



The Prospector

Portland Gold Prospectors, Inc.

GPA Portland, Oregon Chapter



October, 2024

New Location Parking

The Board of Directors felt it best if we left the three parking spaces nearest the bottom door open, for those members who bring food or other materials for our meetings. Therefore those members can unload and not have to haul their items a long distance. Please keep this in mind when parking at The Grange.

It Ain't Leaverite!



A previously un-cataloged mineral has been discovered by Tom Kitcher. Dan Rouse of Prospector's Treasure Trove brought a sample of Kitcherite to September's meeting.

President's Corner

October 2024

Well there's not much of a chill in the air... but it is October. Time to kick back the recliner, open up the maps and start planning next year's adventures.

The meeting on October 20 starts as usual at 1:30; we'll have a quick business meeting, then we'll have snacks and panning activities and equipment demonstrations and kind of a party to celebrate a great summer and our new space. We'll go til 3 or so and see what happens.

We'll have the regular \$5 raffle with great prizes then start our ongoing \$10 raffle. We'll sell the \$10 tickets at the Oct, Nov, and December meetings then draw the winning tickets at the December meeting. The prizes will be displayed at the meeting. So let's all bring our cash wad and have some fun. See you there

John Mink

From the Editor:

Not much to report on this month. I'm always happy to receive stories (true or not) and photos from club members. Send them to me at wrshpmzshn@gmail.com.

I've been producing the newsletter for seven years and it's time for me to pass it on to someone else. If you're interested please contact me via my email: wrshpmzshn@gmail.com

An excerpt from rockseeker.com

Gold Prospecting For Beginners: A Guide For Beginners Looking For Gold

Getting Started With Gold Prospecting

Gold is everywhere! There is probably even gold in your very own back yard! Can you imagine?

Portland Gold Prospectors, Inc. Secretary's Report September 15, 2024

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

Attendees - 47 attendees and 6 guests 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 September newsletter.

Treasury Report - There was no Treasury Report read this month because Jessyca wasn't present.

Summer Stories - Rocky Tester shared about his and Mark Kirks recent trip to TyRoy and how much of a good time that they had. Sam Garcia talked about his recent trip to Liberty Washington. He went to the Pacific Northwest Miners Rally which is held every year in August. Our club has been invited to set up a booth there at next years rally for a cost of only \$50. This sounds like a great opportunity to get the word out about our club and meet new people that love to prospect like we all do.

New Rock Discovered - Dan Rouse talked about his recent outing to No Name Creek. Tom Kitcher discovered a new rock to science. It's named after him and now called Kitcherite. How cool is that?

Counterfeit Gold - Beau Gordon shared with us that there is actually counterfeit gold out there and it can be bought on Etsy. It's a mix of copper and glass so be on the lookout for this scam.

End of Summer Picnic - Our end of summer picnic is cancelled for this month but we are going to have it at our October meeting. We will have a short meeting and then have a party with food and some panning demonstrations and other activities.

Fundraising Events - Our club is in desperate need of some fundraising events. Any ideas are greatly appreciated. Some ideas are a garage sale, have an auction, do a can drive, attend some type of shows in the spring that pertain to mining equipment and possibly do some rock and mineral shows.

3 Month Raffle - We will be having a 3 month raffle that starts in October and will end in December. There will be some great items to win that would make good Christmas gifts.

Raffle - The raffle was held with \$5 tickets. Milan Schubert was the lucky winner of the gold nugget and Jerry Handegart was the winner of the bag of dirt. Jerry Snider won the coin drop nugget.

The meeting was **adjourned** at 2:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Yolande Kragerud, Secretary



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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