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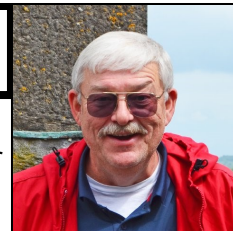
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Please join us **March**
10th at **9AM** for the
monthly meeting.
There is an optional
social hour that
begins at **8AM**.
Visitors are always
welcome.



Articles or news to be included in the *Cutting Remarks* should be emailed to your Editor, Mike DeMeritt (silverlininggemstones@gmail.com), or feel free to call him at 520-203-8430 or (520) 240-5133. Submission deadline is the 20th of each month. Thanks!

THE PREZ SEZ by David Schulte



02/28/18

March is just around the corner and I'm sure all of you basketball fans are going MAD. Good luck to our Cats! Our business board meeting for February was held on Friday, February 2nd, 2018. Our next business board meeting will be held on Friday, March 2nd in the main building at the club at 3 PM. Members are always welcome to attend if you're interested in seeing what your board is doing.

Our thanks go out to Pat Droll for the OPLC display case set up at the GEM show in the convention center this year and to all of the members that donated their work for us to display on the main floor. I went and looked at the set up and we definitely had a great showing. Many thanks to all the volunteers that spent time at our booth showing what folks what we do at OPLC. I hope everyone had a chance to pick up some nice rocks and trinkets at the show this year. Thanks to Gloria Jean Dana and Billy Bob for making the Faceters Frolic and Hob Nob a great success and all of her many volunteers that set up and helped serve food at the Hob Nob event. The county fair is just around the corner and Bob Powell is heading up the effort for our booth at his event. If you are interesting in helping out, there is a sign-up sheet in the main building at the club.

The order for the cab lab equipment has been placed and four of the machines in this lab have new wheels and refurbished pumps along with replaced allen head screws for ease of maintenance in the future. We're waiting on the rest of the order from Diamond Pacific to refurbish the rest of the machines. I know the slab saws have been down for a while in this lab and I'm a little frustrated with our supplier but they should both be operational this week with the new relay control boxes promised to us by Highland Park NLT 3/2/18. We have started cabbing classes in the cab lab this month and this class will be a requirement for all members to take, if they are not yet proficient with the use of the equipment in this lab, in order to work in this lab. The classes will be offered the first two Fridays of every month from 9-12 and the first two Monday's of every

month from 6-9 PM. The cost for the class is \$45 and the sign up sheet for the class is on the board in the main hall at the club.

The OPLC member tailgate sale will be held after the business meeting on 3/10/18 at the club. The sale will start AFTER the meeting is over and is open to all club members. If you have some nice stuff (tools, rocks, cabs, faceted stones, jewelry etc.) and want to make a little extra money, bring it down and let some of our folks buy it. As a reminder, we will be voting on incorporating the liability waiver and the "you break it, you pay for it" clause into the bylaws at the March club member meeting. Everyone should have received a copy of this change to the bylaws. Come to the meeting if you have something to contribute to this. Julius Gordon has started a class in silver etching techniques this week at the club. You can make some really interesting pieces by etching patterns, figures etc. onto the silver before finishing your work. If you didn't sign up for this class, I'm sure we'll have another one in the future sometime. Hopefully this is the start of the number of more advanced classes we'll have to offer for our members.

The club is still looking for a volunteer to take over the silent auction efforts 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.

Our speaker this month is Juan Garcia and the presentation title is "Maria Felix: Her Life & Jewelry". Remember to wear you OPLC badge to the meeting.

If you have not renewed your membership for 2018, it's that time again. For those of you that have renewed your membership but did not sign the liability disclaimer form, you need to do so before you will be allowed to use the equipment at the club. Wayne is maintaining 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.

David

Front Cover Pictures: *Stunning Aquamarine crystal, the blue variety of Beryl, is March's primary birthstone. Unreal hunk of "Gem Silica Chrysocolla" will cut some outstanding cabochons!*

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OPLC Club Meeting
02/10/18 – 9:00 AM at OPLC

Meeting started at 9:00 am

Thanks to Norma Lakow for supplying the goodies for the breakfast this morning.

Last month's club meeting minutes were approved

New member's introduction and visiting folks' introductions. - All

OPLC treasurers report and bank account status – Bob Powell.

Membership status and member lab cleared for use – Wayne Klement.

Wayne reported that the club has 215 paid members

Program status and speakers lined up for 2017 - Helen Serras-Herman/all

Upcoming field trips and plans for 2017. – We are looking for a volunteer to take this effort over for Janelle. If interested, please contact Victoria Fila or David Schulte

A field trip is being planned for March or April to hunt Peridot

Janelle is putting together a calendar for field trips

We are always looking for folks to lead a field trip for the club members. If you are interested please see David or myself.

Silent auction status and donations – Tom McDevitt.

Tom reported that the club has received some tools and faceting rough donations

We are still looking for a volunteer to take over the running and organization and collecting for the silent auction. If interested please see Tom McDevitt, David Schulte or Victoria.

Library status – Bill Cascio.

No status submitted

T-shirt and hat status – Victoria Fila.

T-shirts have been ordered and should be received in about a week

Club dues and liability waiver sign off for 2018. It's that time again and prior to using any of the labs we require that all members renew their membership by paying their dues AND signing the liability waiver agreement. If you have paid your dues and have not signed the liability waiver see Wayne and he has copies of the waiver

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2018 OPLC Speakers- A Forecast Look

So, let's take a forecast look at the year 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

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL INFO:

Hey gang.....for those of you who haven't yet renewed... If you need a renewal form, go to our website: www.lapidaryclub.org, and click on the "Join Us" tab and download the membership PDF file. This form also includes the liability statement on the second page that needs to be filled out and signed. Thanks, Wayne Klement, Membership.

March 2018 OPLC speaker: Juan Miguel Garcia

The Life and Jewelry of María Félix



We are very fortunate to have Juan Miguel Garcia, coming up from Nogales to give us a very unique presentation on our March 10, 2018 OPLC monthly meeting. We are blessed to live near the Mexican border and enjoy the amalgamation of cultures.

Juan Miguel will be talking about the “Life and Jewelry of María Félix”, the famous Mexican film actress and singer considered one of the most important female figures of the Golden Age of Mexican cinema. María de los Angeles Félix Güereña, known as *La Doña*, a name derived from her character in the film *Doña Bárbara* (1943) was also regarded as one of the most beautiful film actresses of her time (think the equivalent of Lauren Bacall), and one of the most successful figures of the Latin American in the 1940s and 1950s. She was also known as María Bonita, thanks to the anthem composed exclusively for her, as a wedding gift by her second husband, the Mexican composer Agustín Lara. She completed 47 films made in Mexico, Spain, France, Italy and Argentina. María Félix was born in 1914 in Alamos, Sonora, Mexico and died in 2002 at the age of 88 in Mexico City. She was a jewelry connoisseur and had an extensive jewelry collection, including the 41.37 carat *Ashoka* diamond, and the two-crocodile necklace created for her by Cartier.

Juan Miguel Garcia has a wide list of hobbies, but his great love of the cinema and local history, coupled with his love for photography, is impelling him to take photos and create short films inspired by many different stories that he has learned during his young life. In this short film, he delved into the essence of María Félix, recreating her fashion and style.

Please make sure you come to the meeting for this special presentation.

Looking forward to seeing all of you,

Helen Serras-Herman, OPLC Program chair

Old Pueblo Lapidary Club

Field Trip Release

Please Read The Following Information

I understand that the Old Pueblo Lapidary Club is a non-profit organization for the education of its members and the general public about gems and minerals. I understand the planned field trip will have possible risks and dangers related but not limited to travel to the site, walks, hikes, mining operations, accidents, illness, acts of nature. I understand the trip may entail strenuous physical exertion and I may drive my own vehicle or car pool with others.

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• Parking for Participants - North Lot, FROM 8:00 AM - 8:30 AM ONLY!

• The North Parking Lot WILL be open to monitors working that day!

• After 8:30 am, the North Parking Lot will then be open to the General Membership

Again, the Tailgate Sale WILL NOT START until after the meeting is over!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Robert Kennicutt	Barbara Sharpe
Julie Logan	Joshua Smith
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Amy Nelson	Aiden Wilt
Luis Quintanilla	Kaelen Wilt
Zoe Rhyne	Yan Wilt
Kevin Sayers	Pete Yersavich
Jean Scherer	

*Be yourself, because someone has to,
And you're the closest.
- Jack Kent*



(No Donations this month)

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

OPLC CALENDAR March through May 2018 Including Field Trips

Send additions to Janelle at bum140@aol.com, or 520-223-1675

March 2 – Board meeting at OPLC Clubhouse 3 PM. Members welcome to attend to observe.

March 10 – Monthly OPLC member meeting. Doors open 8am, meeting at 9am. OPLC Clubhouse. Member parking lot sale after meeting in back parking lot. Rocks and lapidary related merchandise.

March 18 – Field trip south of Patagonia for jasper, and Duquesne Wash for quartz and maybe green garnet. Meet at Gathering Grounds coffee shop in Patagonia at 830am, lv at 9am. Bring lunch. We travel over dirt rounds, sometime quite rough. Can be full day trip. Leaders Janelle Cortright and Jerry Behn.

March 31 – Field trip for peridot on San Carlos Apache Reservation. Info at March general meeting. Cost \$35 per person, \$10 per vehicle. Carpooling encouraged as you can only collect 7 pounds of rough, also rough road so prefer 4WD vehicles. Bring lunch and water. Leader will be Victoria Fila.

April 6 – Board meeting at OPLC Clubhouse 3 PM. Members welcome to attend to observe.

April 7-8 – Petrified wood field trip to Snowflake and environs. Motel – Rodeway Silver Creek Inn, Taylor. Meet at motel at 11am. Food available near motel. Group dinner at 630pm on Saturday. Again rough roads. Book motel through Rodeway Inn website or 856-516-1090. Leaders Janelle Cortright and Jerry Behn.

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

April 19 through April 29. Pima County Fair. We have a booth there and staff it with volunteers. Signup sheet in Clubhouse. Bob Powell can let you know what is required.

May 4 – Board meet at OPLC Clubhouse 3PM. Members welcome to attend to observe.

May 12 – Monthly OPLC member meeting. Doors open 8am, meeting at 9am. OPLC Clubhouse

that you can sign. We still have members who have paid their dues but have not yet signed the liability waiver. Until your dues are current and the liability waiver is signed you CANNOT use any of the club labs or equipment. Thanks!

Club liability waiver statement and the disclaimer that lab equipment damaged by members must be repaired or replaced at their costs will be voted on to include in the OPLC By Laws. These additions have been sent out via email and snail mail for all members to review at least 10 days prior to the March membership meeting. We will be asking the membership to approve these changes to the By Laws at next month's meeting.

The club is adding back in a formal cabbing class at a cost of \$45/person. The class will run two consecutive Fridays every month. New members must take this class prior to using the cab lab or proof to the lab owner, Mike DeMeritt, or instructor, David Schulte, that they are proficient in all the cab lab equipment usage prior to using this lab. The classes will start next Friday from 9 – 12. Each class will be limited to 8 people per class. The cab lab will NOT be open to the general membership during the class period. Sign-up sheets will be on the board in the back of this room along with the other lab sign-up sheets.

The cab lab is still running at a negative cost to the club, even with the increase price of charging 1.5 hours for every hour worked. The board has agreed to increase the cost for this lab to cover the operating expenses of the lab. From now on, every hour worked in the cab lab will be punched off for two hours on the punch cards. This works out to a card cost of \$4/hour. The cash price for the lab will be \$5/hour. The city is currently charging \$10/hour for their labs, so this is still a great deal for our members. We are also planning on replacing the wheels in the labs at a rate of 1.5 times per year as they are getting used up before we replace them each year. The order was placed yesterday at the Gem show this year for the replacement of all wheels and saw blades. Extra pumps and refurb kits for the pumps were ordered as well. The entire order should be in in about two weeks. We picked up about half the order at the show but will hold off replacing the wheels on the cabbing machines until the rest of the order is received. We will discuss and vote on the club budget at the end of this meeting but the proposed cab lab budget includes funding to replace the wheels on the machines twice this year (now and in December). With the increased charge rate per hour for the lab and the projected income we will get with this new rate we should break even on the cost for running this lab this year.

Wheels will be replaced in two weeks on all machines.

Saw blades on all trim saws and the slab saws will be replaced this coming week.

Highland Park sent the wrong part for the second slab saw. One of our members went to their booth at the show and they have ordered a new relay/power box and will be shipped soon to get the other slab saw up and running.

All screws in the machines will be switched out to allen head screws this year when we replace the wheels for ease of maintenance.

Oil from Western State petroleum has been received for the cab lab and saw room.

Faceting lab status: The two faceting machines that were down are both now up and running with the new parts.

The Faceter's Frolic and Hob Nob were a great success this year! Thanks to Gloria for running the show and organizing everything on very short notice. We took in over \$965 from entry fees and table sales set ups with a net profit of \$565 for the club! We also received a \$300 check for the rental of the facility for the Faceters Frolic event giving us a total income of \$865 for this event. A very special thanks goes out to Farooq, a rough

faceting dealer at the Hob Nob, who once again this year donated \$500 cash to the club and also donated some nice rough faceting amethyst crystals. The club will be sending him a heartfelt letter of thanks. A special thanks to Billy Bob for running the faceting classes and helping with the best stone contest. Thanks also to all volunteers that helped set up, clean up and tear everything down. Gloria handed out gifts to all the Frolic volunteers.

Julius Gordon will be holding a class on silver etching this month. The sign-up sheets and details are in the back but a summary is: OPLC will offer a course in silver etching to take place in the next two weeks. It will consist of two classes, the first a detailed introduction to the etching process and the second a hands-on session in which participants will complete a project to be incorporated in a piece of jewelry or other material in which silver is a major part.

Many methods are available for creating an etched design in silver. In this class we will use a technique that prints a digital design onto a special transfer paper using a laser printer. Since we can't assume that everyone has access to the appropriate printer, the instructor will print your selected images for you (although you are welcome to experiment with your own equipment).

The cost will be \$55 per participant. The instructor will supply all expendable materials and most of the necessary equipment for the project. Other requirements will be announced during the first class.

The funds collected by the club will be used to bring in outside teachers for future classes. Sign-up sheets will be posted next week.

Dates to be announced.

Thanks to Pat Droll for setting up the display pieces to be shown at the Gem show. If you have a chance, go on down and take a look at it. You all have made some really nice pieces!

Thanks to John Poole, Bob Powell and Billy Bob for setting up the "show and tell" booth upstairs at the convention center for our club with a cabbing machine, a faceting machine and the brochures for the club. An early thanks to all of the members that have or will donate their time to sit at the booth during the Gem show to get folks interested in the club.

The web site will be updated in the next month to include all the changes covered in the club brochure and everything that's happened in the last year at our club.

The club is looking for members to provide updates to the club's website

Thanks to Wayne for doing a great job with the membership stuff to include the new folders in each of the labs for the data sheets. Thanks to Wayne for updating the getting the new brochure printed as well.

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) than uncrushed. John Poole and Pat brought down the last batch and the club got \$255 for our coffers for last years can donations.

Call for volunteers for the following efforts and positions:

Running and organizing field trips for the club members. See Skip or Janelle if you are interested in getting involved with this.

Collecting donations, organizing the material and **running the silent auction** for OPLC. The silent auction is the clubs biggest money-making event each year and it takes some effort to make this happen. The club needs this event to be successful. Please see Tom McDevitt if you are interested in helping out.

Monitoring in any of the OPLC labs: Silversmithing, cab lab, saw room, casting lab or faceting lab.

A candidate to work this year with Bob Powell this year and then to take over as the **club treasurer in 2019**.

Anyone interested in volunteering to help out for any of the above activities, please see Victoria after the meeting or contact David Schulte or any of the other folks mentioned above. **Remember this is your club and we are only as strong as the folks that volunteer to make the club work!**

Board Member insurance status. We are now insured for members and the board.

Floor cleaning and buffing and painting in main building will be scheduled for February and we are looking for volunteers to help out with this as well.

Changes to the monitor times and additional opening times. The current lab times are posted in front of each lab in the training building and will be maintained as the times and folks change.

Bathroom cleaning service suspended by the board. Pat Droll is currently cleaning the bathrooms for us on his monitoring day. Thanks for the extra effort! Please be respectful of the fact that your fellow members and cleaning up the bathrooms for everyone. If you make a mess..... clean it up please.

Air filtration for the training labs will be presented to the membership at the March member meeting for approval along with costs associated with this effort. This item is NOT included in the budget for 2018.

2018 budget and vote for approval. The proposed budget for 2018 is: \$46,610. With the projected income of \$48,000 that the club will receive for lab hours, classes, silent auction and dues, the board projects that the club will have a positive cash flow with this proposed budget.

Discussions:

A member asked if there is a minimum reserve required in the club's bank account?

David responded saying there is no wording in the by laws requiring a minimum reserve.

A member asked if the budget income is based on the same amount of members we had last year? David responded "yes"

David indicated that the board is looking at raising the dues for next year

The budget was approved by the membership

Meeting was adjourned at 10:00 am



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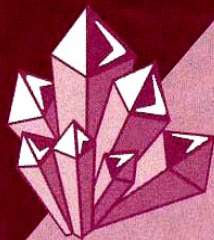
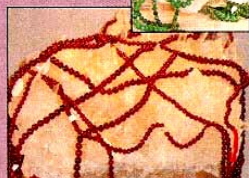
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9AM - Noon **Cabbing**

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1PM - 4PM **Silversmith Lab**

Monitor - Pat Droll 345-2792

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

Monitor - Margarette Harris 561-2315

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

Monitor - Billy Bob Riley 225-9060

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 **Cabbing**

Monitor - Jerry Glazman 860-689-3432

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

Monitor - Billy Bob Riley 225-9060

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 **Rock Sawing**

Monitor - Tim Rose 360-480-1817

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)

Sundays

9AM - Noon **Rock Sawing**

Monitor - Mark Gibson

10AM - 3PM **Silversmithing Lab**

Monitor - Giac D'Aquisto 207-6219

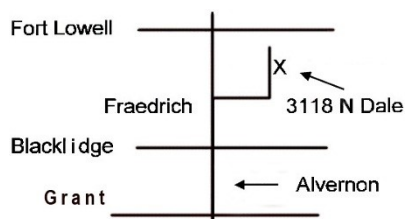
10AM - 2PM **Cabbing**

Monitor - Donovan Wagner 869-2050

• **INSTRUCTION AS AVAILABLE**

**** FIRST TWO MON/FRI OF EVERY MONTH IS CABOCHON CLASS, WHILE THE OTHERS ARE OPEN LAB**

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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.