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THE PREZ SEEZ.....

Well, hang on to your hats – here comes cactus blossom time. These blossoms coupled with the flowering of the Palo (reach-for-your-antihistamines) Verde trees make this one of my favorite seasons. We all need to get out and enjoy this time of year. One of my neighbors has a prickly pear cactus that has deep reddish-orange blossoms instead of the traditional yellow in the corner of his property. They make me want to sneak over there under the cloak of darkness and poach one of the pads to start my own gorgeous plant. He would probably give me one if I were just to ask him, but where would the fun in that be?

I had surgery to repair a ruptured disk on my back a few days ago and I have pain spikes as high as the Richter scale peaks when Donna drops her knack sack. I am going to try to keep the comments brief this month. Brief - I know – now you want me to have surgery every month. Well, no such luck.)

“Classes in the Parking Lot”:

Have you read this article in the Newsletter yet? It is always gratifying to see one of our OPLC members bailing out another one. Wayne jumped in when the PCC faltered with a bomb scare. Although the photo looks a little like he is selling “jams and jellies” from the trunk of his car, I understand the new students were amazed when they saw all phases of what can be done with rocks which Wayne inadvertently had on display in his trunk. This ran the gamut from raw rock, to slabbed rock, to polished cabochon, to finished jewelry. This was definitely a new approach for Harrison Yocum’s orientation. Maybe Harrison should do bomb scares more frequently – except, I suspect he was only trying

to get at the “Ranger Cookies” sooner. You make us proud, Wayne.

Did some one say food? Let’s talk about eating. Currently we’re scheduled for a social get-together with TGMS on July 16, 2005. We will be meeting at 5 PM at the TGMS Club house (they have air conditioning). The details of food, drink, and so forth will be ironed out, as the time gets nearer. I think of this as an extremely important occasion. I look forward to this event as an opportunity to get to know some really interesting people and a chance to share important experiences. Both of our clubs are centered around minerals and training. The TGMS is primarily concerned with the science of minerals and their applicability as both micro-specimens, museum grade specimens, and their value for training. The OPLC shares their zeal for the science regarding minerals and their use for training and as specimens, but we have an orientation toward the fabrication of high-grade minerals into gems. I see an additional opportunity for members of these clubs to have greater options regarding minerals available to them. (For those of you from the corporate world: a synergistic relationship – you know the sum is greater than the parts.) Our clubs complement each other rather than overlap in functions. More on this later when I am not hurting so bad. Suffice it to say for right now, this is going to be a fun-packed activity involving food, drink, and kindred souls on the brink of an adventure of mutual interest and benefit.

Still talking about food, (I know I have Don Rittenberry’s attention here), it is important that we set some dates and get started on our

own (OPLC) potlucks. All we need to do is set the dates. I had plenty of responses after the April General Business Meeting offering to help out. We can set some dates during the May meeting. I will bring some doughnuts again to hold us over during that meeting.

I will be in Colorado in June and will reluctantly miss that business meeting. For those worried about no June meeting, have no fear for our trusty Vice President, Phil Babcock, will be presiding.

I am very pleased by the way volunteers are stepping forward to get important things accomplished. This is the life-blood that fuels our organization. Kudos to Sheila Powell for completing the mammoth job of getting the club’s weed problem under control. I swear it must have been a scary thing for the weeds witnessing Sheila in action. I looked out briefly at the activity and saw clouds of dust, perspiration flying, and new acreage re-appearing. I didn’t know our grounds were so vast. I could only watch for a short period of time and I had to go back into the clubhouse – it was making me exhausted. As Sylvia pointed out at the last general business meeting, the weeds made our clubhouse an embarrassment to the neighborhood. Thanks again, Sheila, for keeping us respectable – well, at least for making us look good.

Also, a big thanks is in order to Don Rittenberry and Jaime



The Prez Sez Remarks Cont'd.....

DeZubeldia for enthusiastically removing the dirty carpet in the lapidary lab. "Dirty" isn't a strong enough word to describe the carpet. Its removal created a dust storm so thick that the new members on tour could barely see the equipment in the room. Not only did they get rid of a dirty eyesore, they got rid of a potential stumbling hazard. Thanks, guys.

I know I said I was going to keep it short this month. However, I feel I need to mention the Fair.

Did you go? I did, and I must say that the buttons were popping off my shirt. (And not just the ones over my stomach either.) The display and demonstrations were superlative and made me highly proud. My hat is off to the planners, demonstrators for faceting and cabochon creators, and the installers and dismantlers. The day I was at the Fair the OPLC display seemed to draw a larger crowd than elsewhere in the building. We will have the option to expand our presence next year and should

plan accordingly. It will challenge us to have a better exhibit next year since this one was so good. The Pima Fair planners, especially Peggy, are fun to work with and have been most generous with their support.

The Club has received additional donations in memory of Gaye Davidson. A special thank you to Gretchen Arnaiz, Charles and Maryann Mutatore, Beda and Marsha Hanson, and Philip and Mary Babcock for their generosity.

A DAY AT THE PIMA COUNTY FAIR Submitted by Carlene Klement

Paul Head and Wayne and Carlene Klement spent a day manning the OPLC booth at the Pima County Fair on Tuesday, April 19. That day happened to be "Special Needs Day" for young people making it an exceptionally rewarding experience manning the booth.

There was a steady volume of traffic going by all day. Meeting so many amiable people was fun and enjoyable. Many visitors enjoyed watching the talented Paul Head facet a dull looking piece of "glass" into a beautiful sparkling pink gem

stone. Wayne did a wonderful job of demonstrating cabbing, explaining how plain looking rocks can be turned into highly polished cabochons.

And it was a delight to see the expression on the children's faces

when they were told that they could pick one shiny stone from a pile of tumbled stones that were so generously provided by Bill Bob Riley and Don Rittenberry. Wayne had just finished rough cabbing a stone and one little person asked him if he could buy it

the girls seemed to come back after a while and change their minds!

Many visitors were visibly impressed with the display of the "Old Pueblo All Faiths Church" that was made many years ago

by some former lapidary club members. One visitor remarked that the church could be named the "All Faceted Church".

Having a lunch of 'fair' food brought back memories of earlier years and on the way out at the end of the day we caught a few minutes of a sideshow that was nearby that consisted of 5-6 huge Bengal Tigers.



and he was told that it was there as an example for other people to see. Paul noted that it didn't take the girls long to pick out a stone but the boys seemed to spend a considerable time before picking their favorite one but

And lastly, a huge THANK YOU not only for ALL the volunteers that spent hours manning the booth during the fair but a special thanks goes to the members that went the extra mile to organize, transport and set up the OPLC booth at the fair.

BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

By Diane Braswellsubstituting for Ursula Wilson

President Bill Carmody called meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome back to Donna Pugh, our Treasurer, who is back after a long absence in Florida.

Ursula Wilson, Recording Secretary, is visiting her mother in California and should return on the 27th of April. Diane Braswell will be filling in for her today.

Welcome back to Art Kavan and his wife Sandy, after celebrating his father's ninetieth birthday in Omaha with him.

Club needs a slide projector for use at the meetings. Having this would enhance and facilitate presentations. Any suggestions for obtaining this piece of equipment would be appreciated.

The Punch Passes, developed for open lab/shop activities, are working well. They are adding measurably to our administrative capability.

The Rocky Mountain Federation Show is in Colorado Springs, CO on June 17 – 19 this year. It is an excellent show! Flyers are available here in the clubhouse.

OLD BUSINESS

(1) Keys to facilities - All are accounted for except one, Number 15. Please see if you have this one or might know someone that does. It needs to be accounted for so security of our facilities can be assured.

(2) OPLC Questionnaire – We need your input to make improvements and make plans for the future. Blank questionnaires are

available in the back of the room.

(3) Demonstrations and display at the County Fair will run April 14-24. We need volunteers to "man" the demonstrations and assist with setting up and tearing down. Give your names to Shad Blair so parking and entry passes to fair grounds may be prepared. These will be available at the gate on the day before the fair begins, April 13. Also, if you are a volunteer and want a T-shirt, see Rosie.

(4) The club is in need of tumbled rocks for the classes presented to schoolchildren. Any amount and any type of mineral will be appreciated.

NEW BUSINESS

(1) Tom Miller has agreed to make a sign for the fence to inform people of parking in back.

(2) Silversmith open shops with Bob Keller have started and are on Tuesday nights from 6-9 PM for those who are interested.

(3) The Club Lapidary website (www.lapidaryclub.org) is under the auspices of Rob Kulakofsky and Bob Keller. See either for information, contributions, maps, etc. The suggestion was made to put the Club Newsletter and Club Membership Application form on the site.

(4) Social mixers (potlucks) – Many of the questionnaire responses indicated that more social activities are desired. The membership in attendance at this meeting also indicated that they are in accord with the suggestion for quarterly potlucks. Considerable discussion ensued. A recommendation was made to have potlucks quarterly after the normal general

business meetings occurring on the second Saturday of the month. Everyone will bring a dish. A motion made, seconded and passed. We need volunteers to help with the planning and organization of these socials.

No resolution made on the July 16 "potluck" with the TGMS. No decision as to where it would be held or what time. Ursula Wilson has volunteered to work with Carole Johnson to coordinate this activity. (At the Board of Directors meeting on the 14th of April, it was decided to have the joint TGMS – OPLC social at the TGMS Club at 5 PM on the 16th of July.)

(5) Recommendation was made by Don Rittenberry to remove the rug from the lapidary lab. It was described as dangerous. Someone fell because of the rug a few days ago. Permission was given to remove the rug ASAP.

(6) The suggestion was made to improve the appearance of the clubhouse by removing the weeds and cleaning up the grounds. Sheila Powell was given a check for \$40.00 to buy Roundup and was turned loose to dispose of the weed problem. Thanks, Sheila.

A welcome was extended to new members and guests. Ron Davidson offered to provide a tour of the facility.

A special program will immediately follow business meeting. "Arrowheads of Ohio" by Jim Farley.

The raffle was held for several mineral specimens and faceted stones before the Farley presentation.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 AM.

A GEM OF A STORY

Taken from *A Rockhound's Handbook* by Harrison Yocum

Once upon a time there was

A QUARIE MAN

Who had a very

ODD NAIM

One day, he said to his friend;

“QUIET, RUSO,

Don't look now nor get up

THY STEAM

But I think I see a

MATURE LION,”

Ruso got his

RIFLE OUT,

Gave the beast a

MAD LEER

And said,

“HI, LAME CAT.”

You wanna know what happened to the lion? Well,

I CARVES IT,

And after we roasted it,

PA ATE IT

Instructions: Just re-arrange the CAPITAL letters in each sentence to form a single word (a name of a mineral). Example: This is REAL THIC COPY. CHALCOPYRITE.

See the next issue of *CUTTING REMARKS* for the answers.

--- DONATION RECEIVED ---

OPLC member and faceter, Paul Head, has donated various tools for the silversmithing shop; 2 metal anvils, a double third hand and stand, a burnish tool, a wood dapping block w/2 punches, 2 draw plates (square and round), wire draw tongs, 12 handmade stamping punches, assorted modeling waxes, wax tools (dental tools) a casting ladle, scrap copper and scrap sterling silver (which will be saved for the silent auction). Welcome additions that will be very useful in the Club shops. Thanks Paul, hopefully your generosity will trigger other members to donate to the Club for the Silent Auction or shop utilization.

WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

Mondays 1-4 PM

Faceting Guild - Fee charged - experienced faceters only
Contact Paul Head 296-0331

Beginning Cabbing - Fee charged
Contact Billy Bob Riley 408-3074

Mondays 6-9 PM

Beginning Faceting - Class Fee charged
Contact Earl Zoeller 886-3518

Beginning Cabbing - Class Fee charged
Contact Billy Bob Riley 408-3074

Tuesdays 8 AM Work Groups

Tuesdays 9 AM – Noon

Open Shop. Fee charged, Beginners welcome. Tools and equipment available.

Monitor – Ron Davidson 749-3157
Rock Sawing – Dave Arens 749-2113

Tuesdays 6-9 PM

Open Lapidary Lab - Fee Charged. Beginners welcome. Tools/equipment available.
Contact Rim Tallet-Kelspa 760-8704

Open Silversmith Lab - Fee charged
Contact Bob Keller 808-6546

Thursdays 1 PM – 4 PM

Beginning Cabbing - Fee charged
Contact Billy Bob Riley 408-3074

Fridays 6-9 PM

Beginning Faceting - Fee charged
Contact Rob Kulakofsky 792-1439

Saturdays 12-3 PM

Open Shop - Fee charged
Contact Ron Davidson 749-3157

WELCOME - NEW MEMBERS

Larry Cox
Mitzie Dightman
Mary Makubuya
Gary Voss

COMMITTEES

BUILDINGS, GROUNDS & EQUIPMENT

Ron Davidson 749-3157

CLASSES & PROGRAMS

Phil Babcock 498-5058

CLUB HISTORIAN

TBD

FIELD TRIPS

Rim Tallet-Kelspa 760-8704

Don Feyrer 661-7855

JUNIOR EDUCATION

Gretchen Arnaiz 747-1511

KITCHEN

General Membership

LIBRARIAN

Cathy Van Atta 256-6869

MEMBERSHIP

Jim Griffin 578-3765

SECURITY

Marion Russell 622-5506

SILENT AUCTIONS

Jim Griffin 578-3765

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **May 13-15** — COSTA MESA, CALIFORNIA: Spring show; Martin Zinn Expositions; Holiday Inn-Bristol Plaza, 3131 S. Bristol; Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5
- **May 13-15** — SOUTHGATE, MICHIGAN: Midwest Mineralogical & Lapidary Society of Dearborn; Southgate Arena,
- **May 14-15** — WAUWATOSA, WISCONSIN: 48th annual show; Wisconsin Geological Society; Hart Park, contact Paul Schmidt, (414) 771-8668
- **Jun 17 - 19** — 41st Annual Pikes Peak Gem & Mineral Show, "A Rock Hounds Paradise". Go to "www.csms.us" for additional information.

FIELD TRIP REPORT - - JOHNSON CAMP VISIT, APRIL 27

Submitted by Don Feyrer

For some of us it was a first visit to a nearby mine that has a variety of minerals. For others it was a return to a favorite site closed for many years. But for all of us it was a treat. And not just the collecting which was better than most thought it would be.

The real treat was having Clive Bailey, the mine's chief geologist as host. His presentation about the mine history was via PowerPoint. It showed a number of sites and buildings of old. He also gave us a local geology lesson covering both era and mineral content aided by several maps and plots. Both were interesting with opportunities to get questions answered by an expert geologist.

Then it was off to two collecting sites. The first site produced a variety of minerals. A few that could be polished were found but nothing to facet. Lots of very nice yard rocks. Danny kept high grading his finds as they got better and better and he never had to dig! Carl will no doubt polish some of his; he had several nice ones and can do magic.

Clive, the geologist, found a relatively large laver of copper minerals in quartz and gave it to the Club. It will be cut into pieces and put into the meeting auction. We know it polishes because Rim has already polished a similar sample from the same site.

The planned lunch break never got organized. Not a sur-

prise since the choice between eating and collecting really isn't a choice for this crew! We stayed in the mine longer than originally planned, another sign that we were having a good time. All in all, everyone seemed very content with what they collected.

Then some were off to either the nearby marble mine or the Amerind Foundation to round out a good day.

By the way, the Horse Shoe Restaurant where we gathered for breakfast still has that great bacon but the service hasn't gotten any better.

A reminder. The mine is still closed to collecting. *Please respect this. We want to go back!*

Old Pueblo Lapidary Club Membership Renewal

DATE: _____ PHONE: _____

NAME: _____

LOCAL ADDRESS: _____

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SINGLE RENEWAL: \$15.00

Junior: \$7.50

Couple Renewal: \$20.00

Send check made out to:

OPLC

Mail to: Jim Griffin

2864 S. Stacy Dr.

Tucson, AZ 85713



REMINDER #1

The club will be opened at 8:00 AM for socializing before the general business meeting.



REMINDER #2

Begin planning now. The next Silent Auction will be held November 5. See Jim Griffin, Chairperson, for details (or call 578-3765).

HOW TO DETECT A TWO-WAY MIRROR - - - - (Something you always wanted to know)

When we visit toilets, bathrooms, hotel rooms, changing rooms etc, how many of you know for sure that the seemingly ordinary mirror hanging on the wall is a real mirror, or actually a two-way mirror??

Just conduct this simple test: Place the tip of your fingernail against the reflective surface and if there is a GAP between your fingernail and the image of the nail, then it is a GENUINE mirror. However, if your fingernail DIRECTLY TOUCHES the image of your nail, then BEWARE, for it is a two-way mirror!

++ CLEARANCE- - - STILL! ++
ROCKS & MORE FOR SALE
Ron Davidson - 9219 E. Kayenta
749-3157

Agates, Petrified Wood, Picture Jasper, Thunder Eggs, Obsidian, Geodes, Slabs, and more. Call to arrange for appointment to preview items desired.

Help Wanted

Member responses to the questionnaire revealed that more open lab times and classes are needed. For this to happen, **MORE VOLUNTEERS** are required to staff instructor and monitor positions. Please contact Phil Babcock at 498-5058 if you would be interested in volunteering Please!!

ADVERTISERS WANTED

Open to members who want to place a one-time or continuous ad. The fee is \$3.00 for 1/8 page. Best Deals in town. Contact Bob Keim 690-1830 or Rosie Paige 745-6603

DONATIONS

Please contact one of the following individuals if you are interested in donating materials (rocks, equipment, etc.) to the Old Pueblo Lapidary Club: Art Kavan 297-8798 or Bill Carmody 760-8598



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LEGEND OF APACHE TEARS

From Bowen-lite via Rockhound Newsletter X1-85

History records that in July of 1870 General George Stoneman declared it a necessity to establish an outpost of Arizona Military District at Picket Post, near the millsite of the Silver King Mine and the townsite of Pinal, an area just west of the present town of Superior. The Outpost was located at the front door of the Apache stronghold, which since before recorded history was between the Mogollon Rim and Gila River. Three war tribes, the Coyotes, Tontos and Pinals held strongholds in the mountains to the north and west and carried out extensive raids on the white farmers and the friendly Pima Indians living along the Gila, Santa Cruz and San Pedro Rivers.

The raiders had been trailed time and time again but their tracks were lost in the area of Big Picacho, a few miles east of Post Picket.

In the winter of 1870-71 an extensive raid on cattle in the Flor-

ence area brought Captain John D. Walker's Company B (Pima Indian group) of the Arizona volunteers into action with Picket Post regulars. High atop the rugged cliffs just east of Picket Post, Indian lookouts were sighted. It had been known for some time that a tribe of Pinal Apaches lived on the top of Big Picacho but no trail to the top had been located. The searchers, trailing the cattle, found the secret trail and recalling bitterly the many costly Apache raids on their settlements, cautiously climbed to the top of the towering cliffs and waited to attack at daybreak.

The Apaches, confident in the safety of their location, were completely surprised and outnumbered in the dawn attack. Nearly fifty of the band of seventy-five Apaches were killed in the first volley of shot. The remainder of the tribe retreated to the cliff's edge and chose death by leaping over the ledge rather than to die at the hands of the attackers.

For years afterward, those who ventured up the treacherous face of Big Picacho, now named Apache Leap, found skeletons or could see the bleached bones wedged in crevices of the cliff sides.

The Apache squaws and the lovers of those who died gathered a short distance from the base of the cliff where the sands were white and for a moon they wept for those who had died. They mourned greatly for they knew that not only had about seventy-five Apache warriors died but with them died the great lighting spirit of the Pinal Apaches.

Their sorrow was so great, the burden so sincere, that the Great Father imbedded into black stones the tears of the Apaches who mourned their dead. Those black obsidian stones, when held to the light, reveal the translucent tears of the Apache. They are found in great abundance near the town of Superior, a short distance from the historic Apache Leap.

CLASS IN THE PARKING LOT

Submitted by Donna Pugh

Harrison's Spring 2005 Pima Rock Hound Class got off to an unusual start April 16. We were all assembled in the class room with Harrison just beginning to relay class information and along came a PCC employee asking us to "please leave the building, take all your personal belongings with



you, don't ask any questions and go to the far side of the parking lot". So everyone, of course, did

as told. One of the 'seasoned' rock hounds, Wayne Klement, pulled his Durango up near where the class

was standing on the far side of the parking lot and Harrison resumed the class meeting from the back of the vehicle. We never did get back into the classroom as all the commotion happened to be a bomb threat. The good news is I cannot say our class 'ended with a bang'. We all got to know each

other a little better and I took the first official group picture of our rock hound class session.

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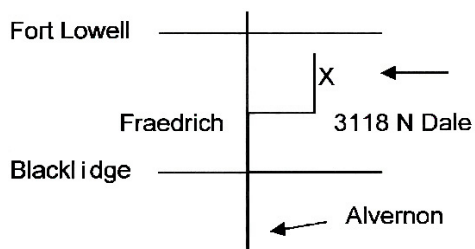
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Type of membership: ___New single member \$20.00 , ___New Couple (same address) \$30.00 , ___New Junior \$7.50

Yearly Renewal: ___Single \$15.00 , ___Couple \$20.00, ___Junior \$7.50

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 which starts at 9:00 a.m. A pre-meeting social hour is at 8:00 a.m. for those that are interested. Visitors are welcome.