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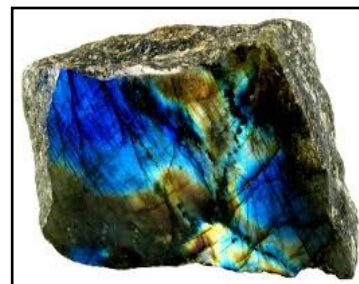
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Please join us **June 9th** at **9AM** for the monthly meeting. There is an optional social hour that begins at **8AM**. Visitors are always welcome.



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 520-203-8430 or (520) 240-5133. Submission deadline is the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month. Thanks!

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



06/04/18

May is here and the heat has arrived with a vengeance once again. Our business board meeting for May was held on Friday, May 4th, 2018. Our next business board meeting will be held on Friday, June 1st in the main building at the club at 10 AM. Members are encouraged to attend if you're interested in seeing what your board is doing, volunteering with the club or you have suggested changes or improvements to the club.

My thanks go out to all the club monitors for the donation of their time to make our club work.

Our main gate gave up the ghost this month and we've had a new one installed that is stronger than the old one and should last for many years to come. We are still working on getting the electric drop in to put in the new electric on demand water heater. We hope to have this done in June.

The club is looking for someone to take over as president of the club in 2019. If anyone is interested in helping to shape the future of the club, please contact David Schulte or any of the other board members. Your board is also looking for folks that would like to run for the board

and we are trying to get nominee's in work this month rather than waiting until November again. If you are interested in taking a more active role in running the club, please see David Schulte or any of the current board members.

Our speaker this month on June 9th will going to be Jim Turner who will be talking about "Turquoise Mining Around Jerome". I believe he will also be talking about some potential field trip sites where we all might be able to collect some goodies.

There are still a few hold out members that have not signed the liability disclaimer form and you need to do so before you will be allowed to use the equipment at the club. Wayne continues to maintain a listing of all those members that have paid their dues and signed the liability disclaimer form and this is being checked by the monitors in each of the labs as folks come in to use the equipment.

David

**Front Cover Pictures:** "Alecandrite" *Crysoberyl*, June's birthstone, displays different colors in different lighting conditions; the feldspar *Labradorite* shows off its phenomenal gem iridescence.

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## PRIOR MONTH'S MEETING MINUTES... Patrick Droll, Secretary

05/12/18 OPLC Club Meeting Minutes

David Schulte thanked to Denise Nelson for her presentation of "Poland's Treasures: Amber and Salt" and Janelle Cortwright for supplying the food.

Motion was approved for last month's club meeting minutes.

New member's were introduced

David thanked all the volunteers and monitors that help keep our club running!

Bob Powell gave the treasures report.

Wayne Klement reported that there are 400 current members with 17 of those who still haven't signed the liability waiver.

Helen Serras-Herman reported that we have guest speakers for the remainder of the year

Victoria Fila has agreed to head up the field trip organization efforts with, of course, help from Janelle Cortwright. Janelle is planning another trip in September this year to Alpine as she did last year.

David reported that the club is still looking for a person to head up the silent auction.

Bill Cascio gave a status of the library and future book drop in the lab area.

T-shirt and hat status.- Victoria Fila.

David reported that the cab lab classes are held the first two Friday's of every

month and the first two Monday nights of every month.

Our web site manager has all the comments for suggested changes from the board and is in the process of incorporating the updates. This should be complete in the next week or so.

We have a bid for the 220 Vac drop into the water heater closet and this work will commence on June 1. Once this is in, we will replace the 30 gallon gas water heater and turn off the gas to the facility to avoid the monthly costs. If anyone in the club is interested in the gas water heater we currently have, this unit is up for sale.

Reminder to donate cans to the club and crush them if possible as we get more money for the crushed can's (\$0.10 more per pound) then uncrushed.

A call for volunteers was brought up to head up the silent auction and monitors for the various labs.

The current lab times are posted on the bulletin board that Bill Cascio graciously installed in the training building for us.

John Poole indicated that people who signed up for classes need to return calls whether they are interested or not out of courtesy to the instructors.

Meeting adjourned at 10:55 am.

## 2018-2019 OPLC Speakers

- Jim Turner, “Turquoise Mining around Jerome” (June 9, 2018)
- Scott Sucher “Faceting- Considerations for Cutting Sensitive Materials (September 8, 2018)
- Nick Sacketti, “Fluorescent Minerals” (October 13, 2018)
- Kevin Lane Smith, lapidary and jewelry artist (January 8, 2019)

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 inner life of a human being  
Is a vast and varied realm and  
Does not concern itself alone  
With stimulating arrangements  
Of color, form, and design.*

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**- Edward Hopper**

## June 2018 OPLC Speaker

### Jim Turner on “Turquoise Mining around the World and in Arizona”



Jim Turner, Photo © Jim Turner ; Natural turquoise, Sleeping Beauty Mine, 114.0 carats, carving by HSH

We are in for another great treat for our June 9, 2018 OPLC monthly meeting. Noted Arizona historian, retired professor, and author, Jim Turner, an OPLC- favorite speaker, is coming back with his presentation on **“Turquoise Mining around the World and in Arizona”**.

Jim will share the intriguing history of turquoise, dating back thousands of years and reaching all corners of the globe from Ancient Egypt and China to the Aztec Empire. We’ll also look at prehistoric turquoise mining in Arizona as well as major mining sites in the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries.

Jim Turner is a very knowledgeable and eloquent speaker, with great Powerpoint presentations, so please mark your calendars and not miss this fascinating talk!!!

Hopefully he will also bring copies of his books, especially his latest, *The Mighty Colorado River: From the Glaciers to the Gulf*. For more information about Jim Turner, please visit his website at <http://www.jimturnerhistorian.org/>

Looking forward to seeing you all,  
Helen Serras-Herman, OPLC Program chair

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



**Sergey Goldmolziin**  
**Chris Hayes**  
**Peggy Jo Hayes**  
**Shane Kine**  
**Mike North**  
**Sultan Pecherskaya**

**Jennifer Potter**  
**Eva Seid**  
**Patricia Wheaton**

**Terry Cox passed away March of this year. As one of the silversmithing lab monitors he was an inspiration to many. Terry was always willing to help and share his methods and decades of experience in the jewelry fabrication business. He will be sorely missed at OPLC.**



**Scott Allbright:** 600 lbs of rough including Dino bone, Montana agate, variscite, wormwood and misc. rough

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



## OPLC CALENDAR June through August 2018 including field trips

Send additions to Janelle at [bum140@aol.com](mailto:bum140@aol.com), or 520-223-1675

June 1 – Board meeting at OPLC Clubhouse 10 AM. Members welcome to attend to observe.

June 9 – Monthly OPLC member meeting. Doors open 8am, meeting at 9am OPLC Clubhouse.

July 6 – Board meeting at OPLC Clubhouse 10 AM. Members welcome to attend to observe.

July 14 – Monthly OPLC member meeting. Doors open 8am, meeting at 9am OPLC Clubhouse.

July 20-22 - Rocky Mountain Federation Mineral Society Convention and Show, Rapid City, South Dakota. Field trips 2 days prior and 2 days after. See RMFMS website for further info. Hotels and camping sites in and around Rapid City. OPLC is a member of the Rocky Mountain Federation, and thus we receive info and are able to participate in their activities. For questions, Janelle Cortright, 520-223-1675 or [bum140@aol.com](mailto:bum140@aol.com). I've been on the field trips in 3 different years and they have been great.

August 3 – Board meeting at OPLC Clubhouse 10AM. Members welcome to attend to observe.

August 11 – Monthly OPLC member meeting. Doors open 8AM, meeting at 9AM OPLC Clubhouse.

There will be a field trip to Alpine, AZ for September 5 and 6, travel days 4<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. We are staying at the Tal-Wi-Wi Lodge and one of our members has volunteered his property in nearby Nutrioso for camping. Contact Janelle Cortright at [bum140@aol.com](mailto:bum140@aol.com) to sign up. Make your own reservations for hotel/motel or RV park.



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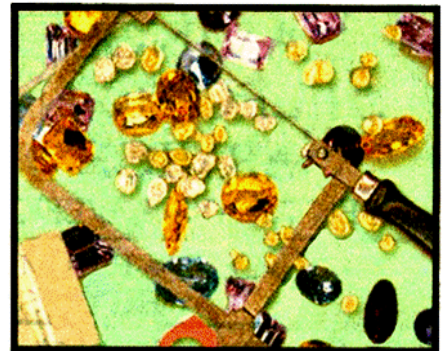
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Monitor - Mike Wendler 817-751-0622

1PM - 4PM **Silversmith Lab**

Monitor - Pat Droll 345-2792

3:30PM - 6PM **Cabbing**

Monitor - Margarette Harris 561-2315

6PM - 9PM **Faceting Open Lab**

Monitor - Earl Zoeller

6PM - 9PM **Cabbing\*\***

Monitor - Donovan Wagner 869-2050

### Tuesdays

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

Monitor - Mike DeMeritt 240-5133

9AM - Noon **Silversmithing Lab**

Monitor - John Poole 777-5588

1PM - 4PM **Faceting Open Lab**

Monitor - Billy Bob Riley 225-9060

1PM - 4PM **Cabbing**

Monitor - Liz Williams (818)300-5262

6PM—9PM **Cabbing**

Monitor - Victoria Fila 664-0302

### Wednesdays

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**

Monitor - Bill Penrose 780-1143

### 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

1PM - 4PM **Silversmithing**

Monitor - Lou Ackerman

### Saturdays

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

Monitor - Pat Droll 345-2792

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

Monitor - Ron Bryan 619-495-7967

10AM - 1PM **Casting Lab**

3PM - 6PM **Casting Class**

Monitor - Ron Brooks 520-378-2592

**(Casting Changes Temporary)**

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9AM - Noon **Rock Sawing**

Monitor - Mark Gibson

10AM - 3PM **Silversmithing Lab**

Monitor - Giac D'Aquisto 207-6219

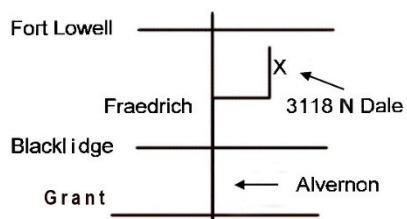
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