

The Prospector

Portland Gold Prospectors, Inc.

GPAA Portland, Oregon Chapter



2019 Gold Show

March 29th, 30th and 31st

After months of planning the Gold show is finally here. The show will be at the EXPO center this year and will be open from 10am to 5pm on Saturday March 30th and 10am to 4pm on Sunday March 31st. Set up will take place on Friday. The gold show is our biggest fund raiser of the year and as such we need volunteer help from as many people as possible. We have good volunteer support on Saturday, however we are still looking for additional help on Sunday. There are plenty of volunteer opportunities ranging from checking people in at the front door, working the chapter booth or showing people how to Pan in the designated Panning area. Volunteers get free entry into the show. As with past years, we will have a collection area for canned food and pet food for those in need of additional help, so please bring in a couple of items for donation. This year's show should be spectacular so come join us and be part of the fun.

Jerry Johns



Secretary's Report February 17th, 2019

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The meeting was called to order by President Mike Lewis at 1:30 P.M.

The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted.

Attendance - 47 attendees and 1 guest was present.

Meeting Minutes - A motion was made and seconded to accept the Secretary's Report of the previous month as written and published in the March newsletter. The motion was approved by the members present.

Treasury Report - A motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasury Report for March. The motion was approved by the members present.

Gold Show - The Gold show is almost here it's on March 30th and 31st. Jerry Johns still has admission tickets for sale. They are \$5 from him or \$10 at the door. You can check out tickets from him and pay the money later after you sell the tickets. Veterans are always free and this year there is going to be a discount for Boy Scout and Girl Scout groups. The Veterans will be having a booth this year. Parking for the event is free on Friday for setup but will be \$10 for Saturday and Sunday. We are trying to get as many tickets sold to get as much attendance as possible to make the show a huge success. This event is our biggest money maker for our chapter. At our booth we will be selling Gold Bags for \$6. We will have our Quarter Drop and Plinko Machine there too which usually brings in quite a lot of people. We will be raffling off a Gold Bug Metal Detector and a Gold Cube also. The volunteer t-shirts are here for people to pick up that will be volunteering. For others who didn't make it

to this month's meeting they can pick theirs up at the show. For everyone that volunteers lunch will be provided which includes either pizza on Friday or sandwiches and chips on Saturday and Sunday. This year there is going to be a BLM representative coming to the show to promote mining. He is volunteering to do this and we need to make sure his experience is pleasant. There is going to be two radio stations that will be advertising about the upcoming show and we are going to have it on Facebook. Emily Riedel from the show Bering Sea Gold will be there again this year making a guest appearance. There will be a meet and greet get together on Friday night at 5:00 P.M. on the 29th. at Billy Blues in Vancouver. Jerry will be sending out an email to everyone that is volunteering to let people know what they will be doing at the show. We will have a lot of people working at the front door handing out plastic bags and different reading material. Some people will be working the panning booth, our chapter booth, raffle booth, security and other things.

Cape Disappointment - The S.W. Washington chapter has invited us to their outing at Cape Disappointment on March 25th at 10:00 A.M. to meet Mike Pung the manufacturer of the Gold Cube. For anyone interested in going you will need your 2018 Washington Gold and Fish pamphlet with you and a day pass to the park or your yearly Season Discovery Pass.

Equipment - One of our club members purchased a Desert Eagle Spiral at a garage sale and brought

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it in and donated it to the club. Another member volunteered to take it home and check it out to make sure that all the parts are there and that it works.

Merchandise - We still have a lot of club patches for sale for \$6.50 get yours today.

Birthday sign up sheet - Elaine Ruth has reminded everyone to sign up on the birthday list so nobody is left out and she can make sure that everyone's birthday is recognized. She does a great job making sure that everyone gets the nicest cards that we can all sign.

Raffle - The Raffle was held with \$1 and \$5 tickets. George Parker was the lucky winner of the Gold Nugget. Dennis Chavez was the lucky winner of the Gold Bag.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Yolande Kragerud, Secretary.

PRESIDENT'S BLOG – April, 2019

Hello, Fellow Prospectors!

The April Newsletter is being sent out early to remind everyone about the Portland GPAA Gold and Treasure Show that is coming up SOON! As you know, our Chapter has the primary responsibility for coordinating various aspects of the show, in conjunction with the Southwest Washington Gold Prospectors, the Mid-Valley Gold Prospectors, and the GPAA. Jerry Johns is handling all of the details that need to be addressed before, during and after the show. Set-up will be on Friday, March 29th, with the show on March 30th and 31st and take-down after the show on the 31st. Thank you to all who have signed-up to help with this important event; I look forward to seeing you at the show. Please remember this is a major project for the Chapter and also a primary source of income for the Chapter.

I hope everyone has a copy of the 2019 Events Calendar. There is a copy in this newsletter for your reference. As the weather (hopefully) improves, I look forward to having more members participate in the Chapter's outings - as well as their own prospecting adventures! More specific information will be provided prior to the various Chapter outings, and as always, there could be changes due to weather, access, etc. If anyone has any suggestions for outings, please let either Mike Torres, the Chapter's Outings Director, or me know.

I know this sounds like a broken record, but we need to focus on growing the Chapter – If you know anyone who might be interested, please invite them to a Chapter meeting. Hopefully the 2019 Gold and Treasure Show will encourage some new people to come to our meetings.

Please remember if you have any pictures from Chapter meetings, outings or other get-togethers that you would like to share, please send them to Tim Snyder @ wrshpmzshn@gmail.com.

Lastly, I know there was some discussion about having hot dogs, chips and water/punch at the April Chapter meeting. Since this is also on Easter Sunday, we haven't decided whether to do it in April or wait

until the May Chapter meeting. I will hopefully have an answer before the April meeting and will send out an e-mail to let everyone know.

**>PLEASE REMEMBER THE JUNE CHAPTER MEETING
WILL BE HELD AT THE TYROY OUTING<**

I look forward to seeing everyone at the next Chapter meeting on April 21, 2019.

Thank you and Happy Prospecting!

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Gold Cube & Spin It Off Day

March 25, 2019

Cape Disappointment State Park



We will be there at 10 A.M.



Co-Sponsored by SWWGP a non-profit organization

Southwest Washington Gold Prospectors invite us to their Cape Disappointment Beach Gold outing on Monday, March 25. Mike Pung, creator of the [Gold Cube](#), and David Urlick of Columbia River Mining Supplies, manufacturer of [Spin it Off](#), will be there demonstrating their products!

GPAA GOLD & TREASURE Shows

Hosted by GPAA & the Vancouver, Portland & Brownsville Gold Prospecting Chapters

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Emily Riedel

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March 30th & 31st, 2019
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The Trail of Ninety-Eight

by Robert Service

I.

Gold! We leapt from our benches.
Gold! We sprang from our stools.
Gold! We wheeled in the furrow,
fired with the faith of fools.
Fearless, unfound, unfitted,
far from the night and the cold,
Heard we the clarion summons,
followed the master-lure & Gold!
Men from the sands of the Sunland;
men from the woods of the West;
Men from the farms and the cities,
into the Northland we pressed.
Graybeards and striplings and women,
good men and bad men and bold,
Leaving our homes and our loved ones,
crying exultantly — “Gold!”
Never was seen such an army,
pitiful, futile, unfit;
Never was seen such a spirit,
manifold courage and grit.
Never has been such a cohort
under one banner unrolled
As surged to the ragged-edged Arctic,
urged by the arch-tempter — Gold.
“Farewell!” we cried to our dearests;
little we cared for their tears.
“Farewell!” we cried to the humdrum
and the yoke of the hireling years;
Just like a pack of school-boys,
and the big crowd cheered us good-bye.
Never were hearts so uplifted,
never were hopes so high.
The spectral shores flitted past us,
and every whirl of the screw
Hurled us nearer to fortune,
and ever we planned what we’d do —

Do with the gold when we got it —
big, shiny nuggets like plums,
There in the sand of the river,
gouging it out with our thumbs.
And one man wanted a castle,
another a racing stud;
A third would cruise in a palace yacht
like a red-necked prince of blood.
And so we dreamed and we vaunted,
millionaires to a man,
Leaping to wealth in our visions
long ere the trail began.

II.

We landed in wind-swept Skagway.
We joined the weltering mass,
Clamoring over their outfits,
waiting to climb the Pass.
We tightened our girths and our pack-straps;
we linked on the Human Chain,
Struggling up to the summit,
where every step was a pain.
Gone was the joy of our faces,
grim and haggard and pale;
The heedless mirth of the shipboard
was changed to the care of the trail.
We flung ourselves in the struggle,
packing our grub in relays,
Step by step to the summit
in the bale of the winter days.
Floundering deep in the sump-holes,
stumbling out again;
Crying with cold and weakness,
crazy with fear and pain.
Then from the depths of our travail,
ere our spirits were broke,
Grim, tenacious and savage,
the lust of the trail awoke.

"Klondike or bust!" rang the slogan;
every man for his own.
Oh, how we flogged the horses,
staggering skin and bone!
Oh, how we cursed their weakness,
anguish they could not tell,
Breaking their hearts in our passion,
lashing them on till they fell!
For grub meant gold to our thinking,
and all that could walk must pack;
The sheep for the shambles stumbled,
each with a load on its back;
And even the swine were burdened,
and grunted and squealed and rolled,
And men went mad in the moment,
huskily clamoring "Gold!"
Oh, we were brutes and devils,
goaded by lust and fear!
Our eyes were strained to the summit;
the weaklings dropped to the rear,
Falling in heaps by the trail-side,
heart-broken, limp and wan;
But the gaps closed up in an instant,
and heedless the chain went on.
Never will I forget it,
there on the mountain face,
Antlike, men with their burdens,
clinging in icy space;
Dogged, determined and dauntless,
cruel and callous and cold,
Cursing, blaspheming, reviling,
and ever that battle-cry — "Gold!"
Thus toiled we, the army of fortune,
in hunger and hope and despair,
Till glacier, mountain and forest
vanished, and, radiantly fair,

There at our feet lay Lake Bennett,
and down to its welcome we ran:
The trail of the land was over,
the trail of the water began.

III.

We built our boats and we launched them.
Never has been such a fleet;
A packing-case for a bottom,
a mackinaw for a sheet.
Shapeless, grotesque, lopsided,
flimsy, makeshift and crude,
Each man after his fashion
builded as best he could.
Each man worked like a demon,
as prow to rudder we raced;
The winds of the Wild cried "Hurry!"
the voice of the waters, "Haste!"
We hated those driving before us;
we dreaded those pressing behind;
We cursed the slow current that bore us;
we prayed to the God of the wind.
Spring! and the hillsides flourished,
vivid in jewelled green;
Spring! and our hearts' blood nourished
envy and hatred and spleen.
Little cared we for the Spring-birth;
much cared we to get on —
Stake in the Great White Channel,
stake ere the best be gone.
The greed of the gold possessed us;
pity and love were forgot;
Covetous visions obsessed us;
brother with brother fought.
Partner with partner wrangled,
each one claiming his due;
Wrangled and halved their outfits,
sawing their boats in two.

Thuswise we voyaged Lake Bennett,
Tagish, then Windy Arm,
Sinister, savage and baleful,
boding us hate and harm.
Many a scow was shattered
there on that iron shore;
Many a heart was broken
straining at sweep and oar.
We roused Lake Marsh with a chorus,
we drifted many a mile;
There was the canyon before us —
cave-like its dark defile;
The shores swept faster and faster;
the river narrowed to wrath;
Waters that hissed disaster
reared upright in our path.
Beneath us the green tumult churning,
above us the cavernous gloom;
Around us, swift twisting and turning,
the black, sullen walls of a tomb.
We spun like a chip in a mill-race;
our hearts hammered under the test;
Then — oh, the relief on each chill face! —
we soared into sunlight and rest.
Hand sought for hand on the instant.
Cried we, "Our troubles are o'er!"
Then, like a rumble of thunder,
heard we a canorous roar.
Leaping and boiling and seething,
saw we a cauldron afume;
There was the rage of the rapids,
there was the menace of doom.
The river springs like a racer,
sweeps through a gash in the rock;
Buts at the boulder-ribbed bottom,
staggers and rears at the shock;

Leaps like a terrified monster,
writhes in its fury and pain;
Then with the crash of a demon
springs to the onset again.
Dared we that ravening terror;
heard we its din in our ears;
Called on the Gods of our fathers,
juggled forlorn with our fears;
Sank to our waists in its fury,
tossed to the sky like a fleece;
Then, when our dread was the greatest,
crashed into safety and peace.
But what of the others that followed,
losing their boats by the score?
Well could we see them and hear them,
strung down that desolate shore.
What of the poor souls that perished?
Little of them shall be said —
On to the Golden Valley,
pause not to bury the dead.
Then there were days of drifting,
breezes soft as a sigh;
Night trailed her robe of jewels
over the floor of the sky.
The moonlit stream was a python,
silver, sinuous, vast,
That writhed on a shroud of velvet —
well, it was done at last.
There were the tents of Dawson,
there the scar of the slide;
Swiftly we poled o'er the shallows,
swiftly leapt o'er the side.
Fires fringed the mouth of Bonanza;
sunset gilded the dome;
The test of the trail was over —
thank God, thank God, we were Home!



PORTLAND GOLD PROSPECTORS, INC. EVENTS CALENDAR - 2019

MARCH 25TH – BEACH PROSPECTING AT CAPE DISAPPOINTMENT W/ SWWGP

MARCH 29TH – 31ST – GPAA GOLD & TREASURE SHOW – PORTLAND EXPO CENTER

APRIL 21ST – CHAPTER MEETING – 1:30pm – MILWAUKIE GRANGE HALL

APRIL 27TH – CAPE DISAPPOINTMENT OUTING (WASHINGTON)

MAY 18TH – LEWIS RIVER DAYBREAK PARK OUTING (WASHINGTON)

MAY 19TH – CHAPTER MEETING – 1:30pm – MILWAUKIE GRANGE HALL

JUNE 8TH – 23rd – TYROY CLAIM OUTING (**2 WEEKS**)

JUNE 16TH – **CHAPTER MEETING AT TYROY CAMP**

JULY 13TH – LEWIS RIVER CLAIM OUTING (WASHINGTON)

JULY 21ST – CHAPTER MEETING – 1:30pm – MILWAUKIE GRANGE HALL

AUGUST 10TH – LEWIS RIVER DAYBREAK PARK OUTING (WASHINGTON)

AUGUST 18TH – CHAPTER MEETING – 1:30pm – MILWAUKIE GRANGE HALL

SEPTEMBER 14TH – STEVE LEWIN CLAIM (WASHINGTON)

SEPTEMBER 15TH – CHAPTER MEETING – 1:30pm – MILWAUKIE GRANGE HALL

OCTOBER 12TH – CAPE DISAPPOINTMENT OUTING (WASHINGTON)

OCTOBER 20TH – CHAPTER MEETING – 1:30pm – MILWAUKIE GRANGE HALL

NOVEMBER 17TH – CHAPTER MEETING – 1:30pm – MILWAUKIE GRANGE HALL

DECEMBER 15TH – CHAPTER MEETING – 1:30pm – MILWAUKIE GRANGE HALL

PLEASE REMEMBER ALL OUTINGS ARE SUBJECT
TO CHANGE DUE TO WEATHER OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES

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