

# THE NUGGETEER



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

Hello members and Prospectors always be mindful when being out and about to check a few extra spots before moving on to a new spot.

Tim Pitney  
President COSGPAA

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

Year	Gold	Silver	Platinum	Palladium	Rhodium
2023	\$2,025.75	\$25.10	\$1018.82	\$1,474.27	\$6,650.00
2024	\$2,311.75	\$27.29	\$953.97	\$1,058.00	\$4,350.00

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# GPAA

## COLORADO SPRINGS CHAPTER



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# MEETING MINUTES



April 3, 2024, COSGPAA Meeting Minutes

Attendees: 24 in person; 154 by e-mail

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by Chapter President Tim Pitney and began with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Tim welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced new attendee Elizabeth Vine. Tim reminded us that our July meeting falls on Wednesday, July 3d and asked the membership to consider postponement or cancellation to avoid a conflict with the four-day July 4th weekend celebrations. A discussion and vote will happen at the May 8<sup>th</sup> monthly meeting.

Tim provided a schedule for the Buena Vista outing on 27-28 April. On both days we will meet at the Railroad Bridge (RRB) Campground at 9:30 am. On Saturday we will be prospecting on the GPAA claims. On Sunday, Tim will lead a convoy to a parking area about five miles away for the short hike to the Arrastra. Since the roads into the area are designated for off-highway-vehicles, car-pooling may be necessary – we will figure that out when we rendezvous that morning at the RRB campground. At the Arrastra we will be metal detecting, reading the known Spanish Monuments and looking for those we previously missed to possibly locate gold finger bars left behind by miners from centuries ago. Hiking footwear, a backpack with drinking water, snacks, a metal detector and/or dowsing rods and a camera are recommended. Anyone not interested in the Arrestra adventure can continue prospecting on the GPAA claims.

Chapter Treasurer Alton Oakes gave a financial report and discussed recent acquisitions for the door prize drawings and the addition of

# MEETING MINUTES



April 3 2024, COSGPAA Meeting Minutes (continued)

“shiny objects” to the gold panning troughs at our annual events, to peak the interests of our younger attendees. The additions will include polished garnets and amethysts, pyrite crystals, shark tooth fossils, and pieces of hammered copper. Several years ago, the Chapter began giving children who attend our meetings or outings a panning kit. It contained an 8” pan, a bag of gold paydirt, collection vial, eye dropper, and a one-ounce copper prospector coin. We made our own paydirt with tailings from local outings and added a couple grains of 18/20 mesh gold that’s large enough to see and easily pick up. The “shiny objects” will also be added to the prospector kit paydirt. Chapter members who would like to use the kits in their own training activities may buy the kits at cost (currently \$20); but, need to contact Alton directly for price and availability. A discussion on chapter activities and public engagement followed and first-time attendee Elizabeth Vine volunteered to contact her friends involved in scouting (girl scouts/boy scouts) to see if there would be interest in a panning demonstration.

Alton also reported that the Chapter had renewed our membership in PLP (Public Lands for the People) which includes \$100’s worth of complimentary tickets in their annual raffle. Their raffle prizes include gold, silver, prospecting equipment and prospecting trips. Anyone can buy their raffle tickets and we will include their current flier in our newsletter for the months leading up to their drawing in August.

After a mid-meeting break, guest speaker Calvin Johnson gave a slide presentation on reading the Spanish Monuments we could expect to see, or should look for, during the *Arrastra* visit.

Following the door prize drawing, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm. Reminder, the GPOC meeting is next Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>.

## DOOR PRIZE WINNERS April 3, 2024

Gold: Daryl Barnett x4, Thomas Burke, Elizabeth Vine, Steven Sprague,  
Silver: Del Cox, Aby O Brian, Keonyn O Brian, Patrerck O Brien.  
Bag of Gold; Lorraine Siros. Name tag Jim Fairclough.



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## COLORADO SPRINGS CHAPTER

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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

Next outing April 27 and 28

May 1 2024

June 5 2024

July 3 2024

August 7 2024

September 4 2024

October 2 2024

November 6 2024

December 4, 2024

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