

# The Prospector

Portland Gold Prospectors, Inc.

GPA Portland, Oregon Chapter



May, 2019

Cape Disappointment outing  
April 27, 2019



Sheep  
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# Secretary's Report April 21st, 2019

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President Mike Lewis called the  
meeting to order at 1:30 P.M.

The Pledge of Allegiance was  
conducted.

**Attendance** - 34 attendees and 4  
visitors were 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 April newsletter. The motion  
was approved by the members  
present.

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

**Cape Disappointment** - The outing  
is on April 27th hopefully alot of  
people make it to this event and  
find some good gold. The outgoing  
tide is in the morning from 8:00  
A.M. to about 1:30 P.M. Make  
sure to have your Washington  
Gold and Fish book with you as it  
is required. You will also need a  
Discovery Pass for parking which is  
\$10 a day or \$30 for a year. There  
is a limit of 2 5 gallon buckets per  
person per day that you can take  
home with you.

**Daybreak Park** - There is a  
signup sheet for anybody that  
is interested in the outing there  
on May 18th which is outside  
of Battleground. Only electric  
equipment is allowed there for  
you to use. This is a really nice  
park and it's an easy walk to the  
rivers edge. Don't forget to have  
your Washington Gold and Fish  
book with you.

**Tyroy** - Everything is coming  
together for our annual event for

June 8th to the 23rd. Jerry John's  
is taking care of renting all the  
equipment that we will need to  
make this outing a success. Ken  
Burns will be bringing up our  
newly purchased Grizzly. Anyone  
who is going will need an off-road  
permit which can be purchased at  
Bi Mart or other locations. There  
will be a potluck on Friday night  
and a common dig on a Saturday  
which will be nice for people that  
can't make it to this event because  
they will be bringing back dirt to  
share with members. We will be  
holding our June Meeting while  
we are up there because it falls on  
the 3rd Sunday of the month.

**Gold Show** - The Gold Show was  
a huge success this year. Our  
club made over \$4000 which  
beats the record from last year.  
A big "Shout Out" to everybody  
who volunteered for this event.  
It would not have been such a  
success without everyones help.  
We especially want to Thank  
Jerry Johns for putting so much  
time and effort into putting this  
all together. As a token of our  
appreciation our President Mike  
Lewis awarded Jerry with a nice  
Gold Nugget!

**Garage Sale** - We are still thinking  
about having a Garage Sale this  
August out at Ken and Helen  
Burn's house in Oregon City. It  
will depend on how much stuff  
people would have to get rid of.  
People would preprice their own  
items and could keep some of the  
money and donate the rest to our  
club or just donate all the money  
to our club.

**Merchandise** - Still have some  
patches available for \$6.50 if  
anyone is interested in buying one.

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**Demonstration** - Our President Mike will be doing a Gold Panning demonstration at break time for anyone interested in checking it out.

**Raffle** - The Raffle was held with \$1 and \$5 tickets. Devara Crawford was the lucky winner of the Gold Nugget. Dennis Carter was the lucky winner of the Gold Bag.

**June Meeting** - There will be NO Gold Meeting at the Milwaukie Grange in June because people will be up at Tyroy, There will be a meeting there for the people that are up there.

Mike Lewis adjourned the meeting at 2:45 P.M.

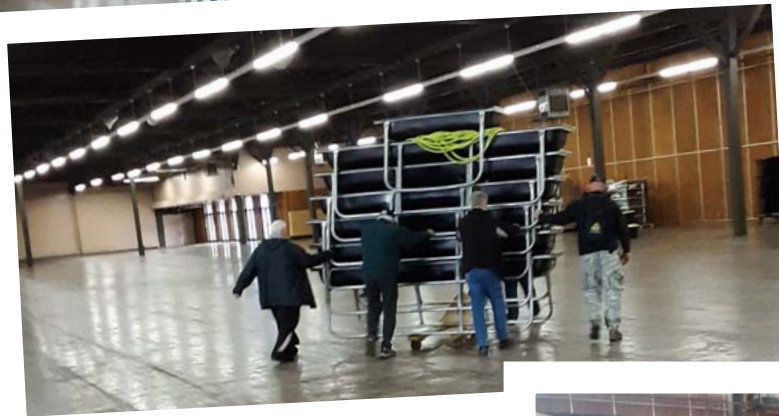
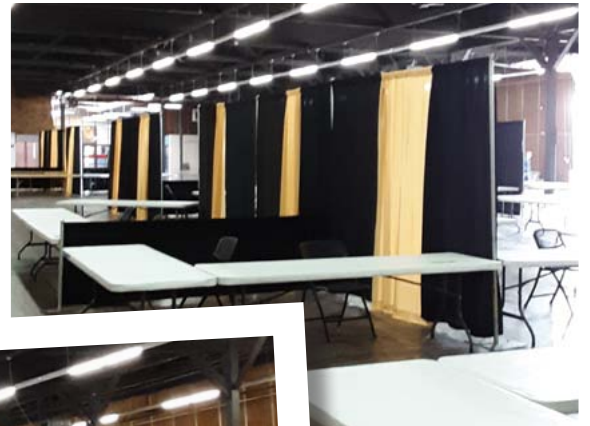
Respectfully submitted by Yolande Kragerud, Secretary





# 2019 Gold and Treasure Show

Thanks to everyone who helped make the show a success!



# The Ballad of Gum-Boot Ben

by Robert Service

*He was an old prospector with a vision bleared and dim.  
He asked me for a grubstake, and the same I gave to him.  
He hinted of a hidden trove, and when I made so bold  
To question his veracity, this is the tale he told.*

"I do not seek the copper streak, nor yet the yellow dust;  
I am not fain for sake of gain to irk the frozen crust;  
Let fellows gross find gilded dross, far other is my mark;  
Oh, gentle youth, this is the truth — I go to seek the Ark.

"I prospected the Pelly bed, I prospected the White;  
The Nordenscold for love of gold I piked from morn till night;  
Afar and near for many a year I led the wild stampede,  
Until I guessed that all my quest was vanity and greed.

"Then came I to a land I knew no man had ever seen,  
A haggard land, forlornly spanned by mountains lank and lean;  
The nitchies said 'twas full of dread, of smoke and fiery breath,  
And no man dare put foot in there for fear of pain and death.

"But I was made all unafraid, so, careless and alone,  
Day after day I made my way into that land unknown;  
Night after night by camp-fire light I crouched in lonely thought;  
Oh, gentle youth, this is the truth — I knew not what I sought.

"I rose at dawn; I wandered on. 'Tis somewhat fine and grand  
To be alone and hold your own in God's vast awesome land;  
Come woe or weal, 'tis fine to feel a hundred miles between  
The trails you dare and pathways where the feet of men have been.

"And so it fell on me a spell of wander-lust was cast.  
The land was still and strange and chill, and cavernous and vast;  
And sad and dead, and dull as lead, the valleys sought the snows;  
And far and wide on every side the ashen peaks arose.

"The moon was like a silent spike that pierced the sky right through;  
The small stars popped and winked and hopped in vastitudes of blue;  
And unto me for company came creatures of the shade,  
And formed in rings and whispered things that made me half afraid.

"And strange though be, 'twas borne on me that land had lived of old,  
And men had crept and slain and slept where now they toiled for gold;  
Through jungles dim the mammoth grim had sought the oozy fen,  
And on his track, all bent of back, had crawled the hairy men.

"And furthermore, strange deeds of yore in this dead place were done.  
They haunted me, as wild and free I roamed from sun to sun;  
Until I came where sudden flame uplit a terraced height,  
A regnant peak that seemed to seek the coronal of night.

"I scaled the peak; my heart was weak, yet on and on I pressed.  
Skyward I strained until I gained its dazzling silver crest;  
And there I found, with all around a world supine and stark,  
Swept clean of snow, a flat plateau, and on it lay — the Ark.

"Yes, there, I knew, by two and two the beasts did disembark,  
And so in haste I ran and traced in letters on the Ark  
My human name — Ben Smith's the same. And now I want to float  
A syndicate to haul and freight to town that noble boat."

*I met him later in a bar and made a gay remark  
Anent an ancient miner and an option on the Ark.  
He gazed at me reproachfully, as only toppers can;  
But what he said I can't repeat — he was a bad old man.*

## PRESIDENT'S BLOG MAY, 2019

Hello, fellow prospectors!

**Thank you** again to everyone who helped with the **Portland GPAA Gold and Treasure Show!** This year's show was a great success! And a special **thank you** to Jerry Johns for all of his hard work on handling all of the details – before, during and after – the show!

And another **thank you** to those of you who were able to make it to the Cape Disappointment outing on April 27th. The weather was interesting – but we had several members and guests come to process black sand and/or take buckets home to process. Hopefully everyone finds/found some color!

Our next outing is coming up on May 18th at Daybreak Park. There was a sign-up sheet at the April chapter meeting. More information will be sent to those who signed-up. To those of you who weren't at the meeting, please contact Jerry Johns at [jerryjohns@gmail.com](mailto:jerryjohns@gmail.com) or Michael Torres at [tallpines@gmail.com](mailto:tallpines@gmail.com) for more information.

If anyone has any suggestions for outings, please let either Mike Torres, the Chapter's Outings Director, or me know.

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 at [wrshpmzshn@gmail.com](mailto:wrshpmzshn@gmail.com).

>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 May 19, 2019 – at which we will be serving hot dogs, chips and water/punch!

Thank you and Happy Prospecting!

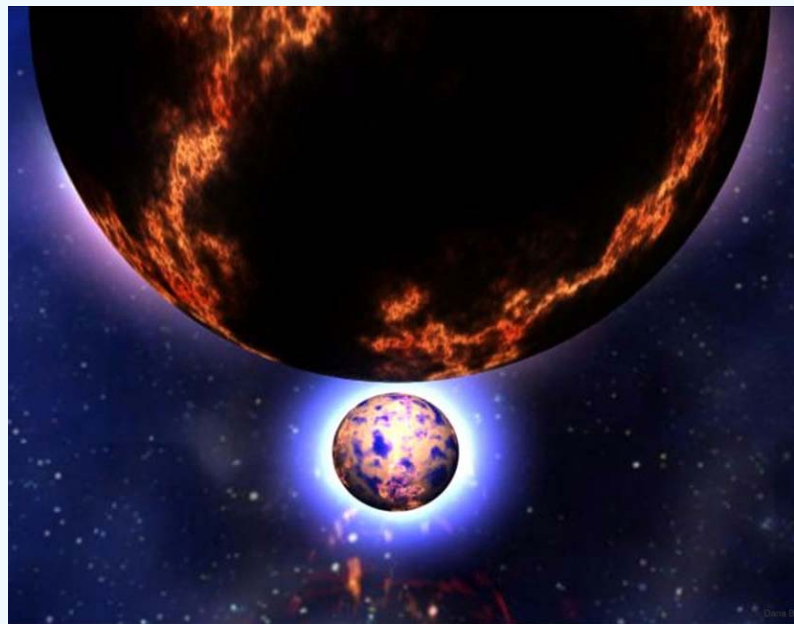
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### On the Origin of Gold

Where did the gold in your jewelry originate? No one is completely sure. The relative average abundance in our Solar System appears higher than can be made in the early universe, in stars, and even in typical supernova explosions. Some astronomers have suggested, and many believe, that neutron-rich heavy elements such as gold might be most easily made in rare neutron-rich explosions such as the collision of neutron stars.

Pictured here is an artist's illustration depicting two neutron stars spiraling in toward each other, just before they collide. Since neutron star collisions are also suggested as the origin of short duration gamma-ray bursts, it is possible that you already own a souvenir from one of the most powerful explosions in the universe.

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## PORTLAND GOLD PROSPECTORS, INC. EVENTS CALENDAR - 2019

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

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

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