

# “CUTTING REMARKS”

The Official Publication of the Old Pueblo Lapidary Club  
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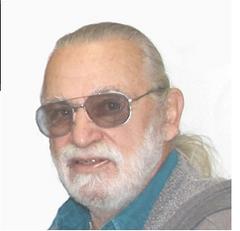
Wayne Klement 954-6298

Please join us **November 14th** at 9:00am for the monthly meeting. There is an optional social hour that begins at 8:00am followed by an educational program at 9:00am, followed by the monthly 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



Mark your calendar! Nov. 7, 2015, the first Saturday of the month. It's OPLC's Silent Auction and your chance to score on some great stuff!! Dennis Murphy & Phil Madsen, with the help of many volunteers, will load up table after table in our meeting hall with rocks, slabs, cabs, tools and other related lapidary treasures. Pete Peterson, that silver tongued grey fox, will be the emcee. Be ready to bid and outbid friends and visitors for some of those goodies. Remember this is OPLC's biggest fund raiser so bid, bid, bid, you could

be a winner and OPLC surely will.

Nov. 14, 2015 is our regular business meeting, I'll see you at 8a for treats and coffee; and wear your OPLC name badge and get a free raffle ticket with a purchase. There will be some great prizes on our raffle table.

See ya on the 7th & 14th!

-John

**Up-coming OPLC Attractions – Speakers**

We are very excited about all the programs coming up in 2015 and spring of 2016! Please add them to your calendar and we hope to see all of you at every meeting!!

Helen Serras-Herman, OPLC Program Chair

**November 14, 2015, Eric Fritz**, gemologist, will give a presentation on Emeralds from North Carolina

December 12, 2015- Holiday Party

**January 9, 2016, Wolfgang Vaatz**, gem & jewelry artist, will give a presentation on his work

February 2016 No Program

**March 12, 2016, Mike Conway**, geologist from AZ Geological Survey will give a presentation

**Front Cover Pictures:** Incredible crystals of top facet-quality **Imperial Topaz**, November's birthstone. Facet-quality **Orange Chalcedony** from Namibia, set in gold, is as rare as it is beautiful!

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



### OPLC MEETING October 10, 2015

A quorum was present and the meeting was called to order by President John Poole. He thanked our speakers Elaine and Robert Royer who gave a very exciting and interesting program on their trip to Antarctica.

Thanks went to Gwen Folsom for the meeting refreshments. For volunteering to bring treats for our 2016 meetings please call Norma Lackow 742-7561. The Club will reimburse you up to \$40.

December Christmas pot luck: This will be held on December 12<sup>th</sup> and the Club will furnish a ham and two turkeys. Norma Lackow is coordinating the luncheon with the kind help of many volunteers (see note in newsletter).

Three new members/guests were introduced at the meeting.

A motion passed to approve the minutes of the September meeting as published in the newsletter Cutting Remarks.

Treasurer's report: Mark Gibson gave the report and indicated that our income categories are as follows in order beginning with the largest dollar amount: shop passes, membership, followed by classes and raffle tickets. The report will be filed for audit.

Our Silent Auction will be November 7<sup>th</sup> from 9 AM to 2 PM. Pete Peterson will be the emcee. Dennis Murphy will prepare and have for sale pulled pork sandwiches. Chips, cookies and sodas will also be on sale.

Following our Silent Auction TGMS on Blackledge is holding a pot luck and rock swap at 2 PM.

Nominating committee: Janelle Cortright said the committee has a full slate for the

December election, the slate will be presented at the November meeting.

Field Trips: None planned at the moment, there will be some in the future.

Hob Nob: Gloria Jean Dana will now chair the Hob Nob and Frolic and is looking for help as this will be her first year with this job.

Newsletter: Mike DeMeritt thanked Helen for the very nice article she submitted Mike reminded us that any member is encouraged to send Mike any interesting articles which would be good for the newsletter.

The Cab Lab is now open on Tuesdays from 9 to 4 thanks to two monitors who have the entire day covered.

It has been recently discovered that the Clubhouse has two types of termites which have been present for quite a few years. John Poole is getting several estimates and the Board will decide at the November meeting what to do to solve the problem. The cost could be from \$700 to several thousand.

See the note in the newsletter regarding members who may show up at our labs/classes impaired - the monitors will have the authority to ask the member to leave.

In memoriam: Long-time member Paul Head has passed away. He contributed much to the club in the way of teaching and just being a warm wonderful person and he will be missed. His wife Dorothy is also one of our valued members.

Door Prize: won by David Schulte

Following the door prize the raffle tickets were drawn, then we all adjourned to the parking lot for our October trunk/tailgate lapidary sale.

Twink Monrad, Secretary



# 14TH ANNUAL SILENT AUCTION OLD PUEBLO LAPIDARY CLUB

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



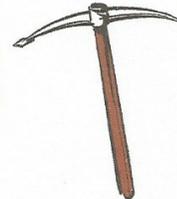
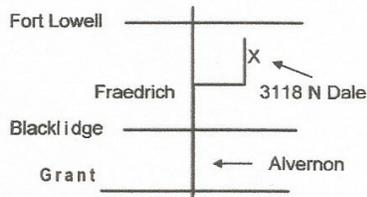
**DATE: Saturday, November 7, 2015      HOURS: 9:00am—2:00pm**

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, cutting material, slabs, polished stones, findings, equipment – including rock saws, and cab grinder. 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 Phil Madsen, 520-398-5688.

**Come see us on the web: [www.lapidaryclub.org](http://www.lapidaryclub.org)**



Members of OPLC:

At the December meeting we will vote for new Officers and Board members.

In the event that you will not be able to attend the December meeting to cast your vote, you may fill out the attached Proxy and mail it to the Club. Be sure to mail it to the Club so it arrives before the meeting which will be held on December 12<sup>th</sup>.

Please mail it to:

OPLC

Attn: Secretary

3118 N Dale

Tucson, AZ 85712

If you have any questions, please feel free to call any of the Officers or Board Members listed on the front of the newsletter.

Thanks,

*See page 7 for Proxy Form.*

Election Committee

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



**Ernie Abbott**  
**Diane Abbott**  
**Bridget Allen**  
**Daniel Holladay**  
**Stan Repsis**  
**Ellen Rohne**

**Marie Westbrook**  
**Steve Hoffman**

## HOLIDAY PARTY DECEMBER 12th, 2015

Please contact Kerrie Gimmler at [weegonzaart@gmail.com](mailto:weegonzaart@gmail.com) to let us know what sides you will be bringing. The club is providing turkey and ham. Please contact Norma Lackow at [abnormal8@comcast.net](mailto:abnormal8@comcast.net) to sign up for set-up, tear-down, or kitchen assistant. Thanks!



**Anna Sims:** New 4" Trim Saw, Flat Lap, Cutting Plates

**Ted Rupp:** 3 Large Bags Cutting Rough

**James Vollentine:** Large chunk Wyoming Jadeite

**Dan Caudle:** Autographed "Faceting for Amateurs"

By Vargas

To donate to OPLC, just see or contact Dennis Murphy at 490-9188, or Phil Madsen at 398-5688

# 12th Annual Mineral, Fossil, Jewelry, Art & Craft Sale

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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 12, 2015. 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 for each Officer Position)**

( ) John Poole

( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Vice President:

( ) Gloria Jean Dana

( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Treasurer:

( ) Bob Powell

( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary:

( ) Twink Monrad

( ) \_\_\_\_\_

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

( ) Bill Penrose 2016-2017

( ) Tom McDevitt 2016-2017

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Board of Director – One year term:

( ) Carol Brown 2016-2016

( ) \_\_\_\_\_

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

NOTE: This is a snapshot of the proxy as it stands at the time of the printing of this document, November 2, 2015.

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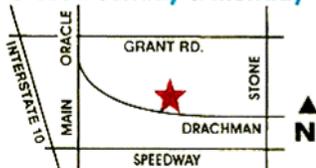


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- **Jay's of Tucson** - 30% discount excluding orange tag items, sterling silver sheet and wire. 520-323-1123 (corner of Speedway & Swan)  
**4627 E Speedway, Tucson**
- **Jed's Rock Shop** - 20% on all items. 520-882-6044 - **6275 N Sandario Rd, Tucson**
- **Copper City Rock Shop** - See ad in this issue. 10% discount with ad. 928-425-7885  
**566 Ash, Globe, AZ 85501**
- **Kent's Tools** - 10% discount. 520-624-8098 - **133 E Grant Road, Tucson**
- **Tucson Mineral & Gem World** - 10% 520-883-0682 Web address: [www.tucsonmineral.com](http://www.tucsonmineral.com) **2801 South Kinney Road, Tucson**
- **Arizona Lapidary** - 10% discount for OPLC members. See ad in this issue. 520-399-6641 - **4699 E Pima St, Tucson**
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## DON'T FORGET

Please don't forget to continue to bring in **YOUR** (or anyone else's for that matter) aluminum cans to the Club for recycling. Your contribution would be greatly appreciated to help add \$'s to the Club's treasury. **Thanks!**

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### FIELD TRIPS (COMMITTEE)

Wolfgang Mueller 896-3197

Shiela Powell 578-1976

Janelle Cortwright 761-1924

### HISTORIAN

Bill Cascio 638-8144

### JUNIOR EDUCATION

Ron Graichen 529-2661

Sheila Powell 578-1976

### KITCHEN

General Membership

### LIBRARIAN

Twink Monrad 297- 9454

### MEMBERSHIP

Wayne Klement 954-6298

### SECURITY

John Poole 777-5588

### SILENT AUCTION

Dennis Murphy 490-9188

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### BUSINESS MEETING REFRESHMENTS

Norma Lackow 742-7561

**WEEKLY WORKSHOP SCHEDULE Phone 323-9154**

**Mondays**

9AM - 12PM **Cabbing**

Monitor - Gloria Jean Dana

1PM - 4PM **Faceting Guild**

Monitor - Billy Bob Riley 225-9060

1PM - 4PM **Silversmith Lab**

Monitor - Terry Cox 296-4949

5PM - 9PM **Cabbing**

Monitor - Joseph Blackcoyote 891-6822

6PM - 9PM **Beginning Faceting**

Monitor - Earl Zoeller 886-3518

**Tuesdays**

9AM - 1PM **Cabbing\***

Monitor - Mike DeMeritt 203-8430

9AM - 1PM **Beginning/OpenLab Faceting\***

Monitor - Mike DeMeritt 203-8430

9AM - Noon **Silversmithing Lab**

Monitor - John Poole 777-5588

9AM - Noon **Rock Sawing**

Monitor - Tim Rose

Noon - 3PM **Casting Open Lab**

Monitor - Ron Brooks 520-378-2592

1PM - 4PM **Cabbing**

Monitor - Jerry Glazman 860-689-3432

**Wednesdays**

6PM - 9PM **Beginning Casting**

Monitor - Chuck Lundstrom 241-9262

6PM - 9PM **Cabbing**

Monitor - Keith Haubert 784-8283

6PM - 9PM **Silversmithing Lab**

Monitor - Bill Penrose 544-7517

6 PM - 9PM **Faceting**

Monitor - Billy Bob Riley 225-9060

**Thursdays**

9AM - 12PM **Cabbing**

Monitor - Bob Powell 403-8980

9AM - 12PM **Rock Sawing**

Monitor - Pete Peterson 886-9021

1PM - 4PM **Silversmithing**

Monitor - Giac D'Aquisto 207-6219

6PM - 9PM **Silversmithing**

Monitor - Bill Cascio 638-8144

**Fridays**

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

Monitor - Mike DeMeritt 203-8430

1PM - 4PM **Silversmithing**

Monitor - Terry Cox 296-4949

5:30PM - 8:30PM **Cabbing**

Monitor - David Schulte 954-8554

**Saturdays**

10AM - 3PM **Silversmithing**

Monitor - Terry Cox 296-4949

9:30AM - 2:30PM **Cabbing\***

Monitor - Ron Davidson 400-2125

**Sundays**

10AM - 3PM **Cabbing**

Monitor - Dennis Murphy 490-9188

10AM - 3PM **Silversmithing Lab**

Monitor - Giac D'Aquisto 207-6219

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OPLC Membership Application - Please Print

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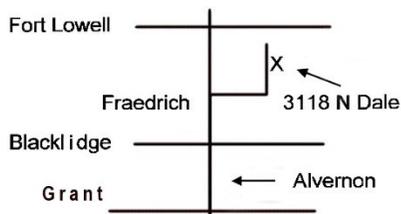
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Summer Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Type of membership:	<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>Annual Renewals</u>
Single Member	\$25.00	\$20.00	\$15.00	\$10.00	\$20.00
Couple (same address)	\$35.00	\$27.00	\$22.00	\$15.00	\$25.00
Junior	\$12.50	\$10.00	\$7.50	\$5.00	\$10.00

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



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