

# THE NUGGETEER



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## *A Message from the President Tim's Tidbits*

Hello to members and Prospectors be mindful when classifying down to look at your rocks that you do not discard a big gold nugget.

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President COSGPAA

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### Tonight's precious metals spot prices per Troy ounce

Year	Gold	Silver	Platinum	Palladium	Rhodium
2022	\$1,759.71	\$19.51	\$912.50	\$2,223.00	\$12,500.00
2023	\$1,977.39	\$24.42	\$1029.11	\$1,410.39	\$5,250.00

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## COLORADO SPRINGS CHAPTER



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# MEETING MINUTES



August 5, 2023, COSGPAA Meeting Minutes

Attendees: 49 in person including 11 children; 146 by e-mail

The meeting was called to order at 12:01 pm by Chapter President Tim Pitney and began with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Tim welcomed everyone to the meeting and the annual summer Chapter picnic. Member John King discussed his recent visit to the Railroad Bridge claims in Buena Vista and reported on the flooding at the Railroad Bridge Campground and significant erosion into the Arkansas River near the bridge. Colorado Park and Wildlife workers were on scene making repairs. John planned a return trip in several days to prospect the eroded areas and will update us at the next meeting. No one else at the meeting reported any prospecting activities.

Tim reminded the membership that Kevin Hoagland, GPAA Executive Director of Development, would be visiting the Railroad Bridge (Arkansas Group) claims on the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of September and circulated a sign-up sheet for those planning to attend. Tim and Treasurer Alton Oakes will be camped at the Railroad Bridge Campground from Sep 13<sup>th</sup> to the 18<sup>th</sup> for Kevin's visit and a Chapter Panning outing on Saturday and Sunday. More details be provided at the Chapter meeting on Wednesday, Sep 6<sup>th</sup>, when we hope to have confirmation of Kevin's itinerary. (We called the

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Headquarters of the Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area on Aug 11<sup>th</sup> and learned that only four campsites were still unusable due to mud, and they would be regraded once the mud dried out. River access is unaffected.)

Alton gave the Chapter financial report and reminded members that the Chapter has reduced the price of membership badges by 50% to \$10.00 for the remainder of this year. After a brief discussion on the volatility of gold and silver prices this year, Alton said that we will need to purchase both metals before the end of the year. The PLP Raffle drawing will be on August 13<sup>th</sup>. A list of winners will be on the PLP website – Good Luck.

Tim announced that our Chapter has purchased a supply of the new and old editions of the book *Finding Gold in Colorado* which will be available at the monthly chapter meetings for \$26 each. Member Del Cox, our Chapter Newsletter Editor, attended a book signing event by the author, Kevin Singel; and had him autograph each copy with his trademark “gold ink”. The meeting was adjourned at 12:17 PM. Chapter guest, Justin Spencer volunteered again this year to run the grills and did a fabulous job with the hamburgers, bratwursts, and hot dogs. Justin received a Silver Prospector coin in appreciation. Also, again this year we

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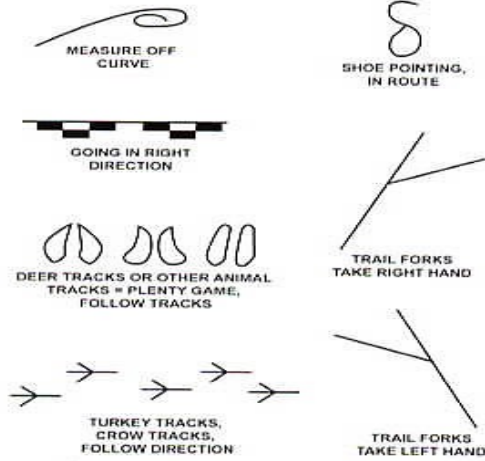


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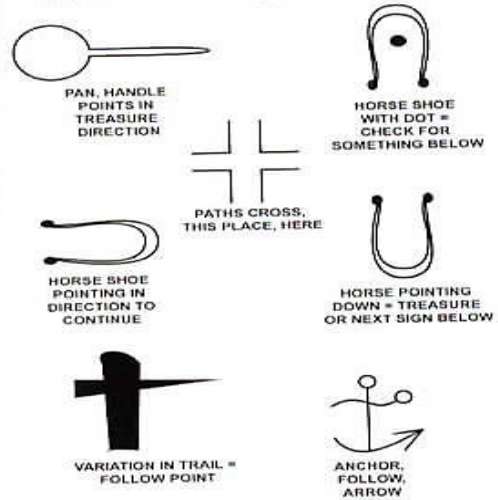
had some great side dishes provided by the attendees as witnessed by the exchange of multiple recipes. Although we did not have any equipment demonstrations this year, the panning tubs and corn hole games kept everyone occupied. The panning tubs were set up with fresh Play Sand from the local Lowes Store. We had planned to salt the tubs after the meeting but were amazed when members were finding impressive gold already in the sand. We added a bucket of Arkansas River panning tailings for the black sands and garnets; but learned that the tailings were really the mis-labeled pay dirt from last year's picnic. Several of our members who are experienced panners competed on a catch and release basis; and helped those less experienced take home some gold and lessons learned. The event ended about 3:00 PM with light rain and hail just as we finished storing our equipment. Thanks to everyone for helping with the setup and tear down. One lesson learned is that we will be doubling the panning area next year.

I have purchased a small book called "Treasure Signs and Symbols". I intend to share some of it with you over the next months. Most of what I am sharing is the pages with the symbols to look for when treasure hunting.

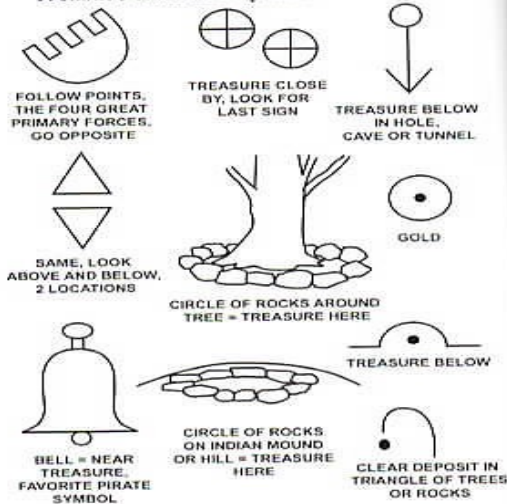
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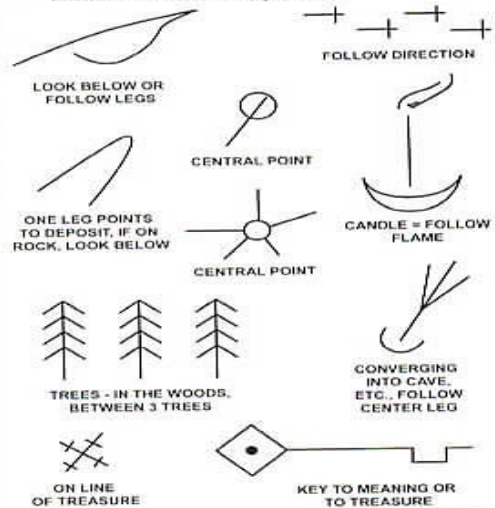
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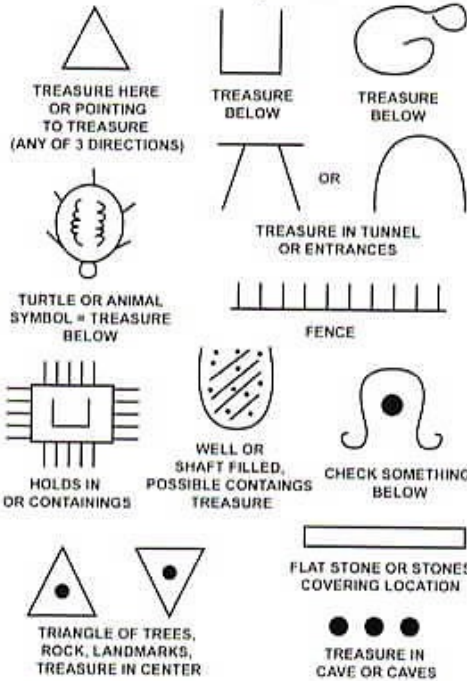
**DOOR PRIZE WINNERS June 7, 2023**

Gold: Lorraine Sirois x2, Daryl Barnett, Teresa Bailey, Tom Burke, Jon Ray, Tim Pitney.

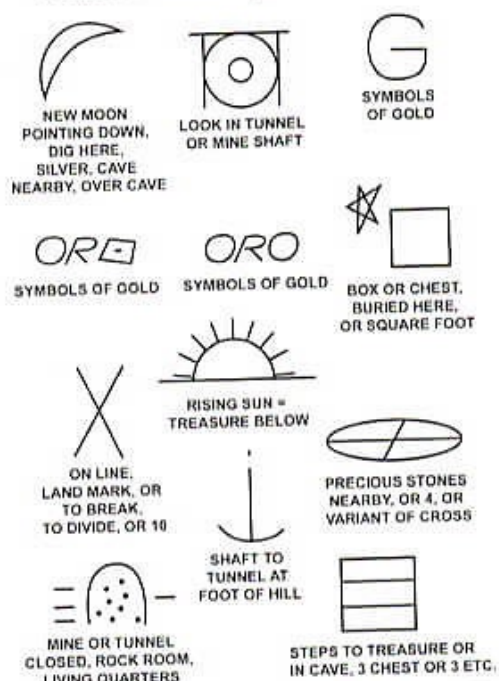
Silver: Joel Swisher, Jon Ray, Teresa Bailey, Tom Braidwood

Name Badge drawing winner . Tom Burke Bucket Grips

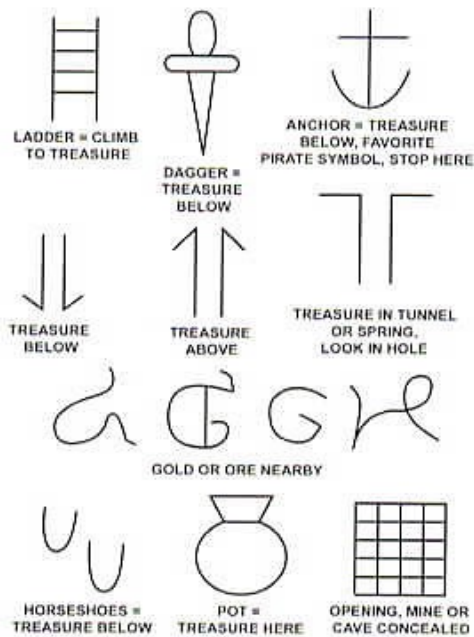
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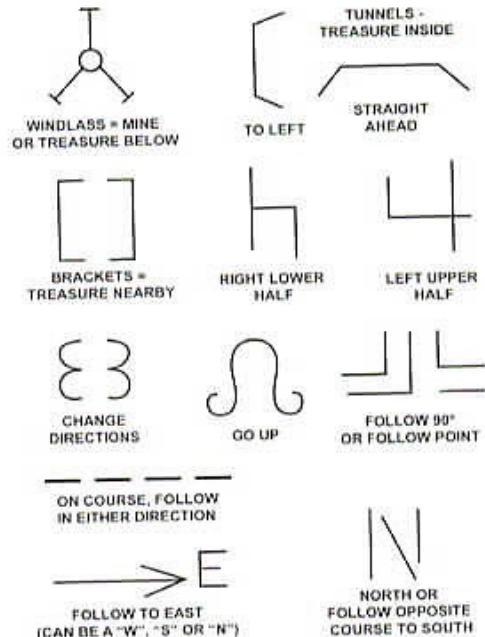
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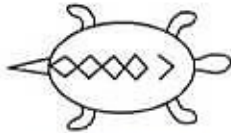
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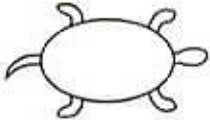
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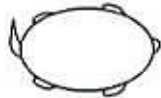
3 DIAMONDS AND VARA  
SYMBOL INDICATES TO GO  
3 VARAS IN THIS DIRECTION



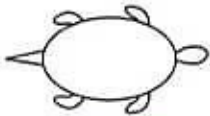
SHELL MARKED TO MEAN  
"GO 4 VARAS IN DIRECTION  
OF TURTLE'S HEAD"



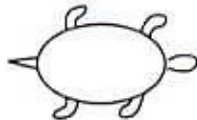
FOLLOW TURTLE BUT  
GO IN DIRECTION  
OF HIS TAIL



STOP, DANGER,  
OBJECTS HIDDEN



SLOW, NOTE  
FEET CLOSE TO  
BODY



FEET ARE OBLVERSE =  
ON RIGHT SIDE

## Snake Signs and Symbols

The turtle was also commonly used as a warning or to indicate the direction to travel. Some were drawn or carved as mere curved lines with a triangular or oval head.



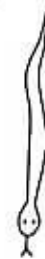
COILED SNAKE =  
TREASURE BENEATH,  
OR HEAD OR TAIL POINTS  
TO LOCATION,  
DISTANCE 3 VARAS



HEAD UP =  
GO IN DIRECTION OF  
HEAD TO NEXT SIGN



HEAD OR TAIL TO NEXT SIGN



HEAD POINTS  
DOWN =  
GO IN DIRECTION  
OF HEAD,  
10X DISTANCE,  
TO GROUND,  
TO TREASURE,  
OR TO SIGN



RATTLESNAKE =  
PROCEED WITH CAUTION



HEAD POINTS TO TREASURE



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Are you ready to join Kevin Hoagland on the gold trail? GPAA is excited to invite all members for a chance to explore and search for gold at several GPAA claims around the country. Whether you're aiming to evaluate claims, review findings, or just have fun, Kevin has it covered! If the prospect of striking gold (literally!) appeals to you, email [KevinsGoldTrail@goldprospectors.org](mailto:KevinsGoldTrail@goldprospectors.org) and let us know! Be sure not to miss out on an adventure of a lifetime!

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<https://gpaastore.com/pages/kevins-gold-trail>

Recap of one of Kevin's trip to Maricopa County, Arizona

<https://gpaastore.com/blogs/adventures/vulture-bait-claim-gold-trails-get-together-recap>

This is Kevin's schedule for Colorado.

SEPTEMBER 4 • CAPITAL PRIZE GOLD MINE TOUR - GEORGETOWN, CO

SEPTEMBER 7 - 8 • REECES HONOR - MESA, CO

SEPTEMBER 11 - 12 • LITTLE GEORGIA - SAN JUAN, CO

SEPTEMBER 14 - 15 • ARKANSAS GROUP - CHAFFE, CO

SEPTEMBER 17 • DOGTOOTH - ROUTT, CO

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#### Finding Gold in Colorado Book Signing



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#### 2023 Chapter Picnic



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### COLORADO SPRINGS GPAA CHAPTER MEETINGS

Meetings are held on the First Wednesday of each month

From 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM at:

The Salvation Army building:

208 Cunningham Drive

Security, CO 80911

*All General Meetings are the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month from 7pm to 9:00pm*

#### MEETING DATES

September 6, 2023

October 4, 2023

November 1, 2023

December 9 , 2023 Christmas Party (Saturday)

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