with participants from all over including the U.S.A., Russia, Germany, France, and Scotland. One highlight of the event occurred when incoming President of the U.S. Faceters Guild (USFG), Keith Wyman of Washington State, presented outgoing President Art Kavan an award for excellence for his four years of service to the Guild as President. Art says the USFG donated \$200 to the OPLC for supporting the Hob Nob. Sylvia Czayo was designated guest of honor for the event.

Something of note for some

of the newer members of OPLC: Art Kavan was the President of OPLC in 2003 and 2004. In my personal history of the Club, Art was the force that powered the revival and survival of the Club. Interest in the Club was waning and there was talk of disbanding it. He spearheaded getting the Titan and Genii into the lapidary lab and sparked additional interest in his first love, faceting. These things and plus his strong charisma started the ball rolling. The Club has done nothing but grow since then. Thanks Art.

Right now Art is going through a second bout with cancer. The culprit this time has been identified as Mantel cell lymphoma. The treatment is chemo for several months and a bone marrow implant. He says the chemo is pretty hard on him this time. However, he is doing fairly well and is planning on coming to the March meeting to present the USFG check to the club.

To all you slugs out who are going to miss the March meeting because you are going to the Deming Rock Hound Roundup, good luck at the digs and show us your treasures when you get back.

TEMPORARY LAB CLOSING

Please note that the Dan Harmsen's open lab on Friday, March 7, will be closed. This lab will continue to be open the succeeding weeks from 9am – Noon.

SILVERSMITHING CLASS - OPEN ENROLLMENT

A silversmithing class will be offered for beginners as soon as there will be enough people that sign up. The sign-up sheet for this class will be posted on the bulletin board at the March meeting.

OPLC FIELD TRIP TO RAY MINE

A trip to the Ray Mine has been scheduled for Friday, March 14, 2008. We will meet at 7:30 a.m. in the Trader Joe's parking lot at the southeast corner of Oracle and Magee. If you are not there by 7:30 a.m. we will assume you are not coming. From the parking lot, we will travel in designated vehicles which will take us into the mine. The mine is located 90 miles north on Route 177. We will be back between 2 and 3 p.m.

The trip will give priority to OPLC members who have not been to Ray Mine. You will need: a hard hat, safety glasses, long pants, long sleeved shirt, sturdy shoes (no sneakers), rock bag or bucket, rock hammer, water, and snacks.

1. We need drivers who have a van or SUV which can accommodate the driver and at least three passengers. If you would like to be a designated driver, please call me at 760-8704.
2. There is a nonrefundable \$10 trip fee for passengers. It will go to the drivers for fuel and a carwash.
3. Signup will be at the Saturday, March 9th meeting at 8 a.m. The \$10 trip fee is due at signup.

Rim Tallat-Kelpsa

DONATION TO THE CABBACHON ROOM

The next time you happen to be in or walk by the cabbachon room in the lab building, take notice of the two stools that were donated by Rim Tallat-Kelpsa. This will make it a little easier for those folks who put in a lot of time standing by the machines. Thank you Rim!

HELPFUL HINT WHEN TRAVELING

When traveling, put a card in your wallet or purse with your name, home phone, the phone number of a friend or close relative, important medical information, plus the phone number of the hotel or motel where you're staying.

If you're going to traveling in a vehicle, another good place to put that information is above the visor.

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MEETING MINUTES By Jenny Coniglio



No meeting minutes as there was no meeting in February.

2008 COUNTY FAIR BOOTH

The 2008 Pima County Fair is being held from Thursday, April 17, through Sunday, April 27. We will be again demonstrating faceting, cabbing, and silversmithing in our booth in the Old Pueblo Building. We will have our usual facilities i.e.: a locked display case and tables on which we can demonstrate lapidary activities and display our wares. We have need of more people to man the booth. The job is to talk with Fair-goers about the lapidary sciences and explain the activities of our club. Also, to describe how to join our club for those who might be interested. It is really quite an enjoyable experience. Try it, you'll like it!

We also need items for the display case. Anyone wishing to volunteer for working the booth or having items for display please contact Murray Hiller at 296 4469 or E-Mail me at : merlynhiller@cox.net

A WHOLE NEW MEANING TO A LOT OF OLD WORDS!

ADULT: A person who has stopped growing at both ends and is now growing in the middle.

BEAUTY PARLOR: A place where women curl up and dye.

CANNIBAL: Someone who is fed up with people.

CHICKENS: The only animals you eat before they are born and after they are dead.

COMMITTEE: A body that keeps minutes and wastes hours.

DUST: Mud with the juice squeezed out

EGOTIST: Someone who is usually me-deep in conversation.

HANDKERCHIEF: Cold Storage.

INFLATION: Cutting money in half without damaging the paper.

MOSQUITO: An insect that makes you like flies better.

RAISIN: Grape with a sunburn.

SECRET: Something you tell to one person at a time.

SKELETON: A bunch of bones with the person scraped off.

TOOTHACHE: The pain that drives you to extraction.

OPLC BOOTH AT THE 2008 TUCSON GEM & MINERAL SHOW



Bill Carmody, Jerry & Joann Shumaker and Diana Hara manning the booth.



Barb Alrick showing some kids a stone that she is cabbing.



Barb Alrick with Chuck Lundstrom.



Dave Arens showing some kids how to make chains. Also displayed is some of his silver work which is outstanding.



Phil Babcock having some fun with some kids.



The Club gave out samples of tumbled stones to the kids.

ATTENTION NEW MEMBERS

When an application form for a new member is received, a name badge, membership card, and a punch-card for three free hours of lab time is generated. When these documents are made up at the time of the processing of the application and the member is not present at that time, they are put on the table at the back of the meeting room to be picked up at the next general meeting.

For those of you who do not have these documents in your possession, the next time you are at the Club please make it a point to stop by the table and pick them up.

We are accumulating about a half tableful of cards that need a home. Thank you.

ATTITUDE

When facing a difficult task, act as though it is impossible to fail. If you're going after Mobey Dick, take along the tartar sauce.

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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 !!

MEMBERSHIP NOTE

Due to the significant increase in the price of name badges, it has become necessary to charge \$3.00 for members that need a replacement badge.



ADVANCED FACETOR'S CORNER

The January question of the month was: A gem having high dispersion shows much 'fire'?

The answer True

MARCH QUESTION OF THE MONTH: Diamond, zircon, and quartz have high refractive index. True or False? Come to the March meeting to hear the answer.



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

March - Belt Buckle

June - Cabochon

September - Chain

April - Necklace

July - Charm

October - Pendent

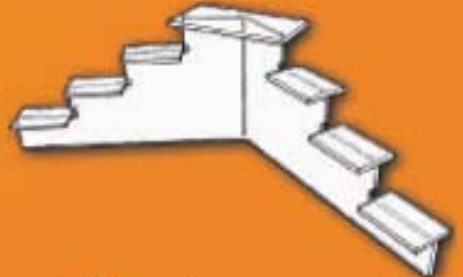
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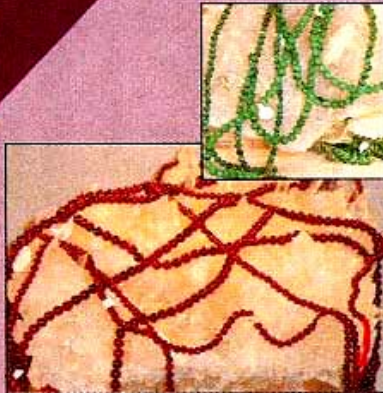
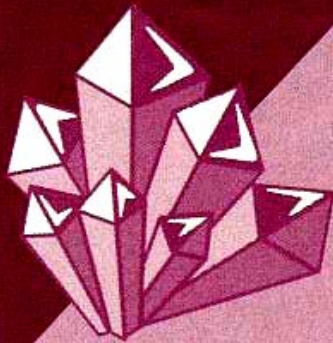
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Silversmith Lab - Fee charged.
Contact Lou Akerman 290-6968

Mondays 6 - 9 PM

Beginning Faceting - Class fee charged.
Contact Earl Zoeller 886-3518

Tuesdays 9 AM – Noon

Open Cabbing - Class fee charged.
Contact Ron Davidson 749-3157

Silversmithing Lab - Fee charged.
Contact Lou Akerman 290-6968

Tuesdays 10AM - 1PM

Rock Sawing - Fee Charged
Monitor - Jim Baker 886-2126

Wednesdays 6 - 9PM

Beginning Casting - Class fee charged.
Contact Chuck Lundstrom 577-6446

NEW - Beginning March 12th

**Open Cabbing - Fee charged.
Contact Keith Haubert 888-8719**

Thursdays 10AM - 1PM

Rock Sawing - Fee Charged
Monitor - Jim Baker 886-2126
Please call to confirm Jim's availability

Fridays 9 AM - Noon

Open Cabochon Lab - Fee charged.
Contact Dan Harmsen 721-8452

(NOTE: Closed on March 7)

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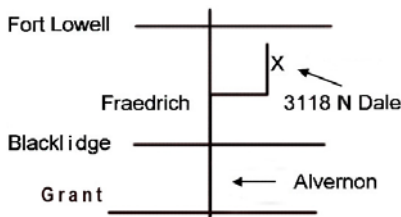
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Mail to: Membership Chairperson, Old Pueblo Lapidary Club, 3118 N. Dale, Tucson, AZ 85712



The Business Meetings are held on the 2nd 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.