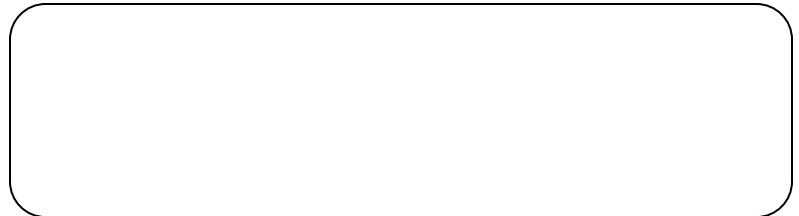


**December 2019**

**Send Exchange Bulletins to:  
Art Fairchild 3795 Orchid Dr.  
Highland, CA 92346  
artfairchild85@gmail.com**



**Web Site: [www.valleyprospectors.org](http://www.valleyprospectors.org)  
Valley Prospectors Inc. PO Box 2923, San Bernardino, CA 92406-2923**

**Next General Meeting: January 30, 2019, at 7:00 PM**

### Mission and Code of Ethics

Valley Prospectors Inc. is an educational organization dedicated  
“To and Promote Gold Prospecting, as a healthy family activity”.  
You’re invited to be our guest at the General membership meetings that is  
held on the last Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm  
in the Knights of Columbus Hall at:  
1729 E. Baseline Street, San Bernardino, Ca... Map is on our website.  
The Board of Directors meeting will be at 6pm before the General  
Meeting at the Knights of Columbus Hall in San Bernardino



### “A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION”

Remember that all prospectors may be judged by the example “You set.” Leave flora and fauna as you found it. “Do Not Destroy Any property, public or private!” “Obey all laws”. Please do not litter,  
\*Each member of Valley Prospectors Inc. should strive to set a good example for others.

## Officers for 2020

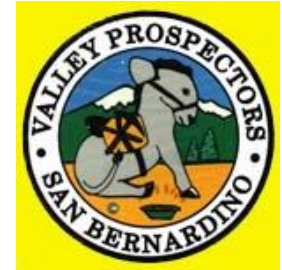
<b>Executive Officers</b>			<b>Chairpersons</b>		
President	Lorraine Frost	760-868-6564	Apparel	Trish Dudley	480-490-0975
Vice President	Steve Schubert	951-943-0535	Blood Bank	Lorraine Frost	760-868-6564
Secretary	Judy Lepper	951-674-3207	Budget	Lorraine Frost	760-868-6564
Treasurer	Vacant		CFMS	Bural LaRue	909-874-5664
			Courtesy	Sue Birrell	
				Diane Railsback	760-954-1915
<b>Board of Directors</b>			Editor	Art Fairchild	951-897-5433
John Bonson	909-794-4401		Asst. Editor	Vacant	
				Garry Devlin	
Dan Cornia	909-797-6111		Finds/Month	Sherry Livingston	951-768-0880
Garry Devlin	951-768-0880		Lady Luck	Albert Naki	909-733-6473
Bob Dudley	480-225-5013		50/50	Sherri Livingston	909-875-2090
Trish Dudley	480-490-0975		Gold Sales	Art Fairchild	951-897-5433
Gene Lepper	951-674-3207		Historian	Corenna Ross	530-274-1838
Sherri Livingston	909-875-2090		Librarian	Vacant	
Jill Molson	909-887-8024		Membership	Andrea Frost	760-868-6564
Mike Muir	909-882-9052		Name Tags	Andrea Frost	760-868-6564
Albert Naki	909-733-6473		Programs	Steve Schubert	951-943-0535
Katherine Naki	909-733-6441		Refreshments	Vacant	
			Outings/Retired during the week	Don Osborne	951-817-0524 714-287-0782
Bruce Sherman	951-780-7715		Claims	Bob Dudley	480-225-5013
<b>Alternates</b>			Show & School Rep.	Steve Schubert	951-943-0535
Stu Luce	909-560-0474				
John Howell	951-247-1037				
Tommy Purscelly	909-820-1898				

### Your VP Board Members For 2020



## **CLAIMS**

**The 2 Burro's Placer Claims** 20 acres  
**Coolgardie Placer Claim Harvey's Oro Rico** 120 acres  
**Gold Venture & Pickett 3 Placer Claims**, 20 acres ea.  
**Hungry man 1, 2, 3, 4 and Chunker Placer Claims** 550 total acres  
**Indian Gulch and Indian Flat Placer Claim** 60 acres  
**Jackass 1, Placer Claims** 160 acres  
**Miner's Folly Placer Claim** 60 acres  
**Moriah Placer Claim** 15 acres  
**Pickett 2 Placer Claim** 30 acres  
**(Cajon Pass) Summit Placer Claim** 60 acres



**SNAKES BEWARE: BE CAREFULL AT ALL OF OUR CLAIMS.**

**CAMPING OVER NIGHT AT COOLGARDIE**

**BE COURTEOUS, BE KIND, PLEASE TURN OFF GENERATORS 11pm & 6am if you can**

### **PREZ SAYS – Lorraine Frost – January 2020**

Welcome to the new decade – 2020. Thank you for re-electing me to be Valley Prospector's President for another year. Thank you to Jack and Dolores Stratton and their team for a wonderful Christmas Party in December. There were over 62 members in attendance. Fun was had by all.

Unfortunately, I had to inform the club of the recent passing of Sue Baranauskas. She suddenly passed away on December 7, 2019. There will be a celebration of her life on January 31, 2020. Please let me know if you need information to attend. You may email [valleyprospectors49@gmail.com](mailto:valleyprospectors49@gmail.com) or call 760-868-6564.

On another note, the club did hold their January 4<sup>th</sup> Board meeting to review the 2019 Accounting books and developed the 2020 budget and a tentative calendar of events for the club in 2020. At the Jan 30<sup>th</sup> meeting, the club members will vote on the proposed 2020 budget. Steve Schubert is our new Vice President, and together we will be working to bring awesome programs each club meeting.

We still have some vacancies in our Board and Committee Chairs. We will need to find a new treasurer, refreshment chair, and librarian. Sue Birrell and Diane Railsback have agreed to be Courtesy, but they will need help in May, September, and October since they will be out of state. Courtesy helps with meeting night check-in and handles the door prizes and name badge tickets. Please let us know how you can help. Refreshment chair makes the coffee, provides juice/water, and gets volunteers to bring light snacks to the meeting. If no one steps up, then we will not have snacks or drinks at the meeting. Mary Schubert has been doing this for many many years and she needs a rest. Bruce Sherman is stepping down as Librarian, again a veteran at this. He has provided the club with a list of all the books in our Library. I will be putting this information on our website. So, if you want to check out a book, you just

need to request it and we can pull it so the materials are available at the next upcoming meeting. So, he has made it possible not to have to lug all those books each meeting – what a great guy! Please consider becoming our Librarian – Bruce has lightened the load for his successor.

Let the New Year begin, and I hope to see many of you at meetings or club outings. Don't hesitate to let me know how we can continue to make our club better and better.

## **Valley Prospectors December 2019 General Meeting and Christmas Banquet**

The Christmas Banquet, Awards and General Meeting was held at the Yucaipa Community Park on Oak Glen Road, Yucaipa CA December 14, 2019.

Valley Prospectors' President Lorraine F. opened the meeting with a Thank You to the caterers "Amador Creations" Noemi & Jorge Amador, Jack & Dolores Stratton, daughter Debbie, Harry and Kelly Crawford, Bob & Trish Dudley.

A tearful Moment of Silence for *Rhonda Sue Baranauskas* who passed away Dec 7, 2019. Sue was a dedicated member of Valley Prospectors', she had been the Treasurer for the past 6 years and was will loved and liked by all.

Ballots and renewal forms were mailed to all members. The Ballot counters are tallying the votes as Lorraine speaks. Thank you to those who are counting the votes: Sue Birrell, Mike Dunkerley, and Ernie Tovar.

Recognition of the 2019 VP Board Members- Liaison Officers 2019/2020 Steve Dowling and Toni Spencer, CFMS- Bural LaRue, Refreshments- Mary Schubert accepted by Steve Schubert (need someone for 2020), Membership- Andrea Frost, Newsletter Editor/Gold Sales- Art Fairchild, Members-at-large Jack Stratton, Dolores Stratton (Courtesy), Bruce Sherman (Library), Steve Schubert (Shows/Schools), Katherine Naki, Albert Naki (Lady Luck), Jill Molson, Trish Dudley (Apparel / Courtesy), Bob Dudley (Claims), Sherri Livingston (50/50 & Finds of the Month) Garry Devlin "Devlin's Diggins" (Finds of the Month), Harry Crawford, Kelly Crawford (Apparel), Judy Lepper (Secretary), Gene Lepper (Vice President), Lorraine Frost (President).

*Prospector of the Year 2019 Tommy Purscelley*

*Treasure Hunter of the Year 2019 Jack Stratton*

*Man of the Year 2019 Bob Dudley*

*Woman of the Year 2019 Dolores Stratton*

Next Board Meeting January 4, 2020 1- 4 PM Native Sons of the Golden West Bldg. 2701 Del Rosa Ave. All members welcome to attend. We will set the outing calendar, auditing the books and miscellaneous items.

Jack Stratton and Harry Crawford drew the door prizes (table decorations) tickets.

Lastly----- the *New 2020 Board Members-at-large* elected by the VP Members ---

Bob Dudley, Mike Muir, Sherri Livingston, Gene Lepper, Katherine Naki, Dan Cornia, Jill Molson, Bruce Sherman, Life Member John Bonson, Albert Naki, Trish Dudley, Garry Devlin, the 3 alternates in order are Stu Luce, John Howell and Tommy Purscelley. President Lorraine Frost remains as President, Outgoing Vice President Gene Lepper is replaced by Steve Schubert, Secretary Judy Lepper remains as Secretary another year, and even though Sue Baranauskas was voted in as Treasurer this position remains open as Sue is deceased.

Committee members – CFMS-Bural LaRue, 50/50 Sherri Livingston, Liaison Steve Dowling & Toni Spencer, Apparel Trish Dudley, Claims Bob Dudley, Membership Andrea Frost, Finds of the Month

Garry Devlin/Sherri L. Wagon Master “DUNK” Mike Dunkerley, Award Chairperson Judy Lepper and Public Relations Steve Schubert. There are still plenty of committee positions that need filling. Please do your part and help.

**The following Executive Board members will be signatories on the Bank of America account: President Lorraine Frost, Vice President Steve Schubert and Secretary Judy Lepper. Sue Baranauskas will be removed as a signatory.**

Meeting closed 1:25 PM. Notes recorded by Judy Lepper 2019/2020 VP Secretary.

## **Valley Prospector’s Inc. Board Meeting Minutes January 4, 2020**

Native Sons of the Golden West 2701 Del Rosa Ave. San Bernardino, CA

Meeting called to order by President Lorraine Frost 1:08 PM

Members and Guest present Lorraine F. Steve S. Judy L. Bob D. Mike M. Sherri L. Gene L. Jill M. Bruce S. Trish D. Garry D. guest - Mary, Mike, Sue, Horst and Joe.

### New Business: Budget and Outing/Event Calendar

A complete review of the proposed budget for 2020- the 2019 budget spending was over more than \$2500. Very few cuts have been made for the new year. However due to the Constitution changes voted on in 2019 to have 100% of the renewal fees applied to the general fund and 100% of the initiation fees applied to the claims funds, it is projected that we can come to a balanced budget if we watch our spending carefully. The revised budget will be voted on at the General meeting January 30<sup>th</sup>. The claims account/budget is in good shape.

The calendar of events for 2020 Mike Dunkerley aka “Dunk” will be the wagon master contact Mike at: [michaeldunkerley52@gmail.com](mailto:michaeldunkerley52@gmail.com), if you have any suggestions. There are still a few months that are vacant. See Newsletter for more outing/event details.

Adjourn: 3:13PM

### **BLOOD BANK NEWS MVP**

THE RAREST TYPE OF BLOOD IS THE TYPE THAT IS NOT AVAILABLE WHEN YOU NEED IT. Let’s help increase the number of Southern California donors - mention “MVP” as our group so you can be counted. Check out the local donation centers at <https://www.lstream.org/>. The need is constant, the process is simple, and the results are priceless. Valley Prospectors - Supporting our Community one donation at a time.

Lorraine Frost, Blood Bank Chairperson (760) 868-6564 <mailto:LFrost35@gmail.com>

**Why is it Important to Give Blood?** What is your type? There are four blood groups: type O positive/O negative, type A positive/A negative, type B positive/B negative, and type AB positive/AB negative

**PLEASE VOLUNTEER TO HELP: CALL STEVE OR LORRAINE**

**JANUARY 18-19 -- SAN BERNARDINO MUSEUM -DEMO ONLY**

**FEBRUARY 15-16 – GPAA IN POMONA,CA.**

**MARCH 7-8 – VENTURA GEM SHOW**

**THANK YOU SEE YOU THERE**

**SUE BARANAUSKAS**

**Rest in Peace**



**It is with a very sad heart that I announce the passing of Sue Baranauskas, our beloved Valley Prospector Treasurer. She left us suddenly on December 7, 2019. Sue was Valley's Treasurer for seven years. She truly kept the books and made sure Valley was financially healthy. Despite the passing of her husband, Don, two years early, she continued to be the backbone of the club. We have a huge hole to fill in our hearts and in the club. A celebration of her life will be on January 31, 2020. Please email [valleyprospectors49@gmail.com](mailto:valleyprospectors49@gmail.com) or call Lorraine Frost at 760-868-6564 for details.**

## MEMBERSHIP – RENEW TODAY

<https://www.valleyprospectors.org/membership/>

Don't forget, your membership dues are due by January 31, 2020. Annual dues are \$40. All memberships expire Dec 31<sup>st</sup>, except Lifetime members, of course. Each current member received a renewal notice along with the annual officer's ballot. If you need a new form, you can find it on the website as noted above. You can also renew online via PayPal (small convenience fee applies). Download the renewal form or submit your renewal online. A late fee applies beginning February 1, 2020. If you need a form mailed to you, call Andrea Frost at 760-868-6564.

Also, when you get your new membership card, please note the updated password to the Members Only website page. It is at the bottom of your receipt. Just below your membership card, which you can punch out. They are very sturdy cards. You will need it to view the claims information, updated Constitution and to apply for a camping permit at our Northern Claims. Soon we will be adding the Library book inventory online. Looking forward to lots of great benefits to our members only. The password to the Members Only website is for current members only. You don't share your underwear, so don't share your password!



### BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Help schools get the extra's they need by saving box tops for education. These labels are on cereal, snack bars, fruit snacks, Kleenex and lots of other products. Please bring to club meeting and give to Mary Schubert

### REFRESHMENTS 2019

**A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO ALL WHO DONATED GOODIES AT ALL OUR MEETINGS FOR THE 2019 YEAR.**

**I WILL BE GIVING UP REFRESHMENTS THIS YEAR TO TAKE A REST. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE COFFEE AT THE MEETINGS PLEASE LET YOUR PRESIDENT KNOW.**

**MARY SCHUBERT**



# “Miners Sales”



## For Sale

**New-never** used Keene Puffer dry washer \$750.00 cash firm

Mad Miner dry washer used twice \$550.00

Contact Tom C. 760 881-9629

I am looking for a used Tesoro Compadre that someone wants to sell. O, I want a beginner metal detector that is lovingly used but not really expensive. I only want it for organized treasure hunts with groups.

Please contact me at [birresus@yahoo.com](mailto:birresus@yahoo.com) or 760)954-1915

Susan Birrell

Thank you.



## Valley Prospectors Calendar of Events 2020

Jan 18-19	<b>San Bernardino County Museum – Old West Days</b>
	Valley Prospectors will be demonstrating Gold Panning from 11 am – 4 pm each day
Jan 30	VP General Meeting – 7 pm
Feb 15-16	<b>GPAA Gold and Treasure Show – Pomona Fairplex</b>
	Sat 10 am – 5 pm Sun 10 am – 4 pm
Feb 27	VP Board Meeting – 6 pm General Meeting – 7 pm
Mar 7-8	<b>Ventura Gem &amp; Mineral Show</b>
Mar 26	VP Board Meeting – 6 pm General Meeting – 7 pm
Mar 27-29	<b>Coolgardie Claims (Barstow)</b>
Apr TBA	<b>Calico (Barstow)</b>
April 30	VP Board Meeting – 6 pm General Meeting – 7 pm
May 28	VP Board Meeting – 6 pm General Meeting – 7 pm
May TBA	<b>Tonopah/Goldfield, Nevada</b>
Jun 5	<b>Lakewood School Program</b>
Jun 25	VP Board Meeting – 6 pm General Meeting – 7 pm
Jun 26-28	<b>Big Bear Claims (Miner's Folly)</b>
Jul 24-26	<b>Big Bear Claims (Miner's Folly)</b>
Jul 30	VP Board Meeting – 6 pm General Meeting – 7 pm
Aug 16-23	<b>VP Northern Claims – RSVP highly recommended</b>
Aug 27	<b>NO MEETING</b>
Sep 19-20	<b>Randsburg Claims (2 Burros) – Old West Days</b>
Sep 24	VP Board Meeting – 6 pm General Meeting – 7 pm
Oct 23-25	<b>VP Rendezvous – Ord Mountains, Barstow</b>
Oct 29	VP Board Meeting – 6 pm General Meeting – 7 pm
Nov 19	VP Board Meeting – 6 pm General Meeting – 7 pm
Nov TBA	<b>Yuma, AZ</b>
Dec 6	<b>VP Christmas Party</b>
	<b>Native Sons of the Golden West, San Bernardino</b>
	<b>11 am – 3 pm</b>