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Please join us July 9, at **9AM** for the monthly meeting. There is an optional social hour that begins at 8:00am followed by the monthly meeting commencing at 9:00am. See meeting minutes for details.

Visitors are always welcome.



Articles or news to be included in the *Cutting Remarks* should be emailed to your Editor, Wayne Klement (wayneklem@aol.com) or call him at 520-954-6298. Submission deadline is the 20th of each month. Thanks!

THE PREZ SEZ by Victoria Fila, President

Prez says:

Hope everyone is staying cool in these triple digits days. Here is to hoping for some rain.

We had a great turn out for June's meeting and Wolfgang Mueller did a great presentation.

July's speaker is Raymond Mason his presentation is Behind the scenes of appraisals. Hope to see many of you at the meeting.

Donovon Wagner will be ordering new wheels for the 8 inch cab machines so hopefully we have new wheels soon. Please remember to use the club's equipment as well or better than your own equipment so that everyone who comes in to use any lab has the same great use of club equipment.

I have been the president for 3 years. Love being your president but it is time for a new president. Sending invites for anyone who would like to be the next president. Please let me know so that I can show you the ropes and have you attend board meetings to get the overall view of what is required and get the feel of running meetings.

Next board meeting will be on 6/28/22 5:30 Pm. Remember you do not have to be an officer or on the board to attend as all members are welcome to come to these meetings.

Stay healthy and cool see you all in July

Victoria Fila, OPLC President



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Arthur Brubaker
Kathleen Collins
Jim Downes
Vivian & Chris Moya
Tashuh & Justin Spiess
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Beck Woolley

DONATIONS

Thanks to those that have made donations to help keep this club running! We welcome donations so if you have lapidary related items, please contact Dan Harmsen at (520) 721-8452 to arrange a pickup or drop-off. Recent donations:

Ted Rupp - fire agates, agates, thunder eggs, jasper

Anonymous - gem and mineral books, limb casts, thunder eggs, petrified wood, slabs, Goethite after pyrite (pseudomorph), Crystal tower.

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Old Pueblo Lapidary Club

General Meeting Minutes, June 11, 2022

Presentation "Minerals and Rough: The Choices" was given by Wolfgang Muller.

Thanks to Wayne Klement for supplying the goodies for breakfast this morning. Volunteers to assist in this task are welcomed. Costs are covered by the club to a \$40 limit.

Motion to approve last month's club meeting minutes/newsletter. Seconded? All in favor.

Treasurer Report - Given by Mark Davidson indicated that the Treasury is in good order.

Membership status - (Janet Keisler) There were 350 members in good standing as of this meeting.

Field Trips - Victoria is working on starting field trips again in September or October.

Library status - Please return overdue books.

Volunteers are still needed as lab monitors. If willing to help the Club, please volunteer.

Silent auction - The silent auction will be bigger than ever with items such as a meteorite, faceting equipment, various lapidary equipment, and faceting rough added to the tables.

Door prize was won by Pete Peterson.

Raffle proceeds were \$113.

Members voted to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting minutes recorded by Dave Richardson.

OPLC SPEAKERS 2022 – SUMMER/FALL - UPDATED

Here is the latest list for our upcoming speakers:

July 9 - Raymond Mason, **Behind the scenes of Appraisals**

August 13 - Mark Marikos, Photography – **Overcoming those digital photo blues**

September 10 -

October 8 – Wolfgang Vaatz- his jewelry art

November 12 – Jan Rasmussen, geologist, **Mineralogy of Arizona** updated book edition

JULY 9, 2022 OPLC SPEAKER – RAYMOND MASON

Behind-the-scenes of Appraisals



We are in for a very special treat for our July 9, 2022 OPLC monthly meeting. Raymond H. Mason, Jr. is a well known and respected gemologist (GG) and appraiser with over 26 years of experience and many qualifications and accreditations. Raymond is coming down from Scottsdale to talk to us about **Behind-the-scenes of Appraisals**, sharing the evaluating and appraising process of gemstones and jewelry, the procedures, research and tests he does for his appraisals. Raymond gave us a great presentation in 2016.

Raymond will also talk about additional services appraisers can offer their clients, like helping them with high price estate pieces, jewelry and the correct procedures to go through to help them get the highest amount when selling the jewelry.

Raymond is a graduate gemologist (GIA), and has completed the Advanced Personal Property Appraisers Course (APPA). He is a senior member of the National Association of Jewelry Appraisers (NAJA), and has also received the Independent Certified Gemologist Appraiser (ICGA) Certificate from the American Gem Society, and is an AGA Senior Accredited Gemologist. His lab, the **Arizona Gemological Laboratory**, located in Scottsdale, is certified by the American Gem Society and the Accredited Gemologist Association (AGA). He has been serving on the board of the Accredited Gemologist Association for many years.

Raymond is also a rockhound and gem dealer, and participated in the 2022 TGMS show. Please do not miss program,

Looking forward to seeing you all, Helen Serras-Herman, OPLC Program chair

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Present: Victoria Fila presiding, Dave Richardson, Bill Penrose, David Schulte, Ted Rupp, John Poole, Wayne Klement, Janet Keisler, Twink Monrad, Donovan Wagner, and Brian Peterson.

A quorum was present.

Treasurer's Report - Mark Davidson – Delayed due to Mark's absence out of town.

Membership - Jan Keisler – 366 members in good standing.

Silent Auction: Danny Harmsen, Dave Richardson reporting – The Alfie Norville mineral museum is donating several boxes of material, which will be sold in the silent auction.

Labs status:

Cab lab – Donovan Wagner – Air pumps are being rebuilt; pumps on Genies will be replaced one machine per month. New material is being purchased for the Titan machines, silicon carbide rather than diamond. Distributorship for Diamond Pacific is still pending, since they require a 10K per year turnover.

Faceting - Dave Richardson – More participants are needed in the faceting lab. All equipment is go.

Casting - no report

Silver – John Poole – A class is currently in its third session. Another class won't be organized for a month. The fluorescent lights are to be replaced with LEDs that will go into the current fixtures.

Saw room – Mike Tucker – no report

Field trips: – Victoria will be planning a trip to Benson in October. A trip to a cooler area in Northern Arizona may be scheduled for September.

New Business -

Proposed increase in expense payment to speakers from \$200 to \$250. Passed by vote.

Website continues to be updated, including lab schedule.

Dave Schulte proposed that for future purchases, we should take country of origin into account, in particular avoiding purchases of Chinese made goods. Resolution passed by vote.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00.

Next Board meeting August 2, 2022, at 5:30

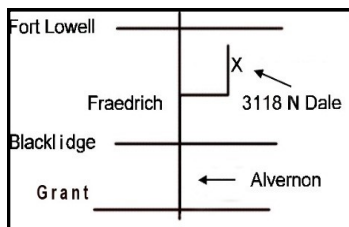
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