

Newsletter



South West Washington Gold Prospectors March 2020

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

With the big news in our community being the virus, we do not expect it to affect us with our outings or meetings but please be cautious. Take the recommended precautions and if we need to cancel and outing or event we will email, as well as post on the web page and face book sites. As always if you have any questions you can check with me.

See you at the meeting,

You're President

Debbie Witcher



Everyone is welcome to our next board and general meetings on Sunday March 8th.

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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FACEBOOK EDUCATION LINKS HERE

<https://www.facebook.co/SWwashingtonGoldProspectors>

- 1 Dressing or Seasoning your gold pan
- 2 Nugget Finding & Cleaning Out Bedrock Cracks

CLEAN UP PARTY

There is a signup sheet for a possible clean up party at our claims. We have members who are under the impression that no one will help with clean up if needed. If you are available depending on the date, please add your name and phone number to the signup sheet. There currently is nothing needed or scheduled but this gives the claims people a list of contacts if help is needed.

Sign up for outings

Here is a list of upcoming outings that require sign up for an estimate of participation. In some cases if there are not enough signed up the outing may be canceled.

Monday March 23 and 24 CAPE DISAPPOINTMENT

This includes filming and training on products for beach mining with experts, and just an all-around fun time. This will not be canceled but Rick Beehler 360-601-6855 needs an estimate of the attendees.

SAT. MARCH 28TH POT LUCK (BAR-B-QUE) AND MINING AT DAYBREAK PARK

Open to all. Bring your beverage and food contribution. The chapter will provide hot dogs, buns, condiments, and dinnerware. Starts at 10, lunch 12ish, ends?
We need an estimate for the food. Contact Debbie 360-695-3215

APRIL 17, 18, 19 GLASS BUTTE

Trip to glass butte in Oregon. Camping or motel. Contact Rick Beehler 360-601-6855, or Debbie Witcher 360-695-3215. This may be canceled if not enough to participate.

APRIL 25, SAT., DAY TRIP BUS TRIP TO CHINOOK WINDS

This is a fund raiser for the chapter. We need 45-52 to go on this trip. Sign up by April 10 or sooner, first come, must be 21 or older. Open to all members, friends, family, and neighbors. \$20 donation to chapter. We play bingo on the bus with cash payout. Raffles, prizes from Chinook Winds, free play, meal credit. Lots of fun for all. Ask anyone who has gone. Questions or to add your name call Debbie 360-695-3215.

SAT MAY 2 COOS BAY KIDS TRAINING FAIR

We will be teaching panning to area children along with outer outdoor skills they will learn. Lunch will be provided. This is a one day event and is a lot of fun and very worth your time. We need a min. of 14 people. Free dry camping or lots of local motels. Ask anyone who has participated before and feel the excitement. Contact Debbie W. 360-695-3215 with any questions.

NO APRIL MEETING

Remember we will not have a meeting in April since our meeting day fall on Easter Sunday this year. We will have a newsletter.

MAY MEETING MOVED

Our meeting for May has been moved from the 2nd Sunday to the 3rd Sunday in May. The regular meeting day falls on Mother's Day and by a vote of the Chapter was changed.

RAFFLE

Our raffle is doing well with a lot of nice prizes. All donations are used in the raffles and are appreciated. Raffle proceeds go to help support the chapter.

GOLD SHOW SHIRTS

I expect to have the shirts for the gold and treasure show for this meeting. Designs of all kinds is working hard to have them to me by then. Be sure to sign that you received your shirt when you pick it up.

FIRST AIDE TRAINING

If you have current first aide and are willing to help at the show in an emergency. See Debbie at the show for an arm band.

MEMORIAL PLAQUE

Have you noticed our plaque honoring our members who have passed on? It is located on the membership table. Take a moment and check it out. Thanks to Jim Erickson and Dave Conti for their work on this. It was a great idea from Steve Nelson.

Buy, Sell, and Trade

2 1/2 inch D and K dredge in super shape to trade for a medium size rock saw in good shape. Contact Tom Fest 360-465-2393



Buy Sell Trade

If you have any prospecting related items to trade, sell or are looking for a good deal let Mark know to publish it here.

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.

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South West Washington Gold Prospectors

General Meeting Minutes February 2020

Meeting called to order at 2:11 pm

There were 10 guests in attendance

2 new members were introduced

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

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

The next gold show meeting will be at Elmer's at 1:00 on March 7th

See Dave Conti if you need a name badge, the cost is \$8.00

Everyone will be paying for their own parking at the gold show this year

Anyone with first aid training should sign up for identification at the gold show

The Cape Disappointment outing in Feb is cancelled due to weather

14 people are needed for the Coos Bay outing

Dave will look into adding first aid and CPR to our name tags

The monthly safety presentation was on safe driving

Unsold gold show tickets and all money must be turned in to Patti at the March meeting

Everyone should be aware of the fake emails that are going around again. Question any emails asking for anything or information.

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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/>

[HPA application process.](#)

<http://mylandmatters.com/>

Thanks to these companies for supporting our activities.

Pro Caliber	McCord's Vancouver Toyota	AKAU Lodge 760-500-1329
Designs of all kinds 360-892-5597	Creekside Prospecting	Roaring Camp 209 296-4100
Whites Metal Detectors	Armadillo Mining	Spin it Off
Chinook Winds Casino & Resort	Fossickers	Thrive Life
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Ron Farnsworth Scrap Metal Pickup	Topside Mining	The Gold Lab
Gold Getter	Wilson Brothers	Avon Products—Bug Guard
AAA Precious Metals 503-253-8591	Sportsman's Warehouse 360 604-8000	

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

Feb 9th 12:30 Board mtg. 2:00 General mtg.

Mar 7th Gold Show Mtg. 1:00 Elmer's on Sandy BLVD

8th 12:30 Board mtg. 2:00 General mtg.

20th Gold show setup Clark Co. Events Center 8:30 am Lunch provided

21st Gold show 9:00-5:00 Lunch provided

22nd Gold show 9:00-5:00 Lunch provided

23rd-24th Cape Disappointment outing, Contact Scott Long — filming, demonstrations, Mike Pung, Dave Urick, Chris Cosby, possibly Kevin Hoaland and maybe more, Contact Debbie Witcher or Rick Beehler

28th Daybreak Park outing 10:00 am, Potluck lunch at 12:00, Contact Debbie Witcher

Apr 17th, 18th, 19th Glass Butte Oregon, contact Debbie Witcher or Rick Beehler (Regular mtg. Cancelled)

25th Chinook Winds bus trip

May 2nd Coos Bay Panning outing

24th—31st Roaring Camp (tentative) Contact Debbie Witcher, Scott or Tina Long

16th Daybreak Park outing 10:00 am Contact Debbie Witcher

17th 12:30 Board mtg. 2:00 General mtg.

Jun 5th, 6th, 7th Scotts Bar outing, pre register with Debbie Witcher, camp fee is required

14th 12:30 Board mtg. 2:00 General mtg.

19th, 20th, 21st Opal dig outing, Southern Or. Dry camp, Contact Debbie Witcher or Rick Beehler

26th, 27th, 28th Sunstone dig outing, dry camp, Contact Debbie Witcher or Rick Beehler

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