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Please join us July 12
at 9:00am for the next
monthly meeting.
There is an optional
social hour that
begins at 8:00am
followed by the
monthly business
meeting. 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 25th of each month. Thanks!

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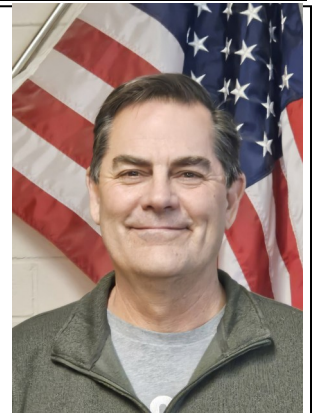
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THE PREZ SEZ by Jack McCabe, President

I hope everyone's summer is going well so far. I want to thank Helen for finding such amazing speakers for the club. I'm always entertained and educated about our wonderful hobby. I can't wait for the second half of the year.

We are working on getting some rockhounding field trips going for the fall season. If anyone has been to a location that you think would work for a group of 10 to 20 people, please let us know. Even if you do not want to be the leader we will be happy to take over organizing and leading the trip to the location you share with us.



Update on Old Pueblo Lapidary Club laboratory certification/classes. It has come to our attention that we were not all operating in the same manner. To clarify - in order for any member to get certified in a lab so that you can use them during open times you need to be approved by the lab leader. There are two ways to do this. If you have worked with that equipment in the past and feel proficient with those skills, you can ask the leader to certify you. You will be asked to perform a test with the equipment and upon passing the test you will be certified. If you have never used the equipment or if you did not pass the test for certification, then you can sign up for the classes provided whereupon you will be certified at the end of the course.

Remember that the club does take donations of rocks and lapidary equipment to help keep the club operating. We are a 501 c and your donations are tax deductible. We will even come to you and pick-up the donations, all you have to do is let anyone on the board know.

We will have a Show and Tell section at the meeting. If you have any examples of projects you created in the labs or if you have been to a good rockhounding area and would like to tell the club about it, we would love to hear from you.

Hope to see you at the Club.

July Holidays & "Just for Fun" Days:

July 3 - Beginning of "Dog Days of Summer"
July 4 - Independence Day
July 5 - National Graham Cracker Day
July 6 - National Fried Chicken Day
July 7 - National Rock 'N Roll Day
July 9 - National Sugar Cookie Day
July 11 - International Town Criers Day
July 14 - National Mac & Cheese Day



July 17 - National Hot Dog Day
July 22 - Spooner's Day
July 23 - National Day of the Cowboy
July 27 - Take Your Houseplants for a Walk Day
July 30 - National Cheesecake Day

Compiled from:

<https://www.almanac.com/content/month-july-holidays-facts-folklore> ;

<https://www.nationaldaycalendar.com/july/july-days> ;

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MINUTES OF OPLC MEMBERSHIP MEETING
June 14, 2025, at 9:00 am at OPLC
William Penrose, Secretary, wrp0143@comcast.net

The presentation was given by Jeffrey W. Martz (Texas Tech University), "A short history of triassic paleontology in the Western interior."

Announcements

Wayne Klement was thanked for bringing the donuts. He advised the group that if they would like to see something else instead of donuts, they would be welcome to do so. Wendy Huber will bring in for July.

Treasurer Report – Mike McDowell – There was a negative balance in May due to several large expenses coming due at once: liability insurance, a new computer (membership approved), a new safe, and toner cartridges. Income came from shop cards, classes, and membership dues. Exact figures are not shown since this version of the minutes is available to the general public.

Membership – Janet Keisler – Members in good standing is at 410. Members are reminded to carry their membership cards for admittance to the labs as well as to claim discounts at participating merchants.

Field Trips – Mo Garrett – She is organizing a three day trip to Wickenburg in October or November, with visits to four locations for obsidian, pastelite, quartz crystals, and fluorescents. A tour of the Vulture Mine may be included.

Library – Bill Cascio – Many books are overdue and should be returned ASAP.

Door Prize – Won by Wendy Huber, a specimen of chrysocolla.

Silent Auction – We are accepting donations for the Silent Auction this autumn.

The raffle brought in approximately \$125.

Meeting adjourned at 10:40 am.

JULY 12, 2025 OPLC SPEAKER – SINDI SCHLOSS

The Symbolism of Stones and Jewelry



We are in for another great treat for our July 12, 2025, OPLC monthly meeting, with Sindi Schloss, gemologist and appraiser, talking on **The Symbolism of Stones and Jewelry**. Sindi is a return speaker, very knowledgeable, lively and entertaining, and is coming down from Phoenix to give her presentation.

As Sindi will share with us, “Symbolic thought defines us as ‘modern man’. Jewelry is one of the first indicators of symbolic thought and predates rock art by 90,000 years. This presentation will examine primary symbols witnessed by early humans in minerals and translated into jewelry. Not only will this presentation expand your worldview but give you a greater appreciation and ability to interpret purpose and meaning of jewelry.”

Sindi Schloss is a graduate gemologist, professional jewelry appraiser, jewelry historian, and owner operator of a school of gemology. Her forty-plus years of experience in valuation science, gemology and teaching, as well as extensive world travel and involvement with a museum of human adornment, have given Sindi a unique perspective and knowledge of global jewelry. Her ability to condense archaeology, history and gemology into a simplified fun format, has made her a popular presenter. Sindi is also the President of the Phoenix GIA Alumni Chapter for several years.

Sindi will have her new book ***Symbolism in Global Jewelry*** available for purchase.



Sindi's 246 page book with over 800 photographs, charts and definitions and value guidelines is designed to assist jewelry lovers, buyers and sellers, appraisers, and designers to recognize symbols, grasp their deeper meaning(s), and potentially help determine the cultural and geographic regions from which a piece of jewelry may have originated.

Please make sure you don't miss this wonderful speaker.

Helen Serras-Herman, OPLC Program chair

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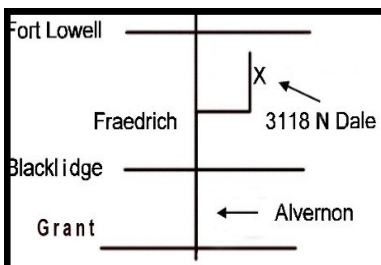
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Make check out to OPLC and mail to:

Old Pueblo Lapidary Club
 Attn: Membership Chairperson
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The Business Meetings are held on the 2nd Saturday of each month except for December. A pre-meeting social hour is at 8:00 a.m., followed by an educational program, and ends with the monthly meeting. Visitors are most welcome.

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OPLC SPEAKERS FORECAST 2025 -2026

I would like to thank all of our speakers who give us some terrific and diverse presentations that our members have truly enjoyed. They come near and far and we are definitely enriched by their shared knowledge and expertise. And huge thanks to all of our members who come and are great audiences for our speakers.

Here is the latest list for our upcoming speakers:

July 12, 2025, Sindi Schloss, **The Symbolism of Stones & Jewelry**

August 9, 2025, Ron Hyde, Curator of Southern Arizona Museum of Science & Technology in Sierra Vista presenting **Museum Collections**

September 13, 2025, Chuck Galloway, **History of Mining in Santa Cruz County 1540-1946**

October 11, 2025, Gwendolyn Awen Jones, **The Gallanish Stones in Scotland**

November 8, 2025, Mo Garrett, **Fossils of El Golfo Mexico**

December 13, 2025, **Holiday Party (no speaker)**

OPLC SPEAKERS FORECAST 2026

January 10, 2026, Sandy Lanter Raynor, **Jewelry Styles and Trends during the Revolutionary War (1775-1783)**

February 7, 2026, Dr. Bob Farrar, **The Pulsifer Quarry in Maine famous for its fluorapatite**

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Ann Barker
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Jayson Keifer
Jim Keller
Kelly Keller

Delores Mano
Evren Peet
Griffin Peet
Lonny Peet
Kristin Romey

Bill Vance
Ellee Vance
Jake Wilkinson

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Thanks to those that have made donations in the past to help keep this club running! We welcome donations so if you have lapidary related items, please call Wayne Klement, 520-954-6298 or Chuck Lundstrom, 520-241-9262, and leave a message to make arrangements to have the donation picked up if you need help, or to drop off at the Club.

- Jerry Behn - work bench, several containers of hand tools, 3 Fordhams (one is brand new), table magnification lamp, and more (filled the backend of a pickup).

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Minutes of Tuesday, July 1, 2025 OPLC Board Meeting

5:00 pm, W Penrose, wrp0143@comcast.net

Present: Jack McCabe presiding, Mike McDowell, Chuck Lundstrom, Bill Penrose, Wayne Klement, Janet Keisler, Mark Dragoslovich, Twink Monrad, Wendy Huber. A quorum was present.

Discussion on Lab Use Policy – There was a vigorous discussion on qualifications to use our labs. Labs require introductory training before members can use the lab; some labs like casting are backlogged for up to a year, which discourages members from continuing their membership.

Conclusion: Members can be approved by lab owners and monitors to use the lab if they can demonstrate prior experience or training. This may require a test. For complex labs like casting, additional monitors are being brought in, for example, Mark Dragoslovich.

An outside person wants to put an ad in our newsletter to teach classes, which may pre-qualify members to use the labs afterward.

An email will be sent to members detailing the policy; it will also be published in the newsletter.

Treasurer Report – June has just ended, and figures are not yet available.

Membership – currently 424 members in good standing.

Lab Reports –

Silver lab – all OK

Saw room – no report

Cabbing lab – water flow has been reduced lately, cause to be investigated

Faceting lab – all OK

Casting lab – The backup of 20 applicants has been relieved by an additional monitor to teach, Mark Dragoslovich

Field trips – The trip to Bisbee was successful, including some people who became members just to make the trip. The tour was longer than usual because we were a rock club.

Mo Garrett is organizing a trip to sites near Wickenburg in the Fall.

There will be other joint trips by the Sierra Vista Club with Rod Trevino.

Other business - There was some discussion led by Mark Dragoslovich about the club that donates substantial money to worthy causes. There was some exploration of possibilities for our club.

Meeting adjourned 6.20 pm.

This is the lab schedule which is current as of 6-14-25. Please CALL the Monitor that is running the lab to make sure that they have space for you.

Cabbing

Monday 8am-11am **Betty Mehlhoff (253) 208-7460**
6pm-9pm Donovan Wagner (520) 869-2050

Tuesday 9am-12pm 1st and 3rd Tuesday Dan Lilly (801) 995-9692
6pm-9pm Brian Peterson (520) 449-2660

Wednesday 5pm-8pm Keith Haubert (520) 784- 8283

Thursday 7am-11am Ken Briggs (520) 780-0640
1pm-4pm Wendy Huber (206) 669-6002

Friday No Labs currently scheduled.

Saturday 4th Saturday 9:00am-2pm Ron Bryan (619) 495-7967
7am-12pm Dennis Stock (602) 421-2707
2pm-5pm Wendy Huber (206) 669-6002

Sundays 9am-12pm Gloria Shenanaquet (520) 739-5804
12pm-2PM Paul Fickle (520) 883-6061
2pm-5pm Mark Davidson (520- 975-6075)

Silversmithing

Monday 10am-1pm Jane Morris (727) 743-0883

Tuesday 9am-12pm Bill Cascio (520) 343-9927

Wednesday 10am-2pm Sloane Padilla (520) 808-8699 (Text Only)
5:30pm-8:30pm Stephanie Mendibles (520) 460-2101

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Friday 10am-2pm Giac D'Acquisto (520) 444-4143

Saturday 9am-12pm David Schulte (520) 954-8554

Sunday 10am-2pm Giac D'Acquisto (520) 444-4143

Faceting

Monday 9am-12pm Dave Richardson (520) 245-2172 Class & Open Lab

Wednesday 5:30pm-8:30pm David Schulte (520) 954-8554 Open Lab

Thursday 4pm-7pm Chuck Lundstrom (520) 241-9262 Class

Sunday 12:30pm-3:30pm Dave Richardson (520) 245-2172 Class & Open Lab

Casting

Monday ~~Noon-3pm 1st & 2nd Mondays Liz Williams (818) 300-5262~~
Will return July 7!!

Tuesday ~~9am-12pm Steve Weeks (978) 807-0075 (Text Only)~~

M/W/F ~~10am-11am (Text First)~~ **Will return sometime in August!!**

Wednesday 4pm-7pm Chuck Lundstrom (520) 241-9262 Classes every other month, beginning every January, open labs between classes; look for sign-up sheets in the meeting hall. Open lab available when NO class is running. Call for open lab availability.

Thursday 9am-1pm Mark Draslodovich (520)-906-4657

Friday 2pm-5pm 2nd & 4th Fridays Travis Austin (540) 420-3866

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