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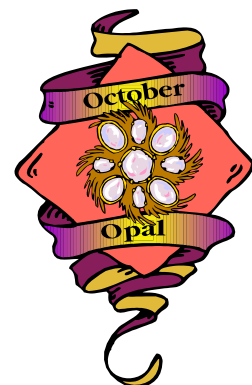
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Please join us **October 12th**
at 9 am for the monthly
meeting. There is an
optional social hour that
begins at 8 am followed by
an educational program that
begins at 9 am, followed by
the meeting. Visitors are
always welcome!



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

THE PREZ SEZ by John Poole



October is here! It is getting cooler and that is good! The Club's Training Center is very busy.

At September's meeting, I asked for some people to volunteer as monitors for our Lapidary Lab. Several people did, and I thank them for throwing their hat in the ring. Mike DeMeritt, Lead Monitor, is putting together a program for assessing and training prospective monitors. Hopefully we will be able to add many more shop hours to our Shop Schedule in the near future.

The Club's elections are fast approaching. If you have an interest in

taking part in the direction the Club is going, feel you have some good or new ideas, or want to volunteer in a leadership role, contact Skip Barkley, Chairperson of the Nomination Committee.

Don't forget, a free raffle ticket with a purchase if you wear your Club badge.

See you October 12th!

John

OCTOBER SPEAKER

The speaker for Old Pueblo Lapidary Club October 12th meeting will be Mike Farmer. He is a full time meteorite hunter who buys, sells, and trades meteorites. He has dealt with museums and educational institutions all over the world. Mike will share exciting tales of his global meteorite hunts and talk about the world of meteorites including those from the moon, Mars and the asteroid belt between Jupiter and Mars. He will have some meteorites for sale at the meeting.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Robert Gourly

Daniel Vought



OPLC MONTHLY MEETING

SEPTEMBER 14, 2013

President John Poole brought the meeting to order at 10:30 AM following our speaker/presentation.

John thanked Club member Helen Serras-Herman who gave a very interesting presentation on the history of Mayan jade.

Mark Gibson gave a treasurer's report which will be filed for audit. Our monthly Club revenue remains constant with the most revenue generated by shop passes followed by membership dues, shop classes and our raffles. Our Silent Auction held the first Saturday in November is also a chief source of revenue.

Several guests and new members were introduced.

Motion passed to accept the August minutes which were presented in the newsletter.

John Poole thanked the two people who brought refreshments. October is taken care of. If you wish to sign up for future months please call Norma Lackow - 742-7561.

ROCK OUTING: Bob O'Donnell has information on the weekend rockhounding trip October 12-13th to the Searles Lake Gem o Rama near Trona, California. For information call Bob at 886-0384.

EDUCATION: Sheila Powell says things are going well. She has plenty of selenite but could use some quartz or any crystals if anyone has some to donate to her for the schools.

MEMBERSHIP: We have 340 members counting families/spouses

NEW BUSINESS: John has received as suggestion that we turn the clubhouse into more shops. He said that what we actually need are more monitors in the shops that we

have. He suggested that if more members will volunteer to be monitors that the load would be lighter for everyone trying to cover all of the shop time. A couple of members raised hands to meet with John after the meeting.

John also announced plans to remodel the restroom in the shop building to make it handicap accessible. He will work with a few members to complete this in the next few months as it cools off. A new door and some plumbing changes will be the major expenses.

SECURITY: John reports that all is well.

ELECTIONS: Skip Barkley is heading up the nominating committee. Please contact him if you are interested in running for a position as two or three spots will be open.

TGMS annual Mineral, Fossil, Jewelry, Art and Craft sale will be held on December 7th at TGMS on Blacklidge.

OPLC SILENT AUCTION: Ads have been printed and are available to be picked up and distributed to businesses and posted on bulletin boards. This will be held Saturday November 2nd at OPLC.

ALUMINUM CANS: Please continue to save aluminum cans. Wayne took some to recycle and the Club received \$66.59.

CLASSES: John Poole has a sign up sheet for silversmithing classes and Jenny Coniglio will hold a bead stringing class after the November 9th OPLC monthly meeting. For information call her at 400-6057.

DOOR PRIZE: won by Ron Davidson.

There being no further business we adjourned at 10:55 AM.

Twink Monrad, Secretary



12TH ANNUAL SILENT AUCTION OLD PUEBLO LAPIDARY CLUB

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



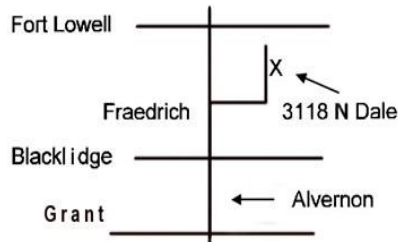
DATE: Saturday, November 2, 2013 HOURS: 9:00am—2:00pm

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.

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



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!

BEAD-STRINGING CLASS

Jenny Coniglio will offer another bead stringing mini class right after the Nov. meeting in the kitchen area. The cost will be \$5 and this time it will include both the basic stringing (which threads or wire to use, attaching a clasp, etc.) AND some design ideas to consider. If you have signed up for this class, but gave up waiting, please plan on coming. It would be best if you could call or email Jenny (400-6057) (VLCTucson@gmail.com) to discuss what you might want to bring.

Thanks, Jenny

OCTOBER BIRTHSTONE: OPAL





Those who celebrate a birthday in October have the honor of a birthstone unlike most others: the colorful variety of silicon dioxide known as *Opal*. Opal, chemical formula $\text{SiO}_2 \cdot n\text{H}_2\text{O}$, is basically the amorphous form of chalcedony. It has a Moh's Hardness between 5 - 6, a conchoidal fracture, and a density that varies between 2.0 - 2.2, depending on water content. The water content in opal varies; it is typically 3 - 9 wt% (percent by weight) but can be up to 20 wt%. Although opal isn't crystalline in the usual sense, order of some kind exists: opal consists of a dense packing of spheres, typically 1500 - 3000 angstrom in diameter. In common opal without play-of-color, the size of the spheres varies greatly, whereas the spheres in precious opals (those with play-of-color) are so uniform in size that they form a regular lattice, in which the light is refracted. In some opals the spheres are completely amorphous, whereas in other opals the spheres are partially crystalline and consist of disordered layers of tridymite and cristobalite. Opal occurs in fissures and cavities in various rocks, where it is deposited by hydrous solutions at relatively low temperatures. It occurs as siliceous sinter or 'geyserite' at hot springs and geysers and constitutes the majority of diatomites, which are fine-grained chalk-like deposits formed by the accumulation of shells from diatoms.

Fire Opal refers to opal (with or without play-of-color) from Queretaro, Mexico, that principally comes in bright orange and red body colors. *Black Opal* refers to opal with a black body color, whereas *Crystal Opal* or *Hyalite* refers to opal with no body color, and is clear (except those pieces with heavy play-of-color!) *Boulder Opal* refers to ironstone concretions sporting opal found in Queensland, Australia. Most precious opals are from the various sandstone deposits in Australia, but they are also found in Ethiopia, Brazil, Mexico, and even the United States.

-Written/Compiled by Mike DeMeritt, October 2013


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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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1PM - 4PM **Silversmith Lab**
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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

6PM - 9PM **Silversmithing**
Monitor - Billy Bob Riley 225-9060

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

6PM - 9PM **Faceting***
Monitor—Billy Bob Riley 225-9060

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**
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Monitor - Terry Cox 296-4949
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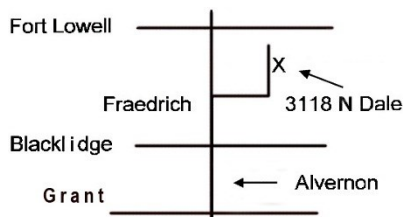
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Mail to: Membership Chairperson, Old Pueblo Lapidary Club, 3118 N. Dale, Tucson, AZ 85712



The Business Meetings are held on the 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.