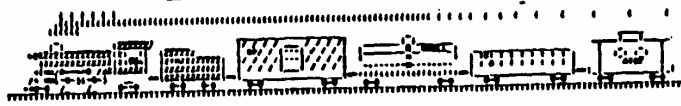




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LETTER FROM THE PREZ

Not much news from down under at present. Gary Sturdevant will be back on the 4th of November. His Dad, Gale, is off hunting until next week, so I haven't heard the latest on his return, except he has bought sane Opal and can be contacted on his return at: Commercial Grinding Co., (213) 636-2401.

Please come cut for the "OPAL SHOW" and give your support to keeping cur great organization on an even keel, the, two or three hours volunteer work to help cover the show will be greatly appreciated. Contact Jewett Pattee for the times and areas where someone is needed so that we don't have a situation where all help is there for the morning and none for the rest of the time.

On grinding Black Opal, at Lightning Ridge, the rule of thumb is; if there's color follow it. If it's flat then grind flat with whatever potch is on the back. Example:

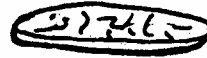


Color is .010 - .030 thick with a thin backing.

On lots of color and ample potch the stone can look like this:



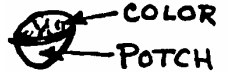
Odd shapes and sizes. From the side, like this:



Bottom potch
For pocket type bezel mountings



Rounded bottom potch



Much more can be said on this sub3ect, but at \$10,000.00 a carat, red on black Ridge Opal, nothing is cut away if at all possible. Yet only good calibrated stones with top colors fetch top prices in Japan, so it's go for the gold, Mate.

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If you wish to make further nominations, please write to the P.O. Box buy November 23rd.

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G'Day!

Remember Me. Woman opal miner Lightning Ridge. I'm still deep in the dirt down under in the Land Down Under.

I have a beaut' of a display on black opals that I'd be happy to share but I'm not up to a sales booth. I'm coming to the show anyway. Will set up a show display if want me.

Please let me know soon and if yes, send me the measurement & sketch of size & construction where of case including where lights are.

Thanks for your response.

Hope to see all in November.

Sincerely,
Barbara McCondra
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HAPPY THANKSGIVING EVERYONE I! I

Just think only 7 weeks until Christmas!! "Say WHAT"!!

We all enjoyed the Octobers Chapter Meeting. We had a fair turn-out. Our good friend & chapter member Cliff Coan opened our eyes to good nutrition, and some helpful tips on eating and exercise. "Did you know that your dinner salad should be eaten LAST? It's because your stomach can not digest the rough leaves. Also, did you know that liquids should be consumed either a half hour before or after meals and not with them. Because in so doing your washing away the very salvia that starts digesting your food." It was all very interesting, I would have liked 3 more hours to hear more. But unfortunately at 9:00 sharp they were actually booting us out. Thank-you Cliff for your well planned presentation, we all enjoyed it and learned something.

The City Library has cut down on security, and have made it quite clear to us that we must be out at exactly 9:00 P.M.

So if everyone can please get there around 7:00 so we can get our coffee, chat, and sit down, our speakers won't feel so rushed. And we'll have a few minutes to enjoy each others company.

Nov. 9th, There will be NO MEETING!

The members of your board have decided that due to all of the logistics involved with the annual Opal Show that the meeting be cancelled.

There are plenty of Opal Show flyer/coupons available. Be sure to get some and invite the world!!! Nov. 18th & 19th will be here before we know It.

Those of you with items for the Contest be sure to have it turned in Saturday early A.M.

DECEMBER IS COMING!! Be thinking about your nominees for board members:

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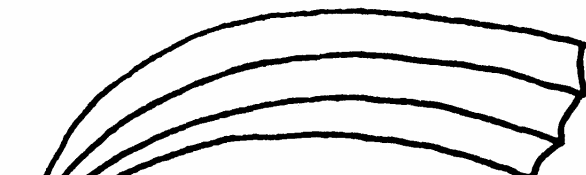
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