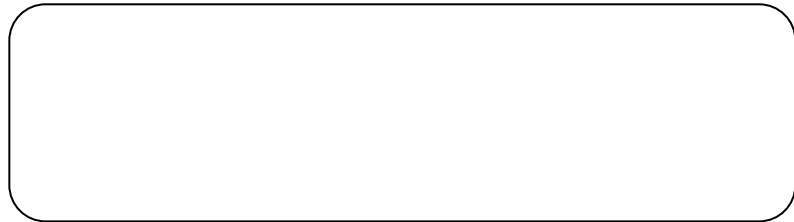


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Next Meeting – Apr 4, 2023, @ San Bernardino Elks Lodge  
2055 Elks Dr, San Bernardino, CA

## Mission and Code of Ethics

Valley Prospectors Inc. is a non-profit educational organization dedicated  
*To promote Gold Prospecting as a healthy family activity.*

## A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION

General Membership Meeting is held first Tuesday of each month at  
6:00 pm at the Elks Lodge at 2055 Elks Dr, San Bernardino, CA.

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## For the Latest on Club Events Members Eyes Only New Facebook Group

The Club has created a designated Facebook members only group where event information will be posted. All club members should have already received an invite to join via e-mail.

It is called *VP Members Only* and it is the best way to get the most up-to-date information on select outings.

If you have not received an invite or cannot locate it in your inbox, please reach out to the club e-mail address:

[valleyprospectors49@gmail.com](mailto:valleyprospectors49@gmail.com)

Be sure to include the name you use on Facebook and the e-mail tied to your profile. This will help us make sure we get you the invite as soon as possible.



Examples of Fluorescent Rocks Glowing under UV lights similar to those demonstrated by Guest Speakers at the March Meeting.

Photo Credit: <https://geology.com/articles/fluorescent-minerals/>

## Natural Treasures of the Rock World Came to Life at the March Meeting

We would like to thank Cyndy Mandell and Lois Papner owners of Mining Supplies and Rock Shop in Hesperia for their informative presentation at our general meeting on Tuesday night. Not only was it informative, but they handed out piles of rocks and magazine articles to our members...for free!

Everyone walked away with a little treasure of their own and additional insight into the hidden beauty right under our noses in the natural world.

*For those wanting to learn more about turning slices of rock into cabochons for jewelry, all spots for the cabochon-making class scheduled for April 1, 2023 in Hesperia, CA are filled. Contact Susan Birrell or reach out to the Club e-mail for more possible future dates. \$20 per person for class fee, plus cost of your slab to cut. These lovely ladies will be teaching the class, so it is sure to be a good time.*

**Garage Sale Note:** *Any equipment with gas or oil needs to be left in the car. Just bring a picture of what you have. Items for sale that are too large to bring, can be posted in the newsletter with photos. Contact Newsletter Crew if you need help placing an Ad. Plan to bring cash or have a payment option like Venmo or Zelle.*

### REMINDERS APR 4TH MEETING

Elks Lodge will not be serving food.

**- Member Garage Sale -**  
Bring your mining gear that's ready for a new home to sell!

Looking to Upgrade? This is a great opportunity to buy supplies!

## Valley Prospectors President's Message April 2023 PREZ SAYS

Let's start this month off with a great big Happy St. Patrick's Day, Spring is coming a little later this year according to our Groundhog. And we pray for all the people up and down the mountain area's up and down this state. What a snow job. What a surprise that came our way. Let's keep in mind all those who live downstream. Pray that the water melting won't become a flood.

I want to thank Steve and Mary and all their teams for going out and doing the show up in Ventura, and the school up in Bakersfield. I appreciate each and every one who helps man the booths and gold pans. We had a very nice meeting in March. Thank you to our Vice President, Susan, for getting our guests for our meetings. Lastly, I want to thank every single member who comes out to support our meetings as well.



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 should  
strive to set a good example for others*

A kind reminder that outside food should be eaten in your car beforehand. If you are hungry at the location The Elks have prepared wonderful food and set a reasonable price.

Over the past year my messages are geared to safety. While out at the claims we need to be aware of our surroundings, animals, reptiles, other people, and holes that may have overgrown bushes around them. Even the best of us can be in harm's way if we forget our environment. Being prepared is essential. Even if it is only going to be a half day. Our family was always taught to take plenty of water, not just a pint. Have toilet paper, or paper towels, always have a change of clothing, even if they are rags. Not to mention having something in the car that is edible to sustain you if you get low blood sugar or are a diabetic. Often diabetics can easily forget to have an emergency source of glucose when they go out for short trips.

We appreciate all those who are members that use our claims and want them to remain safe while out there, it is fun and enjoyable, especially when we go out together. We can see what others do, and some even teach us how to prospect to be even more productive in our finds.

Remember if it is winter, you're not going to be able to dry-wash after rain and snow. Sometimes, even in the summer months it gets too wet. I told you the story of my Brother out on the dry lakes up by the dump, past Apple Valley, it wasn't so dry. It took all night to dig him out. And there was no water on the ground. Just in the soil.

Sometimes, you have to look outside the box to find what should be inside the box. We live in a time where most of everything is readily accessible. We can run down to the nearest store and pick up most of anything we need. Why buy stock up when it is down the road a block or two. I have a brother who feels that way, yet he was brought up in a Mormon household, where it was preached for years that you should have a month's supply of food on hand for emergencies. Not just for Disasters, but in-case of sickness, or unemployment. Always rotating so it doesn't go bad. But the last few years have shown us, it's not so easy to find toilet paper, it's not so easy to go to the store when the roofs collapse. It's certainly not easy to even get out during an epidemic. I'm not telling you to hoard, or to make a run on the stores. Just pick up one extra item that you use. That can make a difference.

42 years ago on March 6th, I came home from a Mormon Mission in Wisconsin, and I was thankful for that one last can of food that I had on my shelf during a bad storm like the one we had here. The snow was up to the top of the roofs. And it was a little bit to work our way out of the door. On my little tight budget of three hundred a month. I had very little money to buy food. Most of it went to rent, and utilities. I never dreamed of suffocating because a vent pipe to the gas furnace going through the roof was covered by snow and the exhaust couldn't go out. Nor thinking the roof would collapse on me.

All things are possible. So, jump out of your comfort zone and look into your box. Get yourself prepared. See you at our meeting in April.

Hope to see you all at our meetings.

Garry Devlin  
President 2023





## History Mystery Metal Detecting Hunt

Sat. May 13, 2023 at Big Bear Lakeside location from the 1920's that has never been dug before. We will be joining with some Big Bear Valley Historical Society (BBVHC) members and digging up history!

Leaving Boulder Bay Park in Big Bear Lake at 9:00 am to go to site.

Bring lunch, water, and detecting gear. Extra gear to share would be very welcome. \*A small donation for the use of the land please.\*

At 2:00 we will gather and share our finds with the owner and each other!

**RSVP is REQUIRED by April 5<sup>th</sup>.**

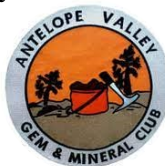
No pets. VP Adult MEMBERS Only and Miner Minors

We are doing gold panning and mining equipment education for the public attending the show.

Antelope Valley Fair Grounds in Lancaster, CA.

## Antelope Valley Gem & Mineral Club Show

May 6-7, 2023



Volunteers Needed



**Volunteers Needed for School Presentations.**

**Help Fulfill the Club's Educational Mission as Non-Profit**

*School programs are one the most direct ways we fulfill our educational mission as a non-profit. Please consider taking time to help out and give kids the thrill of finding that beautiful gold color in their pan. Panning is a big part of Californian history and the science behind how the gold separates through the process is a hands on way for kids to see how hands on activities connect with what they learn in books.*

**Next Dates:**

**Monday, March 20<sup>th</sup> in Bakersfield.**

**Monday, April 24<sup>th</sup> in Phelan.**

Contact Steve Schubert or reach out to the club e-mail if you can assist on either of those days

This trip is a whirlwind of sights and experiences over several days. Dobell Ranch for Petrified rocks, swinging by the Rainbow Forest Museum afterwards. On the next day, be prepared for a trip the local Meteor Crater and Barringer Space Museum in the

morning and the option in the afternoon to go to the Canyon Diablo Railroad Bridge and Apache Death Cave... or you could go to the local casino for a little rest and relaxation.

Meter hunting near the border on the way home.

**Arizona Meteor Caravan  
April 27-30, 2023**

**Meteor Crater RV park in Winslow, AZ**



## Valley Prospectors March 7, 2023 - Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order by President Garry Devlin @ 6:00 p.m, at Elks Lodge #836. Pledge of Allegiance led by Treasurer Lorraine Frost.

MINUTES: posted in the newsletter. Motion to approve, 1st Art/2nd Joe C. Hand vote, consensus.

COURTESY CHAIR: Sherry reports 39 members/ 1guest present.

TREASURER: report given by L. Frost. She reiterated the reason for two accounts (potential for fraud). VP S. Birrell made a motion to increase Treasurer's supply budget to \$100 from \$25. 2nd Joe C.

MEMBERSHIP: L. Frost reports membership is at 248 family (8 lifetime)/10 new memberships/43 non renewals.

EDUCATION: Steve reported that the Ventura Gem Show was a great success. He thanked the volunteers, Mary, Steve, Lorraine, Stacey, Joe, Burl, and Ernie. He announced future school events in Bakersfield (3/20) and Phelan (4/21) and needs volunteers.

PRESENTATION: Members Cyndy Mandel and Lois Papner gave a PowerPoint presentation on rockhounding/minerals/fossils. Demonstration was at break time. They handed out an 8 foot table of rocks...all were taken home by members. They also donated numerous magazine articles that were given free to our members. Door Prizes went to Lorraine and Cecilia, 50/50 went to John.

Break at 6:45: find-of-the-month voting, cabochon-making demo, rock give-away. Reconvene at 7:08 p.m. by VP Birrell

APPAREL: Rosie reports requests for clothing styles are open. CSMS: Bural announced the Lodi Gem show June 23-25. Editor: Coreena reminded members all info is needed by 03/10. Finds of the month: Gold, Joe/Treasure, 3rd Ernie, 2nd Susan, 1st Everett. Old Business: none

New Business:

1. Rosie found a 1914 penny in Coinstar machine
2. No Elk's dinner next month

Meeting adjourned by VP Birrell at 7:16 p.m.

Lady Luck was held.

### Board Meeting Minutes

President Garry Devlin called the meeting to order at 5:18 p.m.

Minutes approved as read. Motion to approve by John/2nd Coreena.

Treasurer L. Frost reported account balances.

Membership: L. Frost reported 43 members not renewed. Family memberships are 248 (8 Lifetime), with 10 new memberships this year so far. Editors: request all newsletter info by the 10th of the month

Claims: L. Frost reports there is no approval of the new Plan of Operation. Existing plan is still in operation.

Camp opens 05/08.

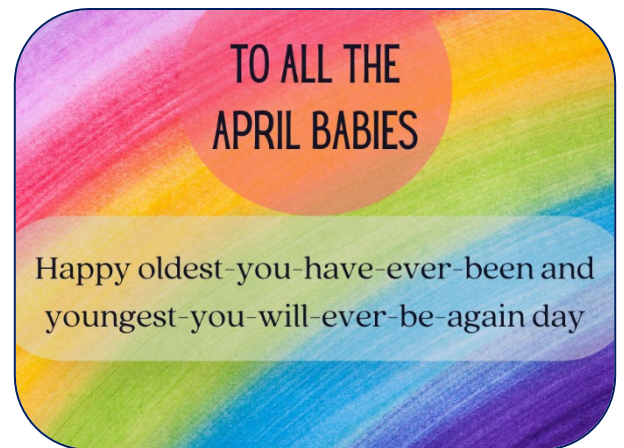
Programs: VP S. Birrell reports on two upcoming events:

1. AZ meteor crater/petrified forest, 04/27-30
2. Big Bear detecting, 05/13

Old business: Steve reported that the Ventura Gem Show was a great event, with 5 volunteers.

New business: none

President Devlin closed the meeting at 5:36 p.m.





## From CFMS

### *CFMS Show & Convention*

June 23-25, 2023, Lodi, CA

Lodi Grape Festival Grounds,  
413 E. Lockeford St., Lodi, CA  
95240

Hours: Fri & Sat 10-5, Sunday  
10-4

Contact:  
rocksbob@sbcglobal.net

Website: <https://cfmsinc.org>

## Show Participation Wrap Up

### *Ventura Gem Show Was a Hit!*

March 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> brought the club to the Ventura Gem Show taking place on the beachside Ventura County Fairgrounds. The weather turned beautiful, and they had a great crowd turnout.



*Left to Right Steve Schubert, Burl LaRue, and Mary Schubert manning the panning stations.*



*Show raffle \$20 Gold Bag winner, Leslie Cox panning out her prize at the booth.*

A wonderful time was had seeing old friends from previous show years. So many kids and people wanted to pan for gold at our gold panning booth and we were very popular. The smaller bags of gold completely sold out!

We had some great Gold Panners helping them find gold. Thank you to Lorraine Frost, Burl LaRue, Ernie Tovar, Stacy and Joe Dixon and Steve and Mary Schubert. Thank you for helping set up our booth, working doing gold panning, and then tearing down and packing up. It is a lot of work, but it goes swiftly with good company. This is truly one of the highlights of the show season and we hope all members will take the time to check it out in the future or volunteer.

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## 2023 Board & Committee Members

If you need to reach out to any Board or Committee member,  
e-mail [valleyprospectors49@gmail.com](mailto:valleyprospectors49@gmail.com) Phone: (760) 868-6564  
or look on the club website directory under Members Only.

### Executive Officers

<b>President</b>	Garry Devlin
<b>Vice President</b>	Susan Birrell
<b>Secretary</b>	Diane Railsback
<b>Treasurer</b>	Lorraine Frost

### Board of Directors

Joe Chavez	Albert Naki
Stacey Dixon	Katherine Naki
Art Duysings	Coreena Ross
Rosie Duysings	Mike Ryan
Sherry Livingston	Mindy Ryan
Dwayne Lowrey	Ernie Tovar

### Alternates

Randy Lunn (1)
John Bonson (2)
John Howell (3)

### Chairpersons

<b>Apparel</b>	Rosie Duysings
<b>Blood Bank</b>	Lorraine Frost
<b>Budget</b>	Lorraine Frost
<b>CFMS</b>	Bural LaRue
<b>Courtesy</b>	Sherry Livingston
<b>Co-Editor</b>	Michelle O'Brien
<b>Co-Editor</b>	Coreena Ross
<b>Finds/Month</b>	Everett Miller
<b>Lady Luck</b>	Stacey Dixon
<b>50/50</b>	Sherry Livingston
<b>Gold Sales</b>	Art Fairchild
<b>Historian</b>	Stu Luce
<b>Librarian</b>	Mark Lash
<b>Membership</b>	Andrea Frost
<b>Name Tags</b>	Andrea Frost
<b>Programs</b>	Susan Birrell
<b>Claims</b>	Lorraine Frost
<b>Show &amp; School Rep.</b>	Steve Schubert
<b>Wagon Master</b>	Varies by Outing

### 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) VP Summit Placer Claim** 60 acres

AS OF MONDAY, MARCH 14, 2023

GOLD IS

\$1,913.10 PER OUNCE.

\$61.51 PER GRAM.

<https://www.apmex.com/gold-price>

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## Calendar of Events

DATE	DESCRIPTION	NOTES
Mar 19	Summit Claim Outing	<i>Leaving Camp Cajon Marker @ 9:00am</i>
MAR 20	Bakersfield School Demonstration	<i>Contact: Steve Schubert</i>
Apr 1	Cabochoon Making Class	<i>Contact: Susan Birrell</i>
Apr 22	2 Burros Claim Outing	<i>Meet at Claim</i>
APR 24	Phelan School Demonstration	<i>Contact: Steve Schubert</i>
Apr 27-30	Meteor Crater/Dobell Ranch Holbrook, AZ	<i>Contact: Susan Birrell</i>
May 6-7	Antelope Valley Show Booth	<i>Volunteers Needed. Contact: Steve Schubert</i>
May 13	Big Bear Metal Detect Hunt	<i>RSVP by April 5<sup>th</sup> Meet at Boulder Bay @ 9:00am</i> <i>Contact: Susan Birrell</i>
May 20	Oro Rico-Coolgardie Gold Outing	<i>Meet at Starlight Donuts in Barstow @ 7:00am</i>
Jun 3	Indian Gulch Claim Outing	<i>Leaving Fawn Park in Fawnskin, CA @7:00am</i>
July 8-9	Wrightwood Mountaineer Days Booth	<i>Volunteers Needed. Contact: Steve Schubert</i>
July 21-23	Miner's Folly – VP Club Picnic	<i>Sat Noon Meeting and Games</i>
Aug 4-13	Yuba River Claims Outing	<i>Contact: Coreena Ross (Wagon Master)</i>
Sept 16	Randsburg Mining Days	<i>Local festival starts @8:00am.</i> <i>Claim outings done independently.</i>
Oct 21	Archeology Day Minor Miner Event	<i>Full day of Rock Activities for the kids location TBD</i>
Oct 27-29	Ord Mountain Rendezvous	<i>Metal Detecting events, potluck, great get together</i> <i>with other local clubs.</i>
Nov 18	2 Burros Claim Outing	<i>Meet at Claim</i>
Dec 2	Annual Holiday Party & Potluck	<i>11am-2pm Pinon Hills, CA</i>

*\*\* As always events are subject to last minute change due to weather or availability. Please make sure to check the Facebook group for any last-minute update. If you are not on Facebook, please e-mail or text another member who has access.*

### \*\*\*GENERAL REMINDER\*\*\*

**You're invited to be our guest at the General membership meetings that are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:00 pm at the Elks Lodge at 2055 Elks Dr, San Bernardino, CA.**

*The Board of Directors meet at 5:15 pm before the General Meeting at the Elks Lodge. – Join in for Tasty Tuesday in their dining room.*

**Can't make it in person? Join in via Zoom meeting.**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89402779413?pwd=cEtyZjZ5UVVPT2xZMmdEeFRrT0hoZz09>

**Meeting ID: 894 0277 9413    Passcode: 958417**

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