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Please join us  
**December 9th** at 11  
**AM** for the OPLC  
**Christmas Meeting**  
**and Potluck!**  
**Visitors are always**  
**welcome.**



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# THE PREZ SEZ ..... by David Schulte



12/02/17

December has once again arrived and another great year of lapidary fun is drawing to a close at OPLC! Our business meeting for November was held on Friday, November 3rd. Our next business meeting will be held on Friday, December 1st, 2017.

The club board nomination committee, led by Twink Monrad, has completed the list of potential officers and directors for the OPLC board for 2018. The proxy vote form was included in last month's cutting remarks. I encourage everyone to send in your proxy votes if you are not able to attend the club meeting and Christmas dinner on 12/9/17 at the club. Additional nominations and the membership vote for the club's board for 2018 will be held at the Christmas dinner meeting in December this year.

The club is purchasing two turkeys and two hams for the Christmas dinner event and, as always, the rest of the food is supplied by club members for our pot luck dinner. Wayne Klement and Victoria have agreed to cook the hams and Skip and Dennis are doing the turkeys for us this year. Last year we ran out of some of the vegetables and the mashed potatoes so if you are interested in bringing a dish to the event these would be appreciated. Please contact Twink or Victoria if you have any questions about what to bring.

I would like to extend a special heart-felt thanks to all of the folks that helped with the taping and painting of the clubs main building interior walls: Trevor Chilcote, Dennis Murphy, Shiela Powell, Scott Carpenter and Kim Filips. I would also like to thank all of those folks that stayed behind after the silent auction to help move the tables and chairs outside to prepare for this painting event. You folks are the reason we have such a great

club and now a building with fresh paint on the inside!!

The silent auction sale this year yielded the club a tidy sum this year with the kitchen sales adding to the total. This was a rousing success for the club and my thanks go out to Tom McDevitt and Danny Harmen for all the hard work that they have put in throughout 2017 to make this event such a great success and a source of revenue for the club. My thanks also to all of those that donated equipment and other stuff to the club to be auctioned off. Danny has been helping out with the silent auction for many years and has decided to give it a rest for a while. The club is looking for a volunteer to take over the efforts for the silent auction in 2018 or at least be the number two person along with Tom. If anyone is interested in helping out, please contact Tom McDevitt or David Schulte.

The Hob Nob, Facetor's Frolic and the Gem show are coming to Tucson very soon. Gloria has been running that Hob Nob event for few years now and has decided that someone else should join in the fun. The club is looking for a volunteer to help organize and run the Hob Nob event at our club to include organizing the set up and food for the event. If anyone is interested in taking on this role for the club please contact Gloria Jean Dana or David Schulte. I went to this event last year and it is amazing to see all the entries for the different faceted gem contests that are brought into our club. There are also lots of opportunities to purchase rough material at the event at fantastic prices. As the Facetors Frolic will be happening again this year, we are likely to have a many more people attend the event. Sign up sheets for this event and supporting the vari

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**Front Cover Pictures:** December has a few birthstones, and two of the most recent are **Tanzanite** (left picture) and **Blue Zircon** (right picture). These two top examples of faceted stones are perfect!

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**PRIOR MONTH'S MEETING MINUTES... Twink Monrad, Secretary**



OPLC MONTHLY MEETING      November  
11, 2017

December 9<sup>th</sup>. Please call Norma Lackow 742-7561 or Victoria Fila 664-0302 and let them know what food item you will be bringing to share with the group. Kim Filips will purchase more of the herb plants for centerpieces and giveaways to the winner at each table.

The meeting was brought to order by Vice President Victoria Fila at 9:00 AM. President David Schulte was out of town.

Our speaker was local author Jan Cleere, who brought some of her books to sell and gave a very interesting and entertaining presentation called Petticoat Prospectors: Early Women Miners on the Western Frontier.

Tucson Gem and Mineral Show: for those wishing to put items pertaining to lapidary or jewelry that have been made by OPLC members please contact John Poole or Wolfgang Mueller as they will be collecting the items for the TGMS display case. The TGMS show downtown this year is Feb. 8-11<sup>th</sup>.

Victoria thanked Judy Gilmartin who brought refreshments for the meeting. Norma Lackow is asking for volunteers to call her to sign up for future meetings: 742-7561. You will be reimbursed up to \$40.

Please consider volunteering for the Pima County Fair booth to be held April 19<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup>. It is a great way to introduce ourselves and give away tumbled stones to the public. Pima County needs names early so we will have a sign up sheet with hours needed at the next couple of meetings.

The minutes of the October meeting were approved as they appeared in Cutting Remarks.

There were 9 new members/guests introduced.

Victoria thanked all who helped with the fabulous painting job in our meeting room, it looks great:

Membership: We have 503 members at this time.

Trevor Chilcote, Dennis Murphy, Shiela Powell, Scott Carpenter and Kim Filips.

Bob Powell gave the treasurer's report, which will be on file.

And everyone who stayed after the auction to clean up. Names not known .

Victoria thanked Tom for heading up the Silent Auction which was very successful this year. Donations for the 2018 auction are being collected. Victoria Fila was in charge of the kitchen during the auction and thanked Shiela Powell and Diane Braswell for all of the help.

Door Prize: won by Don Morin

We adjourned at 10:30 and the raffle was held.

Twink Monrad  
Secretary

Christmas luncheon meeting coming up

## 2018 OPLC Speakers- A Forecast Look

So, let's take a forecast look to the year 2018.

Eric Fritz, gemologist from Gem-A, "Coral" (January 13, 2018)

Juan Garcia, "Maria Felix: Her Life & Jewelry" (March 10, 2018)

Patti Polk, "Agates & Jaspers of the Southwest" (April 14, 2018)

Kevin Lane Smith, lapidary and jewelry artist (May 12, 2018)

Jim Turner, "Turquoise Mining around Jerome" (June 9, 2018)

Nick Sacketti, "Fluorescent Minerals" (October 13, 2018)

Please do come to the meetings and enjoy these great speakers and their presentations.

Looking forward to seeing you all soon,

Helen Serras-Herman, OPLC Program chair

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ous time slots for the club display the Gem Show are in the kitchen area in the club house. Sign up and help out!

Pat Droll is going to set up the clubs display of jewelry, rocks and gems at the Gem Show main floor this year. If you are interested in having your gorgeous work displayed at the Gem Show you can give your pieces to John Poole on Tuesdays at the club and Pat will make a final selection of items to be displayed at the clubs booth at the Gem Show. Be sure and include your name and telephone number with the items you drop off to John.

The cab lab has been running at a deficit for the last few years. The club is spending more money in maintaining the equipment than it is bringing in in revenues from this lab. In order to rectify this situation, the board has decided to increase the cost charged for hours worked in the cab lab only. For every hour worked in the cab lab, your card will be stamped off for 1.5 hours. The dollar cost for the cab lab will increase from \$3/hour to \$4/hour if you are paying cash.

We will have a very short member meeting in December prior to starting the Christmas dinner event. Victoria Filla will once again be running the meeting as I will be in Mexico picking up a boat. **For this meeting only the meeting will start at 11 a.m. followed by the Christmas luncheon. This will give the kitchen volunteers time to set up the luncheon.** Remember to wear your OPLC badge to the meeting.

I want to wish everyone at the club a Merry Christmas with hopes that Santa will put lots of pretty rocks in your stockings! I hope you all have a marvelous new year in 2018 and I look forward to seeing you soon!!!!

David

## ***APPEAL FOR TGMS SHOW CASE ITEMS***

OPLC is looking for items to be placed in our display case at the TGMS Tucson Gem Show 2018. Last year got a bit clunky, so here's the idea: we are looking for member-fashioned pieces that deal with gems, jewelry, and lapidary. We would like to display some of the better pieces that our members have made - these tend to attract larger audiences. Time is of the essence here - bring your items for possible display to the December meeting, or see John Poole on Tuesdays from 9am - noon, or Dennis Murphy Wednesdays 9am - noon. Please wrap your items securely for transport, and be sure to include names, descriptions, and the like.



**There were no donations for the month of December**

**To donate to OPLC, just contact Tom McDevitt at (520) 575-0517**

### 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 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017. 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 for each Officer Position)**

- David Schulte
- \_\_\_\_\_

Vice President:

- Victoria Fila
- \_\_\_\_\_

Treasurer:

- Bob Powell
- \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary:

- Pat Droll
- \_\_\_\_\_

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

- Diane Braswell 2018-2019
- Twink Monrad 2018-2019
- \_\_\_\_\_

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

- Tom McDevitt 2018-2018
- Bill Penrose 2018-2018

Signed \_\_\_\_\_, Date: \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: This is a snapshot of the proxy as it stands at the time of the printing of this document, October 13, 2017.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Jacob	Bailey	Ischa	Lawrence
Joan	Byrnes	Levi	Lawrence
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Andrew	Davenport	Kristine	Lukes
Travys	Gold	Deanne	Skinner
Joe	Jaret	M.Desiree	Trowbridge
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who lightens the burdens of another  
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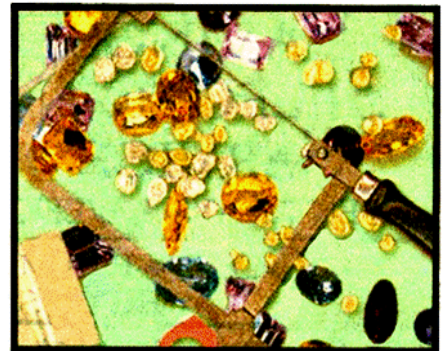
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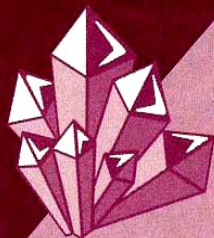
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Monitor - Pat Droll

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Monitor - Earl Zoeller 886-3518

6PM - 9PM **Cabbing**

Monitor - Margarett Harris

**Tuesdays**

9AM - 1PM **Cabbing\***

Monitor - Mike DeMeritt 240-5133

9AM - Noon **Silversmithing Lab**

Monitor - John Poole 777-5588

1PM - 4PM **Cabbing**

Monitor - Jerry Glazman 860-689-3432

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9AM - Noon **Cabbing**

Monitor— Sharon Wilcox 878-8685

9AM - 1PM **Silversmithing**

Monitor - Dennis Murphy

Noon - 3PM **Rock Sawing**

Monitor - Sharon Wilcox 878-8685

6PM - 9PM **Cabbing**

Monitor - Keith Haubert 784-8283

6PM - 9PM **Silversmithing Lab**

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9AM - 12PM **Rock Sawing**

Monitor - Pete Petersen 886-9021

9AM - 12PM **Cabbing**

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6PM - 9PM **Cabbing**

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9AM - 12PM **Cabbing\***

Monitor - David Schulte 954-8554

1PM - 4PM **Silversmithing**

Monitor - Lou Ackerman

**Saturdays**

9:00AM - 2:00PM **Silversmithing**

Monitor - Pat Droll

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

Monitor - Ron Bryan 619-495-7967

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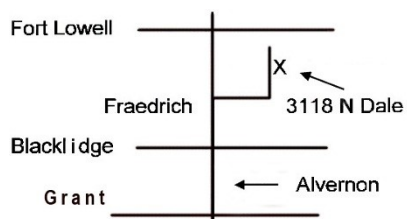
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