

# DESERT GOLD DIGGERS GAZETTE



The official publication of Tucson Desert Gold Diggers Inc.

The Desert Gold Diggers is a non-profit prospecting club based in Tucson, Arizona, devoted to all aspects of small scale mining, including panning, sluicing, dry washing, and metal detecting. In addition to promoting small scale prospecting, the club exchanges ideas and information on the various aspects of prospecting & mining. Visit our webpage at <https://desertgolddiggers.com> for more club information.

Desert Gold Doggers has 19 claims in southeastern Arizona. The claims are located in several gold producing areas including the Greaterville, Arivaca, Oro Blanco (Ruby), Las Guijas, Old Hat (Oracle) and Banner (Pinal County) mining districts. The club is constantly evaluating and pursuing additional claims.

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## From the Desk of Ralph Montañó

*President, Desert Gold Diggers Inc.*

Hello to all Desert Gold Diggers. I'd like to start off with a big thank you to the club members who helped with the Gregory School presentation this month. The fifth-grade students had a lot of fun panning, and even more fun keeping their own gold. Every year they study the Oregon Trail and participate in activities performed by the pioneers while on the trail. Gold panning was one of them. We hope to see them again next year.



This year the fall outing will be in October, not November. Now that it's starting to cool off, members can go out and not have to worry too much about heat. It'll still be a little warm, so take precautions. And hopefully everyone will find more of the yellow-colored rocks—gold, that is! Good luck to all.

—Ralph

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## October 6-8 Overnight Outing Information

The Desert Gold Diggers fall overnight outing is October 6-8 (Friday-Sunday) at the campsite located on E. Fish Canyon Road. Directions are provided on the map on the following page and there is plenty of room for tents, trailers, and RVs. Please check the local weather forecast prior to the event and plan accordingly for weather conditions.

Events at the outing will include:

- Crockpot cook-off and an outdoor movie (Friday evening, October 6).
- Metal detector hunt (Saturday morning October 7) at 8:00 AM. The detector hunt will consist of 50 buried targets for prizes of gold nuggets, \$2 bills, and dollar coins.
- Hamburgers, hot dogs, and sides for lunch; cost is \$6 a plate (Saturday, October 7).
- Nugget and gift cards raffle after lunch (Saturday, October 7).

Coffee and breakfast snacks will be provided Saturday morning; coffee only on Sunday morning. The club store will be open for business, so don't miss the chance to pick up a DGD shirt, hat, window decal, or a number of other available items.

**Directions to Campsite:** (1) From Tucson proceed on I-10 east and take Exit 281; (2) Drive south approximately 20.5 miles on Highway 83; (3) Turn right (west) onto E. Gardner Canyon Road; (4) Drive approximately 0.8 mile then turn right onto the E. Fish Canyon Road; (5) Proceed on E. Fish Canyon Road (Forest Service Rd #163) approximately 2.6 miles to the campsite; (6) Campsite coordinates are 31.745224, -110.717546. DGD signs will be posted to show the way!

This outing is a great opportunity to meet and get to know the other members of our club. Hope to see you there!

## Meeting & Event Summary (October-December 2023)

### Membership Meetings

**1st Tuesday of every month at 6:00 PM.**

Ellie Towne Community Center.  
660 West.Ruthrauff Road.  
Tucson, AZ 85705-1253

The monthly meetings are an opportunity for club members to socialize, listen to guest speakers, and participate in nugget raffles at the end of the meeting.

Guests are welcome to attend!

### Business Meetings

**3rd Tuesday of every month at 6:30 PM.**

IHOP  
4187 N. Oracle Road.  
Tucson, AZ. 85705-2721  
(Southwest corner of Oracle and  
Limberlost Road)

Meetings *MAY* be conducted via ZOOM.  
A message will be sent to members prior to meetings if ZOOM is scheduled.

### Events Schedule

#### **October:**

**03:** Membership meeting; 6:00 PM

**06-08:** (Friday-Sunday) Outing:  
**GARDNER CANYON CAMPSITE;**  
8:00 AM (See map below)

**17:** Business Meeting; 6:30 PM

#### **November:**

**07:** Membership Meeting; 6:00 PM

**11:** (Saturday) Outing: PILGRIM'S  
PRIDE CLAIMS; Arivaca Rd. MP#7

**21:** Business Meeting; 6:30 PM

#### **December:**

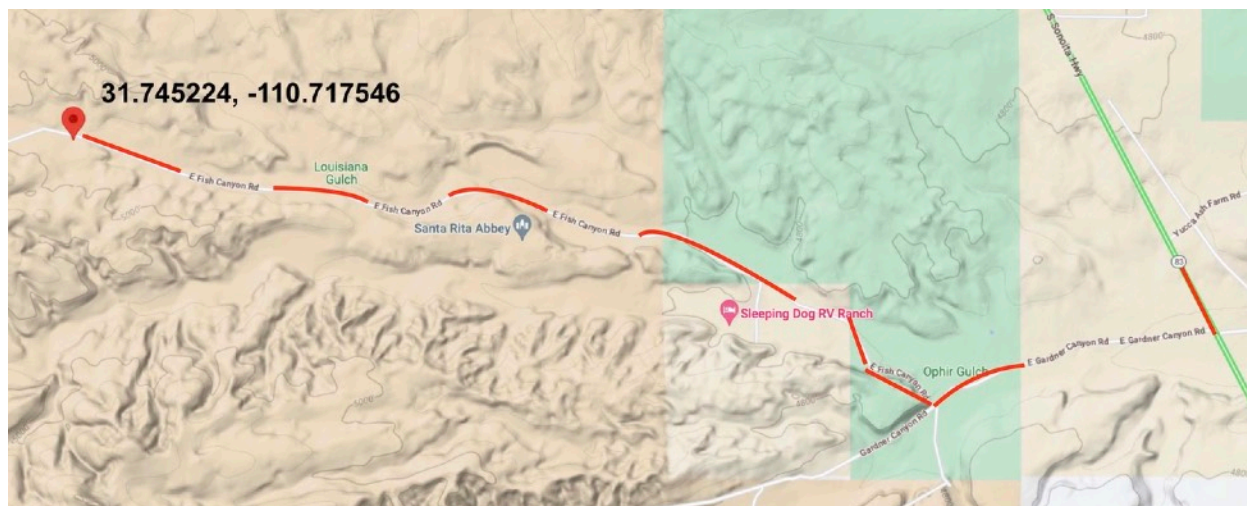
**05:** Membership Meeting; 6:00 PM

**10:** (Sunday) Outing: SNOOZER  
CLAIMS; Arivaca Rd. MP#7

**19:** Business Meeting; 6:30 PM

A calendar of events for October-January is located on the last page(s) of the Gazette.

## October Outing: Gardner Canyon Camp Location





## Meet our new Vice President.....Terry Becklund

Hello Desert Gold Diggers—my name is Terry Becklund, I am 63 years old and a retired Cowboy/Rancher from Montana.

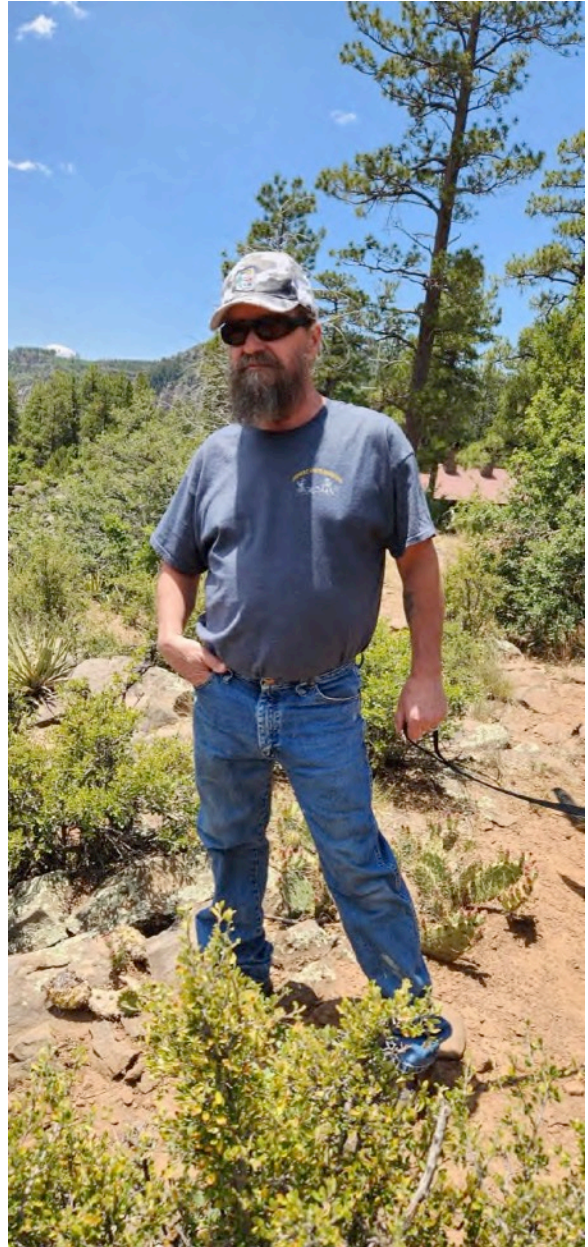
I moved to Tucson from Montana two years ago. It has been quite a shock, weather wise, and also a learning experience in prospecting as well—going from the mountainous terrain to the desert, from plenty of water to none at all. I really enjoy dry washing, but not the heat!

I started Prospecting in 1991 with GPAA in Montana. I've built a lot of my own equipment, enjoy getting out as often as I can, and I really enjoy sharing my knowledge with others.

When I first came to Tucson we had a hard time getting to the claims because of the road conditions. It wasn't long before we were on the hunt for a four-wheel drive. It took a long time, but we finally got one, and now I get out every chance I get!

Prospecting is my passion, as I am sure most of the members will agree with me on this 100%. We are surely looking forward to the cooler weather so that we can get out more.

As the VP of Desert Gold Diggers, my main responsibility is finding speakers for our meetings. If you have someone that you know of, or would like to hear from, please contact me. If you will provide me with contact information, I would be more than happy to do all that I can



to make the necessary arrangements for them to speak at one of our monthly membership meetings.

I look forward to being the best VP possible and to do all I can for our members. —Terry

## The Gregory School “Oregon Trail Adventure”

On Wednesday, September 19, several DGD board members participated in the Oregon Trail Adventure event at the Gregory School. The DGD members provided 24 5th-graders with information on gold prospecting and the different types of prospecting equipment used by settlers back in the late 1800s.

Ralph Montano shared some gold history with the students, discussed different prospecting techniques, and then demonstrated how to pan for gold. Ed Madson showed the students gold specimens including a 1.1 ounce gold nugget.

Students went to 12 panning stations set up by the DGD members and each student selected a zip-lock bag containing sand mixed with a small amount of gold. The students started panning the pay dirt with the assistance of the DGD members, and it did not take long before excited students began to shout “I found gold!”

It was an incredible day. Not only did the students and faculty have a great time, but it was very rewarding for all DGD participants to see the beaming faces, the excitement, and the appreciation expressed by the students and faculty.

Every student left with a small vial of gold and there is no doubt that the Gregory School 5th-graders now have gold fever!



Ralph Montano sharing some gold history with students



Ed Madson showing gold specimens



Ralph demonstrating panning techniques



“We found gold!”



A very happy student



DOB Participants: Ed Madson, Luis Pill, Terry Becklund, Mary Garcia, Ralph Montano, Darrell Marihugh, Becky Marihugh, Joe Marihugh, Ray Darragh (not shown)



## Special Awards

During the September 5 monthly membership meeting, Ralph Montaño recognized three club members for their exceptional performance supporting the Desert Gold Diggers and all club members.

Ralph presented Becky Marihugh (Membership Director), Kim Ransom (DGD Club Store), and Kathy Smith (Ticket Sales) with a unique copper “gold pan” for their diligent work. The pan was inscribed with the DGD logo, the member’s name, and the year 2023.

Ralph stated at the meeting that Becky, Kim, and Kathy consistently go “above and beyond” what is expected of club members and wanted to thank them for their hard work and contributions to the club.



Becky Marihugh



Kim Ransom



Kathy Smith

## WELCOME New DGD Club Members! \*

Lisa & Paulette Anderson (Tucson, AZ)  
Jaime & Maureen Aragon (Tucson, AZ)  
Richard Bliss (Tucson, AZ)  
Rob & Jacquie Buss (Frankford, Ontario)  
Richard & Tammy Busser (Tucson, AZ)  
William Castillo (Tucson, AZ)  
Andrea & Caren Collins (Tucson, AZ)  
Adolfo & Beatriz Contreras (Tucson, AZ)  
Alan Dalton (Tucson, AZ)  
Tom Daly (Tucson, AZ)  
Val & Dedrea Danilov (Rio Rico, AZ)  
William Donis (Tucson, AZ)  
Dave Douglas (Marana, AZ)  
Erik Duwe (Tucson, AZ)  
Darin George (Florence, AZ)  
Jason Gortman (Casa Grande, AZ)  
Brad Guinyou (Tucson, AZ)  
William Halsne (Tucson, AZ)  
Robert & Jen Hamilton (Tucson, AZ)  
Joshua Hamilton (Vail, AZ)  
Rick & Marianna Harrison (Cortaro, AZ)  
Dustin & Jessica Hartman (Marana, AZ)  
Diana Huber (Tucson, AZ)  
Bart Hunter (Tucson, AZ)  
Gary & Vera Hyatte (Tucson, AZ)  
Jon & Toni Koehler (Green Valley, AZ)  
Yaakov "Yankee" Laytin (Tucson, AZ)  
David Laytin (Tucson, AZ)

Doug Madsen (Tucson, AZ)  
John Mariani (Tucson, AZ)  
Ralph & Kristina Martel (Tucson, AZ)  
Dalton/Taryn McCaffrey (Las Vegas, NV)  
Roger & Agnes Miller (Show Low, AZ)  
Daniel & Cynthia Morrison (AZ City, AZ)  
George Nye (Shelby, NC)  
Stephen O'Malley (Tucson, AZ)  
Eugene Mossberger (Goodyear, AZ)  
Curtis & Teresa Patterson (Tucson, AZ)  
Sheila Powell (Tucson, AZ)  
Gabriel & Dulce Quevedo (Sahuarita, AZ)  
Kyle & Erica Randall (Tucson, AZ)  
Brian Rasmussen (Tucson, AZ)  
Bill & Nell Richie (Sonoita, AZ)  
Beth & Jim Sausen (Tucson, AZ)  
Rick & Christine Sbragia (Rio Rico, AZ)  
John Sheffer (Staunton, VA)  
Lester Smith (Florence, AZ)  
Dennis Stahl (Vail, AZ)  
Peter Stansfield (Tucson, AZ)  
Norman Sternberg (Tucson, AZ)  
Steven Sullivan (Benson, AZ)  
Gordan Thomas (Safford, AZ)  
Eugene Tucksen (Snohomish, WA)  
Ted Von Craig (San Manuel, AZ)  
Mike & Darcy Wells (Sahuarita, AZ)  
John Wright (Tucson, AZ)

**\* (Note: These are new members that have joined and/or renewed their membership in calendar year 2023. Future editions of the Gazette will only contain the names of members that joined during that issue of the Gazette)**

## Gold Nugget Raffle

Desert Gold Diggers is currently selling raffle tickets for gold nuggets that weigh a total of 8.1 grams (1/4 ounce).



The raffle tickets are \$2.00 each and tickets may be purchased at the monthly membership meetings on the first Tuesday of each month. The lucky gold nugget winner will be selected at the December monthly meeting.



Raffle Nuggets

A club member donated several prospecting items that are also being raffled for \$2 per ticket. These items include a Garrett AT metal detector, recirculating sluice, and a smaller sluice. The raffle tickets will be sold at the monthly membership meetings and the winner will be announced at the December meeting.



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## Club Store

Be sure to stop by the Desert Gold Diggers Club Store at the monthly membership meetings. We carry DVDs that contain the color top maps, GPS coordinates, directions to the claims, and other useful information. You can print out what you need, when you need it.

We also carry laminated maps that have color maps on one side and the GPS coordinates and directions on the other side. Some of the other items you will find at our store include, but are not limited to:

- Columbia long-sleeve shirts with DGD logo
- DGD Polo shirts and T-shirts
- Hats and Visors
- Patches and DGD License Plates
- Numerous prospecting items

**NEW ITEM:** The club store now offers Desert Gold Diggers window transfer decals. The new decals measure 14" x 2.4" and can be applied/transferred to the windows on your car, SUV, or truck and is a great way to advertise our club!



Please support the Desert Gold Diggers with purchases from our club



## Outing Director's Report (August 2023): WISHFUL

Our August 6, 2023, outing started by meeting at the Arivaca General Store on Arivaca Road at 7:00AM Sunday. We had 15 members signed in and caravanned to our metal detecting area at 7:15AM.

I planted 24 nickel targets; three (3) for gold nuggets; three (3) for \$2 bills; and 18 for \$1 coins. **Two targets were not found;** one for a nugget and one for a \$1 coin.



The Members prospected on the Wishful #1 Claim. The claim was dry and club members used primarily recirculation system processes. New members were given help with the methods of processing the gravels.

The weather was hot for this summer day. We prospected until around 12:30 PM before we packed up and headed back to town. The outing was a complete success and we look forward to the next outing at 7:00AM on Saturday, September 9, at the Bruiser Claims, meeting at the Circle K in Oracle.

Keep finding the yellow stuff. Dan

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## Outing Director's Report (September 2023): BRUISER

We met at the Circle-K store in Oracle at 7:00 AM Saturday, September 9, and had 15 members present. We held our metal detector hunt where the off-road vehicles off load their side by sides.



There were 24 nickels planted: three (3) worth a gold nugget; three (3) worth a \$2 bill; and 18 worth a \$1 coin. **There were 23 coins found leaving one \$1 coin target to be found.**

After the hunt we went to Bruiser 2 and 3 for our prospecting outing, the area was totally dry. The gravels were best worked by dry washing and metal detecting. We fanned out over the claims and were able to get some nice gold and everybody seemed to be having a good time. The weather was hot and most members left around 12 PM and headed back to town.

The outing was a success and we look forward to our overnight outing October 6-8, 2023. Thanks to all for their attendance.

Happy Hunting till next month. Dan

## September Outing: Bruiser Claims



New members Cynthia and Daniel Morrison won a gold nugget and a gold dollar at the "nugget shoot"



Chuck Johnson working the bedrock

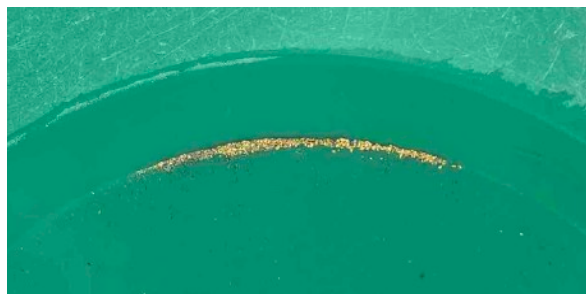


Cynthia and Daniel collecting samples on Bruiser 3



Parking at the top of Bruiser 3

### Some Bruiser Gold!



## Business Meeting Minutes: August 15, 2023

- Dan Walker (Board Chairman) convened the meeting at 6:35 PM.
- Darrell Marihugh (Secretary) read previous meeting minutes; Kim Ransom motioned to approve and the motion was seconded by Becky Marihugh.
- Ray Darragh (Gazette Editor) asked board members to submit reports for the Gazette; Ray will send a message to DGD members soliciting stories/photos for John Smith who is writing an article about prospecting in the *Desert Leaf*.
- Webmaster: No report.
- Becky Marihugh (Membership Director) reported DGD had one new member and four (4) renewals. DGD currently has 322 members, an increase of five (5) members.
- Ralph Montano (DGD President) presented the Treasurer's income report; DGD had a net income of \$780.71 in July.
- Kim Ransom is checking on Corporate Commission reporting requirements and will provide an update at the next meeting.
- Gold master: No report.
- Dan Walker (Outing Director) reported on the August 6 outing at the Wishful Claims and stated the September 9 outing will be at the Bruiser Claims.
- Mary Garcia (Historian) is working on a story about the start of DGD in 1982 and the changes occurred since then.
- Public Relations Director: No report.

### OLD BUSINESS

- Raffle tickets for prospecting equipment will be on sale at the next membership meeting.
- Gregory School demonstration will be September 20 at 9:00 AM. Ralph, Darrell, Lewis, Joe, Becky, Terry, and Ray volunteered to demonstrate to 5th-graders how to pan for gold and demo old-style equipment to support their Oregon Trail Adventure event. Five (5) grams of gold mixed with sand will be divided evenly and distributed in ziplock bags to each of the 24 students for panning material.

### New BUSINESS

- The board approved the purchase of two new DGD vinyls decals that will be available at the club store. Ray will order the decals and be reimbursed. Pictures of the new decals will be in the next Gazette.
- Need to perform a complete club store inventory and keep better track of sales to alleviate inventory possible discrepancies. Date and time for the inventory to be determined.
- Ray found a printer for \$179 for printing copies of the Gazette; need to check on ink cost since cartridges are extremely expensive. Ray will check to ensure we purchase a printer with maximum efficiency.
- Bob Melzer motioned to end the meeting; Lewis Pill seconded the motion; motion was approved; meeting ended at 7:41 PM.



## Business Meeting Minutes: September 19, 2023

- Chairman Dan Walker convened the meeting at 6:30 PM; read/approved agenda.
- Secretary Darrell Marihugh read previous minutes, Becky Marihugh motioned to approve; seconded by Bob Melzer.
- Gazette editor Ray Darragh has this issue almost done; will send it out next week.
- Webmaster: Not present.
- Membership director Becky Marihugh: 5 new members; 4 reinstated; 7 non-renewals; 316 total members.
- Chairman Dan Walker asked if everyone turned in their expense reports.
- Dave Salars gave Treasurer's report; after all revenue and expenses, club experienced a net loss of \$2,296.99.
- Gold Master: Not present.
- Outing Director Dan Walker reported September outing was at Bruiser 2 & 3; met at 7:00 am at the Circle K in Oracle; 15 members present; 24 targets buried at the metal detect site and all but one were found; members were finding gold at the claim; next outing is the overnight outing October 6-8 in Greaterville at the Gardner Canyon campsite. The Gazette will contain the campsite GPS coordinates.
- Claims report: No report
- Historian Mary Garcia is writing a club history report; will give to Ray to add to a future Gazette issue.
- Public Relations: Not present.

### OLD BUSINESS

- October outing: Dave and Becky will get food; Dave arranged for Porta-Potties; crock pot cook-off on Friday night; outdoor movie on Friday night; Ralph needs assistance taking equipment to the site; need to check propane levels; burgers, hot dogs, and sides will be \$6/plate; detector hunt will have 50 targets for prizes of gold nuggets, \$2 bills, and dollar coins; will have equipment demonstrations; raffle the raffle on Saturday and the DGD store will be open for business.

### NEW BUSINESS

- Gregory School panning demonstration September 20 at 9:00 am.
- Kim will bring a standing authority form to OCT meeting and will discuss card purchase limits.
- Becky needs a card with a higher limit with director membership designation.
- Wells Fargo account to be closed.
- DGD window transfer decals will now be available at the club store.
- Trail Life Scouts would like to join DGD on a future outing.
- Daniel Moore, BLM, will be the October membership meeting speaker; Mike Robinson will be the November speaker.
- Dave motioned to buy 1 oz. silver rounds if gold is not available.
- DGD may participate in Sabino High Science Fair October 26.
- Dan made a motion to adjourn at 7:45 PM; Kim seconded.

## Membership Meeting Minutes: August 1, 2023

- Ralph Montañó convened the meeting at 6:00 PM; opened with the Pledge of Allegiance; introduced new members/guests; asked about August birthdays and anniversaries; shared MASH information.
- Dan Walker reported that the August outing is at the Wishful claims; meeting at the Arivaca store at 0700; will be hot and the creek is dry.
- There was no guest speaker, so members viewed a Jeff Williams video called "Locating Gold Hotspots: Where to Prospect to be Successful"
  - ([https://youtu.be/57ZibN\\_OLgs?si=hHhal6oQkT4v7QD8](https://youtu.be/57ZibN_OLgs?si=hHhal6oQkT4v7QD8))
- Former members donated equipment to the club (ATX metal detector and pin-pointer; Keene sluice with two pumps; and a clean-up sluice). Raffle tickets may be purchased for \$2 and the winner will be announced at the December meeting.
- Ron donated a classifier that will be raffled at the October outing.
- The October 6-8 overnight outing will be at the GARDNER CANYON location in Greaterville.
- A guest named John Smith is writing an article for the February issue Desert Leaf. Members should email John at [john@buteos.net](mailto:john@buteos.net) if they want to share an interesting prospecting story/experience.
- Ralph asked that members start thinking about the April elections; DGD will need a new President and board members. This is a great way to get more involved in club activities.
- Ray Darragh will assume responsibility as the Gazette Editor
- Ralph will be giving away three (3) awards in the near future to recognize members that made significant contributions to the club; would like to do this semi-annually with board participation on future awards.
- **Raffle winners:**
  - Hat: Daniel Manning
  - Badge: John Christensen
  - Shirt: Janine Walker
  - Yellow Ticket: Dan Scheper; John Stutz; Ralph Montano
  - Red Ticket: Bill Vasko
  - Hangover Ticket; Bill Vasko; Joe Johnson
- Ralph adjourned the meeting at 7:04 PM

## Membership Meeting Minutes: September 5, 2023

- Ralph Montañó convened the meeting at 6:00 PM; opened with the Pledge of Allegiance; introduced new members/guests; asked about September birthdays and anniversaries; shared MASH information.
- Ralph asked about anyone who had a birthday/anniversary in September; introduced new members guests; shared MASH information (Bink will be receiving radiation treatment at the end of the month).
- Dan Walker: next outing will be at the Bruiser claims; meet at Circle K prior to 7:00 AM; will have a detector hunt and then head to claims; leave room on the roads on the claim to vehicles can get by and turn around.
- Ray is selling raffle tickets for sluice and detector equipment; raffle winner announced at the December meeting.
- Terry Becklund, VP, has arranged for a BLM speaker at the October meeting.
- Kim Ransom showed a GPAA video that discussed 1872 mining rights.
- One member, Bob, made a custom stand for the GoldMonster 1000; if interested in purchasing a stand, contact Ralph Montano for more information.
- Board members met and voted to get a printer for \$400, which included 2-year supply of ink, to produce hard copies of the Gazette.
- Ralph presented three awards for members who have made significant contributions; Becky Marhugh, Kim Ransom, and Kathy Smith received awards (engraved copper gold pan).
- Ralph asked that members provide names for others that should receive recognition; awards will be made at the March membership meeting.
- The fall overnight outing is October 6-8; members will start arriving on Wednesday; Porta-Potties will be available starting Friday; Ralph asked that everyone please come out and have fun.
- **Raffle Winners:**
  - Hat: Daniel Manning
  - Badge: Gregg Penn
  - Shirt: Katherine Manning
  - Yellow Ticket: Ron Breault; Sheila Powell; Ralph Montano
  - Red Ticket: Paul Safar
  - Giveaway: Bill Vasko; Dave Riley
- Ralph adjourned the meeting at Meeting ended at 7:15 PM.

## Zoom Meeting Option: OCT 3rd Membership Meeting

The zoom link to enter the meeting is :

<https://zoom.us/j/99549264713?pwd=bTNvSzk2cVpoVjZUdmzRWWpGUlczdz09>

Access Code: **266446**

Contact Kim for any questions at her email: [kransom6a@gmail.com](mailto:kransom6a@gmail.com)



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VACANT

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### **ONE YEAR BOARD MEMBERS (2023)**

**Dan Walker (BOARD CHAIRMAN)**, Ed Madson, David Salars, Bob Melzer, Sharron Lapp,

### **TWO-YEAR BOARD MEMBERS (2023-2024)**

Joe Marihugh, Becky Marihugh, Hank Bassaraba, Ray Darragh

### **THREE YEAR BOARD MEMBERS (2023-2025)**

Howard Cooper, Louis Pill, JR Smith, Kim Ransom

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**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

Forms may be taken to the Membership Director at our meetings or  
you may send it to our address.

Official use only: MTG MAIL	
M# _____	Paid: _____
Check _____	Cash/money order
New packet given/sent: _____	
Badge or'd _____	Sent: _____

***Please circle what is need: New Member / Annual Renewal / Update Information / Badge Order***

Thank you for your interest in our club! We are a family orientated club with members from across the country! You must be over the age of 18 for an individual membership or we have a family membership that consists of you, your significant other and any children under the age of 18. *(If you are under the age of 18 and are able to drive to claims you must have a guardian present or present a notarized waiver signed by parent/guardian to the membership director.)* After payment of dues you will receive a new member packet with one ID Card; claim maps and claim information and your DGD name badge will be ordered. At least *one adult name badge is required* with membership. Other family name badges are optional and can be ordered for additional charges. Each membership entitles you access to all club claims, outings, socials and our club monthly/bi-monthly gazette. Your membership is good for one year from the date that you joined and *must be renewed* on your anniversary date listed on your ID card. All are invited to join our club however we reserve the right to cancel or revoke your membership for any circumstances deemed warranted by the DGD Board of Directors. DGD recommends that members never visit a club claim alone. We advise going with a partner or group and always tell someone where you are going and when you plan to return.

**Pricing: Please choose one:**

**\$65.00:** includes membership packet, PRIMARY name badge shipping fee, **emailing of the gazette** **NOTE: BADGE IS REQUIRED**

**\$20.00** each for OPTIONAL badges this includes mailing fee

**\$45.00** for membership renewal

\_\_\_\_\_ =total due. We accept cash, check or money order. **DO NOT SEND CASH IN MAIL**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Main phone \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name to appear on **primary** badge **required**: \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) to appear on **optional** badge(s) \_\_\_\_\_ ; \_\_\_\_\_ ; \_\_\_\_\_

**Disclaimer/ Release:** BY AFFIXING MY SIGNATURE BELOW, I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT PROSPECTING AND PROSPECTING LOCATIONS CAN BE DANGEROUS WITH NUMEROUS NATURAL AND ARTIFICIAL HAZARDS. BY SIGNING UP, AS A MEMBER OF THE DESERT GOLD DIGGERS INC. , I / MY SPOUSE / MY FAMILY / AND/OR MY GUESTS AGREE TO RELEASE THE DESERT GOLD DIGGERS INC., THEIR OFFICERS OR ASSIGNEES AND / OR PRIVATE PROPERTY OWNER ( S ) FROM ANY LIABILITY INCURRED DURING PROSPECTING OPERATIONS / OUTINGS. I FURTHER AGREE TO HAVE ANY GUESTS ACCOMPANYING ME TO ONE OF THE " CLUBS " CLAIMS , ON A PRIVATE OUTING, TO SIGN A " CLUB " WAIVER PRIOR TO THE OUTING. If I am under the age of 18 and visit the claims without a guardian, a notarized waiver will be given to the membership director and I will carry a copy with me at all times while on club claims.

HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT DGD? \_\_\_\_\_ DGD Form Revised:

Join the Tucson Desert Gold Diggers club. Print and submit this written application, or apply online at: <https://desertgolddiggers.com/join-the-club/online-membership-form/>

## October 2023 Special Events

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3 Member's Meeting 6:00 PM	4	5	6 OUTING: GARDNER CANYON	7 OUTING: GARDNER CANYON
8 OUTING: GARDNER CANYON	9 COLUMBUS DAY	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 Business Meeting 6:30 PM	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31 HALLOWEEN				

## November 2023 Special Events

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7 Member's Meeting 6:00 PM	8	9	10	11 PILGRIM'S PRIDE Claims 8:00 AM *
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21 Business Meeting 6:30 PM	22	23 THANKSGIVING DAY	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		NOV 11: VETERANS DAY



## Editor's Note

Ralph Montañño announced at the August membership meeting that I would assume the responsibility as the Desert Gold Diggers Gazette Editor beginning with the August/September 2023 issue. I look forward to this opportunity, but would like to take a moment to recognize the previous DGD Editor, Dave Salars, for his contributions to the Desert Gold Diggers.

Dave served as DGD Club President for 10 years and has been the DGD Gazette Editor for the past four years. He has done an excellent job providing club members with a quality newsletter, and as I assume the responsibilities for the Gazette, I am quickly realizing how much time and effort Dave devoted to keeping club members updated on current events and club activities.

I ask all club members to join me in saying THANK YOU to Dave for a job well done!

I hope everyone enjoys the new format of this issue of the Gazette. To ensure this newsletter contains something for everyone, please forward any comments, suggestions, or information that you would like to see in future editions to **[DGDGazette51@gmail.com](mailto:DGDGazette51@gmail.com)**)



Ray Darragh, new DGD Gazette Editor



***“May you always find yellow in the bottom of your pan”***

