



**MILLENNIUM DIGGERS  
ASSOCIATION  
Keizer, Oregon**



**SECRETARY/EDITOR: PENNY ESPLIN**

**\*PRESIDENT: Karen Darnell\***

**\*VICE PRESIDENT: Ted Staley\***

**\*TREASURER: Joe Greene**



**IMPORTANT NOTICE:**



**OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON NOVEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup>!!**



**THAT'S NEXT THURSDAY, LESS THAN A WEEK FROM NOW! We will discuss and set a date for our Christmas Party, and nominate and vote in new officers for 2017. Along with planning our outings and scheduling a calendar for the 2017.**

**Meeting Minutes from October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

**Call to Order:** Delmon presided in Karen's absence (She will be back for next meeting). All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Delmon** said after we have our break, **Joe** will give us a detailed Power Point Presentation on The Power of Mining Districts

**Secretary's Report:** The minutes had been read by all and a motion to pass was made by Terrie and Claudia seconded. All approved.

**Treasury:** Joe reported our bank account looks good. We made a check out to MMAC for \$500.00.

**Claims Report:** Claudia had forgotten to include a 10.00 check for each of our claims to BLM for the filing fee on the Briggs claims Proof of Labor paperwork. That has been resolved and all claims paperwork is good and up to date.

Claudia spoke to us about becoming members of MMAC, and the annual fee for association membership. MMAC membership for an association or a mining claim holder is \$110 for the Gold membership with an additional fee for each mining district claims are

located in. Millennium Diggers have claims in two districts so the total MMAC membership fee for our association is \$166.

You only need one Gold membership per claim; other partners or association members would pay the silver membership of \$30 annually to be an MMAC member. The MMAC website is now featuring PayPal, so membership is payable online if you want.

**All the detailed information and applications are included on the link below**

<http://www.mineralsandminingadvisorycouncil.org/USDMM-store.html>

-For detailed information on the dynamic power of mining districts, please go to MMAC's website [www.MMACUSA.org](http://www.MMACUSA.org)

**MMAC IS THE ONLY MINERS ORGANIZATION THAT HAS REAL SOLUTIONS!**

An important MMAC benefit is that some of the funds will go toward putting your district on a Geographic Information System map. This data can be used to overlay upon other mapped land uses. If a conflict with a mining district is found the alternate use may be removed.

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Chuck asked if and when we might be going to the sunstone area. This is one of the topics we will discuss at our Nov 10<sup>th</sup> meeting. We will make a **scheduled calendar of events and outings for 2017** and we will make sure all are provided with a copy of that schedule.

**Mark Your 2017 Calendar!**—Claudia has reserved **Miners Meadow on Quartzville Creek for June 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> for all Millennium Diggers** members to get together for a **camp out and potluck**. It's a real nice area, with plenty of camping spots and it is now reserved for us! This is a great opportunity for all of us to share: camping, food, gold panning, metal detecting and good fellowship with our club members and their families. The bonding and memories we will later share is something special that always comes with camping together! We will have more info as the time gets closer.

**T-Shirts**—Joe Greene will get David Schmidt our Millennium Diggers logo in order to change the “diamond” to a “gold nugget” the gopher is holding. From that he can proceed with the plans to have T-shirts printed as we have previously discussed.

**New Business:** We voted to give the church a check for \$100.00 in appreciation for letting us use their Fellowship Hall for our meetings. It just doesn't get much more custom than this place for us to meet, right? Also, thank you to Marlea for being a long time church member and getting permission for us. Terrie made the motion and Tammy seconded. All approved.

**Treasures Shared- letters “S and T”:** **Delmon** brought his beautiful collection of **Sunstones**, along with the 150 ct Watermelon Sunstone he found while at the Dust Devil mine. Their website shows one like it, but smaller, and it's valued at \$12,000. Delmon's is larger, so that puts his at a value of much, much more than \$12,000! Whoopie! Also, he brought a vial of small Sapphires from Montana. -

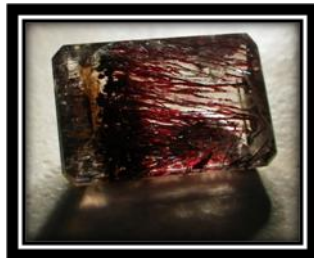
**Don** brought Thundereggs from his claim and from the Lucky Strike mine, some Sapphires (not heat treated), and some petrified wood from Swartz Canyon near Prineville. Also, he had a Silicon seed boule (?) from Siltec, some Selenite (gypsum) crystals, and a huge knapped obsidian Spearhead a friend of his had made.-

**Yvette** brought her polished Sunstones, Tiger-eye and Turquoise and some Shells she found at the coast.

**Penny** brought specimens of Stibnite (sulphide of antimony), Smithsonite (zinc carbonate), a Sapphire rough crystal (aluminum oxide), a faceted Tourmaline (complex chem. composition) with Rutile (Titanium dioxide) inclusions. Plus, a coyote Skull with hinged jaws equipped with spring and secret pull string to make it talk, a Skeleton of a Shrew, a Skull and Skeletal hand of a mole (found in a coyote turd) and a mini version of "Ackh-med, The Dead Terrorist" and a beaded Spider she made (a fitting ensemble for this close to Halloween!).



Spider



Tourmaline w/Rutile



Smithsonite



Shrew Skeleton



Mole Skull and Hand



Mini "Ackh-med"

### **Break Time and raffle Ticket Sales**

**Tonite's Speaker:** Our very own **Joe Greene (MMAC Western Oregon Administrator)** gave us a powerful PowerPoint presentation titled ***"The Power of Mining Districts, Restoring Access and Returning to Reasonable Regulation"*** We are truly blessed to have both Joe and Claudia as our fellow members in our association, as our trusted advisors in the MMAC, and as our good friends! They know what is going on and both are powerful entities within the mining world. There's a lot to learn, and with the knowledge they provide us, we gain power as we learn. Thank you Joe, that was certainly a thorough and important presentation, well researched, written and is now part of the solid foundation on which we stand firm!



**Claims owners of the following Mining Districts should attend the scheduled Organizational District meetings:**

**MEETING: for the NORTH SANTIAM MINING DISTRICT**

**When:** Saturday November 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am

**Where:** Santiam Golf Club Restaurant in the Sun Room (Stayton)

**Directions:** From Salem, Hwy 22 east towards Stayton, exit #12, turn right onto Golf Club Rd, then left into the parking lot for the golf club.

Anyone with mining claims within this district is encouraged to attend. Millennium Diggers has the Jeeter Creek Claim, which makes our members claim owners in this district.

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**MEETING: for the QUARTZVILLE MINING DISTRICT**

**When:** Saturday November 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm

**Where:** Lum's Garden Restaurant (or Lum Yuen's) (Albany)

**Directions:** From Salem, Interstate 5 south to Albany, exit 233 to Hwy 20 east. Take bridge across freeway, then turn left onto Price Rd. It's got a red roof, it's next to Hwy 20 and the I-5 north on-ramp and the Albany Airport. You can't miss it.

Anyone with a mining claim in this district is encouraged to attend. If you are a member of the Willamette Valley Miners, you are included as a claim owner in this district.

**ALSO:** Whether you attend either or both meetings, please show your patronage to these restaurants for letting us use their meeting rooms **and order some food!** Thank you.

**Meeting Adjourned**

**OUR NEXT MEETING IS ON THURSDAY NOVEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup> @ 7:00pm  
BE THERE!**

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**Posting of North Santiam Mining District Sign:** On Saturday October 29<sup>th</sup>, George Crutcher, Don Esch, Eben Ray, walt and Penny Esplin, Joe Greene and Claudia Wise went up the Little North Fork Road and put up the first mining district sign. *Wes Jeffers* provided the sign material, *Penny Esplin* made the sign, *Don Esch* bolted and welded it to a frame then to a metal post, and we all helped put it into the ground in concrete. Here are some pictures for the record:







**RAFFLE TICKETS TO WIN 1/2 LB OF GOLD- DRAWING JUNE 2, 2017:**

**ENTER TO WIN  
1/2 POUND OF GOLD**

The Western Culture Conservancy (WCC) is proud to sponsor a series of two (2) Drawings to help raise the necessary funds for Galice & Waldo Mining Districts to stay in the fight against SB 838, and so EOMA & Waldo can continue the case in the Oregon Supreme Court against DEQ's unlawful permit.

**\$5.00 PER ENTRY ~ SIX ENTRIES FOR \$25.00**

**PRELIMINARY DRAWING**

will be held DEC. 2, 2016

**GRAND PRIZE (to date): White's MX Metal Detector**

*Plus many more great prizes!*

**FINAL DRAWING**

will be held June 2, 2017

**GRAND PRIZE: 1/2 LB. of Placer GOLD!**

*Plus many more great prizes!*

**ALL ENTRIES IN THE PRELIMINARY DRAWING WILL BE ELIGIBLE TO WIN IN THE FINAL DRAWING.**

**Both Drawings will be held at joint meetings  
of the Galice & Waldo Mining Districts.**

**NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN**

**ONLINE ENTRIES:** Entries can be made by going to:

<http://westerncultureconservancy.blogspot.com/p/blog-page.html>

**SUBMIT ALL ENTRIES TO:  
WESTERN CULTURE CONSERVANCY  
P.O. BOX 1407  
JACKSONVILLE, OR 97530**

**PLEASE MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO:**  
**WESTERN CULTURE CONSERVANCY**

To request a receipt, please include self-addressed stamped envelope with your mailed entry.

Otherwise, your check-stub is your receipt.

**PRIZE LIST PRELIMINARY DRAWING DEC. 2, 2016**

<u>PRIZE</u>	<u>VALUE</u>	<u>DONOR</u>
1941 WW2 CAPTURED RUSSIAN NAGANT PISTOL WITH DOCUMENTATION - DONATED BY RANDY AND SUSAN PROBASCO (WAITING FOR VALUE, SHOULD FIND OUT TODAY.)		
MINER STATUE	\$29.95	ARMADILLO
BOOK: THE PROSPECTOR'S GUIDE TO RESEARCHING & LOCATING MINING CLAIMS	\$29.95	TOM KITCHA
(4) FANCY HANDLED KNIVES	???.??	DAVE LEWIS
VB CLASSIFYING GOLD FILTER COMBO	\$339.00	CHARLOTTE
1.0 DWT NUGGET ON 18" GOLD CHAIN	\$599.00	SHELLY STUN
GRAND PRIZE: WHITES MX SPORT METAL DETECTOR	\$799.00	K.HARNACK/

**NOTE: THE PRIZE LIST WILL BE PERIODICALLY UPDATED AS MORE PRIZES ARE  
DONATED.**



**PRIZE LIST FINAL DRAWING JUNE 2, 2017**

<u>PRIZE</u>	<u>VALUE</u>	<u>DONOR</u>
BOOK: THE PROSPECTOR'S GUIDE TO RESEARCHING & LOCATING MINING CLAIMS	\$29.95	TOM KITCHAR
(4) FANCY HANDLED KNIVES	???.??	DAVE LEWIS
GOLD CUBE MERCHANDISE	???.??	MIKE & PAM
WHITES / LESCHE DIGGER W/SHEATH	\$49.95	JACK STILL
BIG FOOT STATUE	???.??	FRANK SERRONI



A52 KEENE SLUICE	\$125.00	DAVE LEWIS
HARD ROCK NUGGET	???.??	JOSH & SARAH BOHMKER
11.0 DWT GOLD NUGGET	Market. Value	ARMADILLO MINING
(2) VB CLASSIFYING GOLD FILTER COMBO	\$339.00	CHARLOTTE GARCIA
1/4 LB (20) SILVER COINS	Market .Value	ARMADILLO MINING
KEENE MINI MAX POWER SLUICE	\$499.00	KEENE ENG.
KEENE HIGH BANKER #173/BRIGGS	\$1,750.50	KEENE ENG.
<b>GRAND PRIZE:</b> <b>1/2 POUND OF GOLD</b> (6oz Troy)	Market. Value	GMD/WMD et.al

**NOTE: THE PRIZE LIST WILL BE PERIODICALLY UPDATED AS MORE PRIZES ARE DONATED.**

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**NOTE:** The money you spend on purchasing tickets is *not* tax deductible. **But**, if you want to make a DONATION to Western Culture Conservancy (a 501C3 non-profit org), as a contribution to our legal battles, **your donation IS tax deductible.**

**~~ALL MINERS ARE AFFECTED BY SENATE BILL 838~~**

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Visit our website at <http://www.millenniumdiggers.com/>

The Millennium Diggers Association is a group based in Keizer, Oregon, which is near Salem, Oregon. The Association is for people that share an interest in searching for things of value. The club's charter is to provide members with an Association that will help promote the activities of metal detecting, prospecting, rock hounding, and treasure hunting. Part of our yearly dues pay for mining claims that are available for all club members to use. We use Association meetings to share information about locating gold, silver, coins, jewelry, gemstones, fossils and metal detecting. We plan Association outings each month where we can help each other learn all aspects of our outdoor activities. This is a great family activity, bring the kids! Please feel free to drop in on one of the monthly meetings.

We meet the **4<sup>th</sup>** Thursday of each month, 7:00 p.m, at:  
[Clear Lake United Methodist Church](#)  
**920 Marks Drive**  
**Keizer, OR 97303**

We meet in the church's Fellowship Hall; a real a nice meeting place complete with tables, chairs and a kitchen. The church is located across the street from the Clear Lake Fire Station. There's plenty of parking in the church's parking lot which is located behind the church.