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**May 9th 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 25<sup>th</sup> of each month. Thanks!

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# THE PREZ SEZ ..... by Dave Richardson, President

The saw room is completely caught up so now is a good time to bring in the rocks you want cut. If anybody is interested in attending the RMFMS convention in Tulsa , Okla. in July let me know, otherwise we will send in proxy votes. As always, if you have any suggestions to improve the club please let me or a board member know. We are always looking for ways to improve our club.



April was even a busier month with the Pima County Fair. We had a display and demonstration booth in the Pima Hall as we have had for many years. The reception was good but the crowd was sporadic. Many people showed interest in the club but time will tell how many visitors check us out. As always, the sphere machine was the biggest hit. I will try to have it at the May club meeting. The eleven days of the fair were sometimes sporadic with idle times and very active times. We generally had very good volunteer coverage which was great however we



had very few member display items. Many visitors showed good interest in the club but we never know if their interest manifests in joining. We had demonstrations with

the capping machine, faceting machine, and wax carving for casting. These pictures are of the display cases. Next year I hope to have more member involvement in displaying their work. The cases were arranged to maximize displaying what was available to show so we had a nice presentation.



The sphere machine garnered the most attention. These photos courtesy of Bill Penrose.



# May 9, 2026, OPLC speaker - Historian Jim Turner

## Arizona's Famous Prospectors



Jim Turner



Nellie Cashman,



Ed Schieffelin



Paulino Weaver:  
Photos courtesy Jim Turner

We are in for another great treat for our May 9, 2026 OPLC monthly meeting. One of our favorite speakers and local historians, author and editor Jim Turner is coming back to talk to us about **Arizona's Famous Prospectors**.

From movies and TV most people think of Arizona as a cowboy state with cattle drives, rodeos, and gunfighters. But if hadn't been for men like Paulino Weaver, Charles Poston, and Ed Schieffelin, no one would have dared to come to this harsh and dangerous region. We can also boast of prospector and boarding house owner Nellie Cashman, plus German immigrants Herman Ehrenberg, Henry Wickenburg, and Jacob Waltz (known as the Dutchman) whose fascinating stories contribute to Arizona's unique history.

Jim Turner received his master's degree in U.S. History at the University of Arizona in 1999. He served as Historian for the Arizona Historical Society from 2001-2009; then he was an editor for Rio Nuevo Publishers (2009-2020), where he wrote or co-authored more than a dozen books about the Southwest.

Please make sure you don't miss this great speaker. For more information about Jim Turner, please visit his website at <http://www.jimturnerhistorian.org/>

Looking forward to seeing you all,

Helen Serras-Herman, OPLC Program Chair.

## OPLC SPEAKERS FORECAST 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:

May 9, 2026, Jim Turner, historian, **Arizona's Famous Prospectors**

June 13, 2026, Helen Serras-Herman **Red, White & Blue Gems & Jewelry  
- A celebratory & Patriotic Feast**

July 11, Dr. Jeffrey Martz, paleontologist, talk on fossils

August 8, 2026.....

September 12, 2026, Mo Garrett, **Cataloging Your Collection**

October 10, 2026, Bill Gardner, **The Purple Passion Mine & Fluorescent lights**

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Mike Ashford  
Halle Bauer-Bedrick  
Daniel Blakemore

Cathi Bright  
Dale Bright  
Jenn Davis

Dan Drinkwitz  
Kevin Josker  
Brian Leslie

## OPLC MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

An application form can be downloaded from the Club website at: [www.lapidaryclub.org](http://www.lapidaryclub.org)

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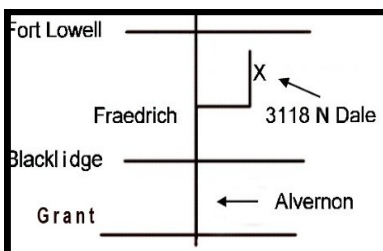
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Note: Renewal fees will apply for members returning to rejoin regardless of the time of year.

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 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month except for December. A pre-meeting social hour is at 8:00am, followed by an educational program, and ends with the monthly meeting. Visitors are most welcome.

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## MINUTES OF OPLC MEMBERSHIP MEETING

April 11, 2026, at 9:00am at OPLC

William Penrose, Secretary, wrp0143@comcast.net

The presentation was given by Claire Scragg, "Inside the Stone: Exploring the Fascinating World of Gemstone Inclusions". It was enthusiastically received by members.

### **Announcements –**

Thank you to Wayne Klement for bringing the donuts today.

The tailgate sale was poorly attended, owing to the unseasonable hot weather.

**Treasurer Report –** no report.

**Membership Report –** Janet Keisler – The membership stands at 366 plus several memberships not yet processed.

New members were introduced.

**Library –** Bill Cascio – Members were encouraged to make use of the library.

**County Fair –** Dave Richardson – The schedule is complete. Tickets and parking passes are being distributed to members. Items for exhibit should be submitted very soon, since the fair begins on April 16.

**The Club's Tax Status –** Dave Richardson – Members are reminded that club facilities should not be used as the foundation of a business. It may endanger our nonprofit tax status, as well as consuming resources intended for all members. Disputes over business versus hobby use should be submitted to the Board.

**Field Trips –** Mo Garrett – The field trip to Yuma and Quartzsite were inhibited by the weather, but those that attended collected some very good material. A similar trip may be planned for autumn in more tolerable weather.

Rod Trevino will lead a trip to the marble quarry near Dragoon next Saturday, April 18. Sign up today.

Mo Garrett is arranging field trips to museums during the summer heat, including the Pinal County Gem and Mineral Museum in Coolidge; the Alfie Norville Museum in Tucson; the Arizona Natural History Museum in Mesa; and the Museum of Northern Arizona in Flagstaff.

Mo is holding a mineral identification class at the clubhouse on May 16 from 10am to 2pm. Sign up today.

### **Show and Tell -**

Russ Buhrow presented a granite stone engraved with ancient patterns found in an area where few artifacts have been found.

Deb Hannum showed some work with material obtained during the Yuma trip.

**Door Prize –** A sample of selenite was won by Brianna McNally.

**Raffle Receipts –** over \$200.

**Adjourned –** 10:40am.

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Minutes of OPLC Board Meeting  
Tuesday, April 28, 2026 5:00pm,  
W Penrose, [wrp0143@comcast.net](mailto:wrp0143@comcast.net)

Present: Dave Richardson presiding, Chuck Lundstrom, Bruce Noble, Bill Penrose, Mark Marikos, Mark Dragoslovich, Wayne Klement, Janet Keisler, Ken Briggs, Wendy Huber, Ray Darragh, Mo Garrett. A quorum was present.

**Treasurer Report** – Bruce Noble – State Annual Report and tax forms have been submitted. There has been a positive net income for the month.

**Membership** – Jan Keisler – currently about 376 members in good standing.

**Lab Reports** –

Cabbing lab – Ken Briggs – Everything is okay.

Silver lab – At this time, there are no silver classes. Jane Morris has indicated an interest in conducting a class, but no decision has been reached.

Saw room – Ray Darragh – Everything is okay.

Casting – Chuck Lundstrom – A class is ending and a new one will begin shortly. Attendance has increased.

Faceting – Dave Richardson – Everything is OK. One machine needs repair. Some new laps have been purchased.

**County Fair** – Went very well, with much interest from the public.

**Key Replacement** – A locksmith is coming tomorrow to examine our situation.

**Zelle for Membership Fees** – Zelle is unsuitable, as it's not for corporate use. Venmo and Paypal are available. These alternatives will be investigated.

**RMFMS Convention** – Dave Richardson went last year and found it unproductive. No one from OPLC is expecting to attend.

**Field Trips** – Mo Garrett – The trip to the Dragoon Mts was successful, with some excellent marble recovered. Pit #1, containing blue chalcedony, was hard to reach for some vehicles. Summer (indoor) field trips will kick off with the Alfie Norville Mineral Museum in Tucson May 30.

In August, the trip will be to the Museum of Northern Arizona in Flagstaff.

Pinal County Fossilfest in Coolidge will be on May 9.

A potential location called 'Mineral Mountain', north of Florence, is being investigated for a September trip.

Adjourned 5:45 pm.

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**This is the lab schedule which is current as of 05-03-26. Please CALL or TEXT (see below) the Monitor that is running the lab to make sure that they have space for you.**

**Cabbing**

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|                  | 2pm-5:30pm Dennis Stock (602) 421-2707                | Text |
|                  | 6pm-9pm Donovan Wagner (520) 869-2050                 | Text |
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| <b>Wednesday</b> | 5pm-8pm Keith Haubert (520) 784-8283                  | Text |
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|                  |  |
|------------------|--|
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| <b>Sunday</b>    | 10am-2pm Giac D'Acquisto (520) 444-4143            |

**Faceting**

|                  |  |
|------------------|--|
| <b>Monday</b>    | 9am-12pm Dave Richardson (520) 245-2172 Class & Open Lab       |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | 5:30pm-8:30pm David Schulte (520) 954-8554 Open Lab            |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | 4pm-7pm Chuck Lundstrom (520) 241-9262 Class                   |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | 12:30pm-3:30pm Dave Richardson (520) 245-2172 Class & Open Lab |

**Casting**

**Upcoming winter/Spring Casting classes sign up outside the Casting Department clip board outside the lab door. Chuck will teach Lost Wax Casting classes every other month starting in January.**

|                  |  |
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| <b>Tuesday</b>   | 9am-12pm Steve Weeks, (978) 807-0075                                   |
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