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THE PREZ SEZ by Ron Davidson, President



Well, I'm finally out of the hospital and back on my feet and feel great. I would like to thank everyone for the calls and cards wishing me well.

By the time you read this the Fair will be over but I would like to thank Murray Hiller for volunteering to be the Chairperson to oversee our booth. His work

would have been a lot tougher if it hadn't been for all the folks that volunteered to spend a day at the Fair representing our Club. I'm proud of everyone, thank you.

I would also like to thank Bill Carmody for all of the work he is doing to resolve our plumbing issues. Those issues will soon

be behind us and we can focus on other things equally important to the Club.

Your President,
Ron Davidson

SUMMER LAB CLOSINGS

- **Danny will be closing the Friday open cabbachon lab May 18th and will re-open October 5, 2007.**
- **Lou Akerman will be leaving town for the summer so the Monday afternoon open Silver Lab will be closed June 4 and will reopen on September 17.**

MONTHLY MEETING PRESENTORS

Talk about being organized, no pun intended, the talks for the next several months will be:

MAY

Constance Jane Harmon - Constance will do a presentation on beading.

JUNE

Dick Zimmerman from the Arizona Mining and Mineral Museum will talk about the history of the museum, interior and exterior displays, and what projects are underway for the future.

JULY

Shipherd Reed will talk about the Miner's Story Project. (Ed. Note: You may recall, if you went to the gem show at the TCC, there was a display depicting this topic).

AUGUST

Anna Domitrovic will give a talk about the copper minerals of the Sonoran Desert region.

SEPTEMBER

Debbie Colodner will speak about the Geology of the Gulf of California.

OCTOBER

Jenny Coniglio will speak about having fun with beads.



MEET JEAN & SKIP BARKLEY

Jean and Skip, pictured here working the OPLC booth at the Fair. Jean is our new Advertising Chairperson and Skip is the latest addition to the OPLC Board of Directors. Thank you both for your time.

APRIL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

By Diana Hara



The meeting came to order at 9:01 AM. A quorum was present.

Dave Witwer asked if there were any new members present. Gene and Heide Dees from the Sun Flower development were at the meeting. They found the club through Harrison's class. Ihor Kunasz was also present. He is a geologist who used to work at Foot Mineral Company. He currently lives in Oro Valley. Chuck and Lauri Keyes, also from Oro Valley are new members interested in rock hounding and setting stones. Also present was Harry Henze, who summers in Idaho. He is interested in rock hounding and perfecting his lapidary skills. Nash and Sue Lopez are new members today too! The club also had several visitors in the audience: Beverly and Dale Bruce from Three Points just checking us out. Melinda Thompson from Boulder, CO who was interested in faceting. Donna Brickhauer was present and Aaron Kelz, a geologist who gave the club a tour on Friday at Ray Mine was visiting. And last but not least, Ken and Kathy Alred, newlyweds from Catalina. A BIG welcome to all of our new members and visitors!

The only April birthday we had was Harrison Yocum. Happy Birthday, Harrison!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There was a board meeting on Friday, April 13, at the VA hospital in the dining hall so that Ron Davidson, could be

present. He is doing very well and is scheduled to come home on April 18. He should be here for the May meeting.

Be sure to vote for your favorite necklace today and don't forget to put your name in the 'boot' for the door prize, which is some stabilized turquoise.

Maribeth Terry has resigned as secretary. Dave thanked her for her efforts. Diana Hara will be taking her place. Jim Quigley also resigned his position on the board, and Skip Barkley will take his place.

There was a field trip to the Ray Mine on Friday, April 13, and Dave asked Rim Tallat-Kelpsa to report on how it went. Aaron Kelz was the geologist who led the tour, and by all accounts, it was a great trip. Ruby Munson showed the membership some of the specimens she found. Bill Carmody took the floor and expressed his appreciation to Rim for organizing all the field trips.

Dave Witwer asked Sylvia Czayo to take the floor and answer the Factor's Corner question: What is the difference between toughness and hardness? The ability to resist force. Sylvia also asked Leslie Lawrence to explain a little more about why gemstones feel cold compared to their imitation counter parts. Les explained that gemstones have a higher thermal conductivity than imitations.

The club still needs a

volunteer to assume the office of treasurer.

Donna Pugh has graciously agreed to fill in until a permanent replacement is found, but she is only assuming this office temporarily.

Donna Pugh took the floor and made an announcement for Sylvia Czayo. The Association for Diplomatic Studies and Training (ADST) has achieved a major goal. They have succeeded in placing the foreign affairs oral history program on the Internet as part of the American Memories Collection of the Library of Congress. Sylvia was one of the interviewees in this program. The stories are available to the public in the Library of Congress or you can purchase the CD on-line. Interviewee names, including Sylvia's, are listed on-line at www.adst.org under 'Oral Histories'. Congratulations, Sylvia.

Dave asked all the instructors to stand up, introduce themselves and let the new members know what classes will be coming up soon:

- Billy Bob Riley teaches cabochon making on Mondays from 6-9pm, Thursdays from 1-4pm, and is the lab monitor for silversmithing

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on Tuesdays from 6-9pm.

- Jenny Coniglio teaches beading, but classes are TBD. She is thinking of having the next one mid-to-late summer.
- - Paul Head is the lab monitor of the faceting room on Mondays from 1-4pm.
- - Chuck Lundstrom teaches casting. His next class will be starting on April 25th. There are five Wednesday sessions and two Saturday sessions. The cost is \$45 plus materials.
- Lou Ackerman is the silversmithing lab monitor on Mondays from 1-4pm. He is also filling in for Ron while Ron is in the hospital. Open shop is on Tuesdays from 9-12pm and Saturdays from 10-3pm.

Lou mentioned that he found the pickle pot on with almost no pickle in it the other day. Please be mindful when you leave to make sure the pickle pot AND the gas are turned off.

JoAnn Sam announced that there is going to be an Arts and Crafts Fair on May 12 from 9am-4pm at the Mira Vista resort. It's free to vendors. You can stay clothed, but must be willing to tolerate others in the nude.

Phil Babcock will be the librarian for the summer. If you need to check a book out or make a return, contact Phil.

Rim Tallat-Kelpsa announced that Harrison Yokum has field trips scheduled for weekends from April through June. See Harrison or check the bulletin board if you want so see the schedule. The cost for each trip is \$5/person.

Diane Braswell announced Agate 2007 – a nine day field trip in Apache Creek, NM. She will post the information on the bulletin board. This happens from August 25 through September 3. You can participate as much or as little as you want during the event.

Sylvia Czayo wanted to extend a special thanks to Wayne Klement for all the hard work he puts in creating our monthly newsletter and covering the Membership Chairman's duties until someone else picks it up. Thanks, Wayne!

OLD BUSINESS

Murray Hiller gave an update on the club's plan to exhibit at the Pima County Fair beginning on April 19. The schedule and volunteers were listed on the black board. If you have not volunteered, but would like to be considered as a fill-in in the event that someone has to cancel, please talk to Murray. If you have some free time and want to come to the fair, stop by and chat with the volunteers. Two people manning the booth at any time is a 'bare bones' operation. Come by if you want to, and help us spread the word about the club and what we do here!

It was suggested that the club give a free newsletter and membership to our mine guides as a gesture of appreciation for

the great tours that we have |received. After some |discussion, the membership voted unanimously to pass this motion.

Bill Carmody updated the membership on the research, recommendations, and status of the plumbing issue discussed at last month's meeting: The issue is that "gray water" from the OPLC shop is draining onto the ground and this needs to be corrected.

Water from the Lapidary Lab, the Casting, the Faceting, and Saw Rooms is draining on the ground surface behind the Shop Building. The installation of the drainage systems in the casting, the faceting, and saw rooms were designed to do exactly that. The Lapidary Lab drainage system was intended to flow into the septic system, but this drainage system had clogged, and effluent was diverted to flow directly onto the ground. This problem was brought before the Board of Directors, and they agreed that this problem needed correction. They started researching for a solution. Artistic Plumbing (the people that do the annual back-flow testing) took a look at our situation and gave an estimate of \$7,263.63 to correct the problem.

The membership was subsequently briefed on the problem and the status of the research to that point. The

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membership agreed to put that amount of money aside to deal with the problem pending additional research and estimates.

Bill Carmody talked with Don Willhoit at Pima County Wastewater Management about one option to correct the problem. Tying our shop building into the County sewer line would cost at least \$4,200 before materials and labor. This fee is applicable whether going directly to the sewer line or tapping into our line coming out of the clubhouse that goes to the sewer line. Doing the sewer tap-in entails performing a field inspection, then obtaining a clearance from IWC (Industrial Wastewater Control); then submitting a drawing of what is there – (fixtures or units and septic tank).

Next, Bill spoke to Jeanie at City Parks and Recreation about another possible solution. He asked her how the lapidary/

jewelry lab at Randolph/Reid Park handles their wastewater. They run the wastewater generated by their facility through a sand trap. That sand trap is pumped out periodically. This activity is handled by Busy D. She seemed unsure what happened to the water after it left the trap (did it go into the general sewer line, did it go through treatment and then to the general sewer line, or did it remain contained with the silt products and get pumped out by Busy D?)

Bill presented the following conclusions and recommendations to the membership: After having the Lapidary Lab drain pipe snaked out and re-establishing the flow, and keeping in mind that the toilet and sinks from that room and the Silversmith room have been going into the septic system all along with no problems, Bill thinks the way to handle this problem is to stick with the septic system.

Bill recommended that we tie all effluent drains exiting the

shop building into the septic system.

More specifically: Tie in all room drainage pipes into a single pipe that feeds into a sand/grease trap. Wastewater coming from the sand trap would then join with the flow from the bathroom to septic tank. Stub down-stream of the bathroom/silver-smith room for later tie in to the county sewer if we have irresolvable septic problems.

The Board of Directors has approved this approach. The plumbing estimate for this is \$1,400. Bill plans to get two more estimates and also to check with Busy D to get more details on Parks and Recreation method.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

The meeting adjourned at 9:40am

Chuck Lundstrom presented a program on casting for the membership.

Dave Witwer won the jewelry contest.

HIDDEN DANGERS

Acetone: An industrial type solvent containing harmful vapor.

Hydrogen Sulfide: By-product of sulfur and water. Deadly poison!

Manganese: In dust or vapors, it can damage the nervous system.

Quartz, agate, sandstone, granite, chert, flint: All are of the silica rock family. The dust from this family contributes to silicosis of the lungs.

Abalone: Grind and polish only when wet. Be aware that any odor detected is highly toxic.

Malachite: Work wet as the dust created when working dry is toxic.

Lead: Known to enter the body from dust, fumes, and water. It can damage the brain and neuromuscular system.

While it is not healthy to fear everything, one should be aware of hidden dangers in apparently innocent looking material that we all use extensively in our hobby.

Source: Calgary Lapidary Journal, via Gems of the Rogue - October 2005

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN - PIMA COUNT FAIR



Joanne Sam and Murray Hiller (Fair Chairperson) talking to one of the younger Fair attendees.



Peggy, a personable and efficient Fair Administrator, (with Danny) oversees all the demos and exhibits in the Old Pueblo Building. She ensures that we have sufficient, chairs, tables, parking and admission passes, display cases, and what ever else we need to maintain our booth.

RECYCLING—IT DOES PAY OFF!!



LOAD'EM UP

Wayne Klement loading up aluminum cans that were turned in to be recycled.

DUMP'EM OUT

Emptying the bags at the recycling yard on Miracle. Enough cans were turned in to yield 178 pounds of recycled aluminum which resulted in \$124 for the Club treasury.

THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO IS SAVING AND TURNING IN THEIR ALUMINUM CANS TO THE CLUB.



ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL TRIP TO THE RAY MINE - APRIL 13, 2007



← The group, comprised of mostly new members, listening to an introduction give by Ray Mine personnel.

Rim presented OPLC T-shirts to Aaron Kelts and Art Telles for their continuing excellent hospitality when our Club tours the mine. →

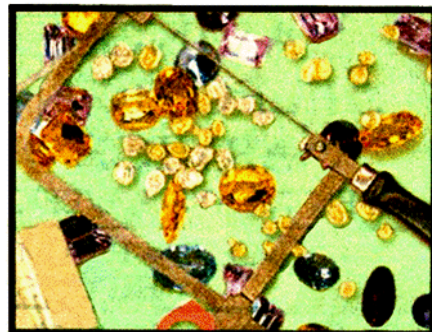


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Barbara & Ben Patterson
Adam Taylor
Melinda and John Thompson

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(RAY MINE)

Sterling Cook
Aaron Kelts
Art Telles

MONEY SAVING DISCOUNTS

- **DAH Rock Shop** - 10% on most items. See ad on page 8 of this newsletter
- **Colorwright** - Amount of discount depends on item(s) being purchased
- **Jay's of Tucson** - 10% discount
- **Jed's Rock Shop** - 20% on all items
- **Copper City Rock Shop** - Bring in ad from page 9 of this newsletter and get 10% off on all purchases
- **Kent's Tools** - 10%
- **Tucson Mineral & Gem World** - 10%

DON'T FORGET

Please don't forget to bring in **YOUR** aluminum cans to the Club for recycling. Your contribution would be greatly appreciated to help add \$'s to the Club's treasury.

Thanks! !

MEMBERSHIP NOTE

Due to the significant increase in the price of name badges, it has become necessary to charge \$3.00 for members that need a replacement badge.



ADVANCED FACETOR'S CORNER

The April question of the month: What is the difference between toughness and hardness?

The answer: Hardness is brittle and breaks easily, toughness resists breaking.

MAY QUESTION OF THE MONTH:

Jade is tougher than topaz - - True or False?
Come to the May meeting to hear the answer.



MONTHLY JEWELRY CONTESTS

In order for members to better plan for future monthly contests, here is the schedule for each category by month:

October - Pendent	January - Bolo Tie	April - Necklace	July - Charm
November - Bracelet	February - Earrings	May - Brooch	August - Faceted Stone
December - Ring	March - Belt Buckle	June - Cabbachon	September - Chain

Each issue of the newsletter will print a reminder for the next month's contest.

NOTE:: Winner of the necklace contest for April was Dave Witwer - congratulations!

Ed note: These are the Business Meeting Minutes for March that did not make the printing deadline for the April Newsletter

The meeting was called to order by Vice President, Dave Witwer.

New Members were introduced and birthdays were acknowledged.

Ron Davidson's hospitalization was discussed. He should be going home around April 18th.

Treasurer Rocky Ferrell and Board members Don Rittenberry and Jaime De Zubeldia have resigned. Donna Pugh has taken over the Treasurer position, Bill Carmody and Murray Hiller are the new Board members.

Answer to the "Question of the Month" was addressed by Sylvia Czayo. She explained that "cleavage" is a natural plane of breaking.

Barbara Alrick discussed the Science Fair that was going to be held at the TCC. There will be a sign up sheet for judges for the kids. Monday, March 19th and Tuesday, March 20th will be the dates judges would be needed.

Garden Show tickets are for sale for March 31st through April 1st.

Starr Gems was mentioned to have a 14" Lortone saw for sale for \$500.00

Jay's of Tucson has a 10% discount for Club members.

There is a new bead store called 4 Seasons Gems at Craycroft & Wilmot, SW corner West, of Bookman's.

New T-shirts are available for

\$12.00 each.

Casting Class is now starting with a new sign up sheet.

Eulane Kern of Jed's Rock Shop mentioned they give a 20% discount to club members. They are located out at Picture Rocks and Sandario area. Phone number is 882-6044 and they carry pick axes for rockhounds as well as many, many minerals.

OLD BUSINESS:

The need for volunteers for the Pot luck was discussed. Nobody volunteered so the Pot Luck was cancelled.

Donna reported that Sylvia Czayo donated a check of \$1,000.00 to fix up the bathroom in the work building. Sylvia says the club needs a big basin for mops so they can be rinsed out. She also brought up the issue of a nominating committee.

The possibility of having new members have a buddy system that they can call on for info and direction with a sign up sheet was discussed in great detail. The final conclusion was that it was not necessary. New members just need to sign up for classes or call one of the Monitors if they have any questions..

NEW BUSINESS:

Volunteers are needed for the Fair this year. Billy Bob says Ron has the info for the Fair. Murray says he will call Ron to check up on where the paperwork for it went to.

A list of the people who volunteered will be posted on the bulletin board. The Fair will run from April 19-29.

Field trip to the Ray Mine will be on Friday April 13th. All going are to meet at the Trader Joe's parking lot on Oracle at 6:45 a.m. Arrival at mine is estimated at 9:30 a.m. Needed are hard hats, if possible (the mine has a few if you don't), water bottle, safety glasses, rock hammer, bucket, and \$5.00 per person for a gratuity for the guide, and \$10.00 for the driver of the SUV's used. Many very nice pieces of chrysocolla and native copper have been brought back from prior trips to this location.

Plumbing issues were discussed. Bill Carmody drew a schematic of the septic tank in the center parking lot. Different possibilities were presented. A quote was received from Artistic Plumbing for \$7,263.00. Estimates and alternatives were presented.

Donna spoke of 2 CD's that are coming to maturity on April 8th. It was motioned that one would be cashed in and deposited in order to have the cash readily available for when the best estimates were found to do the jobs. The motion was carried.

Motioned to adjourn and seconded.



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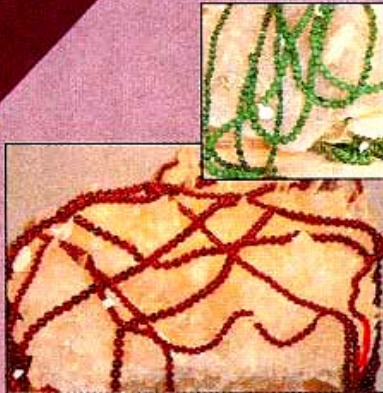
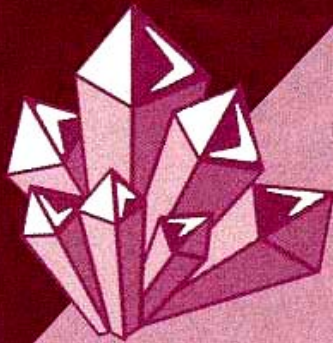
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Contact Lou Akerman 290-6968

(Lab will be closed June 4 and will reopen September 17)

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Beginning Faceting - Class fee charged.

Contact Earl Zoeller 886-3518

Beginning Cabbing - Class fee charged.

Contact Billy Bob Riley 408-3074

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Monitor – Ron Davidson 749-3157

Rock Sawing – Dave Arens 749-2413

Tuesdays 6 - 9 PM

Open Lapidary Lab - Fee charged. Beginners welcome. Tools and equipment available.

Open Silversmith Lab - Class fee charged.

Contact Billy Bob Riley 408-3074

Wednesdays 6 - 9PM

Beginning Casting - Class fee charged.

Contact Chuck Lundstrom 577-6446

Wire Wrap (Advanced) - Class fee charged

Contact Maribeth Terry - 331-7066

Thursdays 1 PM – 4 PM

Beginning Cabbing - Class fee charged.

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Wire Wrap (Beginning) - Class fee charged

Contact Maribeth Terry - 331-7066

Fridays 9 AM - Noon

Open Cabbachon Lab - Fee charged.

Contact Dan Harmsen 721-8452

(Lab will be closed May 18th & reopen October 5th)

Fridays 6 - 9 PM

Beginning Faceting & Open Lab -Class fee charged.

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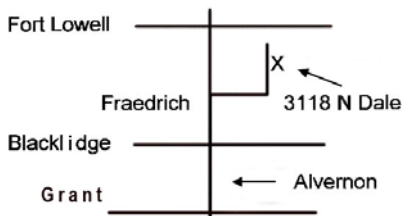
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The Business Meetings are held on the 2nd Saturday of each month which starts at 9:00 a.m. A pre-meeting social hour is at 8:00 a.m. for those that are interested. Visitors are welcome.