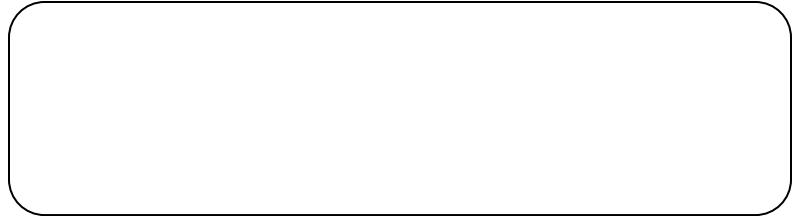


***DRYWASHER'S* GAZETTE**

January/February 2020

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Next General Meeting: February 27, 2020, 7 PM – 9 PM

Mission and Code of Ethics

Valley Prospectors Inc. is a non-profit educational organization dedicated

“To Promote Gold Prospecting as a healthy family activity.”

You’re invited to be our guest at the General membership meetings that are

held on the last Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm

in the Knights of Columbus Hall at:

1729 E. Baseline Street, San Bernardino, Ca. A map is on our website.

The Board of Directors meeting will be at 6 pm before the General

Meeting at the Knights of Columbus Hall in San Bernardino.



“A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION”

Remember that all prospectors may be judged by the example “You set.” Leave flora and fauna as you found it. “Do Not Destroy Any property, public or private!” “Obey all laws”. Please do not litter,

Each member of Valley Prospectors Inc. should strive to set a good example for others.

Officers for 2020

Executive Officers			Chairpersons		
President	Lorraine Frost	760-868-6564	Apparel	Trish Dudley	480-490-0975
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John Bonson	909-794-4401		Asst. Editor	Vacant	
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Bob Dudley	480-225-5013		50/50	Sherri Livingston	909-875-2090
Trish Dudley	480-490-0975		Gold Sales	Art Fairchild	951-897-5433
Gene Lepper	951-674-3207		Historian	Corenna Ross	530-274-1838
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Katherine Naki	909-733-6441		Refreshments	Michelle O'Brien	
Bruce Sherman	951-780-7715		Outings/Retired during the week	Don Osborne	951-817-0524 714-287-0782
Alternates			Claims	Bob Dudley	480-225-5013
Stu Luce	909-560-0474		Show & School Rep.	Steve Schubert	951-943-0535
John Howell	951-247-1037		Wagon Master	Mike Dunkerely	760-608-3228
Tommy Purscelly	909-820-1898				

CLAIMS

The 2 Burro's Placer Claims 20 acres
Coolgardie Placer Claim Harvey's Oro Rico 120 acres
Gold Venture & Pickett #3 Placer Claims, 20 acres ea.
Hungry Man 1, 2, 3, 4 and Chunker Placer Claims 550 total acres
Indian Gulch and Indian Flat Placer Claim 60 acres
Jackass 1, Placer Claim 160 acres
Miner's Folly Placer Claim 60 acres
Moriah Placer Claim 15 acres
Pickett #2 Placer Claim 30 acres
(Cajon Pass) Summit Placer Claim 60 acres



SNAKES, BEWARE: BE CAREFULL AT ALL OF OUR CLAIMS.

CAMPING OVERNIGHT AT COOLGARDIE - PLEASE

BE COURTEOUS, BE KIND, PLEASE TURN OFF GENERATORS 11 pm to 6 am, if you can.

Thank you from Valley Prospectors Members who need their peace & quiet

Program for February 27th meeting – PLP Update

Be sure to mark your calendars for our February meeting. A representative from PLP – Public Lands for the People – will be giving us all an update on their efforts to restore our dredging rights in California and other states. As an organizational member of PLP, we are eager to support their efforts in safeguarding the 1872 mining laws and ensuring that we continue to have access to our legal claims.

Check out what PLP is up to at their website:

<https://www.publiclandsforthepeople.org/> Please contact Steve Schubert if you have suggestions on future meeting programs.

Prez Says – Lorraine Frost – Jan/Feb 2020

I want to thank Bural and Pat LaRue for the program in January. They gave a great update on the California Federation of Mineralogical Societies (CFMS). We learned about many resources available to us besides just the Federation Gem Shows. As an organizational member, Valley Prospectors joins hundreds of clubs that seek to educate and inform the community about gems and minerals.

Also, a big thank you to Art Fairchild. He has stepped aside as our editor and we want to thank him for the many hours of work in putting the news together for all our members. I'll be handling the newsletter until we have another volunteer step forward. We could use your help. I don't think you want the President handling too many tasks. Please call me with your interest.

We continue to update our upcoming events. Mike "Dunk" Dunkerley has planned an outing to the Burro Schmidt's. Look for his article for details. Don't hesitate to share your interests by sending in information to valleyprospectors49@gmail.com

Wagonmaster Report – Mike "Dunk" Dunkerley

While Steve is handling the events at the upcoming GPAA Gold and Treasure Show in February and the Ventura Gem and Mineral Show in March, I want to invite you all to a trip in April. Come out to the Randsburg claims on April 24-26, 2020 (Events calendar has been updated). I will conduct a Randsburg history weekend. On Saturday, April 25th we will visit the Rand Desert Museum followed by a guided trip to Burro Schmidt's Mine. Let me know if you want to go on the Burro Schmidt's Mine tour so we can accommodate rides for everyone. Tour takes about 4 hours round trip and we will leave at 10:30 am. After Schmidt's Mine, bring your packed lunch and we will stop at Beckles Camp where there is a miners camp full of prospecting equipment and there are bathrooms and a lunch area where we can sit and enjoy the desert. Then back to 2 Burros for some prospecting and metal detecting.

Be sure to bring a flashlight for the mine tour. Dunk – 760-608-3228

<https://www.desertusa.com/desert-prospecting/burro-schmidt-tunnel.html>

Valley Prospectors' Inc.- General Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 30, 2020 Knights of Columbus Hall San Bernardino CA

Meeting called to order by Lorraine Frost at 7:05 PM. Pledge of Allegiance led by L. Frost.

New Courtesy Chairpersons -Susan Birrell and Diane Railsback. Thank you, ladies. No guest tonight, 41 members. Motion to accept minutes of November General meeting as written- John H. 2nd Art F.- Vote – Pass. Motion to accept minutes of December General meeting as written- Gene L. 2nd Tommy P. - Vote- Pass. Announcements- Sue Baranauskas Celebration of Life Friday, January 31, 11 AM Edwards Manson, upcoming Gem shows see the front check-in table. Apparel- Trish D. not here tonight, but there are some new shirts and hats. Possibly will be able to put on Web Site Members Only Page.

Budget / Treasurer's report- Lorraine, Judy, and Steve will be signers on the account. Lorraine is handling the checkbook for now. Under the new bylaw changes, 100% of annual dues will go to the general fund and 100% of new member initiation fees go to claims. Monthly balances ending December 31, 2019, on general and claims accounts reported. Review of 2020 Budget later tonight. CFMS- Pat and Bural LaRue will be guest speakers tonight. Claims- Bob D. not here tonight. Finds of the month- Garry Devlin "Devlin's Diggings" new location in front of the room. Great place! Vote on Gold and Treasure finds. Gold Sales- Art Fairchild 2 Nuggets for the Pomona GPAA show. Gene L. suggested a special raffle Quarterly. Lady Luck- Albert Naki, "Brown Bag Special" Gold bags tonight. Library- We do not have a librarian, however, if you wish to check out books visit the online Members Only Page, you will need to request books not later than 2 days in advance of a general meeting. You can call Lorraine or Steve. 50/50- Sherri Livingston for tickets. Membership/Name Tags- Andrea Frost right now there are 272 members, just received a bunch of renewals in the mail, still need about 48 to renew. Have a couple of new members. Newsletter Editor- Art Fairchild has resigned from this position. Lorraine will ALSO do the newsletter among the numerous other duties she is taking on. Please submit articles, pictures, ads before February 4. PLEASE HELP! Outing/Wagon-master- Steve for Dunk, February outing is the Pomona GPAA show February 15 & 16 setup is Valentine's day February 14. Contact Steve Schubert. Refreshments- Michelle O'Brien will be doing refreshments this year. Michelle is a fairly new member of Valley Prospectors' but has participated in numerous VP activities in the past few years. Thank you, Michelle. Tonight's program is Pat and Bural La Rue on CFMS. What is CFMS? California Federation Mineral Society. There are about 105 gem, mineral, rock, lapidary and prospecting clubs in this organization. They have Scholarships for high school Junior or Senior students that are interested in Earth Science. An endowment fund, Diedrick memorial fund, AFMS Scholarship and Endowment, visual Aid programs to rent, Insurance program, Summer camps in Earth Science. There is also something called the Mini Miners monthly. Pat La Rue has never missed a meeting of CFMS since 1984. Pat & Bural have both received the Golden Bear awards and numerous other awards. Thank you for the info and knowledge you shared.

Break Time 8:05 PM Resume: 8:16 PM Old Business: a. Membership dues increase on Saturday, February 1 to \$60.00. \$40.00 Plus \$20.00 late fee. b. Panning Demo at San Bernardino museum went very well 13 volunteers on Saturday and 5 on Sunday. New Business: a. 2020 BUDGET – Lorraine went over the budget items line by line with the actual 2019 income & expenses and then the budget items and estimated income and tentative expenses for 2020. VP spent a lot of money in 2019 needs to watch the expenditures for this year. Motion to accept the budget as written Tommy P. 2nd Albert N. Vote- Passed with 1 Against and 1 Abstention. b. 9-1-1 emergency list and emergency locations on VP website Members Only page c. Campfire permits expired 12/31/19 get you new campfire permits free online, Cal Fire or U S Forestry office www.preventwildfireca.org

Door Prizes- L. Kennedy, K., Crawford, and 50/50 L. Frost drew her own number again.:)

Finds of the month 1st Sherri 2nd Bryan Gold 1st Tommy 2nd Bryan 3rd Joe D.

Motion to adjourn: Andrea 2nd Gene Time 8:45 PM Albert calls the raffle numbers.

Minutes of this meeting by Judy Lepper VP Secretary 2020

Book Signing with Erik Melchiorre - I will be signing and selling my gold books at the Feb 7-8-9 2020 Quartzsite Gold Show and thought you might want to announce this gold show to the members. Plus, I'll be one of the guest speakers at the lunchtime talks.
<https://www.facebook.com/Quartzsite-Gold-Treasure-and-Craft-Show-1387820058128776/?rc=p>
<https://www.detectorprospector.com/calendar/event/80-quartzsite-gold-show/>

I have been to this show for about 6 years, and it is always worthwhile. Plus, there is good local prospecting if folks want to make a weekend of it. Just see Blake at the local prospecting shop (Miners Depot) or at the show for a visitors membership in the local club. 2hrs and 45 minutes from my home, and I am drywashing on the Middle Camp Claims! Cheers, --Erik Melchiorre VP Member 5306

Gold Panning Shows Coming Up:

GPAA Gold and Treasure Show – February 15-16 – Pomona Fairplex

On February 15 show runs from 10 am to 5 pm

On February 16 show runs from 10 am to 4 pm

Check-in at the Valley Prospector Booth and give us a hand.

Ventura Gem and Mineral Show – March 7-8 – Ventura Fairgrounds

Contact Steve Schubert for details – 951-943-0535

Refreshments:

Thank you to Michelle O'Brien for taking over the refreshments for us. Thank you also, to all who donated goodies at the meetings over the years. Mary and Steve

Old West Days at the San Bernardino County Museum – Update:

On January 18-19, 2020, Valley Prospectors joined in on the fun at the Old West Days held at the San Bernardino County Museum. We had a good turnout of members to help in the Gold Panning demonstrations. We were part of reliving the “old days” in the west, and there was a lot of interest. Many people didn't realize that there were still prospectors looking for gold in California. The kids had a blast finding fools gold and then when we showed them the real gold they were amazed. Thank you to all the volunteers who came out and helped educate the community on responsible gold prospecting.



Valley Prospectors Calendar of Events 2020

Feb 15-16	GPAA Gold and Treasure Show – Pomona Fairplex
	Sat 10 am – 5 pm Sun 10 am – 4 pm
Feb 27	VP Board Meeting – 6 pm General Meeting – 7 pm
Mar 7-8	Ventura Gem & Mineral Show
Mar 26	VP Board Meeting – 6 pm General Meeting – 7 pm
Mar 27-29	Coolgardie Claims (Barstow)
Apr 24-26	Randsburg Claims (2 Burros) & Burro Schmidt’s Mine Tour on Apr 25th at 10:30 am – rendezvous and carpool from claim
April 30	VP Board Meeting – 6 pm General Meeting – 7 pm
May 28	VP Board Meeting – 6 pm General Meeting – 7 pm
May TBA	Tonopah/Goldfield, Nevada
Jun 5	Lakewood School Program
Jun TBA	Membership Appreciation Picnic - TBA
Jun 25	VP Board Meeting – 6 pm General Meeting – 7 pm
Jun 26-28	Big Bear Claims (Miner’s Folly)
Jul 24-26	Big Bear Claims (Miner’s Folly)
Jul 30	VP Board Meeting – 6 pm General Meeting – 7 pm
Aug 16-23	VP Northern Claims – RSVP highly recommended
Aug 27	NO MEETING
Sep 19-20	Randsburg Claims (2 Burros) – Old West Days
Sep 24	VP Board Meeting – 6 pm General Meeting – 7 pm
Oct 23-25	VP Rendezvous – Ord Mountains, Barstow
Oct 29	VP Board Meeting – 6 pm General Meeting – 7 pm
Nov 19	VP Board Meeting – 6 pm General Meeting – 7 pm
Nov TBA	Yuma, AZ
Dec 6	VP Christmas Party
	Native Sons of the Golden West, San Bernardino
	11 am – 3 pm



“Miners Sales”



Members: One ad, 3 times through the year for free. Commercial ads are \$5.00 per month

For Sale New-never used Keene Puffer dry washer \$750.00 cash firm Mad Miner dry washer used twice \$550.00
Contact Tom C. 760 881-9629 (3)

WANTED: Metal Detector – I am looking for a used Tesoro Compadre that someone wants to sell. I want a beginner metal detector that is lovingly used but not expensive. I only want it for organized treasure hunts with groups. Please contact me at birresus@yahoo.com or (760) 954-1915.
Thank you, Susan Birrell (2)

For Sale – 1999 Ford F 250 7.3 International Diesel, Banks system 134,500 miles. Plus 1996 Alpen 35 ft. 5th wheel. Package deal. \$22,000 Firm. Extras!!! Contact Sandy Harter 951-216-5502 (1)