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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!



How to Season a New Gold Pan

The most basic piece of prospecting equipment is the gold pan. Size, color, and shape are really a matter of personal preference. Plastic pans generally come in green, black, and blue. The color doesn't effect performance, but green is the most



common. Plastic is light weight, so when you add water, dirt, and gravel to your pan, your arms won't get as tired compared to using a steel pan. It's good to have a couple different sizes of gold pans on hand (10 inch, 12 inch, and 14 inch are the most popular).

Before you use a new pan, be sure to "condition" or "season" it for best results. The goal is to remove some of the oils that were used in the plastic mold when the pan was produced. These oils will make your pan too slick, and without some friction you may wash out the gold with the waste material. You'll want to rough up the bottom and sides of the pan a little to get that all-important friction. To season a new gold pan in three easy steps, you will need some dish soap that cuts through grease (i.e., Dawn), a scrubby pad, sand, and some water. [Article continued here.](#)

NEW! Garrett Ace Apex Metal Detector

Nugget of Knowledge

Why Buy More Search Coils?

Changing the search coil on your metal detector can be the next best thing to buying a whole new machine! Most metal detectors come with a standard search coil that is good for general use – finding the broadest range of targets in the broadest range of environments. But search coils come in all shapes and sizes, and it's possible that merely changing the coil on your detector will lead you to a host of new targets in that "hunted out" area. Smaller Search coils are great for "trashy" areas and allow you to sift through pull tabs and gold rings. These coils are best for tighter places and the smallest, shallow targets. The larger the search coil, the deeper it will penetrate the ground. Larger coils are ideal for finding caches or relic hunting, finding deeply buried and large targets. DD



The power of choice is yours with Garrett's NEW Ace Apex metal detector with highly versatile multi-flex multi-frequency technology! **WHY IS MULTIFREQUENCY IMPORTANT?** Lower frequencies generally offer improved detection on larger and more conductive targets (i.e. large silver coins).

Higher frequencies generally offer improved detection on smaller and less conductive targets (i.e., hammered silver coins, gold nuggets). Ships with the NEW fully waterproof Viper DD coil designed as a low-impedance, broad-bandwidth coil to support the new Apex Multi-Flex frequency technology. The 11" size is large enough to cover plowed fields, but its narrow 6" footprint allows easy separation of targets in iron-infested areas. Detector available as a package with headphones, or without. FREE SHIPPING! [Shop Garrett metal detectors and packages here.](#)

CC690 Power Sluice Steps Up Production

Looking for a sluice that catches and retains ALL sizes of gold? The CC690 Power Sluice does just that! This workhorse is a water operated, centrifugal concentrator capable of processing large volumes of material without the need for pre-classification. This unit folds together for wheeling down to



your dig site. It can then be quickly set up with no tools and there are no tiny parts to lose. The water is run through a 2 inch suction hose and a 2 inch lay flat hose at 150 gpm. All materials used in the construction of the CC690 were chosen for their corrosion resistance, quality and durability to ensure this piece of equipment will stand up to abuse and survive season after season! The 3/4 inch material that washes through the grizzly runs over some very aggressive aluminum angle riffles before dropping down into the bottom trough. The bottom has 2 sizes of expanded metal riffle sections: 3/4 inch and 3/16 inch heavy gauge aluminum. Top and bottom trough are 4 feet long by 1 foot wide. There is deep v-groove matting under heavy vinyl miner's moss under all riffle sections to securely retain any captured gold. Clean up is simple! The legs and wheels store inside the troughs when transporting. [More about the CC690 here.](#)

Fine Gold Recovery Equipment

Search coils have two smaller "D" shaped coils housed inside to penetrate heavily mineralized ground that is commonly encountered while gold prospecting and relic hunting.

Kwik Kilns



Looking for a small and portable kiln that can melt clean placer gold and silver out in the field or at home? High quality kiln kits made in the USA include crucibles, molds, flux, tongs, instructions and more. [Kiln sizes from 4 inches to 11 inches tall found here.](#)

Be Safe Hunting This Season!



Don't take a chance when in snake country— snake gaiters offer protection and peace of mind. Protect yourself from snake fangs, painful cacti needles, thorns, and other dangers while prospecting, detecting, hiking, hunting, landscaping and more in the great outdoors! [Snake gaiters here.](#)

Alaska Paydirt



With the price of gold on the rise these days, you want to recover every tiny bit! Why is flour gold so valuable? Well, the market price of gold is based on 1 troy ounce of pure gold. Each ounce contains 480 grains, 20 pennyweight, or 31.104 grams, depending on your scale's method of measurement.

When you do the math, you'll

discover that flour gold recovery has gotten so valuable that a single grain can be worth \$3! Luckily, there are several flour gold recovery products specifically designed to help you get each fleck of fine gold out of your black sand concentrates. Best sellers include: [Gold Cube](#), [Desert Fox Spiral Panner](#), and [Blue Bowl](#).

History Nugget: Park City, Utah



Eighteen years ago, Park City, Utah was the place Olympic athletes and thousands of spectators visited to “go for the gold” during the 2002 Winter Games. More than 150 years ago, however, an even larger group of people rushed to

Park City seeking a different precious metal— silver. The first mining claim was filed in December 1868, and for over a century, the abundant veins found in the Wasatch Mountains surrounding the small town produced about \$400 million in silver. When the mining industry slowed down in the 1920s and 30s, Park City's winter sports ramped up. Good money continues to be made today — with snow and tourism. Silver mining, though, is the town's legacy, and still very much honored around town.

Although not well known, Park City's 300 silver mines were among America's most productive and longest lasting. Even during the financial panic of 1893 when the bottom fell out of the silver market, Park City weathered the crash because the mines had been doing so well. Thirteen ounces was the average yield of silver per ton of ore from all Park City mines in their 100 years of production. But there was more than silver in them thar' hills. Heavy deposits of lead and zinc also were found around Park City, and in combination with copper and gold, the mining industry generated a total of a half billion dollars in precious metals from the 1870s through 1970s.

The best place to learn about the mines, men, machinery, working conditions, town history, and prominent citizens of the day, is at the park city museum in the heart of Old Town. The 12,000 square foot museum provides a wealth of knowledge, and has both permanent and traveling exhibits. Its location is actually the former City Hall (built in 1885) that also served as the territorial jail. The world-class collection of information and memorabilia acquaints you with



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every phase of silver mining, in addition to explaining how the equipment was used. The fabulous two-story Mega Mine display allows you to see the intricate underground workings of a typical mine. After spending an hour or two here, you're sure to come away with an even greater appreciation for modern day mining methods! [Article continued here...](#)



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