

“CUTTING REMARKS”

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**October 10th 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 (waynekle@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

Fall is here and the temperatures are now below 100! The Tailgate sale is October 3rd with a forecast of great weather. The Nominating Committee will announce their proposed candidates at the October meeting, giving plenty of time for everyone time to enter nominations as well. The Silent Auction will be November 7th starting at 9:00AM with lots of lapidary materials and equipment. Who knows, you might find that special rock you didn't know you needed. December holds the Christmas party and the annual elections. We will have a signup sheet in the Kitchen for volunteers to help with the Christmas party and food members will bring. The Club will furnish the meats as usual. We are very close to launching our new attractive website. I encourage members to get involved with the special events and using our lab facilities. We have some of the best labs and learning opportunities in the country! If anybody has any suggestions, questions, or ideas please let me or one of the Board members know. We want to continue to make our club better for our members.



October 10, 2026, OPLC speaker – Bill Gardner Purple Passion Mine, Fluorescent Minerals & Lamps

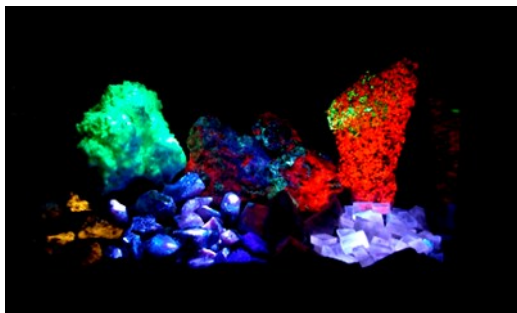


Photo courtesy Bill Gardner

We are in for another great treat for our June 13, 2026 OPLC monthly meeting with a new speaker, Bill Gardner, from Way Too Cool. The presentation will start with the Purple Passion mine (he is the owner), transition to explanations of what is UV, then on to the fluorescent minerals at PPM. Then, Bill will talk about fluorescent minerals and phosphorescence, tenebrescence, triboluminescence, and thermal luminescence. He will finish with brief descriptions and photos of UV equipment.

Way Too Cool, LLC was founded in 1998 by Bill Gardner. He holds multiple degrees including an AS in engineering and a BA in geology specializing in mineralogy. Bill was a NRC licensed Reactor Operator at Yankee Atomic Electric Company in Rowe, MA. In 1992, Bill started working at Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station and he retired from them in 2024.

In 1996, Bill and five other people started collecting minerals at the Purple Passion Mine in Arizona. For the first year, the focus was hunting for good specimens of wulfenite and they dug a shaft about

55 feet deep into the mineralized vein. Although they found many interesting specimens, they never did find high value wulfenite specimens. In 1997, they saw the material fluorescing brilliant red, green, blue, and white. That changed his life.

Fluorescent minerals are very hard to sell without UV lamp fixtures and vice versa. UV lamp fixtures are expensive. At the time, Bill's resources to put towards mineral collecting were pretty slim, and he built a UV lamp fixture using a 36 watt linear tube/bulb/lamp from a swimming pool sterilizer, a piece of 2-foot plastic pipe, some aluminum foil, and a piece of Hoya U325C filter glass. The rest is history. Bill is constantly researching the most cost effective ways to bring fluorescent lamp fixtures to the world. His company, Way Too Cool, offers UV lamp fixtures for new rockhounds and museums, and everyone in between. (www.fluorescents.com)

Bill will answer questions and have examples of minerals and equipment.

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

OPLC Speakers Forecast 2026-2027

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:

October 10, 2026, Bill Gardner, **The Purple Passion Mine & Fluorescent lights**

November 14, 2026, Les Presmyk, **Arizona's Silver Belt**

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

February 13, 2027.....

March 13, 2027.....

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**



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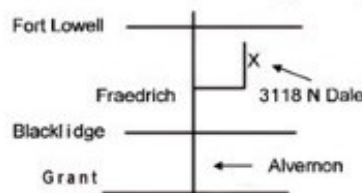
DATE: Saturday, November 7, 2026 HOURS: 9:00am-2:00pm

This is once-a-year chance to select all your mineral and lapidary needs from a myriad of mineral specimens, faceting rough, cutting material, slabs, polished stones, equipment (rock saws, kiln, faceting machines, etc). The equipment along the walls will be the last items to be sold.

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OPLC MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

September 12, 2026, at 9:00 am at OPLC
William Penrose, Secretary, wrp0143@comcast.net

Mo Garrett spoke on “Organizing Your Collection,” emphasizing that someday we won’t be able to tell people what we want done with a lifetime’s collection of specimens, and that we should be organizing, identifying, and labeling our rocks now.

Thank you to Wayne Klement for bringing the donuts today.

Treasurer Report – Bruce Noble - Finances are in good shape. Income at this time of year is mainly from shop passes and class fees.

Membership Report – Brianne McNally – As the new Membership Chairperson, Brianne led a thank-you to Jan Keisler for her years of service in the position. Membership is at 425 in good standing. New members introduced themselves.

Tailgate Sale – will be held October 3, from 8am to noon. Sellers can set up at 7 am, \$10 donation from sellers.

Silent Auction – Will be held November 7. This year, credit cards can be used, but with an added fee of 3%.

Nominating Committee – Ken Briggs – two additional members are needed for the nominating committee. The report will be given at the November meeting, but nominations “from the floor” will be accepted up to two weeks before the election at the Christmas Party.

Major Events – Help is needed for the setup for the Christmas Party as well as the TGMS show. Wendy will be unable to participate this year.

Website and Social Media – The draft version of the new website will soon be available for the Board’s evaluation.

Lab Reports -

Cab lab – Always call before coming to the Thursday evening session, or the monitor will not be there.

Silver lab – A new class starts 9/22. The cost is \$85 plus materials.

Field Trips – Mo Garrett is arranging a field trip to the San Javier Mine in late September or October.

Raffle – Brought in about \$250

Door Prize – A decorative, polished slab of Teran Wash jasper was won by Mark Marikos.

Adjourned – 10.30 am

SPECIAL BOARD OF DIRECTOR APPOINTMENT

Ken Briggs will be talking to members about volunteering to run for President, Vice President, Secretary, and 3 Board of Director positions - (2 - 2 year and 1 - 1 year terms).

Ken Briggs (520-780-0640) is Chair of the Nominations Committee and invites members to join him. The bylaws state that the Nominations Committee make the nominations for Club Officers and Board members. Nominations can also be made from the floor or by proxy no later than two weeks prior to the Annual Meeting.

OPLC MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

An application form can be downloaded from the Club website at: www.lapidaryclub.org

MEMBERSHIP RATES FOR NEW MEMBERS

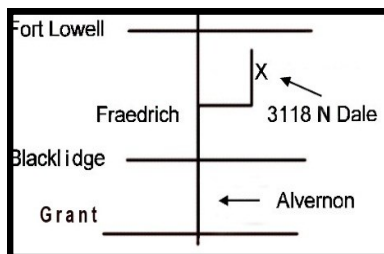
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Single	\$35.00	\$20.00
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MEMBERS RENEWING

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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.

Our email address is: opl3118@gmail.com

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Lindsey Balderston
John Hammond
Adrienne Iguchi
David Lalo

David Nation
Jesse Nodora
Russell Phillips
Chelsea Schorr

Mark Schorr
Meryl Smyth

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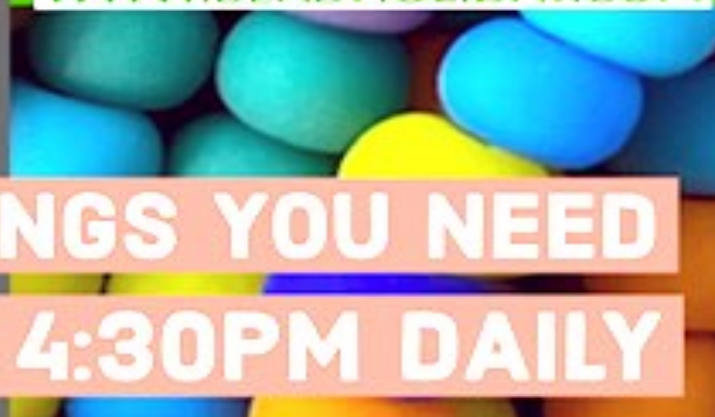
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Thanks to those that have made donations in the past to help keep this Club running! We welcome donations so if you have lapidary related items, please call Chuck Lundstrom, 520-241-9262 or Wayne Klement, 520-954-6298 and leave a message to make arrangements to have the donation picked up if you need help, or to drop off at the Club.

- Jarrell Wicker - Miscellaneous mineral specimens.



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Mike Tucker (520) 400-9656

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Helen Serras-Herman (520) 761-9907

CLASSES

See class signup sheets outside of each lab

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"Mo" Maureen Garrett (928) 446-9947

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MINUTES OF OPLC BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, September 29, 2026 5:00 pm,
W Penrose, wrp0143@comcast.net

Present: Dave Richardson presiding, Bruce Noble, Bill Penrose, Wayne Klement, Jan Keisler, Brianne McNally, Ken Briggs, Giac d'Acquisto, Ray Darragh. Some weather-related absences, but a quorum was present.

Treasurer Report – Bruce Noble – Reported that the Treasury is in good standing.

Membership – Brianne McNally – currently 430 members in good standing.

Website – Edythe Palting was absent. A transfer of the domain from Brian to Starweb Creative must take place when the site is ready to go live.

Lab Reports –

Cabbing – All OK.

Silver – All OK. Silver lab attendance is highly variable day to day.

Casting – All OK. Very busy.

Sawroom – All OK. The 20-inch blade has been replaced. .

Faceting – All OK. Day to day attendance is highly variable.

Nominating Committee – Ken Briggs has assembled a full slate of candidates, which will be revealed at the membership meeting.

Tailgate Sale – The sale will be held on October 3, 8 am to noon.

Christmas Party – Help will be needed with decorations and serving. David and Lalie Hall have volunteered to help.

Field Trips – Mo Garrett – No report.

Facilities – Dave Richardson – two estimates have been received for replacing the three porticos around the meeting hall, in the range of \$11K to \$12K. Giac suggested that further detail is needed on specifics, and preferably a third estimate, before proceeding. The issue was tabled for now.

Historian – Brianne suggested a person to take the historian position. There was a short discussion on where suitable records might be located.

Other Business – no other business

Adjourn – 6.00 pm

This is the lab schedule which is current as of 09-12-26. 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 12pm-3pm 1st and 3rd Mondays Dan Lilly (801) 995-9692 3pm-6:00pm Dennis Stock (602) 421-2707 6pm-9pm Donovan Wagner (520) 869-2050	Text Text/Call Text Text
Tuesday	9am-12pm 1st and 3rd Tuesday Dan Lilly (801) 995-9692 NOTE: NO LAB IF NO CALLS OR TEXTS 6pm-9pm Brian Peterson (520) 449-2660	Text/Call Text
Wednesday	5pm-8pm Keith Haubert (520) 784- 8283	Text
Thursday	8am-11am Ken Briggs (520) 780-0640 1pm-4pm Wendy Huber (520)-445-0289 (Sept 3 - Nov 19, then closed))	Text Text
Friday	10am-1pm David Weaver (520) 548-4414 1pm-4pm Brianne McNally (520) 589-4791	Text Text
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Wednesday	10am-2pm Sloane Padilla (520) 808-8699 5:30pm-8:00pm Stephanie Mendibles (520) 460-2101	Text Only
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 Noon-3pm 2nd Monday of the month Burn Out Liz Williams (818) 300-5262	
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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	

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