

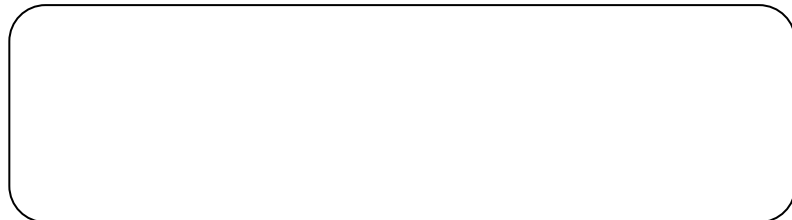
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Next Meeting – Tuesday, November 7th, 2023 at the Elks Lodge

Mission and Code of Ethics

Valley Prospectors Inc. is a non-profit educational organization dedicated
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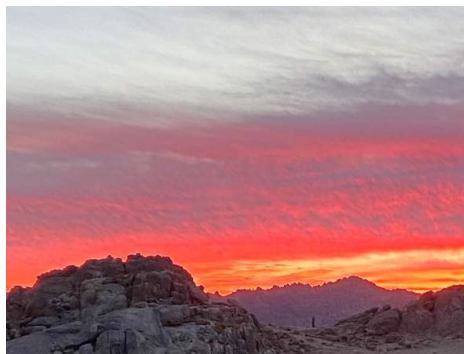
A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION

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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Sunset at Ord Mountain

Looking Forward to Seeing You All at the Ord Mountain Rendezvous October 27-29th

The Club's biggest event of the year bringing local prospecting clubs together is fast approaching. Are you joining in? Show off your gold panning skills competing against other prospectors or test out that new metal detector kit on the Jim Straight

Memorial Hunt with dozens of prizes. Kids are very welcome and they can participate in activities like a Scavenger Hunt, a special Kid's Metal Detector Hunt, and Rock Talk open to all ages. This is a great chance to camp with the grandkids and introduce them to the prospecting life. Finish the day with a Chili Cook Off & Potluck. The spread is always filled with delicious offerings as we gather together. We will all have a chance to taste the chili's competing for the top prize. And let me tell you, prospector's really can make a phenomenal chili.

A full schedule of events is on page 5 of this Newsletter. Portable Potties will be available for those that need them. Be ready for some of the beautiful sunsets in California. It can be a little windy, so bring tie downs if you need them.



VP Members Jordan Branch and Adam Stover at a previous Ord Mountain Rendezvous

Valley Prospecting Voting Coming to You via Email

by Lorraine Frost
*After a year of diligent service,
it's time for elections again.*

Links to the new online voting will be sent to your e-mail that gets the Drywasher's Gazette or a paper ballot will come by U.S. mail if no E-mail is on file with the Club.

Great news, the ballot for the Valley Prospectors Officers and Member-at-large will be sent to all members via email. If you do not have an email, a paper ballot will be sent to your address on file. Each member can have up to 2 adult votes. However, this software requires a separate email for each. If you wish to vote via email, please be sure two emails are recorded on the VP roster. If you need a paper ballot for the second adult vote, send an email request to valleyprospectors49@gmail.com by Nov 8, 2023, so that one can be sent to you via the regular mail.

All votes must be received by December 1, 2023, to be counted for the 2024 slate of nominees. Nominations remain open and will be finalized at the Nov 7th general meeting. Please consider putting your name in for an open position to support your club. We need everyone's assistance to make this club awesome. Results will be announced at the December 2nd Holiday Party.

Valley Prospectors Presidents Message November 2023 PREZ SAYS

Can you believe that it is November 2023 already, I can remember when I was in seventh grade and the teachers would all say when we get to the year 2000, Cancer would be cured and we would all be in flying cars, the cars may fly but not in the air at this present time. And it is almost 24 years after 2000.

I want to thank Susan for taking over the meeting in October. I had a downturn in my health for a tad, but much better now, Don't forget to change your heater filters, should be done every 90 days, or you may get ill. Sometimes we overlook the little details in life.



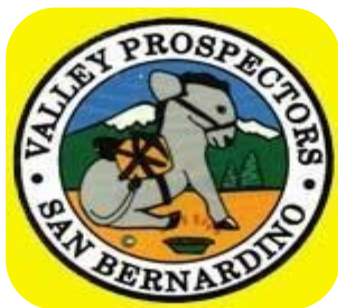
A couple of months ago, while in Utah, We made an all-day trip. First going to the good old western town of Gunlock, got out and took a shovel of dirt and did a little panning just to see if gold was in the river that was flowing a bit too fast, then up to Vego, Utah and found a nice river flowing, and took a shovel of dirt. And put it in a bag with the name on it. Going towards Enterprise, I took a dirt road going to a hidden little wide spot called Pony, stopped on a hill and found a valley where water ran during this last year's storm and stopped at a beautiful running river. Took some samples of dirt. Took some other samples to see how much gold is in Utah. Then came back to where they were putting a new road in and got a bigger bag of Red dirt just dug out. Near Washington Utah. The next day I'm going to Colorado City, AZ. They have a beautiful State park. Just outside of the park, I took a hike down to the river and grabbed some dirt behind and in front of a bush.

As Members have told me, I can not let you know if I found any gold for you may want to go Utah. And find the spot. Well, I am not like others, in the amount of dirt there was some gold in most of every spot, except for one, and there was a lot in the red dirt.

Remember November is your chance to take charge of Valley Prospectors, and if Garry can stand there and read a paper, so can you. There are only 12 meetings. And all the camp outings that you can make.

It looks good on your resume as a president of a non-profit. Step up to the plate, all it takes is for you to say three little letters, YES.----- I borrowed this from the little kids on TV.

Garry Devlin
President 2023



Valley Prospectors October 3, 2023 - Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order by Vice President Susan Birrell @ 6:00 p.m., at Elks Lodge #836.
Pledge of Allegiance led by Michelle.

AS OF FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2023

GOLD IS

\$1,929.40 PER OUNCE.

\$62.03 PER GRAM.

<https://pricegold.net/>

MINUTES: as read in the newsletter. Motion to approve Lee/Frost, passed by consensus.

TREASURER: current account report given by L. Frost. Motion to approve by Diane/Mindy, passed by consensus. Frost advised the Committee chairs to review the budget for current spent/remaining funds.

MEMBERSHIP: Treasurer Frost reports 269 family memberships.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. VP Birrell reminded attending members that nominations will be taken after the break. Please confer with other members for volunteers.
2. VP Birrell announced a special raffle (trommel) to be held at the holiday dinner. Tickets at \$1.

3. Michelle requests black sand for a holiday dinner craft.

Claims: L. Frost reported all claims current and paid. Union Flats reservation process is under review.

EDITOR: Coreena requests all submissions by October 10th. Michelle requests members at outings submit photos for the newsletter.

EVENTS:

1. At the Rendezvous October 27-29, HDGD will provide breakfast for a \$5 donation. VP will provide lunch for a \$5 donation.
2. Saturday 10/21 is Archeology Day for Minor Miners at Wildomar

APPAREL: Rosie reports there is clothing, car magnets. Break at 6:15 p.m. Reconvene at 6:30 p.m. VP Birrell took nominations for Board members for next year. The process was tabled until next month.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. After Board consideration, it was decided that investing excess funds into a CD was not feasible at this time.
2. Any rule changes for Finds of the Month will be left to the new board.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. L. Frost explained the voting process. Members with email will receive an online ballot. Members without an email will receive a snail mail ballot. Two member households will receive one online and one snail mail ballot. Deadline to vote is Dec. 1st.
2. L. Frost will be forwarding information from 1st Class Miner Greg about an Oct. 12 meeting of the Mojave National Monument usability.
3. Michelle reported there is damage at the Union Flats claim. Members are asked to document and report any further damage to the Board.
4. Lee received a request from his local PTA for a gold panning demo at their Harvest Festival, 11/3, 5-8 p.m., Rancho Cucamonga It will be referred to Steve.



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*

Finds of the month: No gold. Participants Treasure: Susan 3rd, Ernie 2nd, Everett 1st. 50/50 won by Rosie, door prizes won by Lee/Brian. Meeting adjourned by VP Susan Birrell at 7:15 p.m.

Lady Luck was not held.

2024 Membership Renewal Time

It's that time of year again. Renewals are \$40 and need to be paid by January 31, 2024.

It's easy to quickly pay online with options like Zelle available. Just use the club's e-mail address and don't forget to add your name and membership number in the notes.

Zelle send payments to:
valleyprospectors49@gmail.com

You can also use the VP website online form to get an electronic invoice sent to your email. It's easy pay with PayPal from there.

For additional details, see the website - [Membership Renewal – Valley Prospectors](#)

Don't Forget – Early Birds Always Welcome



Blood Bank News – Lstream.org

4.5 million Americans will need a blood transfusion each year. A small piece of your time could give someone the rest of their life back. Mention "MVP" as our group so you can be counted. Check out the local donation centers at <https://www.lstream.org/>. The need is constant, the process is simple, and the results are priceless.

Every Drop Counts.

Lorraine Frost, Blood Bank Chairperson
(760) 868-6564 <mailto:LFrost35@gmail.com>

**Specials Thanks to Gene & Judy Leper
for their Life Giving Blood Donations
in September**

\$5 PER PERSON
Pay in Person
or
Pay by Zelle

VP HOLIDAY
party

SATURDAY
2nd
DECEMBER 2023

Sign Up with Sherry
at the next VP
Meeting or E-mail
Valleyprospectors49@gmail.com

Ord Mountain Rendezvous Saturday Schedule

**May be subject change*

10/28/23 *Main Events*	
8:00 AM	Biscuits & Gravy Breakfast 8:00 – 9:30 <i>By Hi-Desert Gold Diggers</i> <i>*Donation Kindly Requested*</i>
9:00 AM	Kids Scavenger Hunt – Pick up the list <i>Sponsored by Hi-Desert Gold Diggers</i>
9:30 AM	Jim Straight Memorial Metal Detector Hunt 9:30 - 11:00 am <i>Sponsored by Valley Prospectors</i>
11:30 AM	Kids Metal Detecting Event <i>*Register at the Main Sign-In Table</i>
12:00 Noon	Lunch - \$5 <i>Sponsored by Valley Prospectors</i> 12:00 – 2:00 pm (hot dog, chips, water)
2:00 PM	Rock Talk & Activities– <i>Sponsored by VP Minor Miners</i>
3:00 PM	Gold Panning Contest – 3 pm – 4:30 pm <i>Sponsored by First Class Miners</i>
4:00 PM	Chili Cook-Off Judging Bowls Due @ 4 pm
4:30 PM	Potluck Starts 4:30
6:00 PM	Bingo 25 Cents a Game Winners Split the Pot



Regional News

CFMS News

CFMS Newsletter Subscriptions

CFMS Newsletter is published 11 times a year by the California Federation of Mineralogical Societies, Inc., PO Box 1657, Rialto, CA 92377-1657. Subscription: \$5.50 per year, January through December.

Upcoming Southern CA Shows

November 4-5, 2023 – Ridgecrest, CA
Indian Wells Gem & Mineral Society
Desert Empire Fairgrounds, 520 S.
Richmond Rd., Ridgecrest, CA 93555
Contact: (760) 375-7905,
iwgmjfrocks@gmail.com

From AFMS

Excerpt from Annual Meeting Minutes Billings, MO Held August 3, 2023

Mohave Desert – handouts prepared by Jennifer Haley were available that contained good information about the situation.

The New York Times had repeated the article. Look at the article online, it got enough hits. Have it put in the hard copy. We will probably not find out the results until 2024.

ALAA – Doug True announced that the meeting would be at 1:00 on Sunday followed by the auction at 2:00 p.m. As far as the Mohave area is concerned, the fight is how much can be taken out. It is a big area with great collecting. We need to keep pushing. Initially the government was considering rockhounds the same as hard rock miners. We need to point out that we clean up and improve the land. ALAA and the California Federation are working with BLM. We need to just work with them, don't fight them.

Jim Brace-Thompson said he wanted to underscore the magnitude of this. The guidebook on rockhounding in Southern California would have half of the areas eliminated. These are classic sites. The magnitude is huge. October
2023 AFMS Newsletter
Donna Moore, AFMS Secretary



Photo published by the Desert Sun newspaper from the Protect Chuckwalla Project showing the proposed area of the monument.

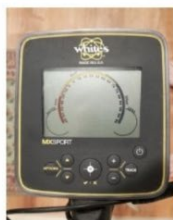
Chuckwalla National Monument Proposal

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Also For Sale by Bruce Kelvin



DuroMax XP12000 dual fuel
(Propane, Gasoline)
This generator will run a
whole House or any RV.
\$900.00

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***Valley Prospectors is looking for article submissions every month! We encourage members to reach out to the newsletter staff if you have any ideas or would like to submit material.*

****Updated** Calendar of Events**

DATE	DESCRIPTION	NOTES
Oct 21	Archeology Day Minor Miner Event	Full day of Rock Activities for the kids location on RSVP
Oct 27-29	Ord Mountain Rendezvous	Metal Detecting events, potluck, great get together with other local clubs.
Nov 18	2 Burros Claim Outing	Meet at Claim
Dec 2	Annual Holiday Party & Potluck	11am-2pm Pinon Hills, CA

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

*****GENERAL MEETING 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.

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>

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Minor Miner's Event Archeology Geology Day October 21, 2023

Saturday Oct 21 is our Archeology-Geology Day event for our Minor Miners. All adults members are also invited to join us. We will be discussing the Mohs Scale for grading rocks, discussing and displaying fluorescent rocks, learning about core samples, and using rocks at home and in everyday use. The Minor Miners will presenting. Please join in to support them and everyone that attends will learn something new!

We will have hot dogs, chips, and water for members in attendance. The event is in Wildomar and it begins at 9:30 am! Address will be sent to folks that RSVP on Facebook at Valley Prospectors of San Bernardino, Inc. Contact Susan Birrell ASAP if you still want to attend. RSVP is required. Thank you.

Link to Facebook Group Valley Prospectors of San Bernardino, Inc.:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/533196370681388>