

# “CUTTING REMARKS”

The Official Publication of the Old Pueblo Lapidary Club  
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Please join us October 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 25<sup>th</sup> of each month. Thanks!

## THE PREZ SEZ ..... by David Schulte, President

Well I guess I lied about the “perfect” weather starting in October! Hopefully things will cool down soon so we can enjoy the fall here in the Old Pueblo. Our latest Board meeting was held on 10/1/24 at 5:00 PM at the club’s main building. All Club members are welcome to attend our Board meetings and give us your ideas and inputs on how to improve, expand and grow the club.



The silent auction is coming up starting at 9 AM on November 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Club and there are going to be some fantastic deals for rough material and equipment from all the donations that the club has received! I hope everyone has saved up their pennies for the event. This is the club’s largest money maker for the year and the bargains you can get are truly amazing, unless I get them first! I hope to see everyone there.

If anyone is willing to donate some of their time and knowledge to volunteer to teach a specialty class and/or monitor at any of the club labs please talk to me or any of the Board members to get more information about this. We ask that new monitors in any of the labs sign up for a 3 hour slot in the lab that they monitor in once a week for at least a year. Monitors can use the lab they monitor in for free, as long as it’s a scheduled time slot for that lab to be open. The Board and I would like to thank ALL the volunteers for their time in monitoring in the labs so we can all enjoy our lapidary hobby.

Donations to the club are always welcome. We will accept any equipment or material dealing with lapidary. We are a 501C organization and as such donators will receive a tax receipt to write off their donations to the Club. We’ll come and pick it up if you need us to. Let Danny Harmsen or any of your Board members know and we’ll set up a time to come get it or you can drop it off at the Club anytime any of the labs are open! I hope everyone has a marvelous Halloween and thanksgiving. I’m looking forward to seeing everyone at the club sometime and I’m really looking forward to someone turning down the heat a little for a more pleasant fall!



# 22nd ANNUAL SILENT AUCTION OLD PUEBLO LAPIDARY CLUB

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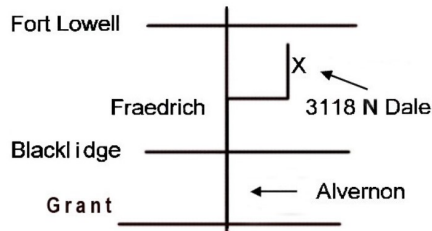
**DATE: Saturday, November 2, 2024 HOURS: 9:00am-2:00pm**

This is once-a-year chance to select all your mineral and lapidary needs from a myriad of mineral specimens, faceting rough, cutting material, slabs, polished stones, equipment (rock saws, cab grinders, kiln, faceting machines, etc). The equipment along the walls will be the last items to be sold.

There will also be a "Kid's only table".

One of nine tables will be randomly called and replenished every 15 minutes.

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## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



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## OPLC SPEAKERS FORECAST 2024- 2025

Here is the latest list for our upcoming speakers.

October 12, 2024 Shelly Sergent, **“Somewhere in the Rainbow” Collection**

November 9, 2024, Tikka Opals, **Opals**

December 14, 2024 – No speaker – Holiday Party

January 11, 2025.....

February 8, 2025.....

March 8, 2025, Claire Scragg, **Being a Gem Detective**

April 12, 2025.....

May 10, 2025, Jim Turner, **The Mine with the Iron Door**

## October 12, 2024 OPLC speaker – Shelly Sergent

### All American Gemstones



Photos courtesy Shelly Sergent    Maine Tourmaline faceted by Dalan Hargrave & Larry Woods

We are in for a wonderful talk for our October 12, 2024, OPLC monthly meeting with a new speaker to our group, **Shelly Sergent**, Curator of the **Somewhere In The Rainbow Collection**. The presentation will cover interesting material that showcases many great lapidary artists. We will travel the fascinating and colorful USA with Shelly, as she explores the only 13 states which produce gem quality minerals. Shelly will bring some pieces for an up-close look.

Shelly Sergent has spent more than 40 years in the jewelry industry. She worked hard to establish herself as an industry ‘go to girl’ for fine, rare colored gems and design. Shelly is currently the Curator for a world class gem and jewelry collection, **Somewhere In The Rainbow**. Somewhere In The Rainbow’s mission is to bring hands on education, understanding and appreciation of fine colored gems and artisan crafted jewelry to museums, retail stores and educational facilities dedicated to enjoying and appreciating the rarity, beauty and value of these gems and master artisan’s works.

Shelly is the proud recipient of the 2022 AGS Sallie Morton award and 2023 AGTA Leon Ritzler achievement award. She has presented and exhibited in places such as The Smithsonian Natural History Affiliate Museums, Harvard and University of Arizona. Shelly has been the keynote speaker at multiple gemological events including the 100 Year Celebration of Gem-A in London, German and Scottish Gemological Associations. Shelly served as a regular education specialist for JTV and is a popular presenter for GIA/AGS Alumni Guilds. She serves the University of Arizona Board of Advisers for the Alfie Norville Gem and Mineral Museum, which is dedicated to the science, rarity and beauty of minerals, gems and jewelry, in Tucson, AZ.

Shelly is also the co-founder of the unBEARable Jewelry brand, started in 2022, which is attributed to her daughter, Bri and her granddaughter, Jenova.

Please make sure you don’t miss this very special presentation,  
Helen Serras-Herman, OPLC Program chair

## **Minutes of OPLC Membership Meeting**

**September 14, 2024, 9:00 AM at OPLC**

**William Penrose, Secretary, wrp0143@comcast.net**

The presentation was given by Dr. Ihor Kunasz, "Lithium, the Elusive Element", revealing some of the fascinating properties of this important element.

The minutes of the August 2024 general meeting were approved by voice vote of the membership.

Thank you to Wayne Klement for providing the refreshments.

New members and visitors were introduced.

Financial Report – Mark Davidson – Exact budget figures are not published here. They are available to members on request. Club finances are in healthy shape. As of August 31, 38% of the 2024 budget has been spent.

Library – Bill Cascio – There has been increased activity with the library.

Membership – Jan Keisler reported a total of 449 members in good standing

Field trips – Several members led by David Schulte, made a trip to Potter USA, a fascinating shop in downtown Tucson with many items of interest to lapidarists.

The floor of the silver lab has been coated with hard epoxy paint. The light gray color will make it easier to find dropped objects.

The Fall tailgate sale will be held Saturday, September 21st. Vendors should show up at 7:30. Sales will be from 8 am to 12 noon. There is a suggested \$10 donation from vendors.

The Nominating Committee – Dave Richardson – The Committee has generated a full slate of candidates for 2025. Mike McDowell has been nominated for Treasurer.

Donations for the Silent Auction in November are being accepted by Danny Harmsen and any Board member. We can arrange pickup if necessary.

There will be no general meeting in December. Instead, we will have our annual Christmas potluck dinner. Victoria is coordinating the dishes to bring. There will be turkey and ham.

A 'behavior clause' has been added to the membership form to which members must agree when renewing, with respect to keeping the club a safe place with respect among members.

The door prize was won by Wolfgang Meuller.

Raffle Income was about \$270.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45.





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#### MEMBERSHIP RATES FOR NEW MEMBERS

	<u>Jan - Jun</u>	<u>Jul - Dec</u>
Single	\$35.00	\$20.00
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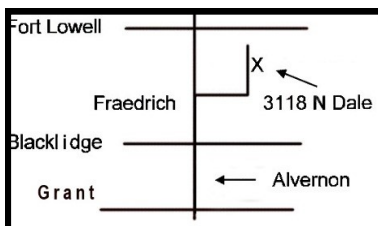
#### MEMBERS RENEWING

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

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 Attn: Membership Chairperson  
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 Tucson, AZ 85712



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 8:00 a.m., followed by an educational program, and ends with the monthly meeting. Visitors are most welcome.

### 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:**

Alan Romey - Geodes, thundereggs, slabs, amazonite, flint, agates, gaspeite, and rhodochrosite

Phil Madsen - Malachite, chrysoprase, rhodonite, copper, agates, jaspers, geodes, pyrites, jade, obsidian, gem silica, boulder opal, slabs, quartz xtals, drill bits, dial indicator, 8 " flat lap and laps, wet drill with core drills and stand, and wet angle grinder

Janelle & Jerry - Meteorites

Ted Rupp - Rough and Slabs

Anonymous - Faceted and Polished stones, slabs, riker kits

Two and a half cases of photo copy paper and a box of #10 envelopes, by Mark Davidson.

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**This is the lab schedule which is current as of 10-1-24. Please CALL the Monitor that is running the lab to make sure that they have space for you.**

### **Cabbing**

**Monday** 7am-11am Ken Briggs (520) 780-0640  
6pm-9pm Donovan Wagner (520) 869-2050

**Tuesday** 9am-12pm 1st and 3rd Tuesday Dan Lilly (801) 995-9692  
3:30-6pm Margarett Harris (520) 561-2315  
6pm-9pm Brian Peterson (520) 449-2660

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

**Thursday** 7am-11am Betty Mehloff (253) 208-7460  
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** 9pm-12pm Gloria Shenanaquet (520) 396-9715  
12pm-2PM Paul Fickle (520) 883-6061

### **Silversmithing**

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

**Tuesday** 9am-12pm John Poole (520) 777-5588 No open shop Aug 13th, 20th, 27th.

**Wednesday** 9am-12pm Bill Cascio (520) 343-9927  
5:30pm-8:30pm Stephanie Mendibles (520) 460-2101

**Thursday** 10am-4pm Sloane Padilla (520) 808-8699 (Text Only)

**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

**Tuesday** 8am - 11 am Steve Weeks (978)-807-0075

**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 Dragodovich (520)-906-4657

**Friday** 2pm-5pm 2nd & 4th Fridays Travis Austin (540) 420-3844

**Sunday** 1pm-4pm 1st & 3rd Sundays Travis Austin (540) 420-3844

### **Saw Room**

**Monday** 7am-11am Ray Darragh (480) 652-0648

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### OPLC Volunteer Opportunities:

OPLC cannot function without volunteers. Please check the appropriate box(es) indicating areas in which you are willing to help. Your volunteer assistance is necessary to the running of a successful organization. We can function only through volunteers.

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#### **Hobnob (early February)**

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#### **Pima County Fair (April)**

Setup     Cab/Faceting demos     Manning booth     Takedown

Tell us about yourself: Lapidary interests, other clubs, positions held, other interests: (Also, where did you hear about our club?)

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**Note: Please also fill out page 2 of form....** →



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# OPLC Member Liability Waiver Statement

Consent to Treatment/Limitation and Waiver of Liability .

I verify/certify that I, (we) \_\_\_\_\_  
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Laboratory users are expected to behave in a manner consistent with the creative atmosphere of the club. Creativity flourishes in a respectful, friendly, enthusiastic, and peaceful setting. Please maintain civil and courteous behavior. We are committed to providing a respectful environment for all members, free from discrimination on any grounds, and from harassment.

In consideration of my lapidary activities, I do hereby for and on behalf of myself and my heirs and legal representatives release and forever discharge in the OPLC its employees, agents, officers, Board members and members and their successors and assigns, of and from any and all claims and demands of every kind, nature, and character which I may have or hereafter acquire for any and all damages, losses or injuries which may be suffered or sustained by me in connection with my activities from which such remissions is granted and any period traveling to or from the OPLC events at the Club or any other OPLC facility or activity associated with OPLC and all such claims are hereby waived and released and I covenant not to sue therefor.

Member's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Member's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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## MINUTES OF TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2024 OPLC BOARD MEETING

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

Present: David Schulte presiding, Wendy Huber, Mark Davidson, Bill Penrose, Dave Richardson, Wayne Klement, John Poole, Janet Keisler, Chuck Lundstrom, Jack McCabe, Mike McDowell, Mark Marikos, and Mark Dragodovitch. A quorum was present.

Treasurer's Report – Mark Davidson – The cash position is positive. Exact numbers are not given here, but are available to members on request. The tailgate sale netted \$210 and the general meeting raffle brought in \$272. No lab has spent all its allocated funds. About 43% of the 2024 budget has been spent; however, RMF dues and insurance are upcoming as well as pest control costs. One of the Titans in the cab lab is on the verge of failure and a decision to replace needs to be made soon.

Membership – Janet Keisler – 455 members in good standing. Renewal forms with the new 'safe space' policy included are required from this point onward.

### Reports:

**Silver Lab** – John Poole – There is a silver lab every day, and enough monitors. John will start a new class in late October. David's bolo tie class is finished, though some members have yet to complete their projects. Saw Room – No report.

**Cab Lab** – Donovan Wagner – Donovan must make a decision on replacing the failing Titan.

**Faceting Lab** – Dave Richardson – Everything is okay.

**Casting Lab** – Chuck Lundstrom – A fire extinguisher was discharged after a spill of molten metal. It should be replaced.

**Library** – no report

**Field trips** – No report. – RMF suggests that field medical kits be provided for future field trips.

**Silent auction** – All preparations are complete.

**Christmas Party** – Bill Penrose can't set up the tables this year. Help is needed.

**Website** – Lab sessions need to be updated. Wayne will contact Brian about that.

Bulk waste pickup – Some waste material still has to be picked up.

RMFMS – Dave is attending along with his wife.

Alfie Norville Museum – Open free this coming weekend.

Faceters' Guild – The course will be on Feb 5 and 6, the guild meeting Feb 6 to 8.

Pima County Fair – will be April 17th to 27th.

TGMS Gem Show February – Wendy is taking care of that.

Annual budget meeting – next Board meeting October 29, 2024.

Meeting adjourned 5:40.