

Newsletter



South West Washington Gold Prospectors December 2020



PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Christmas is almost here and I for one will miss our holiday potluck. Like all of you I miss the interaction with everyone.

Even though most of us are spending the holidays with minimum contact with others it is important to stay safe and healthy.

2020 will be over soon and like you I am hoping 2021 will be a much better year for all of us.

We have a new schedule of events and outings and will publish them as soon as we can start meetings.

If you have something you would like to do please let me know and we will try to add it.

HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

Stay safe and wear your mask

You're President,

Debbie W.

YOUR BOARD AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Even though the Chapter cannot hold meeting at this time there is still chapter business to conduct. Your board of directors and committee chairs are hard at work behind the scenes. There is much to do.

They are still giving a lot of time and effort on your behalf.



GOODBY

It is with a sad heart that we say “good-by” to another one of our friends. Jim Erickson passed on Thanksgiving. Jim was not only a board member but also committee chair for the raffle. He loved to teach panning at many of our outings and events. I have let Ann know that we are all here for her and her family.

“Good-by” to our friend, may he rest in peace.

PLAQUE

Dave Conti will be taking care of our member memorial plaque.

FACEBOOK

Rick Beehler has stepped down as face book administrator for the Chapters official face book page after five + years.

Rick has done a great job with the face book and we want to thank him for all his hard work.

Shandell Albright has agreed to take over the SWWGP official face book page and is getting some guidance from Rick. Please send any inquiries , items of interest to her @ rorthrains@gmail.com.

Thank you again to Rick!!

RAFFLE

If you are able to help out with our chapter raffles please contact Debbie W 360 695 3215.

We do need a chairperson.

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PAY DIRT

If we have enough folks reserve paydirt we will make up one more batch. Each bag contains a min of \$10 worth of gold. 1 in every 25 bags has an extra \$10 or more.

Call Debbie W to reserve you bags. 360-695-3215



EXPIRED CARDS

If you have an expired membership card we will have new ones available to you when meetings can resume. We realize that many of you have expired or soon to be expired cards since it has been almost a year since we have been able to hold a meeting.

PASS IT ON

I want to say “thank you” to all of our members who are passing correct chapter information on to those members who do not have an e-mail. This is the main communication with the 35% or more of our members who do not have an e-mail.

We have a lot of great people in our Chapter, and our Chapter is in good shape.

REFUND

Wanted to let you all know that GPAA has returned our deposit for last years LDMA camp outings that we were not able to have and it has been deposited.

Also we have returned the certificates that were given to us by Chinook Winds for our raffles at the gold show. The certificates were due to expire March 2021. They will re-issue certificates when we have another show scheduled.



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