

Newsletter



South West Washington Gold Prospectors June 2020

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

These are challenging times for us all. We are all looking forward to the time when we can resume our meetings and outings. So far I am not aware of anyone who has been seriously ill with the virus. Our picnic as well as meetings and outing are in the minds of us all. The picnic is postponed and the board will be making some decisions concerning where, when, and requirements with your health and safety in mind.

Our chapter will be ready to go when we can safely meet again.

Keep Smiling!!!

Your Chapter President-

Debbie W.

NO MEETING FOR JUNE

As you know we have not been able to get together for our meetings and outings. The grange is currently closed by order of the state grange in compliance with the state mandate. We have moved to phase 2 in Clark County but that only allows for gatherings of up to 50 people. We also made our decisions on outings not only on the state regulations, but also with our member's health and safety in mind.

Hopefully we will be able to start having meetings and outings starting with July. Time will tell. You will receive an e-mail either way.

If you have any questions call Debbie W. at 360-695-3215.

Everyone is welcome to our next board and general meeting TBD

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

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!

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BOARD MEETINGS

We have not been able to hold board meetings, but I have been in contact with board members on a regular basis. We do not have any pressing business. If we need a board meeting, Mark will send an e-mail out notifying members of the board and membership of the time and place. Since the grange is closed, we do not have a meeting place available at this time. A virtual meeting was suggested but is not possible. All board meetings will be held in compliance with our by-laws.

The board and committee leads are not idle during this time off. We are all working on projects, ideas etc. for the Chapters benefit and future.

EQUIPMENT AND LIBRARY

We are still able to check out equipment and library items. Just contact us.

Don Spillman 360-773-8708, and Dennis W. 360-695-3215 for equipment, Dave Conti 360-609-1149 and Debbie W 360-695-3215 for library.

This is a great time to catch up on mining info and reading.

Please remember that all equipment and library items need to be returned on time. You are allowed to check them out for a month. Often there is someone waiting to check out the item. If for any reason you are not able to return it on time please contact us so we know what is going on. Communication is the key to this working for all. Not only that, none of us like to be put in the position of have to make calls and sent emails, texts, to remind you that what you have was due back. Just lets us know what is happening.

BUY, SELL, TRADE, FREE

Don't forget we have a buy, sell, trade, free advertising section of the newsletter for all of our members to use.

PAY DIRT

We still have lots of pay dirt available to purchase. \$12 per bag. We made a large purchase for the gold show. Contact Debbie W 360-695-3215 to make arrangements to purchase and pick up.

FAKE E-MAILS AGAIN (STILL)

It is a sad state of affairs that there are people out there who have so much time on their hands and want to cause our chapter members problems. Please do not follow the directions in these fake e-mails. Neither, nor any board member, committee lead will ask you to spend monies in the chapter's behalf in an e-mail.

We have policies and procedures in place to protect all of us and our chapter funds

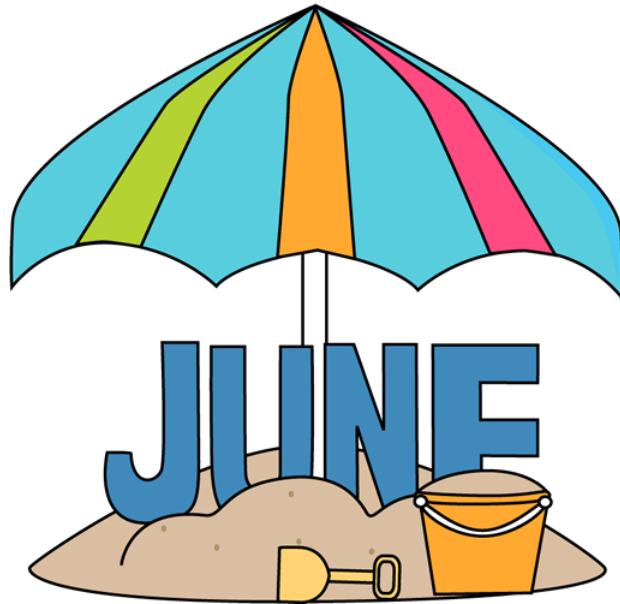
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CLAIMS

This is a reminder to those who are going to the claims that this is a forest and home to many wild animals (bears, cougars, etc.). Please take the appropriate pre-cautions to be safe.

GPAA

Just thought I would update those of you who may be curious, I have been in contact with the GPAA on a regular basis and they are all working on outings, events etc. They are also working from home. Any questions for them please feel free to contact me and I will get you the answer if that questions has not already been asked of them



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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.			

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

HPA Rulemaking web page: <https://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/hpa/rulemaking/>

GPAA <https://www.goldprospectors.org/>

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<http://mylandmatters.com/>

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Chinook Winds Casino & Resort	Fossickers	Thrive Life
Quick Badge	Dana's classic Flowers and Gifts	Northwest Detector Sales 503-936-1443
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Lost Adams 541-340-0931	Packwood Prospecting and Mining Supply	American Mining Supply
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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.

2020 Scheduled Events

Jul	4th	Cape Disappointment outing, Camp out beach mining (Reserve space asap) Contact Scott or Tina Long		
	12th	12:30 Board mtg.	2:00 General mtg.	
	18th	Chapter Potluck Picnic, Daybreak Park, Contact Debbie Witcher or Jeanne Gieg		
Aug	9th	12:30 Board mtg.	2:00 General mtg.	
	15th	Chapter Claims outing, (members only) Contact Scott Long		
	15th	Daybreak Park outing	10:00 am	Contact Debbie Witcher
	22nd	Daybreak Park outing	10:00 am	Contact Debbie Witcher
Sep	4th—7th	Camp out and mining with Mid-Valley chapter, to sign up contact Roy or Wendy Holtz 541-890-6214		
	13th	12:30 Board mtg.	2:00 General mtg.	
	18-20th	Burnt River LDMA camp outing, Contact Debbie Witcher or Bob Brown		
Oct	11th	12:30 Board mtg.	2:00 General mtg.	
	31st	Nominations close for Nov elections (Treasurer, Vice Pres. And 5 board positions)		
Nov	8th	12:30 Board mtg.	2:00 General mtg.	Elections
Dec	13th	12:30 Board mtg.	2:00 General mtg.	Holiday Dinner