



The Prospector

Portland Gold Prospectors, Inc.

GPA Portland, Oregon Chapter



February, 2022

*Here's the first installment
of Members' Corner.*

*Gold Rush Trading Post is a new sponsor of PGPI
Here's an article from their newsletter.*

Favorite Ways To Find Gold

In the words of Tom Massie, star of the Outdoor Channel's Gold Fever, "... my favorite way of prospecting is the way that gets me gold." Suction dredging with a wetsuit can be quite lucrative— not only from the material you suck up but there's also the chance of picking nuggets out of a crack in the bedrock.

Highbanking along the shore is a bit warmer and dryer, but just as fun. As is gold panning in a stream. Drywashing out in the desert surrounded by sunshine and solitude definitely has appeal. And so does uncovering buried treasure while metal detecting. And don't forget melting or smelting cell phone parts or old jewelry and coins. No matter your favorite way of finding gold, one thing is for certain, there's nothing quite like getting out there— in the field or in the water— and getting your share!

SIZES OF GOLD:

Specimen: A naturally formed large gold nugget or gold-laced quartz specimen

Nugget: A naturally formed lump of gold that is big enough to put in a poke and likely won't fit in a typical small vial, depending on its shape

Picker: A piece of visible gold large enough to easily pick up with your fingers

Flake: A piece of gold that is large enough to easily spot but is difficult to pick up with your fingers

Fines: Particles of gold too small to pick up with your fingers

Gold Dust: Very, very fine particles of gold that resemble dust

Flour: Gold particles that are barely visible to the naked eye

Micron Gold: Particles that are invisible to the naked eye

Color: Any amount of visible gold - usually smaller than a nugget - that you find in your pan



Elaine's see'ems

I did not see much last week, so decided to share my other two Eagle stories. One time I got to the Columbia River in time to see a bald eagle in the water flapping it's wings! I first thought was oh no! Can't fly!!! Turned out it was taking a bath. It stepped out of the water and worked for over an hour drying and preening it's wings!!!! Neat!!! Another time there a big Golden Eagle fly in and landed in front of me. I had never seen one of those there before. Out of it's territory?? All the other birds thought so too. Kept heckling it, but it stayed and put up with it till it was ready to leave.

I have a chicken story as well!!! One day out in our gorge, I pulled over in this little side park. Got out to stretch. I heard a chicken!!! I thought my ears were pulling my leg. I stood there a bit and out popped this chicken. Looked like Nina and DeVere's Betty!!! I could not believe what I was seeing. I happened to have a small container of bird seed, so poured it out. The chicken really went after it. I am standing there puzzling over how this chicken got there in the first place. The next morning I filled my container with more birdseed. Went back and here came the chicken. So gave it the birdseed. It clucked at me while eating. I talked to it . I went back again the third day and the chicken was gone. I don't know if another animal got it or what. I still shake my head when I think about that chicken!

Elaine

Secretary's Report January 16, 2022

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Attendance - 27 attendees and 1 guest were present.

Treasury Report - Jim read the Treasury Report for the month of January.

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

Bylaws - The last meeting about our Chapters Bylaws was done at Mike and Gretchen's house with some others present and they are pretty much finished. Jim will be finalizing everything later this week and will be emailing this out to the board members to look over the changes and then will be presenting it to the rest of the chapter.

Sportsmen's Show 2022 - The show is February 16th to the 20th. Our booth will be located in the lobby area of the Portland Expo. We have enough volunteers to run our booth. It will cost \$12 for parking and only the first 6 people will get free admission so anymore over that will have to pay \$5 for admission. We will be doing dry panning demonstrations, Dorothy will be running our quarter drop and we will be selling tickets for our gold nugget raffle. We will announce the winner of the gold nugget at the end of our March meeting.

Gold Show 2022 - The show will be on April 8th through the 10th at the Portland Expo. It will cost \$12 for parking and \$10 for admission. There will be no T-shirts for us this year like there has been in the previous years. We have some

people who have volunteered for the event but we can always use more people. If you are interested there is a sign up sheet.

Monthly Newsletter - We are adding something new to our Monthly Newsletter. It's called "A Members Corner". Members can send stuff to Tim like stories or experiences that they have had and it will be published in upcoming newsletters. This isn't limited to just mining stuff either.

Sportsmen's Warehouse - Jim is setting up a date for us to have another panning demonstration at the location in Portland. The tentative date is going to be the first Saturday in April before the Gold Show so that we can possibly encourage people to attend the show.



Show and Tell - Jim shared a heartwarming story with us. Some members of the Vancouver chapter found a man's framed military case with his American flag and navy medals at a garage sale and with further investigation they found out that the gentleman was deceased when they contacted some of his family members. They would love to have this family treasure so Jim is going to UPS it to them. How awesome is that!

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Panning Gold in New Spain, Early Colonial Period, c. 1535. The pans appear to be bateas.

Has anyone used a Batea pan?

It's an early form of gold pan. YouTubers such as Chris from VoGus Prospecting and Dan Hurd Prospecting have tested them and gotten really good results.



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Annual Banquet - Unfortunately with Covid still going on we will not be having our annual banquet again this year. We are hoping that next year we will start having them again.

February Meeting - Our next meeting in February will start at 1:00 P.M. instead of our usual 1:30 due to it being the last day of the Sportsmen's show.

Chinook Winds Raffle - We are still selling raffle tickets for this package deal. Tickets are \$1 for 5 or \$5 for 6. Time is running out as we will be having the drawing at the end of our February meeting. Good luck to everyone who has purchased tickets.

Raffle - The Raffle was held with \$1 and \$5 tickets. Mark Kirk was the lucky winner of the Gold Bag. John Mink was the lucky winner of the Gold Nugget.

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

Respectfully submitted by Yolande Kragerud,
Secretary.



Bev found the kernel of corn in the Quarter Drop.



PRESIDENT'S BLOG

February, 2022

[FEBRUARY CHAPTER MEETING WILL START AT 1PM](#)

THANK YOU to everyone who came to the January meeting!

As mentioned last month, we have a few things going on the first part of 2022:

February, 2022

- We will have a booth at the [Northwest Sportsman's Show](#) at the Portland Expo Center from [February 16-20](#) – The show is coming up fast! It is a great opportunity to let a lot of people know about our club.

If you are interested in helping with the show, please contact Jim Erwin, at jimerwin223@gmail.com or 503-519-6200. Jim is coordinating our participation in the show. We will have panning demonstrations, a coin drop bottle, sell "gold" bags, etc. [THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HAS ALREADY SIGNED-UP TO HELP!](#)

March, 2022

- On [March 19, 2022](#), we will be holding a panning demonstration at the Sportsman's Warehouse on SE 82nd Avenue, in Portland. There will be sign-up sheet at the February chapter meeting and more specific information as well. Jim Erwin is coordinating this effort; we are hopeful the weather is half-way decent, as the last time we did a panning demonstration there, it was POURING down rain almost the entire time!

- We have an expert in LIDAR (light detection and ranging) coming to the March chapter meeting to give us a demonstration. If you are not familiar with this technology, I think you will find it very interesting.

- We also discussed having our annual potluck at the March meeting. In light of the concerns about Covid and the close proximity needed to have tables and chairs for everyone, it is better to "put this on the back burner for now." So there will be NO potluck in March.

April, 2022

-The GPAA will be holding the Portland [GPAA Gold and Treasure Show](#), at the Portland Expo Center, on April 9 and 10, with setup on the April 8. Jim Erwin, with assistance from Jerry Johns, is also coordinating this effort. Please note we are the lead chapter since the show is in Portland in 2022. The Southwest Washington Gold Prospectors chapter and the Mid-Valley Gold Prospectors chapter may also be helping with the show. The next meeting on the 2022 GPAA Gold and Treasure Show will be on FEBRUARY 27, 2022 AT 1PM, at the Southwest Washington Gold Prospectors meeting location: Minnehaha Grange Hall, 4905 NE St. Johns Road, Vancouver, WA 98661. This show is one of the main sources of income for our chapter. There will be a sign-up sheet at the February meeting.

June, 2022

- We have tentatively scheduled the chapter's two week outing at our TYROY claim for the first 2 week of June, 2022.

>Tim Snyder, who creates the chapter's monthly newsletters and handles the club's social media accounts and website, is interested in any stories related to prospecting from anyone in the club for publication in the newsletter. You can forward your story/information to Tim via email at wrshpmzshn@gmail.com

> We also want to invite anyone at our meetings who has an interesting story to tell or something about prospecting to demonstrate or wants to show what they have found while prospecting, etc.– to let me know so we can either make time during the meeting or schedule time at the next meeting.

Hope to see you at the February meeting. Thank you and Happy Prospecting!

Mike

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Special Chapter Meeting

We received the following invitation and letter from Kevin Hoagland, Executive Director of Development, Gold Prospectors Association of America, regarding the upcoming GPAA Gold and Treasure Show. If you are interested in attending, please RSVP by February 17, 2022. Attendance is limited to the first 85 people who RSVP. Thank you.

!! SPECIAL CHAPTER MEETING !!

When

Monday Feb. 21, 2022 from 4 p.m. - 10 p.m.

Where

Level 2 Conference Room
8100 N. East Parkway Drive
Vancouver, Wa

Who

Kevin Hoagland - GPAA Executive Director,
Portland GPAA Chapter,
Mid Valley GPAA Chapter,
& Vancouver GPAA Chapter

What

A collective meeting of the minds to discuss growth strategy for the
2022 Portland GPAA Gold & Treasure Show

How

Space is limited. Please RSVP by Thursday 2/17/22 by calling
(800) 551-9707 during regular business hours - Ask for Anne or Amber.

Anne's direct number is (323) 205-7280

Why

*A note from Kevin Hoagland

Dear MICHAEL of the Portland OR Chapter of the GPAA,

As you know, we're about a month and a half out from the GPAA Gold & Treasure Show in Portland, Oregon. With the return of the Gold & Treasure Shows in 2022, our goal is to create an exceptional experience for all public and vendors in attendance.

The success of these shows is directly hinged on the participation from local chapter members such as yourself. Without the support of the GPAA Chapter Program, Gold & Treasure Shows could not operate. That is why I will be traveling up to Portland on Feb. 21st to open a dialogue between the GPAA and the three hosting chapters of the Portland Gold & Treasure Show.

I have already received a great deal of feedback regarding all aspects of the 2022 Gold & Treasure Show circuit, and I look forward to discussing this with each of you in greater detail.

During this special meeting, we will have a Q&A session, a brainstorming session regarding this and future shows in the Pacific Northwest, as well as logistics planning for show operations and volunteer positions.

I sincerely hope you're able to be a part of this special chapter meeting in our collaborative effort to make the 2022 Gold & Treasure Shows the best yet.

As a reminder, all attendees are required to RSVP no later than Feb. 17th as walk-ins are not allowed per the conference center. Please use the buttons above, or contact Amber or Anne at (800) 551-9707.

Thank you, and I'll see you there!

Kevin Hoagland
Executive Director of Development
Gold Prospectors Association of America

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