

“CUTTING REMARKS”

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Please join us October 11 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!

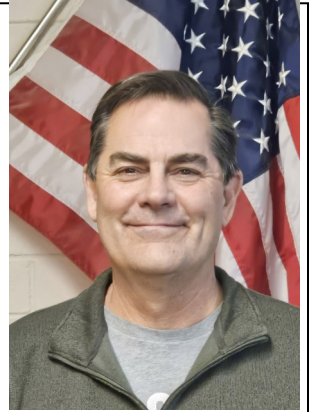
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THE PREZ SEZ by Jack McCabe, President

Along with the change in the weather we have good news again. We have a new treasurer! Bruce Nobel has agreed to do the entire job. We are so thankful to have Bruce step up and take on this important job. Our finances are at roughly the same levels as last year at this time and our budget is in good shape. At the next meeting we will ask the membership to vote on approving next year's budget.



I want to thank Dave Richardson for organizing the tailgate sale last month and thank everyone who came out to enjoy the event.

Two events fast approaching to keep in mind:

1. The Silent Auction is November 1st - you can bid on a variety of lapidary items in a timed table closing format (you never know which table will close next). It is very exciting and you can get some great deals. This is our largest fundraiser for the club so we hope to see you there. We could also use a few more volunteers to help with set-up, signing up bidders, table clearing, and clean-up. Even if you volunteer you will still have plenty of time to participate as a bidder. Please let Vice President Chuck Lundstrom know if you can help. Look for flyers on the auction soon.
2. The Christmas Party will be December 13th. The Club provides all the meat dishes and we just ask if you can bring a side dish or dessert. More to come next month.

We have decided to make a change on signing up for lab classes. The sign-up sheets will be moved from the meeting hall to the labs themselves. We hope this will make it more convenient for people to sign up at times when the meeting hall is not open. You will find the class sign-up sheets next to the lab doors.

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.

Minutes of OPLC Membership Meeting
September 13, 2025, at 9:00 am at OPLC
William Penrose, Secretary, wrp0143@comcast.net

The presentation was given by Chuck Gallaway, "History of Santa Cruz Mining 1540-1946" with often surprising accounts of early mining operations leading up to today's industry.

Announcements –

Thanks to Wayne Klement for bringing the donuts today.

The planned wire wrap class has been postponed due to travel plans by the expected instructor.

The tailgate sale will be held next Saturday, September 20, from 8 am to 12 noon. A \$10 donation is requested from vendors.

Treasurer Report - The Club is still in need of a treasurer. In the meantime, Jack McCabe is taking care of basic treasurer functions, like paying bills and depositing money.

Membership Report – Janet Keisler – the Club now has 449 members in good standing, plus new members signed up at this meeting.

Library Report – Bill Cascio – The library is in good shape. Bill reviewed procedures for borrowing and returning books.

Field Trips – Mo Garrett has planned the Wickenburg trip for December 5-6. At least 20 participants are needed. Make your own overnight arrangements. There will be a community meal the preceding Thursday evening. Come equipped for a night hike. UV flashlights are a help.

There will be a trip to the Sierra Vista Museum October 18. Details of the next meeting.

Show and Tell – David Schulte displayed a dazzling bolo tie made with Lightning Ridge opal and blue and white sapphires.

Door Prizes – Won by Bill Penrose (stromatolite) and Jan Keisler (undetermined copper mineral or slag containing metallic copper).

Raffle – grossed about \$220.

Adjourned.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Gerald Auguste
Brad Cheff
Juleen Eichinger
James Gardner

Scott Holloway
Susan Holloway
John Kidd
Lisa Marie Morrison

Cecilia Ojeda
Sully Sullivan
Kristian Vignes

DONATIONS

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 Chuck Lundstrom, 520-241-9262 or Wayne Klement, 520-954-6298 and leave a message to make arrangements to have the donation picked up if you need help, or to drop off at the Club.

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OPLC Tours Rio Rico and Sierra Vista Museums Saturday, October 18, 2025



Rio Rico History Museum – Meet there at 10:00am

Leave the RRHM at 11:00am and drive to Sierra Vista on scenic Route AZ-82

Southern Arizona Museum of Science & Technology - Meet there at 12:30pm

The **Rio Rico History Museum** is located at **1149 West Frontage Road in Rio Rico**, just north of the Rio Rico Drive Exit 17 on I-19. The RRHM features enhanced exhibits on the area's geology and Prehistoric cultures, Spanish and Mexican era, mining, Territorial Arizona, Baca Float, and Modern Rio Rico, and with new exhibits on the Arizona Coronado Project, the Produce, and the Calabazas Cemetery. Besides the museum's rich exhibits of rocks, pottery, prehistoric shell necklaces, arrowheads, timelines and photos, are the museum's amazing "jewel" centerpieces: the Calabazas diorama, and the splendid Rio Rico Mural. No entrance fee, but donations kindly accepted.

www.rioricohistoricalsociety.org

The **Southern Arizona Museum of Science and Technology** is located at **2200 El Mercado Loop, Suite 1170, within the Sierra Vista Mall**. This museum, unique in its kind in Cochise County, is a natural history museum with fossils, minerals, meteorites, and live natural history exhibits. It has been curator Ron Hyde's dream to share his fossil collection with the world. At its new mall location, the museum is able to bring a lot of interest from the young visitors. All of them love being allowed to hold the large fossil eggs of the theropod dinosaur *Therizinosaurus*, discovered in the Gobi Desert around 2013, and experience how heavy they actually are. Donations kindly accepted.

www.southernarizonamuseum.org

I will not be collecting any money ahead of time. Please email me at helen@gemartcenter.com to **RSVP and let me know if you are coming for both tours or only one**. Thank you! Helen Serras-Herman

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.

Thank you - Helen Serras-Herman

Here is the latest list for our upcoming speakers:

October 11, 2025, Gwendolyn Awen Jones, **The Callanish 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**

March 14, 2026, Robert Weldon, renowned photographer

April 11, 2026 _____

May 9, 2026, Claire Scragg, FGA gemologist

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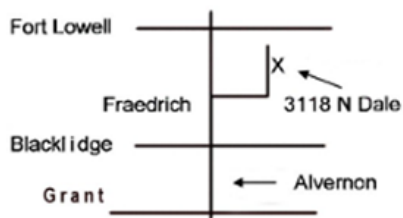
DATE: Saturday, November 1, 2025 HOURS: 9:00am-2:00pm

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

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

Come see us on the web: www.lapidaryclub.org



OPLC MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

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

MEMBERSHIP RATES FOR NEW MEMBERS

	Jan - Jun	Jul - Dec
Single	\$35.00	\$20.00
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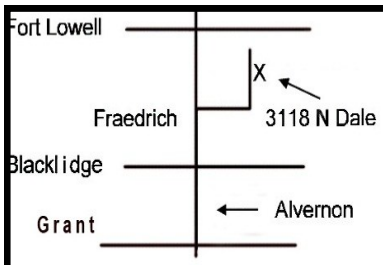
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\$30.00
\$45.00
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Note: Renewal fees will apply for members returning to rejoin regardless of the time of year.

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 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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MINUTES OF THE OPLC BOARD MEETING

September 30, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm,

Present: Jack McCabe presiding, Chuck Lundstrom, Bill Penrose, Wayne Klement, Dave Richardson, Janet Keisler, Mark Marikos, Giac d'Acquisto, Ken Briggs, David Schulte. Bruce Noble. A quorum was present.

Treasurer Position – Bruce Noble was introduced to the Board as the prospective new Treasurer. He was invested as interim treasurer by unanimous vote and also placed on the ballot for 2026. We will be removing Mike McDowell from the Pima Federal Union Account as Treasurer and adding Bruce Noble to the account as Treasurer and as new signer on the account.

Treasurer Report – Jack McCabe delivered a summary report to the end of August, which showed the Club in healthy financial position, but without detail.

Membership – currently 464 members in good standing.

Lab Reports –

Silver lab – Giac d'Acquisto – More people are using the silver lab, after a slow summer.

Saw room – No report.

Cabbing lab – Ken Briggs and David Schulte – There is still some painting to be finished. On Friday, there are two monitors, so the lab is open continuously from 10 am to 4 pm.

Faceting – the lab is busy on Sunday and Monday. everything is running smoothly.

Casting – there is a class underway now – there is a new monitor on Mondays.

Library – Bill Cascio via Bill Penrose – no issues with the library.

Field Trips – (Comment taken from the monthly business meeting minutes) Mo Garrett has planned the Wickenburg trip for December 5-6. At least 20 participants are needed. Make your own overnight arrangements. There will be a community meal the preceding Thursday evening. Come equipped for a night hike. UV flashlights are a help.

2026 Draft Budget

Nominating Committee – The slate of candidates for 2026 is:

President – Dave Richardson

Vice President – Chuck Lundstrom (incumbent)

Treasurer – Bruce Noble

Secretary – Bill Penrose (incumbent)

Board of Directors (two year term; 2 positions) – Wendy Huber and Ray Darragh

Board of Directors (one year term; 1 position) – Ken Briggs

Faceters Guild – Meetings will be February 3 and 4. The Hob-Nob event will happen February 7.

Other Business -

A mystery invoice was received from a plastics supplier, presumably the supplier of nametags, going back to February. The Treasurer was instructed to investigate whether the bill was genuine.

Giac d'Acquisto suggested class signup sheets be moved from the meeting hall to the lab building in order to be more accessible. The Board agreed.

Silent Auction – Volunteers are still needed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 pm.

Meeting minutes recorded by W. Penrose, wrp0143@comcast.net, Secretary.

This is the lab schedule which is current as of 10-5-25. Please CALL or TEXT (see below) 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	Text
	2pm-5:30pm Dennis Stock (602) 421-2707	Text
	6pm-9pm Donovan Wagner (520) 869-2050	Text
Tuesday	9am-12pm 1st and 3rd Tuesday Dan Lilly (801) 995-9692	Text
	4pm-9pm Brian Peterson (520) 449-2660	Text
Wednesday	5pm-8pm Keith Haubert (520) 784- 8283	Text
Thursday	7am-11am Ken Briggs (520) 780-0640	Text
	1pm-4pm Wendy Huber (206) 669-6002	Text
	6pm-9pm Mike Copeland (520) 279-1798	Text
Friday	10am-2pm David Weaver (520) 548-4414	Text
	1pm-4pm Brianne McNally (520) 589-4791	Text
Saturday	2pm-5pm Wendy Huber (206) 669-6002	Text
Sundays	9am-12pm Gloria Shenanaquet (520) 739-5804	Text
	12pm-2PM Paul Fickle (520) 883-6061	Call Only
	2pm-5pm Mark Davidson (520- 975-6075	Text

Silversmithing

Monday	10am-1pm Jane Morris (727) 743-0883
Tuesday	9am-12pm Bill Cascio (520) 343-9927
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	5:30pm-8:30pm Stephanie Mendibles (520) 460-2101
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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	9am-12pm 3rd and 4th Monday of the month Trevor Mock (520) 461-5902
	Noon-3pm 1st Monday of the Month Investing Liz Williams (818) 300-5262
	Noon-3pm 2nd Monday of the month Burn Out Liz Williams (818) 300-5262
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-12pm Mark Dragoslovich (520) 906-4657
Friday	1pm-4pm 1st, 2nd & 3rd Fridays Travis Austin (540) 420-3866
Sunday	1pm-4pm 3rd Sundays Travis Austin (540) 420-3866

Saw Room

Monday	7am-11am Ray Darragh (480) 652-0648
Wednesday	7am-11am Ray Darragh (480) 652-0648
Sunday	8am-11am Betty Mehlhoff (253) 208-7460