

# 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!



What if, while out metal detecting or digging for gold, you unearthed an artifact — something of real historical and cultural importance? Would you know what to do? Each state has rules that govern artifact recovery, and so does the federal government. Keep in mind that even if you are not on state or federal land, there are laws that regulate the collecting of relics on private property, too.



The Federal Bureau of Land Management defines an artifact as "...objects made or used by humans... examples are pottery, baskets, bottles, weapons, arrowheads, rock paintings and carvings. Artifacts also include graves and skeletal materials that are at least 100 years old."

The really big federal law to pay attention to is the Archaeological Resources Protection Act of 1979 (ARPA). This law will be enforced no matter what federal or Indian lands you happen to be on. ARPA covers "archaeological resources" and not mineralogical resources such as gold, silver and other precious and semi-precious minerals. What exactly is an "archaeological resource" you wonder? It's a fancy term for an artifact. [Read more about artifacts here.](#)

## Lower Prices + FREE Shipping on Fisher F75 and 1280-X Metal Detectors



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## Nugget of Knowledge

### Mining Claim Holder Rights

A mining claim gives the claim holder the right to the locatable minerals and metals on that claim. The general public is not allowed to explore for or collect valuable locatable minerals or metals on a valid mining claim, even though the land is still federally owned. But, owning a claim does not give the owners the right to bar the public from free access to the area— unless you can prove the need to prevent public access because of a hazardous condition. A hazard might include the use of heavy equipment, an open excavation, or a settling pond. Under these conditions, you would not want anyone wandering your claim due to safety concerns.

### Lower Price on NEW Gold Claw

almost never happens... a manufacturer actually LOWERING prices on their top selling metal detectors! But it's true... Fisher lowered prices on their [F75](#) (now only \$599) and the submersible [1280-X](#) (now only \$629). **Both ship FREE!** The Fisher F75 is the industry's premier general purpose metal detector and is recommended for coin shooting, relic hunting, beach hunting, and gold prospecting. The Fisher 1280X is responsible for revolutionizing the sport of water hunting. It's built like a tank, submersible to 250 feet, and you can pole, hip or chest mount the control box to make it very versatile in water and on land. Want to compare to other Fisher detectors? [Click here to shop for Fisher.](#)

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## Don't Miss the March GPAA Gold Shows!

Make plans this month to attend a GPAA Gold & Treasure Show in Phoenix, Puyallup, or Portland! No matter if you're a beginner or an old-timer, Gold Prospectors Association of America expos 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 equipment, attend free seminars, ask questions of the pros, and enter to win thousands of dollars in door prizes. Also on the show floor are panning troughs for both kids and adults where you can learn new techniques— and keep all the gold you find! Saturday show hours 10 am - 5 pm and Sundays 10 am - 4 pm in these cities this month:

- **Phoenix, AZ March 11-12**
- **Puyallup, WA March 18-19**
- **Portland, OR March 25-26**

[Get full Spring 2017 show schedule and other information here.](#)

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## WARNING! It's Snake Season!

Don't take a chance when in snake country! Affordable snake bite protection is available in many sizes and colors to fit the entire family— gaiters, chaps, and boots. Some years are worse than others when it comes to rattlesnake, copperhead and water moccasin encounters. When temperatures rise,



snakes seek shelter in shady areas under rocks, log piles, old mining equipment, in vegetation— exactly the types of places where gold prospectors and metal detectorists are hunting! Poisonous pit vipers can strike at a target up to two-thirds of their body length, so even hiking in snake country can pose a problem if you accidentally step near or startle a snake. Don't take a chance! Protect yourself from snake bite, painful cacti needles, thorns, and other dangers while prospecting, gold mining, hiking, hunting, and enjoying the great outdoors! [Snake Bite Protection here.](#)

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## History Nugget: Lost Dutchman Gold Mine

## Panning Kit \$49.95



The Gold Claw pan is a true gold panning break through! The average person spends 5-10 minutes panning one pan full of material. The Gold Claw pan takes less than 30 seconds! And what's better is that the manufacturer just LOWERED the price from \$64.95 to \$49.95. In addition to the pan, the Kit contains a 2 oz snuffer bottle to suck up your gold, a scoop for feeding your Gold Claw, an LED magnifier, a small empty vial, and also a vial of practice panning gravel containing REAL GOLD! Improve your panning skills with the Gold Claw. [Watch Gold Claw videos here.](#)

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## Rock Crushers Help Get Gold



Rocks are rocks, unless they contain valuable minerals, metals, or elements. When a rock has values in it, it's then called ore. In order to liberate the minerals, it needs to be crushed down. In days of yore, a stamp mill was the primary form of crushing rock, but nowadays you can choose from small hand held samplers to big impact mills. They all have their own pros and cons --



Arizona's Superstition Mountains have been a source of mystery and legend since ancient times, beginning with the Native Americans who left behind cliff dwellings and unusual petroglyphs. In the 1840s, the Peralta family from Mexico supposedly developed a rich gold mine, but during one of their trips back to Mexico with a lot of gold, all but a couple of family members were killed by Apaches. Over the years, a number of prospectors were rumored to have found the Peralta Mine, but one disaster or other seemed to occur before a good map was made, or before a claim was filed. In the 1870s, Jacob Waltz "the Dutchman" (actually from Germany) was said to have located this "lost mine" and hid caches of gold in the Superstitions, especially near Weaver's Needle, which is a well known rock formation. Before his death in 1891, Waltz allegedly described the mine's location to a neighbor who had cared for him during his illness. But neither the neighbor nor dozens of others were able to locate the Lost Dutchman Gold Mine. Subsequent gold seekers have met with foul play or even death, contributing to the legends surrounding the Superstition Mountains. If you're a treasure hunter and like a challenge, supposedly the lost mine and plenty of gold is still waiting to be discovered in a hidden canyon. But even if you never find the mine, you can still get great views of the mountains from 320-acre Lost Dutchman State Park in Apache Junction (shown in photo).



There has never been a better time to get involved in the Modern Day Gold Rush! Visit [GoldRushTradingPost.com](http://GoldRushTradingPost.com) today to find great prices on equipment and supplies that make gold prospecting, metal detecting, and rock hounding easier, faster, and much more fun! **FREE SHIPPING in continental USA when you spend \$350!**

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