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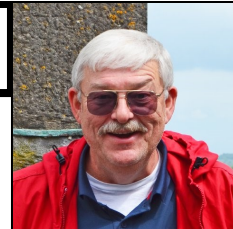
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Please join us October 12th at 9AM for the monthly meeting. There is an optional social hour that begins at 8:00am followed by an educational program at 9:00am, followed by the monthly meeting. Visitors are always welcome.



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

# THE PREZ SEZ ..... by David Schulte



10/6/19

The summer has passed and cooler weather is on the way!!! I'm sure lots of our winter visitors will be showing up again soon dusting the early snow off of their hair and celebrating the Tucson sunshine with the rest of us. Our next business board meeting will be held on Friday, October 4th at the usual place and time in the main building at the club at 10 AM. Members are as always encouraged to participate in the board meetings and discussions and your inputs are welcome.

We have chosen a contractor for the replacement of the mini split in the cab lab and are waiting for him to show up and install the new unit. All the wheels in the cab lab have been replaced and we have new blades for all the saws and will install them as the old ones wear out. All the other labs are up and running and there are no issues to report. Come on down and create your wonders!!!

We will be continuing to hold a silent auction with 10 to 15 items at the all future club member meetings. There is some great stuff out on that table so bring your wallets and check books and pick up some deals. The main silent auction, which is open to the public as well, will be held on Saturday November 2<sup>nd</sup> in the main building (see the write up in this news letter). The format of the auction is the same as every year. Items will be put out on the tables and you can bid by putting your name on the list and what you would like to pay for the item. Every 20 minutes and moderator will call a stop to the auction bids and everyone must step away from the tables. One of the tables will be called by number and if you are the highest bidder for an item on that table at this time, the item is yours. You will pay the cashier and walk away with another great buy! The auction goes on for a good part of the day and we will be selling food and drinks in the kitchen area. We always welcome volunteers to help out and help clean up after the auction is over. You can see Dave Richardson if you would like to volunteer. We are also looking for help in the kitchen area and there will be a sign up sheet at the club meeting this month for those that are willing to pitch in. I hope you all have saved your pennies this year as there are always some great deals to be had thanks to the donations from all of our club members. So bring your check books and wallets and we'll see you at the auction!

We are looking for volunteers to help coordinate the

Christmas party efforts this year, help set up and help clean up after the event. This is a pot luck event so we will be asking for folks to sign up to bring in various dishes such as salads, desserts, vegetables and other items. The club will supply two turkeys, two hams and a brisket for the event. A sign-up sheet will be at the club meeting this month and you can see anyone on the board about the event. As usual, the new board will be voted in after the Christmas dinner and nominations for board members will be accepted from the floor during the voting day.

The board has agreed to increase the cost of the faceting class to \$60 for the six three hour sessions. This is in line with the costs for using the club time cards and punching hours for using the equipment. This cost increase will take effect immediately. The Facetor's Frolic will be held on 2/6/20 – 2/8/20 in the main building and the faceting lab. We will post the agenda topics and the speakers for the event once we get them from the facetor's guild. The Hob Nob will be on Saturday 2/8/20 along with booths set up to sell rough faceting material. This is a great opportunity to learn some details about faceting from some of the world's best facetors and become educated in a number of fascinating faceting topics. As always we will have a competition for the best man-enhanced faceted stone and the best natural faceted stone. Bring your best work and enter the competition! We will keep you posted as we get more details. The club meeting for February will be held on Saturday, 2/15/20 to avoid conflicts with the Faceting Frolic event.

If you have larger rocks that you need cut into slabs, bring them to the club on the days the saw room is open and we'll slab them out for you at a VERY reasonable price! All the labs are up and running so come on down and make some jewelry, cabochons, castings or faceted stones. As a reminder to everyone, we welcome all donations to the club AND we'll give you a tax receipt so you can claim them on your taxes. If you have anything dealing with lapidary that you would like to donate, we'll come and pick it up! Just let Dave Richardson or any of your board members know and we'll set up a time to come get it or drop it off at the club!

David

**Front Cover Pictures:** Incredible parcel of black and semi-black **Opal** cabochons from Australia, one of October's birthstones; another is blue **Tourmaline** or "indicolite" from Nigeria.

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## PRIOR MONTH'S MEETING MINUTES... William Penrose, Secretary

### OLD PUEBLO LAPIDARY CLUB

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING September 14,  
2019

The meeting was brought to order by President David Schulte.

He thanked our speaker Stan Hart who spoke on "Origin, Age and Evolution of Earth."

Wayne Klement was thanked for bringing the refreshments. We have volunteers for October and November. December is our Christmas Luncheon.

A motion passed to approve the August minutes as published in Cutting Remarks.

Three new members/guests introduced themselves. We presently have 429 members.

Pat Droll gave us a treasurer's report and bank account status.

Field trips: Victoria is working on the October trip to Round Mountain and the Courtland trip scheduled in November. See Cutting Remarks for details. Victoria Fila: 664-0302

Library: Bill Cascio said the library is open for business!

Tailgate Sale: Will be held right AFTER the October business meeting. Only OPLC members may sell but others may come to the sale and buy. Items for sale MUST be related to lapidary or metalsmithing arts or to OPLC activities. Parking for sellers is in the north lot from 8AM to 8:30AM only. The north lot WILL be open to monitors working that day. After 8:30AM the North parking lot will be open to the general membership.

David gave a report on the progress of the nominating committee. The chairperson is Twink Monrad assisted by Jan Keisler and John Poole. Tentatively we have Victoria Fila as president and Malcolm Currie as Vice President and Margarett Harris as treasurer. Filling

the three open board positions will be Ted Rupp, John Poole and Mark Davidson. The official slate will appear in the November Cutting Remarks and voting will take place at the December meeting.

Cab Lab: New wheels and blades for the Cab Lab and some belts on order will be installed soon. Next week a new air conditioning/heater unit will be installed to replace the leaking unit currently there. The large polishing leather wheel machine has been reinstalled in the lab and a dust collection tube has been installed on the buffing machine.

Big saw room: The 14 inch saw recently donated to the Club has been installed and is up and running. Remember to bring your larger rocks in and fill out the sheets with information and instructions.

Some items the club does not need will be in the hallway by the labs with auction sheets on them. They will be auctioned off in the next couple of weeks.

Hob Nob: Dave Richardson has graciously agreed to run the Hob Nob this February. He will be looking for volunteers to help set up, run and clean up during the event. The kitchen/food area will need volunteers also.

Broom casting and salt casting: Giac D'Acquisto will hold a workshop in September. Please contact Giac if you are interested.

Cab Lab cards: Since the hourly price has increased and the cards may not reflect that, the monitor will double punch the cards when appropriate.

David thanked all members for the kind donations to the Club. They are tax deductible. Please contact Dave Richardson if you have anything for him to pick up.

Door Prize was won by Meredith Jewett. Raffle money today was \$153.00.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55  
Twink Monrad for Bill Penrose

# October 2019 OPLC speaker- Dr. Larry Fellows

## Pompeii and Vesuvius



We are in for another great treat for our October 12, 2019 OPLC monthly meeting. Past Arizona State Geologist and retired Director of the Arizona Geological Survey, Dr. Larry Fellows, will be presenting to us **Pompeii and Vesuvius**.

Larry is a returned speaker to OPLC; he gave us a great presentation in 2018 on the Geologic Features in Southern Arizona. In this presentation Larry will talk about the Roman villages of Pompeii and Herculaneum, which were buried by ash and pyroclastic flows from nearby Vesuvius in 79 AD. Excavation, after hundreds of years of burial, has revealed much about the lifestyle and talents of residents prior to that major eruption in an area of significant geologic instability. Future eruptions from Vesuvius will happen again. Will residents be prepared?

Larry and his wife Jeanne, visited Pompeii, Herculaneum, and Naples in 2014. In a few -hour visit one can see only a small fraction of what is there. Larry will share some of the images of what they saw, and will, of course, “embellish them with some of his own imaginations and biases” as he said.

Dr. Larry Fellows, born and raised in Iowa, earned degrees in geology from Iowa State College, the University of Michigan, and the University of Wisconsin. After working in petroleum exploration and teaching at the university level, he began employment at the Missouri Geological Survey. In 1979 Larry was selected to be director of the Arizona Geological Survey and the first official Arizona State Geologist, a position he held until his retirement in 2005. He transformed the Bureau of Geology and Mineral Technology into the modern Geological Survey.

Please make sure you don't miss this great speaker. We are so fortunate to have so many incredible people right here in Tucson that we can tap into their knowledge and experience!

Looking forward to seeing you all,  
Helen Serras-Herman, OPLC Program chair

# OPLC Speakers Forecast 2019-2020– Updated August 23, 2019

Here is the latest list for our upcoming speakers.

Stan Hart, “Origin, Age & Evolution of Earth” (September 14, 2019)

Larry Fellows, “Pompeii & Vesuvius” (October 12, 2019)

Jim Turner, “Zuni Fetishes & Carvings” (November 9, 2019)

Kent Solberg, Kent’s Tools (January 11, 2020)

Bob Jones, “Russian Lapidary Art” (March 14, 2020)

Bob & Elaine Royer, “Tour of Swarovski crystal jewelry in Austria” (April 11, 2020)

Angéline Fahey, Tucson Wildlife Center (June 13, 2020)

Please do come to the meetings and enjoy these great speakers and their presentations.

Looking forward to seeing you all soon,

Helen Serras-Herman, OPLC Program Chair



**No Donations this Month**

**To donate to OPLC, just contact Dave Richardson at (520) 245-2172.**

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



**Diane Marshall  
Bedi Joel Bley  
Howard Henzel  
Charina Henzel  
Michael Amshoff  
Rocio Scalise  
Rebecca Wolford**

**Eric Everts  
Kai Shane  
Stacy Brown**

## FIELD TRIP INFORMATION

**POC: Victoria Fila 664-0302**

October Round Mountain 10/26/19 meeting the Travel truck stop.

November Courtland 11/2/19 meeting at 9:00am at the mine will have direction.

Cost:

Tour: \$20 includes: 1900s era copper ore processing plant then to the Native American campsite then the mine. Tour is about 1.5 hours. Mike also points out where to find specimens.

Rocking hounding \$20 for the dump sites

This money goes to the Historical preservation. They are working towards the National Historical Class 3 cultures studies.

Those who are feeling sparky enough they will have someone to take anyone up to Turquoise mountain which is a 45 minute walk. One person he has in mind has help people to find nice quality turquoise. This person will be helping out and tips to him/her will be appreciated.

They also have cater lunch under the Ramada normally \$20 which is hamburger with side and drink. Optional

I need a count on tour + rockhounding or just rockhounding. You do not need to do the tour you can go straight to collecting

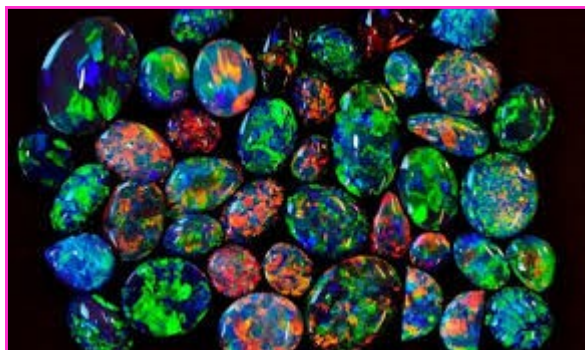
Working on December through April waiting on a call back from Rick at Duquesne mine. Will be calling Emery in October to set up a date for Peridot.

## 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



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*Fire Opal* refers to opal (with or without play-of-color) from Quetaro, 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.

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 cabochons from Quetaro, Mexico

-Written/Compiled by Mike DeMeritt, October 2013

## OCTOBER TAILGATE SALE

- Tailgate Sale DOES NOT START UNTIL AFTER THE MEETING!
- OPLC MEMBERS ONLY!
- Bring your own tables!
- Items for sale MUST be related to lapidary or metalsmithing arts, or OPLC activities.
- Parking for participants is in North Lot - FROM 8AM UNTIL 8:30AM ONLY!
- The North Lot WILL be open to Monitors working THAT DAY!
- After 8:30AM, the North Parking Lot will then be open to the General membership.
- Again, the Tailgate Sale WILL NOT START until after the October meeting is over!

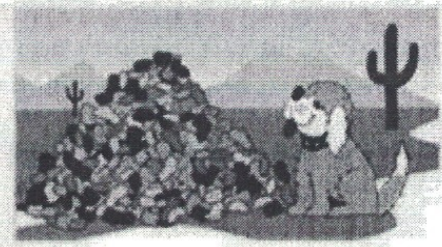
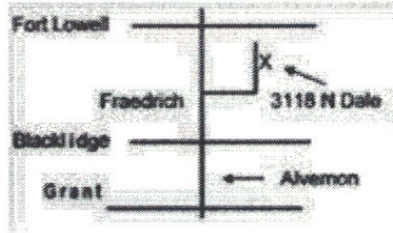
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For additional information, please contact Dave Richardson 520-245-2172



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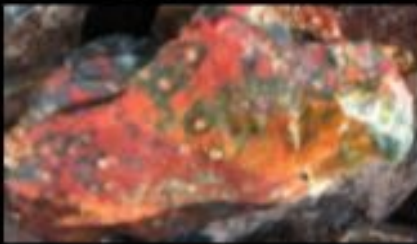
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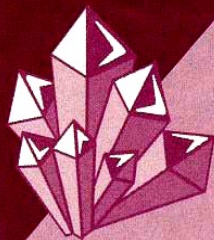
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## WEEKLY WORKSHOP SCHEDULE Phone 323-9154

### Mondays

9AM - Noon **Faceting Lab**

Monitor - Dave Richardson 245-2172

9AM- 1PM **Cabbing**

Monitor - John Watt 520-247-6811

1PM - 4PM **Silversmith Lab**

Monitor - Pat Droll 345-2792

3:30PM - 6PM **Cabbing**

Monitor - Margarete Harris 561-2315

6PM - 9PM **Faceting Class**

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

1PM - 4PM **Faceting Class/Open Lab**

Monitor - Dave Richardson 245-2172

### Wednesdays

9AM - 1PM **Silversmithing**

Monitor - Dennis Murphy 490-9188

6PM - 9PM **Cabbing**

Monitor - Keith Haubert 784-8283

### 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

1PM - 4PM **Silversmithing**

Monitor - Lou Ackerman 290-6968

***THIS LAB RE-OPENS 09/27/19; WILL ALSO BE CLOSED 11/25/19 - 12/31/19***

1PM - 4PM **Cabbing**

Monitor - Pete Valentine, 208-409-7910

6PM - 9PM **Cabbing**

Monitor - Victoria Fila 664-0302

### 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

*investing second Saturday of every month 12 - 3*

*casting pore third Saturday of every month 3PM until done.*

*This will not start until March 2019.*

### Sundays

9AM - Noon **Rock Sawing**

Monitor - Mark Gibson 297-4412

10AM - 3PM **Silversmithing Lab**

Monitor - Giac D'Aquisto 207-6219

10AM - 2PM **Cabbing**

Monitor - Gloria Jean Shevanaquet 369-7225

2PM - 5PM **Cabbing**

Monitor - Malcolm Currie

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OCHON CLASS, WHILE THE OTHERS ARE OPEN  
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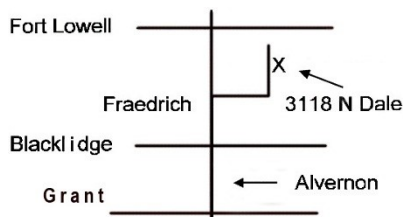
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Summer Address \_\_\_\_\_

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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	\$30.00	\$23.00	\$16.00	\$11.00	\$25.00
Couple (same address)	\$40.00	\$30.00	\$23.00	\$16.00	\$30.00
Junior	\$14.50	\$11.00	\$9.00	\$6.00	\$12.00

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.