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Please join us on October 8th
for the next meeting which
begins at 9:00am, optional
social hour begins at 8:00am.



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 520-546-9404. Submission deadline is the 25th of each month. Thanks!

See us online at: www.lapidaryclub.org

THE PREZ SEZ.....by Bill Carmody



In reviewing my comments in the April newsletter, I noticed I had mentioned gas prices had gotten up to \$2.00 per gallon. We thought prices were high at that time. Now, I think it would be nice if they went back to \$2.00 per gallon. These exorbitant prices are making rock hounds think mighty hard about each prospective rock trip in terms of the cost versus the minerals and experiences gained. The gas prices might not decline; however, the temperatures are supposed to be coming down. When they do, we should be able to get out and rock hound locally again.

The Club had two meetings on Tuesday, September 27th. The first meeting addressed the OPLC Silent Auction scheduled for Saturday, November 5th. This event is important since it usually generates about 50% of the Club's annual income. Even though I have to work during these events, I have a thoroughly good time and it is exciting. Unfortunately, this event will only work if we have something to sell or auction off. We have already gotten some really nifty donations (one item is a Brazilian amethyst cathedral geode). To have a successful event this year, we need more items. Things to consider for donation to the Club include; machinery you are not using, rock slabs you've accumulated and are probably never going to cut, work tables, desks, or other furniture, rough cut-able rocks, faceted gems, and gem roughs. We need to make this auction at

least as successful as last year's. This is going to take a lot of work and generosity on each club members' part. Jim Griffin is Chairman for this activity and is the man to consult regarding all aspects of the auction. Making this a family run event, Beverly Griffin is heading up the food committee and is looking for support to help run the kitchen activities. Also, she requests that members donate foods to be sold that can be hand-held.

Our second meeting on Tuesday was a regular Board of Director's meeting. Among other things, we discussed an OPLC booth at the 2006 TGMS Show and another booth at the Beaudry Gem & Mineral Show. At first blush it looked like we would have a conflict. However, the Beaudry Show runs February 1-8 and the TGMS Show runs February 9-12, so both shows can be done. The Board voted to participate in each. One of the biggest challenges will be the coordination in tearing down our booth after the Beaudry show and setting up prior to the TGMS show. These activities will have to be well choreographed in order to meet stringent requirements for setting up in the TCC for the TGMS show. These evolutions are going to require extensive efforts to plan, coordinate, and carry out. We are going to need many volunteers for support in these endeavors. Gary Angle and Maribeth Terry are co-chairs for the TGMS show.

Their telephone numbers are 777-4258 and 331-7066, respectively. Tom Miller and Paul Head are co-chairs for the Beaudry show. Their telephone numbers are 762-8436 and 296-0331, respectively. Please call with your support and ideas. These shows are excellent opportunities to foster the objectives of our Club.

The Club received a well-written, effusive thank-you note from Richey K-8 School for a great mineral display provided for the children. I would like to add our Club's thank you to Gretchen Arnaiz for making this happen and, of course, to those who provide Gretchen with the materials for the displays. It is always nice to get this kind of feedback.

As we approach the end of the year, we need to think about elections to replace some of the Club's Board members and Officers. There are 3 Board of Directors positions to fill: one for a 1-year term and two for 2-year terms. All of the Officer positions are available. I am not going to be available next year since I am considering knee replacements. I found it very difficult to do the job when I had back surgery this year and I couldn't do the job justice if I have the knee surgery. The secretary and treasurer positions are going to be vacant

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as well. We need to ensure we get good people into these positions. Please see Tom Miller, Election Committee Chairman, or Carl Bowlby to offer your candidacy or suggest someone else for these positions. Please be sure before you recommend a candidate that that person will accept the position. Carl did an excellent job last year and has agreed to help Tom this year. Additionally, there will be a sheet on the bulletin board for members to sign up as candidates for these jobs.

We now have a fan in the casting area to pull cool air into the room where the air conditioner could not reach previously. Thanks for this improvement to Danny Harmsen for donating the fan and to Murray Hiller for installing it. Things just keep getting better.

The lapidary lab is a happier

place. Happier, because new wheels have been placed on the Titian and Genie machines. I know I am always happier when my wheels are cutting well. Remember to use these wheels

The "fan club". From left to right; Jaime DeZubeldia, Mervin Peterson and Merlyn Hiller.



properly and they will last for a long, long time.

Billy Bob's daughter, Missy, has been diagnosed with acute leukemia. He is currently visiting her in the hospital in Louisiana. She is starting the second round of chemotherapy and is feeling a lot of discomfort right now. She is a spectacular girl and, on behalf of the Club, I extend our best wishes for her recovery and hope it is a speedy one.

On another sad note, Tom Miller informed the board yesterday that Larry Gallagher is in assisted living now and won't be going home again. See Tom for additional information since it was unfolding as he told us about it.

It seems that I pick on Carl a lot in my comments. Carl takes the teasing well since he is nearly perfect in every way except for his nasal hair. Have you ever seen him sneeze? It looks like he is blowing a party favor.

SEPTEMBER BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES By Ursula Wilson

President Bill Carmody called the meeting to order at 9:10am. A quorum was present.

There were no corrections to the minutes of last month's meeting and were approved as submitted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We had concern about the lack of usage of our Friday open lapidary lab; and, possibly closing it. Danny Harmsen informed us that members have started to use the lab. It will remain open from 9:00am - 12:00pm every Friday.

The board voted to donate the show cases that Sheila Powell requested for school projects. Sheila will be picking them up as soon as possible.

Jaime De Zubeldia's second casting class is in session and doing very well. He requested alcohol for the class. Billy Bob Riley said we have a supply on hand and will get it to the class.

Shad Blair announced the Gem & Lapidary Wholesaler show was currently running through the weekend. It is being held at the Holidome and the Rodeway Inn if anyone is interested.

Donna Pugh gave us two upcoming show schedules. Payson, AZ, is having their annual Rock and Gem show October 8-9. She has \$1.00 off coupons for the entry fee for anyone who would like to attend. The coupons will be on the back table. Sedona, AZ, will have their 4th annual show on October 15.

Bob O'Donnell helped with the raffle tickets in Beverly Griffin's absence.

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.....September Business Meeting Minutes Cont'd

OLD BUSINESS

Sheila Powell suggested we postpone our joint potluck with the TGMS from November to March due to all the activities and events being held in November and December. The date change to March was approved by the Club members.

Maribeth Terry will start her wire wrap class in October. There will be a sign up sheet in the back.

NEW BUSINESS

Billy Bob Riley asked when he could change the lap wheels in the cabling room? Rob Kulakofsky said he has the new wheels and will see to it that the wheels will be available for changing.

Jim Griffin announced our new Club members; Jarrell & Molly Dolloff, Gary Angle, Brian Schmitz, Michael DeMeritt, Bonnie Burnett, Zachery Burnett, and Joe Martin. Our guests were Dave & Karen Striker. Tom & Lois Mullen are now lifetime members of the OPLC. Congratulations to you both. Ron Davidson will give a tour of the facilities to our new

members and guests.

Sylvia Czayo thanked all the people who have been helping her with the history of the Club. She showed us the beautiful "Gems of the Bible" board which she has made. If anyone is interested to buy them, they are for sale at James Fine Jewelry at 3200 E. Grant Rd.

We are invited to participate in the 2006 Tucson Gem and Mineral Society Show in February. We have been offered an area next to the information booth. We need to form a committee to be in charge of representing the Club including a chairman. Gary Angle, Maribeth Terry, Mike Demeritt, and Jim Burnett volunteered. Thank you so much. Bill Carmody will get together with the volunteers.

The OPLC Silent Auction Chairmen are Jim Griffin and John Pavon. Bill Carmody would like to get a meeting together with the people involved with the last year's auction and the people who want to be involved with this year's. Flyers for the Silent Auction are on the back table for all to pass out in your selected areas. Donna Pugh will take care of the advertising for us. It

was decided that we will have a OPLC Board meeting on September 27 at 9:00am in conjunction with all past and present Silent Auction volunteers.

TGMS is doing a craft and mineral sale again this December 3. If you would like to participate in the show itself you need to be a member of the TGMS. It is \$15.00 to join. There are a lot of good benefits in joining the TGMS such as getting in free to the TGMS Show at the TCC in February, the Christmas party this year will have the Ronstadts for entertainment, free entry to the Desert Museum during the August potluck, and field trips.

Phil Babcock announced we will have Anna Domitrovic, formerly with the Desert Museum, presenting a program after our October meeting on "Ghosts of Patagonia".

We want to thank Bob O'Donnell, President of the Raytheon Rock Club, for all the good work in helping with the Newsletter while Wayne Klement is out of town.

The meeting adjourned at 9:47am.

The raffle was held after the meeting.



SILENT AUCTION

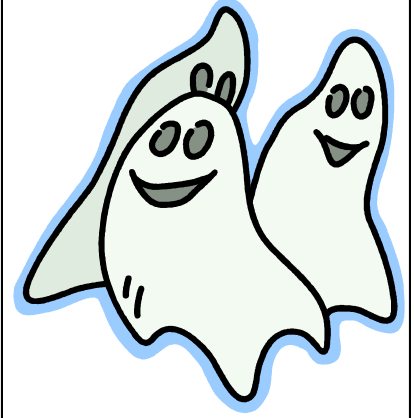
Pueblo Lapidary Club located at 3118 N. Dale, Tucson, AZ will have a **SILENT AUCTION** on Saturday, November 5. Doors open at 9 AM through 2 PM. Some of the items are a ring saw, polishers, tumblers, blades and items to numerous to mention. Everyone is welcome.





OCTOBER FEATURED SPEAKER

Anna Domitrovic will be our featured speaker for the October 8 meeting of OPLC. The presentation is "Ghosts of Patagonia". She will present information on the ghost towns, history and minerals of the region. Since many of us have rock-hounded in that area, this will definitely be of real interest to club members.



ODDS & ENDS

Rocky Mountain Federation News, September 2005 issue

Old CD's

by George Finley - GMC

I was given a lot of old CD's that I had been making sun catchers out of. I took some to a show as they were using them in the kaleidoscope they made. Someone brought up the idea that these old CD's could be used on a Faceting Machine. I wondered if anyone had tried this yet? How would you use it on the Faceting Machine? So I went on the Web, Bobs Rock Shop and asked if anyone there had tried using old CD's on Faceting Machines? I got a reply from The Gem Facetor who said "Yes you can use them for faceting". Once in awhile he used them for polishing. Just scour them and put Diamond spray on the disk. If it gets contaminated just throw it away. Gene Potts told me the same thing!

Original Source: Shawnee State, Shawnee G&M Club Shawnee, Oklahoma, August 2005

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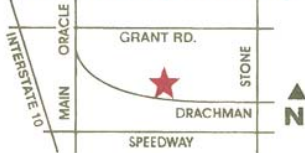
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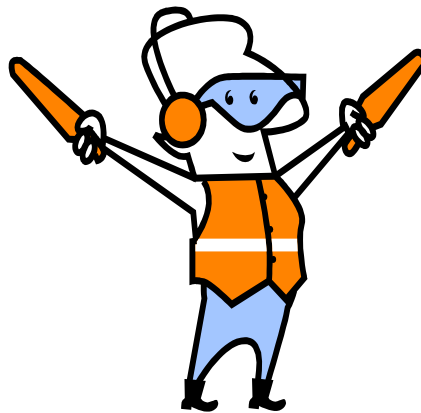
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The OPLC's Silent Auction is the single most important money raising event for the club. It has accounted for close to 50% of the Club's income over the past years. We need to have another successful auction this year. Please look through your worldly possessions for donations to the Club for this year's raffle and auction. Some things to consider: machinery you are

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not using; rock slabs you've accumulated and are probably never going to cut; work tables, desks, or other furniture; rough, cut-able rocks; and faceted gems and gem roughs; etc. We need to make this auction at least as successful as the last one and this is going to take a lot of work and generosity on each members' part.



PHOTOS OF THE MONTH

Meet some of our more experienced faceters.....

Sylvia Czayo

Norman Crane

Paul Head

Louis Nicolosi



UPCOMING EVENTS

October:

1-2 — Kenosha Wisconsin: Annual show; Racine Geological Society; Gateway Technical College, 3520 N. 30th Ave.; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4; adults \$3, children with adult free; gems, minerals, fossils, lapidary, silent auction; contact John Krolkowski, 1554 S. 56th St., West Milwaukee, WI 53214; e-mail: browniewgs@aol.com; Web site: www.racinegeologysociety.homestead.com.

1-2 — SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA: Show; Crystal Fair; Laguna Ave. and Marina Blvd.; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-4; contact Jerry Tomlinson, (415) 383-7837; e-mail: sfxtl@earthlink.net, Web site: www.crystalfair.com.

8-9 — PAYSON, ARIZONA: 8th annual show; Payson Rimstones Rock Club; Tonto Apache Reservation Recreation Center, Hwy. 87, mile marker 251, by the Mazatzal Casino; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-4; adults \$3, children under 12 free; display and sale of hand-crafted jewelry, gems, minerals, fossils, lapidary supplies; contact Bruce Berman, (928) 468-9532; e-mail: Rimstones85547@aol.com.

8-9 — TEMPLE, TEXAS: 36th annual show; Tri-City Gem & Mineral Society; Mayborn Civic & Convention Center, 3303 N. 3rd St.; Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-5; contact Robert L. Coufal, 3201 Rosewood, Temple, TX 76502, (254) 773-9624.

15 — SEDONA, ARIZONA: 4th annual sale and show; Sedona Gem & Mineral Club; Posse Grounds Park, off Hwy 89A; Sat. 9-4; free admission; rock, mineral, and equipment sales, hourly raffles, hand-made jewelry, free kid's rocks and games; contact Pat McMahan, (928) 634-2404; Web site: www.sedonagemandmineral.org.

15-16 — LEWISTON, IDAHO: 39th annual show; Hells Canyon Gem Club; Nez Perce County Fairgrounds, 1229 Burrell Ave.; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; contact Linn Enger, (208) 746-4957.

15-16 — SIERRA VISTA, ARIZONA: 31st annual show; Huachuca Mineral & Gem Club; Elks Lodge #2065, 1 Elks Ln.; Sat. 9-6, Sun. 9-4; free admission; gems, jewelry, rocks, minerals, lapidary materials and equipment, books, tools, demonstrations, field trips, hourly prizes; contact Larry Nelson, P.O. Box 1596, Sierra Vista, AZ 85636, (520) 459-5211; email: e-mail: lnansv@c2i2.com; or Bill Jaeger, P.O. Box 1596, Sierra Vista, AZ 85636, (520) 803-6590; e-mail: billjaeger@hotmail.com.

November

5 — Tucson, Arizona: Old Pueblo Lapidary Club located at 3118 N. Dale, Tucson, AZ will have a SILENT AUCTION on Saturday, November 5. Doors open at 9 AM through 2 PM. Items to be sold include a ring saw, polishers, tumblers, blades, rock slabs, rocks, and other items to numerous to mention. Everyone is welcome. No admission charge.

4-6 — BLACK CANYON CITY, ARIZONA: Show; Braggin' Rock Club; Albins Civic Center; Fri. 9-5, Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-5; free admission; lapidary, fossils, jewelry, slabs, rough rock, bake sale, raffle, crafts; contact Don, (623) 374-5344.

WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

Mondays 1 - 4 PM

Faceting Guild - Fee charged. Experienced facetors only.
Contact Paul Head 296-0331

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 Lapidary Lab - Fee charged. Beginners welcome.
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Contact **(Pending new monitor)**

Open Silversmith Lab - Class fee charged.
Contact Bob Keller 808-6546

Wednesday 6 - 9PM

Beginning Casting - Class fee charged.
Contact Jamie De Zubeldia 616-9344

Thursdays 1 PM – 4 PM

Beginning Cabbing - Class fee charged.
Contact Billy Bob Riley 408-3074

Fridays 9 AM - Noon

Open Lab - Fee charged.

Contact Dan Harmsen 721-8452

Fridays 6 - 9 PM

Beginning Faceting - Class fee charged.
Contact **(Pending new monitor)**

Saturdays 10 - 3 PM

Open Shop - Fee charged.

Contact Ron Davidson 749-3157

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Mark Twain



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WHAT: OPLC SILENT AUCTION

WHERE: Old Pueblo Lapidary Club

WHEN: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5

WHAT TIME: 9:00AM — 2:00PM

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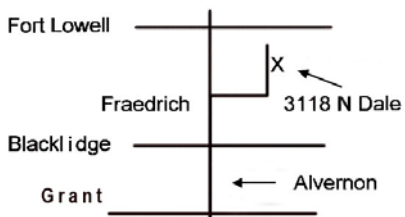
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The Business Meetings are held on the 2nd Saturday of each month which starts at 9:00 a.m. A pre-meeting social hour is at 8:00 a.m. for those that are interested. Visitors are welcome.