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A salute to the working  
people in the USA

Please join us on September 8<sup>th</sup> for the next meeting. Optional social hour begins at 8:00 AM, followed by the monthly educational program at 9:00 AM, followed by the monthly meeting at 10:00 AM.

Articles or news to be included in the *Cutting Remarks* should be emailed to your Editor, Wayne Klement ([wayneklem@aol.com](mailto:wayneklem@aol.com)), or feel free to call him at 520-954-6298. Submission deadline is the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month. Thanks!

# THE PREZ SEZ ..... by Ron Davidson, President



No comments from Ron this month as he is back in the hospital having his knee operated on again. Ron ....we wish you well.

## MONTHLY MEETING PRESENTORS

### SEPTEMBER

Debbie Colodner will speak about the Geology of the Gulf of California.

### OCTOBER

Jenny Coniglio will speak about having fun with beads.

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## THIS IS WHAT GOES ON AT THE CLUB IN PAUL'S FACETING CLASS ON MONDAY AFTERNOONS..... Photos by Diana Hara:



.....and Paul is always looking for new students to sign up for the class.



## 'Get On Board'

On September 29th, Harrison is starting another great rock hounding class through Pima Community College. If you are interested in "The Wonders Of It All", **Get On Board** by giving him a call for information at 298-0930 or contact Donna via e-mail: [najmah2adler@earthlink.net](mailto:najmah2adler@earthlink.net) for schedule information.



# AUGUST BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES .....

By Diana Hara, Secretary



The meeting came to order at 10:00 AM. A quorum was present.

The club welcomed visitor Lois Garcia who drove all the way from Chandler to attend our meeting! We also welcomed new members Jerry Payne and Jim Hall.

Thank you to Bill Carmody, and Paul and Dorothy Head for refreshments this month!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ron Davidson will be going back to the VA on August 15<sup>th</sup> to have his knee replacement put back in – we wish him a fast recovery! The Tuesday and Saturday cabbing lab will be open, but the silversmithing shop will be closed.

## OLD BUSINESS

Skip Barkley made a motion to approve the minutes for July and they were approved.

Bill Carmody took the floor and went over several items of old business:

The club still needs a new Treasurer to replace Donna Pugh. Donna and Wayne went above and beyond the call of duty for the club – they both spent a lot of time working on getting the OPLC tax exempt status for 2007 as a non-profit corporation. This saved us close to \$2700 this year. Donna has the books streamlined and

very organized for the new Treasurer. Whoever comes forward to assume the role will be able to step in and pick things up very easily. The club also needs volunteers to come forward and run for President and Vice-president. During the meeting, Jenny Coniglio volunteered to be the candidate for Secretary in 2008.

The club now has a new bathroom in the shop area thanks to a \$1000 donation from Sylvia Czayo, the hard work of club members Bill Carmody, Wayne Klement, and Donna Pugh, and tile work by Brandon Baughn from Q Designs. Stop by and check it out!

The club's plumbing issues are now resolved. The shop drains are tied into the drain pipe and sediment trap. Ed Wright from Tucson Plumbing did the work for us and kept to his estimate of \$1390. Bill said he did a great job.

There are still five missing master keys that open the gates and doors to the clubhouse and shop area. Bill Carmody went to Wainwright Keys and asked for an estimate for re-pinning six locks and 20 master keys. The estimate is \$270. Bill recommended that the club purchase new master keys due to phantom activity in the shop area causing shop safety

concerns (pickle pots left on, etc...) A motion was made and the membership voted to pass this recommendation.

## NEW BUSINESS

Jim Irby, from the Tucson Southwest Jewelry, Gem and Bead Show, is offering the club and individual club members the opportunity to rent booth space during the gem show in February at a discounted rate. The SW Gem & Bead Show is a new show in 2008, and will be at the old Coors building at Euclid and 29<sup>th</sup> St. The show will be for wholesale buyers from February 1-4, and retail buyers from February 6-10. The normal rate for a 10x8' booth is \$2000. Jim is offering booth space to OPLC club members for \$1500. You can have your own booth, or you can go in with other people and split the cost. Jim does ask that there be only one person on the contract and that same person will be the contact person for the show to work with to convey show details. If you would like an application or more information, please go to the website at: [www.tucsonsouthwestgemshow.com](http://www.tucsonsouthwestgemshow.com). You can also contact Jim

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at 883-6568.

Jenny Coniglio has a sign-up sheet on the board for 'Fun with Beads'. The class will be in late September. The cost is \$35 for four sessions.

Diana Hara donated two VHS tapes to the library. One is called 'Cowboy Crafts' and is a 6-hour video on engraving

techniques. The second tape is an hour long and demonstrates how to sharpen gravers.

Abe Lackow announced that he is interested in teaching a silversmithing class. He has a sign-up sheet on the board. If you are interested, sign your name and write the techniques you are interested in learning. The session time and dates are TBD until interest is determined.

The meeting adjourned at 10:25 am.

August's program presenter was Anna Domitrovic from the Sonoran Desert Museum. She spoke about the copper minerals of the Sonoran Desert region.

The door prize this month was a free oil and filter change from Brake Max. The winner was Murray Hiller.

Paul Head was the winner of the faceted stone jewelry contest!

**To Clean Fluorite**, do not use hot water or even warm water - the luster will vanish forever. And the specimen will crack along cleavage planes very easily. It can be placed in muriatic acid to remove calcite, and then washed in cold water.

*Taken from: The Tulip City Conglomerate, Tulip City G&M Club, Holland, Michigan, June 2007*

## NEW SIGHT ATTRACTION

Good Enough Mine Tour, Tombstone, Arizona. There's a new tourist attraction in Tombstone. The Good Enough mine is owned by André (Tombstone's ex-mayor) and Shirley (a geologist and André's wife) De Journett . The mine opened for underground tours on March 15, 2007. The



mining district begins literally a block south of town, and it only takes 30 seconds to walk from the souvenir shops on Toughnut Street to the Good Enough entrance.

Unlike the precise symmetry of, say, a coal mine or salt mine, the Good Enough is a man-made cave. Passages twist and turn, sometimes enlarging into big rooms with soaring ceilings, with the empty spaces where the veins and bodied of silver ore were dug or blasted out by the miners. The mine goes a thousand feet out this way, hundreds of feet down that way. Shafts disappear into the abyss just off of the tour route - - future attractions.

Tourists don plastic miner helmets and a bright green safety vest (Why? Perhaps it's easier to spot a wayward tour member wandering off the tour route, or at the bottom of an undeveloped shaft ...). Groups are shepherded down a steep flight of wooden steps into the main mine tunnel. For more information, go to [www.roadsideamerica.com](http://www.roadsideamerica.com).

*Source: roadsideamerica*



## Another Donation

Jane Litski has generously donated various cut slabs, rock specimens, lapidary grit, tools, and a flat lap for use by the Club in the memory of her late husband, Richard. Thank you Jane.

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Debra Bernstein  
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Rich Thompson  
Matthew Wesner

## MONEY SAVING DISCOUNTS

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- **Copper City Rock Shop** - Bring in ad from page 10 of this newsletter and get 10% off on all purchases
- **Kent's Tools** - 10%
- **Tucson Mineral & Gem World** - 10%

Every man is a fool for at least five minutes a day: Wisdom consists in not exceeding the limit. Elbert Hubbard

## 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 !!

## MEMBERSHIP NOTE

Due to the significant increase in the price of name badges, it has become necessary to charge \$3.00 for members that need a replacement badge.



## ADVANCED FACETOR'S CORNER

The August question of the month was: Glass and amorphous gems have a definite atomic structure .... True or False?

The answer ..... FALSE

SEPTEMBER QUESTION OF THE MONTH: **Specific gravity is a weight: True or False?** Come to the September 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:

October - Pendent	January - Bolo Tie	April - Necklace	July - Charm
November - Bracelet	February - Earrings	May - Brooch	August - Faceted Stone
December - Ring	March - Belt Buckle	June - Cabbachon	<b>September - Chain</b>

The winner of the jewelry contest for August was Paul Head. Congratulations Paul!

### 'Art and Sylvia's Duet'

Two of our more distinguished members each faceted a stone using the same pattern but the size of each stone was significantly different:

#### Sylvia

Cut: rectangle cushion  
checkerboard  
Carats: 78  
Facets: 101  
Stone: Topaz from Brazil  
Labor hours to facet: 60  
plus hours



#### Art

Cut: rectangle cushion  
checkerboard  
Carats: 14,550  
Facets: 101  
Weight: 6 pounds  
Stone: clear quartz from  
Russia costing \$535.00  
Labor hours to facet: 288  
hours

### **MORE DONATIONS**



← This donation, by Art Kavan, is a flat lap in mint condition. Thanks Art!

↓ Jim & Jenny Clark have donated this cabbng machine. Thank you Jim & Jenny!





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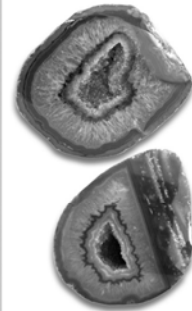
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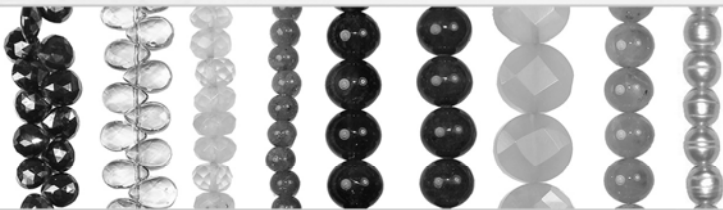


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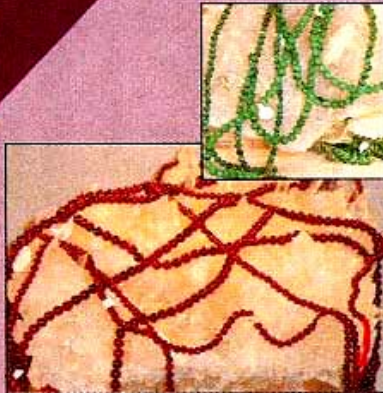
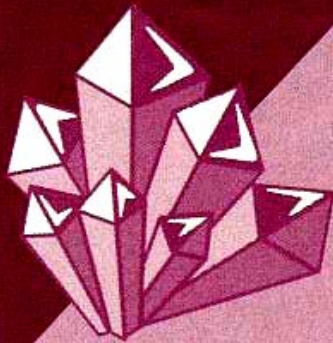
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Silversmith Lab - Fee charged.

Contact Lou Akerman 290-6968

**(Note: The Silversmithing lab will reopen October 1, welcome back Lou!)**

### Mondays 6 - 9 PM

Beginning Faceting - Class fee charged.

Contact Earl Zoeller 886-3518

Beginning Cabbing - Class fee charged.

Contact Billy Bob Riley 668-1082

### Tuesdays 9 AM – Noon

Open Shop. Fee charged. Beginners welcome. Tools and equipment available.

Monitor – Dan Harmsen 721-8452

Rock Sawing – Dave Arens 749-2413

### Tuesdays 10AM - 1PM

Rock Sawing - Fee Charged

Monitor - Jim Baker 886-2126

### Tuesdays 6 - 9 PM

Open Lapidary Lab - Fee charged.

Contact Rob Driver 743-5152

Open Silversmith Lab - Class fee charged.

Contact Billy Bob Riley 668-1082

### Wednesdays 6 - 9PM

Beginning Casting - Class fee charged.

Contact Chuck Lundstrom 577-6446

### Thursdays 1 PM – 4 PM

Beginning Cabbing - Class fee charged.

Contact Billy Bob Riley 668-1082

### Thursdays 10AM - 1PM

Rock Sawing - Fee Charged

Monitor - Jim Baker 886-2126

Please call to confirm Jim's availability

### Fridays 9 AM - Noon

Open Cabbachon Lab - Fee charged.

Contact Dan Harmsen 721-8452

**(Lab will be closed May 18th & reopen October 5th)**

### Fridays 6 - 9 PM

Beginning Faceting & Open Lab Class - fee charged.

Contact (To Be Determined)

### Saturdays 9 - 12 Noon

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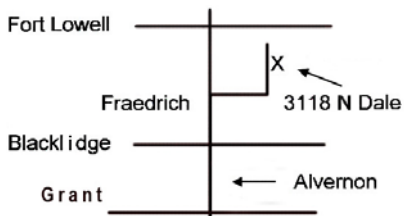
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**Mail to: Membership Chairperson, Old Pueblo Lapidary Club, 3118 N. Dale, Tucson, AZ 85712**



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