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A Message from the President Tim's Tidbits

Hello to members and guests. When getting to the bottom of your gold pan with the black sand be mindful to slow down and be patient so you don't throw your gold out.

Tim Pitney
President COSC GPAA

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Tonight's precious metals spot prices per Troy ounce

Year	Gold	Silver	Platinum	Palladium	Rhodium
2021	\$1718.29	\$26.17	\$1,168.16	\$2,384.25	\$25,500.00
2022	\$1,973.61	\$25.38	\$1,087.17	\$2,700.94	\$18,500.00

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MEETING MINUTES



March 2, 2022



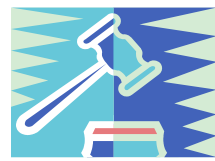
Attendees: 23 in person; 128 by e-mail

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm, on Wednesday, March 2, 2022, by Chapter President Tim Pitney and began with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Tim provided an update on the proposed dowsing class at the Western Museum of Mining and Industry (WMMI) which is scheduled for the end of April. Exact dates are pending. Tim reported that Member Kathy Mueller was home recovering from open heart surgery and was doing well. Our best wishes Kathy.

VP Joel Swisher provided an update on the support we will be providing to the British TV production crew who will be arriving in Colorado Springs in mid-April. The documentary is based on the book "A Lady's Life in the Rocky Mountains," by Isabella L. Bird. The book documents her observations from letters she wrote daily during her exploration of the mountains from September to December 1873. An item of interest to the producer is the changes in mining activity, then and now; especially the changes resulting from government rules. We are working on a Chapter outing that will allow us to demonstrate small scale motorized equipment as well as battery equipment and basic panning and sluicing.

The tour and safety class at the Edgar Mine is still on hold for scheduling and likely will not happen before May. Our contact for this training currently works at a mine in Black Hawk that is being re-activated. The mine had been abandoned and flooded. They have finished pumping it out and re-cycling the water and have mined more than 500 tons of ore to the surface. Their efforts are now focused on completing the re-construction and renovation of the milling and flotation facility necessary to recover the gold from the ore that is 80% sulfide.

MEETING MINUTES



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Weather permitting, we will have an outing to Arapahoe Bar on Clear Creek in Wheat Ridge on Saturday, March 19th. This is a public access area where we can pan, sluice, and use battery operated equipment. Details have been sent out in a separate e-mail notice. If you didn't get the notice or have questions, call Alton at 719-439-3590.

After the treasurer's report and the door prize drawing, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm. Thank you to the members who brought cake and cookies for the meeting. Sorry I didn't get everyone's name.

The next Chapter meeting will be Wednesday, April 6, 2022, at the Salvation Army building, from 7:00 to 9:00 pm.

FYI. The next monthly meeting for Gold Prospectors of Colorado (GPOC) is Wednesday Mar 9th, 7-8:45 pm, American Legion Post 38, 6685 Southmoor Dr, Fountain, CO.

DOOR PRIZE WINNERS March 2, 2022

Silver Doug Kast

Lynnel Boerem

Gold Russ Ensign

Phyllis Bray

Richard Logue

Lorriane Sirois

Lynnel Boerem

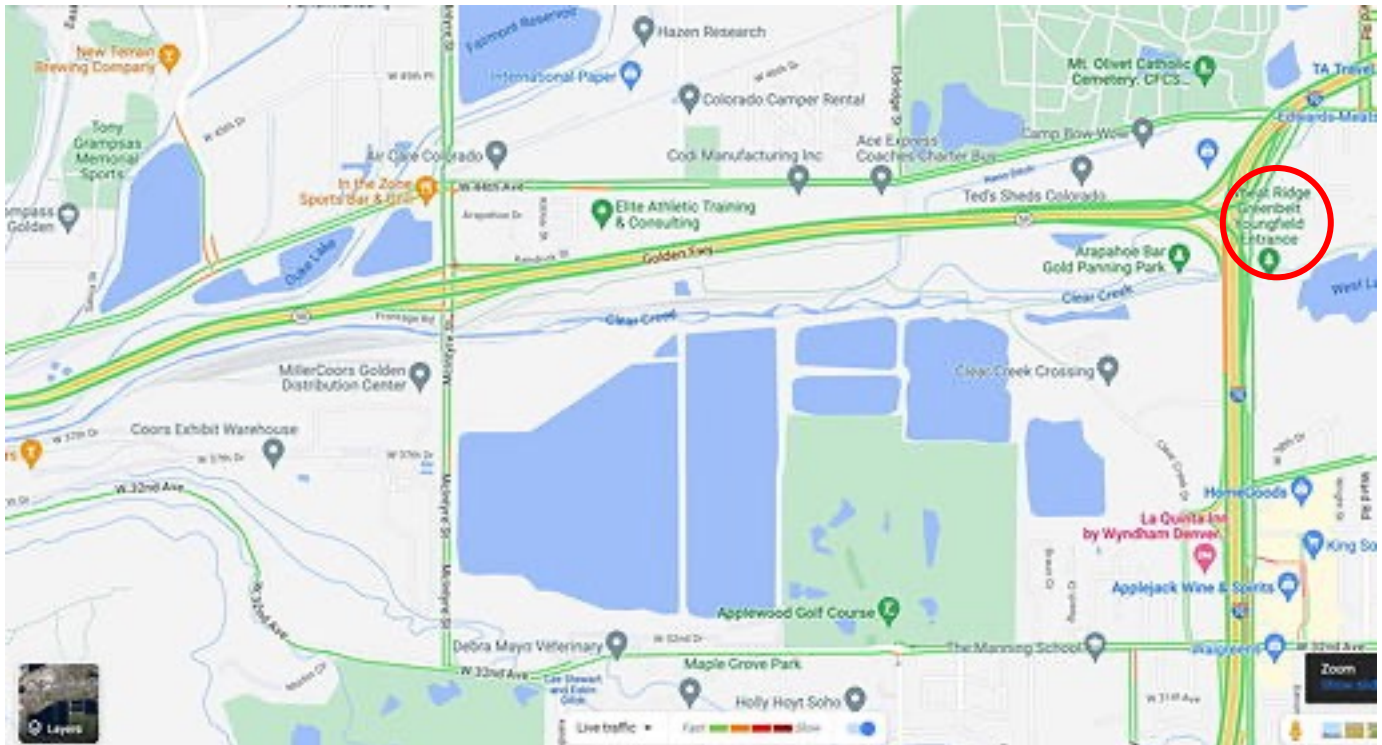
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OUTINGS AND EVENTS

19 March 2022

Arapahoe Bar Gold Panning Park. We will meet at the Youngfield Trailhead parking lot on March 19 2022 at 9:30 – 10:00 am. Address 4100 Youngfield Street, Wheat Ridge, CO



From Colorado Springs, take I-25 north towards Denver. Take Exit 194 to westbound E-470. Take E-470 Exit 1 to east bound I-70. Follow I-70 about 4 miles to Exit 264 which dead ends onto Youngfield Street. Turn left onto Youngfield and continue past 38th Avenue. On the right you will pass a large RV dealership, Cousins RV, and at the end of their fence line is the entrance to the **Youngfield Trailhead** parking lot. If you get to Youngfield and 42d Avenue, you went too far.

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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 1st Wednesday of each month from 7pm to 9:00pm

MEETING DATES

April 6 2022

May 4 2022

June 1 2022

July 6 2022

August 6 2022 Picnic Saturday

September 7 2022

October 5 2022

November 2 2022

December 7 2022 Christmas Party



Editors Comment; “Since we are going to have a dowsing class this summer I decided to have an article about dowsing.”

The Best Metal For Dowsing Rods

Wire dowsing rods are a common way to find water, minerals or other underground items. The question many people have is what is the best metal to make wire dowsing rods from.

Dowsing rods can be made of any metal or even wood. Most commonly though, wire dowsing rods are made of copper or steel. Brass and stainless steel are also occasionally used, but copper is the most commonly used material.

Different dowsers report different experiences with various materials, but divining rods are copper, possibly because copper is considered a mineral of energy and mental agility and can aid psychic abilities.

Making copper dowsing rods

The easiest way to make copper dowsing rods is to take a 16" piece of 12/2 romex wire and pull it apart. The bare ground wire will function as one of the rods. Stripping one of the other wires yields your second rod.

After getting them relatively straight, all they need is a bend 4" from one end in each one, forming an L, and you have a set of dowsing rods.

If you would rather you can also pick up a pair of [fancy copper dowsing rods on Amazon](#)(gratuitous Amazon affiliate link).

Brass or Stainless steel dowsing rods

Another popular pair of options to make dowsing rods is 3/16" brass brazing or stainless steel welding rods. These come in 36" lengths and are very straight, making them easy to work with.

You can either find these at your local welding shop or on eBay.

[Stainless Steel Welding Rods](#)

[3/16" Brass Brazing Rods](#)

Handles or no handles on dowsing rods

Personally, I like to use just bare wire on my dowsing rods. That being said, there are a lot of people that like using handles on their dowsing rods. The handles allow the rods to move more freely, which some people like.

Ideally, these should be of the same material as the rods to keep conductivity.

To add handles to your rods, simply cut some small tubing of the same material as your wire, into 4" lengths and then when you bend your rods, add 1/4" to the handle portion. Slip your tube on and then bend the excess over to hold the handles on.

How to Use a Dowsing Rod



Andrew Watson/Photo library/Getty Images

By

[Patti Wigington](#)

Updated on March 02, 2019

When it comes to divination, there are a [number of different options](#) that practitioners may have. Some people have mastered the skill of dowsing, which is something you might want to give a try. Although the etymology of the word *dowsing* is uncertain, in general, it means a process by which someone searches for things that are hidden. It's nearly universally applied to the process of finding water, although some people use dowsing to discover buried treasure as well. There are also a few people who claim the ability to dowse for human bodies.

What Is Dowsing?

Dowsing involves a very simple tool, called a dowsing rod. According to the British Dowsers Society, the tools “are simply an extension of the human response giving clearer signals than can sometimes be detected without them.” The dowsing rod, or rods, typically are made in a V-shape, which is held with a prong in each hand, or they may come in a pair of angled L-shapes, which are held parallel to each other during a dowsing search. Some dowsers opt to [use a pendulum](#) rather than rods, or simply a straight wand.

While there are some dowsers who insist that dowsing rods have to be made of a certain material, such as copper, there are others who disagree. LoRhenna is a practicing witch who lives in the hills of western Kentucky, and she comes from a long line of dowsers. “My mother and grandmother both were dowsers, and my great grandfather too, and they never used copper or metal rods because it was hard to get. So they just used sticks. My grandmother swore by willow branches but I use all different kinds, just whatever’s available.”

successfully, many others agree that anyone can learn how to do it. In fact, there's a common perception among dowsers that children actually are the best at the practice. This may be because they haven't yet learned how to disbelieve the supernatural, so they're not as metaphysically blocked off as adults who might question their own skills.

Tools of the Trade

Once you've got a dowsing rod, or rods, the process involves a few simple steps. Some dowsers like to talk to their rods before they begin—you can either ask the rods to help you or if you're more comfortable doing this, you can ask the gods of your tradition to guide you. Either one is fine.

While holding the rods out away from your body, begin walking slowly. You can either walk in a pattern—some people like to take a grid like approach—or you can just let your instinct guide you. As you walk, focus your mind on the target—what is it you're looking for? Are you seeking water? Buried treasure? Make sure you concentrate on the goal.

When the end of the V-rod starts to move—or the two L-rods start to cross over one another—it means the target is near. In most cases, the movement gets more noticeable as you draw closer. When you feel like you're in the right spot, it's time to stop and check to see if you're right.

If you feel as though you're not having any success—the rods aren't reacting, you're just walking in circles, and you've dug ten holes but haven't found anything of note—then you need to take a break. Try coming back another day, or even a different time of day. You may also want to try a variety of tools—some people have more success with one type of rod than they do with another. You can even use a pendulum for dowsing.

Dowsing for Beginners

Most dowsers will tell you that anyone can develop skill at dowsing, but just like any other psychic exercise, it takes some practice. You can work on your own skills with a few simple practice methods. You'll need a friend to help you with all of these.

- Ask someone to hide something specific in your house, such as a piece of jewelry, a small jar of coins, etc. Using dowsing rods, see if you can locate it.
- Use a map of your neighborhood for dowsing. Ask a friend to go to any spot in your neighborhood, without telling you where they're headed. Use a pendulum, held over the map, to determine which part of the neighborhood they're in. Call their cell phone to see how accurate you are.
- Have a friend bury a bottle of water somewhere outside. Since humans are naturally drawn to water, according to many dowsers, this should be a good way for you to practice dowsing.

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Golden, CO 80401

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Closed Sunday - Wednesday

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Colorado Springs, CO 80907

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Nathrop, Colorado 81236

(between Buena Vista & Salida, 5 miles south of Nathrop)

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