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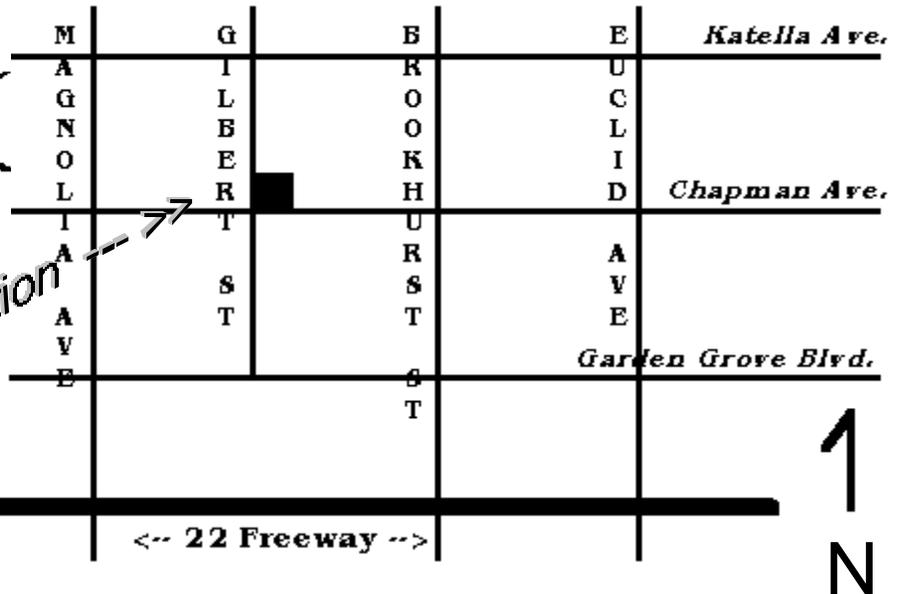
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TO:



Meeting Location →



Merry christmas



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1998 ELECTION BALLOT

PRESIDENT CAROL BOVA _____
 PRESIDENT (WRITE IN CHOICE) _____

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 VICE PRES (WRITE IN CHOICE) _____

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MEMBERS: Please mark your votes above and mail this ballot to American Opal Society, P.O. Box 382, Anaheim, CA 92815 as soon as possible. The ballots will be counted at the December 10th General Meeting. Those in attendance will be able to vote at the meeting before the ballots are tallied.

HELP PLEASE: We are looking for a volunteer for the position of Club Secretary. This involves attending the board meeting once a month, taking notes and preparing minutes. Other duties include (1) keeping track of the calendar for upcoming club business/events, (2) occasionally mailing correspondence to prospective members. and (3) a small amount of filing and record keeping.

If you can help us, please talk to a board member. Remember our club is only as strong as our commitment!!! Thanks!

Merry Christmas

ANNUAL AOS
 CHRISTMAS PARTY
 MEMBERS AND FRIENDS
 ARE INVITED

WHEN: Thursday December 10 --- 7 PM

WHERE: Garden Grove Civic Women's Club (our regular meeting room) at 9501 Chapman Ave., Garden Grove

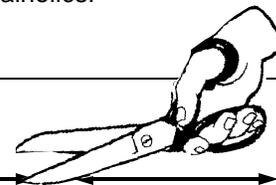
FOOD: Potluck*

* The club is providing meat and soft drinks.

RESERVATIONS: Stan McCall is handling arrangements. please call him ASAP to confirm your attendance (714) 827-5680. Stan is preparing a list of items to bring, please sign up for an item when you call.

Remember, the party is NEXT THURSDAY, December 10th.

Come on out and enjoy some great food and fellowship with fellow opalholics!



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(all addresses outside USA)

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(if yes, please sign or initial here) _____ date _____

without your signature here you will not be included in the dealer info list

MEMBERSHIP ROSTER: Yes, include my name and/or address and/or phone information in a published AOS membership directory...

[Please circle any of these → NAME / ADDRESS / PHONE if you prefer a partial listing.]

(if yes please sign or initial here) _____ date _____

without your signature here you will not be included in the member roster

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C O U N T R Y (I F O U T S I D E U . S .)

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NAME BADGE ORDER FORM: (OPTIONAL)

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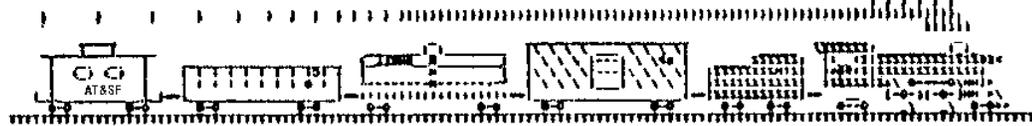
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President's Message

from **Wes Roth**

Greetings,

The American Opal Society Christmas Dinner (10th December) is just two weeks away and as we're getting final preparations together, just a quick reminder that if you haven't contacted Stan McCall (714-827-5680) with your dish of choice, please do so as soon as possible. The Opal Society will be supplying the Meat Courses as well as beverages. The Burtons are supplying the excellent wines as they have at the previous years' dinners.

The new officers of the Opal Society will be announced at the January General meeting so please send in your ballot as soon as possible for tabulation. Remember you can mail it, phone a board member or email it to one of the listed members on the front of the Opal Express.

On behalf of the Board Members, I would again like to say Thank You to all who volunteered their time and efforts to making the annual show a great success. Also to all the Dealers who unselfishly gave so that the raffle was also a success... Thanks to all. And another Thank You to those Dealers, Members and Friends who donated/loaned items for the AOS Display Case. Your contributions were much appreciated by the AOS all who viewed the Case this year.

Hope to see you all at the Dinner, and to all our members in other parts of the world who can't be here the Best of the Holiday Season to you and yours.

Wes Roth
President

....If you're asking Santa for a complete set of Mineralogical Records for Christmas You Are A Rockhound.

1998 Opal Show Is In The Books

While it will be several weeks before a final accounting is complete, we have a significant list of opal dealers and club members who contributed to the show's success. Many members chipped in throughout the weekend beginning Friday night with set up and concluding Sunday afternoon with tear down. A big BIG thank you to each and every one who helped.

Door Prizes: an exceptional array of door prizes were donated this year. Due to illegible writing on the winning tickets a few names are not complete but we have addresses and the prizes are in the process of being mailed.

Please be patient as it takes a while to complete the mailings.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

General Meeting
Annual
Christmas Party
Thurs. Dec 10 7PM

Board of
Directors
Meeting
Monday
Dec 7 7PM

Work Shop Information...

The Opal Society workshop is located in a light industrial complex in Fullerton. The address is Unit #9, 651 N. State College Blvd.

Directions: exit the 91 Fwy onto State College Blvd. and go north. Proceed through the intersection of Orangethorpe continuing a short distance further on State College. Go over the railroad tracks and turn left into the complex on the west side of the street. If you go over the second RR crossing turn around. Proceed behind the front row of businesses and make your first right. Then follow the road around to the left. The workshop has a large "9" over the door.

Only AOS members may use the equipment and workshop. You will be required to sign a release form as well.

Workshop Schedule on Page 5 shows dates/times and appointment instructions. ☼

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The McCondra Report

By Barbara McCondra

Lambina Opal Field

A great new rush is again on at the homestead pronounced by the owners as rhyming with stamina but with the "b" sound----Lambina. The miners pronounce it as Lambeena. The crystal opal is magnificent----- full of fire, clarity, and red, red, red. Some in Australia hesitate to buy because new fields haven't been tested for stability. Others remind you that Lambina has been mined somewhat for fifteen years. Soooo what to do? Buy a bit to test yourself and pay carefully/frugally. Buy from dealers who will stand behind their opal. I heard the rumors, but I have heard such rumors every time there is a new rush. Usually just before the buyers hit the field.

The Aborigines have the noodling rights to the new field and were there in force, a hundred Aborigines on the heaps the first day. There was a lot of opal that the spotters behind the bulldozer had missed and the Pintjantjatjarra Tribe was harvesting it. Drill rigs were everywhere trying to outline a paying patch before beginning to bulldoze an open cut.

Opal was there at the 4-ft. level and it was alluvial in formation---rather jumbled up in rock that could be soaked to pick free the crystal opal and the light opal. There was a lot of talk about black maybe going to be found but no one 'fessed up to having found any. Len Cram was there photographing in the field. The TV cameras and crew had just left a couple days before. A new rush is always so exciting. For sure there will be Lambina opal for sale in Tucson this year. Wish I could say I have some but I was playing author and photographer not opal buyer on this trip. I'll keep you posted as I know more current news. I was there in end of August.



Name Badges...

Price per badge is \$5 which includes the badge itself and engraving of up to two lines of text: one line for your first and last name and, if you wish, a second line for nickname or if applicable, your opal related business name. These engraving options give members flexibility to include many types of identification.

Please allow 3 to 4 weeks for completion of engraving. ❁

Club Party for Christmas

YOU'RE INVITED TO A PARTY !!!

COME ONE, COME ALL. The more the merrier!!!

Because last year's party was so much fun we are going to do it again much the same way this year. The date/time will be our regular meeting night, the second Thursday of December at the regular meeting room.

For the benefit of our new members, that's...

Thursday December 10th

**Garden Grove Civic Women's Club
9501 Chapman
Garden Grove, CA**

Northeast corner of Gilbert and Chapman.

Festivities will begin at 7PM.

Dinner will be potluck. The club will provide catered meats (roast beef and ham) and soft drinks, Club members will sign up with Stan McCall to bring salads, appetizers, veggies, etc and of course desserts.

In response to a question asked in the past, yes it is perfectly all right to bring friends and guests!

Please call Stan ASAP (714) 827-5680 to sign up for a dish to bring.

There may be a few surprises at this meeting and you won't want to miss the chance for a nice holiday evening where you get to eat 25 different dishes and you only have to wash one!

!!! Please come on out and join the fun !!!



PLEASE NOTE!!! The American Opal Society assumes no responsibility for injury or damage due to accidents or carelessness. Members and guests assume all risks during club activities.

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

#1180 Ed Johnson
#1181 Neil Miyazaki



Membership Roster Changes/Additions

New Listing - Neil Miyazaki 18220 Avis Ave., Torrance, CA 90504
Changes - (none)

(310) 370-7612 Member # 1181

Dues Expire 99-11

ITEMIZATION

ITEM: At our annual Opal & Gem Show last month AOS President Wes Roth was pleased to confer **Honorary Life Membership** upon **Clare Gagnon** in recognition of Clare's untiring efforts on behalf of all facets (smile) of the lapidary and jewelry arts. Clare always has time to answer questions and has been a regular demonstrator at our annual shows for many years. Thank you Clare, and welcome to the AOS! ❁

ITEM: November guest speakers, **Mike Kowalsky** and **Bob Dixon** shared about their outings with the club. Bob described the Earth Studies program in Marysville ("Zzyzx north") at Camp Paradise. This is east of Sacramento and a ways up into the Sierra foothills. 3 AOS members were in attendance: Bob, his wife, and Gerry Chrysler. Cost was quite low at \$190 per person. This fee included room and board and all costs except supplies such as wire for wire wrapping class. Bob judged the food was a little better than at Zzyzx.

In addition to wire wrapping, there was a very good lapidary teacher, silversmithing lessons, lost wax casting, and faceting. Field trips took guests to nearby mining ghost towns, a serpentine site, and several places for gold panning. They were taken to the spot where the gold mine employees themselves pan in their spare time!

Bob's Gold Panning Hint: put a couple pieces of lead shot (from shot gun shells) under your gold bearing gravels. If you're using proper panning techniques the shot will still be there when you get to the last fines. Other panning tips included look where water spills over boulders as the churning settles gold to the bottom of spill-pools, and look in the roots of river grass.

On their final field trip they went to the Yuba River and were permitted to rockhound a private site where "Yuba Blue" stone is found. The best also includes red patterning. Bob didn't say exactly what type of rock this is but it sure sounds nice!

Finally Bob noted he was glad they brought along an electric fan for their room as they found the weather to be quite hot even though it was well past mid-summer! ❁

Mike Kowalsky continued his talk about traveling around

Australia last August and presented photos as well as opal samples from Yowah and Lightning Ridge. In addition, Mike's very interesting video treated the folks to a look inside **Len Cram's opal growing lab**. Depicted were shelves lined with jars holding fiery opal chunks and jars with seams of opal forming in what Len terms "opal dirt" right before our eyes. In spite of the difficulty a video camera has with capturing opal's color play, it was still very evident that Len is making real headway in his search to unlock the secret of how silica spheres become arranged into a refraction grating. If only the material were stable! But then part of the allure of the Queen of Gems is that she is a lady who will not unveil her secrets easily! Next time Mike will continue the adventure with visits to more Australian opal sites. ❁

ITEM: **Len Cram's new book**, the first in a series of three, is available now. Because shipping in advance of sales is prohibitively costly, copies have not been brought into the US by opal dealers but you can get yours by sending \$130.00 American funds (cashiers check or money order) to Len Cram, P.O. Box 2, Lightning Ridge, New South Wales 2834, Australia. Be sure to include your name and address for return shipment. ❁

ITEM: **The 1998 Opal & Gem Show** is in the books. A BIG THANKS to the many AOS members who chipped in to take care of all the chores involved. This year's show was a little unusual in that attendance was somewhat low on Saturday, but was exceptionally high on Sunday. It was noted in chatting with one person that whenever the weather changes (it rained Saturday night) people come out. Are we like ants or what!? See the items elsewhere in this issue regarding door prizes and dealer participation. ❁

ITEM: **Leonid Meteor showers.** Did you see the November "fires in the sky"? From my vantage near Palm Springs, I saw some 100 small ones plus one big fireball, all in an hour's time. If you missed the Leonids they are predicted to be as good or better for our hemisphere next year. The **Geminid showers** will peak between December 13th 10PM through December 14th 3AM. ❁

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Remember When?

A Look Into Past Newsletter Items

(It's been a while since we've taken a stroll down memory lane. Let's hark back to 1974 – specifically to the June 5, 1974 AOS newsletter and look in on a general meeting report...)

May Meeting:

AOS President Elmer Reed introduced and explained the appraisal form to be used in the evening's program of appraisal of finished opal. He gave a brief but interesting review of base colors and fire colors.

The little talk is always a tremendous assist just prior to these appraisal sessions. We all get used to looking at opal without mentally breaking down what we see into an analysis of color and structure. Eventually, when a time comes that we must take a critical look at an opal it becomes too easy to let our eyes and heart do the appraising. The appraisal sessions are invaluable in that we are reminded that factors other than eye appeal really do determine the value of an opal.

One table was set aside as an advisors table, to give those people who have opal rough or questions about opal rough a chance to get some expert advice on values, cutting techniques, and opal rough in general.

I don't know why, but opal rough has always held as much fascination for me as the polished stone. Maybe it is the challenge of the rough – a mental exercise, maybe even subconscious, on how it could be cut and polished to best advantage. A piece of rough is very much alive and vibrant and has, usually, endless possibilities. A finished stone, on the other hand, is exactly that – finished. It does nothing but lay there, finished, with nothing much further we can do to improve it except to present it or view it under better lighting conditions, and to enhance it with a beautiful setting.

But opal rough! A person can spend hours just staring at opal rough, peering into windows, studying fire layers and savoring the delicious excitement of anticipation. It is said Father Time does not count those hours a man spends with

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Workshop schedule

Be sure to check here for workshop schedule updates. The dates listed below are those available to the AOS in our time share agreement with the Searchers. The shop is presently being opened to members on Wednesday nights but... **Please continue to contact Stan McCall by calling him at Lapidary Intl. (714) 827-5680 if you plan to attend a shop session.**

December 1998

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

WORKSHOP RULES

These rules are effective October 1, 1997. Please see newsletter for monthly shop schedule.

- 1) Shop may only be used by AOS members.
- 2) Shop users must sign liability waiver.
- 3) Shop users must sign in. Shop supervisor will maintain sign-in list and collect usage fees.
- 4) Shop usage will be in sessions on scheduled days as noted below:
 - Session #1 10AM - 2PM
 - Session #2 2PM - 6PM
 - Session #3 6PM - 9PM
- 5) Shop usage fees: effective immediately...
SHOP USAGE FEE IS \$3 PER SESSION.
- 6) To assist us in scheduling, shop sessions need to be reserved in advance. Please contact Stan McCall or any member of the board of directors to reserve shop time.

Opal Show

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Below is the list of donations and winners with apologies for the incomplete entries.

DONATION	DONATED BY	WINNER
Jar Mexican opal matrix	American Opal Society	Pete Drew
I Love Opal badges	American Opal Society	Faye McDowell
Sterling silver w/ opal pendant	Australian Boulder Opal	Gorges Anorus
Yowah nut dome	Australian Opal Imports	Sharon Price
Chunk of obsidian	Bova Gems	Barbara Thomas
Thunder egg slice	Bova Gems	Raymond Uri
Sphere	Campbell Gemstones	Greg Howell
Wooden pen and pencil holder	Clam Shell	Leona Beiqent
Pendant	Freeform Creations	Pete Drew
Pendant	Freeform Creations	???
Yowah nut	Greg Howell's Quality Gems	Joyce Florence
5 oz jar Lightning Ridge opal rough	House of Tibara	Mora Compton
Pair opal earrings	Idaho Opal Mines	A. Rogers
Andamooka rough	Jay's Jewelry	Ruth Wallace
Mexican opal cab	KP Custom Designs	Russ Madsen
Stirling silver ring with opal	Land of Wonder	Afton Scroggin
Blue pendant	Land of Wonder	Bill ???
Pendant with opal	Land of Wonder	C. Ellsworth
Bag of rough opal	Lapidary International	Laree Rasmussen
Magnifier	Opal Cutter Wes Roth	Ken Davis
Magnifier	Opal Cutter Wes Roth	Russ Madsen
Letter Punch Set	Opal Cutter Wes Roth	Nandu Nichani
Pair of jade cabs	Hisako Schlatter	L.W. ???
\$50 gift certificate	Super Blue Green Cell Tech	C.L. Sokoloff
Black opal cab	Tikka Opals	Bill ???

Remember When? (continued)

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a fishing pole in his hands. I am sure that in His infinite wisdom he could not possibly count the hours an opal lover spends in quiet study and admiration of his favorite stones.

There was much animated discussion at the finished opal appraisal tables, so I guess those sessions were interesting. Did you notice how closely everybody's estimates were on any particular stone?

...I think it's about time we gave a great big hand to Jacob and Lauritta Schmidt who hold the record hands down, for dedicated attendance at the general meetings. They travel 84 miles each way through rain, wind, and black of night, and I don't think they have missed a meeting since they joined. They come all the way from Sun City, always arrive on time, and leave only at the end of the meetings.

...It is always a pleasure seeing Jacob and Lauritta at the meetings. Now, do you still regret the 20 to 30 miles you have to drive? ☼



???? CLUB ELECTIONS NOW ????

Just a reminder that the election ballot is on Page 1 of this issue of the Opal Express. Please do vote!



We Would Like to Send a Special Note of Thanks to ROCKHOUND NOTES, another newsletter, for running a very nice item on the AOS Opal Show. We regularly exchange newsletters with Rockhound Notes and several copies of it are archived in our library as they contain items which might be of interest to opalholics. And members don't forget we have opal related books and videos too which are available for you to check out. Please talk to Bob Dixon, AOS Librarian. ☼



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CFMS EARTH SCIENCE STUDIES

APRIL 11 - 18, 1999

ZZYZX ROAD, SODA SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA



A CFMS Earth Science Seminar will be held at Soda Springs (Zzyzx) which is located 50 miles northeast of Barstow on Zzyzx Road.

These desert study classes will offer lectures on minerals, flora and fauna of the area; field trips to old mines and rock collecting areas; and instruction in our hobby/craft. Our primary goal is to provide a place to learn in the midst of good comradeship.

The facilities are very rustic. They are dormitory style rooms with a bed, mattress, and desk. Each person is responsible for cleaning his/her own room. Rest room and showers are provided in a separate building. As this is a desert area, no pets allowed.

Register for this exciting and interesting seven days by completing this form and mailing it with full payment by March 15, 1999. No cancellations after this date unless there is a replacement.

Send form and payment made out to CFMS to:

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101 North Wake Forest Avenue
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(805) 642-3155

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PLEASE CHECK THE ACTIVITIES THAT INTEREST YOU:

FIELD TRIPS

- _____ Old mines/boom towns
- _____ Rock collecting
- _____ Mineral collecting

LECTURES

- _____ Minerals
- _____ Flora & Fauna
- _____ Geological formations

WORKSHOPS

- _____ Bead stringing
- _____ Silver smithing
- _____ Sculpturing
- _____ Wire fabrication
- _____ Cabochons

FEES: Fees include rustic lodging, three meals per day, and workshops. There may be small additional fees for materials used in the workshops

Double occupancy	\$220.00 per person _____
Dormitory room	\$220.00 per person _____
RV parking	\$220.00 per person _____

OPALS, The Care and Feeding of

by Barr L. Doty, ISA, GG

While "organizing" my opal files recently I came across several pages of hand-written notes regarding the care of opals - quotes from a number of sources retained for future reference. I determined the future had arrived and transferred these scraps of information to Microsoft Word. The list follows:

General Information

- Precious opal has a Mohs Hardness of 5.0 to 6.5, similar to hematite, lapis lazuli, turquoise, and man-made glass.
- Precious opals are heat sensitive due to their water content. Most opal is comprised of 6 – 10% water, but some stones may contain over 20%. A higher water content, of course, increases the risk of damage.

Storage of Specimen (not to be cut) Opals

- Liquid Silicon: This viscous semi-liquid can protect the stones from mechanical shock and sudden temperature changes. It is close to the refractive index of opal which enables it to mask - not heal - existing cracks. However, it may be impractical for use in large quantities due to the expense.
- Glycerin: This emollient can also protect opal and hide cracks, plus it is inexpensive. However, it can enlarge existing cracks and induce new cracking.
- Mineral Oil: The viscosity of this material may protect opals from external damage. However, it is not recommended for long-term storage because opals will absorb the oil, become dull, eventually turn yellow, and lose their play-of-color.
- Water: The cheapest, safest, and best fluid in which to store and display specimen opals. It is recommended that ordinary bleach be added sparingly (1 or 2 drops) to distilled water for preventing the formation of algae.

Do's and Don'ts

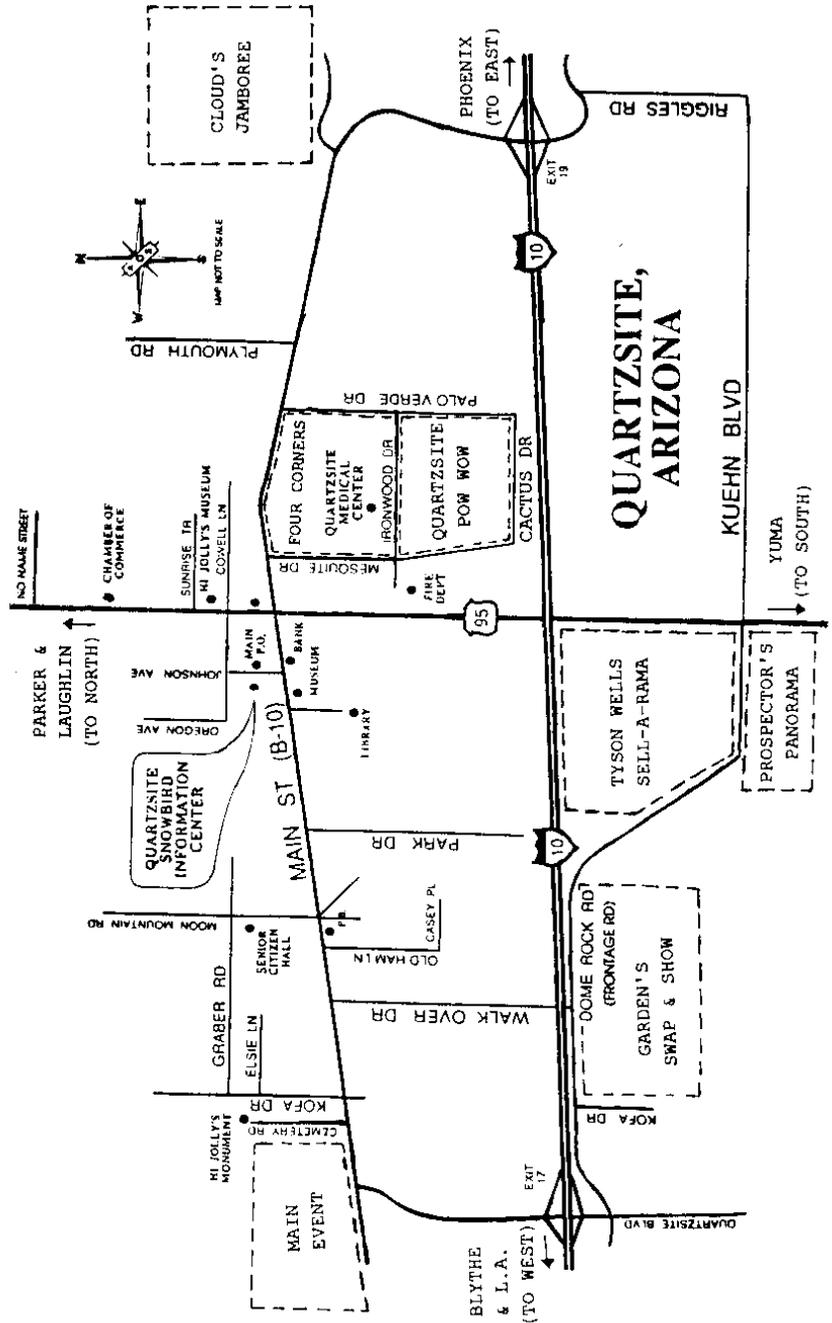
- Do not store opals in high heat, direct sunlight, or brightly lighted showcases - and remove opal jewelry while cooking. Overheating will give most gems a milky or brownish appearance and destroy their play-of-color.
- Do not expose opals to sudden, extreme changes in temperature or humidity as they may crack, craze, or fracture. Wear gloves to protect opal rings and bracelets when departing a warm environment to enter severely cold surroundings.
- Do not store opals in bank vaults or safe-deposit boxes because the low humidity maintained in the facilities will rapidly induce crazing.
- Remove opal jewelry prior to washing dishes, your hands, or bathing. Detergent and bleach can destroy opals, particularly doublets and triplets. In addition, prolonged exposure to water, alone, will separate the layers of assembled stones. This process can be observed early as their colorful appearance begins to fade.
- Never use ultrasonic cleaners or steamers: Clean with warm, soapy (no detergents) water only. Avoid harsh chemicals: Opals will dissolve in hydrofluoric acid and caustic alkalis (including liquid ammonia).
- The best advice is to wear opal jewelry regularly, as the stones will draw moisture from your body and the air. Store these pieces in their own padded cloth bags when they are not being worn. If opals are not worn regularly they should occasionally be placed in a container of distilled water overnight.

QUARTZITE NEWS

Quartzite Calendar

Events - Dates and Locations
Please Refer to Locator Map on

- *Jan 9th **Hy Jolly Daze Kick-Off Parade**
- *Jan 9 - Jan 24 **Tyson Wells Rock, Gem & Mineral Show**
South of I-10 on Hwy 95
- *Jan 15 - Feb 15 **Cloud's Jamboree**
North of I-10 on east side (Exit 19)
- *Jan 15 - Jan 24 **Prospectors' Panorama Gold Show**
South of I-10 on Hwy 95
- *Jan 16 - Jan 31 **The Main Event**
North of I-10 on west side (Exit 17)
- *Jan 21 - Feb 15 **Four Corners Swap Meet**
North of I-10 on Hwy 95
- *Jan 29 - Feb 7 **Prospectors' Panorama: Gem & Min Show**
South of I-10 on Hwy 95
- *Jan 29 - Feb 7 **Tyson Wells Sell-A-Rama**
South of I-10 on Hwy 95
- *Feb 3 - Feb 7 **Quartzite Pow - Wow** (500 spaces)
North of I-10 on Hwy 95
Parking: Cars ~\$2 ; R.V.'s/trailers ~\$3
- *Feb 7 **S.C.R.I.B.E. Symposium**
Senior Citizen's Community Center
Time: 8:30AM (Mountain Time)
Moon Mountain Road, Quartzite AZ



Blythe, CA

Best Western Sahara Motel --- 825 W. Hobson Way
(2 blocks north of I-10, exit Lovekin Blvd)
Phone (619) 922-7105 or (800) 528-1234

Comfort Suites --- 545 E. Hobson Way
(1/2 mile northwest of I-10, exit 7th St.)
Phone (619) 922-9209

Travelodge --- 850 W. Hobson Way
(2 blocks northwest of I-10, exit Lovekin Blvd)
Phone (619) 922-5145 or (800) 367-2250

Comfort Inn --- 903 W. Hobson Way
(1 1/2 blocks northwest of I-10, exit Lovekin Blvd)
Phone (619) 922-4146

Motel 6 --- 500 W. Donlon St.
(I-10 at Lovekin Blvd exit)
Phone (619) 922-6666