

SW Washington Gold Prospectors Club Newsletter

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Hello Fellow Prospectors,

As president of the Southwest Washington Gold Prospectors, I'd like to say a huge thank you to the board members and the entire body. Things are really getting exciting, as we're only two months away from the Gold show.

Plans are coming together, teamwork and comradery are building friendships and strengthening our resolve. Our focus is on task, and we still have work to do. Join us this Feb 8th, it's not too late to get in on all the fun. There will be Sign-Up sheets for Volunteering at the Show.

Bring the family, that's what it's all about.
Looking forward to seeing you all again soon.

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Upcoming Activities

2015

February 8th, 11am Board meeting at Grange Hall

February 8th, 1pm Regular Meeting at Grange Hall

March 1st, 1pm Board Meeting at Grange Hall

MAR 8th DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME, "Spring Forward"

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GOLD SHOW

March 27th, Set-Up
March 27-28, SHOW
10am to 4pm

Advance tickets \$5 At-the-Door \$10

Children under 12 FREE

Active Military & Veterans FREE with ID

CORRECTION Our MEETING IS

FEBRUARY 8TH



Valentines Raffle Ladies get a

FREE ticket!

NEW Childrens' Raffle!

3-Month "Investors" Raffle!

FEBRUARY EDUCATION

Black Sand Magic, by Guest Speaker and SWWGP Board Member David Conti

with Surprise Guest Speaker and a new invention??!

We Need all of Us for Upcoming Educational Events

Feb 27-28- Kids Panning Demonstrations and Gold Show Ticket Sales
March 1st Willamette Valley Sportsman's Show, Albany OR
Feb 28 Gold Show Ticket Sales, Puyallup WA Bedrock Prospectors Winter Festival, Chili Feed, and Treasure Hunt
March 28-29 Gold and Treasure Show, Portland Expo Center
May 2nd Panning Demonstrations, Kids "Take it Outside" event, Coos Bay OR



Wouldn't you like a nice Name Badge? !!

It has the Club Logo and Your Name

Members \$6.00 each

Board Members \$7.00 each

Please bring your money to our meeting Sunday Feb 8th

2015 Education Planned

Our 2015 Education Committee with Steve Lewin at the helm, has scheduled education at each club meeting through June. Our board of directors has gotten the message from you that we need more Education: for our members and for the general public. So we're starting out the new year right. Here's the schedule so far:

February	Black Sand Magic	David Conti, SWWGP Board Member
March	Metal Detecting	Bob Mote, NW Detector Sales
April	Dig Your Target-Metal Detecting	Marvin Kruger SWWGP Board Member
May	How to Build a Bucket Fixture	Dale Long SWWGP Board Member
June	Reading the River for Gold	Discussion plus interactive display

Club Store

PRICE LIST Regular

GPAA Membership Kit \$84.50

14" GPAA GOLD PAN \$6.00
(retails for \$10.95) (Green)

SCOOP \$4.00
(retails for \$9.95)

SNUFFER BOTTLE \$2.50
(retails for \$2.99)

Black Sand MAGNET \$7.00
(retails for \$8.95)

Classifier Kit \$20.00
Base is a 1" Classifier
with a 1/2" Screen, and a 1/4" Screen
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I was stunned.



Members in rapt attention...

It was at the South West Washington Gold Prospectors Club meeting at the Minnehaha Grange hall alright, but it was not the type of presentation I was used too!

I get told we are sound financially, which is a good thing. We have opportunities alongside the responsibilities to the club, and we will need to be ready to roar! I see the growth of our club and it's message of stewardship, cooperation and education as being the very type of organization I need to belong too. With an elected youth stewardship/advisor, and myself a past-life youth counselor, I get a great deal of honor being associated with the next organization to lead our troubled families into the natural world of adventure, service, stewardship.

I learned about a Briggs family discovery, which was fraught with all the normal kinds of human nature events we all stumble through, and literally stumbled upon. Pocket Gold sounds sexy, like rocket gold or some-such... but the take-away was: **pay attention to where you are, what you are standing on, and always be 'deserving and ready for the riches of the universe to land upon you'.**

Randy, Steve, Ken, Linda and I see our future is tied to the introduction of our families to the healthy, contagious, exciting, educational work which is prospecting. In so many ways, prospecting embodies the very spirit of our country. Self reliance. Self governance.

We as a people are at times impatient, as the world attempts to catch up to our national brand of morality: loving and supportive. Style. It is both good and fair, and we can stand tall knowing that as a country, we support more healthy and loving efforts abroad each year. I don't know what the immediate result of our current efforts will be, but I know that our noise attracts a lot of folks who yearn for a chance to be free in a country where we tolerate diversity for the benefit of the society as a whole, and to encourage participation by all in the grandest experiment of all time, the United States of America!

I know that turmoil in the world effects us and our neighbors, and although our club is intentionally non-political, we are helping to lead our friends (everywhere- thanks to the internet!) and neighbors to a better way of experiencing life. Not a costly journey, but a personal path which will lead to better social awareness, closer friends, endearing personalities and a long lived dedication to finding our gold. Whether you are cleaning streets or creating a product, society values EACH and EVERY one of us as individuals. I read some good books over the holidays, and they all seemed to point in the same direction, in their humanity. I sensed something deeper in our struggles to understand what we are doing here, now, and today. I sensed a deeply moving spirit of acceptance of what was as the past, and to learn from, and be nourished by past events, incorporating appropriate relief valves or "perspective builders" into our culture. Gold prospectation, in it's most humble form, is an '**aha!**' moment we all need. a relief valve, per se.

I ask that you take the time, now or very soon, to tell others about our club. Share our Gold and Gem Show event proudly, offering tickets at half-price! I support you in my efforts on the web pages, and you are worth my effort! Dave Fritz

Visit our website at www.SWWGoldProspectors.org



And On Facebook: **Southwest Washington GoldProspectors**

All interested parties are invited to attend one of our monthly meetings.

There will be opportunities to learn about prospecting laws, methods, and equipment as well as some hands-on practice.

Go on outings to enjoy the pleasures of the outdoors and prospect for gold.

Become a member of one of the newest chapters of the Gold Prospectors Association of America.

All memberships are individual. There is no fee or age requirement.

Join in the Fun!

Southwest Washington Gold Prospectors

Meets 2nd Sunday every month at 1:00 pm

Minnehaha Grange Hall No. 164

4905 NE St Johns Rd, Vancouver WA

For more information, call Steve Lewin at 971-212-5996



Steve Lewin and Rick Beehler went up to Copper Creek last week. They are excellent stewards of the land and claims. And picked over a hundred bottles and cans, plastic, trash, etc. In 2015 our whole Club will be involved in maintaining near-by Gold Claims. Thanks!



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