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November 14th at 9:00 am for the next monthly meeting. There is an optional social hour that begins at 8:00 am followed by the monthly business meeting. Visitors are always welcome.

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

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THE PREZ SEZ ..... by Dave Richardson, President



The next two meetings are very important so I encourage you to attend both. November is the month we set the proposed Board nominees and review the budget for 2027. December is the election and the Christmas party. If you haven't looked at the club web site, I encourage you to do so. The Old Pueblo Lapidary Club Facebook page is updated also. We hope this helps to bring in younger people to the Club. Lab activity is still hit and miss but the lab owners are working to increase lab attendance. We have a signup list for the Christmas dinner food. Please sign up and bring something. The meats will be supplied by the club. As always, please send me any suggestions you may have.

November 14, 2026, OPLC speaker – Les Presmyk

Arizona - 170 Years of Mining, 114 Years of Statehood, A Legacy of Minerals



We are in for another great treat for our November 14, 2026 OPLC monthly meeting with our returning speaker, Les Presmyk, talking about **Arizona - 170 Years of Mining, 114 Years of State hood, A Legacy of Minerals.**

Arizona's potential mineral riches are what attracted pioneers and settlers to what we now call Arizona. Gold and silver were the first two metals prospectors came looking and with enough success others soon followed. Since about 1885, with the arrival of the railroads, copper became king.
The rich copper deposits of Bisbee, Morenci, Globe-Miami, and Ray not only gave up their copper riches, thousands of beautiful specimens were recovered and

made their way to museums and collections throughout the world. In addition, many smaller but equally and
important mines like the Old Yuma, the Defiance, the Glove and the Red Cloud, not only provided lead, gold silver but also specimens of wulfenite and vanadinite, have become parts of displays worldwide.

Les Presmyk spent over 44 years as a mining engineer in copper mines with Miami Copper Company in Miami, Arizona, with Magma Copper Company in Superior, Arizona and with coal mines in Arizona, Colorado and New Mexico for Salt River Project, Arizona's second largest electric utility. He and his wife of 50 years, Paula, are Arizona natives and are both graduates of the University of Arizona. Les has been actively involved in his community of Gilbert, Arizona for over 30 years, serving as an H.O.A. president, Planning Commissioner, and Town Councilmember for 12 years and additional roles since 2011, including starting and chairing its Veterans Advisory Board. On October 6, 2026, he assumed the role of Arizona's State Mine Inspector.
Les is a Legion of Merit member of SME and served as vice-chairman and Chairman of the Globe-Miami-Superior section of SME from 1978 to 1980. He Is a former President of the Tucson Gem & Mineral Society, a former President of the Mineralogical Society of Arizona, Chairman of the Flagg Mineral Foundation, a founding member of the University of Arizona Mineral Museum Advisory Board, and a member of the Tucson Show Committee for 40 years, along with being the 2026 Show co-chairman. He is chairman of the advisory board for the University of Arizona Mining, Mineral and Natural Resources Education Museum in Phoenix.

Les received the 2002 A. L. Flagg Distinguished Service Award, is a charter member of the 2014 Mineralogical Society of Arizona Hall of Fame, the recipient of the 2017 Carnegie Mineralogical Award, and the 2023 John S. White Mineral Education Legacy Award.

Les has explored and collected in a number of localities in Arizona, Missouri and Mexico and provided mining and engineering expertise at the San Francisco mine in Sonora, Mexico, the Brushy Creek mine in Missouri and the Red Cloud mine in Arizona. Les has written numerous articles and co-authored "Collecting Arizona – State of Mines, Legacy of Minerals". He has spoken at various symposiums, including Dallas, Yale, and the Northwest Friends of Mineralogy Symposium, along with numerous Arizona and New Mexico Symposiums, the Tucson, Springfield, and Denver Shows, and many clubs throughout the United States.

OPLC Speakers Forecast 2027

I would like to thank all of our speakers who give us terrific and diverse presentations that our members truly enjoy. They come near and far and we are definitely enriched by their shared knowledge and expertise. And huge thanks to all of our members who come and are great audiences for our speakers.

Here is the latest list for our upcoming speakers:

November 14, 2026, Les Presmyk, **Arizona - 170 Years of Mining, 114 Years of State hood, A Legacy of Minerals**

December 12, 2026, **Holiday Party, no speaker**

January 9, 2027, Nathan Scholten, **Carving Jade**

February 13, 2027 Martin Fuller, **Madeleine K. Albright, the First Woman Secretary of State: The story of the Pin Diplomacy and her love of fine and costume jewelry**

March 13, 2027, Chris Novak**, Santa Cruz County Geology & Arizona Coronado Project**

April 10, 2027, Scott & Christine Logan, **History of Native American Jewelry**

May 8, 2027, Dr. Larry Fellows, **Wings Over Wilcox and Road Scholar Geology programs**

July 10, 2027, Dr. Jeffrey Martz, paleontologist TTU Lubbock, **updated research on Arizona fossils**

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MINUTES OF OPLC MEMBERSHIP MEETING

October 10, 2026, at 9:00 am at OPLC

William Penrose, Secretary, wrp0143@comcast.net

Bill Gardner gave an entertaining talk on his adventures mining for fluorescents. "The Purple Passion Mine and Fluorescents"

Thank you to Wayne Klement for bringing the donuts today.

Treasurer Report – Dave Richardson - Finances are in good shape.

Membership Report – Brianne McNally – Membership is at 437 in good standing.
New members introduced themselves.

Website – The new website is now online at lapidaryclub.org and comments are welcomed.

Nominating Committee – Ken Briggs – The list of candidates for 2027 was presented to the membership. Members may place further nominations until 2 weeks before the December meeting.

President – Dave Richardson (incumbent)
Vice-President – Chuck Lundstrom (incumbent)
Treasurer – Bruce Noble (incumbent)
Secretary – Bill Penrose (incumbent)
Board (2 year) – Mark Marikos (incumbent entering year 2 of a two year term)
Board (2 year) – Ken Briggs (completing 1 year term and running for 2 year term))
Board (1 year) – Sloane Padilla

Christmas Party – Volunteers will be needed for setup, serving, and cleanup. Lists of potluck foods will be posted at the November meeting.

Silent Auction – Chuck Lundstrom – To be held on November 7. Volunteers are needed; contact Chuck. Credit cards can now be used for the first time.

TGMS Show ("Gem Show") – will also require volunteers to man the booth, and for setup and takedown.

Field Trips – Mo Garrett – A trip to the Hummingbird Mine, near Tonopah, AZ, will be held on October 16 (Saturday) or 24 (Sunday). Signup sheets are available. A $25 entry fee is needed. Mo will also be conducting a wire wrap class on October 28 with some spots still available (max 12 persons, fee $10).

Historian – The club historian, Kambric Hart, was introduced to the membership.

Raffle – brought in about $150.

Door Prizes – were won by Peter Mike, Deb Hannum, and Burns.

Adjourned – 10:45 am

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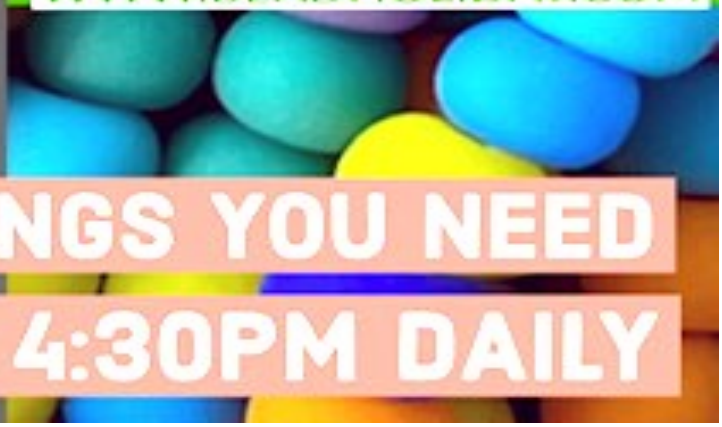


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Nominations Committee Chair Ken Briggs submits the following members for Board Officer and Board Member positions.

President: Dave Richardson
Vice President: Chuck Lundstrom
Secretary: Bill Penrose
Treasurer: Bruce Noble

2 Year Board Member: Mark Marikos
2 Year Board Member: Ken Briggs
1 Year Board Member: Sloane Padilla

Additional nominations can be made by members in good standing by submitting names to Ken Briggs by email at briggsk1236@gmail.com by November 28, 2026. Be sure the person you nominate wants to serve, is a member in good standing for at least 6 months prior to the election,

OPLC MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

MEMBERSHIP RATES FOR NEW MEMBERS

	Jan - Jun	Jul - Dec
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Juniors	$15.00	$10.00

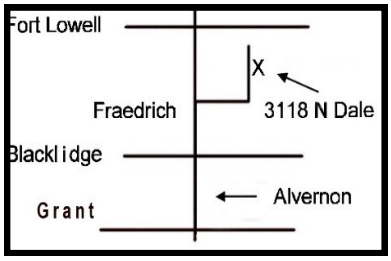
MEMBERS RENEWING

$30.00
$45.00
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Note: Renewal fees will apply for members returning to rejoin regardless of the time of year.

Make check out to OPLC and mail to:

Old Pueblo Lapidary Club
Attn: Membership Chairperson
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The Business Meetings are held on the 2nd Saturday of each month except for December. A pre-meeting social hour is at 8:00 am, followed by an educational program, and ends with the monthly meeting. Visitors are most welcome.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Nathalie Bliss	Richard Kaz	Edythe Palting
Elisabeth Boccardo	Susan Kaz	Jen Pierce
Bradley Deamer	Bret Lenhart	

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Minutes of OPLC Board Meeting
Tuesday, November 3, 2026 5:00 pm,
W Penrose, wrp0143@comcast.net

Present: Dave Richardson presiding, Bruce Noble, Bill Penrose, Chuck Lundstrom, Mark Dragoslovich, Mark Marikos, Mo Garrett, Ken Briggs, Wayne Klement, Wendy Huber, Jan Keisler, Brianne McNally, Giac d'Acquisto, Ray Darragh. A quorum was present.

Treasurer Report – Bruce Noble – Cash flow has been positive. Club finances are in good shape.

Membership – Brianne McNally – currently 442 members in good standing.

Website – The website is now live. Board members and committee chairs may make changes directly with the webmaster, with copies to Dave Richardson.

Lab Reports –

- Cabbing – All OK.
- Silver – All OK. A new class policy will begin in January. There will be one class per month, run by Giac, Sloane Padilla, and Jane Morris in rotation. Class cost is $85 and an optional consumables kit will cost $110.
- Casting – All OK. A new class will begin in November.
- Saw Room – All OK.
- Faceting – All OK. Another Sunday morning class will begin when enough people sign up.

Silent Auction – The auction will proceed this weekend, November 7, with setup on Thursday, November 5. The club can now accept credit cards.

Facilities – Dave Richardson – No progress on the porticos this month due to other priorities.

There will be a termite check in the next few days.

Nominating Committee – Ken Briggs announced that the committee's work is complete, and the slate of candidates for 2027 will be presented to the membership.

2027 Budget – Bruce will send out a proposed budget for next year.

Christmas Party – Signup sheets will be set out at the next membership meeting to organize potluck items. Club-provided food items were assigned to volunteer members.

TGMS Show – Paperwork for the display case was filed with TGMS. Application for the mezzanine space will be filed shortly.

Field Trips – Mo Garrett – Two members made the trip to the Hummingbird Mine near Tonopah. Mo displayed some excellent blue and white specimens of high-quality stone.

The next trip will be November 21, to the Rawley Mine west of Gila Bend, in conjunction with the Sierra Vista club and TGMS.

The wire-wrap class was wound up with the remaining five members. Mo is planning an advanced class in wire wrap.

Adjourn – 5:40 pm



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Helen Serras-Herman (520) 761-9907

CLASSES
See class signup sheets outside of each lab

FIELD TRIPS (COMMITTEE)
"Mo" Maureen Garrett (928) 446-9947

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Kambric Hart

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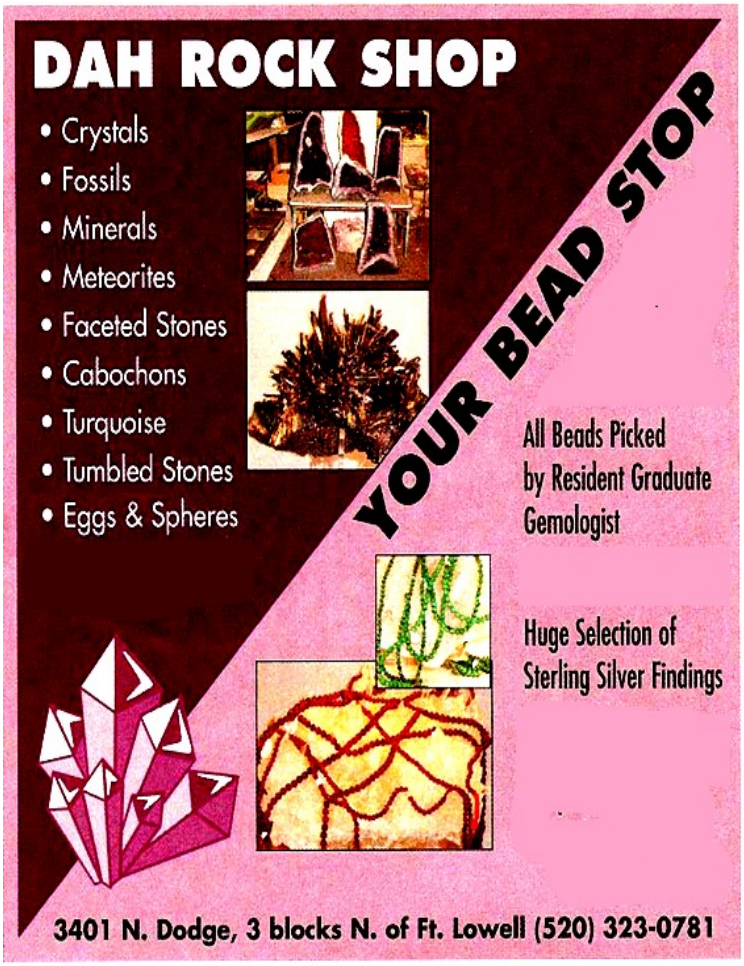
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- Gloria Shenan - Slabs and specimens.
- Linda Capland - Fire Agate, tools and supplies.

This is the lab schedule which is current as of 11-06-26. Please CALL or TEXT (see below) the Monitor that is running the lab to make sure that they have space for you.

Cabbing		
Monday	9am-12pm Mark Dragoslovich (520) 906-4657	Text
	12pm-3pm 1st and 3rd Mondays Dan Lilly (801) 995-9692	Text/Call
	3pm-6:00pm Dennis Stock (602) 421-2707	Text
	6pm-9pm Donovan Wagner (520) 869-2050	Text
Tuesday	9am-12pm 1st and 3rd Tuesday Dan Lilly (801) 995-9692	Text/Call
	NOTE: NO LAB IF NO CALLS OR TEXTS	
	6pm-9pm Brian Peterson (520) 449-2660	Text
Wednesday	5pm-8pm Keith Haubert (520) 784- 8283	Text
Thursday	8am-11am Ken Briggs (520) 780-0640	Text
Friday	10am-1pm David Weaver (520) 548-4414	Text
	1pm-4pm Brianne McNally (520) 589-4791	Text
Sundays	8am-11am Betty Mehlhoff (253) 208-7460	Text
	12pm-2pm Paul Fickle (520) 883-6061	Call
Silversmithing		
Monday	10am-1pm Jane Morris (727) 743-0883	
Tuesday	9am- 12pm Bill Cascio (520) 343-9927	
Wednesday	10am-2pm Sloane Padilla (520) 808-8699	Text Only
	5:30pm-8:00pm Stephanie Mendibles (520) 460-2101	
Thursday	10am-4pm Sloane Padilla (520) 808-8699	Text Only
Friday	10am-2pm Giac D'Acquisto (520) 444-4143	
Saturday	9am-12pm David Schulte (520) 954-8554	
Sunday	10am-2pm Giac D'Acquisto (520) 444-4143	
Faceting		
Monday	9am-12pm Dave Richardson (520) 245-2172 Class & Open Lab	
Wednesday	5:30pm-8:30pm David Schulte (520) 954-8554 Open Lab	
Thursday	4pm-7pm Chuck Lundstrom (520) 241-9262 Class	
Sunday	12:30pm-3:30pm Dave Richardson (520) 245-2172 Class & Open Lab	
Casting	**Casting classes sign up outside the Casting Department clip board outside the lab door. Chuck will teach Lost Wax casting classes every other month starting in January.**	
Monday	Noon-3pm 1st Monday of the month Investing Liz Williams (818) 300-5262	
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Wednesday	4pm-7pm Chuck Lundstrom (520) 241-9262	
Thursday	9am-12pm Mark Dragoslovich (520) 906-4657	
	1st & 2nd Friday 9am-12pm Ed Maxwell (520) 906-3713	
Friday	9am- 12pm 1st and 3rd Friday Ed Maxwell (520) 905-3713	
	9am-12pm 3rd and 4th Friday of the month Trevor Mock (520) 461-59	
Sunday	9am-12pm Shiwen Meyers (520) 609-5130	
Saw Room		
Monday	7am-11am Ray Darragh (480) 652-0648	
Wednesday	7am-11am Ray Darragh (480) 652-0648	
Sunday	8am-11am Betty Mehlhoff (253) 208-7460	