



The Prospector

Portland Gold Prospectors, Inc.

GPAA Portland, Oregon Chapter



The Legend of El Dorado

The Muisca raft (Balsa Muisca in Spanish), sometimes referred to as the El Dorado Raft, is an artistic figure of pre-Columbian gold votive, drafted by the Muisca who established one of the four grand civilisations in the Americas on the Altiplano Cundiboyacense in the Eastern Ranges of the Colombian Andes.



The piece is exhibited at the Gold Museum in Bogota. It is estimated that the figure was drawn between 600 and 1600 AD by lost-wax casting in gold with a small amount of copper.

The figure refers to the ceremony of the legend of El Dorado. It represents the ceremony of investiture of the Muisca chief, which used to take place at Lake Guatavita.[1] During this ritual, the heir to the chieftainship (zipa) covered his body with gold dust and jumped into the lake along with gold offerings and emeralds to the gods. The piece has a base in the shape of a log boat with

dimensions of 19.5 cm x 10.1 cm and various figures on the raft, the largest figure that stands in the middle apparently represents the chief, which is adorned with headdresses, nose rings and earrings, measuring 10.2 cm and is surrounded by his soldiers who carry banners.

The raft was found by three farmers in early 1969 in a cave in the village of Lázaro Fonte in the municipality of Pasca (Cundinamarca), Colombia in a ceramic pot, adorned with a human figure whose face has sharp teeth. The priest of the municipality protected the piece until it was acquired by Bogota's Gold Museum and where it has become one of its major exhibition pieces. It has never left Colombia.

Reprinted from Wikipedia



Look at the detail in this thing. It was *sandcast* in a *single pour*! Even the dangling bits. Amazing artistry.

October, 2017

Come join us at our next meeting.

October 15th at 1:30pm.
Milwaukie Grange hall
12015 SE 22nd, Milwaukie, OR

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For info contact Jerry Johns, jerryjohns@gmail.com or visit www.portlandgoldprospectors.org.

Presidents Blog October 2017

Fall is upon us and the chapter is getting ready to have its last outing of the year on Oct 8th. For many of us, it's the last chance to get out and do some prospecting before the rains and snows hit. For others, they have already packed their equipment away for the year. Regardless of where you stand, I hope you had a great prospecting season. With winter approaching, the chapter is gearing up for elections in November. We will open up nominations in our October meeting and they will remain open through the 1st half of our November meeting at which time we will vote. If you haven't selected a position you want to run for, time is running out. We are a volunteer organization and we cannot operate without your help.

Happy Prospecting,

Jerry Johns

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Chapter Minutes – September 17th

Start time: 1:30pm

Members in attendance: 39

Visitors: 1

The minutes from the August meeting were posted in the newsletter. A motion was made to approve the minutes as written and seconded. The motion was approved

The Treasurer read the monthly treasurer's report. A motion was made to approve them as read. It was seconded and approved.

Correspondence: None.

Membership: There are three levels of membership for the chapter:

Level 1: is to be a chapter member. To do this you must attend at least 3 meetings, outings or functions in a given year. At least one of these must be a business meeting. There is no additional cost beyond the 3 attendances to be a member.

Level 2: GPAA – We are a chapter of the GPAA and as such, all officers must be members of the GPAA. All chapter members are encouraged to join the GPAA, but that is not a requirement.

Level 3: LDMA – The LDMA is an Elite level within the GPAA and allows special access and discounts to functions and mining claims.

GPAA State Director: Steve Lewin shared with the chapter that chapter outings are now being shared in the GPAA magazine and newsletter.

Newsletter: The newsletter continues to be edited by Tim Snyder and looks great. Tim shared that if

anyone has a story or photos they want to share, please email them to him at the address on the left.

To get the newsletter mailed to you, please add your e-mail to our sign in roster. If you are still not getting it, please verify the address on the roster is accurate. We can also mail it via US Postal service to members for \$15 a year. That price covers the cost of postage

Library: N/A – no library this month.

Outings: The Chapter outing at the East Fork of the Lewis went well. Focused on claim 2 and OK gold was found. One large flake was the highlight.

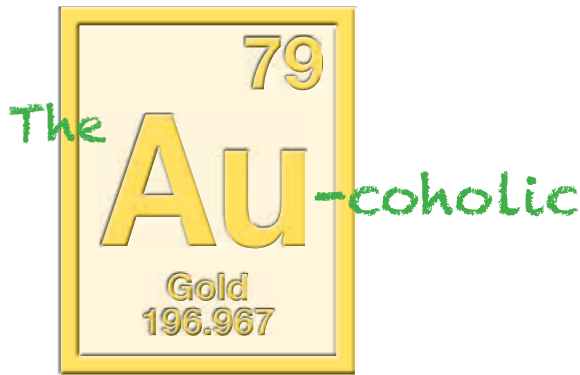
Next outing is at Cape Disappointment Oct 8th.

Education: Steve Lewin walked the chapter through the Washington Gold and Fish pamphlet and how to use it. He also gave a brief talk about safety on the claims.

Elections: Nominations will start in October and Close at the November meeting. There are many open positions that need to be filled. Positions include: President, Secretary, Librarian, 4 board members, Claims director, outings director, education director, and kitchen crew. Remember, as a volunteer organization, we need your help.

The raffle started at 3:15pm and the meeting closed at 3:30pm.





Step 5 Do Your Research

Well, poop.

I was looking at a map of the Oregon coast, and saw a town called "Oretown." I thought, "Cool! Maybe there's gold on the north Oregon coast." So I went to Wikipedia to check it out:

In 1877, settlers James B. Upton and S. H. Rock petitioned Senator John H. Mitchell asking for a mail route to Grand Ronde and a post office. Upton owned a seal marked "Oregon City", so he suggested the new post office be named "Ore City" and he would alter the seal so it could be used for the new community. Mitchell knew

confusion with Oregon City would occur, and suggested the name "Oretown" to the postal authorities instead. The name was accepted and Oretown post office ran from 1877 to 1954. Today Oretown has a Cloverdale mailing address.

At one time Oretown had a cheese factory and a salmon cannery. Today the community has a historic church, the 1913 Oretown Bible Church, a Grange hall built in 1907, and a few houses.

I'm glad I checked it out before I jumped in the ol' family truckster.

Opinions expressed by the AU-coholic are not necessarily those of Portland Gold Prospectors, Inc. I hate disclaimers.

2017 Events Calendar

October 15th:

PGPI monthly meeting 1:30pm

November 19th:

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ELECTIONS

December 17th:

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Chris Cosby, who demonstrated his Gold Getter concentrator for us last year, posted a YouTube video of himself using it in Korea. (Frozen Chosen, as our Korean War vets remember it.)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YAKhgrUlprM>

Who knew there was gold in Korea? ...



... well apparently these guys did! This is a Wikipedia photo from c1900.





Steve Lewin, the GPAA State Representative showed the safety line he uses when going down steep banks to get to his claims.

Steve then gave a brief talk on the Washington Gold and Fish pamphlet, giving us some useful advice on marking relevant sections.



Dave Chiara invited young Hannah to pick the raffle ticket for the gold nugget grand prize. She called Ken Didier's number.



Ken then generously gave the double-nugget prize to her!



James and Andy participated in the September 9 outing at the East Fork Lewis River claims.



EFLR #3 NW Corner

EFLR #3 NE Corner

EFLR #1 NW Corner

EFLR #2 NW Corner

EFLR #3 SW Corner

EFLR #1-NE Corner

EFLR #2 NE Corner

EFLR #3 SE Corner

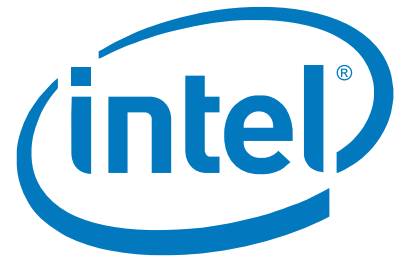
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