



MILLENNIUM DIGGERS ASSOCIATION Keizer, Oregon



Secretary/Editor: Penny Esplin

PRESIDENT: Ken Orndorff

VICE PRESIDENT: Terrie Fox

TREASURER/MEMBERSHIP: Joe Greene

CLAIMS OFFICER: Claudia Wise

Note from the Penny: Following the minutes report, I have included a few photos from some of our outings.

Meeting Minutes from September 28th, 2017

Call to Order: We all stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Ken called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

Attendance: After everyone had signed in, we had a total of **18** in attendance.

Secretary's Report: Penny reported that the August minutes/newsletter was emailed; most members got it and read it. Claudia made a motion to accept the report, Tim seconded and all approved.

Treasurer's Report: Joe reported all our bills had been paid to BLM and our treasury looks good. Delmon made a motion to accept the report, Penny seconded and all were in favor.

Claims Report: Claudia discussed with us the possibility of adding to our existing claims. We have the resources to locate two more 20 acre claims. Tammy made a motion for us to do so, and Ken seconded. It was discussed and we all approved "Yes" in favor.

Meetings/Outings held in September:

Saturday September 30th, at 11:00am in Sweethome at the Skyline Inn on Hwy 20, local miners met to organize and modernize the "**Santiam Mining District**" following the example set by NSMD; with MMAC advisors and MMAC members, each owning claims in the district. **(The results of meeting will be reported during our next Digger's meeting on Oct 26th)**

The outing September 30th Beverly Beach, Newport they met @ 10:00am in the day use parking lot. Wes and Tammy hosted this event. **(They will give us a report on how it turned out during our Oct. meeting.)**

On October 7th, the Ochoco Mining District held their first meeting; to organize and modernize their district in keeping with MMAC's advice. The meeting was held in Prineville. **(We will hear the report during our Oct meeting)**

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www.mineralsandminingadvisorycouncil.org/USDMM-store.html

or

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-Millennium Digger Members can support MMAC with a Silver Membership of \$30.-

Mark your calendars: Miner's Meadow camp trip scheduled for Thurs June 7th thru Mon June 11th 2018.

Located on Quartzville Creek, Linn County.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION BY JOE!

He delighted us with his slide show from when he and Claudia went on a special gold mining trip they were invited to in Cambodia! They had total VIP treatment while there and were escorted by a group of truly fun loving natives, who assisted them in their escapades. The "hotel" they resided at was phenomenal, more than just a five star inn! We thoroughly enjoyed sharing their recap of their adventure. Those precious memories are the **true gold** they will keep forever. -Claudia also showed us some of the artifacts and souvenirs she got from there; which included a large woven collection basket with shoulder straps that had actually been in use until she bought it. Also, a couple pieces of nice colorful woven fabric that the native Cambodians wear; a jungle hat with a visor and a flap down the back (for protection from the sun and bugs!) And a old army helmet from the Vietnam era conflict. Also shared was samples of gold they located and gemstones.

Break Time and Raffle Ticket Sales: Lots of good stuff on the table and lots of good snacks tonight!

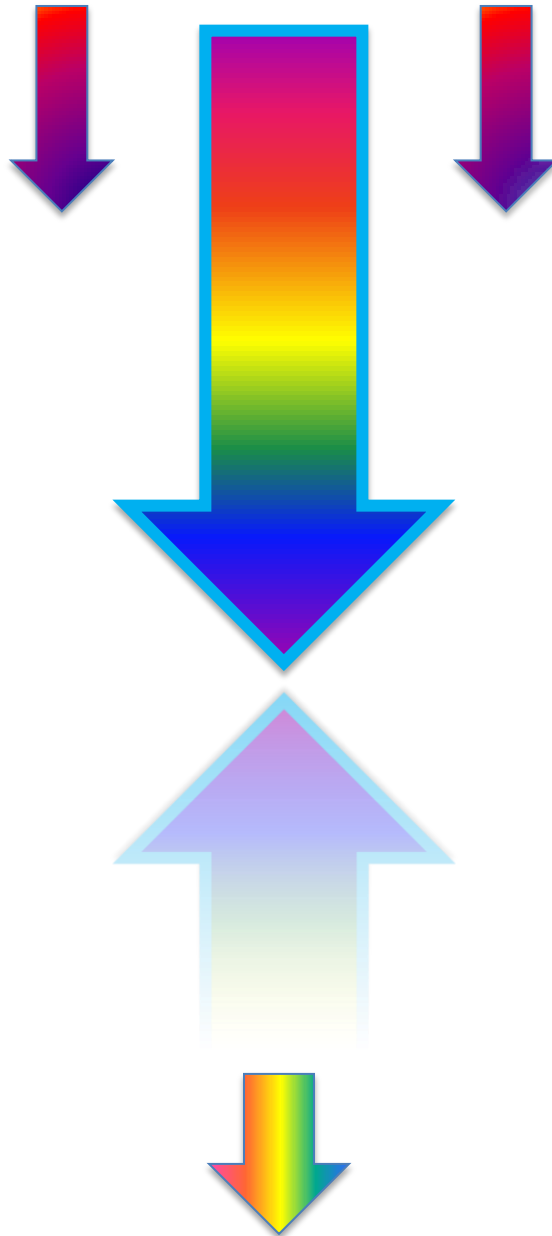
September's Letters are "O and P": *(From Penny: I'm truly sorry, but I can't remember who brought treasures or what they brought (shame on me, I didn't record it).* But I do know what I brought! Some rocks with light green Prehnite, dark green epidote crystals, brilliant green malachite and native copper embedded in the epidote; all together in the host rock. We collected them from a quarry up above Gates. It's a pity, now all the rock in that quarry has been crushed and used on the local logging roads. But if you walk those roads, you may still find some good specimens.

October's Letters are "Q and R"

OUR NEXT MEETING IS Thursday October 26th @ 7:00pm Be There!

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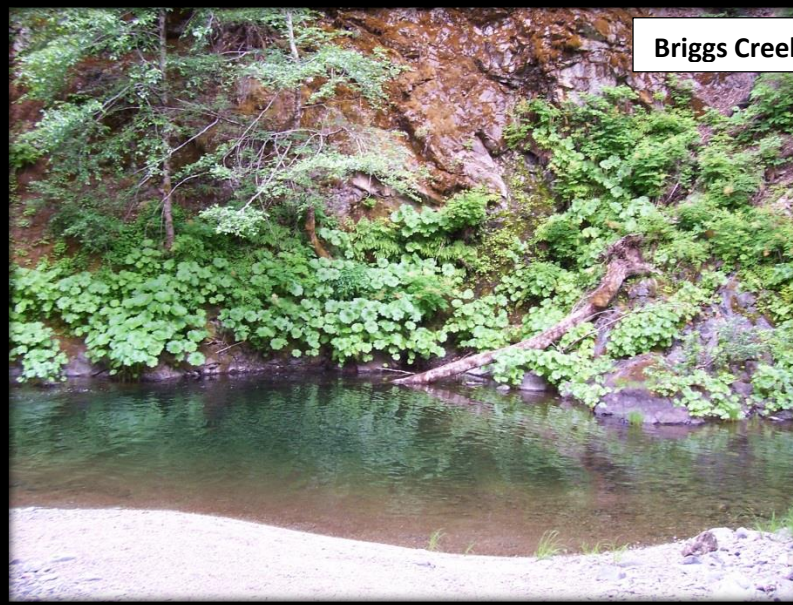
A SHORT PICTORAL SUMMARY OF A FEW OF OUR OUTINGS WITH MILLENIUM DIGGERS

by Penny Esplin

Our first time to Briggs w/WVM. Joe lead the way there, Walt and I joined MDiggers just after. June 2009



Briggs Creek June 2009





During one of our first outings w/Diggers @ S River Rd RR cut fossil beds. Marlea found a jaw bone!



Claudia and Joe at the sunstone desert, all froze up after spending night in this tent. May 2011





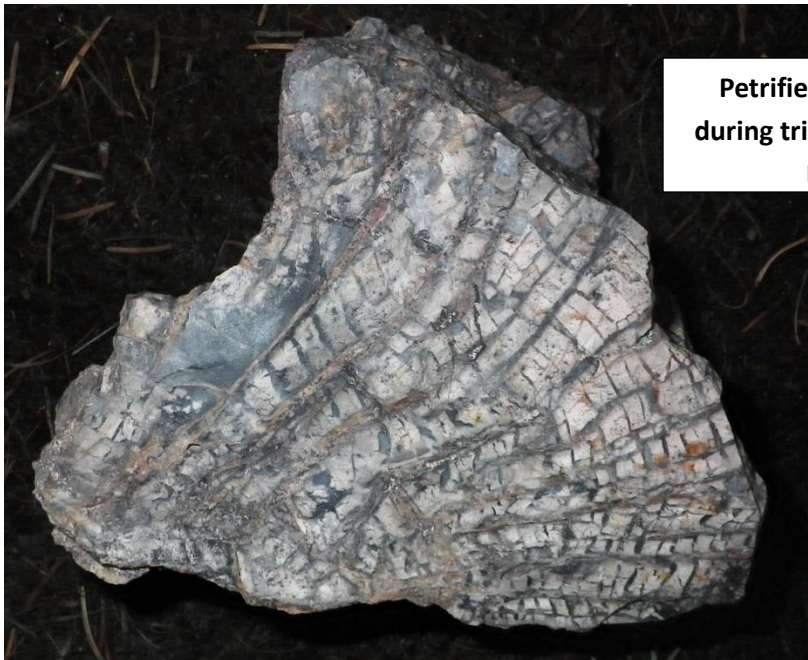
View of Abert Rim and Abert Lake on way to Sunstone desert, west of 395 (we found sunstones here as well) 2011



**Joe and Claudia checking out old rolling mill, one of the relics left behind in Quartzville.
This location is downstream of me and Walt's claim on Dry Gulch. Nov 2011**



Marlea finds a treasure! Metal detecting @Pioneer Park in Stayton 2012



Petrified wood (7"x7") found during trip to Paulina by Crooked River Oct 2012



Crooked River Oct 2012



First Miner's Rally held on steps of capitol in Salem March 2013
Hi Chuck!



Lodi on South Umpqua, Summer 2014



At our Jeeter Creek Claim on LNF of Santiam River 2014



Karen and Penny @ Victor Mine (Karen's) Feb 2015 (super wet day!)



On the metal detecting outing to Glendale w/Walt Evens. Historic hydraulic mining site, recent forest fire burned acres and acres in this area. July 2015



Karen and Claudia during our trek up Soldier Creek then back again. Oct 2015



**AAHH! Jerusalem Cricket (1 ½ ")
dug up while metal detecting by
Briggs Creek. Oct 2015**



Posting our North Santiam Mining District sign. Oct 2016



Taken during recent Miner's Rally
against SB13 (SB838) State
Capitol March 2017

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