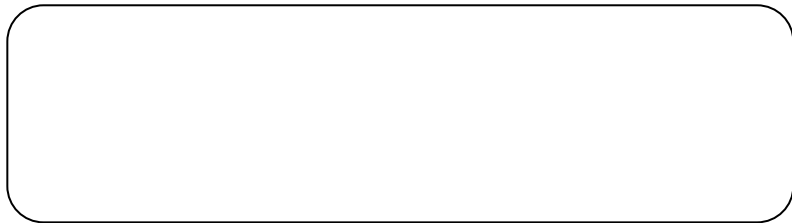


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Next Meeting –6pm November 5th, 2024, @ @ San Bernardino Elks Lodge
2055 Elks Dr, San Bernardino, CA

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Valley Prospectors Inc. is a non-profit educational organization dedicated
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Gold Prices Continue to Rise in 2024

New Gold Rush?

By M. O'Brien

Gold prices have risen to historic levels increasing 29% by some estimates. Financial experts speculate that it could hit \$3,000 an ounce in early 2025. The lure of nature's gold won by individual sweat and persistence grows stronger just as it did for long ago gold seekers during California's Gold Rush. Social media is filled with images of gorgeous natural landscapes and gold nuggets quickly won with a few swirls of a gold pan. It is inevitable that Gold Fever will draw many more out to find their own lucky patch of ground. The USA Today news network reported that 10,373 new gold-bearing locations were found in California during 2023. Far more than any other state. Most of these new discoveries are too small for industrial mining interests to invest in working. Speculation is that a combination of forest fires and the return of heavy rains have opened up new deposits.



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*

Domestic interest is rising quickly. A new reality TV series called America's Backyard Gold captures this increased interest by sending a Gold mining veteran to gold regions across America to explore for new deposits and look at historical mining mysteries. Many Facebook groups dedicated to the hobby have reported increased membership. New vacation tours are popping up offering a more guided gold prospecting experience including sunset cocktails following the day's hard work.

This is a great opportunity to reach out to new potential members about the benefits of Club claims and social opportunities around a campfire that often teach more than any formal tutorial. Additionally, it is a chance to pass on the ethos of environmental stewardship that any seasoned

prospector knows is critical to maintaining access to public lands for small mining purposes.

With the upcoming Rendezvous at Ord Mountain on October 25-27, 2024, we have a chance to introduce the next generation to the thrill of hunting gold and the comradery of prospecting clubs. Who knows who will find the next nugget with a little help from their prospecting friends.

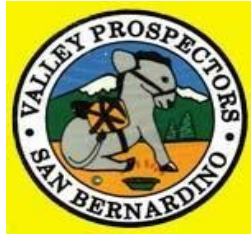
Valley Prospectors President's Message November 2024 PREZ SAYS

The lure of a crisp morning searching the land for clues to hidden treasure is part of what brings us together as a club. Keeping the organization running allows us access to so many prospecting opportunities that would otherwise be out of reach for many small miners. We are stronger as a community of prospectors working together.

This is the time of year we ask each member to consider stepping up to take part in the club leadership roles. Help create plans to increase community interest, promote prospecting as a hobby, set outings, and attract more members. Let's grow this Club together.

May all of your pans have gold in them,

Steve Schubert
President 2024



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.

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

NEW ZOOM ACCESS CODES FOR All 2024 Meetings

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83026668634?pwd=ZUlyUlpLK1ZOQ1R1aTJmVndJQ0tNdz09>

Meeting ID: 830 2666 8634 Passcode: 661754

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Want to Contact the Newsletter Crew or any other Committee Member?

Check out the Directory on the Club website or e-mail valleyprospectors49@gmail.com

Valley Prospectors October 1, 2024 – Meeting Minutes

Valley Prospectors General Meeting

Meeting called to order by President Steve Schubert @ 6:00 p.m. at San Bernardino Elks Lodge #836.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Secretary Railsback. Roll call was conducted.

MINUTES: As read in the newsletter. Motion to approve by Gary/Albert. Passed by consensus.

TREASURER: Treasurer Frost reported on current bank accounts. Account interest will be moved to the general fund at the end of the year.

MEMBERSHIP: L. Frost reports 4 new members in September.

COMMITTEES

COURTESY: Mary and Rebecca report a new member, Robert. Sign-ups for the Christmas party are at the front table.

EVENTS/EDUCATION:

10/22-23 Ord Mt., 11/2-3 San Diego Gem Show.

LADY LUCK: Gold nuggets tonight. Stacey asking for ideas for the Christmas raffle.

FINDS OF THE MONTH:

Lots of entries tonight. Everett explained how the end-of-year raffle will be done.

EDITOR: Submits need to be in by the 10th of the month. Please send photos/ads/merchandise sales.

GOLD SALES: Art is seeking out gold supplies/sources.

APPAREL: Rosie reports polo shirts on sale. A volunteer is needed to take this position for next year.

ELECTIONS: VP Birrell opened up nominations for offices for 2025. Potential ballot: President, Albert Naki; VP, Lee Schillings/Steve Schubert; Secretary open; Treasurer, Lorraine Frost; Members at large, Joe Chavez/Mike Ryan/Mindy Ryan/Coreena/Ross/Ernie Tobar/Brian Teeling/Katherine Naki/Gary Devlin/Everrett Miller/Michelle O'Brien. Voting begins in November via email. Session closed Michelle/Rosie, consensus.

Break at 6:40 p.m./Resume at 6:56 p.m.

VP Birrell presented a PowerPoint describing the trip to the Coalinga Benitoite mine. Michelle won the raffle for the samples given by the mining company.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Treasurer Frost and Coreena are working with BLM and Forestry Service to clarify the boundaries of the Shenandoah claim that the club is interested in purchasing.

NEW BUSINESS: none

FINDS OF THE MONTH:

Gold: 1st Joe D./2nd Everett. Treasure: 1st Mike R./2nd Joe D./3rd Michelle.

Door prizes won by Stacey/Art D. Meeting adjourned by President Schubert at 7:31 p.m. Lady Luck was held.

AS OF TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2024

GOLD IS

\$2.664.07 PER OUNCE.

\$85.65 PER GRAM.

<https://pricegold.net/>

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Valley Prospectors of San Bernardino presents
Rendezvous 2024
October 25, 26 & 27, 2024 - Ord Mountain Camping Area

SATURDAY - Oct 26, 2024 – Main Events

MORNING EVENTS



BISCUIT & GRAVY BREAKFAST

**8:00 AM BY
HI-DESERT GOLD DIGGERS**



Kids Scavenger Hunt 9:00 am

BY HI-DESERT GOLD DIGGERS



Valley Prospectors of San Bernardino Present...

Jim Straight Memorial Metal Detecting Hunt

Raffle Prizes & Coin Targets

★★★★★

**Hunt Starts at 9:30am
Sign Up Early!**

\$20 Entry

KIDS *METAL DETECTOR HUNT*

Free to Kids 12 and Under *

Presented by Valley Prospectors of San Bernardino

Kid's Hunt Starts at 11:30am

**Raffle for Child Sized
Metal Detector!
Prizes & Treasures
to Find!**

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SATURDAY - Oct 26, 2024

AFTERNOON EVENTS



**ROCK
TALK
& ACTIVITIES** **2pm**
by VP Minor Miners

**Gold
PANNING
CONTEST**

Sign Up at
Ord Mountain
Rendezvous
Check-in Table
Contest Starts @ 3pm



**\$5.00
to Compete**

**Golden
Prizes**

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Chili Cook Off Contest Bowls due by 4:00 pm
General Potluck starts at 4:30 pm
Bingo after Potluck

Directions: I 15 North – take Highway 247
(Barstow Road), Barstow - turn right, and
approximately 16- 19 miles down Highway 247 you'll see a
brown BLM route marker 6640 on the road. The road is on
the east side. Take a left if you are coming from Barstow on
this dirt road and you will see a large BLM Informational
canopy sign posted for the area. Follow this dirt road up a
small and easy grade. The camp area is on the left side of the
road. It is not hard to see and it's easy to get to. GPS
coordinates: N34 degrees 41.008, W116 degrees 57.398

Dry camping (primitive) Porta Potties will be available.

Contacts: Lorraine Frost 760-868-6564 Website: www.valleyprospectors.org

*Sawtooth Campground, ½ mile west off Hwy 247 (if you want an improved campground with toilets and tables)

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Excerpt from CFMS SCHOLARSHIP REPORT
By Diane Cook, 2nd VP

Did you know that the California Federation of Mineralogical Societies (CFMS) offers an outstanding scholarship opportunity every year? Better yet, one of your club members has the chance to play a pivotal role in nominating and awarding this scholarship to a deserving student in your community!

*Reprinted from CFMS Newsletter,
Nov. 2024*

MY FAVORITE THINGS
(With apologies to Julie Andrews)

By Rose Alene McArthur
8th Place AFMS Adult Poetry 2008
From Boulder Buster, 7/2007 via AFMS
Newsletter, 2/24

Montana agates with many branched mosses
Breccias fractured by tectonic causes
Priday Plume agates like white angel wings
These are a few of my favorite things
Green ocean jasper with little white dashes
Square pyrite crystals with brassy hued
flashes
Fire opal beads in luxurious strings
These are a few of my favorite things
When a tax bites
When a remark stings
When I'm feeling mad
I simply bring out my favorite things
And all of them make me glad

This is a fantastic opportunity for us, as a community of rock and mineral enthusiasts, to reach out and make a difference in a student's life. If there's a standout member in your club who has gone above and beyond, whether through volunteer work, board service, or representing CFMS as a federation director, why not honor them with the opportunity to give back?

The process is simple. All you need to do is submit a letter outlining the remarkable contributions of your chosen member (the Honoree) to the club and CFMS. Send the letter to me, Diane Cook, and the CFMS Scholarship Committee will carefully review the submissions. The committee will then select the Honoree who will have the unique privilege of choosing a college student to receive the \$2,000 scholarship.

This scholarship is not just about financial support; it's a way to acknowledge and reward the efforts of individuals who have made a significant impact on our community. It's about fostering a connection between our passionate rockhounding community and the promising minds studying Earth Science. For those interested, there are guidelines for scholarship recipients, including a focus on Earth Science, Lapidary/Jewelry studies, a minimum GPA of 3.0, and entering their Junior or Senior year. If you have any questions or need more details, feel free to reach out to me at Dianecook.cfms@gmail.com.

Let's come together to celebrate and support the future of Earth Science! Your nominations and participation make a real difference. Looking forward to seeing some nominations from the clubs!

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Calendar of Events

DATE	DESCRIPTION	NOTES
OCT 25-27	Ord Mountain Rendezvous	<i>Main Events on Saturday, Oct 26th</i>
NOV 16	Summit Saturday	<i>Meet at Cajon Monument @ 8:00am Steve S.</i>
DEC 7	Annual Club Holiday Party	<i>11 am to 3 pm. Setup from 9 am to 10 am. At the Pinon Hills Community Center</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 updates. If you are not on Facebook, please e-mail or text another member who has access.*

<p style="text-align: center;">Updated Club Claims List</p> <p>Check out www.valleyprospectors.org for more information and maps to each of the claims. After each trip <u>to</u> a claim, fill out a claim report on the Club website.</p> <p><i>Seriously, turn in your claim reports after every claim trip even if you did not recover gold. These records prove that the claim is active and is critical to maintaining claim ownership.</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Club Owned Claims</p> <p>JACKASS #1 PLACER – 160 acres INDIAN GULCH PLACER – 60 acres MINERS FOLLY PLACER – 60 acres PICKETT #2 PLACER – 30 acres PICKETT #3 PLACER – 20 acres GOLD VENTURE PLACER – 20 acres MORIAH PLACER – 15 acres THE 2 BURROS PLACER – 20 acres HARVEYS ORO RICO – 120 acres</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Private Claims Granting Member Access</p> <p>VP Summit Placer – 60 acres (Schubert & Lepper) Hungry Man – 110 acres (Livingston & Devlin) Hungry Man 2 – 120 acres (Livingston & Devlin) Hungry Man 3 – 120 acres (Livingston & Devlin) Hungry Man 4 – 120 acres (Livingston & Devlin) Chunker – 80 acres (Livingston & Devlin)</p>
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Got a Story to Tell or a Picture Worth a Thousand Words?

Contact the VP Newsletter crew by e-mail at valleyprospectors49@gmail.com. We are looking to capture what the Club has meant to its members throughout the years and preserve all the grit, sweat, laughter, and deep sense of community that has gotten the Club to where it is today.