



Desert Gold Diggers Gazette 2019, '20



The official publication of Desert Gold Diggers Inc. A report of the happenings and business for Jan. Feb. 2020

May you always find yellow on the bottom of your pan



Monthly Meetings

Monthly Events

April 7th 2020 meeting is cancelled due to the Coronavirus scare. See the presidents report for more information. City of Tucson says that Donna Liggins Rec Center is closed until June to groups larger then 10 people. I thought of renting Ellie Towne for the May meeting but Pima County can't give an answer at to when they will lift restrictions. Depending on the circumstances we may have the May Membership Meeting at the campsite near Arivaca the day the outing is scheduled, perhaps spend the money usually spent on rent for burgers and hotdogs. You will be notified by e-mail and post card when we find out what's going on so please send your updated contact info to dgdmembership@gmail.com

Membership Meeting

1st TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH @ 6:00PM

Donna Liggins Community Center
2160 N. 6th Avenue
TUCSON AZ 85705

If you have any questions please call: David Salars @ 520-490-4154

More centrally located, we're hoping this new location will be a relief from the traffic congestion that will soon result from the 2 year closure of the Ruthrauff/Camino Del Cerro exit on I-10.

Along with the planned convenience the club will be saving \$45 a month as the city's rates for meeting space are remarkable lower then those of Pima County. The new meeting space in a precinct poling location so on the week of the election meetings will be held on Wednesdays.

11th Placer Pond outing (Saturday) Greaterville turnoff 8:00AM

21st Business Meeting, @ 6:30 PM IHOP, 4187 N. Oracle

May 2020

5th Monthly Membership Meeting, 6:00 PM Donna Liggins Recreation center, 2160 N. 6th Avenue. UNDER REVIEW

9th Snoozer Claims, Arivaca road MP 7 8:00AM

19th Business Meeting, 6:30PM IHOP, 4187 N. Oracle

June 2020

2nd Monthly Membership Meeting, 6:00 PM Donna Liggins Recreation center, 2160 N. 6th Avenue.

7th Hope #1, 7:00 AM Gardner Canyon Road & State Hwy 83 (Sonoita Hwy.)

16th Business Meeting, 6:30PM IHOP, 4187 N. Oracle

Business Meeting

3rd Tuesday of Every Month @ 6:30 pm

IHOP at the SW corner of Oracle and Limberlost.

4187 N. Oracle

July

7th Monthly Membership Meeting, 6:00 PM Donna Liggins Recreation center, 2160 N. 6th Avenue..

11th Outing Shadow Claims, 8:00 AM Caballo Loco Road, 'A' rock.

21st Business Meeting, 6:30PM IHOP, 4187 N. Oracle

The President's Corner

In light of the threat of the Coronavirus the decision has been made to cancel Aprils Membership meeting at Donna Liggins Rec. Center. This decision has been made with great regrets as it is known how many people look forward to the meeting. These meetings are a time when the club brings in a good deal of revenue through the sale of raffle tickets, store sales and membership payments so please be sure to buy extra raffle tickets at the next meeting we are hoping to hold at Donna Liggins on May 5th. One of the reasons for this move is the fact that the representatives from City of Tucson Parks and Rec didn't return my messages.

The outing is **not cancelled** for Saturday April 11th to Placer Pond (rather than Easter Sunday April 12th). I feel that in the open space and fresh air the threat of the disease should be nominal, use your best judgement as whether or not you should personally attend. The group will leave from the usual meeting place at the Greaterville turnoff on State Highway 83 (Sonoita Highway) at 8:00AM.

For those whose membership is due please mail it with your member number to
Desert Gold Diggers
P.O. Box 5215
Tucson, AZ 85703

If you are going out on your own please be sure to be mindful of the heat that is on its way and take plenty of water for you and your vehicle. May the bottom of your pan turn yellow.

Desert Gold Diggers Inc. Business Meeting Minutes

January 21, 2020

Our chairman of the Board called the meeting to order at 6:30PM. The agenda was approved and the last meeting minutes were read.

Dolores Salars reported that the club added 3 new members last month. Hank & Debbie Bassaraba, Patrick Morgan, Robert McKloy.

Dan Walker Reported on the January outing.

Our gold master Bob Burgette Gave the Gold Masters report

Erick reported on the clubs funds and finances stating we may have made a small profit on the steak sales at Novembers outing

David Salars presented the incomplete Gazette for review

Old Business: Claim status discussion and Web Issues discussion carried forward as well carried forward

New Business: It was reported that work is being done to allow for online and credit card payments for membership dues. The possibility of a convenience charge was discussed to defray the fees charged for taking card payments

Meeting adjourned 7:50PM

Desert Gold Diggers Inc. Business Meeting Minutes

February 18, 2020

Our chairman of the Board called the meeting to order at 6:30PM. The agenda was approved and the last meeting minutes were read.

Dolores Salars reported that the club added 6 new members last month. Ted Hoeger, Michael Mahan, Tom & Jill LeDew, Adolf Diaz, and Margarita Manning.

Dan Walker mentioned that 18 members attended the last outing in very windy conditions.

Mash report this month includes Sue Lopez.

Our gold master Bob Burgette reported that members garnered 14 #1 nuggets, 11 #2, and 3 #nuggets last month.

Our treasurer reported that the club was in the black last month.

The DGD Gazette was reviewed and changes noted.

David Salars, president, asked volunteers to help on Friday morning in preparation for our March outing. David will miss this outing due to work obligations.

Old Business: Claim status discussion and Web Issues discussion carried forward as well carried forward

New Business: Members are reporting broken links with our web site. BOD members will report errors they find at the next board meeting.

Meeting adjourned 7:49PM



<Damming the stream to provide enough water to run a trommel at the March outing

Working the bedrock at the > March outing.



Thanks for all the help with the March Overnight Outing

Due to the Coronavirus scare, the Family Picnic/Overnight outing was smaller than usual but according to Dan Walker's outing report it was a huge success. This success is due to people who gave their selfless efforts setting up tables, cooking, directing the common dig and all the duties that go into an event like this.

Regrettably due to my on call schedule my time there was limited, I enjoyed November's Steak Fry and last year's Family Picnic so much I was disappointed on not being there the full time.

The membership should thank the people who are helping out at these events, I give each of them my thanks at this time but am reluctant to name any as I may forget some. It's members like this who stand as a great example of what all the members should be doing in support of THEIR CLUB.

GOLD PROSPECTING BASICS

Internet Mining Claim Research

With the growth of the internet the process of who owns which mining claim, what areas are unclaimed and which government jurisdiction controls the land that is desirable for prospecting much more efficient. It has become so efficient that it can usually be done in less time than it takes to travel to and from the government office we would traditionally visit during claim and property research.

The LR2000 system is the Bureau of Land Managements (BLM) searchable database for public reports on federal land and mineral use authorizations, conveyances, mining claims, withdrawals and classifications. This website enables users to access the same information over the Internet as in the BLM State Office Information Access Centers.

As prospectors we are interested in mining claim recordation which contains information on unpatented mining claims located on federal lands including claimant name, approximate location, and other applicable information. Mineral patents are not contained in Mining Claim Recordation. Claims marked active are currently held by a person or group with all the proper paperwork filed and all fees paid by the required date. Those marked "case closed" are open to have a mining claim placed over the area described.

To access claim information enter the address: <https://reports.blm.gov/reports.cfm?application=LR2000> which will take you to the Land and Mineral System Reports. Scroll down to Public Mining Claims Reports. You will see a number of search options, probably the most important are claim name/number index, customer info(claim holder), geo index and geo report. When you click and open one of the search options a group of values must be entered, **The system will not accept any entries that are not made in capital letters.** Examples on entering Median, township rang and sections coordinates are shown above the value categories that need to be filled in if the Geo report option or geo Index option are being used. The meridian codes for each state are as follows: AZ-4, CA-15, CO-06, ES(eastern states)-05, ID-08, MT-07, NM-23, NV-21, OR-33, UT- 26 and WY-06.

The Diggings.com is very user friendly. A name of claim name, the owners name or mine name can be entered into the search window and all the information involved with any of those names may be accessed from there. This information includes mineral types, ownership, years of production claims status etc. even some general geological information can be found in the reports on the individual claims. The information provided sometimes exceeds that found in LR2000 but as far as the claim status and location of the claim LR2000 is most up to date.

Western Mining History is an online resource that show lots of historic information in regards to mining towns and mines with the use of maps that are easy to navigate. The maps can be increased or decreased in size by scrolling with the mouse wheel and has a grab/drag feature to change places on the map. When a map is opened red dots will be seen denoting mining towns and black dots will appear denoting mines. By right clicking on the black dots the Mines name, state, county and the mineral of interest is displayed, clicking on the name of the mine opens information about the mine. Clicking on a red dot displays the towns name state, county and status, clicking on the town name will show an interesting history of the town. Several of the features are only available with a membership at the cost of \$29.

Every county has an website for their assessor's office in which ownership of property can be found.

New meeting location for Desert Gold Diggers

Beginning with the membership meeting of February 4, 2020 the meeting will be held at 2160 N. 6th Avenue in Tucson at the Donna R. Liggins Recreation Center. It is located 2 blocks east of Stone Ave. just south of Grant Road. The meeting time will remain the same.

This move will give the club a savings of \$540 a year on fees to Pima County Parks Department. The director of Ellie Towne Community Center also re-ports that a renovation will soon be taking place and the facility closed for an undetermined amount of time.

It is a nice spacious facility with lots of parking and it is centrally located for easier access for especially with the upcoming closure of the Ruthrauff Road exit off of I-10.



**March 7th, 2020 membership meeting
is cancelled due to Coronavirus.**

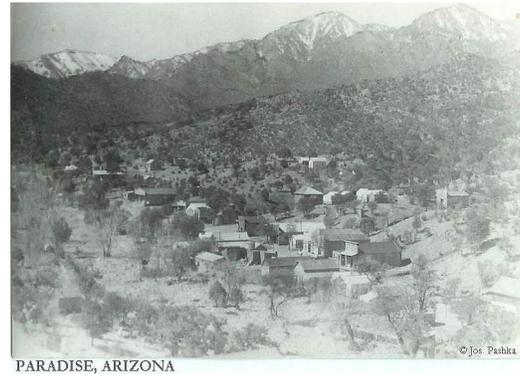
The status for May's meeting is yet to be determined.

Southwest Mining Towns: Paradise , AZ

Paradise Arizona in Cochise County sits about 5 miles west of Portal in the Chiricahua Mountains. Though prospecting began in the 1880's the town itself wasn't established until 1901, it's post office being established October 23rd. The town grew out of development work by the Chiricahua development company based out of Michigan. A double compartment shaft was sunk between 1901 and 1903 to mine a copper ore body that proved unprofitable. The company abandoned the project in 1905. Other mines in the area that operated after the demise of Chiricahua Developments project were the Leadville Group, the Columbia Mine and the Martin Claims. Some of them operated into the 1950's

The original jail was open air consisting of a chain stretched between 2 trees to which the prisoners were shackled, they were often chained to one of the trees. The need for enforcement was great as there were 13 saloons in the town.

Many of the houses in the town were moved in from Galeville which met its demise in 1882. In June 2011, there were five permanent residents and 29 standing structures when the Horseshoe 2 Fire swept through the area.



Book Review:

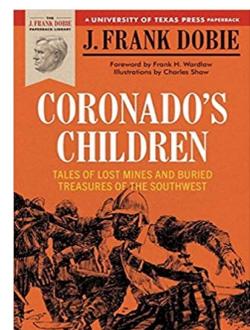
Coronado's Children: Tales of Lost Mines and Buried Treasures of the Southwest

Even though none of the stories include Southern Arizona the writing of Frank Dobie is always interesting and engaging. Being written in the 1930's some of the stories include 1st hand accounts of the happenings during the search for the mines and lost treasures before the turn of the century.

It is helpful to have a road atlas nearby or access to Google Earth so as you read a better idea can be gained about the area being described. Dobie gives good descriptions of the areas of which he wrote and in many cases gives different renditions of the same legend.

I found the last chapter a bit disconnected unlike the previous chapters. The entire book was enjoyable however, whether using the book as a guide to one of the mines or treasures or just to spark they fancy of daydreams.

Please let me know of any books you would like reviewed or Submit a review of your own that pertain to prospecting mining or the hunt for treasure.



DGD Membership Meeting Minutes

February 4th 2020

Kay Jenkins, our VP, opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Kay welcomed visitors and acknowledged member's birthdays and anniversaries.

Kay announced that the March family picnic tickets are on sale. Hamburgers will be \$3.00 and hotdogs \$1.00.

Kay introduced the evening speaker, providing an in depth presentation on opals. He noted that opals are not actually minerals but mineraloids as are coal, obsidian and other glass like element because they do not have a crystalline structure. The speaker illustrated the different types of opals from different localities around the world including Arizona.

Dan Walker shared the logistics of the monthly outing at the Shadow Claims. Members are to meet at the "A" rock at 8:00AM .

Kay reminded the members that the club is taking nominations for Officers and board members. The election is held at the April members meeting.

March 3rd 2020

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM with the pledge of allegiance. Guests, new members, birthdays and anniversaries were recognized.

Louis Pill Spoke on Metal detecting and finding gold in the desert streams.

Professional geologist Jim Brisco spoke on his experiences in the mining industry, the mines he has worked at and the major discoveries he has made in his career

David Salars took nominations for April's election of officers and board members.

Dan walker announced the weekends overnight outing and common dig. David Salars stated that he will be on-call and unable to spend much time at the overnight outing, he stated he will be able to take the tables, chairs grills and canopies out.

The nugget raffles were held, the meeting was adjourned at 7 :39PM

NEW MEMBERS: February, March 2020

Glenn Paterson & Megan Kolbay, Steven and Janet Wilds, David & Pauline Renner

William&Jaqueline Stupec, Mark Doll, Mike Doll, Ted and Linda Hoeger, Michael Mahan

Margarita Manning, Ken &Lynda Hudson, Adolfo Diaz, Tom & Jill Ledew

Gold, silver, and copper values December 2019 to February 2020

Gold values:

Dec. close/Jan. open \$1519.50 Jan. close/Feb. open \$1589.14 Feb. Close/March open \$1585.78

Silver values:

Dec. close/Jan. open \$17.83 Jan. close/Feb. open \$18.00 Feb. Close/March open \$16.637

Copper values:

Dec. close/Jan. open \$2.633 Jan. close/Feb. open \$2.52 Feb. Close/March open \$2.546

These metal values can be found and the daily price of gold can be tracked at Kitco.com. Base metal values can be found at kitcometals.com

Nominations for Office and Board positions.

With the cancellation of the April Membership Meeting we will hold the election at the May Meeting.

President: _____ David Salars

Vice President: _____ Kay Jenkins

Secretary: _____ Sharron Lapp

Treasurer: _____ Erick Ramirez

Outings Coordinator: _____ Dan Walker

Historian: _____ Mary Garcia

Board positions:

1 Year Member: Ed Madson, Bob Barnes, Kim Ransom, Bob Carter, Bob Melzer, Marion Vittetoe, Kay Jenkins

2 Year Member: Joe Marihugh, Becky Marihugh, Carl Wruck, Sharron Lapp

3 Year Member: Howard Cooper, Louis Pill, JR Smith, Ralph Mantano

If you asked to run for an office or Position on the Board of Directors and don't see your name on this list or wish to be removed please give me a call so the ballot for the election will be accurate.

The Bylaws allow for a maximum of 15 Board Members, If the number of people running for these positions don't increase a vote will be taken at the Membership meeting on election night to elect them by acclimation.



A small but dedicated group had a good time at the Family Picnic and overnight outing. The weather was nice and the comradery was fantastic.

OUTING DIRECTORS REPORT

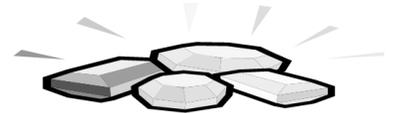
Stevens Shadow Claims February 9 2020

On Sunday February 9 2020 at 8:00 AM we met at "A" rock for our monthly outing. We had 17 members and 1 guest from Alabama in attendance. The metal detecting hunt had a twist to it, I planted 20 old buffalo nickels and 4 liberty head V nickels, the buffalo nickels were worth a dollar coin and the liberty head V nickels were worth a gold nugget. All the targets were found.

After the detector hunt most of us went to metal detect on the old mine dumps, we found a lot of copper minerals. Martin told us what the minerals were and there mineral content. He also explained what minerals were associated with the formation of gold. Later in the day a few members prospected for gold the old fashion way.

I believe every one a had good time and the outing had a good turnout. Getting out and experiencing the out of doors is a great way to spend a day with friends. Until next time keep finding that yellow metal.

Your outing director Dan



Hope Claims Outing March 7 2020

The March Outing was a 3 day event to the Hope 1 and Hope 2 claims. On Friday night there was a chili cook off, Saturday was the day we had our common dig with 45 members getting a share of the gold. We found some good gold on the claims and even the children were having fun playing in the mud. We worked on the claim until approximately 10:30 AM then headed back to the campground.

While we were working the claim those that stayed back helped with potluck lunch which consisted of hot dogs, hamburgers, potato chips, salads and deserts. All the food was wonderful and the weather was great. After lunch some of the members went back to the claims.

We owe the success of the outing to the members of the board and all those people in the background who helped make this a successful outing. Until next month keep digging.

Your outing director Dan.



Dan Walker

May 1, 1933 President Roosevelt enacted Executive Order 6102 requiring all persons to turn over all but a very small amount of gold coin, bullion and certificates in exchange for \$20.67/Troy oz. He used the obsolete law of 1917 Trading With The Enemy's Act as justification. Violations were punishable with a \$10,000 fine and up to 10 years in prison.



Working the Hope Claim at the March Common Dig.



Ralph, Joan, Chris and Bedrock Bob working paydirt at the campsite.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS



ATTN: MEMBERS,

I have been coming across a lot of members stating they are not receiving their bi-monthly gazettes, come to find out they changed their email address. Please send me an email with your new email address so we can get the gazette out to you. Please send to DGDmembership@gmail.com

Please keep in mind that all above dues are for family memberships which include two adults and anyone under the age of 18 years.

Only one membership card

Dolores Salars

Membership Director

520-247-2877

Membership is as follows:

- **\$45 a year**
- **\$5 mailing fee for the Gazette there is no charge if Gazette is received by email.**
- **\$15 for required name badge**
- **\$15 for any extra or replacement name badge**

RENEWAL MEMBERSHIPS

Remember to check the date on your membership card—or you can e-mail the **MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR** at goldmembership45@gmail.com for your membership expiration date.

Dues can be mailed to
DESERT GOLD DIGGERS
PO BOX 5215
TUCSON, AZ 85703

IF YOU HAVE A CHANGE OF ADDRESS OR EMAIL PLEASE CONTACT
MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR

You can also pay your dues at any membership meeting. Renewal Dues are \$45.00/year/family if your receiving your Gazette by E-mail and extra \$5.00 will be charged to have the Gazette mailed to your home.

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Carl Wruck, Mary Garcia, Marion Vittetoe, Ed Madson, Bob Barnes, Kim Ransom

TWO YEAR BOARD MEMBERS

J.R. Smith , Louis Pill, Bob Melzer

THREE YEAR BOARD MEMBERS

Sue Lopez , Allen Shea , Ron Breault, Dolores Salars and Howard Cooper

****CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD: Marion Vittetoe**

See the Club Store to get COLOR, laminated, full size maps, with driving directions and GPS coordinates for all the claims! If you prefer, grab the DVD and print out your own maps and directions.

These are just \$5.00

Club Store



Stop by our Club Store for a nice t-shirt, hat or maybe you are in need of a scoop. We carry laminated maps, pins and many other items. Our shirts make great gifts.

NOW—at the DGD Club Store....

All the maps on DVD!!! For the small price of \$2.00—you can take home a DVD that contains the color topo maps, GPS coordinates, directions to the claims and other useful information. You can print out what you need, when you need it!!

We also have more laminated maps back in stock—\$2.00 for each map or the complete set of 5 for just \$9.00. These have the color maps on one side and the GPS, directions, etc. on the other side.

We also have polo shirts, t-shirts, hats, visors, patches, license plates and laminated maps of all the claims and also CDs of all maps.

Come out and support the club with purchases from our club store.

WEB MASTER REPORT

THE WEBSITE HAS BEEN UPDATED



Thanks,

Maria Hansen

<http://desert-gold-diggers.org>

Remember to have your badge and your membership card with you when you are on the claims. Take plenty of water—and drink at least 8 oz. every hour—if you wait until you feel thirsty, then you are already dehydrated!

Thanks for helping keep the claims clean and filling in the holes that you see.

Message from the Gold Master

At the moment we are not buying any gold. When we do we are looking for the size gold that we raffle off at the Membership meetings. If you have some contact us via email at v_1robu1@hotmail.com. And let us know the size and approximate amount. Thanks
Bob Burgette, Gold Master

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Dues are \$45.00/year/family when the Gazette is sent via e-mail and \$50.00/year/family if the Gazette is sent via regular mail., included in Membership Packet is One Name Badge and Claim Maps Dues should be paid within 30 days of your anniversary month of joining Desert Gold Diggers. Check your Membership Card for expiration date. Renewal fees are \$45 for Emailed Gazette, a \$5 if the Gazette is Mailed , or

e-mail DGDMembership@gmail.com and request your due date. Dues should be mailed to the Membership Director, Desert Gold Diggers, PO BOX 5215, Tucson, AZ 85703

DESERT GOLD DIGGERS

Upcoming Events

Tentatively May 5th depending on restrictions due to Coronavirus

Desert Gold Diggers Annual Meeting

Election of Officer and Board Members

With the cancellation of the April meeting we ask all the members to be sure to attend the Membership Meeting in May. Anytime we miss a meeting we spend that month financially in the red. Kay Jenkins is in the process of rescheduling the speaker who was due to give a presentation at April's meeting to the May meeting. The officers and Board thank you all for your understanding.

November Meeting will be moved to Wednesday the 4th.

Donna Liggins Rec. Center is a precinct polling location so the facility is not available for our regular Tuesday meeting. It seems a bit early to mention this but to be fore-warned is to be for-armed

Summer Heat is on the way.

Remember to drink plenty of water and always take more water into the field than you think you may need. Policy for firefighters is, "if you are thirsty you are already becoming dehydrated."

2020 OUTINGS

APRIL 11TH (SAT)	PLACER POND	8:00 AM	GREATERVILLE RD & HWY 83
MAY 9TH (SAT)	SNOOZER 1	8:00 AM	ARIVACA RD MILE POST 7
JUNE 7TH (SUN)	HOPE 1	7:00 AM	GARDNER CYN RD. & HWY 83
JULY 11TH (SAT)	SHADOW CLAIMS	7:00 AM	CABALLO LOCO RD. "A" ROCK

DGD Winners - August, September 2019 –Congrats to all!

Come and join us at the next meeting and you, too, could be a winner!! Come **early** and get your tickets—**Special Raffle (\$2.00) - Nuggets (\$1.00/buy 20 and you get an extra ticket for the 20:1 Nugget drawing for ‘free’) and just wear your hat, shirt and badge and get 3 FREE chances!!!!**

When the raffle is over—**DON'T throw** out those tickets! Sign the back of the gold tickets and put them in the **HANG OVER Nugget Jar!** (located at the front of the room) Once a quarter we award 3 more nuggets drawn just from that Jar. So—you get another chance to win!!

F.O.M. Winners: JR Smith, Craig Pratt(2), Don Noel

Shirt winners: Jim Martin, Earl Colvin

Hat winners: Don Moran, Shiella Powel, Don Hartie, Joan Bonillas, Erick Ramirez, Martin Smrina

Badge winners: Chris(?), Ron Smith, Bob Burgette, Kathy Smith, Judy Vittetoe, Bob Delfs

Regular Nuggets: Bill Vasco, Don Moran(2), Amber Clark, Kathy Smith, Joe Johnson, JR Smith, Donna Test, Bill Vasco, Lou Gasca, Mike Boggs, Don Rogers, Joe Vascko, W. Blake(2), Michael Gresling

Red Ticket: Greg(?), Gary Borden, Sharon Mosley, Michael Mahan, Michael Gresling, Wayne Shirley
When you buy your raffle tickets please be sure to write your name on them legibly and be sure to deposit the non winning tickets in the jug for the hangover drawing.

GOLD RUSH NUGGET BUCKET RAFFLE



While liquidating some equipment David and Maria Hansen gave the club a good deal on a Gold Rush Nugget Bucket which we are now raffling off. The companies website bills it as: *"The Gold Rush Nugget Bucket offers a breakthrough design for a gold panning kit! All the equipment you need to find gold, as well as gems, cool rocks and artifacts, is neatly organized inside.*

This patented kit concentrates the smallest of gold particles, gold dust, into a small bowl. When ready, simply take the bowl out and dump it into the gold pan that comes included and start the gold panning process! The process is made to be easy: scoop in dirt, pour in water and let gravity do all the work!"

PROPERTIES OF GOLD

There are polymers of gold that efficiently scatter or absorb most forms of radiation, including X-rays. Chemically incorporated into these polymers, gold is less poisonous than other heavy metals that also block radiation.

NASA incorporated gold into the face shields of the helmets used by Apollo Astronauts to protect them from the solar radiation traveling uninhibited through space.

In the early 70's the Ford Motor Company produced an option in the Thunderbird sports cars to block the glare. It contained gold incorporated into the glass and used an electric current to change the polarity of the glass as needed.





MASH REPORT

Please pray for the comfort and guidance of these members and their families

Sue Lopez is recovering well from a case of shingles.

Marion Vittetoe is suffering from kidney stones and has to stay close to town.

Kay Jenkins granddaughter was injured in an accident in Oregon

Bradly Karber's fiancée's son, Holden, fell at the outing and received 5 stitches

Lots of thanks goes out to Amber Clark for taking these notifications and getting cards out to everyone who is ailing and in need.

If you have an illness, injury of death in the family please contact her at amclark4691@gmail.com

BLAST FROM THE PAST

Just a few memories of club activities years ago



Carter Thoenes doing cleanup with a spiral gold wheel



Gary Grant using a Gold Magic Wheel to do his cleanup



Jack and Dory Stevenson at the Great Hope Claims



The Robinsons work drywashers on Diggers Delight

The DGD Market Place



Free 'FOR SALE OR WANTED' ads are on a one month basis and are for DGD members only. Deadline for the ads is the 15th of the month. If the space is limited, we must limit each ad. Please send your carefully worded ad to the Gazette editor at Goldgazette45@gmail.com

For Sale: 3 stack Gold Cube, includes stand, pump, AC to DC power converter, 2 water tubs with tub flange, large and small classifiers, gold pans, \$300. Gold Bug-2 detector with headphones, \$400. Call Vince at 520-240-5191 or email: guerrier@email.arizona.edu



Makro Racer Metal Detector w/ standard 56kHz 10" DD coil and 5" GR13 coil w/ carrying bag and headphones.



Keene DW 212 Bellows Drywasher. Operates with 12 volt battery or with hand crank. Carrying platform included cost new is \$849. For sale for \$350 Bob Barnes 520-742-6710



Lightly used whites MXT with standard coil and whites 300 LTD coil \$475 Call Henry Selfridge 529-296-1478



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