

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Things seem to be looking up concerning the covid-19 situation and restrictions. I am looking forward to not only starting our board meetings and getting business started but also to our June general meeting. We will have some surprises and lots of fun planned for you. Please plan to safely attend the June meeting.



For our members who have some health issues, please let me know if we can help in any way.

If you are aware of anyone who is ill etc. please let me know.

I hope everyone made it thru our winter storm alright.

It has been a long time since we have all been together, I hope everyone is ok.

Stay safe.

Debbie W.

Hello all,

Just a reminder that we will be starting our board meetings. Our first meeting will be next Sunday March 14 at 1:00 at the grange. Masks required. We will be social distancing as we did in Aug. We have a fair amount of business to take care of so please make every effort to be there. Remember there is a time change on that Sunday. If for any reason you can not attend please let me know right away, We are short 2 positions now. Jim and Tina. I hope everyone is safe and healthy.

PARKING

When meetings start and if you need to park on the grass at the grange please be careful not to tear up the area. There is a chain and posts being installed to deter people from tearing up the area when the grange is not in use. We will have a key available to unlock and remove the chain for our folks at a meeting.



Legend says that Leprechauns do so much dancing, they constantly wear out their shoes.



OPEN POSITIONS

We have 2 open board positions, these positions are elected, not appointed. We need a couple of folks to work with Jeff on the raffle, and someone to take over the official Facebook page for SWWGP. These are appointed by the president. Contact Debbie W for questions and info. 360 695 3215.

GENERAL MEETINGS

As long as progress is made on the covid-19 situation we are planning our first general meeting for this year on June 13th. There will be NO meetings in April or May. We will keep you updated, masks will be required, social distancing, etc. Any questions contact, Debbie W. 360 695 3215.



There's an official leprechaun colony in Portland, Oregon. The colony is located at Mill Ends Park and was recognized in the Guinness World Records as the world's smallest park, measuring just two square feet.

TIME CHANGE

Remember to change your clocks! Spring ahead, fall back.

BEACH MINING

If you are planning to go to Cape Disappointment to do some beach mining, please stop and visit with the rangers and double check on the rules. Things are changing and we want to be sure to observe any new rules. Make sure you have the gold and fish book with you and take a garbage bag to assist with any clean up. It goes without saying file in your holes please.



The Leprechauns of Carlington Mountain are protected under European law. The remaining 236 leprechauns that live in the caverns of Carlington Mountain were granted heritage status by the EU, and now they have their own protected sanctuary nestled in the mountain



Leprechauns can be quite mischievous, but their boisterous cousins, the Clurichauns are far worse

GRANGE UPDATE

The grange has been doing a lot of improvements and repairs during this covid-19 down time. There are new blinds upstairs, a new sound system, new projection system and screen, as well as new paint throughout the building and more



Numerous tales say Leprechauns make their homes in forests or woodlands. In fact, there have been accounts of people spotting the tiny creatures near fairy mounds

REMINDER

The grange is available to rent. Birthday parties, meetings, weddings, and receptions, and much more. For information contact Phillip at 360 907-1036

I.D.CARDS

Many of you have expired ID cards. We will have new ones available at the June meeting. See Edna at the membership table when you sign in.

SHORTCUT CONTEST

Neither Jeanne nor Debbie has received any time saving ideas from anyone. There are prizes available. The contest will end April first.

In the earliest known folktale to feature a leprechaun, Fergus mac Léti, the King of Ulster was almost dragged to sea by 3 tiny leprechauns before the King managed to catch the leprechauns and was granted 3 wishes



AT IT AGAIN

Some of you are receiving the fake e-mails stating that I want you to spend your money and make certain purchases. You will never get an e-mail from me or any other board member asking you to do this. This is a scam!!! Please delete these emails right away, do not open them.

COOS BAY FUNCTION

Many of us have helped out with the youth outdoor fair put on at the gun club in Coos Bay. I spoke with Marcey and she is unable to hold the event this year due to the covid-19 restrictions. Hopefully this event will happen next year. I have assured her that our chapter will help out next year as we have in the past teaching the gold panning. This has been a lot of fun for all involved. I will let you know more as the time approaches next year.

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You can find an entire museum in Dublin, Ireland, that's solely dedicated to Leprechauns. The museum opened on March 10th, 2010, and is located on Jervis Street in Dublin, Ireland. It also claims to be the first leprechaun museum in the world