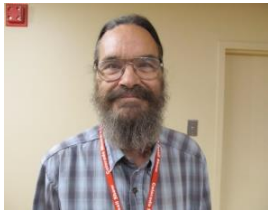


THE GOLD NUGGET

Sept 2024

The Prez Sez..! by Bobby Manning



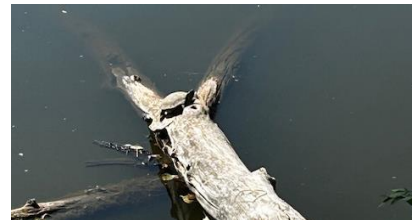
Hello my fellow prospectors, another month has gone by and in August, we had an outing to Overland Park. It had a nice trail up to a lake where we saw some mud turtles sun bathing and some birds at the lake getting their morning sun. When we went over to the river, the water level was not safe to get into and was about 4' deep and we couldn't get over to the sand bar. So, I apologize to all the folks that came out. So, me, Bill, Mike, and a new member went over to Grant Frontier Park, which was just around

corner, where we showed the new member how to do some basic panning and where to dig for gold on the back side of a large boulder where he did find some small gold and I tried to set a sluice set up and running but just was not successful. And this told me that we need a panning class again for some of our newer people. On Sept 28, we are going to have a panning demo at Arapaho Bar at 10:00 am to 1:00 pm, so those who need help with their panning, please come and sharpen your skills. September is a busy month and we are also doing two panning demos, one in Kansas and one at the Highlands Ranch Mansion. We still need a couple people to help Jack on Friday and on Saturday, September 6 and 7, so if you're new to panning, this is a great way to learn how to pan and meet some wonderful people.



Call me if you can help so I can let Jack know. And the other group will be going to Wallace, Kansas, to do about 1300 kids. It should be a great time.

Keep Your pans up and fill them with yellow gold! The meeting will be September 18th at 7:00 pm and the large nugget to give away will be a 2.6 gram beauty. Our Speaker will be Jay Lesser and if you have any Rocks that you think may have gold in them, he will have an RF Gun to tell you what's in the rock, so bring your rocks and learn what may be hidden inside your rock.



Vice President's Corner! by Kevin Singel



It was good to see lots of members at the August meeting after I had to miss the July meeting. If you were there, you got to see the gold from my Alaska trip. Nome was tons of fun and I came home with about six grams of gold including about a dozen small nuggets that I found with my Gold Monster 1000. After putting off learning to detect for many years, I am happy to say I enjoyed my first time using it in a place where there was a chance of actually finding nuggets! I am currently planning to do a presentation on my adventure in October, so more details then. At our September meeting, we will have Jay Lesser speaking. He runs a mill near Idaho Springs processing hard rock ore. He will be talking about his operation and also bringing his XRF 'gun' to the meeting. This device can tell you what elements are in a sample of material such as a mineral specimen, gold nugget or almost anything. Owners of XRF devices often charge \$20-40 to assess a specimen but

Jay will be doing this for us for free at the meeting. So, put it on your calendar now and remember to bring those interesting pieces of ore, etc. along with you! Until then, have a great month and get out prospecting while the rivers are low and the weather is mild. This is really our prime time for prospecting so don't let the weeks whiz by without scheduling some dig time – Find Your Gold!

From the Treasurer/Secretary Ledger by John Johnson



We had a great turnout for the August meeting. We gave away lots of gold nuggets and other door prizes as well. Be sure to buy your gold nugget drawing tickets as well as your 50/50 tickets. If you have any door prizes you would wish to donate to the Club Door Prize coffers, be sure and bring those to me as well. I look forward to seeing everyone at the September meeting. See you all there!!



Board Meeting Minutes from Aug 2024

X	Bobby Manning	X	Andy Doll		Robert Ahr	X	Gordon Smith
X	Kevin Singel	X	Gary Hamilton	X	Roger Schlenger	X	Bill Manning
X	Mike Stevens	X	Erik Von Halle	X	John Johnson	X	Joe Johnston

Quorum Present: _Yes_

Call to Order by: Pres Manning at 6:02 pm.

Reading and Approval of Minutes:

Corrections: None Approved as read/corrected: K. Singel moved to accept; 2nd by R. Schlenger. Unanimous

Treasurer's Report: Questions: None Approved: Motion to accept by Bill Manning; 2nd by K. Singel. Approved Unanimously

Correspondence: phone calls 1 emails 3 mail 0

Webmaster: Total: 171 Hits in last 30 days

Committee Reports:

Bylaws – Held another virtual meeting with all members of the committee present. Proposed changes were discussed and everyone shared their input. The committee expects to have the proposed bylaws changes to present to the board at the next meeting.

Unfinished Business:

President Manning will remind all attending the meeting tonight to update their phone numbers with Shellie Zornes, if there have been any changes.

Enough volunteers stepped up to man the panning booth at the Fort Wallace History Exposition in western Kansas. The event is being held September 6 and 7.

New Business:

There was a discussion regarding bringing back Beginner Panning classes since the club has enjoyed a number of new members signing up. No dates were determined at this time, but the idea is to have one this year as long as plenty of lead time can be given to the members.

President Manning is waiting on feedback from the Jeffco Open Space Annual Cleanup contact person. The club has not committed to it as we prefer to have our volunteers stay together on the same cleanup crew assignment.

Planned Outings:

South Boulder Creek west of Rollinsville is scheduled for September 21st.

Board Members Items of Discussion:

- R. Schlenger reminded the board the Gold-A-Palooza will be held over the Labor Day weekend. He also asked for an update on where things stood with the outreach to area Scout troops.
- A Doll gave an update on the club website going down last week. It turned out that the club credit card on file with the hosting service (Host Gator) had expired and the auto-renewal never took place so service was suspended. Board member Doll used his personal credit card to reinstate the service and has submitted a receipt for reimbursement. The club credit card with a new expiration has been given to Andy to update Host Gator records so this won't happen next year.
- G. Hamilton asked the board to consider changing the bylaws so that committees don't all have to be headed by a director.
- M. Stevens suggested the club create and/or update videos on topics the members might be interested in.
- E. Von Halle responded to R. Schlenger's question on the Scout outreach. Erik is waiting on an approved letter that can be emailed to area troops describing how to earn a merit badge by working with us.
- J. Johnston mentioned he had stopped by Fountain Creek where ore cars derailed many years ago. He reported that the water was low and that the club should consider an outing there within the next couple of months.

QUESTION OF THE MONTH

In 1999, which country was the last to leave the gold currency standard??

2024 GPR Board of Directors :

President

Bobby Manning

Vice President

Kevin Singel

Secretary/Treasurer

John Johnson

2 Year Board Members

Robert Ahr (2024)

Andy Doll (2024)

Gordon Smith (2024)

1 Year Board Members

Gary Hamilton

Roger Schlenger

Bill Manning

Erik Von Halle

Mike Stevens

Past President

Joe Johnston



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Tonight's General Meeting Program: President Manning discussing his recent gold prospecting trip to Arizona. Jay Lesser is a mining consultant and will be presenting in September.

K. Singel will present on his prospecting trip to Alaska in October.

Yvonne Smith will present on Women in Mining in November.

Announcements: Next Board Meeting September 18 at 6:00pm Next General Meeting: September 18 at 7:00pm

Adjournment: .Meeting stands adjourned at 7:00 pm. Motion by R. Schlenger; Seconded by Bill Manning.

General Meeting Minutes from Aug 2024

1. Meeting was opened at 7:10 pm by Pres. Manning with the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Pres. Manning then announced he would be presenting the program for the evening on his recent prospecting trip to Arizona.
3. Pres. Manning then gave the Metals Report: Gold 2514 Silver 29.50 Platinum 965 Palladium 934 Rhodium 4650
4. Web hits for last month: 171.
5. Treasurer John Johnson reports that the Club remains in the black. Report is available for review by anyone who wishes to see it.
6. Robert Ahr and Shellie Zornes from the Membership Table reported that we had 39 members in attendance. There were 1 Guest(s) present tonight. New members 0. The total meeting attendance was 40.
7. Pres. Manning read the 'Question of the Month', which was **Based on the abundance of the 92 natural occurring elements, where does gold rank?**
8. Pres. Manning advised that there was time to enter items at the break for the 'Finds of the Month' table and that the monthly winners from tonight will need to be saved for the Finds of the Year competition in November, 2024. Board member Robert Ahr then spoke to changes that will go into effect with the 2025 contest. Next year the photos of the winning FOMs will be on display for members to vote on. This will alleviate winners needing to bring their finds back to the November meeting. A reminder to all that their gold submissions need to be weighed dry and only one submission per person per category. Be sure to fill out the entry cards completely. Only items found within the last 30 days may be submitted.
9. Kale Smith could not attend tonight, and due to the unusual circumstances of the July meeting, Gordon Smith read two clues provided for tonight's meeting.
11. Pres. Manning made a second request to members reminding them to update their phone numbers with Robert Ahr and Shellie Zornes due to the current phone list having multiple incorrect numbers. The club needs accurate numbers when circumstances similar to the last-minute cancellation and rescheduling of the July meeting occur.
12. There was a reminder to be sure to vote on the Finds of the Month and to answer the Question of the Month during the break Additional items to be discussed include...The panning demo at the Fort Wallace History Exposition has enough volunteers to travel to western Kansas on Sept. 6 & 7.
13. The Pirates Hunt in July took place at Garfield Park. The attendees agreed to forego breakfast as the day was already quite warm so they wanted to get an early start. Check out the August newsletter to see their booty. Veterans attending tonight's meeting were awarded a red drawing ticket as a token of esteem for their service.
14. Pres. Manning announced the break at 7:40 pm. Meeting was called back to order at 8:10 pm.
5. Pres. Manning announced the winners of the 'Question of the Month'.
The answer was, "...79"...! There were ? winners who received their extra ticket for the gold drawing.
16. Pres. Manning announced the winners for the 'Finds of the Month'. Those were:
 - Best Coin – Shellie Zornes
 - Best Jewelry – Bob Ahr
 - Best Mineral – Joe Johnston
 - Best Artifact – Shellie Zornes
 - Best Gold – Kevin Singel



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17. **Pres. Manning** concluded the evening with drawings for the numerous door prizes donated by the GPoR, Pres. Manning, JJ Long and Kevin Singel, followed by the drawings for the gold nuggets. **Pres. Manning** also wants to remind that holders of drawing tickets for the regular gold drawings who did not win and want to redeem those tickets may present them at the end of the Meeting and they will be reimbursed at .01 cents on the dollar, or they shall be considered to have been donated back to the Club. Those assisting in the drawings were **John Johnson and Mike Stevens**.

18. **Pres Manning** announce the winning ticket number for the 50/50 drawing. Jack Meineke had the winning ticket and won \$31 with the same going back to the Club.

19. **Pres. Manning** reminds the members that sometimes during the meetings, The President's time is overwhelmingly taken up By the many who wish to speak to him and he apologizes if anyone ever feels like he is unavailable. It is not his intent to be inaccessible and he encourages anyone with questions to contact him by e-mail or phone outside the meetings at any time.

20. **Pres. Manning** thanked **Greg and Nancy Knerl** and all those who contributed to the Refreshment Table. Each member is encouraged to chip in and add to the spread each month. Remember to contribute to the 'tip jar' also, which helps to defray costs. This really helps the folks who run the table and those who volunteer up front each month. The Club appreciates the efforts that each and every one of you to make the refreshment table enjoyable.

21. **The _September Meeting Program** will be **Jay Lesser**, mining industry consultant.. Having nothing further at this time, remember to always prospect safely.

22. **Meeting was adjourned at 8:40_ pm.**

A Miner's Laugh

The kids all filed back into the classroom on Monday morning. They were all very excited as their weekend assignment had been to sell something and report back on productive salesmanship. Little Sally led off saying that she had made \$30 selling girl scout cookies and that her approach had been to appeal to her customer's civil spirit. Her teacher complimented her and moved on to Little Jenny. Jenny said that she had sold magazines, making \$45 by telling her customers that they would be able to keep up on current events. Little Johnny, who was the son of a well-known local miner, was up next. With serious concern, the teacher asked him how he had fared. Little Johnny replied he had made \$2,467 dollars. Shocked, the teacher asked him what he had been selling. Johnny said it was toothbrushes. His teacher was amazed and asked how in the world he managed to sell that many toothbrushes. Little Johnny said, "Well, I found the busiest corner in town and set up a dip and chip stand and gave everybody who came by a free sample. They all said the same thing. "Hey, this tastes like dog crap!" I told them it is. Do you want to buy a toothbrush?" Little Johnny clearly understood the governmental approach of giving you crap for free and then making you pay to get the bad taste out of your mouth!!



(Taken from the internet and revised just for all us 'old miners')

The finds of the Month Aug 2024:

The Club has decided to change the Finds of the Month Program to eliminate the 'Bottle' category as well as combine the gold categories into a single category. Therefore, the following submissions were selected by popular vote at the July meeting:

- **Best Coin** – **Shelly Zornes** with a Tunisia 100 Dinar coin.
- **Best Jewelry** – **Robert Ahr** with a bling pendant necklace.
- **Best Mineral** – **Joe Johnston** with gold ore from an old ore dump.
- **Best Artifact** – **Shelly Zornes** with an ABC token from Washington State.
- **Best Gold** – **Kevin Singel** with .35 grams gold from a private claim.



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Remember that all gold must be dried and weighed. All monthly winners need save their entries for the November 2024 meeting when the years Finds of the Month winners will be judged for the Finds of the Year. So, be sure and save them!

The Pirate's Aug 28 Hunt by Robert 'The Pirate' Ahr

Good day to all. Yesterday we had our Pirate's hunt and started with breakfast and then 2 more people showed up for the hunt. We decided to go somewhere with a lot of trees since the weather was going to be in the 90's, so, we ended up at Highland Park. At 0930 hrs, we started the hunt and it was already in the low 70's. I saw everyone head off in different directions, but all were under the shade of tree's. Joe F. was the first hunter to find the only ring of the day and yes, it was .925 sterling silver with a green stone. Bill C. reported that he found .57 cents and then BAM, he found a religious metal on his way back to his car. Within the next 2 to 3 hours, I watched the rest of the crew leave, hopefully with coins in their pockets. At the fourth, hour, the 3 of us that were left decided to call it a day.. So, with that being said here are the totals of the hunt. Joe F. \$2.73 with a .925 ring with green stone center. Robert A. \$4.79. Shellie Z. \$2.15. Gary H. \$1.94. Bill C. 0.57 with a religious metal. Joe & Chris K. \$0.58. Mike S. \$.07. and No report from the other 2 crew members. So, any other GPOR members that would like join the crew, we always meet the last Wednesday of every month... And the next GPOR meeting is Sept. 18,2024 @ 1900hrs.



See ya all at the next meeting, be safe and keep swinging.... (Photos were by the Pirate.)



WINTER IS COMING by JJ Long



September is upon us...! And with September comes a changing of the seasons. We can usually expect the temperatures to drop a little and we notice that the trees start changing color. The creek is down and far more accessible than it was early to mid-summer. It is a time of change and it is easy to see it taking place all around us in a thousand different little ways. Some changes are subtle and some are glaring, but change it is, and as with all life, change is inevitable. For me, the fall brings a lot of things close to hand. It is time



to start getting things ready for the approaching winter. That means looking at all my equipment and start cleaning, winterize and putting things away. There are aspects of the house that have to be done. Sprinkler systems have to be blown out, the RV has to be winterized, the boat has to be winterized and tarped, and I have an evaporative cooler that has to be attended to as well. Some of my outdoors gear as well as some of my prospecting gear has to all be cleaned and put away and water pumps have to be winterized as well, and it all has to be done by the first of October. Because October is deer and elk hunting season...!!! In my world, that is important. Oh sure, we do a little hunting for doves and even antelope in September, but we really live for October, or at least, I do. And then there is prospecting...??? Oh sure, I used to do a lot of that but now that I am a lot older, I don't do so much of that as I used to, but I just might get some of that done as well, you never know. If I do, most of that will be done with a sluice box and a pan now until the ice takes over. September is a huge month for the Club as well. We have something going on literally every weekend from late August until the last of September. So, you can imagine, I kind of dread this time of change in as much as I know that I really have very little time to waste at all. Throw in the fact that I have re-married since the loss of my first wife last year, and combining two households into one has been a trial to say the least, then add to that that I bowl in 3 different bowling leagues and just finished a summer golf league as well, it is a small wonder that I have any idea what the hell I am doing at any given moment. I am sure that many of you will be having schedules just about as busy as mine. I am merely making the point that September is a special time of change and that most living things, flora and fauna alike (man fits the fauna category) all know that in the short term, it is the time to get ready for the winter that is soon to come. Life itself has been described much as the four seasons in that we are born and grow in the spring, mature and build during the summer, retire and enjoy the fall of our life in preparation for the final days of winter. Well, perhaps that is true from a philosopher's point of view. And I have often been called a philosopher myself, though I have no earthly idea why (lol). This is a time for change in the hunting of gold as well. After the high waters of late spring and early summer, we finally got into the water in late July. And as we all know, the spring runoff brings new placer gold to replenish all the old places we were finding gold last year. And again as we all know, in Clear Creek, the gold is everywhere. Some places are better than others of course, but the gold is literally everywhere in that creek. And that is why the serious diggers are spending a lot of time in the creek right now and will continue to do so well into the winter season. Most draw the line when ice forms but some don't. I have broken through ice before and was successful, but the older I get, the less attractive that is getting for me. But still, there is a lot of new gold to be found out there and all that is required is a strong back for digging and a willingness to go get some. As I have reported before, I was into the creek when the water first dropped (first one in that year as a matter of fact) and I found that the gold was mostly fine but very plentiful. There are the occasional larger pieces but mostly fine. If you want some additional encouragement, gold just jumped up to \$2500 an ounce for the first time ever this year! The metals commodities market is doing some weird and different things lately and is not running to traditional standards that many of us are familiar with. If you look closely, you will note that the accompanying photo was taken by me with one of my Colorado pans. Just sayin! As Kevin is very fond of saying, "There is gold out there. Go and get yours..!!" Just don't ignore the coming of winter and the Ice Man..!



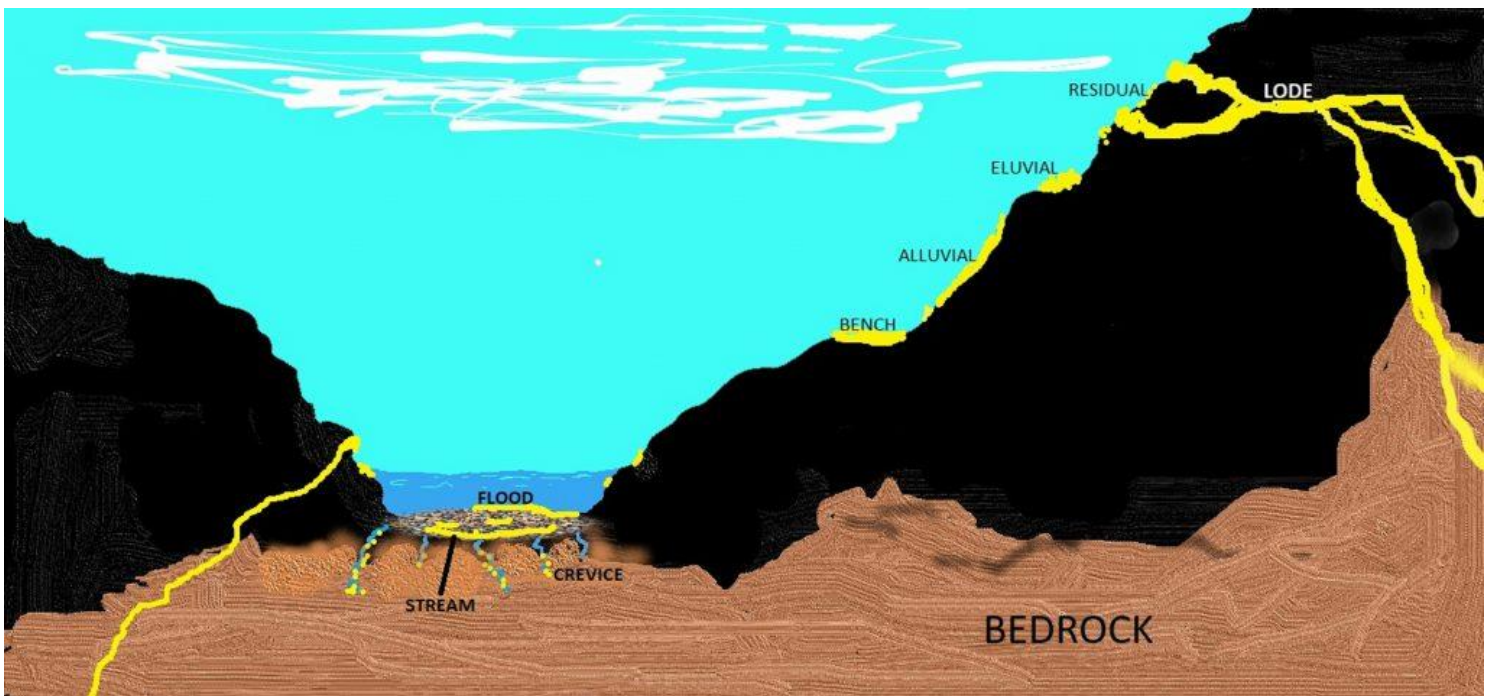
What is placer gold and how much is it worth? DECEMBER 29, 2022 WRITTEN BY MONICA

We often get asked what is placer gold? Isn't gold just gold? Placer gold is a naturally occurring gold that is not attached to any rock or other type of mineral. It's the kind of gold that prospectors and small-scale miners usually hunt for, and you'll see it on popular tv shows and movies as "gold dust" or "gold nuggets."

Placer Gold vs. Lode Gold: The only 2 natural gold deposits

Placer gold deposits are the children of lode gold deposits. Lode gold is a gold deposit that is still locked in rock. To get the gold out of a lode gold deposit you need to break up the material and chemically extract the gold. It is often not very concentrated. As such, lode gold mining is typically done by large mining companies with deep pockets and lots of expensive equipment.

But when the earth's forces move gold-bearing material, such as quartz, to the surface, natural erosion wears off smaller pieces of gold. This is placer gold.



That gold is free from the rock now to travel down rivers and streams and concentrate in certain areas. Prospectors can recover that placer gold (in the form of dust or nuggets) using pans, metal detectors, highbankers, dredges, sluices, and all the common tools used to hunt gold today.

Learn to pan gold at home!

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Placer Gold vs. Alluvial Gold

Alluvial deposits are a *type* of placer gold deposit that's been transported by water and deposited in a new location. Since most beginner prospectors hunt for gold in streams and rivers you'll sometimes hear folks use the terms "placer gold" and "alluvial gold" interchangeably.

These natural concentrations of placer gold can form in different ways and in different places. Here's a list of types of placer deposits from [Chris Ralph's video about the Geology of placer deposits](#): (A must see video)

- Residual deposits
- Hillside (eluvial) deposits



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- Water sorted (alluvial) deposits
- River bench deposits
- Ancient river deposits
- Beach deposits
- Wind formed (desert eolian) deposits

How do you find placer gold?

You find placer gold where it's already been found. You also find it with a lot of patience, the right equipment, and a good understanding of where placer gold concentrates.

When it comes to actually finding placer gold, the most common method is to use a gold pan, metal detector or sluice box. Metal detectors and gold pans are used to locate the presence of gold in a specific area, while sluices are used to separate the gold from the sediment.

How pure is placer gold?

Placer gold is typically 70-90% pure, with copper, silver, and other impurities making up the rest. 24k "pure" 99.99% gold is not found in nature. It's the result of smelting and refining processes. Check out our web site and Read our natural gold purity guide for more information. It might surprise you just how "impure" your placer gold is!

<https://beringseapaydirt.com/why-you-should-invest-in-placer-gold-from-the-bering-sea-its-some-of-the-purest-in-alaska/>

What is placer gold worth?

Placer gold is valued based on the purity of the gold and the spot price of gold at the time of sale.

However, not all buyers will pay spot price. Any buyer who is in the business of buying and selling gold will purchase for some % under spot price, and sell it for some % over.

So, while placer gold might be "worth" a certain amount on a certain day, you probably won't get exactly that number when selling. But if you're going to a reputable buyer, you should get close to spot!

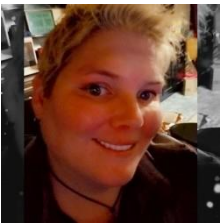
Where do you sell placer gold?

You can sell placer gold to a private buyer, a gold refiner, or even a pawn shop. In our experience you will get the best deal from national refiners with good reputations. Now that you know what placer gold is, it's time to get out there and find some of your own!

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We're always updating it with more helpful information so you can keep learning from the top gold prospectors.

Monica



Monica's a treasure hunter at heart and loves watching adventure seekers around the world on TV and online. She has been learning and exploring the world of gold prospecting with the help of seasoned professional gold miners while continuously learning more each day. She panned her first gold from the Bering Sea on the beaches of Nome, Alaska.

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Western Museum of Mining & Industry, 225 North Gate Blvd. Colorado Springs, CO 80921 (<https://www.wmmi.org/>)
(Free to GPR Member with badge)

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 Navy BD	14 Columbus Day	15	16 GPR Club Meeting Pumpkin Carving Contest	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30 Pirate's Hunt (weather permitting)	31 Halloween		