

THE GOLD NUGGET

September 2023

The Prez Sez! By Bobby Manning



Greetings to all...! Congratulations to John Johnson for finding the Cache that Bill Chapman had to hide twice. John got our last Cache Nugget that we had on hand and it was a 6.6 Australian nugget. And thank you Bill for hiding it. And JOHN YOU NEED TO GET THE DOG A STAKE FOR ITS PART!! Lol...! Now its Johns turn to hide the new one and as he was ready, we got the new clue at the meeting.



We took an outing from Kevin's book but I forgot to get a photo of the event. We went over on Cherry Creek and we had a couple of new members that I hadn't met yet who didn't know what to do so we showed them what they needed to do to get started. I loaned them my #8 screen and a bucket and they screened it down and then panned it out. Mike brought a sluice box and ran some dirt. I took the Gold cube and ran it with Bill. My first clean up I gave to the new members to make sure they went home with gold. We then moved over to another spot and dug for a while. I gave that gold to Bill. Ron Cooper ran a sluice box as well. It was kind of hard getting in and out of that location, but we did find color and a lot of petrified wood. Some of them were the nicest pieces I have found in a quite a while.

I have included a photo of the National Public Lands Poster for you to see and this is the place where you need to register for the clean up on the 23rd that is being sponsored by JeffCo Open Spaces. Sorry but work has a lot going on and I had car trouble to boot. I will see you all at the next Meeting. May your Pan be shining with yellow GOLD



Vice President's Corner! By Mike Stevens



We had our most recent outing on Cherry Creek across from Cook Park, which is in Kevin's book "Finding Gold in Colorado". I think most everyone enjoyed the digging and finding some fine gold. Getting to the creek was a little tricky, mainly because I chose to drag my gear in a cart. The grass was tall, and the willows were grabby, but with help and cooperation we all made it to the creek. Trying to use a cart was not the best idea and I would not do that again, next time I would pack it in on my back. I would like to go back, but definitely when it is cooler. The cobbles were good digging. I struggled a bit setting up my sluice box, but eventually it was set up so that it would work for me. I like to sit and feed it in a calmer area, where the water isn't rushing too fast. The summer heat was in full bloom and at least for me I found it tough staying hydrated and energetic with the heat and sun bearing down on us. Some

people took refuge under small willows that were at the edge and got some shade. I finally did too towards the end. I must say, it was fun being out and it was not a bad place. We did some trash cleanup as well, which was definitely needed. We always try and leave a spot a little cleaner than when we got there. Golden Smiles for All.

From the Treasurer/Secretary Ledger by Joe Kafka



Enjoyed the August meeting and we had a good turnout. The Club remains in the black and members may request to see the financial report at any time which I have at my table in the back whenever you wish to see it. Hope to see you all at the next meeting in September when we will be giving away more gold nuggets and great door prizes!! Don't forget to buy your 'Special nugget' tickets and your '.50/50 tickets' as well. See you all at our next meeting!

Board Meeting Minutes from Aug 2023

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| X | Bobby Manning | X | Andy Doll | X | Robert Ahr | | Joe Johnson |
| X | Mike Stevens | X | Joe Kafka | X | Kevin Singel | | |
| | Mike Hurtado | X | Gordon Smith | | Roger Schlenger | | |



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- The meeting was called to order by President Manning at 6:04 p.m. with a quorum present
- The first item of business was to announce that Andy Doll will be provided a copy of the Membership Application from Robert Ahr to update the web site can update.
- The cache has been found. John Johnson was the lucky treasure hunter. The prize nugget will be presented to John at tonight's meeting. President Manning informed the Board that this was the last large nugget in club inventory for awarding to the finder of the club cache. The current cost/availability of nuggets of comparable size is prohibitive at this time based on membership size and current treasury funds set aside for gold purchases. A discussion took place on reducing the size of the prize nugget and members present agreed that was a viable option. No official motion was made in this regard.
- President Manning is in negotiations that may give him more direct access to gold resources and enable him to buy club gold at better prices. He will keep the board apprised.
- The next item of business was the reading and acceptance of the minutes of last month. A motion to approve was made by K. Singel and seconded by M. Stevens. Motion passed unanimously.
- The next item was to review the Treasurer's Report. The spreadsheet has been revamped somewhat so it is easier to read. It was also brought to the board's attention that the refreshment table is not receiving enough contributions to be self-sustaining. This information will be shared at the general meeting tonight to encourage more member participation before measures are taken to curtail or even eliminate the refreshment table.
- A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by K. Singel with a second from M. Stevens. The motion was unanimously approved.
- Moving on to Communications, President Manning informed the Board that there were 208 web hits for the month and two pieces of mail. One piece dealt with the upcoming Annual Clear Creek Cleanup. President Manning will confer with J.J. on who to speak with to make sure any club members signing up will be assigned to Arapahoe Bar cleanup. This information will go out to the general meeting tonight to allow members time to get signed up. It will be held on Sept. 23 starting at 8 a.m. and ending at 2 p.m. and this date is just after the September meeting. However, allotted slots fill quickly and it may be too late to sign up after that meeting. The other correspondence was a new member application which will be turned over to R. Ahr.
- Board member K. Singel was then given the floor to report on progress with the COS TV station that wants to do a feature story on gold prospecting. The on-air personality and cameraman are planning to come up to Vic's Gold Panning on the first Saturday of Gold-A-Palooza, Sept. 9, at 10 a.m. Club members are encouraged to show up and be on TV! This information will go out to the membership tonight.
- President Manning had no updates on his research into a tour of the Edgar mine as his contact has not returned his calls.
- The next item was a discussion on the club's annual picnic. The original location being discussed was withdrawn after it was noted that there is no shade at that location. The new location suggested is in Adams County between Tennyson & Lowell. There is a small fee for reserving and using the venue which must be reserved by an AC resident. Joe Johnston has graciously agreed to handle the paperwork for the club. The date of Sept. 30 has been selected and President Manning will supply the main course meat dish. The picnic will be announced to the membership tonight and a pot luck dish sign-up sheet will be placed on the tables up front. Members will also be encouraged to bring their metal detectors to the park.
- John Olsen is scheduled to be the guest speaker at the Sept. meeting.
- Next the floor was opened to the board members for general discussion and new business:
- Board member A. Doll spoke about four physical newsletters that are still printed and mailed out to elderly past club members that no longer pay dues. J.J. had requested these go out some time in the past and Andy was checking if it was the board's desire to continue this practice. The board unanimously agreed that this is a public service of the club and it should continue.

QUESTION OF THE MONTH

At what degree centigrade does gold melt???

2023 GPR Board of Directors Members President

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Andy Doll (2024)

Gordon Smith (2024)

1 Year Board Members

Kevin Singel

Roger Schlenger

Vacant

Vacant

Past President

Joe Johnston



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- Board member G. Smith mentioned he signed up for a call with the Elbert County Free Legal Clinic on 12-Sept. The purpose is to speak with an attorney regarding the Higbee & Associates scam because they have contacted the club again. Gordon will check if it is possible to obtain a cease & desist letter through this process or get a referral for the club to follow up with.
- Board member K. Singel brought up a local park highlighted in his book (Chapter A – 26D) = Cook Park for a club outing. It is located at 7100 Cherry Creek Drive South and the outing is planned for this Sunday at 10 a.m. It will be announced to the membership tonight and A. Doll will send out an email blast as well so those not in attendances will be informed about it.
- No other new business was brought up and G. Smith moved to adjourn the meeting. M. Stevens seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

General Meeting Minutes from Aug 2023

1. **Meeting** was opened at 7:04pm by **Pres. Manning** with the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. **Pres. Manning** then gave the Metals Report: **Gold**, 1889.50, **Silver** 22.76, **Platinum** 913.00, **Palladium** 1228.00, **and Rhodium** 3350.00.
4. **Web hits** for last month was 164402 /208.
5. **Treasurer Joe Kafka** reports that the Club remains in the black. Report is available for review for anyone who wishes to see it. We also have a 'Special Nugget' so be sure to buy lots of tickets. It is a real nice specimen.
6. **Robert Ahr and Shelly Zornes** from the Membership Table reported that we had 46 members in attendance. There were two Guests present and one new member joined up tonight. The total meeting attendance was 49.
7. **Pres. Manning** read the 'Question of the Month', which was "**In 1925, an important invention that incorporated gold was patented which would eventually lead to all of the microelectronics that are in use today. What was it???**" The winners will receive an extra ticket to the gold nugget drawings later during the evening program.
8. **Pres. Manning** advised that there was time to enter items at the break for the '**Finds of the Month**' table and that the monthly winners from tonight will need to be saved for the Finds of the Year competition in November, 2023. A reminder to all that their gold submissions need to be weighed dry and only one submission per person per category. Be sure to fill out the entry cards completely. Only finds found within the last 30 days may be submitted.
9. **Bill Chapman** announced the '**Cache**' had been found by John Johnson. A discussion of the clues and how the Cache was found followed. John related an amusing story of how his dog helped him to find the Cache. John was presented with a 6.2 gram Australian nugget for his efforts. He will now hide the next Cache and the new hunt will begin.
10. **Pres. Manning** advised that the Club Store had numerous items for sale including 10 of Kevin Single's new books which he donated to the Club for their help at his event in Idaho Springs. Be sure to drop by at the break and support your Club by buying something. We have some more of our gold bags as of tonight so be sure to buy your bags.
11. **Pres. Manning** informed the membership that the Edgar Mine Tour was being planned and would cost \$25 per person. They would need a minimum of 10 folks to sign up to make this one work.
12. **Pres. Manning** then announced the evening Program which was a video entitled "Modern Marvels" from the History Channel's "Gold Mines" and it was extremely interesting and informative. After the video, Kevin Singel spoke of how the Colo Sprgs TV station wanted to do a spot on gold prospecting in the Denver area but it was determined to try to do it at the Gold-A-Palooza up at Vic's Panning near Black Hawk on Sept. 23. If you plan to go to the Gold-A-Palooza, call Vic's at 720-331-9072 to verify prices as we are not sure of them at this time. There was a reminder to be sure to vote on the Finds of the Month and to answer the Question of the Month during the break.
13. **Pres. Manning** announced the break at 8:19 pm. Meeting was called back to order at 8:30 pm.
14. **Pres. Manning** announced the winners of the '**Question of the Month**'. The answer was, "**... the Printed Circuit Board...!**" The winners received their extra drawing ticket for the gold drawing.
15. **Pres. Manning** announced the winners for the '**Finds of the Month**'. Those were:
 - **Best Coin** – There was no find submitted for this category.
 - **Best Jewelry** – **Bobby Denalow** with a necklace pendant he found near Idaho Springs.
 - **Best Mineral** – **Angela Yen** with some mineralized chirt she found near Lake George.
 - **Best Artifact** – **Gordon Smith** with some old items he found while metal detecting near Parker.



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- **Best Bottle** – There was no find submitted for this category.
- **Most Raw Gold** – **Kevin Singel** with 0.736 grams of gold nuggets he found in the Blue River.
- **Largest Raw Gold** – There was no find submitted for this category.

16. **Pres. Manning** concluded the evening with drawings for the numerous door prizes donated by the **GPR, JJ Long and Pres. Manning**, followed by the drawings for the gold nuggets.

17. **Pres. Manning** also wants to remind that holders of drawing tickets for the regular gold drawings who did not win and want to redeem those tickets may present them at the end of the Meeting and they will be reimbursed at .01 cents on the dollar, or they shall be considered to have been donated back to the Club. Those assisting in the drawings were **Joe Kafka and John Olson**.

19. **Pres. Manning** reminds the members that sometimes during the meetings, The President's time is overwhelmingly taken up by the many who wish to speak to him and he apologizes if anyone ever feels like he is unavailable. It is not his intent to be inaccessible and he encourages anyone with questions to contact him by e-mail or phone outside the meetings at any time. His e-mail and phone number are on the web site.

19. **Pres. Manning** thanked **Greg and Nancy Knerl** and all those who contributed to the Refreshment Table. Each member is encouraged to chip in and add to the spread each month. Don't forget the 'tip jar' also, which helps to defray costs. This really helps the folks who run the table and those who volunteer up front each month. The Club appreciates the efforts that each and every one of you to make the refreshment table enjoyable.

20. **The September Meeting Program is to be determined.** Having nothing further at this time, remember to prospect safely.

21. **Meeting was adjourned at 8:54 pm.**

A Miner's Laugh

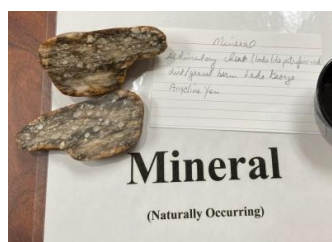
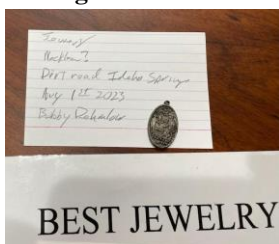
An old miner from Montana moved to Colorado and walks into the local bar and orders 3 mugs of Coors. Getting his beer, he retired to the back of the room and began drinking, taking one sip from each mug in turn and then repeating the process. When done, he orders 3 more. The bartender told him that they go flat after a while and it would be better if you got one at a time. The old boy replied that he had 2 brothers and he was drinking this way because they had all agreed after leaving home in Texas, to do it this way whenever apart to honor each other. The bartender shrugged and said that it was okay with him. The old miner became a regular and drank this way for months. But one day he came in and ordered only 2 mugs. Everyone took immediate notice and fearing the worst, the bartender finally came over and told the old boy that he and everyone were sorry that a brother had passed away. The old miner looked at him in a questioning way and then broke out into laughter. No, no, he said. I am sorry for the impression but you see, my wife and I just joined the Baptist Church and they don't allow drinking, so I had to quit for myself but I am still drinking for each of my brothers!!



(Taken from the internet and revised just for all us 'old miners')

The Finds of the Month Aug 2023:

- **Best Coin** – There was no find submitted for this category in August.
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Remember that all gold must be dried and weighed. All monthly winners need save their entries for the November meeting when the Finds of the Month will be judged for the Finds of the Year. So be sure and save them.

The Pirate's Aug 30 Hunt by Robert 'The Pirate' Ahr

Hello and Good Morning fellow GPOR members, yesterday was a Blue Moon day and the last that we will see for a while. But it was a great day to be a Pirate. We started out with 5 for breakfast and left to Berkeley Park with 8 folks ready to go hunt treasure. We hunted the middle of the park next to the Rec. center; the weather was perfect until about noon and then it got pretty warm. So the remaining group packed it up and sailed away. Our #1 Pirate was John O. with \$4.53, and then Chuck C. was next with \$1.64 followed by myself with \$1.00 even. We had are other hunter's Bling finds that ranged from various keys to dog tags and everything in-between. Thanks to everyone for showing up and I hope to see you all at the next Outing...! Robert (the Pirate) Ahr. Wapitie2@comcast.net.



How to Use a Magnet to Spot Fake Gold

WRITTEN BY MONICA, MARCH 15, 2023



A friend of mine once thought he had struck gold while prospecting in the wilderness. He had panned for hours, sifting through rocks and dirt, until he finally saw it – a glimmer of gold that made his heart skip a beat. But as he picked up the nugget to admire it, he noticed something odd. it didn't feel quite right. And when he brought it to a magnet, it stuck like glue. He knew that because he understood the magnetic properties of gold, which is crucial for anyone who wants to strike it rich without getting taken for a ride.

In this article I'm going to dive deep into the science of gold magnetism, and show you how to use it to your advantage when prospecting. He had been fooled by a fake! Whether you're a seasoned pro or a beginner, we've got tips, tricks, and techniques that will help you spot fake gold a mile away, and separate the real deal from fool's gold. So grab your pan, dust off your hat, and let's get ready to find some shiny G!

Gold and magnets: best friends or worst enemies? When it comes to magnets, you might think they're just for holding up pictures of your cat on the fridge. But did you know that different materials can react to magnets in different ways? It's like how some people love pineapple on their pizza (weirdos), while others can't stand it (normal humans). Now, let's get technical for a sec. There are three types of materials that react to magnetic fields: ferromagnetic, paramagnetic, and diamagnetic.

Ferromagnetic materials, like iron, are the magnets' equivalent of a crazy ex. They're strongly attracted to magnetic fields, and once they've latched on, good luck trying to shake them off. Paramagnetic materials, on the other hand, are like magnets' good friends. They're attracted to magnetic fields, but not as strongly as ferromagnetic materials. Think of materials like aluminum, pyrite (fool's gold) or platinum.

Finally, we have diamagnetic materials, like gold. These materials are the magnets' equivalent of a cat that just wants to be left alone. They're actually repelled by magnetic fields, so they won't stick to magnets like ferromagnetic or paramagnetic materials do. Now, you might be thinking, "Who cares? I just want to find gold!" Well, here's where it gets interesting. Since gold is diamagnetic, it won't be attracted to a magnet like other metals, which makes it an excellent tool for gold prospecting. It's like having a superpower that lets you detect gold like a heat-seeking missile. If it holds, it ain't pure gold.

Now that we know a bit about the diamagnetism of gold, let's take a closer look at how we can use this to our advantage when it comes to prospecting. First and foremost, a magnet is a great way to identify fool's gold. This tricky mineral looks a lot like gold and can be a real pain for novice prospectors. But fear not, my friends, because there's a simple



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solution, use a magnet! Pyrite, also known as fool's gold, is magnetic, while gold is not. By using a magnet, you can quickly and easily tell the difference between the two. You can apply this simple test to anything in your home that you want to test for pure gold. A piece of jewelry or something that sticks to a magnet may contain a high percentage of a ferromagnetic metal like nickel in its alloy. That says, just because something sticks to a magnet doesn't mean there isn't *any* gold in it. And if it is not attracted to a magnet it may not contain pure gold, or any at all. Many common metals that are alloyed with gold are non-magnetic or only attracted to magnets weakly like silver, copper, platinum or zinc.

Using magnets to help you clean gold concentrates: So, we've established that gold is diamagnetic, which means it's not a big fan of magnetic fields. But what does that mean for gold prospectors and miners? Well, it turns out that diamagnetism can be a real game-changer when it comes to separating gold from other materials, like black sand concentrates and even fool's gold.

Black sand concentrates (and, hopefully, lots of gold) are what you're often left with after you've run dirt through an extraction method like a sluice box or a gold cube. Black sand is usually a mixture of different materials, including magnetite, hematite, titanium, zircon, rhodolite, monazite, tungsten, pyrites (aka fool's gold), and other elements found in the area. Unfortunately for the gold prospector, these black sands are often the most difficult to separate the gold from as they are very heavy minerals and exhibit some of the same movement tendencies in a gold pan. Removing black sand is often the toughest part of Emily's and Alex's process when they're cleaning the sluice box and gold from the dredge. This is where a magnet comes in. Some of these black sand materials are highly magnetic, like magnetite. Others, like gold and hematite, are not. By sticking a magnet in your pan you can easily extract the magnetic materials and leave the gold. But you have to be careful, because if you have a *lot* of magnetite in a pan and you pick up a big clump of it with a magnet, gold can easily be trapped in the ball of metal sand and removed even though it doesn't stick to the magnet. So go carefully when you use a handheld magnet. [Kyle Thielmann](#) has a great video on [YouTube](#) that shows how to find gold with a magnet. There are other tools designed for prospectors that use the same properties. The next step up is a magnetic roller or magnetic matting that goes in your sluice box to separate the ferrous black sand metals before the gold even gets into the riffles. At the higher end there are tools like shaker tables with magnetic separators to help prospectors clean sluice boxes. Those start around \$5,000-\$6,000 at the low end. Of course, it's important to remember that not all gold deposits will contain magnetic minerals, so using a magnet won't always be effective. But when you do come across magnetic minerals, a magnet can be a powerful tool in your gold prospecting arsenal.

The best handheld magnets for cleaning gold: Gold prospecting is no easy feat, and separating the real gold nuggets from the fool's gold can be a daunting task. But with the right tools and techniques, you can become a gold-finding machine. By using magnets to spot fake gold, you can avoid being duped by dishonest sellers and increase your chances of striking it rich. If you're prospecting in an area with a lot of black sands, you'll want to make sure you have the right tool for the job. The [ASR Outdoor Gold Panning Portable Compact 8lb Magnetic Pickup Tool with Quick Release](#) is an essential tool for any gold prospector, particularly when it comes to separating magnetic black sands from gold. With its powerful magnet and quick release, this handheld tool can grab up to 8lbs of metal material, making it fast, efficient, and compact. Don't waste time sifting through black sands by hand – with this handheld magnetic pick-up tool, you'll be able to spot real gold faster and easier than ever before. Another great quick release magnetic tool we recommend is the [Pocket Black Sand Magnetic Separator](#). This handy little guy makes the process of separating the gold from the black sands right in your gold pan easier than ever before. With its powerful magnet and quick-release plunger, you can quickly pull black sand and other magnetic materials away from your concentrate. This means that you'll be able to extract fine gold more easily and efficiently, without the hassle of sifting through unwanted material by hand. As the old saying goes, "there's gold in them there hills!" And now, armed with the power of diamagnetism, you have the tools to uncover it. By understanding how this phenomenon affects gold and how to harness it using simple tools like magnets, you can increase your chances of striking it rich. So, what are you waiting for? Grab a magnet, head out to your favorite prospecting spot, and put your newfound knowledge to the test. And don't forget to share your success stories with us! We'd love to hear how you've applied these techniques to uncover hidden treasures. Remember, even the most successful prospectors started out as beginners. It takes time and practice to hone your skills, but with determination and a little bit of luck, you could be the one who strikes gold. So get out there and start prospecting – your fortune could be just a few feet away!

The professionals have an expression "gold is where you find it." That means it can settle in surprising places. So remember to take some time and check around the area, as long as it's safe to do so. The paystreak might surprise you. *(Monica's a treasure hunter at heart and loves watching adventure seekers around the world on TV and online. She has been learning and exploring the world of gold prospecting with the help of seasoned professional gold miners while continuously learning more each day. She panned her first gold from the Bering Sea on the beaches of Nome, Alaska.)*



The Best Gold Coins for Investment Purposes

Story by Kelly Ernst July 14, 2023

Gold has been a popular way for investors to diversify their portfolios and protect their wealth for hundreds of years. And in today's uncertain economic climate, investors are especially eager to take advantage of the reliable returns and historical stability gold can offer. One of the most popular ways to invest in gold is with gold bars and coins. Gold coins, in particular, may be attractive to investors for their aesthetic and historical value in addition to their monetary value. But as with any collectible item, knowing where to start can seem overwhelming. With so many gold coins to choose from, which ones should you focus on? The following gold coins regularly make reputable "best of" lists for their purity, reputation and overall growth potential.

American Gold Eagle Coins: American Gold Eagle coins are one of the most popular and widely recognized gold coins on the market. These coins are produced by the United States Mint and are made of 22-karat gold. They feature a design of Lady Liberty on the obverse (heads) side, and the reverse (tails) side features either a bald eagle nesting or a bald eagle's head, depending on the year it was produced. You can buy American Gold Eagle coins in weights of 1 oz, 1/2 oz, 1/4 oz and 1/10 oz. These gold coins are highly sought-after by investors due to their high purity and ease of liquidity.



American Gold Buffalo: The American Gold Buffalo coin is another popular option for investors and collectors alike and produced by the United States Mint. It's modeled after the famous 1913 Buffalo Nickel designed by James Earle Fraser and features a Native American chief's profile on the obverse side and an American buffalo on the reverse. American Gold Buffalo coins are a higher purity than American Gold Eagle coins at 24 karats. You can buy American Gold Buffalo coins in 1 oz, 1/2 oz, 1/4 oz and 1/10 oz weights.



South African Gold Krugerrand Coins: The South African Gold Krugerrand is one of the oldest and most trusted gold bullion coins in the world. First created in 1967, these coins are produced by the South African Mint and are made of 22-karat gold. This lower purity makes them more durable than 24-karat coins, and a great option for those concerned about the longevity of their investment. The South African Gold Krugerrand features the profile of Paul Kruger, the South African Republic's first president, on the obverse side and a springbok antelope on the reverse. You can buy South African Gold Krugerrand coins in weights ranging from 1/50 oz to 2 oz.



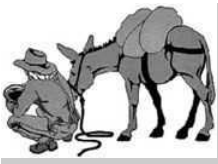
Canadian Gold Maple Leaf Coins: The Canadian Gold Maple Leaf is a 24-karat gold coin produced by the Royal Canadian Mint. Released in 1979, this coin was the only competition for South African Gold Krugerrand for years, and it's still considered among the world's purest and most popular gold bullion coins. It features a maple leaf on the obverse side and Queen Elizabeth II's image on the reverse. You can buy Canadian Gold Maple Leaf coins in a wide variety of weights, from 1/25 oz all the way up to 1 ounce, giving investors with different budgets plenty of options to choose from.



Chinese Gold Panda Coins: The Chinese Gold Panda is a 24-karat gold coin produced by the People's Bank of China. It's a favorite among collectors because its design changes yearly. The obverse side features the Temple of Heaven, while the reverse side features a panda design that has differed every year since its first production in 1983. You can buy Chinese Gold Panda coins in the widest variety of weights on this list anywhere from 1/20 oz all the way up to 1 kilogram.



The bottom line is that investing in gold coins can be an effective way to protect your portfolio from losses and hedge against inflation. Each of the coins mentioned above are great options to consider for investors looking to add the precious metal to their portfolio and perhaps also enjoy the satisfaction of building a collection. Of course, before making any investment decision, it's important to do your own research, consider your investment goals and risk tolerance and speak with a financial advisor for customized guidance based on your individual financial situation.



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Historic gold nugget on display in Leadville by: Matt Renoux August 29, 2023

One of the largest gold nuggets ever found in Colorado is on display at the National Mining Hall of Fame and Museum. LEADVILLE, Colo. — The National Mining Hall of Fame and Museum, in Leadville, has had a busy summer, preparing its newest exhibit for the public.

"It's called Leadville Thirst for Gold and it just opened a few weeks ago," curator Jordan Bennett said.

The collection of artifacts tells the story of the origins of mining in Leadville.

"The expansion of the business in Leadville to support the expanding city and various mines and smelters," said Bennett.

"All told through local objects and illustrated newspapers."

It's a story that's also told with a gold nugget that's at the center of the exhibit, called the Little Johnny Nugget.

"Little" is relative because at 24 ounces, it's one of the biggest gold nuggets you can find in Colorado.

"The significance of this gold is more than just the weight itself, but the history behind it and the type of gold which is crystalline gold," said Bennett. "Being 24 ounces means it's one of the biggest gold nuggets we have in Colorado."



Credit: 9News

The gold nugget is preserved and saved, a rare piece given most nuggets were destroyed and melted down. However, this nugget and its story remains, still attracting people like gold did more than 140 years ago.

"Gold just attracts the guests eyes and to see something so close and personable and almost feel like you can touch it, I think they really enjoy that," said Bennett.

The National Mining Hall of Fame and Museum is open seven days a week in Leadville. The Thirst for Gold exhibit will be open for two years.




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