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Please join us January 11th at **9AM** for the **monthly meeting**. There is an optional social hour that begins at 8:00am followed by an educational program at 9:00am, followed by the monthly meeting. 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](mailto:silverlininggemstones@gmail.com)), or feel free to call him at 520-455-5378 or (520) 240-5133. Submission deadline is the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month. Thanks!

# THE PREZ SEZ ..... by Victoria Fila, President



12/29/19

By Outgoing President David Schulte

I hope everyone had a marvelous Christmas and wish you all fantastic New Year! Our next business board meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 7th at the usual place but at 5 PM to accommodate the new board members schedules. New and existing board members will be sworn in at this event and Victoria Fila will be taking over the reigns as the new president. Members are encouraged to participate in the board meetings and discussions and your inputs are welcome. Please remember that there will be no speaker at the February club member meeting due to the Tucson Gem show event.

Another reminder to everyone: Janet Keisler is collecting dues for 2020 and you must be paid up as of January 1<sup>st</sup> in order to be allowed in the labs. A new listing of members that have paid their dues for 2020 will be posted in each of the labs at the end of December and monitors will be checking this list before members can be allowed to use the equipment in any of the labs. Our insurance does not cover members that have not paid their dues so this is **mandatory** if you want to work in any of the labs.

One of the slab saws in the cab lab is down for repair of the worm feed gear on the tool. Parts are on order as well as new blades for the water saw and the oil trim saws. These should all be back up in the next couple of weeks.

The cutter in the silver smith lab was AGAIN damaged in December due to someone cutting material in this tool that it was NOT designed to handle. Either the material was too thick, greater than 16 gauge, or it was not silver, gold, copper or brass which are ONLY materials allowed to be cut on this tool. We are holding off repairing the cutting tool until Kevin Potter has time to quickly repair it. We've tried putting a lock on this tool and only opening it when someone needs to cut something but someone in this lab is being a real SCHMUCK and not obeying the club rules. This means that the tool will be down again for **all** our members for at least a couple of weeks while it's repaired. This inconsiderate behavior by one of our club members is NOT acceptable and if

someone is found cutting non authorized material in this tool again, they will be barred from the silver smith lab indefinitely!

I would like to thank all the folks that brought in food, helped set up serve and clean up during the Christmas pot luck event this year at our December meeting: Victoria Fila as the main organizer for the event, Sheila Powell, Gwen Folsom's, Helen Herman, Ron Bryan, Tom Burgess, Doug Albright, Kim Filips, Bill Penrose, Skip Barkley, Wayne Klement, Twink Monrad, Judy Gil-martein, Peggy Hays, Pat Person, Dave Richardson, Bobo, Carolyn Graichen, Kathy Wilson, Janet Rupp, Rob Rose, Louise and Lithuania, Leila Ballard, Ginny Pearson, Brian Peterson and Harry Fila. The food was fantastic as always and we had enough spice plant gifts and rocks for everyone to walk away with a door prize!

The new board was voted in during the December meeting and it consists of the following: Victoria Fila (President), Malcolm Currie (Vice President), Pat Droll (Treasurer), Bill Penrose (Secretary), Janet Keisler (Club Membership lead), John Poole (Board member), Ted Rupp (Board member) and Mark Davidson (Board member), Skip Barkley (Board Member), Bob Powell (Board member), David Schulte (Board adviser).

As a reminder, we gladly accept all donations to the club AND we'll give you a tax receipt so you can claim them on your taxes. We accept any donations dealing with lapidary that you would like to give to the club, we'll come and pick it up! Just let Dave Richardson, Victoria Fila or any of your board members know and we'll set up a time to come get it or drop it off at the club!

This will **really** be my last Prez says write up for the club as Victoria will be taking over the presidency next year and she gets to write the next one. I've enjoyed working with everyone at the club over the last three years and really appreciate the club members that have rolled up their sleeves and made this club happen for me and all our members! I will continue on the board as a non-voting member for one year in an advisory capacity but you are all in great hands with Victoria taking over. See you all at the club! - David

**Front Cover Pictures:** January's Birthstone is beautifully represented by this Pyrope-Spessartite mixed Garnet crystal from Brazil; Chlorastrolite in Sterling Silver pendant is Lake Michigan's "Greenstone"

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Minutes of OPLC Membership Meeting  
Bill Penrose, 12/14/19 11:00 am

have been out of commission while waiting for parts, including worm drives and new blades.

The meeting was kept brief, since it was to be followed by the holiday feast.

Silver, Faceting, Casting, and Saw Labs – all running smoothly except for holiday interruptions.

Treasurer's Report (Pat Droll) – The finances of the Club are healthy. As of 11/30, we had spent 67% of the 2019 budget, although some expenses, like new wheels, still had to be purchased. Insurance payments were also due before year's end

County Fair Display – Members were asked to volunteer for a shift at the county fair in April. Full 8-hour shifts have been divided into two four hour shifts to accommodate people who can't spare an entire day.

Membership Report (Janet Keisler) – We have 464 members paid up for 2019, and 114 renewals for 2020 so far. Memberships must be renewed before using the labs in 2020.

Meeting Refreshments – Leia Ballard requested that members volunteer to bring refreshments for monthly meetings. Purchases will be reimbursed up to \$40.

Field Trips (Victoria Fila) – A trip to Duquesne (S. of Patagonia) on Jan 18 is already fully subscribed. A trip to the White Mountains for peridot is planned for March, and another field trip is in the works for April (TBA).

David Schulte publicly thanked volunteers who have helped to make the club successful over the past three years of his tenure as president.

Insurance – Insurance is in place for 2020 except coverage on buildings and facilities. The nearest quote is \$1000 over the last year's premium. We will have insurance in place by year's end.

Election of Officers – The slate for 2020 is  
President – Victoria Fila  
Vice President – Malcolm Currie  
Treasurer – Pat Droll (temporary due to withdrawal of candidate for personal reasons)

Secretary – Bill Penrose  
Board – Three members: Ted Rupp, John Poole and Mark Davidson

Updated Display – The display cabinets in the meeting hall have been rearranged to include a collection donated by Bob and Elaine Royer. Twink Monrad, Janet Keisler, and John Poole produced the new display.

There were no nominations from the floor, and all members of the slate were voted in unanimously.

Cab Lab – The new mini-split AC unit has been installed in the cab lab. Slab saws

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am and the holiday meal begun.

# OPLC Speakers Forecast 2019-2020

Updated October 23, 2019

Here is the latest list for our upcoming speakers.

Kent Solberg, Kent's Tools (January 11, 2020)

Bob Jones, "Russian Lapidary Art" (March 14, 2020)

Bob & Elaine Royer, "Tour of Swarovski crystal jewelry in Austria" (April 11, 2020)

Eric Fritz, History of Turquoise (May 9, 2020)

Angéline Fahey, Tucson Wildlife Center (June 13, 2020)

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

## **“THE TREZ SEZ...”**

**It's that time of year - dues are “due” at OPLC! Don't forget to renew your membership, so you'll enjoy uninterrupted use of the facilities here at our fine club!**

**Renewal forms are available at the club (try asking a monitor) or on the back of this newsletter. If you use the Newsletter form you MUST see Janet Keisler for a waiver release form! (This form is on the back of the full-page Membership Form). Bring your completed forms to Janet Keisler, or any monitor or Board Member. Thanks!**

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



**Ruth Kea**  
**John Bow**

## NOTICE:

**NEW MEETING DATE FOR FEBRUARY 2020 IS  
FEBRUARY 15th, 2020 AT 9:00am!**

Be there or be square!



### DONATIONS



**Sarah Lee-Allen - Two boxes of slabs and miscellaneous jewelry items**

**Jacque Friedman - 3 stone sculptures**

**To donate to OPLC, just contact Dave Richardson at (520) 245-2172.**

## January 2020 OPLC Speaker – Kent Solberg

### Lapidary & Jewelry Tools



We are in for special treat for our January 11, 2020 OPLC monthly meeting. A new speaker for OPLC, Kent Solberg, from Kent's Tools, will be coming and sharing their immense knowledge of lapidary and jewelry tools.

Kent's Tools has been providing knowledgeable service and a huge inventory of quality tools since 1978. Besides specialty tools for the carpentry, plumbing, and industrial supplies industry, Kent's Tools has a huge variety of lapidary and jewelry tools, and a variety of lapidary equipment, including CabKing cabbing machines, and Hi-Tech flat laps and saws, as well as equipment for tumbling rocks, wire-wrapping and Dremel accessories.

Kent Solberg will be discussing a variety of lapidary and jewelry tools, and will bring some for show-and-tell. Please be prepared with any questions you may have for Kent.

Kent's Tools has two locations in Tucson, the Original Kent's Tools at 133 E Grant Road, and their second store at 2745 N 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue. Please visit their website at <https://kentstools.com/>

Please make sure you don't miss this speaker. We are so fortunate to have so many incredible people right here in Tucson to tap into their knowledge and experience!

We had a wonderful year in 2019 with lots of great speakers on a variety of subjects. I thank all of them for coming! Looking forward to seeing all of you in January to start our New Year 2020!

Helen Serras-Herman, OPLC Program chair



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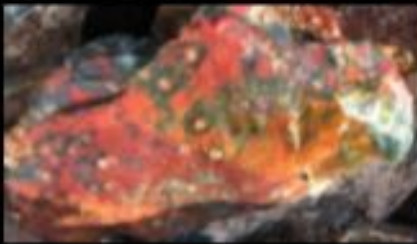
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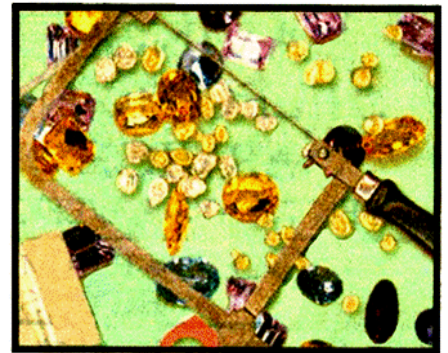
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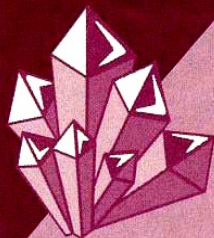
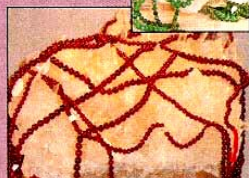
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9AM- 3:30PM    **Cabbing**

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1PM - 4PM    **Silversmith Lab**

Monitor - Pat Droll 345-2792

1PM—4PM    **Faceting Lab & Class**

Monitor - Dave Richardson 245-2172

3:30PM - 6PM    **Cabbing**

Monitor - Margarette Harris 561-2315

6PM - 9PM    **Faceting Class**

Monitor - Earl Zoeller 886-3518

6PM - 9PM    **Cabbing\*\***

Monitor - Donovan Wagner 869-2050

6PM - 9PM    **Silversmithing Lab**

Monitor - Bill Penrose 780-1143

### Tuesdays

9AM - Noon    **Cabbing\***

Monitor - Mike DeMeritt 520-455-5378

9AM- Noon    **Casting**

Monitor - Liz Williams (818)300-5262

9AM - Noon    **Silversmithing Lab**

Monitor - John Poole 777-5588

### Wednesdays

9AM - 1PM    **Silversmithing**

Monitor - Dennis Murphy 490-9188

3PM - 6PM    **Rock Sawing**

Monitor - Steve Lutes 320-360-4329

6PM - 9PM    **Cabbing**

Monitor - Keith Haubert 784-8283

6PM—9PM    **Faceting Lab & Class**

Monitor - Bob Powell 403-8980

### Thursdays

9AM - Noon    **Rock Sawing**

Monitor - Pete Petersen 886-9021

9AM - Noon    **Cabbing**

Monitor - Bob Powell 403-8980

1PM - 4PM    **Silversmithing**

Monitor - Giac D'Aquisto 207-6219

6PM - 9PM    **Silversmithing**

Monitor - Bill Cascio 638-8144

6PM - 9PM    **Cabbing**

Monitor - Tom Tuten 803-260-5423

### Fridays

9AM - Noon    **Cabbing\*\***

Monitor - David Schulte 954-8554

9AM—Noon    **Silversmithing**

Monitor - Kim Knebel 873-8990

1PM - 4PM    **Silversmithing**

Monitor - Lou Ackerman 290-6968

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1PM - 4PM    **Cabbing**

Monitor - Pete Valentine, 208-409-7910

### Saturdays

9AM - 2PM    **Silversmithing**

Monitor - James Germaine, 288-0135

9AM - 2PM    **Cabbing**

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### Sundays

9AM - Noon    **Rock Sawing**

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Monitor - Giac D'Aquisto 207-6219

10AM - 2PM    **Cabbing**

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Monitor - Malcolm Currie

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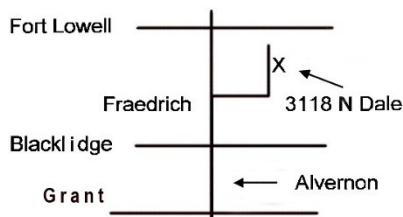
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