

SOUTH WEST WASHINGTON GOLD PROSPECTORS

NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2018



Everyone is welcome to our next board and general meetings on Sunday October 14th.

The board meeting will start at 12:30 and the general meeting will start at 2:00.



Membership Committee

When signing in for attendance at the SWWGP meeting please be sure to verify name, address, and phone number. If you are a current GPAA/ LDMA member be sure to give us your membership number. Let Mark know if you are not receiving chapter emails.

Edna Nelson
503-307-0852

Presidents Message

I am going to do a quick educational project for you at this meeting. We have a lot going on now and are getting into our busy time of the year. People are finishing up vacations, back to school, and getting ready for the holidays. Please take advantage of all the chapter has to offer you. See you at the meeting. Bring your appetite for the bar b que!!



Security

Just a reminder that we need help on the security committee. Steve Keesse and his helpers are doing a fantastic job but they need some help. You are here for the meeting so why not help is setting up table and chairs etc. See Steve or Debbie to volunteer

Holiday dinner

Our holiday dinner/ meeting is fast approaching
Please start thinking about what you would like to bring for our holiday celebration. Set the 2nd Sunday of Dec aside for this special meeting. We will have a signup sheet at the table for you to sign up, let us know how many you are bringing

Executive Board	(Elected)		
President	Debbie Witcher	360-695-3215	ddWitcher@yahoo.com
Vice President	Jeff Wooldridge	360-694-7557	harmonicajeff@msn.com
Secretary	Mark Mattila	360-609-6813	chipper49@outlook.com
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Board of Directors	(Elected)		
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	Jim Erickson	360-260-3225	aerickson@q.com
	Jeanne Gieg	360-673-3179	jeannegieg@gmail.com
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	Preston Griffin	360 903 2054	griff11546@gmail.com
	Sandy Croonquist	503-661-5529	exetor1325@comcast.net
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Assistant	Maurine Koppi	360-254-9309	koppi@comcast.net
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Picnic, Holiday Dinner	Jeanne Gieg	360-673-3179	jeannegieg@gmail.com
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	Norm Erickson	503-801-1452	None
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	Bob Brown	360-576-0213	photogal01@comcast.net
	Jeff Wooldridge	360-694-7557	harmonicajeff@msn.com
Sunshine	Anne Erickson	360-260-3225	aerickson@q.com
T-Shirts	Maurine Koppi	360-254-9309	koppi@comcast.net
Webmaster	Dennis Clevenger	360-281-6338	dennisc@pacifier.com
Historian	Jeff Wooldridge	360-694-7557	harmonicajeff@msn.com
Assistant	Deborah Lee	360-624-6565	deborah35@me.com
Gold Buyer	Preston Griffin	360 903 2054	griff11546@gmail.com
Other committees will be formed as needed. Please let Debbie Witcher know if your name was missed or if you would like to serve.			

GPAA Points	Bob Brown	360-576-0213	photogal01@comcast.net
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Awards	Debbie Witcher	360-695-3215	ddwitcher@yahoo.com
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LINKS

Website: www.SWWGoldProspectors.org

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/SWwashingtonGoldProspectors>

Gold and Fish Book: <https://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/mining/>

EDUCATION



If you have a topic or idea for future education or would even like to share your knowledge on a topic or piece of equipment please let Mark know.

Very thin sheets of gold may appear greenish blue because gold strongly reflects red and yellow

Some of the signs on our claims are pretty weather beaten and one is gone. Preston is working on appropriate replacements

The October safety presentation will be on ladder safety

TRICK
OR
TREAT

BUS TRIP

Our bus trip to Chinook was a success even though we only had 27 folks on board.

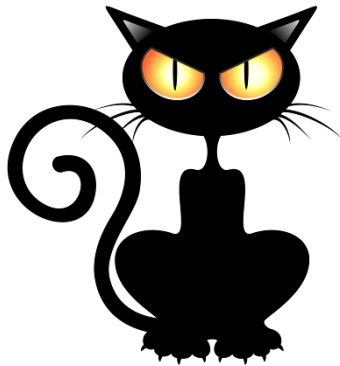
It was an eventful trip since the speaker system on the bus did not work. Tom Fest took over calling the bingo numbers. Thanks Tom!!!

Our thanks to Amy Wright and Tina for providing many of the raffle prizes. Thanks also to Tina for the snacks as well a big thanks to both Scott and Tina Long and to Sandi Croonquest for selling raffle tickets. Jim and Ann Erickson recorded the raffle number so we are in compliance with the gambling regulations.

We had lots of raffle prizes, 50 of them. Everything from gold to mining supplies, Danner supplies, Halloween decorations, to wine and champagne and glasses. Again Chinook Winds gave us 3 baskets with lots of goodies.

Jim and Ann Erickson won \$88 dollars on the 50/50 raffle.

GOLD SHOW MEETING



The first 2019 gold show planning meeting will be on Sunday Oct. 28th 2018 at 1 o'clock. At Elmers on Sandy Blvd. Please sign up to help get the planning started. You may want to car pool parking is a little limited. The Portland chapter is to take the lead on this show and it is important that we give them all the help we can and all work as a group to make this show a success. Bring your ideas and observation from past shows.

COMMITTEE REPORT

Store: Everything is going well, is there something special you want? Let Dennis W know

Education: Short presentation by Debbie W

Gold show. Planning meeting scheduled for Sunday Oct. 28th 1 o'clock at Sandy Blvd Elmers . Back Room.

OCTOBER POT LUCK

We will be having a memorial pot luck and life celebration at our Oct. meeting. Our own "Chef Jeff" will be bar-b-queing again.

The chapter will provide meat, buns, condiments and tableware. Please bring a dish or 2 and put you name on your items. Do not bring chips as they also will be provided.

This is an opportunity for all of us to remember those members who have passed.

Please contact Rick Beehler or Debbie W. with the name of anyone you want to honor.

BAR B QUE

This meeting we will be having our memorial bar b que after the meeting. We will provide the meat, buns, dinnerware and condiments. Please bring a dish to contribute. No potato chips. We will be honoring a member(s) who have passed. This date was agreed upon by the membership at our June meeting. We all have schedule conflicts and as always there will be folks who cannot be at the meeting/bar b que and they will be missed.

GPAA KITS

Remember there are several ways you can join the GPAA. We still have a few kits that can be purchased at the meeting. You can purchase through both Packwood mining who is a chapter sponsor, Belda metal detectors, or call GPAA. Be sure to tell them all that you want credit for the membership to go to southwest Washington gold prospectors.

Any question see Debbie



Our raffle for the AKAU loge trip (trip is for 1) is still open. So get your tickets \$1 each or 6 for \$5. We have also added at least one trip to chinook winds, room, dinner, and show tickets for 2.

I am waiting to see if we have a second chinook winds trip.

All proceeds go to help support the chapter so get your tickets. We will draw the winning tickets at our Dec. Meeting. Winner need not be present to win. We will make every effort to notify you within 1 week. You have 30 days to claim your prize. You can sell tickets to folks not in the chapter too.

Nominations

Remember anyone wanting to run for a position in the chapter needs to let us know by the 31st of Oct. 2018. Nominations will be closed, no write-ins. We have to vet each candidate and prepare ballots. We also need to confirm voting eligibility.

So far here are the open positions with candidates:

Vice president Jeff Wooldridge

Treasurer Patty Long

5 board positions 2 yr. terms:

Scott Long

Tina Long

Sandi Croonquist

Edna Nelson

Rick Beehler

If you are a committee chair you can still be a board member

1 of our members will be moving soon and another would like to have a break, having been a board member for the better part of 6 yrs.

Please consider serving on the board, you are already here for the meeting anyway.

See Debbie, Mark, or Jeff if you want to run.

You need to be a current GPAA member and a chapter member

GOLD RUSH STORIES

The Golden Sands of Nome

When destitute miners on the beach at Nome realized that the ruby colored sand at their feet was laced with gold, they must have thought that they had died and gone to heaven. The beach strike was a poor man's paradise where digging the gold was said to be easier than stealing it. The work required only a shovel, a bucket or can, and a crude, easily built rocker. Efficient use of the rocker required two or more people, with one filling the hopper, another pouring water over the sand and another rocking the cradle. The shallow diggings on the beach were open to everyone; beach land could not be staked by any individual. If you left your diggings another prospector could move in. Poet Sam Dunham wrote in 1900, "For many miles along the beach, double ranks of men were rocking, almost



shoulder to shoulder, while their partners stripped the pay streak and supplied the rockers with water and pay dirt." At the height of the summer mining season, nearly 2000 men, women and children were rocking on the beach. It is estimated that the "beachcombers" mined as much as \$2 million in gold from the sand. By fall of 1899, Nome, easily reached by ship, had become a booming city of about 5,000. Among the variety of businesses were at least 20 drinking establishments, 16 lawyers, 11 physicians, 12 general merchandise stores, 4 real estate offices, 4 drug stores, 3 watchmakers, 3 fruit and cigar stores, 5 laundries, 4 bath houses, 2 paper hangers, 2 hospitals and one "massage artiste."



BUY SELL TRADE

Have something to sell or give away? Looking for something to buy? This is a free service to our Chapter members. Please send an email to Mark Mattila with the information and pictures at chipper49@outlook.com

Sunshine

Please let Ann Erickson know of anyone who might be under the weather, in the hospital ,or just need a feel good card. Remember to let us know of anyone with a new addition to there family as well.

aerickson@q.com



Collection for Veterans

Don't forget that we are continuing to collect food, toiletries, warm clothes for veterans. Pet food for their animals. Please bring your donations. Boxes will be provided.

OUTINGS

Remember to give Bill Birdwell you outing requests and suggestions. Also you can volunteer to lead an outing.

Gold is the only metal that is yellow or golden. Other metals may develop a yellowish color, but only after they have oxidized or reacted with other chemicals.

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 \$8.00 for each tag that includes up to 2 lines of engraving.

Questions?

Contact David Conti
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 or
360-695-3215 or visit
www.swwgoldprospectors.org

MEMBERSHIP CARD



Don't have a current membership card? Let Edna know when you sign in at the membership desk.

Sept. 2018 SWWGP General Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 2:17

3 guests were in attendance

The secretary minutes were read, a motion to accept was made and passed

The treasurers report was read, a motion to accept was made and passed

The budget was reviewed by the board and will be presented at the Oct. meeting

Scott is working on repairing the pontoons for the dredge

There were 23 spaces available for the bingo bus trip

Please let Dave Conti know if you need a badge

Committee leads are to send Mark an update to post in the newsletter by the 17th of each month

There will be a memorial BBQ at the Oct. meeting

Spaces are still available for the Roaring Camp trip

Set up help is needed for each of our meetings

A lead is needed for a beach outing

Don suggested an outing at Cottage Grove

There will be a beach outing in Jan, date TBD

There is a sign up sheet for the holiday dinner

Salads and sides are needed for the memorial BBQ

Election nominations close Oct. 31st for

We will be electing 5 board members, vice president and treasurer

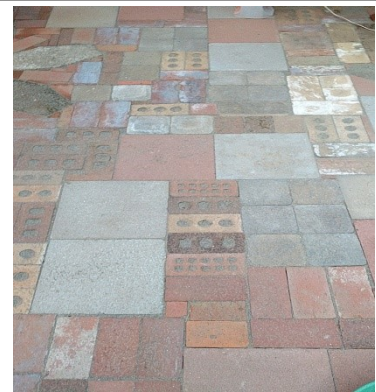
Make sure and rinse all borrowed equipment with a mild bleach water before returning

A vote was taken to provide a variety of suppliers for pay dirt



BUY SELL TRADE

If anyone has any bricks or pavers they would like to get rid of, please let Mark Mattila know. Any quantity. 360-609-6813



Pure gold is measured in troy weight, but when gold is alloyed with other metals the term karat is used to express the amount of gold present.

**Thanks to these companies for supporting our activities.
Members may advertise free by submitting a business card.**

<p>Ron Farnsworth Scrap Metal Pickup 360-896-7220</p> <p>Whites Metal Detectors 1-800-547-6911</p> <p>Chinook Winds Casino & Resort</p> <p>Quick Badge</p> <p>Danner Boots 877-432-6637</p> <p>Lost Adams 541-340-0931</p> <p>Designs of all kinds 360-892-5597</p> <p>Gold Getter</p> <p>AAA Precious Metals 503-253-8591</p> <p>Pro Caliber</p>	<p>Topside Mining</p> <p>Creekside Prospecting</p> <p>Armadillo Mining</p> <p>Fossickers</p> <p>Danas classic Flowers and Gifts</p> <p>Danas Classic Hair Supply</p> <p>Packwood Prospecting and Mining Supply</p> <p>Nayhely's Place 360-571-7088</p> <p>Wilson Brothers</p> <p>Sportsman's Warehouse 360 604-8000</p>	<p>Northwest Detector Sales 503-936-1443</p> <p>Roaring Camp 209 296-4100</p> <p>Spin it Off</p> <p>Thrive Life</p> <p>McCord's Vancouver Toyota</p> <p>AKAU Lodge 760-500-1329</p> <p>American Mining Supply</p> <p>The Gold Lab</p> <p>Avon Products—Bug Guard 971-212-5996</p> <p>Oregon Treasure Trail Society</p>
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Please support these vendors as they support us with contributions and in many cases discounts. We will be doing interviews with many of them so we can get to know a little more about them.

	Scheduled Events
10/14	Board 12:45 and Chapter 2:00 meetings
10/14	Memorial BBQ
11/11	Board 12:45 and Chapter 2:00 meetings
12/9	Board 12:45 and Chapter 2:00 meetings