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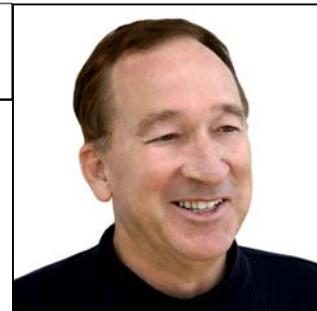
Please join us on December 10th for the next meeting which begins at 9:00am, optional social hour begins at 8:00am. Remember, the annual Potluck will be held immediately after the meeting.



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 520-546-9404. Submission deadline is the 25th of each month. Thanks!

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THE PREZ SEZ.....by Bill Carmody



Well, here we are in December already. As my reign of terror draws to a close, I find I have mixed emotions about giving up the presidency: sheer joy on the one hand and unbridled elation on the other. I am ready to go back to my slug-like existence with no responsibilities. In order for me to do that, we have to have an election in December.

In answer to some of the questions I have been hearing about the election, I would like to clear up some of the mystery on how the Club's election process works. Each year the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and three Board of Directors positions become vacant. The Nominating Committee is charged, through the OPLC By-laws, to submit the name of one candidate for each of these positions. During the Annual Meeting (December), the elections take place. Candidates, in addition to those on the Nominating Committee's slate, can be nominated from the floor during the meeting or mailed in through the proxy sheet (also considered as a nomination from the floor). The Secretary will be in charge of the Proxies. If there are no nominations from the floor, the membership votes on whether to accept the nomination slate as submitted. If there are nominations from the floor, then paper, secret balloting shall occur with three tellers collecting and counting the ballots. The tellers appointed

for this election are Murray Hiller, Rim Tallat-Kelpsa, and Ursula Wilson. The easiest way, of course, is to accept the Nominating Committee's slate, but in the interest of being democratic, we stand prepared to do a paper ballot election.

The question was raised in the November business meeting about having a quarterly, mini-gem and mineral show in either the Clubhouse or in the parking lot after the normal business meeting. The Board of Directors thinks it is a good idea and designated January as the time to try it out. So, bring your wares (rocks, jewelry, arts, crafts, or whatever) for sale and plan on having a rock and jewelry bonanza blow-out right after the January business meeting and presentation.

If the OPLC Rock and Jewelry Bonanza Blow-out is well received, we will do it again in three months and maybe charge a nominal fee such as \$10 per table/ tailgate so the club can generate some income.

During the last board meeting Murray suggested a review of the year to see how well we accomplished our objectives. Wisely, at the beginning of the year, we scoped our initial objectives down to what we thought we could do in a year. (1) We wanted to get accountability into our punch pass system. Thanks to largely to Donna's efforts, this system has been up and running since last spring. It has been working superbly. (2) We

wanted accountability for our keys. Plus, we wanted sign-in sheets. Basically, we wanted to know who was in our facilities, who was using them, and how were they being used. First: we have the keys under control. Although, we never did find out who has key #15, we are fairly certain it isn't being and hasn't been used. The intent of the sign-in sheets was to have positive knowledge on who was in our facility and how they were using it. At the last board meeting we decided it was time to do some analysis to determine money coming in (income from the punch cards), money going out for expenses, and what areas were used, to see how close the areas are to supporting themselves. Also, to see if expansion in a particular area is warranted. (3) We developed guidelines for the instructors and open lab/shop monitors. (This was one of our most difficult accomplishments.) These guidelines were negotiated with all involved and were needed to eliminate ambiguity, confusion, and contention. These guidelines are in place and are working. (4) We developed an OPLC questionnaire to find out if the Club was meeting people's expectations and to get suggestions for improvements. The majority of suggestions

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indicated that the members wanted more classes. We added classes to those we already had. The new classes include casting, cabbing, chain making, and jewelry wire-wrapping. (5) We vowed to be ready to participate in the TGMS Gem and Mineral Show in 2006. We have the co-chairs in position and most of the preliminary planning done already. In addition to that, we accepted the opportunity to participate in the first ever Beaudry Gem and Mineral Show. We have most of the planning in place for this show as well.

Well, I think I have talked about most of the things we set out to do. Here is a list of other things that we accomplished as well. (1) A demonstration and

display at the Pima County Fair with Shad Blair starting the ball rolling on this one. (2) Started a social hour before each of the Business Meetings. They are well attended. (3) Installed a fan in the casting room. (4) Installed a screen door in the kitchen. (Thanks to Gordon Harnack and Ron Davidson). (5) Started joint potlucks with the TGMS. (6) Had excellent presentations from Jim Farley, Anna Domitrovic, and Gordon Harnack. (7) Had a smoothly run Silent Auction. (Although we didn't take in as much money as we did at last year's auction per se, we have to remember the Titan wheel donation by Don Dupue through our Tom Stout. This donation was worth at least \$2,000 to \$3,000 which brings us pretty close to last year's total. (8) We saw the Newsletter develop and

flourish spectacularly under the helmsman ship of Wayne Klement. Additionally, he conclusively proved that he could continue to turn out a superior product even while spending the summer in Michigan. (9) We instituted the Newsletter on the Club's website which is handled by Rob Kulakofsky.

We still need to complete the Club inventory. If we can't get it done in December, it can be a great project for the incoming administration.

I would like to get a list started on what we should buy over the next year or so. Come loaded with your input at the December meeting.

What are your thoughts about another Alamos, Mexico trip?

NOVEMBER BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
..... By Ursula Wilson

President, Bill Carmody, called the meeting to order at 9:05 am. A quorum was present.

There were no corrections to the minutes of last months meeting printed in the November Newsletter. The minutes were approved as printed.

Lou Akerman will be gone the month of December. His silversmithing open shop will be closed until January 3, 2006.

Guest, Jim Hall, brought in rocks for the club members to purchase after the meeting. The club members were not adverse to him selling these.

Murray Hiller made a

suggestion as to having club members selling/tailgating, their rocks after the meetings twice a year. Art Kavan thought we could set up tables inside for \$10.00 each and sell our rocks, etc, as this has been done in the past. Bill said he would bring these suggestions up in the next board meeting.

The Arizona Mineral and Mining Museum Foundation will be having their 2006 Flagg Show January 6, 7 & 8 at the Mesa Community College in Mesa. They allow clubs to have free space at the show to promote their club activities or to raise funds for their club.

OLD BUSINESS

The Silent Auction was a success. Bill, reflecting back, was so pleased on how well it came off. It was flawless. There was a round of applause for all who participated. Many thanks to Jim Griffin. Donna Pugh gave us the Treasurer's report. The auction earned \$2015.11: \$15.00 children's table, \$65.31 kitchen. Jim Griffin said we still have plenty of material for the next silent auction. A question was asked about doing another silent auction in the spring.



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Having 30 years experience in this field and 5 years doing the silent auction here at the Club, Jim Griffin stated we should stick to one auction a year. Doing two silent auctions would bring both of them down. Gordon Harnack suggested that we put in the next year's flyers how many years we have been doing the silent auction, such as "The 6th Annual auction."

Rose Page called to check on Larry Gallagher. She was unable to talk with him. He was in dialysis and not having a good day.

NEW BUSINESS

Gary Angle has sign up sheets for volunteers on the back table for the TGMS Show in February. It was felt that we will have plenty of badges. Some of us who are members of both clubs will be working for the TGMS will have our own Host badges which will supplement the 3 allotted badges the TMGS will provide OPLC. Gary gave us good news. We probably will not have to pay for electricity. Gary will need help with transporting equipment. Anyone with a truck can help, please contact Gary. Billy Bob Riley volunteered his facetrone to be used in the shows.

Art Kavan asked those of us who have volunteered for the

Beaudry Show to please put our names down on a specific date and time. He wants everything firmed up by the end of January.

We have a list of people that will be running for election next year. There is a problem of too many on the list. Bill Carmody said he would contact Tom Miller to clean up the nomination sheet. Wayne Klement will put the Newsletter out earlier this month with the proxy in it.

Jim Griffin announced DUES ARE DUE!

A motion was made and passed we will have the Christmas Potluck after the Club meeting on December 10. Charlotte Rittenberry volunteered to organize the kitchen.

Donna Pugh read a thank you letter from Sandy Blitz, Science Facilitator of the Lyons Elementary School to Gretchen and the OPLC for the mineral samples sent to them.

Remember there will be a Mineral, Fossil, and Craft Show at the TGMS Club House on December 3.

We have no new members. Guests were Wallace and Karen Sobel, Charlie Reese from Nebraska, and Mike Martin from Cleveland.

Maribeth Terry asked Wayne Klement to announce that the beginning wirewrap class will be held Thursday nights in the

main building and the advance class Wednesday nights. There is room for 3 more people in the advanced class.

Mike McDermitt has 10% off coupons for us at the DAH Rock Shop.

Jaime De Zubeldia's next casting class will begin in January.

Murray Hiller thought it would be a good idea if we have a show and tell of the proucts that the people are learning in our classes at the monthly meetings.

All the research and efforts that Don Feyrer and Rim Tallat-Kelpsa have put in to setting up field trips has not panned out yet. Someone said, "Let's go back to Alamos Mexico!" Art Kavan said if we could get 50 people, he would plan the trip. It was suggested that possibly we could ask members of the TGMS to join us. Bill said he would talk to Bill Hodgson, TGMS President, to see how feasible he felt the idea to be. Possibly, Wayne could give us a presentation on the last trip we took to Alamos?

The raffle was held immediately after the meeting.

Gordon Harnack gave us a wonderful presentation on "Gold is where you find it". Thank you so much Gordon.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 am.

UPCOMING EVENT

DECEMBER 3

TUCSON, ARIZONA: 2nd annual sale; Tucson Gem & Mineral Society; TGMS Clubhouse, 3727 E. Blackledge; Sat. 9-4; free admission; gems, minerals, fossils, jewelry, crafts, kids' giveaways; contact Marnie, (520) 884-5109.



All set up and ready to open the doors to start the Silent Auction



Bev Griffin, Gretchen Arnaiz, and John Pavon start setting up the kitchen for food sales.



ANNUAL OPLC POTLUCK - DECEMBER MEETING



The Potluck Luncheon will be held after our regular club meeting on Saturday, December 10th. I would like to know who can bring a dish and what you would like to bring for the luncheon. A ham will be provided by the Club. Please contact Charlotte Rittenberry at 572-8674. Thank you for your co-operation.



OLD PUEBLO LAPIDARY CLUB ELECTION PROCESS

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Bill Carmody

OPLC PROXY FOR THE DECEMBER 10, 2005, ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

I _____, a member of the Old Pueblo Lapidary Club of Tucson, Arizona, cast my vote for the candidates, and/or those specific items listed below and in my absence, do hereby tender by proxy to the Board of Directors or, (indicate a specific member, if so desired) _____ to represent me and to vote as they deem in the best of the club and on any other business which may be considered at the meeting to be held on December 10, 2005. In the event I do not vote my preference for those candidates and/or those specific items listed below, I also tender my proxy to the entity indicated above to vote those items as they deem in the best interest of the club.

President: () Don Rittenberry, or

() _____

Vice President: () Jim Farley, or

() _____

Treasurer: () Donna Pugh, or

() _____

Secretary: () Charlotte Rittenberry, or

() _____

Board of Directors – Two year term: (Vote for two)

() Tom Miller, or

() _____

() Jaime De Zubeldia, or

() _____

Board of Director – One year term: (Vote for one)

() Paul Head, or

() _____

Signed _____, Date: _____

If you are using this proxy to cast your vote, please mail it to arrive at OPLC prior to the December 10, 2005, Annual Business Meeting. Mail to: Old Pueblo Lapidary Club, Secretary, 3118 N. Dale, Tucson, AZ 85712.

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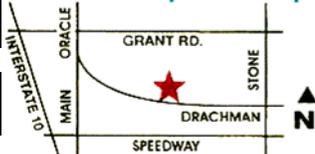
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Silversmith Lab - Fee charged. **(CLOSED DECEMBER)**
Contact Lou Akerman 290-6968

Beginning Cabbing - Fee charged.
Contact Billy Bob Riley 408-3074

Mondays 6 - 9 PM

Beginning Faceting - Class fee charged.
Contact Earl Zoeller 886-3518

Beginning Cabbing - Class fee charged.
Contact Billy Bob Riley 408-3074

Tuesdays 9 AM – Noon

Open Shop. Fee charged. Beginners welcome. Tools
and equipment available.
Monitor – Ron Davidson 749-3157
Rock Sawing – Dave Arens 749-2113

Tuesdays 6 - 9 PM

Open Lapidary Lab - Fee charged. Beginners welcome.
Tools and equipment available.
Contact Don Rittenberry 572-8674

Open Silversmith Lab - Class fee charged.
Contact Billy Bob Riley 408-3074

Wednesday 6 - 9PM

Beginning Casting - Class fee charged.
Contact Jamie De Zubeldia 616-9344

Thursdays 1 PM – 4 PM

Beginning Cabbing - Class fee charged.
Contact Billy Bob Riley 408-3074

Fridays 9 AM - Noon

Open Lab - Fee charged.
Contact Dan Harmsen 721-8452

Fridays 6 - 9 PM

Beginning Faceting - Class fee charged.
Contact **(Pending new monitor)**

Saturdays 10 - 3 PM

Open Shop - Fee charged.
Contact Ron Davidson 749-3157

COMMITTEES

BUILDINGS, GROUNDS & EQUIPMENT

Ron Davidson 749-3157

CLASSES & PROGRAMS

Phil Babcock 498-5058

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Sylvia Czayo 297-8607

FIELD TRIPS

Rim Tallat-Kelpsa 760-8704

Don Feyrer 661-7588

JUNIOR EDUCATION

Gretchen Arnaiz 747-1511

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Cathy Van Atta 256-6869

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Jim Griffin 578-3765

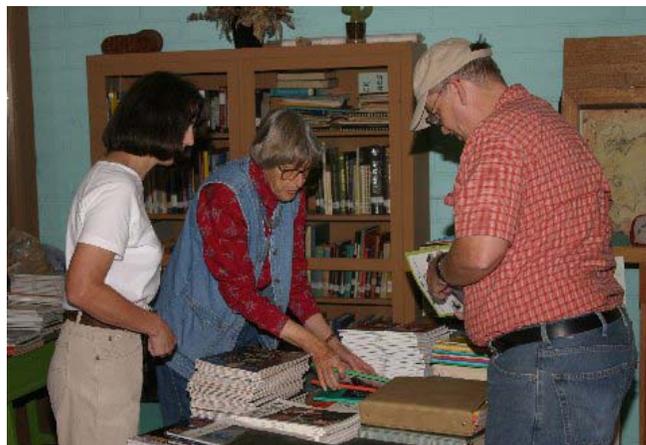
SECURITY

Marion Russel 622-5506

SILENT AUCTIONS

Jim Griffin 578-3765
John Pavon 575-9334

More Silent Auction Action



Donna Pugh, Cathy Van Atta, and Danny Harmson perusing old issues of the many lapidary journals that were for sale.

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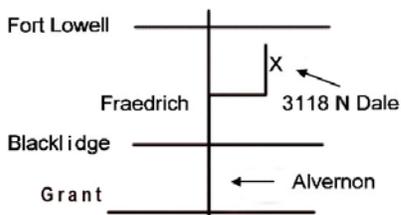
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Yearly Renewal: ___Single \$15.00 , ___Couple \$20.00, ___Junior \$7.50

Mail to: Membership Chairperson, Old Pueblo Lapidary Club, 3118 N. Dale, Tucson, AZ 85712



The Business Meetings are held on the 2nd Saturday of each month which starts at 9:00 a.m. A pre-meeting social hour is at 8:00 a.m. for those that are interested. Visitors are welcome.