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Nuggets of News and Knowledge

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Whether you are new to gold prospecting or an experienced old-timer, whether you have just started swinging a metal detector or have been digging targets for years, get the most out of treasure hunting with these nuggets of news and knowledge— tips, ideas, new products and more!



Is it Time to Sell Your Gold?

With gold prices on the rise (about \$1,850 per ounce at press time), you might be wondering if now is a good time to sell some of the gold you've found over the years. And if you decide it is, you might also wonder how to go about it — how to sell and to whom. The type of gold any buyer is interested in varies, and will largely depend on what form of gold you have.



Gold dust consists of flour, fines and flakes. This is the stuff most prospectors find as a result of panning, sluicing and dredging.

This form of gold is probably the lowest value because it will have the most impurities. Small nuggets start at about 1 gram and are a step up from gold dust in value. Medium nuggets, on average, weigh up to 31 grams or 1 troy ounce. Large nuggets are defined as weighing 1 troy ounce or more. Larger nuggets usually command higher prices, and could be considered museum quality. Gold in quartz is usually a collector's item or a museum piece, therefore, prices widely vary.

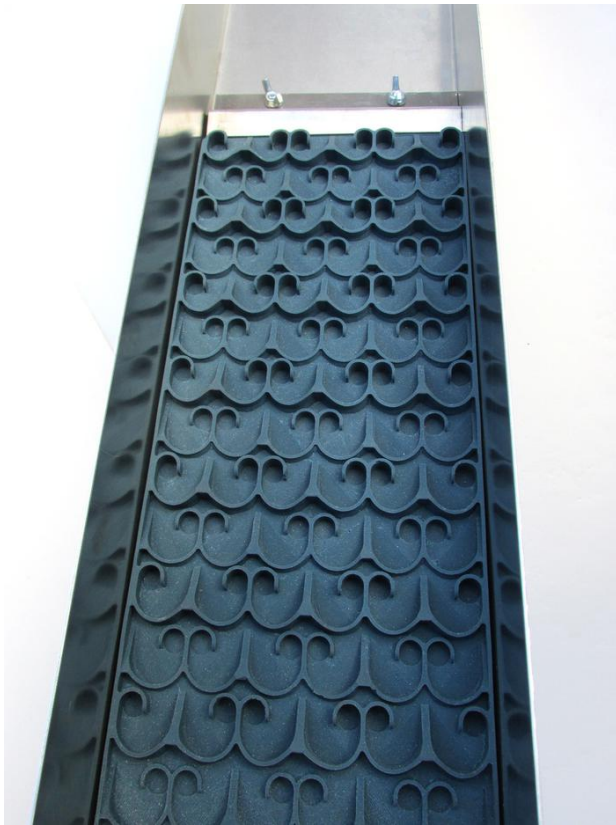
Keep in mind, though, that even nuggets that appear to be pure gold are not. They will have impurities embedded and blended into the matrix. In fact, in North America, the average purity for prospected and mined gold averages 60% - 85%. The impurities in natural gold consist of metals such as silver and copper and other minerals that have combined with gold on a molecular level. Tests, referred to as an "assay" must be performed to accurately measure the purity of gold. Some jewelers and pawn shops can analyze your gold to determine purity with an XRF gun (X-Ray Fluorescence); expect to pay a charge for that service. The majority of gold bought and sold from small-scale prospectors include: private buyers, pawn shops, independently owned jewelry stores that craft and repair their own jewelry, museums looking for unusual specimens or rare nuggets, and refiners. [Article continued here...](#)

Nugget of Knowledge

How to Research Mining Areas

Researching and exploring new areas in which to prospect for gold, gems, or whatever you are seeking can be a lot of work, but the process can go much quicker and easier when you know where to start. If the weather and/or Covid-19 lockdowns are keeping you indoors much of the time this winter, use your downtime wisely by researching and planning for spring and summer. But don't rely on just one source of information. Confirm it through several sources. It's not that you don't trust Uncle Joe or a "friend of a friend" tip, but facts can be distorted or forgotten over time and that "secret" nugget patch found 30 years ago just might not be quite so secret any more. The best kind of research brings together different forms of info from a

NEW! Vortex Dream Mat for Fine Gold



Over the years, you may have tried many different types of mats, carpets, riffles, and miners moss, but Dream Mat was inspired solely to help prospectors work less to get more gold! This blue/gray color Vortex Dream Mat is the first sluice mat ever to be scientifically engineered and designed using advanced fluid dynamic principles and physics. The mini Hydro-Cyclone inspired vortex cells classify, separate, capture and hold

gold naturally. Dream Mat's vortex cells exploit nature's own forces in a patented system to bring the finest gold recovery ever created. These mini cells are engineered to capture the finest of gold without needing huge amounts of water to maintain good exchange. This mini cell system is designed for classified feeds — 8 mesh is a good screen size, but you can of course screen lower if desired. Big gold can be caught easily in just about any system. Bigger gold is really heavy and Dream Mat captures and holds the bigger gold in its vortex holding cells, just like it does with fine gold. Vortex Dream Mat available in a [6 x 24 inch sluice](#), or in a [small power sluice kit](#).

Vac Pac Gold Vacuum **SHIPS FREE!**

With every heavy rain, flood waters lift and suspend fine particles of gold. As the water slows, the fines are deposited in crevices and moss along a riverbank. If you don't yet have a way to recover those concentrates, but know a good spot or two where a vacuum device would really come in handy, then the VAC PAC is for you! It's not new — it's tried and true — having been first manufactured in the 1980s.

Weighing less than 15 pounds, the VAC PAC is simple to operate and is the perfect tool for every miner, beginner and seasoned pro, who wants to collect material .5 inch or less that contains fine gold. Works mainly on dry materials, but will pick up damp materials. This machine was developed as a light-weight complete gold collecting device that can work all day on a quart of gas. The VAC PAC has a 2 inch inlet hose that can vacuum those rich concentrates at the rate of one gallon/minute, and has enough suction to lift a rock larger than the hose diameter. And it can run a small drywasher, too! VAC-PAC backpack vacuum can be used year round, so



multitude of sources. It is the info gleaned from COMBINED sources that can help you to determine the best possible place to locate precious metal or gems. The more info you can lay your hands on, the better. [Ideas and resources found here.](#)

Garrett Ace APEX Metal Detector



The power of choice is yours with Garrett's NEW Ace Apex metal detector! This wireless package includes Apex metal detector with NEW fully waterproof 6" x 11" DD Viper searchcoil and coil cover AND MS-3 Z-Lynk wireless headphones. With the Apex, you can choose from powerful single frequencies -- 5kHz, 10kHz, 20kHz -- to enhance detection on specific targets, or select one of Apex's simultaneous multi-frequency modes to achieve excellent detection on all targets in all soils, including salt. Multi-Flex Multi-Frequency technology makes Apex ideal for coin shooting, relic hunting, shallow water wading, beach hunting, and even prospecting! [More about Garrett Ace Apex Metal Detector.](#)

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it's ready when you are. [Learn more about Vac Pac Gold Vacuum here.](#)

Easier Ways to Crush Rocks and Get the Gold!



Rocks are rocks, unless they contain valuable minerals, metals, or elements. When a rock has values in it, it's then called ore. In order to liberate the minerals, it needs to be crushed down. In

days of yore, a stamp mill was the primary form of crushing rock, but today, there are manual rock crushers and motorized models (both gas and electric) that gold miners use to both test material in the field, and recover gold back at home. In most cases, you can take your rock crusher straight from the shipping container and use it in less than 30 minutes. Designed and built by miners for miners just like you, a rock crusher can be an invaluable tool! [Rock Crushers found here.](#)

History Nugget: World's Greatest Gold Camp



Like most gold regions that boomed in the 1800s, Colorado's Cripple Creek Mining District came from humble beginnings. Little more than cattle roamed the high valleys perched nearly two miles above sea level, and prior to ranching, generations of Ute Indians had lived off the land. But unlike most boomtowns, the gold never completely ran out here, and it continues to be mined successfully today. Historically, the Cripple Creek Mining District has produced over 24 million troy ounces of gold, along with some silver. That amount exceeds the combined production of the California and Alaska Gold Rushes! The millions made from 1891 through the present has earned it the distinction of "The World's Greatest Gold Camp."

The Pikes Peak Gold Rush officially began in 1859, a decade after the California Gold Rush. At that time, the land was still part of the Kansas Territory. The first color was actually found a few years earlier in 1850 at the confluence of Ralston and Clear Creeks, but John Ralston was California-bound, so the shiny stuff stayed where it lay... for a while. Soon enough, a few productive



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placer deposits were found along the South Platte River at the base of the mountains, the canyon of Clear Creek in the mountains west of Golden, and South Park. Word spread of these glittering discoveries, and "Pikes Peak or Bust" became a popular mantra. During the next several years, 100,000 gold-seekers headed for Colorado; 50,000 completed the journey; half of those became "Go Backers" and the remaining 25,000 turned a territory into a state in 1876. [Article continued here...](#)



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