

# “CUTTING REMARKS”

The Official Publication of the Old Pueblo Lapidary Club  
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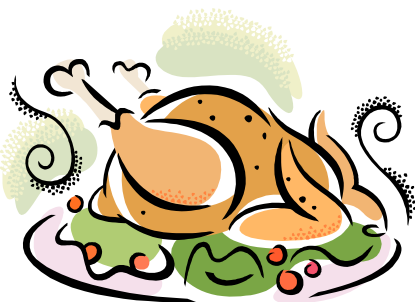
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Please join us **November 9th** at 9 am for the monthly meeting. There is an optional social hour that begins at 8 am followed by an educational program that begins at 9 am, followed by the meeting. Visitors are always welcome!



Articles or news to be included in the *Cutting Remarks* should be emailed to your Editor, Mike DeMeritt ([silverlininggemstones@gmail.com](mailto:silverlininggemstones@gmail.com)), or feel free to call him at 520-203-8430. Submission deadline is the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month. Thanks!

**THE PREZ SEZ** ..... by John Poole



November 2nd - OPLC's big Silent Auction! Danny Harmsen, the auction chairperson, doesn't do this in a few weeks! He works on this, the biggest money-maker for the Club, all year long. He receives donations for the Club, and often needs to pick-up from the donor's home. We are talking about rocks, of course - often by the truck-load! He sorts, grades, packages the items, and prepares bid sheets. Then he organizes boxes of mixed packages for the Auction tables, so it all runs smoothly on the day of the Silent Auction. Not to mention flyers, signs, food, money-collection and, I'm certain, much, much, more.

So lets help Danny make this Auction another success in a long line of successes. Come to the Auction prepared to bid! Bring friends, tell fellow rockhounds, and anyone you know with an interest in the lapidary arts. It's going to be a fun day! Bid up a friend - remember, it's for the Club! *Your Club!* And don't forget, you may find a treasure you can't live without.

The following Saturday, November 9th, is our regular monthly meeting. See you there!

-John

**REMINDER**

**THERE WILL BE NO LABS DURING OR AFTER THE SILENT AUCTION ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2nd. NORMAL LABS WILL RESUME THE FOLLOWING SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9th. THANK YOU!**

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**



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|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Carmen Bailey</b>      | <b>Roger Tanner</b>   |
| <b>Dan Moser</b>          | <b>Shelley Tanner</b> |
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| <b>Betty Shapiro</b>      |                       |

## PRIOR MONTH'S MEETING MINUTES... Twink Monrad, Secretary



OPLC MONTHLY MEETING    October 1, 2013

President John Poole opened the meeting at 10:20 and the speaker was introduced by Jean Barkley and Twink Monrad. Professional meteorite hunter Mike Farmer of Tucson spoke to the members about his adventures which have taken him all over the world. He brought some meteorites for show and tell and also brought some to sell.

After the program John Poole thanked Mike for his presentation, and Mike Demeritt for bringing the refreshments.

The minutes of the September monthly meeting were approved as they appeared in the newsletter.

There were two guests at our meeting.

Mark Gibson gave the treasurer's report which will be filed for audit. We are still doing fine with our budget.

**CLASSES:** Jenny Coniglio will have a bead stringing class starting after the November 9<sup>th</sup> monthly meeting. If you are interested please email her at : [vlctucson@gmail.com](mailto:vlctucson@gmail.com) or call her at 400-6057 to sign up for the class which will include many facets of bead stringing.

Billy Bob Riley has had no turnout for his Tuesday evening silversmithing class or for his Wednesday evening faceting class so until further notice these classes are cancelled.

**PROGRAM FOR NOVEMBER:** Vice President Jean Barkley will order a DVD from the Rocky Mountain Federation to show at the meeting.

**DECEMBER MEETING:** This will be our annual Christmas luncheon.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Wayne Klement reported a total of 341 members.

**NOVEMBER SILENT AUCTION:** Saturday November 2<sup>nd</sup> and Dan Harmsen reports it will be excellent.

John Poole reported that the training center restroom is being renovated to be ADA accessible.

The work is being done by John, Pete Peterson and Mike Tucker.

Skip Barkley and Mike Demeritt are heading up the nominating committee for our upcoming election. There are four spots open: Vice President and three Board positions. Please call Skip if you are interested in serving our Club as a volunteer who will be able to help make decisions and help plan the future of our very successful lapidary club (his phone number is 520-546-1651). Any nominee must have been a member of our Club for six months.

John Poole asked that we all continue to bring in aluminum cans as the cash helps the club.

He also announced that Gloria Jean Dana will begin as a new monitor in the lapidary room on Mondays from 9 to 12.

Jim Baker and Mark Gibson have completed the light box to display the flowstone on loan from Kartchner Caverns and it looks very nice.

**NEW POLICY IN ALL CLASSROOMS/LABS:** This now includes the faceting and casting labs. There will be a sign in/out sheet in all labs so the names of all members using the rooms and equipment and the hours of use will be recorded. This is important for budgeting for new equipment and also this will keep track of how the rooms are being used. Also, please note that the sign in sheets will have the rules for proper use of the equipment listed and all members are expected to abide by the rules.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 followed by the drawings for door prizes and raffle. Ticket sales were \$131.

Respectfully submitted,  
Twink Monrad, Secretary



# 12TH ANNUAL SILENT AUCTION OLD PUEBLO LAPIDARY CLUB



3118 N. Dale, Tucson, AZ 85712  
Free parking - Free admission

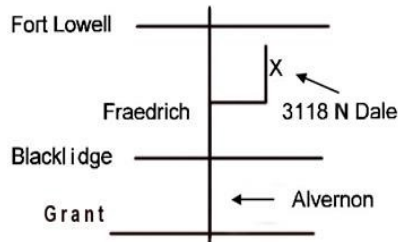
**DATE: Saturday, November 2, 2013    HOURS: 9:00am—2:00pm**

Don't Miss it! This is once-a-year chance to select all your mineral and lapidary needs from a myriad of mineral specimens, petrified wood, turquoise, faceting rough, all kinds of cutting material, slabs, polished stones, findings, jewelry, equipment – including: rock saws, tumblers, polishers, and other miscellaneous equipment and additional items. 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.

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## NOVEMBER PRESENTATION



### Those Fabulous Thunder Eggs- DVD presentation

Everything you want to know about thunder eggs  
and locations where they are found, including Deming, New Mexico’s famous Baker Ranch.

Very well done DVD with great pictures and audio.

Do you know why they’re called “thunder eggs” ?

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## OCTOBER SPEAKER

In October, we were treated to an exceptional presentation by Mike Farmer, an independent Meteorite dealer and enthusiast. Mike was incredibly knowledgeable and really knew his meteorites! He shared many stories of collecting meteorites around the globe, including some that were very unexpected! A big OPLC “Thank You” to Mike for his presentation, and here’s to hoping for a return performance! Mike, hopefully next time you don’t have any new, \$10,000+ paperweights!



### THINGS YOU MAY NOT KNOW...

- The words “racecar”, “kayak”, and “level” are palindromes - they read the same forwards or backwards.
- There are only four words in the English language that end in “dous” - stupendous, horrendous, hazardous, and tremendous.
- There are two words in the English language that use all five vowels in order: “abstemious” and “facetious”.
  - A “jiffy” is an actual unit of time, measuring 1/100th of one second!
    - Almonds are a member of the peach family.
- An ostrich’s eye is bigger than its brain (you may also know some people who have a similar problem...)
  - Babies are born without kneecaps. They don’t appear until the child is 2-6 years old!
    - February 1865 is the only recorded year in history without a full moon.
- If the population of China walked by you eight-abreast, the line would never end because of the rate of reproduction!
  - Peanuts are one of the ingredients in dynamite!
  - The cruise liner QE-2 moves only six inches for each gallon of diesel that it burns!
    - All of the ants in Africa together weigh more than all of Africa’s elephants.

## OPLC PROXY

I, \_\_\_\_\_, a member of the Old Pueblo Lapidary Club of Tucson, Arizona, cast my vote for these 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 interest of the club and on any other business which may be considered at the meeting to be held on December 8th, 2013. In the event that I do not vote my preference for those candidates and/or those specific items listed below, I also tender my proxy vote to the entity indicated above to vote those items as they deem in the best interest of the club.

President: **(Vote for one for each Officer Position)**

John Poole

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Vice President:

Jean Barkley

\_\_\_\_\_

Treasurer:

Mark Gibson

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Secretary:

Twink Monrad

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Board of Directors - Two-Year Term: **(Vote for two)**

Diana Hara      2014-2015

Dennis Murphy    2014-2015

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Board of Directors - One-Year Term:

Bob Powell

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Signed \_\_\_\_\_, Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE: This is a snapshot of the proxy as it stands at the time of this printing, October 28th, 2013.**

THE OPLC JUNIOR EDUCATION COMMITTEE  
WOULD LIKE TO THANK:

**Merritt Simmons** for all of the selenite he donated.

**Linda Jensen** for the large pieces of mica she donated.

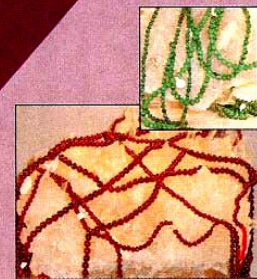
**Dan Caudle** for the lovely quartz crystals from  
Washington Camp he donated.

**Scott & Paula Simmons** of the TXI Quarry in Texas, for  
The 48 pounds (!) of pyrite crystals they donated.

WITHOUT DONORS LIKE THESE, OUR JUNIOR EDUCATION  
COMMITTEE AND PROGRAM SIMPLY WOULDN'T WORK -  
SO THANKS AGAIN!

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9AM - 12PM **Cabbing**

Monitor - Gloria Jean Dana

1PM - 4PM **Faceting Guild** (Exp. Facetors Only)

Monitor - Paul Head 296-0331

1PM - 4PM **Silversmith Lab**

Monitor - Lou Akerman 290-6968

6PM - 9PM **Beginning Faceting**

Monitor - Earl Zoeller 886-3518

**Tuesdays**

9AM - Noon **Cabbing\***

Monitor - Mike DeMeritt 203-8430

9AM - Noon **Silversmithing Lab**

Monitor - John Poole 777-5588

10AM - 1PM **Rock Sawing**

Monitor - Jim Baker 886-2126

1PM - 4PM **Beginning Faceting**

Monitor - Mike DeMeritt 203-8430

**Wednesdays**

6PM - 9PM **Beginning Casting**

Monitor - Chuck Lundstrom 577-6446

6PM - 9PM **Cabbing**

Monitor - Keith Haubert 784-8283

6PM - 9PM **Silversmithing Lab**

Monitor - Bill Cascio 638-8144

**Thursdays**

10AM - 1PM **Rock Sawing**

**(BY APPOINTMENT ONLY)**

Monitor - Jim Baker 886-2126

**Fridays**

9AM - 12PM **Cabbing\***

Monitor - Mike DeMeritt 203-8430

**Saturdays**

8AM - 12PM **Rock Sawing**

Monitor - Jim Griffin

10AM - 3PM **Silversmithing**

Monitor - Terry Cox 296-4949

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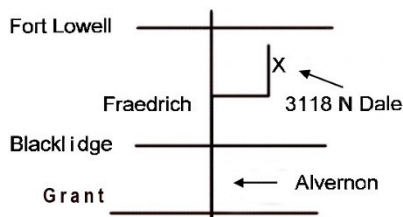
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Mail to: Membership Chairperson, Old Pueblo Lapidary Club, 3118 N. Dale, Tucson, AZ 85712



The Business Meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.