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The May General
Membership Meeting
has been cancelled.
Please check in often
for updates regarding
scheduling of meetings,
labs, and field trips.



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 520-455-5378 or (520) 240-5133. Submission deadline is the 20th of each month. Thanks!

THE PREZ SEZ by Victoria Fila, President



I hope everyone is doing great staying in and staying healthy. I know during this time that we all have not been meeting up, seems like a lifetime. We are all together in each other's thoughts and hearts. I dearly miss each of you. Hopefully we will be socializing and enjoying a great presentation soon.

Our current situation: Board has been meeting by email to discuss a few items.

May's meeting and the Snowflake trip has been canceled.

Labs: the majority of the board voted to keep them closed. Once the governor has lifted the stay-at-home then we will start opening up labs. Even though once the stay-at-home is lifted there will be monitors that could still be cautious of opening their labs. That is fine, we do have alternative monitors to help out.

Ronald Graichen is resigning from the Jr Ed position. I want to thank Ronald for all the years he has overseen and ran our Jr

ED. We will need a volunteer to take over the Jr Ed. I am sure that Ronald will help show the new person everything needed to do the job.

Another item: our insurance has notified us of some areas that need fixed. The items that need to be fixed are trip hazards in both parking lots. We are waiting for clarification as to what exactly they want fixed. The other is fire alarms. All of this was to be done by 5/8/20. I have asked for an extension as we cannot get any volunteers to help due to the social distancing. Waiting for the extension, I will need volunteers once we are able to gather in a group. I promise not to forget the donuts.

Special thanks to Janet Keisler for helping to get out updates on closing of meeting and labs.

Stay well and safe

Victoria Fila

President OPLC

Front Cover Pictures: May's primary birthstone is the green variety of **Beryl, Emerald**, as displayed by this 5,655 carat crystal recently unearthed in Zambia. **Carnelian** is an alternate May birthstone.

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NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Hello everyone! Hope everyone is staying safe and healthy out there. I'm sorry to report that this month's newsletter will be a little thin - in these strange times we find ourselves in, that seems to be par for the course. We don't have Minutes to report from last month, and I've decided to keep the Field Trip Updates and Speaker Updates out for now so there is no confusion about activities, at least until we have a better handle on what exactly we are allowed or recommended to do (and when!)

Helen Serras-Herman asked me to let everybody know that because the May OPLC meeting was cancelled, she rescheduled Eric Fritz, our May speaker, for the September meeting. She hopes we can all meet again by then. Amen, Helen! Let's keep our collective fingers crossed!

Dave Richardson reminds members that we are still receiving donations, and that he will pick them up or you can arrange dropping off to him (see *Donations* for his phone number).

The Board voted to keep labs closed for now, basically in line with the Governor's decision for Arizona residents to stay at home. These restrictions are certainly subject to change, and even likely to, at some point. How they affect OPLC will be fairly determinative of how things will go for our club, at least in the near future. Janet Keisler has been doing an excellent job of keeping us all posted of decisions of the Board, so pay attention to your emails and watch for her updates! Let's hope we can all be back to socializing and doing what we love as quickly as possible while maintaining our health and safety.

Can't wait to see everybody!

-Mike DeMeritt, Editor, *Cutting Remarks*

Faceters Paradise has become the Tucson area dealer for Ultra Tec Faceting machines. We have already supplied the club with some new dops and a new lightning lap! A new V5 is on the bench for demonstrations and the VL is on the way. In addition to Ultra Tec Faceters Paradise will be carrying Crystalite products such as laps, belts and wheels. The triple ripple bit as well.

So a big shout out to all the OPLC members, come visit when it's allowed, and in the meantime we have a website

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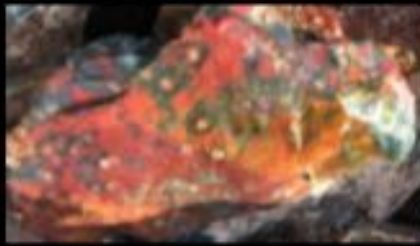
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Due to COVID-19 restrictions by the Governor of the State of Arizona or decisions by the Board of Directors, all OPLC facilities and labs are currently not open.

Please check in frequently. We hope to be open as quickly as possible without risk to our members. See you on the other side!



Gail and John Mundeau - Vacuum chamber

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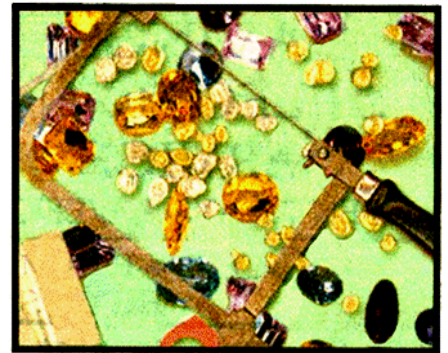
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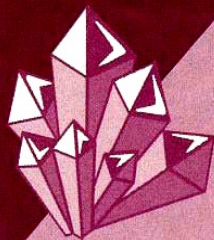


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9AM- 3:30PM **Cabbing**
Monitor - John Watt 520-247-6811

1PM - 4PM **Silversmith Lab**
Monitor - Pat Droll 345-2792

1PM—4PM **Faceting Lab & Class**
Monitor - Dave Richardson 245-2172

3:30PM - 6PM **Cabbing**
Monitor - Margarette Harris 561-2315

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Monitor - Earl Zoeller 886-3518

6PM - 9PM **Cabbing****
Monitor - Donovan Wagner 869-2050

6PM - 9PM **Silversmithing Lab**
Monitor - Bill Penrose 780-1143

Tuesdays

9AM - Noon **Cabbing***
Monitor - Mike DeMeritt 520-455-5378

9AM- Noon **Casting**
Monitor - Liz Williams (818)300-5262

9AM - Noon **Silversmithing Lab**
Monitor - John Poole 777-5588

Wednesdays

9AM - 1PM **Silversmithing**
Monitor - Dennis Murphy 490-9188

3PM - 6PM **Rock Sawing**
Monitor - Steve Lutes 320-360-4329

6PM - 9PM **Cabbing**
Monitor - Keith Haubert 784-8283

6PM—9PM **Faceting Lab & Class**
Monitor - Bob Powell 403-8980

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

9AM—Noon **Silversmithing**
Monitor - Kim Knebel 873-8990

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Monitor - Lou Ackerman 290-6968

1PM - 4PM **Cabbing**
Monitor - Pete Valentine, 208-409-7910

Saturdays

9AM - 2PM **Silversmithing**
Monitor - James Germaine, 288-0135

9AM - 2PM **Cabbing**
Monitor - Ron Bryan 619-495-7967

Casting Class

Monitor - Chuck Lundstrom 241-9262

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Sundays

9AM - Noon **Rock Sawing**
Monitor - Mark Gibson 297-4412

10AM - 3PM **Silversmithing Lab**
Monitor - Giac D'Aquisto 207-6219

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Monitor - Malcolm Currie

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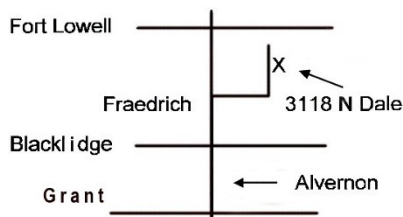
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