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Please join us March 12, 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!

See us online at: www.lapidaryclub.org

THE PREZ SEZ by Victoria Fila, President

Hello everyone I hope everyone is doing well.

Another Gem show in the books, hope everyone found some great material and good prices.

A big thank you to all those who volunteered in our booth: Janet Keisler, Mark Davidson Jane Morris, Kat Skalicky, Twink Monrad, John Poole, Jean Barkley, Mariza Richardson, Dave Richardson, Jack McCabe, Brian Peterson, Mike Wendler and Wendy Huber our booth organizer. Donovan Wagner for helping Wendy pack up the cabbing equipment.



For our display case the following members had items to show off: John Poole, Paul Hardenberg, Dave Richardson, Betty Mehlhopp, Bill Penrose, Victoria Fila, Twink Monrad, Jan Keisler, Nancy Brackett, Pete Valentine, Steve Slat, Giac D' Acuisto, Ian Finley, Jean Barkley, Wendy Huber and David Schulte. Special thanks for the volunteers who set up and tore down the display: David Schulte, David Richardson and Donovan Wagner.

Reminder, that we still need volunteers at the OPLC booth for the upcoming Fair. Dave Richardson will have the list posted for March's meeting. If you are wanting to volunteer, please reach out to Dave at 520-245-2172. Please have a day and time slot ready that you want to work.

Field trips: looking at options and reaching out to members who have expressed interest in leading field trips to get April's trip schedule and organized. Will send an update and hopefully by March's meeting will have something planned.

Until we meet again stay safe and healthy.

Victoria Fila
OPLC president

Ed Note: Victoria has advised that she broke her ankle and required surgery to repair the injury. We wish her a speedy recovery.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Gail Adamitis	Dina Gooditle
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Minutes of OPLC Membership Meeting
February 12, 9:00 AM at OPLC
Bill Penrose, Secretary, wrp0143@comcast.net

There was no formal presentation at this meeting, but the business meeting was preceded by discussion of the best venues for rock shopping during the last two days of the Gem Show.

A quorum of the membership was present, 29 members signed in, greater than 10% of members in good standing.

The minutes of the January membership meeting were approved by members.

Treasurer's Report (Mark Davidson) – The club has remained financially healthy throughout the pandemic, with a positive income over 2021 and January of 2022.

Membership Report (Janet Keisler) – 294 members have joined or renewed for 2022.

New members present introduced themselves.

Field trip is planned to the peridot site in the White Hills for February 26. There is a \$10 charge for entry plus \$50 for the first pail of material.

Jewelry items are solicited for our display case at the County Fair in April. Signup sheets for booth duty at the Fair are posted in the kitchen. Be sure to identify your pieces and also photograph them so they'll find their way back after the Fair.

New business included a discussion of lab sessions. An updated schedule of labs has been prepared by Donovan Wagner and will be posted in the labs and on the Facebook page.

Meeting adjourned about 10 am.

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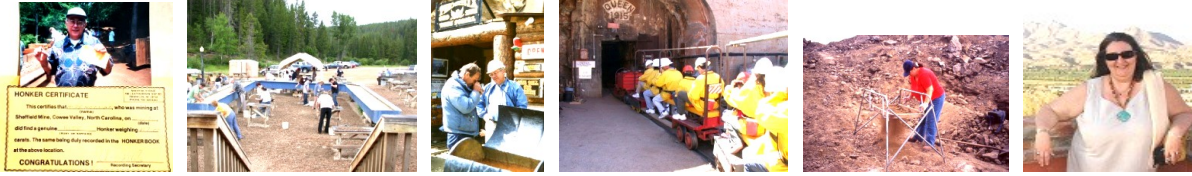
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March 12, 2022 OPLC speaker – Helen Serras-Herman

Must-See US Gemstone Mines



We are in for a great treat for our March 12, 2022, OPLC monthly meeting. Our very own OPLC member and Program Chair, Helen Serras-Herman, will share her latest presentation **Must-See US Gemstone Mines**.

Helen's rich visual story will take participants to several operational and historic gemstone mines and museums in North Carolina, Montana, South Dakota, Oregon, Nevada, Colorado, and Arizona, in the hopes of giving participants a better understanding of the mining challenges which are reflected in the gemstones' values and availability. In this presentation, Helen features rare and unusual gemstones including Crabtree emerald, cuprite, chrysocolla, sunstone, and many more. Participants may also get excited and plan their own visit and adventure to these fabulous places for a first-hand exploration.

“Over the past three decades I have visited many mines around the US. A number of them are active mines producing beautiful gem materials, minerals, gold, silver, and copper, while others offer tours of their historic establishments that contributed to the local mining industry of the time. Some of these mines visits hold sentimental memories for me; others stand out because of the specimens we collected and the gemstones we cut. Certain mines' stories made a lasting impression on me, and several mine owners became longtime friends. I can still remember every mine, and I am enriched with the knowledge and experience.”

This **Must-See US Gemstone Mines** presentation is an expanded version of Helen's 3-part articles published in the 2021 *Glorious Gemstones* digital-only series of *Rock & Gem* magazine available for free online at:

- Glorious Gemstones #1, <https://www.rockngem.com/flipbooks/gg-1/index.html#p=4>, pages 4-9
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Helen Serras-Herman, a 2003 National Lapidary Hall of Fame inductee, is an acclaimed gem sculptor with over 39 years of experience in unique gem sculpture and jewelry art. See her work at www.gemartcenter.com and her business Facebook page at Gem Art Center/Helen Serras-Herman

CARVED GEMS - Inspiration & Expertise

An Artist Shares Her Journey and Passion for Art, Jewels, Gems



In this new book, **Helen Serras-Herman**, an award-winning gem and jewelry artist and National Lapidary Hall of Fame Inductee, shares her passion for carved gems, the interconnection between fine art and the spell-bounding natural mineral world, and her personal journey, along with the challenges and joys of a gem artist's life. Helen reflects on her sources of inspiration and influences from historical places, mines, gem materials, landscapes, flora, and ancient Greek mythological figures, sources that collectors may find expressive and fellow artists stimulating.

Helen's book offers a holistic understanding of the complex Fine Art of Gem Sculpture, or Gem Art, which combines knowledge and skills in **Lapidary, Sculpture, Drawing, Gemology, and Jewelry**. With a Master's degree in sculpture and a graduate degree in gemology, Helen shares her 39-year accumulated knowledge of necessary tools and equipment for gem carving, and the lapidary steps that take a rock from rough to a finished piece of sculpture or jewelry. She offers tips on pricing gem artwork, commission works, her favorite gemstones, selecting gem rough materials, and on navigating the Quartzsite and Tucson gem mega-shows. Helen brings her expertise and unique writing style from her many years of being a frequent contributor to many trade magazines.

Readers will be captivated by Helen's autobiographical story that is so closely intertwined with her art, inspired by her descriptions, educated about her methods, mesmerized by her images, and compelled to create, embrace, collect, wear, study, and fall in love with gem artwork.

Here is what award-winning trade journalist Diana Jarrett wrote about this book in her recent article **The Story Behind the Stone: A Journey with Passion:**

"In Carved Gems Inspiration & Expertise, we are treated to a concise tome that captures Helen's life's work. And importantly, it serves as a record of the journey she's taken to arrive at her destination of passion for carving gemstones. Family history and major milestones punctuate the path she's been traveling for a lifetime. No artist's talent ever develops in a vacuum. Our life experiences and observations help to frame our personal perspective and fine-tune our sense of aesthetics. And this is precisely what we learn about how her sensibilities were developed.

She invites us to journey with her with on her globe-trotting adventures while she explains what transpired in her persistence to learn all there was to know about gemstone carving. Along the way, she's picked up loads of awards plus an induction into the National Lapidary Hall of Fame.

You don't have to know anything about carved gemstone jewelry or gem sculptures when you open the first page of this book. But you'll soon find yourself immersed in both the scholarly trips she took and what she gleaned from her extraordinary education in the field.

In the end, not only does her passion for gemstone carving spill over to the reader, but we also become enamored with the entire process of gemstone carving ourselves. With more than 300 color photos, it's hard to put the book down. Well done, Helen, well done."

The book price is \$29.95 and Helen will have books available for sale at the OPLC March meeting, and will be most happy to sign them.

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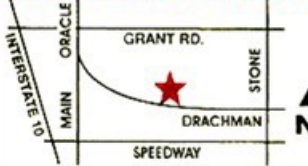
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DON'T FORGET

Please don't forget to continue to bring in **YOUR** (or anyone else's for that matter) aluminum cans to the Club for recycling. Your contribution would be greatly appreciated to help add \$'s to the Club's treasury. **Thanks!**

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- David Carver-20 packages of 6 inch Sanding belts
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- Anonymous- exacto set, pliers, tumbler bases(8)

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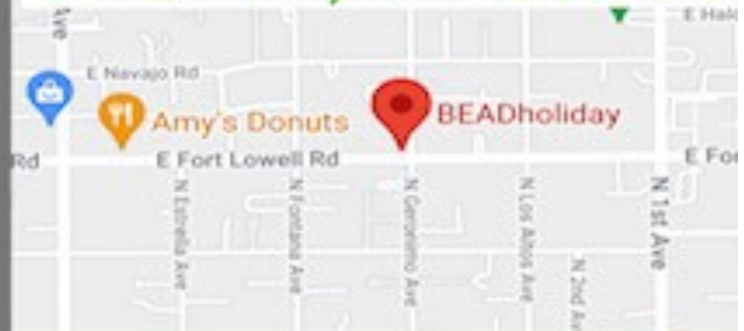
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1. Paul Hardenberg – rock specimens, slabs, cabs and coins
2. Dave Richardson – faceted/rough stones, gold and silver jewelry
3. Betty Mehlhoff – rocks
4. Bill Penrose – silver jewelry
5. Victoria Fila – faceted stone, silver and gold jewelry
6. Twink Monrad – faceted stone in silver jewelry
7. Jan Keisler – silver jewelry
8. Nancy Brackett – silver jewelry
9. Pete Valentine – silver jewelry
10. Steve Slat – silver jewelry
11. Giac D'Acquisto – silver jewelry
12. Ian Finley – silver jewelry
13. Jean Barkley – silver jewelry
14. Wendy Huber – gold and silver jewelry
15. David Schulte – gold and silver jewelry

GEM SHOW UPDATE — THE FACETOR'S GUILD EVENT HELD AT OPLC

As most of you know, the United States Faceting Guild held their 2022 Faceting Symposium at OPLC February 3-5, 2022.

The week consisted of faceting lessons using our faceting lab, talks were given on heat treating gemstones, the repair and recutting of gems. A tour was arranged for gem rough buying. The week culminated with the HobNob on Saturday night with a Mexican dinner hosted by OPLC coupled with dealers selling faceting equipment, rough gem stones and a contest of natural and synthetic faceted stones.

Here are some photos of Saturday evening's festivities.....



Dave Richardson shown with the winners of the faceted Natural stone (Bob Golay - left, and Tom Ross - right) for the winner of the faceted Synthetic stone.

The **Pima County Fair** is scheduled to be 4/21/2022 thru 5/1/2022. We need volunteers to man our booth in the Old Pueblo Building at the following times. Parking and fair entrance will be provided and, if you volunteer 3 or more periods a fair badge will be given (can be used for entrance any fair day).

Please respond to me by text or email for your preferred time slot preferences. Any responses that say anytime will be scheduled after the initial volunteer list is evaluated and you will be assigned a time slot. There is a signup sheet in the club kitchen but time is critical as the fair commission needs the list of volunteers early March.

We need 3 - 4 volunteers for each time slot.

My contact information is email: drrichard11@yahoo.com ; phone (text) 520-245-2172.

Thanks for helping make the fair successful.

Dave Richardson

SEE NEXT PAGE FOR LISTING OF AVAILABLE VOLUNTEER TIMES

AVAILABLE VOLUNTEER TME SLOTS FOR THE FAIR - April 20 - May 1

Wednesday 4/20/2022 10:00AM - 12:00PM (Setup booth)

Thursday 4/21/2022 3:00PM - 9:00PM (First day of fair)

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Saturday 4/30/2022 4:00PM - 9:00PM

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Again, the tailgate sale will NOT start until the meeting is over

If any questions call John Poole @ 520-777-5588

Minutes of March 1, 2022 OPLC Board Meeting 5.00 pm
W Penrose, wrp0143@comcast.net

Present: Dave Richardson presiding (Victoria absent), Bill Penrose, Mark Davidson, David Schulte, Mike Tucker, Ted Rupp, John Poole, Wayne Klement, Jan Keisler, Twink Monrad, Malcolm Currie, and Brian Peterson.

A quorum was present.

Treasurer's Report - Mark Davidson – The club had a net positive for both February and the year to date. The major expense was printing of updated brochures. The hobnob also generated net income.

Membership - Jan Keisler – 294 members are signed up for 2022 so far. At least 18 new members were recruited at the Gem Show. Monitors to be notified that admission to labs depends on being a member in good standing. Moreover, our liability insurance only applies to members in good standing.

Silent Auction: Danny Harmsen, Dave Richardson reporting – Substantial donations of equipment, books, and materials were received during February.

Labs status:

Cab lab – Mike Tucker/Donovan Wagner/David Schulte – Reiterate that it is the monitors' job to assure that machines are clean and in good order at the end of a session. Some damage to wheels has been found.

Classes will be given on the first two Mondays of each month (Donovan).

Masking is to be decided by individual monitors in their own lab sessions.

Faceting - Dave Richardson – One of the donated machines is being put into service. Arrangements are being made to have replacement splash pans cast and spindles machined to avoid the excessive cost of manufacturer parts.

Casting - no report

Silver – John Poole – A new class will start March 8.

Saw room – Mike Tucker – Saw room throughput has substantially improved.

Field trips: – The peridot field trip will be March 5-6, led by Wendy Huber. No word on other field trips.

New Business -

County Fair – Signups are needed for the County Fair booth. Sessions are longer than last fair, so there are fewer volunteers. Should we set our own hours?

Motion to pay for parking for members tending the booth at future TGMS shows. Passed.

Website - Brian Peterson reported that the website is being moved to a new server and adjustments are being made to bring it up to date. Access privileges are still being debated. There was a suggestion to include photos of our rockhounding trips.

Facebook has been set to private. Only approved persons can post, but anyone can read.

Tailgate show – After March meeting.

The speaker at the March meeting will be Helen, discussing gemstone mining.

Meeting adjourned at 5:45.

800-Year-Old Gold Coin Found on British Farm Sells for \$720,000

At one point or another, most of us have seen someone with a metal detector on a beach, presumably looking for hidden loot. Well, we might scoff at those odd folks, but sometimes, that dedication pays off. And you find a \$500,000 coin that's been there for hundreds of years. Thanks to CNN (via Design Taxi), we've learned about such a case. An amateur metal detector enthusiast happened upon what many believe is one of England's first gold coins. And they found it on unearthened farmland in Devon, in the country's southwest region.

The Henry III gold penny, minted in or about the year 1257, shows the English king sitting on a gilded throne. And holding an orb and scepter of course. Henry III ruled England from 1216 until his death in 1272. Which is still one of the longest reigns in British history. Apparently, only eight coins like this one exist. At least that we know of. And most of the rest currently reside in a museum.



Spink & Son

A rare gold coin discovered in England from 1257, worth some \$500,000.

The person who discovered the coin, who wished to remain anonymous, didn't realize exactly what it was (or just how old) until they posted a picture of their unique find on Facebook. From there, someone at auction house Spink & Son, just happened to see the post in question. He let the metal detector enthusiast know they had truly discovered hidden treasure. It's worth an estimated £400,000, or \$546,000. And sold for a bit more. On January 23, the penny went to auction, selling for £540,000—or about \$727,796.

Under the United Kingdom's Treasure Act of 1996, the person who found the coin can legally keep and sell it, because it's not considered as being part of wider discovery. In short, they're about to make a nice chunk of change off of this one find. Just remember that next time you're jogging early in the morning and see an old man with a metal detector. It's one hobby that potentially pays off.

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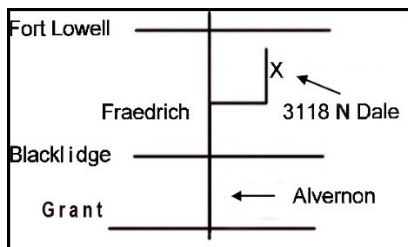
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The Business Meetings are held on the 2nd Saturday of each month except for December. A pre-meeting social hour is at 8:00 a.m., followed by an educational program, and ends with the monthly meeting. Visitors are most welcome.