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Please join us on December 8th
at 9:00am for the next meeting.

There will be **NO FORMAL
SOCIAL HOUR** at 8:00am. **The
annual Christmas Potluck will
immediately follow the 9:00AM
meeting.**

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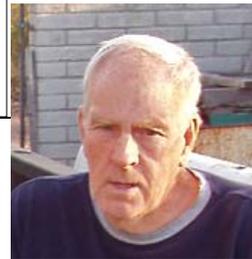


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SENIOR MANAGEMENT COMMENTS

by Ron Davidson, President, and Bill Carmody, Board Member



Again, to take some of the pressure off Ron, I have talked with him and have blended his comments with mine.

It's hard to believe that the end of 2007 is just around the corner. Ron has missed several months of Club activity while recuperating from his knee operation but he's enjoyed being President for the times he's been available.

We did good this year and the accomplishments are amazing: Replaced the air conditioner in the casting room, replaced the refrigerator in the kitchen, fixed up the bathroom

in the workshop (largely due to the initiative taken by Sylvia), had a certified electrician check and repair all of our wiring where necessary, sold aluminum cans (tops went to the Ronald McDonald house), and cleaned up the storage shed. We installed GFI's where required, lights in the hallway and casting room, exhaust fan in the Saw Room, and a sand trap in the shop effluent system.

We were well represented at the TMGMS at the TCC, the Beaudry Gem and Mineral Show, and The Pima County Fair. These shows plus our

monthly educational programs and our outreach activities with the schools have gone a long way in meeting our objectives for community education. We did all of this and Silent Auction too.



We both say: Thank You!
Happy Holidays!!
Bill and Ron

NATIVITY SCENE AT JAMES FINE JEWELERS

James' grandmother had a Christmas card depicting a Nativity scene that she really liked. Her



son, Dan, decided to make his mom happy with a unique Christmas card so he made carved wax mold replicas of the nativity scene and cast them in sterling silver. It took Dan a year and a half to complete the crib set in 1992. You can see the nativity set and many other fine jewelry items for sale. Pay a visit to James Fine Jewelers at 3200 East Grant Road, Mondays - Fridays 10am - 6pm and Saturdays from 10 - 2pm during the holidays. Maybe you will find that extra special gift you are looking for. You can see their ad on page 12 of this newsletter.

NEW BOARD MEMBER Dan Harmsen is replacing the remainder of the term for Billy Bob Riley who has moved to Georgia. Dan's term will run through 2008. Thanks Dan, for volunteering.

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NOVEMBER BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

By Jenny Coniglio, Acting Secretary



The Old Pueblo Lapidary Club was called to order by President Ron Davidson.

The Oct. minutes were approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Abe Lackow noted that people are still signing up for his first silversmithing class, which is now over! He plans on offering another class in the new year.

NEW BUSINESS

There will be no Beaudry Show during the Tucson Gem and Mineral Show. However there is an opportunity for our members to rent space at a booth at a different show which was originally \$1500 but is now being offered at \$500 for the whole Gem and Mineral Show. Ron reported that our club will have a booth at the TCC during the Gem and Mineral Show. We will need members to man it to demonstrate our interests and talents.

The Pima County Fair will be April 17 – 27 and we can still have a free booth in the crafts building from 11AM – 10 PM. Five passes can be given to the Lapidary members working the booth who work the 4 – 8 hour shifts (11AM- 7 PM will be our best times). Tom Miller is organizing this opportunity to showcase our club. He will have sign-up sheets at the Dec.

meeting and potluck. Selling by our members is permissible. There will be 8' tables and we have one or 2 good cases for display.

Shelia is organizing our Christmas Party for the next meeting. She needs volunteers for setting up and cleaning up. Please call her to help.

As Chairperson of the Nominating Committee, Bill Carmody reported that he has volunteered to run for President and presented the rest of the slate of officers: Vice President – BoBo O'Donnell; Treasurer- Melinda Thompson; Secretary- Jenny Coniglio. Board members running are Murray Hill and Merv Peterson for 2 year terms, and Tom Miller is running for a 1 year term. The proxy will be in the next newsletter. Members can also nominate other candidates by writing in someone, or they can be nominated from the floor. We will vote on the slate of officers at the next meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chuck Lundstrom is offering casting classes for those to sign up, and he would like to have an open casting lab on the second Saturday after our meeting. You may call him at 577-6446 if you would like information on the class.

Bill Carmody reported that the Ray Mine trip crew has been

very helpful to our 21 members that went last week. The tours have been held twice a year and have yielded nice pieces of chrysocolla and native copper for raffle and door prizes. Bill proposed that we award Elizabeth Runkle (a geologist at the mine and who was our one guest at this meeting), an honorary membership for one year. The membership voted unanimously in favor.

Report on the Silent Auction: We had another successful Silent Auction with our income just under last year's. A Big Thank You went to Danny Harmsen for all the work he has put into this auction. Also a Big Thank you to Willa Kleymann, Bev Griffin, Dorothy Head, and Mitzie Dightman who worked in the kitchen selling snacks and sandwiches.

Home Depot has donated 2 gift cards in recognition of our community service educating school children and the public. These are to be used by our club to refurbish or buy equipment for the benefit of the club members.

A Big Thank you goes to Murray Hiller for his tree

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trimming around the parking lots.

Sylvia Czayo gave the answer to last month's question: a one carat emerald is larger than a one carat cubic zirconia.

We will miss Billy Bob Riley who has move back east.

Charles Peters had agreed to teach a cab class Mondays 9:00 AM – Noon, call him at 574-2987.

Membership: Wayne Klement requests that we change renewal dates to have everyone's renewal dates due in January 1st. Some members will have to prorate their dues to make the transition. A vote was held to change the by-laws and

enough members voted for this change to occur.

The meeting was adjourned for an interesting program and demonstration of glass shaping presented by Chris Riley who explained the different kinds of glass and ways colors are used. There is a dramatic difference in the temperatures that these glasses melt so you can't mix them together.

MONTHLY MEETING PRESENTORS

DECEMBER - - No program this month due to the annual Christmas Potluck.

JANUARY - - Our own Abe Lackow will give a program on the fascinating art of silversmithing.

FEBRUARY - - No meeting due to Gem Show activities.

NOVEMBER PRESENTER

Chris Riley gave an excellent insight into flame working glass. He talked about the chemical content and unique characteristics of the different types of glass concluding with a demonstration in the parking lot of how a flower can be made.



No, question, Chis held the attention of the audience



Adding the "petals" of the soon-to-be flower



Shaping the glass



Murray Hiller presenting Chris with a Club T-shirt

Thanks Chris!

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL CHANGE

Wayne Klement, Membership Chairperson, presented a proposal to the membership at the November meeting to change the membership renewal date to January 1 of each year instead of the current renewal date at time of joining the Club. The renewal language in the By-Laws would also have to be made to reflect this change. The first year dues for new members would also be prorated. A motion was made, seconded, and approved by the members present. The change to membership renewal is effective January 1, 2008.

BACKGROUND

The mailing labels for the newsletter originate from the membership roster and in addition to the name and address, also shows the expiration month and year of the respective members' dues expire on the mailing label. To get the membership list printed in expiration month order, two columns have to be added to show the expiration date in numeric form e.g., 8-2 (for February 2008), or 7-9 (for September 7), etc., and then the corresponding column shows the date in the form that is printed on the newsletter (February 2008, or September 2007, etc.). Each time a member renews, both date columns have to be updated. Needless to say that with 285 members to track, it is very time consuming to keep the records straight on a monthly basis.

WHAT IT MEANS TO EACH MEMBER

Everyone (except for those members whose dues are due January 2008) will pay a prorated amount of dues. If you are a single member and your dues are due in February 2008, you would pay dues for 11 of the remaining months for 2008, or \$14.00. If your dues are due in September 2008 you would pay for the 4 remaining months of 2008, or \$5.00, and so on. A single membership whose dues are due December 2007 would pay \$17.00 for 13 months (the last month of 2007 and 12 months for 2008), or, \$22.00 for a couple membership.

The dues would be prorated for each month based upon the type of membership (single, couple, junior) by taking the annual amount due, dividing by 12 and rounding to the nearest whole dollar as follows:

Amount due per month - Single Renewal			Amount due per month - Couple Renewal		
1- \$2.00	5- \$6.00	9- \$11.00	1- \$2.00	5- \$8.00	9- \$15.00
2- \$3.00	6- \$8.00	10- \$13.00	2- \$3.00	6- \$10.00	10- \$17.00
3- \$4.00	7- \$9.00	11- \$14.00	3- \$5.00	7- \$12.00	11- \$18.00
4- \$5.00	8- \$10.00	12- \$15.00	4- \$7.00	8- \$13.00	12- \$20.00

BY-LAW CHANGE - ARTICLE VII

Section 2, C

Dues for new single members will be \$20.00 for joining within the 1st quarter, \$15.00 for the 2nd quarter, \$11.00 for 3rd quarter and \$9.00 for the 4th quarter. For a couple with the same address it would be \$30.00, \$20.00, \$15.00, and \$10.00. For Juniors it would be a straight \$7.50 regardless of month joined.

Section 2, D

"Dues shall be due and payable on January 1 of each year. If they are not paid by the last day of January, membership shall be automatically terminated.

OPLC PROXY

I _____, a member of the Old Pueblo Lapidary Club of Tucson, Arizona, cast my vote for the those 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 8, 2007. 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: **(Vote for one)**

- () Bill Carmody
- () _____

Vice President:

- () Robert O'Donnell
- () _____

Treasurer:

- () Melinda Thompson
- () _____

Secretary:

- () Jenny Coniglio
- () _____

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

- () Murray Hiller 2008-2009
- () Merv Peterson 2008-2009
- () _____

Board of Director – One year term:

- () Tom Miller 2008-2008
- () _____

Signed _____, Date: _____

NOTE: This is a snapshot of the proxy as it stands at the time of the printing this issue.

ONE DAY CASTING CLASSES/OPEN LABS

Chuck Lundstrom

I'm mulling over the idea of open labs. I guess I'd like to call them one-day classes. I was thinking about starting my casting Saturday's at 8:00am rather than 10:00am. Anyone that has a model ready to spruce up and invest can show up @ 8:00am. Investing gets done by 9:00am. The flask should be ready to go into the oven by 10:00am with the others. The person can then join us @ 3:00pm to do the casting. If they want to hang out and do modeling from 9:00am to 3:00pm, I'll be there and available. I was thinking this would be a \$16 class fee (or 8 hours of open lab coupons). During the months I may not have Wednesday classes, I'd have the one day casting class on the Saturday of the club meeting. Invest before the meeting, attend the meeting, put flasks in the oven after the meeting, cast @ 3:00pm.

Evaluation Dates: December 8th, 2007 and January 12th, 2008

I can be reached at: (520) 577-6446 – Evening and Weekends, (520) 663-9661 – Weekdays, (520) 446-6728 – Pager or (520) 241-9262 – Cell. Email me at: az-Lundstroms@comcast.net or cllundstrom@raytheon.com

Three classes will be offered and each will last 7 weeks: January 16, February 20, April 2, and May 7. The January class schedule will be as follows:

- Wednesday, 16Jan2008 6 - 9pm Wednesday, 30Jan2008 6 - 9pm Wednesday, 13Feb 2008 6 - 9pm
- Wednesday, 23Jan2008 6 - 9pm Wednesday, 06Feb2008 6 - 9pm
- Saturday, 26Jan2008 6 - 9pm Saturday, 09Feb2008 3 - 5pm

See future newsletters for dates of the classes to be held in February, April and May.

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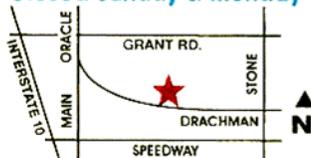
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SILENT AUCTION THANKS by Dan Harmsen

I would like to give special recognition and thanks to the following folks for another successful Silent Auction by helping make my work a lot easier.....

- | | | | |
|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| Bill Carmody | Rich Thompson | Diana Hara | Ron Davidson |
| Murray Hiller | Don Feyrer | Donna Pugh | Carl Bowlby |
| Skip Barkley | Phil Babcock | Wayne Klement | Jim Griffin |

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL SILENT AUCTION

The Silent Auction held November 3rd was very well attended and exceeded everyone's expectations.



The event was MC'd by Don Feyrer. He kept the event moving at a fast pace which kept the bidders on their toes.



The kitchen staff I-r, Dorothy Head , Willa Kleymann, Mitzie Dightman, and Bev Griffin (not shown) kept the food hot, plentiful, and very tasty.



There were always people in the kitchen helping out the staff. It was reported that some of the same people were back several times.



It got a little crowded around the tables at times but the bidders did not seem to mind.



Don Feyrer's fast pace kept the staff busy restocking each table as it was cleared of sold items.



And this is the guy whose hard work over the past year made the Silent Auction a huge success.

Thank you Dan Harmsen!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Erin Jennifer Hansen

MONEY SAVING DISCOUNTS

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- **Kent's Tools** - 10%
- **Tucson Mineral & Gem World** - 10%

DON'T FORGET

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 !!



ADVANCED FACETOR'S CORNER

The November question of the month was: A 1 ct. zircon is larger in size than a 1 ct. emerald. T or F?

The answer True

DECEMBER QUESTION OF THE MONTH: The angle of reflection is always equal to the angle of incidence. True or False? Come to the December meeting to hear the answer.



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.

MONTHLY JEWELRY CONTESTS

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

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

There were no entries for the bracelet contest in November.



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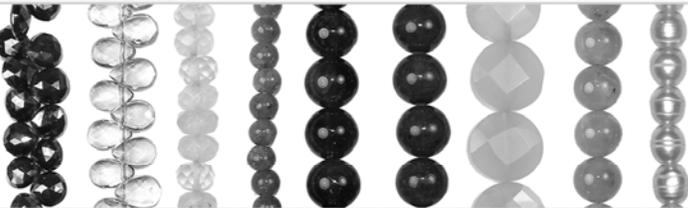
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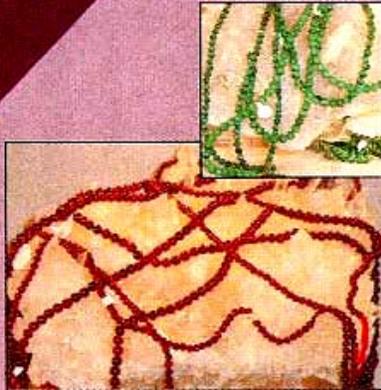


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Mondays 1 - 4 PM

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faceters only. Contact Paul Head 296-0331
Silversmith Lab - Fee charged.
Contact Lou Akerman 290-6968

Mondays 6 - 9 PM

Beginning Faceting - Class fee charged.
Contact Earl Zoeller 886-3518
~~Beginning Cabbing - Class fee charged.
Contact Billy Bob Riley 668-1082 (TBD)~~

Tuesdays 9 AM – Noon

Open Cabbing - Class fee charged.
Contact Skip Barkley - 546-1651
Silversmithing Lab - Fee charged.
Contact Lou Akerman 290-6968

Tuesdays 10AM - 1PM

Rock Sawing - Fee Charged
Monitor - Jim Baker 886-2126

Tuesdays 6 - 9 PM

Open Lapidary Lab - Fee charged.
Contact Rob Driver 743-5152
~~Open Silversmith Lab - Class fee charged.
Contact Billy Bob Riley 668-1082 (TBD)~~

Wednesdays 6 - 9PM

Beginning Casting - Class fee charged.
Contact Chuck Lundstrom 577-6446

Thursdays 1 PM – 4 PM

~~Beginning Cabbing - Class fee charged.
Contact Billy Bob Riley 668-1082 (TBD)~~

Thursdays 10AM - 1PM

Rock Sawing - Fee Charged
Monitor - Jim Baker 886-2126
Please call to confirm Jim's availability

Fridays 9 AM - Noon

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

Saturdays 10am - 3pm

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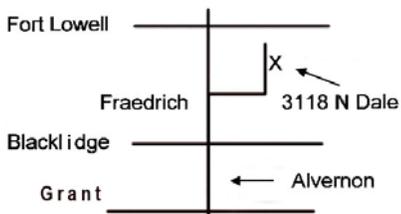
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Yearly Renewal: ___ Single \$15.00 , ___ Couple \$20.00, ___ Junior \$7.50

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



The Business Meetings are held on the 2nd Saturday of each month. A pre-meeting social hour (except for the December meeting) is at 8:00 a.m., followed by an educational program, and ends with the monthly meeting. Visitors are most welcome.