

## 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!



### Spring 2017 Gold & Treasure Show Schedule

Make plans this spring to attend a GPAA Gold & Treasure Show! Whether young, old, or in the middle, the expos offer something for everyone and provide the best opportunities to learn new skills, see product demos, and rub elbows with some of the most respected miners and metal detectorists in the business!



Browse the show floor to find the latest and greatest gold mining and metal detecting equipment, attend free seminars, ask questions of the pros, and enter to win thousands of dollars in door prizes—metal detectors, pans, sluice boxes and MORE! Also on the show floor are panning troughs for both kids and adults where you can learn new techniques— keep all the gold you find! Saturday show hours 10 am - 5 pm and Sundays 10 am - 4 pm in these cities:

- Pleasanton, CA Feb 11-12, 2017
- Phoenix, AZ Mar 11-12
- Puyallup, WA Mar 18-19
- Portland, OR Mar 25-26
- Las Vegas, NV Apr 22-23

[Visit the GPAA website for details and to buy your \\$5 adult tickets online](#) (\$10 adult admission at the door; kids 12 and under plus military and veterans with ID are free).

Did you know... there is actually more gold to find today than the old-timers found way back in the 1800s gold rush era? Gold prospecting and treasure

### Nugget of Knowledge

#### How Dry is Dry Enough to Drywash?

If you're wondering exactly how dry your material should be for drywashing, the short answer is VERY DRY. But exactly how dry is dry? The best test is to take a handful of your material and squeeze it in your hand. If it clumps, it is not dry enough to guarantee the best recovery results. Another thing to keep in mind for best results is that you want an even flow of material over the riffle tray. A nice even flow is necessary to allow the heavies to settle to the bottom. This is accomplished by adjusting the box angle and shovel speed. You also might want to classify your material to .5 inch or 3/8 inch mesh before running it through your drywasher.

**Now is the Time to Find Gold in the**

hunting has become a very popular and family oriented hobby, and these Gold and Treasure Shows are a great place to start in your search for that elusive shiny metal. See you there!

## Lower Prices on Garrett Metal Detectors!



This almost never happens... a manufacturer actually LOWERING prices on their top selling metal detectors! But that's exactly what took place on February 1st when Garrett lowered prices on the [AT Gold](#) (now only \$637.45) and [AT Pro](#) (now only \$552.45). **Both ship FREE with land headphones.** The AT Pro is

Garrett's all-terrain deep-seeking, professional treasure hunter's detector. The AT Gold is a powerful gold prospecting machine that doubles as an impressive collector of coins, relics, and jewelry. Can't decide between the AT Gold and AT Pro detectors? [Scroll to the bottom of this page to find an easy comparison chart.](#)

## Fun Facts: Sizes of Gold

- Specimen: A naturally formed large gold nugget or gold-laced quartz specimen
- Nugget: A naturally formed lump of gold that is big enough to put in a poke and likely won't fit in a typical small vial, depending on its shape
- Picker: A piece of visible gold large enough to easily pick up with your fingers
- Flake: A piece of gold that is large enough to easily spot but is difficult to pick up with your fingers
- Fines: Particles of gold too small to pick up with your fingers
- Gold Dust: Very, very fine particles of gold that resemble dust
- Flour: Gold particles that are barely visible to the naked eye
- Micron Gold: Particles that are invisible to the naked eye
- Color: Any amount of visible gold - usually smaller than a nugget - that you find in your pan

## Kwik Kiln Kits are Ideal for Gold and More

Looking for a small and portable propane-fired kiln to use out in the field or at home? If you want to melt gold, silver, or other metals, there are 3 sizes of Kwik Kiln Kits designed to do just that. Or choose from 2 models of larger furnaces. Contents of kits vary, but all contain just about everything you need (crucibles, tongs, molds, flux, more). [Watch videos here](#)



[and read excerpts from the field test reviews that appeared in Gold Prospector](#)

## Desert



Dry washing is very popular in the desert regions this time of year when temperatures are pleasant, yet it's not tourist season. Although most prospectors agree that drywashing is not as fast and efficient as wet processing, if hauling buckets of heavy dry dirt long distances to a stream is just not feasible, give dry washing a try. If you're not familiar with this method, a drywasher is a machine that uses air, vibration, and static electricity to effectively separate gold from waste material. Modern day dry washers are like high bankers except they do not use water to recover gold. Instead of water, they use air. [Learn more about drywashers here.](#)

## Automatic Spiral Gold Panning Machines



If you don't have the muscle power or time, let a spiral panning machine help you

## History Nugget: Barkerville, B.C.



Gold rush towns boomed all over the American West in the 1800s, but did you know that some prospectors were striking it rich up in Canada during the same time? The Cariboo Gold Rush of 1861 triggered the settlement and success of Barkerville in British Columbia. In its heyday, it was the largest city west of Chicago and north of San Francisco. At the time it was thought that Vancouver and Victoria would never amount to much because they were too far away from Barkerville! The historic town is named after Billy Barker from Cambridgeshire, England, who was among the first lucky miners to find gold here in Williams Creek, and whose claim was the richest and the most famous. Billy began his gold-seeking career as a California '49er, then headed north with his fellow miners after the California Gold Rush played out.

Today, more than 100 historic structures are still standing on the spots that they were built; many are active businesses. For the price of admission, this period frontier town offers daily activities and special events during the summer—guided town tours, blacksmithing demonstrations, story-telling by costumed interpreters, living history presentations— as well as shopping, dining, gold panning, camping, and much more. [Barkerville article continues here.](#)



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