

# The Prospector

Portland Gold Prospectors, Inc.

GPAA Portland, Oregon Chapter



June, 2023

Hey all, I delivered the gold bar raffle item to Katie Braaten on Sunday, May 28.

Jerry Johns



*This invitation is sent on behalf of the Swauk Mining District, Pacific Northwest Miner's Rally organizing committee.*

Hello fellow Miners, Prospectors, Rockhounds, and Outdoor Enthusiasts, the Swauk Mining District is organizing the Pacific Northwest Miner's Rally on August 25th, 26th, 27th, in Historic Liberty Washington.

This is a 3-day outdoor venue in the mountains of Central Washington with a miner rendezvous theme.

Come help celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Swauk Mining District by attending the Pacific Northwest Miner's Rally.

There will be Prospecting demos, Vendors, Rocks, Gems, and Minerals. There will also be a Big Gold Display, Jewelry, Speakers, and Tours.

Don't miss the Clubs & Raffles, Detector Hunts for Kids, and Adult Night Hunts, entry will be free to the public, with free dry camping available.

See pages 6-8 for the flyer and vendor application.

## President's Corner

June 2023

The summer adventure season is finally here! To all of you making it out to TYRoy this month, I hope you have a grand time! I will miss being out there with you.

If, like me, you can't make it this year, I hope you find other ways to get your shovels in the dirt this season.

### Meeting News

- Our May meeting was well attended and gave folks a lot of opportunities to enjoy connecting with old friends as well as meet visitors and guests. A lot of help and effort went into making the "downstairs-around-the-corner" situation work (aka our alternative meeting space) - thank the many that pitched in to set up the meeting space. Jessyca's snacks were delicious. And, we ended on a high note when Honored Member Dorothy Ruth drew the gold bar raffle drawing.
- Remember, the June meeting is cancelled because of the TYRoy outing.
- Jerry Johns has graciously agreed to run the July meeting where there will be a debrief about the outing. Don't miss it! I will be back straight from camp in Alaska for the August meeting.

If you have been thinking about how you can support our club, we are establishing a new membership work group that you might be interested in. This group will help us document meeting attendance, help new members get oriented to the club and conduct membership follow-up. People with some experience with spreadsheets and a desire to help new people feel connected to their club are encouraged to volunteer. If you are interested in helping with some part of this, please let us know.

Happy summer everyone,

*John Mink*

The President - Can't wait to hear (and tell) the stories!

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**Portland Gold Prospectors, Inc.  
Secretary's Report May 21, 2023**

**Eastridge Church  
14100 SE Sunnyside Rd.  
Clackamas, Oregon 97015**

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

**Attendees** - 62 attendees and 5 guests were present.

**Treasury Report** - A motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasury Report that Jessyca read for the month of May.

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

**Daybreak Park Event** - Dan Rouse talked about the recent outing at Daybreak Park last month. There was about 100 people that came to the event. Some people found Gold and everyone had a good time.

**TyRoy 2023** - The event runs from June 17th until July 2nd. It looks like quite a bit of people will be going this year which is great. Let's hope the weather is nice and not like last years event which had to be cut short because of all the rain. Jerry has gotten everything taken care of like renting the equipment and stuff. For everyone that will be going make sure that you fill out your liability and medical form which is required for anyone that will be going up there. You also need to make sure that you buy an ATV Permit for your vehicle. The first Saturday will be our Potluck and there will be a Pizza night and an opportunity to go to a steakhouse restaurant in Haines another night.

**Gold Bar Raffle** - We had the drawing for the Gold Bar and the lucky winner is Katie Braten. She is being notified that she is the winner because she bought her ticket at the recent Sportsmen's Show.

**Raffle** - The Raffle was held with \$1 and \$5 tickets. Ken Didier was the lucky winner of the Gold Bag. Jerry was the lucky winner of the Gold Nugget.

There will be **NO JUNE MEETING** because of our TyRoy outing.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 P.M.

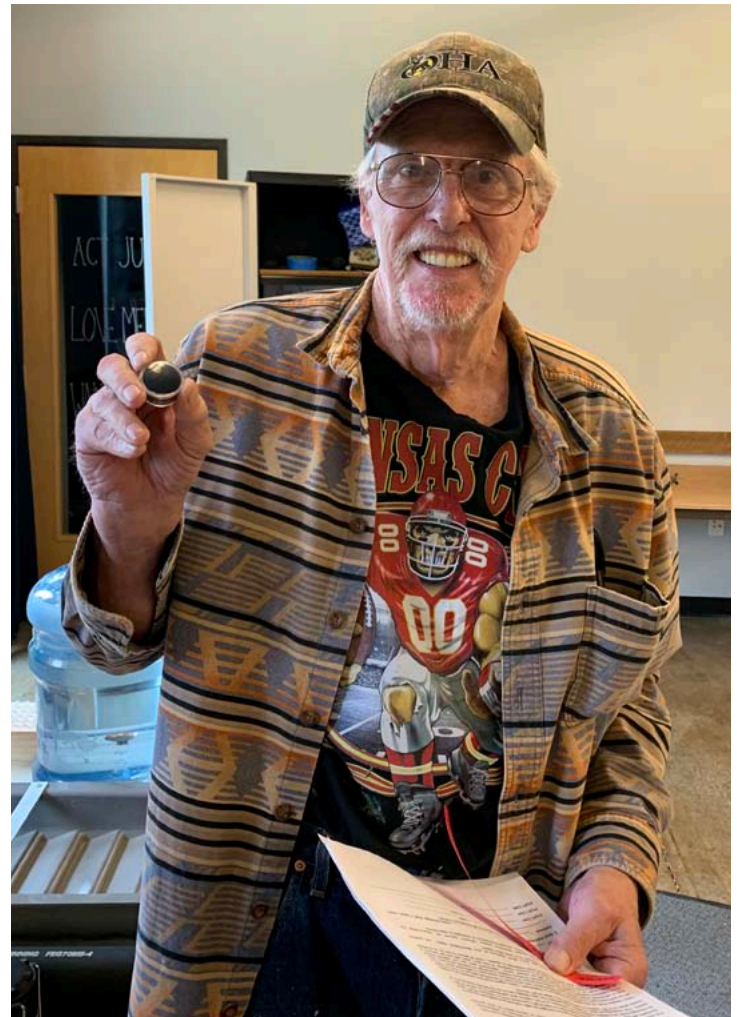
Respectfully submitted by Yolande Kragerud, Secretary.







This is Grant's with all his loot / winnings. He won the \$1 raffle multiple times and also was a winner in the \$5 raffle. Fun to watch!



Jerry won the \$5 prize of a gold nugget.



This young lady is the queen of the quarter drop!



The winner of the \$1 concentrate bag was Ken.





*Celebrating the Life of  
Elaine Ruth*

Elaine Alice McKinley Ruth, the only daughter of Clarence Clayton and Alice McKinley was born on July 15, 1950, in Ada, Oklahoma, and passed away in Boring, Oregon on April 28, 2023, at the age of 72.

Shortly after she was born, she and her brother Roger Clarence McKinley moved with her parents to May, Oklahoma where her brother Leslie Daniel was born. From there the family moved to Westcliffe, Colorado where her dad taught high school vocational agriculture and her brother David Earl was born. After 6 years at Westcliffe, the family moved to Walsh, Colorado where she completed her education, graduating from High school in 1968. After graduating, she attended Panhandle State College in Goodwell, Oklahoma where she earned a degree in education. She returned to Westcliffe to teach for a couple of years. After deciding teaching wasn't for her, she went with her brother Roger to the Portland, Oregon area, where she had family.

There she met Richard (Dick) Lee Ruth. They were married on January 22, 1982, in Reno, Nevada. They lived in several places in the Portland area over the years, but none as long as the little house in Boring, Oregon, close to Richard's family. While there she and Richard were very active members of the Portland Gold Prospectors Club and attended church regularly. She remained there after Richard passed away in 2022. She was aficionado of trains, stamps, art, and waterfalls! She also began sharing what she saw on her drives, usually through the Columbia River Gorge, with the weekly Ruth Family emails.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Richard, her father and mother, Clarence and Sarah McKinley, her father-in-law, Frank Ruth, and her brother Roger McKinley.

Left to cherish her memory are two brothers, Les (Cindy) of Parachute, Colorado and David McKinley of Lamar, Colorado; Stepdaughters, Michelle Mousel of Pullman, Washington and Martha Saddler of Aurora, Nebraska; and many more dear family members and friends.

*Elaine Alice McKinley Ruth*  
*Celebration of Life*  
*May 21, 2023*  
*at the*  
*Sandy Seventh-day Adventist Church*  
*Sandy, Oregon*

*Music performed by Sandy Seventh-day Adventist*  
*Cowboy Church Musical Group.*  
*Favorite songs of Elaine's include;*  
*The Old Rugged Cross*  
*In the Garden*  
*Shall we Gather at the River*  
*Amazing Grace*

*Words of encouragement and Prayer*  
*by Pastor Diego Silva, Friend of Elaine's, and*  
*Pastor of the Sandy SDA Church*

*Rolling Mic for those who wish to share memories of Elaine*  
*followed by a Chuck Wagon Meal Compliments of*  
*Cowboy Church Meal Team.*

*I come to the Garden Alone,*  
*While the dew is still on the roses,*  
*And the voice I hear falling on my ear*  
*The Son of God discloses.*

*And He walks with me and He talks with me,*  
*And He tells me I am His own;*  
*And the joy we share as we tarry there,*  
*None other has ever known.*

*He speaks, and the sound of His voice*  
*is so sweet the birds hush their singing.*  
*And the melody that He gave to me*  
*Within my heart is ringing.*

*I'd stay in the Garden with Him,*  
*Though the night around me be falling,*  
*But He bids me go; through the voice of woe,*  
*His voice to me is calling!*



# **Free Public Admission!!**

# **Pacific Northwest**

# **Miner's Rally**

***A Rendezvous of Northwest Mining Districts***

**August 25, 26 & 27**

***In Historic Liberty, WA***

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- **Gold Panning Booth**
- **Metal Detecting Hunt**
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- **Mining & Mineral Clubs**
- **Outdoor Sports & Recreation Vendors**
- **Free Camping!**



## ***Presentations:***

- **Gold Nugget Display**  
*Potato Patch Mine*
- **Geology**  
*Nick Zentner, Jack Powell & Dave Green*
- **Ellensburg Blue Agates**  
*Carl Carlson*
- **Fine Gold Recovery**  
*Mike Pung*
- **Mining Regulatory Issues**  
*Dennis Peterson*

**Special Presentation by:**

**Shane Corson**

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**Hosted By:**



**Email: [office@swaukminingdistrict.org](mailto:office@swaukminingdistrict.org)**

***Celebrating Our 150 Year Anniversary!***



Vender Application

## Pacific Northwest Miner's Rally

August 25, 26 & 27, 2023  
Liberty Meadows, Liberty, WA

Contact Name:	State Business ID:
Business Name:	Federal EIN:
Street Address:	Email:
City, State, Zip Code	Emergency Contact:
Phone:	Emergency Phone:

Please provide a brief description of products and/or services offered at your booth:

- ☐ Non-Profit Mining, Rock, Mineral or Outdoor Organization (10' X 10') booth area will be provided free of charge.
- ☐ For-Profit Corporation Venders 10' X 10' booth area will be charged \$50.00.
- ☐ For-Profit Corporation Venders 10' X 20' booth area will be charged \$75.00.
- ☐ Contact me for any special booth area needs or assignment (please provide brief description).
- ☐ I would like a camping/RV spot behind my booth area (describe space needs).
- ☐ I understand that the Bureau of Land Management will charge each vender 3% of Gross Sales Receipts and I will be required to submit my sales information to the Swauk Mining District Treasurer prior to leaving the event. **Initial here:** \_\_\_\_\_

Would you be willing to help offset costs associated with organizing this event by donating funds, prizes and/or raffle merchandise?

- ☐ No ☐ Yes (please describe).
- ☐ Do you plan to attend the Saturday night BBQ? If so, how many in your party? \_\_\_\_\_.  
(price per plate TBD after we have a count on number of people planning to participate)

Please return completed form with payment to:

**Swauk Mining District**  
**P.O. Box 101**  
**Ellensburg, WA 98926**

***You must sign the Contract and Terms of Agreement on reverse of this page.***

## **Contract and Terms of Agreement**

1. **Organizer:** Swauk Mining District, P.O. Box 101, Ellensburg, WA 98926 henceforth the "Organizer". Email: office@swaukminingdistrict.org
2. **Location, Dates, Hours:** Liberty Meadows, Liberty, WA. August 25-27, 2023: 9 am to 5 pm daily. Vendor access begins 9:00 AM on 08/24/23 and concludes at noon on 08/28/23.
3. **Application for Participation:** Application is made by completing this contract and sending it, with payment, to Swauk Mining District. You will then receive confirmed acceptance via email to the rally. The Vendor agrees to accept all rules, regulations, terms and conditions of the rally as being valid for himself / herself and employees. The Vendor accepts full responsibility, and is liable for any and all actions of any employees, or any persons sharing Vendor's assigned selling space. SUBLETTING IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED AND VOIDS CONTRACT WITHOUT REFUND OR RECOURSE. The provision of exhibition space is for the entire duration of the rally. Upon application acceptance, the Organizer herein grants revocable permission to use the exhibition booth assigned, subject to these terms and conditions. The Organizer makes no representations or warranties except as expressly set forth herein. The permission granted is revocable by Organizer in the event Vendor shall violate this agreement. Payment shall be enclosed with the application submission. Booth spaces will not be assigned until payment is received. Returned checks are subject to a \$35 service charge. It is the Vendor's responsibility to comply with the contract terms. Set up will not be permitted until balance is paid in full.
4. **Booth Area Assignment:** Where feasible, the Organizer will assign the location requested by the Vendor. However, the Organizer reserves the right to change original space assignments if deemed to be in the best interest of the rally or for circumstances beyond the control of the Organizer.
5. **Contract:** This contract between the contractual partners (the Vendor and Organizer) becomes valid when full payment is received. Organizer shall have full power to interpret the rules, terms and conditions of this contract to make such ruling as may be deemed by the Organizer to be in the best interest of the rally. During the rally, due to its temporary nature on facilities which are not regularly operated by the Organizer, various unknown and anticipated contingencies may arise, and the Organizer reserves the right to interpret the relative rights of the parties in the light of such unanticipated circumstances and/or contingencies.
6. **Vendor Cancellation:** Unforeseen circumstances can arise that will prevent a Vendor from attending the rally as planned. Therefore, release from contract is possible by written request, which must be received 2 weeks prior to the event.
7. **Site Conditions:** Unless otherwise arranged, if the allocated booth space has not been claimed by 9 pm, Friday August 25 the space will be considered forfeit and the Organizer entitled to use or assign space otherwise. No refund will be made. It is the Vendor's responsibility to keep their booth clean and neat before, during, and after the rally. Vendor must provide their own booth furnishings. No electricity will be provided by Organizer. This event takes place outdoors. Adverse weather is possible and Organizer is not responsible for damages by adverse weather events.
8. **Check in / Set-up:** Venders who have paid in full have access Thursday (August 24) between 9am and 9pm.
9. **Break-down:** 5 pm – midnight August 27, and can resume the next day at 8 am. Venders must be vacated by noon August 28.
10. **Clean up:** Vendor must remove all trash in their selling space and place it in a garbage can. Failure to comply will result in a minimum \$50.00 cleaning fee. Vendor shall be subject to financial liability for the repair or replacement of any damages or equipment losses caused by Vendor and/or any labor involved in clean-up or uncontained trash. No liquid wastes/hazmat shall be discharged at the site. Vendor is responsible for cleanup costs.
11. **Safeguarding, Security measures:** The Organizer will endeavor to provide overall security of the exhibition, but is exempt from liability for any and all loss or damage incurred. It is inevitable that losses will occur, especially to theft. Don't be the victim. Vendors must ensure that their exhibition stand/booth and items exhibited are properly safeguarded during exhibition hours, during set-up / break-down, and overnight. The Vendor agrees that the Organizer is not responsible for the safety or loss of Vendor's merchandise at any time. If hot items are used by Vender, they must have a fire extinguisher available at their booth space. Explosives and fireworks are prohibited. Any fire restrictions must be followed at time of the event. This information can be found on the Spokane District Website (<https://www.blm.gov/or/districts/spokane/about.php>)
12. **Sales Tax:** Vendors must collect sales tax on retail sales.
13. **Insurance:** Vendor is responsible for any and all insurance risks implicit or explicit in Vendor's participation in the rally, including, but not limited to, claims arising from the use of vehicles or equipment, set-up / break-down operations, and from any claim arising from any act or omission of Organizer, its owners, employees, agents, or guests, and from any claims arising from loss, robbery, burglary, pilferage, vandalism, fire, water damage accident, negligence or other cause, regardless of how act or omission generates such claim or claims.
14. **Cancellation / Postponement of the Rally:** If, due to circumstances beyond the Organizer's control or in the case of force majeure (e.g. fire, bomb threat, blizzard, flood, terrorism, quarantine, etc.), it becomes necessary to close or postpone the date of the rally; this will not entitle Vendors to a release from contract or to a reduction in fees. Vendor shall hold Organizer harmless against all other claims and liabilities to Vendor whether arising from expenses incurred, to be incurred, loss of anticipated profit or otherwise.
15. **Liability:** I agree to indemnify and save harmless Swauk Mining District and its agents/representatives from any and all charges, claims and causes of action by 3rd persons, including, but not limited to agents, contractors, representatives, of Swauk Mining District based upon or arising out of any damages, losses, expenses, charges, costs, injuries or illness, including death, sustained or incurred by such person or persons resulting from or in any way, directly or indirectly, connected with the performance or nonperformance of this agreement. Site use is established as "use at your own risk."

I have read and agree to the terms and conditions of this contract:

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Signature

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Printed Name

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Date



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