

# South West Washington Gold Prospectors June 2017 Newsletter

## Letter from the President

As you all know I work on a lot of things for our Chapter. Some outings and events I am able to attend and some not. We have a lot of capable leaders in our group and I am asking you to come up with and lead an event/outing.

I have been working on the 2018 Gold and Treasure show with the GPAA and we are ready to rock n roll. We will be holding our first committee meeting the last week-end of June. SWWGP is hosting this show along with the chapters from Oregon and Washington. Our goal is to make this the best show, so plan on attending the meeting, come with your ideas, we have a great team and GPAA is giving us a lots of room to try new ideas out. All the Chapter are eager to get to work on this. I will let you know a time, date, and place for our first meeting.

Sign up sheets for the committee will be on the back sign in table.

Your President  
Debbie Witcher  
360-695-3215



## Membership Committee

When you are signing in for attendance at the SWWGP meeting please be sure to verify name spelling, correct address w/zip code, e-mail address and phone number. If you are a current GPAA/ LDMA member be sure to let us know and give us your GPAA/LDMA membership number.

We are in the process of updating our records.  
Thank you for you help,  
Richard Pluff Jr.  
503-957-6884  
[magiedrag-on1956@hotmail.com](mailto:magiedrag-on1956@hotmail.com)

## RE-THREADS PROGRAM

We need to give a big thanks to Columbia Sportswear and Jeff Wooldridge for the donated items. Jeff made the arrangements for the garments and with the help of Jim Erickson, Ken Didier, and Ron Koppi who help load the items. They went to Portland intending to load a total of 3 pallets (approx.. 48 boxes) but when they arrived at Columbia Sportswear they gave us 10 pallets. This is clothing from the re-threads program.

We want to also thank Preston Griffin and Rick Holt who were willing to go with Jeff and group to help.

## Outing Ideas

Is there something you would like to see our Chapter members Do? Want to take a field trip or outing you think might be of interest to other members? Let us know. Send me an e-mail or call me at 360-695-3215 and lets see what we can do. Debbie Witcher.

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Other committees will be formed as needed. Please let Debbie Witcher know if your name was missed or if you would like to serve.			
Committees to be filled: Bylaws / Laws and Regulations			

<b>GPAA Points</b>	Bob Brown	360-576-0213	photogal101@comcast.net
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### HOLLYWOOD ROCK RANCH

We have scheduled an additional outing for Aug. Dennis Witcher will be leading an outing to the Hollywood Rock Ranch on AUG. 19<sup>th</sup>. The ranch is located in Sweet Home Oregon and features petrified woods and limb casts. The Ranch is closing to the public and we made arrangements with them for our Chapter members. Limb casts are around \$2 a lb. discounted if we have 10 or more members. Don't miss the opportunity to join the hunt. Contact Dennis for more info. Sign up sheet at the sign in table.

### Sign Up Sheets

Sign up sheets for all activities, events, committees, etc. are at the back table where you sign in for the meeting. If you have any questions there are chapter members available at the table to assist you.

### LICENSE PLATE HOLDER

Don't forget I need you slogan entry for the license plate holder. Winner of the contest will get a prize. We have 4 entries so far, and we will vote on the slogan at our next meeting.

### OUTINGS LEADERS

We need people to select and take charge of some outings. We have a long list to choose from or come up with one of your own. Being in charge is not time conduming and is fun. Contact Debbie for info and help

### FREE BUSTIN' BEDROCK DVD'S

Pick up your free DVD courtesy of GPAA. Those lucky raffle winners from last month who picked as a raffle prize, see me for an additional gift. Debbie



### Buy, Sell, Trade

Parts of 2 blue bowls, parts of 2 dredges, 2 sluice boxes and hose, Newer, looks to be unused hi-banker with pump and 50 ft of hose.

Contact Dennis with questions 695-3215. He is helping Gene and Walter Jensen sell these items.

Have something to sell or give away?

Looking for something to buy?

This is a free service to our Chapter members.

Call Mark Matilla at 360-609-6813 or [chipper49@outlook.com](mailto:chipper49@outlook.com)

### Collection for Veterans

We are continuing to collect food, toiletries, warm clothes for veterans. Pet food for their animals. Please bring your donations. Boxes will be provided.



We are still collecting clothing, food, etc. for our local veterans donate and get a raffle ticket entry in volunteer awards drawing.  
See Debbie

### Committee Members Needed

Just a reminder that we need additional committee members for the following:

- Outings
- Education
- Hospitality
- Picnic/holiday dinner
- Bar-B-Que and special events
- Membership
- Sargent at arms/safety
- Set up/tear down
- Sunshine and flowers

Please consider helping out.

All have Chairpersons but do need a few more folks to help.

### Club Name Tags

Any club members that would like a plastic name Tag made for them can place an order at the next meeting.

Cost is 7.00 for each tag that includes up to 2 lines of engraving.

Questions?

Contact David Conti

[user764554@aol.com](mailto:user764554@aol.com)

360-256-0892



### SWWGP MONTHLY MEETING

The Southwest Washington Gold Prospectors' meetings are the second Sunday of every month beginning at **2:00 pm** at:  
Minnehaha Grange Hall #164  
4905 Northeast St Johns Road  
Vancouver, Washington

All interested parties are invited to attend the monthly meetings. There will be opportunities to learn about prospecting laws, methods and equipment as well as hands-on demonstrations and practice. There are also outings to enjoy the pleasures of gold prospecting and the great outdoors.

Become a member of the Southwest Washington Chapter of the Gold Prospectors' Association of America. GPAA membership is not required to be a member and SWWGP membership is FREE!

For information contact:  
Debbie Witcher – Chapter President,

[ddwitcher@yahoo.com](mailto:ddwitcher@yahoo.com) or  
360-695-3215 or visit  
[www.swwgoldprospectors.org](http://www.swwgoldprospectors.org)

### 3 Month Raffle

Tickets will be available at this month's meeting.

Winners will be drawn at the July 16, picnic, need not be present to win. Tickets are 6 for \$5. Must have a readable name and phone number on it. If we can't read it it will be thrown out. You will have 30 days to claim your prize.

Raffle prizes are:

Danner Boot certificate

Thrive life food package

\$50 dollar dirt bag from Roaring Camp

Miller Table

Pepsi stadium cooler/backpack with goodies

Gemstone necklace

Gold nugget

### Golden Volunteer Awards Raffle

Below is a sample list of some of the activities that you will receive a raffle ticket for.

Albany sportsmans show

Puyallup gold show

2016 Picnic

Holiday dinner

BI-Laws committee

Get the lead out (Each event)

Harvest Fair

Our gold show

Gold show committee

Donation to chapter, and/or veterans

Lead an outing, ie beach, Polka Dot mine

Daybreak

Cook at an outing

Something over and above

Newsletter submission

Getting a vendor for the gold show

Getting a chapter sponsor

Have something in mind? see Debbie

### PICNIC

Be sure to sign up for our annual picnic held at Lewisville Park, Dogwood Shelter, 10-5 ish.

The chapter will provide the meet, buns, condiments, and dinnerware.

Sign up sheet at the membership sign in table.

Sign for what you are bringing and how many are attending from your family. (need to know the number of children). Dogwood shelter, Lewisville Park 10-5ish.

Contact Jeanne Gieg or Debbie Witcher concerning food and any questions.

**AUGUST MEETING IS CANCELED!!!!!!!!!! PLEASE MAKE A NOTE OF THIS.**

**3 MONTH RAFFLE**

Our 3 month raffle is under way and you can purchase tickets at ther meetings and the picnic. The tickets will be drawn at this years picnic. You do not have to be present to win. Be sure your name and phone # are on the ticket and that we can read it. If we can not read it, it will be thrown out.

Prizes are :

- Danner certificate approx. value is \$400.
- \$50 dirt bag from Roaring Camp.
- Thrive life package donated by Valerie Coy.
- Miller Table donated by American Mining Supply.
- Pepsi Stadium cooler/back pack donated by Scott Long.
- Gold Nugget
- One of a kind gemstone necklace donated by Steve and Edna Nelson.
- Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5.
- Remember proceeds go to help support the Chapter

**AWARDS**

Our awards program has started after last yrs. Picnic. I want to make sure everyone gets the credit due them so please check the following list and make sure you name is on it. If not please sign for the event etc. so we can make sure you get an entry.  
I have the Albany Sportsman show Puyallup Gold show and the Portland / Vancouver Gold Show sign in sheets with the names on them.  
Also let me know if I missed and event etc.  
For outings only the person taking the lead will get an entry.  
Events like the Harvest Fest, get the lead out, etc. (something benefiting the community and or the Chapter) everyone gets a ticket, the leader gets 2.

**EVENTS**

- Get the lead out 2016 and 2017
- Bi-laws committee
- Gold Show Committee Harvest Fest
- Beach clean up 2016 and 2017

- Over and Above
- Help with Christmas Dinner
- Cook Bar-b-que
- Raffles
- Kitchen fill in

**OUTINGS**

- Beach 2016 and 2017
- Whites trip
- Polka-a-dot 2016/2017
- Daybreak 2017
- Lewisville 2016/2017
- Burnt River

- DONATIONS**
- Display case
  - raffle prizes
  - Veterans

Add what you need or think should be there:  
Check to make sure you get credit for what you have done.  
We have 25 gold awards so far, so lets get you entries in!!!



## Buy Sell Trade

D&K 2.5 inch (necked to 2 inch) for \$1100



Auto panner is a Desert Fox for \$175



Call Tom Fest 360 465 2393







1) the Ridgid for all \$65.00

2) the dredging stuff all 4"

4" jet flare

4" power jet

4" foot valve w/strainer

4" swivel tip

All for \$500.00 or best offer.

If you have any questions i can be reached either by email [kaycbear99@gmail.com](mailto:kaycbear99@gmail.com) or 360-449-2714

### May 2017 SWWGP General Meeting Minutes

7 guests

89 in attendance

Secretary report was read , motion was made to accept and passed

Treasurers report was read, motion was made to accept and passed

Ken is submitting our yearly gambling filing with the state or Or.

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Randy reported out on the last get the lead out outing

Daniel reported out on safety for high running rivers and weather conditions

Wallet sized medical cards were made available for everyone to carry

Debbie reported out on the Las Vegas summit

Paperwork has been submitted for next years gold and treasure show

GPAA has 6 positions available to work with the Wa state director

The above and beyond raffle will be held at this years raffle

Slogan contest for license plate frames, winner to be announced at the Jun meeting

Next July there is a joint AKAU outing with the midvalley chapter. Price is 1300 per person

Leads are needed for outings

Polka dot mine outing is Jun 17th

The board voted adopt the Yellow Jacket, Easy Pickins, and the Direct 1 claims. And to work on having a committee formed.

Jeff reported on the Columbia sportswear re-thread program to help out on clothing donations.

Rodney reported out on the beach mining outing.

Next meeting at 2 o'clock on July 9th, 2017



## 2017 Calendar of Activities

### January 2017

### February

### March

17-19 Puyallup Show  
17-19 Portland/ Gold Show  
28th Newsletter info due

### April

9th Chapter Meeting  
24th Newsletter info due

### May

14th Chapter Meeting  
19-21 Cape Disappointment  
29th Newsletter info due

### June

2-5 Baker LDMA joint outing  
11th Chapter Meeting  
17-18 Polka Dot Mine  
Newsletter info due

### July

9th Chapter Meeting  
16th Picnic  
24th Newsletter info due  
28th—Aug. 11th Nome trip

### August

1-11 Nome trip  
13th Chapter Meeting **Cancelled**  
19th Hollywood Rock Ranch  
28th Newsletter info due

### GPAA Oregon/Washington Chapters

Auburn — Auburn Green River Valley Gold Prospectors — 3rd Thursday, 7:00 pm. River Estates Club House, 3611 I St NE, Auburn, WA (253-833-2255)

Bremerton — Western Washington Prospectors 2nd Saturday, 1:00 pm., Elm Lutheran Church, 5911 E Hillcrest Dr., Port Orchard, WA (360-830-4613)

Brownsville — Mid Valley Prospectors — 1st Sunday, 1:30 pm. Brownsville Fire Department, 600 E Blakely Ave, Brownsville, OR (541-990-5148)

Everett— Everett Gold Prospectors 2nd Friday, 7:00 pm., Silver Lake-Alfy's Pizza, 9620 19th Ave, Everett, WA

Longview — Fire Mountain Prospectors — 3rd Saturday, 10:00 am., Bob's Sporting Goods, 1111 Hudson St., Longview, WA (360-274-3396)

Portland — Portland Gold Prospectors, Inc. 3rd Sunday, 12:00 pm., Milwaukie Grange, 12015 SE 22nd, Milwaukie, OR (503-258-8553)

Vancouver — Southwest Washington Gold Prospectors — 2nd Sunday, 2:00 pm. Minnehaha Grange 4905 NE St Johns Road, Vancouver, WA (360-695-3215)

### 2017 Oregon/Washington Rock & Mineral Shows

June  
16-18—REEDSPORT, OREGON: Annual show; Lower Umpqua Gem & Lapidary Society, Reedsport, OR; 451 Winchester Avenue; Fri. 10-5, Sat. 10-5

22-25—MADRAS, OREGON: Annual show; All Rockhounds Pow Wow Club of America, Madras, Oregon; Jefferson County Fairgrounds; Thu. 9-6, Fri. 9-6, Sat. 9-6, Sun. 9-2

30-Jul 2—EUGENE, OREGON: Wholesale and retail show; Gem Faire Inc, Lane County Events Center; 796 W 13th Ave; Fri. 12-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5

### July

7-9—PORTLAND, OREGON: Wholesale and retail show; Gem Faire Inc, Oregon Convention Center; 777 NE MLK Jr Blvd; Fri. 12-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5

15-16—DARRINGTON, WASHINGTON: Annual show; Darrington Rock and Gem Club, Mansford Grange; 1265 Railroad Avenue; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5

21-23—TENINO, WASHINGTON: Annual show; Washington Agate and Mineral Society, Parkside Elementary School; 301 Central Avenue E; Fri. 9-6, Sat. 9-6, Sun. 9-5









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Gold Claw		

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