

The Prospector

Portland Gold Prospectors, Inc.

GPA Portland, Oregon Chapter



April - May, 2021

PRESIDENT'S BLOG

Thank you to everyone who attended the chapter meeting in April. After over a year of not having meetings, it was great to see everyone – even with masks and social distancing! We had over 30 people including 6 visitors!

With the change in “Covid risk” for Clackamas County, as of May 5th, we are not sure if the Milwaukie Grange Hall will be open for the May meeting. We have a message into the person who is responsible for the Grange. With that being said, we are proceeding as if it will be open, but please keep an eye on your email and also on the chapter's Facebook page in the event there is a change in plans.

The main topic of the April meeting was the club's proposed outing at the chapter's claim near Baker City, Oregon – “TYROY.”

- We hope to have a two-week outing, provided there are at least 10-15 people to participate each week - in order to justify the cost. Jerry Johns has agreed to run the outing again this year.
 - The proposed dates are **June 26, 2021 to July 11, 2021.**
 - The first 2 days of the outing will be spent preparing the worksite and last 2 days will be spent doing reclamation work.
 - We need 3 or 4 people to help with the preparation/reclamation work.
 - It takes a fair amount of work and chapter money to coordinate and support an outing at TYROY. It also takes cooperation from everyone who attends the outing (or any outing for that matter) to insure everyone has the best time possible.
 - There is room to dry-camp on the private property we have used in the past. It is about an eighth of a mile from the worksite. There are also RV parks in Baker City, including Mt View RV Park and A-Frame RV Park. In addition, the Oregon Trail Motel has a “workers rate” of \$275 per week. Baker City is about 20-30 minutes from the claim.
 - Please be aware that the road into the claim is not paved – and can include ruts and rocks that can pose problems, particularly if it's been raining.
 - There will be portable toilets available at the worksite and the campsite.

Please contact Jerry Johns at jerryjohns@gmail.com or me at the email below if you are interested in the outing at TYROY.

Please direct questions or concerns about any of the above to my attention. Thank you!!

Hope to see you at the May meeting!

Happy Prospecting!

Mike

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Secretary's Report April 18, 2021

Milwaukie Grange Hall
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Meeting was called to order by
President Mike Lewis at 1:30 P.M. Mike
then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance - 27 attendees and 4 guests
were present.

Treasury Report - A motion was made
and seconded to accept the Treasury
Report for February 2020 which was
when we had our last meeting at the
Grange. The motion was approved by
the members present.

TyRoy Outing - Our annual outing is
coming up soon. This years dates are
June 26th until July 11th. We need
a minimum of 10 people a week to
participate to justify the cost of having
it. It looks like that won't be a problem
because a bunch of people have said
that they will be attending this year.
There will be NO CAMPING at the claim
this year ONLY down by the fireplace
which isn't very far from the claim
where everyone will be working. Last
year there was some criticism about
how things were ran up there and that
won't be tolerated. If anyone has a
problem or suggestions then they need
to discuss that with our President Mike
only. For anyone that wants to go for
their first time if you don't have your
own equipment you can be paired up
with someone that does. Everyone
needs to make sure that they have an
ATV Offroad Permit which is required
by law. They only cost like \$10 or \$20
and can be purchaed at most Sporting
goods stores. As usual there will be a
Potluck on the Saturday night in the
middle of the two weeks and everyone
can bring a dish of their choice. There
is also usually a night or two that
people meet up at a Restaurant in
Baker City for a nice sit down dinner.

Panning Demonstrations - Jim Irwin
hosted two panning demonstrations at

his house with the Wounded Outdoors
group a few months ago and they had
pretty good turn outs for the events. As
a "Thank You" for him doing this Mike
presented him with a nice Gold Nugget.

LDMA Lifetime Membership - One
of our members Ron F. is selling his
lifetime LDMA Membership. He is
asking \$1800.00 which is really a great
deal for this because they are normally
priced over \$3000.00. If anyone is
interested you can call Ron at 503-380-
7018.

Gold Bags - We are now selling our
Gold Bags for \$7 a bag an increase from
the previous price of \$5.

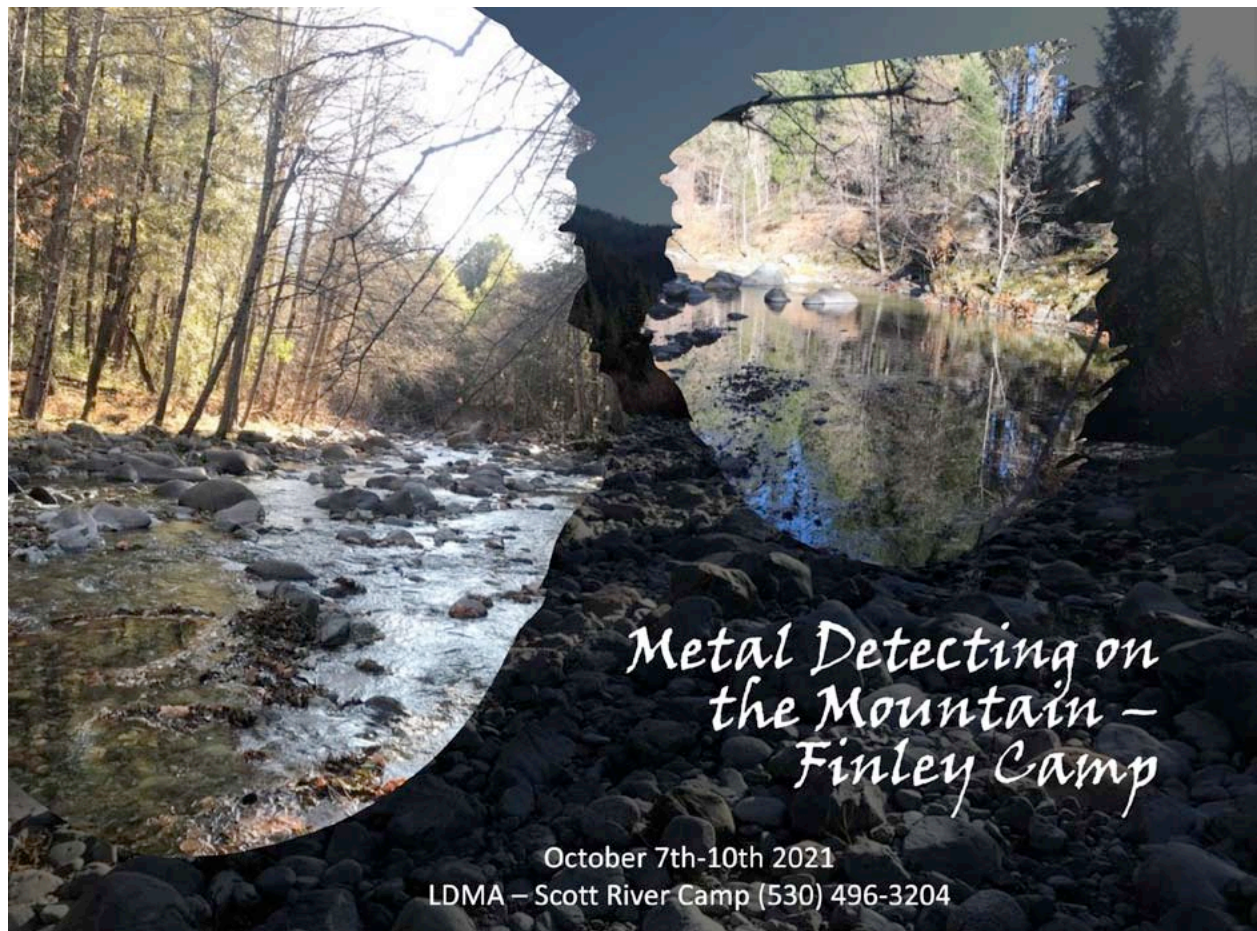
Bird House Raffle - We are finally going
to have the Raffle at our May meeting
for the nice Bird House that Joe Wood
made. Good luck to everyone who
have bought tickets.

Senate Bill #192 - Two of our State
Senators are supporting SB #192 which
would include 4,700 miles of scenic
rivers and byways. We don't want this
bill to pass because it would take some
of our mining rights away. Lets keep
pur fingers crossed that this doesn't
happen.

Election in November - Our President
Mike Lewis announced that he will
be retiring his position at the end of
December. We need someone to
step up to the plate and take over
as President starting in 2022. We
hope that this position can be filled
by someone so we can continue as a
chapter.

The meeting was adjourned at
2:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by
Yolande Kragerud, Secretary.



LDMA Scott River Camp

PRESENTS:

Metal Detecting on the Mountain

FINLEY CAMP

October 7-10, 2021

We're going to be Metal Detecting the area in and around the North Fork of the Russian Creek and the North Fork of the Salmon River. Evidence points to the earliest human occupation of the region dating somewhere between 6,000 and 8,500 years ago. Walk back in time with your metal detectors and experience history like never before! Metal Detection Specialist Ben Castricone, Ph.D. Archology/Geology will be onsite with us! Ben will be conducting onsite training at the camp as well as traveling with us to Finley Camp!

Who Can Participate?

This event is OPEN to ANYONE ... family, friends, neighbors, and coworkers that want to come to detect in the dirt. You must be a registered participant no later than 09/7/21.

The fee structure per participant:

LDMA members... \$100 (tent camping included)

GPAA and Non-Members.... \$150 (tent camping included)

Kids (8 to 17 years of age)... \$40 (with a paid adult participant)

Shower and WIFI package... \$5 per person for the duration of the event

* Primitive/Dry Camping only is included in the participation fee. Electric hook-up, and water hook-up, sites are not included in the participation fee. Those sites will incur site charges per night.

What you'll be doing:

The outing will begin with a BBQ Thursday night and a campfire. We'll meet on Friday morning for coffee and a more formal training session over a variety of metal detecting topics. We will finish off the afternoon with an in-camp coin shoot. Saturday morning we're off to LDMA Finley Camp (60 miles west) on the North Fork of the Russian Creek and the North Fork of the Salmon River for a full day of detecting! Two-wheel drive vehicle accessible. We recommend wearing a long sleeve shirt, long pants, and hiking boots because of poison oak in the area.

Food Service:

On Thursday the 7th, we will be hosting a welcome BBQ dinner @ \$20.00 per person. Please RSVP when making your reservations.

Our menu will be:

Smoked Pork Loin with a signature Blackberry/Chipotle sauce.

Texas Smoked BBQ Pinto Beans

Potato Salad

Soda Herb Bread

Homemade Vanilla Ice Cream w/Fudge Brownie Toppings

We're considering offering an optional sack lunch the day we travel to Finley Camp. We'll let you know more details closer to the event. Other than the welcome dinner, and possible sack lunch, there will be NO OTHER MEALS SERVED during the event. Plan on bringing sufficient food.

WHAT YOU'LL NEED:

Photo ID & Current GPAA-LDMA Membership Card if applicable

Camping Equipment

Food for the length of your stay

Clothing for all types of weather

Sand / Water Shoes / Boot

Sun Screen, sunglasses, hat

Mosquito repellent / Benadryl

Personal Snacks and water

Fun Attitude!

DETECTING EQUIPMENT YOU'LL NEED:

Metal Detector
PinPointer
Pry Bar
Hand Shovel
Rock Hammer
Recovery Bag
Water Bottle
Safety Glasses

Basic Schedule:

Thursday – Check-In / Evening Meet & Greet
Friday Morning - In camp with Ben for Training
Friday Afternoon – In camp for a Detector Hunt/Coin Shoot
Saturday – Load up (convoy-style) and make our way to LDMA Finley Property

For reservations, please contact LDMA - Scott River Camp at (530) 496-3204

Keith & Karen
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P.S. To our currently registered participants: you'll be receiving an email, approximately 4 weeks prior to the dig, with final details and information.

From Melinda and Jim Dorning:

April 17, 2021:

Hello Mike Lewis and friends,

I was planning to email to you sooner. Just to let you know 2 things.

Jim Dorning had unexpected open-heart surgery (triple artery bypass) on April 7 then he had another complication on April 14. He came home on April 16th.

He is home and doing pretty good for now by starting to recuperate. Please let the members who know that Jim says "Hi" and he hopes to come to a PGPI meeting in a couple of months or so. He still needs to have another heart procedure in a 3 to 6 weeks.

He called Ken Burns today and left a message. Jim has at least one large tub of dirt from TYROY from about 5 years ago and maybe a couple 5 gal buckets. It doesn't look like he will work on this dirt anytime soon, so he would like to offer it to the club in some manner. Of course, he can't transport the dirt to a meeting. If another member wants to come get the dirt and divide it into buckets, that is one option.

Or someone who has the ability to process this can see if there is any gold and use the found gold for the group (PGPI). Or sell buckets of unprocessed dirt. Ken Burns was not home so Jim did not get to explain this to him. Maybe members could bring a bucket to the next meeting in May to get dirt. There are so many ways to do this. We don't know what it contains.

We hope the April meeting goes well. It will be a rebuilding process we think.

So Hello from Jim and Melinda to all the PGPI Board members and friends.

May 3, 2021: Update:

After a couple of setbacks, Jim is starting to do a little better with his recovery. He still needs another heart procedure in the next month or so.

We are wondering If PGPI had enough members attend to keep it going? We hope the word gets out and some of the people are able to come back to the monthly meetings soon.

Anyway, we just wanted to say "Hi" and thank you.

Jim and Melinda Dorning

The new ***Washington Gold and Fish*** pamphlet is now available. You must have it with you whenever you prospect in the state of Washington.

Download a copy to print here: <https://wdfw.wa.gov/licenses/environmental/hpa/types/prospecting>



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