



The Prospector

Portland Gold Prospectors, Inc.

GPAA Portland, Oregon Chapter



January, 2023



Jim is presenting Gretchen her lifetime achievement award from PGPI.



Gretchen received this pendant for her work behind the scenes for our club. This pendant was crafted by Cindy Wright.

(That's a perfect T-shirt! - ed.)



Mom finally gets a gold nugget for all her hard work at our gold shows.

Photos and text by Rocky Tester

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Secretary's Report December 18, 2022

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Meeting was called to order at 1:30 P.M. by President Mike Lewis who also led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendees - 30 attendees and 1 guest were present.

Treasury Report - A motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasury Report that Jim read for the month of December.

Meeting Minutes - A motion was made and seconded to accept the Secretary's Report of the previous month as written and published in the December newsletter.

Sportsmen's Show 2023 - The upcoming Sportsmen's Show is scheduled for February 15th through the 19th. We will have 1 or possibly 2 booths so we will be needing a bunch of volunteers to help out. There is a sign up sheet for anybody who can volunteer to help out. This will be our biggest fundraising event because there will be no GPAA Gold Show for 2023.

Pot Luck - Mike brought up the idea of having a Potluck in March and most everyone decided it would be nice especially since we haven't had one in years.

Treasure Trove - Dan Rouse is working on being a Gold Hog vendor which means he will have even more stuff to sell at his retail store. If anyone is looking to buy some prospecting stuff go check him out he has all different kinds of merchandise for sale. He can even order stuff for you if there's something specific that you want. Keep in mind that TYROY 2023 will be here before we know it and it's never

to early to order something expecially when it can take months to get it.

Thank You Gifts - Gretchen received a beautiful Sterling Silver Necklace with various Opals in it. She does so much for our club that we don't know what we would do without her! Cindy is so talented that she designed it and it turned out so nice and pretty. Mike awarded Dorothy a nice Gold Nugget for everything that she does for our club. She provides all our snacks and sandwiches that we have every month. She is such a gem!

Gold Bags for Sale - We have various sizes of Gold Bags for sale now. They are \$7, \$12, and \$20. Ken Diddier has done a great job putting them together. It's the perfect time of year to buy some when the weather is cold out and you won't be out prospecting.

Phoebe was the gold nugget winner in the quarter drop.

Raffle - The Raffle was held with \$1 and \$5 tickets. Matt won the Gold Bag. Sven Swenson was the lucky winner of the Gold Nugget.

Last but not least, Mike has volunteered to stay on as our President of our club until March but someone has got to step up and take over the position so our club can continue. He and Gretchen will help the new person or persons take over the position as much as they can.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by
Yolande Kragerud, Secretary.



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PRESIDENT'S BLOG

January 2023

Happy New Year everyone! Hopefully 2023 will bring some new outing opportunities, along with more speakers and demonstrations at the monthly chapter meetings. It's time for renewed energy and focus on PGPI.

As you may know, PGPI is participating as a vendor at the Pacific Northwest Sportmen's Show at the Portland Expo Center. At this point, set up will be a day or two before the actual show, which runs from February 15th through the 19th. We have several volunteers but need as many as possible, since the show runs for 5 days. The show hours are Wednesday through Friday: 11AM-8PM; Saturday: 10AM-8PM; Sunday: 10AM-6PM. Take down will be after the show on Sunday. Unfortunately, we do have to pay for parking, except for the set-up day. There will be more discussion about what we will be doing at the show at the January Chapter Meeting. If you can help, please contact Jim Erwin at jimerwin223@gmail.com or 503-519-6200. Thank you.

As discussed previously, I have cancer and will be starting radiation treatments in early February, followed by a course of treatment that could last from one to three years. I need to make a change insofar as remaining as President of PGPI.

We need someone else to step up to be President. We need new energy and new ideas!

As stated in last month's Blog, the President assists with planning and organizing chapter outings and events, helps with scheduling demonstrations and speakers for the monthly meetings, and presides over the monthly Chapter Meetings and Board Meetings, which are usually held after the monthly Chapter Meetings. Other responsibilities include making sure the Chapter Roster is kept current and making sure the Membership Cards are made and the proper Release of Liability forms are signed. The Roster and the Membership Cards, etc., could be done by someone else in a newly created position. There are other responsibilities as Chapter President, including being the contact person for the GPAA and being the contact person for people who are interested in learning about PGPI – usually by phone or email.

I will help with the transition to a new President and will be available to help with questions or concerns going forward. There are several other members of the Chapter who are knowledgeable and helpful as

well. Gretchen will help with the transition on the roster, membership cards, event sign-up sheets, etc.

>Please remember that 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 January's Chapter meeting!

Thank you and Happy Prospecting!

Mike

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THANK YOU!

Thank you to the members of the chapter and to Cindy Wright for the stunning opal pendant necklace. What a nice surprise! I will wear it knowing that it came from a special group of friends including an especially talented friend, Cindy!

Thank you!

Sincerely,

Gretchen
Gretchen Lewis





The club presented Mike with a card of encouragement. We all appreciate his efforts and leadership with his being club president for the past five years.



Mike called up “Mom” to the front of the meeting. Jim presented “Mom” / Dorothy with a gold nugget for all of her efforts in helping the club. She has done the quarter drop at the different shows for years and we appreciate her. She shared that we are all her kids.



Jim presented Gretchen with a custom made necklace for all her hard work and efforts. The club really appreciates everything she does for us. Cindy made the necklace. It has three different kinds of opal on it. Opalized dinosaur bone, Ethiopian opal, and common opal.

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

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