



# NEWSLETTER

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HAPPY  
NEW YEAR

TO BEGIN 1979!!! A LIVELY PROGRAM ON A HOT SUBJECT!!!

\* \* \* ELECTROFORMING \* \* \*

The subject that has captured the interest and imagination of so many of our members over the past few months will be the entire program at the January meeting. Bill Judd, who has devoted six years to the study of Electroforming, and has mastered the technique to creatively produce some outstanding electroform quality, is our speaker. Bill will have an opportunity to expand upon the time limited talk he gave at the 1978 Seminar. We expect to fill the room to capacity, as at our last meeting.

Remember - mark your calendar - -

PLACE: APPOLLO COMMUNITY CENTER  
ROOM 101  
DOWNEY, CALIFORNIA  
(See map enclosed)

DATE: JANUARY 11, 1979.

TIME: 7:30 P.M.

A great way to start the New Year. You won't want to miss this one!!!

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\* \* \* MORE ON ELECTROFORMING \* \* \*

One means of setting off those beautiful irregular shaped opals, in gold or silver.

Interest in this topic is very high. In addition to numerous personal visits to Bill Judd's home, and phone contacts with Bill, the AOS has mailed out approximately 40 Electroforming Information packages to those who have sent in \$5.00. By the way, it is regretted that the packages had to be sent third class since it takes longer, but even that rate is \$1.05 for mailing. (First class was an unbelievable \$3.50 plus!!) The Society broke even, if one does not count the rather time consuming labor. A labor of love. . !!

For those who haven't sent for their Electroforming packages, do so. Simply send check or money order (no cash please) to:

AMERICAN OPAL SOCIETY -  
c/o LARRY DOBRIN, President  
POST OFFICE BOX 503  
FULLERTON, CA 92632

We'll send you the package, about 78 pages in all, post haste. For those who plan on attending the January meeting, copies will be available for purchase there.

\* \* \* 'T WAS A MOST JOYOUS CHRISTMAS \* \* \*

. . . at our December meeting! For those who attended, and there were many, our only hope was that our fellow members from afar could have joined us.

The ladies (bless 'em) pitched in and came up with an absolutely delicious pot-luck dinner, with turkey and all the trimmings. Gifts were placed under the twinkling lights of our tree, and Santa joined us, passing out each gift with accompanying repartee'. A special gift (donated by Jim Sgro) with a guessing game also became a highlight of the festivities. In a small jar, lay a number of opal rough pieces. The object was - without touching the jar - for each person to guess how many pieces it contained. Pat Smallwood was the lucky winner of 15 pieces of really fine cutting material.

After the superb meal, the gifts, the guessing game, and a drawing of dopped opal for everyone, with good natured bantering, we settled in for some traditional Christmas carols. Led by Larry Dobrin (who'll never be a threat to Andy Williams), the walls resounded with carol after carol. There were no meek amongst the throng, I can tell you!! Some mighty fine voices; both mighty and fine.

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\* \* \* IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR \* \* \*

Yes, dues are due! After much deliberation on the part of the Board of Directors, and inflation and all, the calculations have shown that the AOS can squeek through, and keep dues at the present level for 1979!

Regular Member/Family Unit	\$12.00
Associate Member/Family Unit	\$ 6.00

Nevertheless, the AOS reserves the right, and we say this grudgingly, to raise the dues in future. We do hope we can hang on to the present level throughout all of 1979. Once you've paid, of course, you are in for the year as a member in good standing. If you lapse, it may cost you more to reinstate. Fair warning!!! Send your dues payments in promptly, please, to: AMERICAN OPAL SOCIETY  
P. O. BOX 503  
FULLERTON, CA 92632

Kind of as a footnote, we'd like to say that there's been a noticeable upsurge of activity by the membership. Correspondence, suggestions, and requests for information. We welcome all contact, and will strive to respond to all.

\* \* \* ABOUT YOUR NEWSLETTER \* \* \*

This issue marks the completion of Volume 10, the ten years of publishing according to the archives. The Editorial Staff is proud to say a big

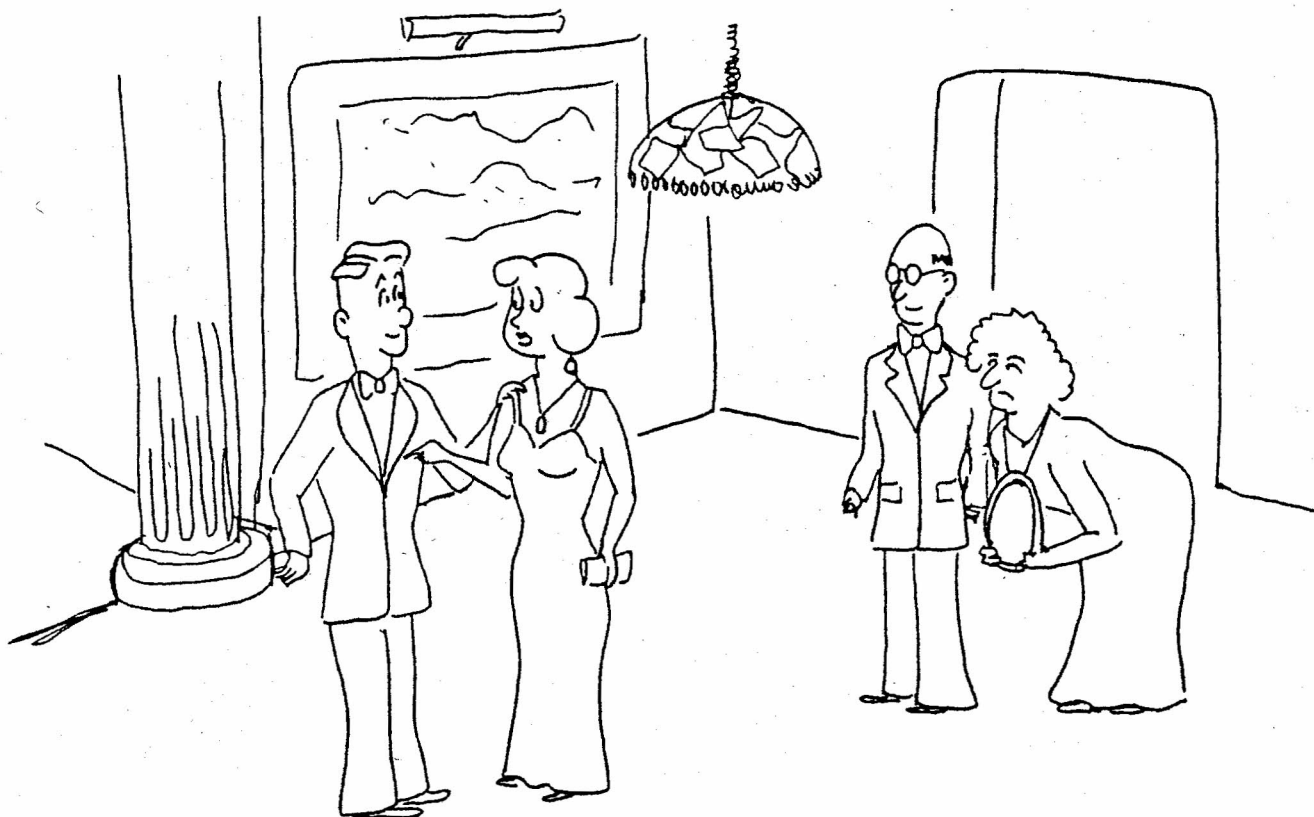
THANK YOU

to all the members who have spurred us on with their kind comments.

Bloated as we are with Holiday left-overs, this was a tough time to "get out" the letter on time, but we did it! Kidding aside, the strong interest being shown in the AOS today has never been stronger. To keep up our part of the bargain, we'd like to know what interests YOU!! If you like to write, contribute an article, as has been done by Vick Mayo, Jim Holland, Larry Dobrin, and that ever elusive "Anonymous", to whom we are indebted. Perhaps you have ideas and suggestions for articles, but don't have the desire or interest in writing. Just send them in rough!! We have those amongst our members who are just doodling, waiting for writing inspiration.

JOIN IN AND ENJOY!!!!

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" SHE'S STILL HOPING HE CAN  
LEARN TO CUT MINIATURES ! "

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