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Please join us
December 12th at
11:00am for the
monthly meeting and
**Annual Christmas
Party! Visitors are
always welcome.**



Articles or news to be included in the *Cutting Remarks* should be emailed to your Editor, Mike DeMeritt (silverlininggemstones@gmail.com), or feel free to call him at 520-203-8430. Submission deadline is the 20th of each month. Thanks!

THE PREZ SEZ by John Poole



December - the year is almost gone, but OPLC is still here and going strong, 513 members with shops open 7 days a week.

Our December Meeting, the 12th, will start at 11 AM. We will welcome new members and guests. Conduct some Club business and have the election of Officers for 2016. Then, the fun stuff!

The Holiday Party will follow the meeting. The Club provides ham and turkey with members bringing the side dishes. If you haven't already let Kerrie Gimmmler, our food coordinator, know what you plan on bringing, please call her at

520-465-3242 or e-mail her at weegonzaart@mail.com. Letting her know will give us an idea of how many are coming and what sides we may have to fill in.

I'll see you December 12 at 11 AM. For those who can't make it, I hope you and your family and friends have a safe and happy Holiday Season!

-John

Up-coming OPLC Attractions – Speakers

We are very excited about all the programs coming up in 2015 and spring of 2016! Please add them to your calendar and we hope to see all of you at every meeting!!

Helen Serras-Herman, OPLC Program Chair

January 9, 2016, Wolfgang Vaatz, gem & jewelry artist, will give a presentation on his work

February 2016 No Program

March 12, 2016, Mike Conway, geologist from AZ Geological Survey will give a presentation

Front Cover Pictures: Immense crystal of “**Tanzanite**” (actually **Zoisite**), December’s Birthstone. Beautiful Christmas colors on display in “**Sonoran Sunrise**” **Chrysocolla/Jasper**.

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OPLC MONTHLY MEETING
November 14, 2015

The meeting was called to order by President John Poole at 10:07 AM with 62 members present.

John thanked Norma Lackow for the morning snacks. Norma reported that she has meetings covered until January but she needs volunteers after that. Members can be reimbursed up to \$40 for buying refreshments.

OPLC Holiday Party: This will be at 10:00 AM on Saturday December 12th. Turkey and ham will be provided by the Club. Please let Kerrie Gimmler know what you would like to bring to share by e-mailing her at WEEGONZAART@GMAIL.COM or you can call her at 520-465-3242 and leave a message.

Five new members/guests were introduced. Wayne Klement reported that we have 488 members.

A motion was made to accept the minutes as published in Cutting Remarks.

John thanked Dennis Murphy and Phil Madsen for their work on the Silent Auction. Mike DeMeritt was thanked for the great newsletter and Helen Serras-Herman for the meeting program. Eric Fritz gave a very interesting presentation on North Carolina emeralds.

Treasurer's report: Mark Gibson reported a Silent Auction net of \$6,151.69. We are 53% into our budget for the year.

John presented the bids from several

contractors for termite extermination. The membership approved \$2,750.00 for Truly Nolen to work on the problem.

Tucson Faceters' Frolic will be February 4th to 6th. Carol Brown will open for participants. Gloria Jean Dana will coordinate the Hob Nob on February 6th from 6 PM to 9 PM. Sellers will be able to set up a table of facet rough for \$50 a table.

TGMS Show: OPLC will have a table there and Dennis Murphy is in charge of the arrangements and is working on our display case. Sign-up sheets are available in the kitchen for volunteers.

Pima County Fair: Bob Powell is in charge of arrangements for the Fair. Sign-up sheets are available in the kitchen for volunteers to work at the OPLC booth.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: The election will be held during the Holiday Party. Proxy ballots were published in the November newsletter. If you cannot be at the meeting please print your ballot, vote and mail to Twink Monrad, 3118 North Dale Ave., Tucson, AZ 85712

Door prize was won by Skip Barkley.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:37 AM.63

Minutes by Bob Powell for Twink Monrad, secretary

IN MEMORIAM

Sylvia Czayo, Lifetime member of OPLC passed away December 5, 2015. Sylvia was born November 19, 1919 in Brentwood, Maryland to Mr. & Mrs. Radisch. Her interest in the Lapidary arts began in her early 20's while she was employed by the State Department in Washington D.C. from 1943 to 1955.

On April 9, 1947 she married George Czayo who also was an employee of the State Department. Sylvia accompanied her husband all over the world until his retirement in 1965.



After moving to Tucson, Sylvia became a member of OPLC in 1974 and continued to practice her passion for faceting. Some examples of her work are on display in the OPLC Meeting Hall, Gem Stones of the Bible. She was also a very generous donator to OPLC. Contributing to many improvements of OPLC facilities during her 36 years as a member. Sylvia once said "I credited faceting with having healing powers, not some magical force, mind you, but the excitement and feeling of accomplishment it can give a person". She continued to facet until just recently.

Services will be held at East Lawn on a date to be set later. She will be missed by all of us who were fortunate enough to have known her.



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EDUCATION NEWS

On September 24, 2015 I went to The 3rd Grade at Satoris School, and their teacher, Ms. Julie Deal, helped me do a presentation on Minerals. We also had the children look at Black Light Fluorescent Minerals. The children also picked out 3 different minerals each to take home. Everyone had a good time.

I also dropped off "Hands-On-Minerals" and minerals for 2 classes of 3rd graders at the office of Our Mother of Sorrows School, for Paul Scalise, the 3rd Grade Teacher. He was delighted.

I retired from my duties as Head of the Education Committee last year. I'll not do another school. So hopefully someone else will volunteer for the Education Committee (hint, hint!)

Shiela Ronspees Powell



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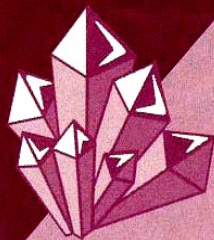
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Monitor - Gloria Jean Dana

1PM - 4PM **Faceting Guild**

Monitor - Billy Bob Riley 225-9060

1PM - 4PM **Silversmith Lab**

Monitor - Terry Cox 296-4949

5PM - 9PM **Cabbing**

Monitor - Joseph Blackcoyote 891-6822

6PM - 9PM **Beginning Faceting**

Monitor - Earl Zoeller 886-3518

Tuesdays

9AM - 1PM **Cabbing***

Monitor - Mike DeMeritt 203-8430

9AM - 1PM **Beginning/OpenLab Faceting***

Monitor - Mike DeMeritt 203-8430

9AM - Noon **Silversmithing Lab**

Monitor - John Poole 777-5588

9AM - Noon **Rock Sawing**

Monitor - Tim Rose

Noon - 3PM **Casting Open Lab**

Monitor - Ron Brooks 520-378-2592

1PM - 4PM **Cabbing**

Monitor - Jerry Glazman 860-689-3432

Wednesdays

6PM - 9PM **Beginning Casting**

Monitor - Chuck Lundstrom 241-9262

6PM - 9PM **Cabbing**

Monitor - Keith Haubert 784-8283

6PM - 9PM **Silversmithing Lab**

Monitor - Bill Penrose 544-7517

6 PM - 9PM **Faceting**

Monitor - Billy Bob Riley 225-9060

Thursdays

9AM - 12PM **Cabbing**

Monitor - Bob Powell 403-8980

9AM - 12PM **Rock Sawing**

Monitor - Pete Peterson 886-9021

1PM - 4PM **Silversmithing**

Monitor - Giac D'Aquisto 207-6219

6PM - 9PM **Silversmithing**

Monitor - Bill Cascio 638-8144

Fridays

9AM - 12PM **Cabbing***

Monitor - Mike DeMeritt 203-8430

1PM - 4PM **Silversmithing**

Monitor - Terry Cox 296-4949

5:30PM - 8:30PM **Cabbing**

Monitor - David Schulte 954-8554

Saturdays

10AM - 3PM **Silversmithing**

Monitor - Terry Cox 296-4949

9:30AM - 2:30PM **Cabbing***

Monitor - Ron Davidson 400-2125

Sundays

10AM - 3PM **Cabbing**

Monitor - Dennis Murphy 490-9188

10AM - 3PM **Silversmithing Lab**

Monitor - Giac D'Aquisto 207-6219

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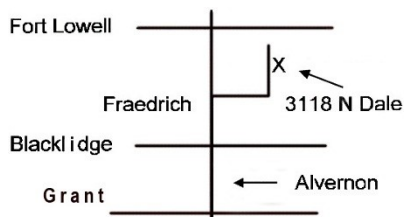
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Junior	\$12.50	\$10.00	\$7.50	\$5.00	\$10.00

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. 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.