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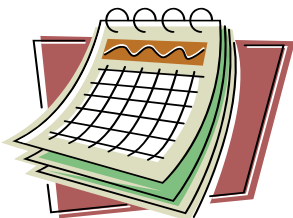
May 2013

## Chapter Meeting:

**May 19, 2013**

At the  
Milwaukie, Oregon  
Grange Hall  
12015 S.E. 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Meeting Begins at  
**--- 1:30 ---**

## DATES TO REMEMBER...



### May 2013

**EQUIPMENT  
DEMONSTRATIONS  
T-SHIRTS &  
SWEATSHIRTS  
ORDER TIME**

### Our next meeting

Remember at every Chapter meeting we have the Food Drive – Every 2 items given will get you a \$1 raffle ticket – up to five tickets only

Please submit Newsletter Reports before the 2nd Friday of each month (May it's the 10th).



## From the President's Desk

Welcome to the 13 new people who came to our meeting last month. I hope to see you this month.

If you missed last month's meeting you missed a great presentation by Jeff Dougherty with AAA Precious Metals Inc.

The Beverly Beach outing had a good start, the signup sheet had about 30 people on it at the close of the April meeting. By the day before the outing 43 had committed to be there, then 52 showed up, even though 3 got sick and 2 were no shows. WOW! Everyone received personal training from Wes Jeffries. THANK YOU Wes!

At the Rice Northwest Museum outing we had 14 that showed up. We started the tour at 2 pm and we finished about 4:40 pm. Our tour guide was super, with the little side stories about the minerals and the Rice family. Plus the Rice Museum is second only to the Smithsonian in the quality of their samples.

Remember to reapply for your mining permits, dredging and general mining authorization.

<http://www.statelandsonline.com/>.

Be safe, stay well and may the bottom of your pan be covered with gold!

**Sincerely  
Richard Ruth**

# Portland Gold Prospectors, Inc.

## Secretary's Report April 21, 2013

**Milwaukie Grange Hall, 12015 SE 22<sup>nd</sup> Milwaukie Or**

Meeting called to order by President Richard Ruth at 1:30pm.

Pledge of Allegiance was conducted.

**Motion** made and seconded to accept Secretary's report as written in newsletter was approved.

**Motion** made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's report as read. Motion was approved.

77 members in attendance to today's meeting; with 13 new visitor in attendance.

**Guest Speaker: Jeff Dougherty** – Jeff from NW Precious Metals refinery was the guest speaker for the April meeting. Jeff comes to the club with an immense amount of knowledge on the industry. His knowledge and interests goes beyond the refinery business and includes geology, prospecting and a desire to preserve the rights of the small scale prospectors. Jeff walked the club through the process your minerals go through when brought into the refinery. He provided in-depth descriptions of the process used. After the speech, Jeff stayed to answer questions from the club and offered to take small groups through the refinery. If interested, these should be organized through the club president/board.

**Membership:** - Dave Chiara To get a 2013 Club membership card you need to be an active member of the club. It does not cost to join the club. If you attend three events (meetings, outings, etc.) during the year you will receive a Club membership card that is good for the calendar year. Dave has cards for current active members. If you are new to the club you will receive a card after your third meeting/event. Please sign in on the sheets near the entrance so this can be tracked.

**Newsletter:** Dave Chiara The newsletter is posted every month on the Club's website. In addition to this you can have the newsletter e-mailed to you for free if you include your e-mail address next to your name on the sign-in sheets. If you want to have the newsletter mailed to you, this can be done for \$15/year to help cover the cost of postage, stamps and printing. 10 copies will be printed and brought to the meeting each month.

**Outings/ Club Claims** – Dave Chiara The Club outings committee has put together a tentative schedule for the year's outings/trips. We want your input on timing and interests. We can change the times if we get enough input from everyone. Please review this in the newsletter. March outing was the Gold Show. Fri/Sat March 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> at the Salem fair grounds. Attendance and support for the Club booth was good. The Club's fundraising were successful and everyone seemed to get a lot of enjoyment from the event.

April 13<sup>th</sup> the Club had an outing at Beverly Beach. Beverly Beach is located on the Oregon coast between Depot Bay

and Newport. Attendance to this event was VERY strong. We had an experienced person (Wes) from the N.W. Minerals instructing during the event. The popularity and success of the event will likely result in additional outings to this location as well as other similar events.

May's outing will consist of a visit to the Rice Northwest Museum. Interested Club members will meet at the museum at 1:30pm on May 4<sup>th</sup>. Hope to see many of you there!

Club has three claims in Eastern Oregon. They are often referred to as TYROY. They are approximately seven miles from Baker City. The Club is planning a two week trip in late June and another trip in August. This is one of the big trips for the Club each year. The Club recently changed whose name is on the Club claim. This was wrapped up in late March/early April.

**Safety:** Bob Rasey When dredging with an air supply, there are safety issues that need to be understood by all. There are no laws ensuring that people using air systems be certified (such as in SCUBA). Ensure the air intakes are not near the exhaust of the dredge or other motorized equipment. Keeping the system well maintained can be a matter of health. However, please know that using oil in the air system itself can result in the inhalation of micro amounts of oil that can be harmful to your respiratory system. Know how to clear your mask, and ears and be safe. Happy prospecting!

**GPAA news – Bob Rasey** If you attend a GPAA claim, please fill out the forms providing your input. This will help them know how they are being used and can let others know your thoughts on the success.

**Club Stores:** New Club shirts and hoodies arrived. Some were pre-sold, but additional were bought and are available. The hats with the neck flap have yet to be ordered, but are still on the list. (Respectfully submitted by Jerry Johns, Secretary)

## Newsletter & eMails

If you have not been receiving the Newsletter by email, email us at [portlandgpaa@aol.com](mailto:portlandgpaa@aol.com)

Don't forget, you can also download the Newsletters from our web site. If you receive the newsletter by regular mail – check the 4 digit number next to your name. That is the month and year your subscription expires (ie, 0709 means your subscription expires with the July 2009 newsletter).

## Be on my committee - OUTINGS

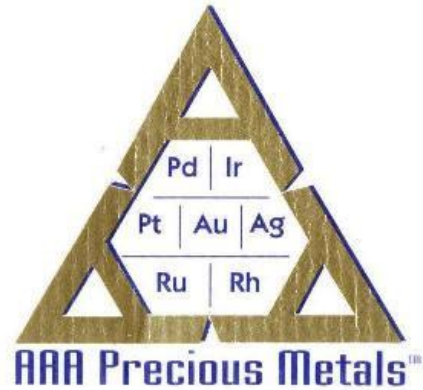
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We are supported by the mining equipment manufacturers; small businessmen; political representatives and of course by our claim holders. As a member of the WMA you will receive:

- Monthly e-mail updates on the legal fight
- Flash messages on critical events
- Access to our published reports on mining districts
- Join the Watershed district and the mining district

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**CLUB T-SHIRTS AND SWEATSHIRTS**

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**BE A CLUB SUPPORTER – WEAR YOUR “COLORS”**

**GPAA Membership Renewal Credits**

	1 Year	2 Year	3 Year	1 Year w/o mining guide
Buzzard Special	1,365	1,820	2,730	
GPAA Membership Renewal	1,365	1,820	2,730	1,365
Gold Life Membership	Paid in Full 20,000		Payment Plan @ Sign-up 9,500	
LDMA Membership	45,500		18,200	
Alaska Expedition	Once Expedition is Paid-in-Full 22,750			

**WHEN RENEWING, PLEASE WRITE A NOTE OR BY PHONE SAY YOU BELONG TO THE PORTLAND PGPI OR GPAA CHAPTER TO REQUEST THE CLUB CREDITS.**

These credits are used to buy things from the GPAA Catalog. If you do not have a GPAA Catalog, you can go to <http://www.goldprospectors.org/catalog/index.asp?PageName=Catalog> to see what all they have. If there is anything in the catalog that you would like to have for the raffle Please let one of the board members know.

**All members note:**

Our club earns purchasing points with renewal of GPAA Membership. Please tell them you're a Portland Gold Prospector member.



## Portland Gold Prospectors, Inc. GPAA

### Beverly Beach Outing

As scheduled, on April 13<sup>th</sup>, 52 members and guests attended the learn how to get gold out of the black sands at Beverly Beach. We with hosts and guides Wes Jeffries and Tammy Roberts. all around and Wes went over the rules and equipment. He looked at everyone's equipment and told them what to leave behind. We hiked about a mile up the beach to the "sweet" spot.



Wes described tide marks and areas to dig in. He also dug into the stratification layers of the sand and showed us what to look for-the "pay dirt". The best tools were buckets, trowels and shovels, and a sluice box. Remember that no motorized equipment is allowed.

It turned out to be the best day ever on the beach. All the way to the beach and all the way home it rained. Somehow, with the good Lord's help, it was clear and sunny all day on the beach. As far as I know, everyone got gold. The beach looked like a war zone, holes everywhere, which all disappeared as soon as the tide fill in most of the holes. the tide chased us off the beach, grilled hot dogs which member

hosted-Thanks Bruce! In all, it was a great outing thanks to the Without you and your participation it could have been completely Kudos and thanks for making it a very memorable day.

Gene Dietzen  
Outings Coordinator

## Interesting from Gene



April outing to  
started at 10:00 AM  
Introductions went



came in. We did  
Afterwards, as  
we met and  
Bruce Dixon  
members.  
different-----



## News



Jason in Hawaii: The shoe caught fire right after this



There are other things to do while at the beach.



Sunset in Hawaii- courtesy of Jason

### **Be on my committee – OUTINGS**

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#### **TENTATIVE DATES FOR OUTING ADVENTURES**

- **TYRoy - June 22<sup>nd</sup> to July 7<sup>th</sup> - THERE WILL BE A SIGN-UP SHEET FOR ALL TO LET OUTING TEAM KNOW HOW MANY ARE PLANNING ON GOING – BE SURE TO LIST DATES (WHEN YOU EXPECT TO ARRIVE AND WHEN DEPART AND HOW MANY IN YOUR PARTY).**
- **Molalla River July 27<sup>th</sup>**
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Gold Prospectors (GPAA) Chapters Summit  
Held April 26, 2013 in Las Vegas, Nevada  
By Melinda Dorning, Board Member

Jim & I decided this was the year to attend the Las Vegas, NV GPAA Gold Show and the Chapters Summit which included 104 people as representatives from 45 different chapters across the country. It was an interesting chance to talk with other people who are trying to do the same thing that our local chapter has been doing lately. Namely, increasing the interest in our group by helping others learn more about prospecting for gold and having a good time getting outdoors.

The lecture was lead by Louis Escarcega, GPAA Chapter Administrator, and Herb LaMadrid, GPAA Chapters Director. Both men are new to the GPAA organization within the last year. The theme centered around "Support, Growth, and Revenue." Louis stated they expect about 10,000 new GPAA members to join this year.

We believe the Portland Gold Prospectors, Inc. is currently on track with the ideas expressed at the Summit: giving demonstrations, taking members to outings where they practice new skills, hearing guest lecturers, fun activities such as picnics, and holding public educational displays on gold mining. To increase interest in our club, members were encouraged to submit pictures with descriptions of our group enjoying events to the Pick & Shovel publication and the GPAA Gold & Treasure Magazine in care of Brad Jones, editor.

Also, it was announced that since reality TV shows have become so prevalent, the GPAA plans to produce a new 30 minute unscripted show about real people on their quest for adventure that will be broadcast on network TV. Watch for promos of the show named "Gold Trails" and hosted by Kevin Hogland.

The finale of the day was a free Alaska Gold Expedition drawing won by the East Bay GPAA Chapter in Northern California.

### **Do you know the Portland Gold Prospectors Inc Code of Conduct and Claim Permit?**

1. Carry your Membership Card & Claim Permit At All Times.
2. Member Agrees To Obey All Local, State & Federal Regulations Applicable To Their Activities.
3. Member Assumes Personal Responsibility For Obtaining All Permits Required for Their Activities.
4. Member Is Responsible For Maintaining Claims, Markers, Trash Removal & Keeping Claims Safe For Animals and People.
5. Pets Must Be Under the Control of Their Owners At All Times. Clean Up After Pets in Camping Areas.
6. Member Will be Courteous To All Members and Campers
7. Member Will Show Their Membership Card Upon Request.



## My Experience at the Rice Museum – Jerry Johns

On May 4<sup>th</sup> the Portland Gold Prospectors club had an outing at the Rice Museum in Hillsboro right off Hwy 26. May 4<sup>th</sup> was a beautiful spring day in Oregon. The sun was out and the club met outside the museum and basked in the beautiful weather while waiting for the tour to begin. This was my first time visiting the museum and I was pleasantly impressed. The Rice Museum is a rock and mineral museum and has been nationally recognized as one of the finest rock and mineral museums in the Pacific Northwest. The Museum is named after Richard and Helen Rice who lived and raised their family on the site. They spent a lifetime prospecting and collecting minerals and opened the museum in 1996 for the express purpose of passing on to the present and future generations the opportunity to obtain knowledge and pleasure from these beautiful wonders of nature.

The Museum resides on a large well-manicured piece of land with mineral samples strategically placed to enhance the outside. However the real gems are found inside two separate structures. The oldest of the structures is the Rice's ranch style home where they raised their family. The home and land has been converted into the museum and every room of the 8000+ square foot home is packed with rocks and minerals. The house is organized so that each room has a theme and is wonderfully laid out. The second building is a recently constructed building focusing on thundereggs (Oregon's State Rock) and sunstones (Oregon's state Gemstone). This beautiful gallery is filled with outstanding crystals and specimens.

The galleries were numerous and include NW Minerals, Petrified wood, meteorite, fossil, Fluorescent, lapidary, agate, faceting, and synthetics galleries. So which was my favorite Gallery? Surprisingly, the gallery that caught my imagination more than any other was the fossil's gallery. This gallery had petrified Dinosaur skeletons and eggs and appealed to my love of ancient dinosaurs. However, I can't write this in good faith without mentioning other key highlights. The Museum is the home of the "Alma Rose" Rhodochrosite. This amazing specimen was pulled from Sweet Home Mine in Alma, Colorado. Another highlight was the fluorescent gallery where the lights reacted to different light wavelengths. Simple Stunning! I would likely be flayed alive if I didn't also mention the Gold display in the basement. Finally, the last great memory for me was the club members that I got to share this experience with. We were able to get all the club members into a single tour that was close to two hours in length. I am reminded of what a great club we have and the people within it. If the club chooses to go back, I highly recommend you take the opportunity to join in. I know I will be back.

If you are interested in learning more about the Rice Museum, please check out their website at <http://www.ricenorthwestmuseum.org/> Jerry Johns

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JIM AND MELINDA WITH TOM MASSIE IN LAS VEGAS



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