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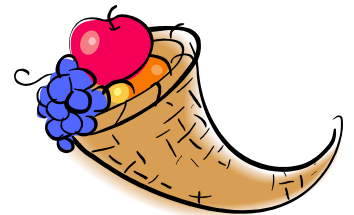
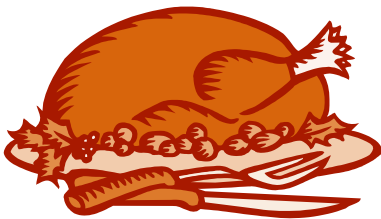
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Please join us on
November 8th for the next
monthly meeting. Optional
social hour begins at
**8:00 AM, followed by the
educational program at 9:00
AM, followed by the
meeting.**



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!

THE PREZ SEZ by Bill Carmody



It's November, and when some of you read this, the Silent Auction may already be over. It will be a corker this year and, hopefully, it will be successful. We have been getting great donations all year with a marked increase as October draws to a close. Danny Harmsen has put many hours and days into getting prepared for it. Thanks, Dan.

Is it just me? I seem to remember not worrying in previous years about a water ring in October and November when I put a glass of iced water or iced tea down on a piece of furniture.

Now we will have un-smelly, hot water and a warm and toasty club house. The gas leak problem has been solved and the solution has not been easy. Murray deserves a big round of applause for his tenacious efforts on this one. There was always one more thing to do that would pop up just when we thought we were through. It was like punching the fabled "Tar Baby" (an Uncle Remus

story). Once we got into it, we couldn't get unstuck until we replaced all the lines. I asked the contractor after he removed the gas piping inside the club house if he was able to isolate where it was leaking in there. He said the pipe was like an egg shell. When he used a pipe wrench to loosen joints it crushed through the pipe. He said it was so rusted that the gas was probably seeping out through a series of pin holes. Each time a new hoop to jump through would pop up, Murray would invariably step up to the plate to solve each new hurdle it presented itself (Those of you who like mixed metaphors must really enjoy that sentence.) Thank you, Murray. So, hopefully our gas problems are behind us now. (However, Carl and chimichangas do come to mind.) Felix Maldonado stepped forward after last meeting and volunteered to help with the maintenance on our furnace. He said he had been in the business for forty years. So, hopefully, he will get that wheezy, old clunker of ours

purring like a pussy cat.

Hats off to Diana Hara and her inventory crew: Ron Davidson, Jean Barkley, Heather Rouse, Bill Illig, Roger Hara, and Phil Babcock. The have completed the inventory. It is a job that needed to be done. I am truly grateful to have it completed. (I will tell you how grateful I am. I would rather eat a skunk that has been dead for three weeks than do an inventory.) The club needs to know what it has for both tax purposes and insurance coverage. Thanks so much Diana and gang.

I guess it is no great mystery in view of the facts that I am so easy and such a pushover and that Skip Barkley is a super salesman, that I find myself on the slate of candidates for the upcoming election.

That's it for now. See you at the Silent Auction on Saturday November 1 and at the business meeting on Saturday, November 8. And remember, always practice safe voting.

NOVEMBER PRESENTER: Phil Muir from the University of Arizona. Senior Staff Technician at the Steward Observatory, will give a talk about the telescope at the observatory.

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OCTOBER MEETING MINUTES By Jenny Coniglio



The meeting was preceded by a very informative program about how licensed jewelry appraisers determine the worth of gems, metals and jewelry. We learned that prices can vary for the same item from a high price for insurance purposes, to a low price if it is to be sold in a liquidation sale.

The program for the November meeting will be a U of A scientist explaining how telescope glass is made.

The meeting was called to order by president Bill Carmody. There was a quorum present.

It was moved to accept the September minutes as printed in the newsletter. Motion passed.

Thanks goes to Shelia Powell and Heather who assembled and mailed the newsletter. And welcome back newsletter editor, Wayne Klement who is now a permanent Tucson resident.

New member Rodney Casebier of Tucson likes rockhounding.

Old Business: The Gas pipeline installation is still having problems. The Gas Company came to inspect the installation of the line which now comes from the SW corner of our property to the SW corner of our clubhouse to where the meter has been relocated. During inspection they found additional leaks within the building, saying that our gas lines weren't up to code. A quote of \$2000 should cover the cost of fixing everything

including hooking the gas line to the meter by the City and fixing the inside leaking lines. There is no gas to the Shop Building. A motion was made and passed to approve up to \$3000 to finish the whole job.

Casting Room: Murray Hiller has repositioned the stove onto 2 concrete blocks and closer to the exhaust fan. This has fixed the excess fumes problem. The 4 electrical outlets will be installed by a licensed contractor on Monday for \$310.

Elections: Skip Barkley and Wayne are the Nominating Committee accepting and are nominations for "Your Friend" to run for an OPLC position. There are 3 Board positions open, and the Board meets once a month. The current 4 officers indicated that they are willing to stay, but if anyone wants to also be nominated for one of those positions you need to nominate that person by proxy provided in the November Newsletter or during the December Annual Business Meeting. The general membership will vote on the full slate of officers and Board members at the December meeting; electees will start serving during the January meeting.

New Business: Ron Davidson is offering a new silversmithing class. Jenny Coniglio is starting new "Basically Fun with Beads" classes starting in October and running for 4 weeks.

Silent Auction: The advertisements are out and flyers have been distributed to

many places. Dan Harmsen has many helpers to set up and replenish the 9 auction tables, monitor the bidding and collection of money, and be the Master of Ceremonies. Tables will be selected randomly to cut off the bidding on the items at that table. Wayne and Donna Pugh will be sure that new owners have picked up their purchases, and then the table will be replenished. There will be a Kids Table also. Equipment will be sold last. Payment will be in cash or check ONLY. Kitchen helpers volunteered: Pat McMullen will be in charge. Some of the assistants include Shelia Powell, Linda List, and Gwen Olsen. We will probably have hot dogs for sale as well as many donated treats.

The parking lot parking lines were painted by Ron Davidson.

The meeting was adjourned and Wayne Klement won the Door Prize of the azurite crystal specimen.

The Jewelry Contest for bestpendant was tied: Abe Lackow presented cabochons set in embellished silversmithed settings to suit the type of stones. Chuck Lundstrom made casted necklace sliders holding two faceted quartz crystals which he and his wife had also faceted. Both winners teach classes for the OPLC. And there were other beautiful and interesting entries.

GETTING TIME TO THINK ABOUT RENEWING YOUR MEMBERSHIP

The renewal date for everyone's dues for next year is January 1, 2009. If you want to send in your money early, it will certainly be appreciated by the membership co-chairs. Thank you!!!!

TWO WINNERS FOR OCTOBER - - - -



Abe Lackow and Chuck Lundstrom, co-winners of the October Pendant contest.

MEET Twink Monrad, another recent new member. We have heard that she is quite knowledgeable about meteorites. If you would like to know more, seek her out at the November meeting.



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7TH ANNUAL SILENT AUCTION OLD PUEBLO LAPIDARY CLUB

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Free parking - Free admission



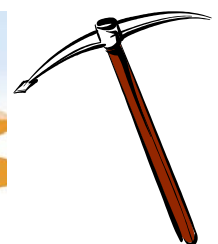
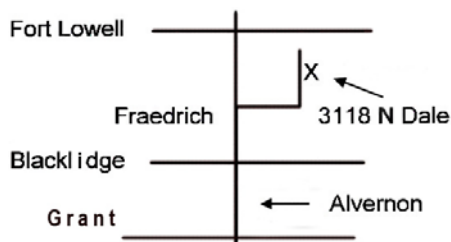
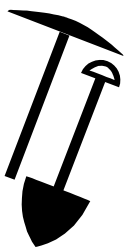
DATE: Saturday, November 1, 2008 HOURS: 9:00am—2:00pm

Don't Miss it! This is once-a-year chance to select all your mineral and lapidary needs from a myriad of crystal specimens, petrified wood, turquoise cabs, opals, faceted stones, quartz crystals, agates, fire agates, cut slabs, polished stones, shells, findings, jewelry; equipment – including: Lorotone combo saw/grinders, acetylene tank with regulator, grinders, tumblers, and much, much, more. There will also be a “kid's only table”.

Choose from lots and lots of items. One of nine tables will be randomly called and replenished every 15 minutes. Place your bids and try to find time for tasty snacks on sale in the Club's kitchen as you wait to see if you are the lucky owner of some great new lapidary finds.

For additional information, please contact Danny Harmsen, 520-721-8452.

Come see us on the web: www.lapidaryclub.org

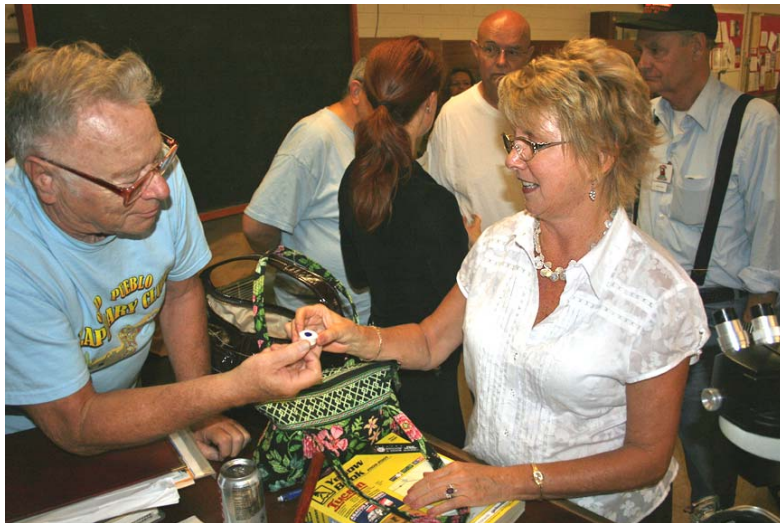


OCTOBER PRESENTERS



Marti Hubbard and Tracy Lee Aros gave a very informative and interesting talk on gem appraisal. The talk was technical but presented in such a manner that you walked away with a better understanding of what to look for when buying your next gem.

Bobo presenting Marti and Tracy Lee with a Club T-shirt and newsletter.



Murray getting some extra pointers on gem identification.



Joy Parker and Abe Lackow taking a closer look.

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FIELD TRIP TO THE MISSION MINE SEPTEMBER 29



These people who participated on the Mission Mine field trip. Why are these OPLC rockhounds smiling after collecting at Mission Mine? Ask one at the next meeting.



Dick Bibbens exemplifies what a well dressed rock hound wears on a field trip.

Photos by Jean Barkley

DONATIONS

The following have generously donated equipment, rock specimens, tools, and other miscellaneous lapidary supplies that the Club can use in some of the classes that are offered and to raise operating funds resulting from sales from the Silent Auction in November. THANKS!!!

Elizabeth Wheeler: Casting oven, buffer (went to casting room), electric soldering unit, dopping set, crucibles, acetylene torches, Bunsen burner, 6 types of flux, fire plates, pitch pot and number silver casting tools that went into the shop.

Paul Head: Ten pounds of fossils, ten pounds of opalized wood, 40 pounds of petrified wood, various mineral specimens, a turntable and a humidifier.

Charles & Elaine Reece: Opalized wood, 125 pounds of fossils, petrified wood, miscellaneous slabs, apache tears, assorted other mineral specimens.

Scott Carle: 30 pounds of Moroccan fossilized rock.

Ted Rupp: 100 pounds of miscellaneous mineral specimens, including a significant amount of jade.

DAH Rock Shop: Casting spruels, 8" and 12" saw blades, sanding drum, 6" cab lap, 8" cab lap, clock mechanisms, vises, magazines, six display units, and some tin laps.

Alexandra "Deena" Cottini: In memoriam. Deena's daughter, in accordance with her Mother's wishes, donated her Mother's tumbler and assorted mineral specimens.

Robert Alexander: Has again donated a bunch of mineral specimens. These are always a welcome addition to the Club inventory.

OPLC PROXY

I _____, a member of the Old Pueblo Lapidary Club of Tucson, Arizona, cast my vote for the those candidates, and/or those specific items listed below and in my absence, do hereby tender by proxy to the Board of Directors or, (indicate a specific member, if so desired) _____ to represent me and to vote as they deem in the best of the club and on any other business which may be considered at the meeting to be held on December 13, 2008. In the event I do not vote my preference for those candidates and/or those specific items listed below, I also tender my proxy to the entity indicated above to vote those items as they deem in the best interest of the club.

President: **(Vote for one)**

- () Bill Carmody
- () _____

Vice President:

- () Robert O'Donnell
- () _____

Treasurer:

- () Melinda Thompson
- () _____

Secretary:

- () Jenny Coniglio
- () _____

Board of Director – Two year term: **(Vote for two)**

- () Skip Barkley 2009-2010
- () Ted Rupp 2009-2010
- () _____

Board of Director – One year term:

- () Dave Witwer 2009-2009
- () _____

Signed _____, Date: _____

NOTE: This is a snapshot of the proxy as it stands at the time of the printing this issue.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

The December meeting is the annual Christmas pot luck. There will be no social hour but a short business meeting at 9am, followed by the pot luck.

NEW BEADING CLASS

Jenny Coniglio has started a new bead class October 19 which will run for 4 weeks. Each class runs for 2 hours and will cover stringing, clasping, dingle dangle (sounds interesting, doesn't it?), wire wrapping, branching & fringing. If you're interested in signing up for a class with Jenny you may express your interest by emailing her at:

vlctucson@gmail.com

Sitting l - r: Ed Ackerman, Adria Ackerman, and Bette Powell.

Standing l - r: Donna Pugh, Linda Leist, Jenny Coniglio, and Bob Powell.



RAY MINE FIELD TRIP SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2008

The meeting place will be at the Trapper Joe's parking lot at the Southeast corner of Oracle and Magee at 7:00AM. From there we will go to the mine in designated SUV's. The mine is about 100 miles North, just past Kearny along Route 177. We will be back around 3:00PM.

You will need: Hard hat, safety glasses, sturdy shoes (no gym shoes), long sleeved shirt, long pants, rock bag or 5 gallon bucket, rock hammer, water, and snacks.

1. If you would like to be a designated SUV driver and take three passengers, please call Rim @ 760-8704.
2. Passenger signup will be from 8:00AM to 9:00AM before the November 8th monthly meeting.
3. There is a non-refundable \$15 fee due at signup. It will go to the SUV drivers for gas and car wash. No phone reservations when there is a fee.

WE'VE GOT TALENT

Donna Pugh wanted a personalized necklace for her son so she asked OPLC member and artist, Diana Hara to make one for her. Diana was provided with a stick of coral (from the Arabian Gulf) and a sea lion tooth (found on a beach in Mexico along the Pacific Ocean). Diana designed and crafted the necklace making the beads using from the black coral using a facetron and crafting the pendant from the sea lion tooth. The sea lion tooth needed to be carefully secured and sealed as the necklace will be worn by Donna's son while he is surfing. Diana can be contacted via email: info@dianahara.com



ANOTHER GENEROUS DONATION

OPLC received a phone call from Susan Gardner living in Mesa, AZ a few days ago offering a very generous donation to our Club. Wayne Klement and Donna Pugh took a 225 mile round trip to Susan's house to gather the donation for the Club. Two faceting machines plus many, many more objects for silver casting and faceting were included in this donation. Susan's father, Dr. Robert G. Gardner who was a family practitioner, had a great love and hobby working in the lapidary field. He would travel to various areas of the country visiting rock shops and rock hounding. Tucson and the Tucson Gem and Mineral Show were among his



stops in the quest for hunting rock treasures. Susan donated his equipment to the Club in her father's memory. Susan took up the hobby



when her husband went to Viet Nam in 1968 finding that this was a great way to spend time with her father and has been working with rocks and jewelry ever since. Now Susan teaches various jewelry, hand engraving and PMC (precious metal clay) classes. Susan is getting ready to move to another location in the Phoenix area and decided that after previously moving this equipment at least 15 times she needed to give it a new home so our Club had the good fortune of acquiring it. Susan also has many beautiful rocks that will soon be for sale. Susan found our

Club via the Internet using Google. A BIG THANK YOU to Susan.

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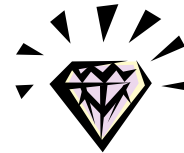
WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Rodney Casebier
Donn Cuson
Bryan Scott Engbretson
Landon George
Twink Monrad
Janel Weaver
Carl Wruck
Rose Wruck

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 !



ADVANCED FACETOR'S CORNER

The September question of the month was: Tiger Eye is a quartz pseudomorph. **TRUE OR FALSE?**

The answer True.

OCTOBER QUESTION OF THE MONTH: Quartz is isotropic **True or False?**

Come to the November 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:

January - Bolo Tie	May - Brooch	August - Faceted Stone	November - Bracelet
March - Belt Buckle	June - Cabochon	September - Chain	
April - Necklace	July - Charm	October - Pendent	

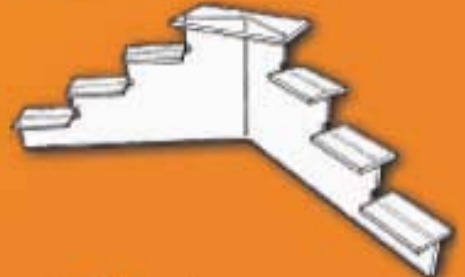
Chuck Lundstrom and Abe Lackow tied for the October Pendent contest - - Congratulations!!



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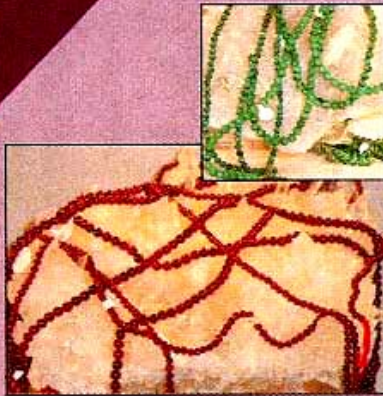
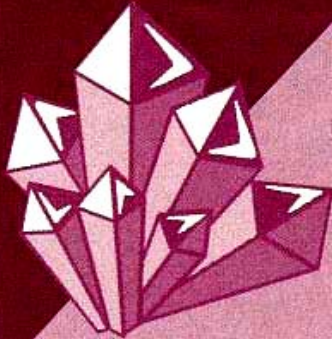
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Mondays 6 - 9 PM

Beginning Faceting - Class fee charged.
Contact Earl Zoeller 886-3518

Tuesdays 9 AM - Noon

Open Cabbing - Fee charged.
Contact Ron Davidson 749-3157

Silversmithing Lab - Fee charged.
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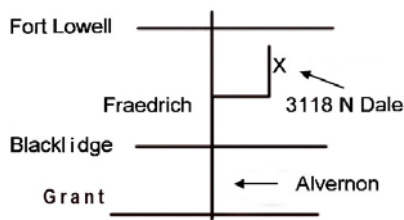
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Mail to: Membership Chairperson, Old Pueblo Lapidary Club, 3118 N. Dale, Tucson, AZ 85712



The Business Meetings are held on the 2nd Saturday of each month. 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.