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Please join us on April 12th
for the next monthly
meeting. Optional social
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followed by the educational
program at 9:00 AM,
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Articles or news to be included in the *Cutting Remarks* should be emailed to your Editor, Wayne Klement (wayneklem@aol.com), or feel free to call him at 520-954-6298. Submission deadline is the 25th of each month. Thanks!

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THE PREZ SEZ by Bill Carmody



It's April, of course. The weather is balmy and the flowers are a' blooming. It is definitely a good year for wild flowers. I checked out the poppies in the Helvetica area during the last week in March. They are abundant and gorgeous this year. Only in 1997 have I seen them more robustly abundant in that area. Hope that most of you have been enjoying the outdoors as well.

The Pima County Fair is coming up this month. I always have a good time at the Fair. The OPLC will have our booth as usual. It's always fun to help man (people) the booth. If you aren't already signed up to help, call Murray Hiller, 296-4469. Even if you aren't signed up, don't let that stop you if you go to the Fair. Come on by and visit the booth for a while. It is always good to have club members stop by.

This month the jewelry contest features the necklace. Enter your bauble and win a prize (if your entry is selected). This month we are changing the format for the contest a little. The entries should have been made mostly using the Club's facilities. The winner will be chosen by a drawing instead of a vote. We

will have the same choice of prizes: Club T-shirt or lab pass. However, we will also have a vote for the best entry, with the only prize being the satisfaction of winning the competition. We changed this because some of the more skilled old timers who frequently dominated the competition didn't need anymore shirts or lab passes. So basically what we are looking for is recently constructed items that have been fabricated mostly in our facilities. We will try to extract a little narrative about the item's construction from the makers.

Murray Hiller and Danny Harmsen blazed the way by starting to trim the evergreen trees beside the Club house that encroached on Dale Road. The trimming definitely needed to be done. However, the letter from the City of Tucson indicated that we had to a lot more trimming to do. So the nucleus of Danny and Murray was joined by Murray's chain saw, the brothers Klement (Wayne and Larry), Ron Davidson, Donna Pugh, and me. The chain saw roared, the loppers lopped, the rakers raked, and the brush pilers piled. Soon a huge mass of trimmed branches laid outside

our fence. A call to the City arranged for a truck to come and pick it up. During the call, we learned that it would be about \$60 for the pick up and each piece could be no longer than 5 feet. So, we had the opportunity to go through the vast pile of debris again, cutting each piece to length and restacking it. Thank God and Greyhound it's gone. (That's a Roy Clark song about his mother-in-law that I think fits right in here.) It is interesting to note that people coming into the Club facilities don't seem to notice that all that vegetation is missing. It looks good – thanks, guys!

Action behind the scenes: Dave Arens and Ron Davidson repaired the twenty-inch slab saw that had a failed feed system. It now works properly. Thanks, Dave and Ron.

For those slugs who are going to miss the April meeting because they chose to go to Mata Ortiz instead: I hope you get some beautiful pottery, find some good minerals, and come down with Montezuma's revenge. (Just kidding) We expect to see your treasures if you get – er, when you get back.

MARCH MEETING MINUTES By Jenny Coniglio



The meeting was called to order with a quorum present. There were no minutes to approve for February since there was no meeting due to activities associated with the Gem Show. The minutes for January were approved as published in February's newsletter.

Kathy Van Atta, the Librarian, encouraged us to use the library. Since she is a seasonal resident, the Vice President, Robert O' Donnell, will substitute in her absence.

New classes are being organized:

- Frank Beaven (who runs a rock shop in Michigan) volunteered to teach general cabbing lab Thursday afternoons from 1:00 - 4:00pm while he is in town.

- Keith Haubert also volunteered to monitor a cabbing lab from 6:00 - 9:00pm on Wednesday evenings. His phone number is 888-8719.

- Ron Davidson would like to teach a beginning silversmithing class, perhaps Sunday afternoons or evenings. A sign-up sheet is available.

- Chuck Lundstrom will continue to teach the casting class on Wednesday evenings.

- Abe Lackow is looking for students wanting to learn specific skills in silversmithing. Murray Hiller is also looking for

those who are interested in signing up for a faceting class.

Abe was unsure of how to charge for the one-on-one instruction over a short duration and asked for guidance. The membership decided on 2 punches on the lab card for each hour: one punch for the instruction and one punch for the facility. Or, if cash is used, it will be \$4.00 per session per each student.

New Members:

- M. C. Wooster is a snowbird from Maine is looking for a house to rent December - March.

- Don and Pat Hughes are snowbirds and interested in learning about lapidary and silversmithing.

- Bill Fox is interested in silversmithing.

- Frank Beaven wants to contribute to club teaching.

- Jim Ferlin is a Tucson resident.

- Scott Logan is already a silversmith, but wants to learn about rocks.

- Marj Yeager is a visitor.

Announcements:

The cab room is now open on Monday afternoons.

Jed's Rock Shop in the Picture Rocks area is now open.

The US Faceters' Guild has contributed \$200 in appreciation

for holding the annual Hob Nob meeting here during the Gem Show over the years. They also passed a check on to us for 50 that Silvia Czayo paid for a table at the Hob Nob for selling her faceted gem stones.

Wayne Klement has a sign up sheet in the back of the room for volunteers to bring treats for the social hour prior to the General Meetings.

Rim Talat-Kelpsa announced that there are 4 openings for the next Ray Mine tour.

A member mentioned that she had some gauges and tanks available for sale for \$350 to Club members. Bill Carmody said that he did not want to use time during the meetings to sell personal stuff -- the meetings a long enough as it is.

Bill Carmody mentioned that Carl Bowlby suggested that old and used equipment or materials could be put into a Club tailgate-type swap meet after the meetings every 4 months. The Club approved a motion to have the first tailgate swap start after the April meeting and it would be for members only.

There will be a gem cutting demonstration at the Rincon

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**.....March Meeting Minutes
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Farmers Market 9:00 - 2:00pm today.

Maintenance:

We need help with weed eradication since we had so much winter rains. We will contact those who have already expressed interest on their membership forms.

The storage trailer doors need drilling and the hinges replaced since the welds have broken. Frank Beaven volunteered to look at the job.

Old Business:

Our booth at the Tucson Gem and Mineral show was successful with lots of activity at the booth and some new members registered. Thanks to all who helped at the booth! This year our club had to spend \$123.23 to replace the cloth table bunting with vinyl (last year we water damaged the cloth one) and \$84.32 for the electricity that was provided.

Skip Barkley was introduced as the Chairman of the Nominating Committee and

Wayne Klement will assist Skip on that Committee.

Sylvia thanked Wayne Klement and Donna Pugh for their help in clean up after the Hob Nob.

Jenny Coniglio asked that all those who are not actively teaching or monitoring please turn in their keys.

We still need a Club Historian. Sylvia Czayo will consult with a new volunteer about what the duties would be.

An Audit Committee is needed. Terry Forest, a new member, volunteered.

New Business:

Next month's jewelry contest is for necklaces. A discussion followed about how the contest should be conducted. It was noted that since we have such a diverse skill level of members, sometimes professionals are competing with newer jewelry makers. Perhaps we should consider having the contest for newly made pieces, especially made during a class held at the club. It would be quite beneficial to all club members to hear about the techniques used,

components, how long it took to make or any other information that those who might want to know about the skill level need to make similar items. Also, instead of having a contest, we might consider holding a drawing from all the participants and awarding a small prize.

We plan to write up some shop rules for those who are new to the Club or aren't familiar with equipment and procedures. Frank Beaven volunteered to help.

Our Pima County Fair booth will be April 17- 27. Diana Hara will help Murray with the show. Bill Carmody suggested we have 3 - 4 people per day to demonstrate our Club activities, especially faceting and cabbing, and to chat with interested visitors to the booth. Volunteers will get free parking and entrance passes. Anyone with display items should contact Murray Hiller. There will be a locked case for these items.

Jim Van Atta won the door prize of slabbed rocks. The raffle for donated items was held after the meeting was adjourned.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY !!

Two octogenarians celebrating a mile stone.

Sylvia treating Harrison to help him celebrate his 85th birthday.

“And in the end it's not the years in your life but the life in your years.”

Abraham Lincoln (1809-1865)

RAY MINE – MARCH 14, 2008

All decked out and ready to go. This was a first time at the Ray Mine for most of this group.



The folks at Ray Mine graciously hosted OPLC on yet another rewarding tour of their facilities. Not only was it an education on current mining practices but also afforded all an opportunity to collect native copper, chalcopyrite, pyrite, and other native minerals. Thanks, Rim, for organizing the trip.

BRUSH TRIMMING DAY AT THE CLUB



The Club had received notice from the city requesting that brush hanging over the fence into the street had to be trimmed back. So, a call went out and a crew was assembled to give the Club a “hair cut”. It does look nice now that it has all been trimmed back. The crew (l-r) Larry & Wayne Klement, Ron Davidson, Murray Hiller, Bill Carmody, and Donna Pugh.



There was so much brush that the City was called to have it picked up.

PIMA COUNTY FAIR REMINDER

If anyone has anything to display at the Pima County Fair Demo, we need Items to put in the display case. The Items will be locked up, so they should be secure. People could contact myself or Diana Hara (Murray Hiller at 296 4469 or Diana Hara at 572-0339).



CORRECTION

The couple in the center of the picture was incorrectly identified in last month's issue. They are JERRY & ANNIESE FOLEY. Apologies for any confusion Ed.

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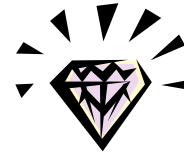
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Please don't forget to bring in **YOUR** aluminum cans to the Club for recycling. Your contribution would be greatly appreciated to help add \$'s to the Club's treasury.

Thanks !

MEMBERSHIP NOTE

Due to the significant increase in the price of name badges, it has become necessary to charge \$3.00 for members that need a replacement badge.



ADVANCED FACETOR'S CORNER

The MARCH question of the month was: Diamond, zircon, and quartz have high refractive index.

The answer False

APRIL QUESTION OF THE MONTH: What is Dravite?

Come to the April meeting to hear the answer.



MONTHLY JEWELRY CONTESTS

In order for members to better plan for future monthly contests, here is the schedule for each category by month:

January - Bolo Tie	May - Brooch	August - Faceted Stone	November - Bracelet
March - Belt Buckle	June - Cabochon	September - Chain	
April - Necklace	July - Charm	October - Pendent	

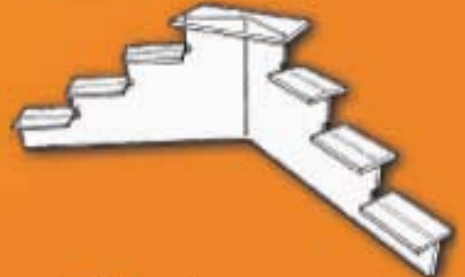
The winner of the Bolo Tie contest in January was Chuck Peters. Congratulations Chuck.



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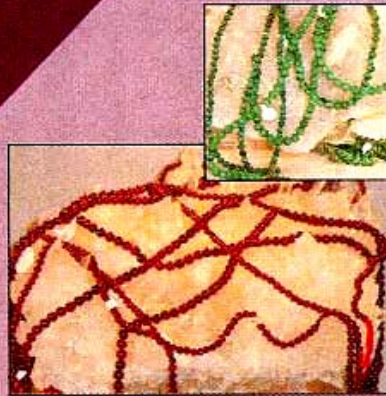
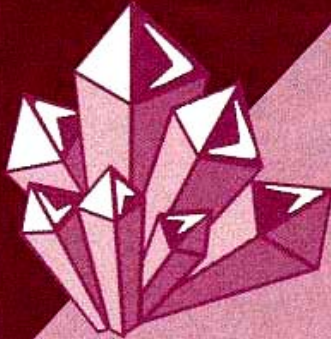
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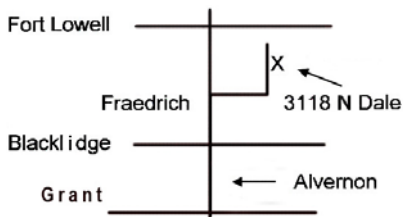
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