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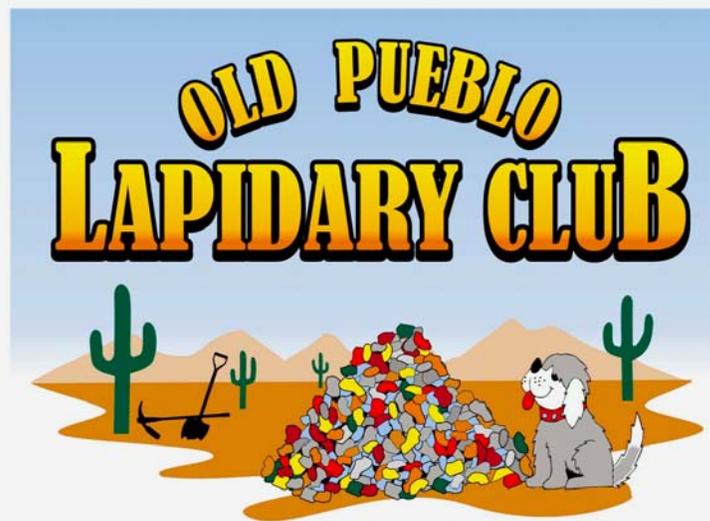
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Please join us on May 13th for the next meeting which begins at 9:00 AM, optional social hour begins at 8:00 AM.

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ONLY!!!!

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Articles or news to be included in the *Cutting Remarks* should be emailed to your Editor, Wayne Klement (wayneklem@aol.com), or feel free to call him at 520-954-6298. Submission deadline is the 25th of each month. Thanks!

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THE PREZ SEZ.....by Don Rittenberry



Sniff - what's that smell!!!!!! Smells like paint. **Great balls of fire!!!!** The clubhouse has been painted inside and it's still standing!! I would like to personally thank each of the members that came out and helped out on this major project. Also to thank Mark, (Merlyn Hiller's stepson) for spray painting the walls. No matter what help you did, it all adds up to the big picture. Once again **THANK YOU !!!**

Ron Davidson is re-painting stripes in the parking lot so we should be able to fit more cars into the lot. He looks like he has it under control and he's doing a good job...keep up the good work Ron!!

The potluck dinner is still on for **May 6th**. If you haven't called to **RSVP**, please do so by **May 3rd** to let us know what you're bringing and how many are coming. We need this information so we will know how much food to buy and make sure there's not a lot of duplication. Also, if you bring a friend or relative, let us know that and please bring extra food.

I talked to Larry Gallagher on the phone and asked if I could pick him up and bring him to the potluck. Unfortunately he will not be able to make it since he has dialysis that day and at that time. He thanked the club for keeping him in mind. He informed me that he's very limited, where he's at, since he

has no car to come and go as he wishes. He would like to have visitors and or phone calls from the members that know him. I told him that I would get out to see him when I get a chance. He's receiving the newsletter and is glad to keep up with the activities of the club. **WE** sorely miss Larry and his friendly attitude at the Club and his love and knowledge of opals. I will talk to him soon.

At this time the fair is under way and we have a booth there. I was there April 22nd for a short while to bring more pamphlets. I want to thank Billy Bob for chairing this event and for getting it setup with the other volunteers. I would also like to thank all the other volunteers that signed up and are going to the fair to help out for this event. Remember, without volunteers there would be no club and as members you are the club. With volunteers we can move mountains and without we can barely move mole hills!

We are going to need volunteers to help setup and tear down and help in the kitchen for the potluck dinner that we're having with TGMS. Please contact Sheila Powell at 578-1976 or Charlotte Rittenberry at 572-8674. We also need volunteers to monitor open labs, class instructors, Membership Chairperson, Vice President and the list never

stops. If you would like to volunteer for any of the open positions, please contact me. **What ever you can volunteer for will be greatly appreciated by the club.** I will ask at the Board meeting if we can reward our volunteers with incentives to get more members to volunteer. I plan to have the next Board meeting the 17th or 18th of May. I will contact the Board members to let them know which day.

At the next general meeting we will have another door prize that I personally picked out. My wife picked out the last one which went over well. We made \$97 from the last raffle which was great. Hope to have a good selection as we did for the last raffle. Please bring an item in to donate for the raffle (there I go again, asking for volunteers) if you have something to give to the Club.

Bill Carmody will be having knee replacement surgery soon. We wish him a speedy recovery and hopefully he will be able to come to the potluck dinner.

As I said, at the last general meeting, I plan to go to Tennessee in June to take items that are to be donated to the

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charity that will be auctioned off to raise money. The website is www.carsforkidsusa.org which you can look up to see what they're about. If anyone

would like to donate an item of the lapidary field (faceted stone, cabachon, jewelry, petrified wood, or anything you have hand-made or polished) please contact me and I will be glad to take it with me to donate for this worthy cause. I will write a brief description of the item and who

it was from and any other pertinent information. I will also make a list and let you know what items were brought in for the charity.

Hope to see all of you at the potluck, and if not, at the meeting.

APRIL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

..... By Charlotte Rittenberry



The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM on Saturday, April 8th. A quorum was present.

OLD BUSINESS

The potluck dinner is set for Saturday, May 6th, at OPLC from 4:00 to 6:00 PM . The main dish is being supplied by our club. If you are coming, please call Shelia Powell at 578-1976 or Charlotte Rittenberry at 572-8674 to let us know so we know how much food to buy. If you are bringing someone to the potluck, please bring extra food of what you are bringing so we will have enough for everyone. We will also let Tucson Gem and Mineral Society know about bringing more food if they bring additional guests.

The inside of the Club will be painted on Saturday, April 22, at 9:30 AM. Volunteers are needed to help out and food will be provided. Donuts will be donated by Gretchen Arnez.

The parking is beginning to get tight at the monthly meetings so please try to park vehicles closer together. Also the stripes in the parking lot will

be done by Ron Davidson with some help.

Don mentioned to the members if you want to leave anything to the Club when you pass on, please put it in writing or the club might not get anything.

Billy Bob Riley will be the chairperson for the Pima County Fair this year. It starts on April 20th and goes through April 30th. Volunteers are still needed, so please sign up. The signup sheets are on the back table.

NEW BUSINESS:

We have display cases in the trailer in the parking lot that have not been used for many years. The display cases are 2, 4, and 6 feet in length. We need to do an inventory of what is usable in the trailer. Shelia Powell suggested that we give some to the schools. Jo Ann Sam said that she can cover two schools if they want them. It was also suggested to sell them at our silent auction in November.

The issue of wearing safety glasses was addressed at the Board meeting. It was decided

that people really do need to wear them when working in the cab room. The Club will buy two or three pairs of glasses for use in the lab. New signs will be made to reflect the wearing of the safety glasses. Also signs will be put up to locate fire extinguishers.

Jamie De Zubeldia's next casting class will start April 19th and run for six weeks. The class will be limited to four or five people. The next class will be in September. Jamie is also looking for a replacement for the casting class at the end of the year. He wants to get more into faceting.

Maribeth Terry is having her next wire-wrapping class on April 19th or the 20th. Beginning class will be on Wednesdays from 6-9 PM and the advanced classes will be held on Thursdays from 6-9 PM. The cost is \$30 for 4 weeks. People who signed up for this class are to call her because she misplaced the list. The classes

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are one night a week.

Earl Zoeller has a faceting class on Thursdays during the day. Paul Head is starting a new Cad class in September or October. Gem Cad is a computer designed program to cut stones. The class is for 6 weeks and the cost is \$30. Each class is for three hours. The class will be held during the daytime.

On November 18th the restaurant at Ryan's Airfield is having an Arts and Crafts show with possibly a car show. We have been invited to come out and sell our wares. The restaurant will advertise on WB TV for this event. If we want to do any advertising ourselves, we can. Jo Ann Sam will be the Chairperson for this event. The Airfield has a big meeting hall they plan to use and an additional room is available if

required. There will be a nominal fee of \$5.00 or \$10.00 for the vendors for a booth. The club will periodically keep the members informed of this event.

Gemini-Goodyear has given us cards to use for our vehicles for oil changes, tires, etc. They are good for one year from the date on the cards. They are available on the back table in the kitchen.

Donations will be gladly accepted for the children's auction in June in Selma, TN. If you would like to donate anything, please contact Don Rittenberry at 572-8674 and he will be glad to bring them.

It was mentioned that Joe Lentz just became a lifetime member. Congratulations.

Please check the back table to see if your cards and badges are there. If not, please let Wayne Klement or Donna Pugh know.

Gretchen Arnez and Art Kavan made a presentation to

the 6th graders at one of the schools Gretchen visits. Don said he would like to go with them the next time they go so he would be able to know how it's done and what is involved.

The door prize this morning was donated by the President, Don Rittenberry.

Cathy Van Atta will be leaving for the summer and returning next October. Rosie Page will be taking care of the library while she is gone. The books are checked out for one month at a time. If you have any over due books out please drop them off at the club.

Paul Head mentioned that Norman Crane had an accident in the faceting room and he was injured, but not seriously. It was a reminder that a first aid kit is needed for the classrooms and open labs. Don said that he would get a first aid kit.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 AM followed by the raffle.



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Setting up the OPLC booth for the Fair are (l-r) Bill Carmody, Murray Hiller, and Billy Bob Riley.

Bill, Diane Braswell, and Billy Bob discuss an item that's shown to visitors to the OPLC booth.



Bill, Murray and Wayne stripping wire for Maribeth's wire wrap class. The scrap wire was provided by Donna Pugh's husband.

Isn't it interesting how that guy named "Bill" shows up everywhere?

DONATIONS

You may contact one of the following individuals if you are interested in making a donation (rocks, equipment, etc.) to the Old Pueblo Lapidary Club.

Please call:

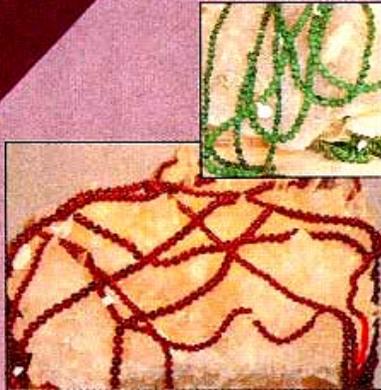
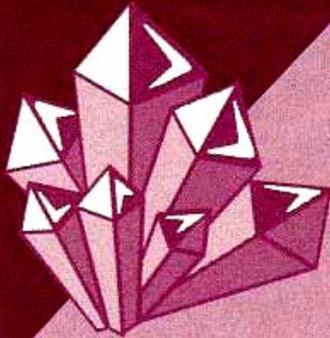
Art Kavan 297-8798, or
Bill Carmody 760-8598, or
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The Club extends its heartfelt sympathy to Helen Hettig, whose husband Fred, was tragically killed in a bicycle accident in Sahuarita on March 22, 2006.

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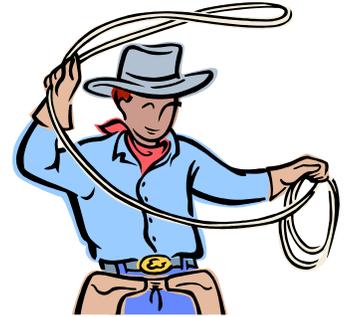
The Old Pueblo Lapidary Club is hosting a joint OPLC / TGMS potluck on Saturday, May 6, 2006 from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM.

The culinary theme is "western" and OPLC will provide the main dish. If you plan on attending, you are asked to bring a side dish.

Please RSVP by contacting Shiela Powell at (520) 578-1976 or Charlotte Rittenberry at (520) 572-8674 to help them plan accordingly (also to prevent duplications of side dishes).

So partners, put on your boots and hats and mosey on over to the OPLC Clubhouse located at 3118 N. Dale for a rip-roaring good time! Y'all come now. YEEE HAWWW!

AND..... Lyn Kilian from OPLC will be giving a talk on jewelry making using natural stones after the potluck. This is a **must see!!**



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Contact Earl Zoeller 886-3518

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Wednesday 6 - 9PM

Beginning Casting - Class fee charged.

Contact Jamie De Zubeldia 616-9344

Thursdays 1 PM – 4 PM

Beginning Cabbing - Class fee charged.
Contact Billy Bob Riley 408-3074

Fridays 9 AM - Noon

Open Lab - Fee charged.

Contact Dan Harmsen 721-8452

Fridays 6 - 9 PM

Beginning Faceting - Class fee charged.
Contact **(Pending new monitor)**

Saturdays 10 - 3 PM

Open Shop - Fee charged.

Contact Ron Davidson 749-3157

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Gretchen Arnaiz 747-1511

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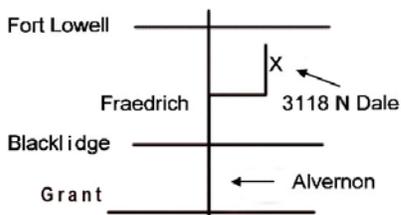
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Mail to: Membership Chairperson, Old Pueblo Lapidary Club, 3118 N. Dale, Tucson, AZ 85712



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.