

SWWGP Newsletter

March 2022

Next meeting is March 13TH, 2021 at 2:00

Board meeting is at 12:30



PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

We have had to make some hard decisions and have stood together as a chapter. I have tried to give you all the information available to help in making a good decision.

We have tried to be fair to all but have made the decisions that best benefit our chapter.

Not wanting a hardship put on another chapter many of us are assisting the Portland chapter. Thank you to those who are.

We are moving forward with planning fundraiser, outings, and events.

Our chapter is strong and has a good future.

See you at the meeting Sunday March 13th which is daylight savings time. Don't forget to change your clocks. Spring forward.

Debbie W

NO APRIL MEETING

There will not be an April meeting. Our meeting date falls on the same day as the gold and treasure show and many of our members will be assisting the Portland chapter.



MISLEADING FACEBOOK POST

A few days ago there was a face book post on another chapters face book page indicating that this was from our chapter to our chapter members. This was NOT from us and no one who speaks for our chapter asked them to post this, nor were we asked if it was ok.

This contains incorrect information so please disregard this posting. A very few of our members are friends on this face book page.

This should clarify the incorrect information:

As previously stated our members who wish to help the Portland chapter at the gold show should sign up at the membership table AT THE March meeting. DO NOT contact Jim Irwin unless he directs you to do so. He has a lot on his plate at this time.

Please list your name, phone number, day(s) and hrs. you wish to work along with the area you would like to work in. Jim will gather the sheet at the end of meeting and take things from there. This is the process that was decided on between the concerned chapters, SWWGP and Portland at the 3 chapter gold show planning meeting.

THANK YOU

I would like to thank all of our chapter members who have participated in the 3 chapter gold and treasure show planning meetings. Our hope is if the GPAA chooses to have another gold show in this area that they will be much more organized and set expectations at the beginning of the planning process. The issue with the split is not on the GPAA.

A special thank you to Van and Deanna.

Van has needed to send out a lot of notices in the last 2 months.

Deanna has taken time out of her busy tax season to pull the needed records for tickets, ticket sales, and income from the past gold shows.

Thank you to both of you, your help has been very valuable.

COOS DAY YOUTH DAY

The youth day people have again asked us to come to Coos Bay and teach gold panning at their outdoor youth day Sat. May 7th. We have done this for several years and it is a very rewarding. This event teaches approx.. 200 school age children outdoor skills.

The kido's are introduced to things such as plant identification, archery, some survival skills, how to build a shelter, rifles, gold panning and much more. This is an all day outdoor event. The kido's have always been well mannered . Lunch will be provided.

Dry camping should be available at no charge and there are motels in the area. This is part of our education for our mission statement. This is not a fundraiser. By the way the kids get to keep the gold. We need 18-20 people to participate, please sign up at the membership table. The more the merrier.

FUNDRAISER

On Sat. April 16th we will have a booth at the Clark County Event Center garage sale and more. It is a one day event and we only set up our booth.

We will be teaching gold panning and they get to keep the gold, selling paydirt and pans as well as handing out info on our chapter. This is a fund raising and education event. Great chance to build our membership.

We would like to have 18-20 people to help with this event. Please sign up at membership table.

MAY MEETING

Our may meeting will be May 1. We do not hold a meeting on mothers day Sunday which would be our regular meeting day. Mark your calendar for May 1st!!!

PICNIC

We need to start planning for our annual picnic. We will try to choose a date at this meeting.

OPEN BOARD POSITION

We have one open board position. You need to be a member in good standing for 6 months or more and willing to give 1 to 1 1/2 hour to board meetings. Meetings are held just before the general meeting so you are already there.

The board is a way to help guide the chapters success.

LIBRARY

You can check materials from our chapter library. See Dave Conti our librarian. Check out materials for 30 days, 1 meeting to the next.

EQUIPMENT

We have equipment available to check out as well. Lots of equipment to choose from. Requires a \$25 deposit which will be returned when equipment is returned on time, clean, and in good working order.

It is checked out a month at a time. This is a good chance to try something out and make sure you like it before you invest in a new one. Any questions see Ron Koppi, Dennis Witcher.

GOLD SHOW TICKETS

If you have any tickets from the 2020 canceled show please return them to me asap. I know we were told by the gpaa to hold them and until it became an issue no one directed us as to what they wanted us to do with tickets and money. We are to return unpaid tickets and the GPAA portion of the ticket sales to them which we of coarse will do.

3 MONTH RAFFLE DRAWING

Since we are not co-hosting the gold show we will be dawning our raffle winners at this months meeting.

We will start a new 3 month raffle in May.

Hint: we have Chinook Winds room and dinner packages to start the raffle. Kerry and I will be adding items so we will have a good number if raffle items.

Buy your raffle tickets for our current raffle which include the following prizes, 1 week stay at roaring camp, nice piece of gold , spin it off, mini hi banker and small appliance package. These will be awarded at end of meeting.

Upcoming Rock and Gem Shows

Tualatin Valley, Mar 11-13, 10-5, \$1 admission, 12 and under free with adult, Forest Grove National Guard Armory, 2950 Taylor Way,, Forest Grove, OR

Sweet Home, Free, Mar 26 10-6, Mar 27 10-5, Sweet Home High School gym, 1641 Long St., Sweet Home, OR

Willamette Agate and Mineral, \$2 admission, 11 and under free with adult, April 15 9-5, April 16 9-5, April 17 10-4, Polk County Fairgrounds, 520 S Pacific Hwy, W, Rickreall, OR

Grays Harbor Rock Club, Free, April 23 10-5, April 24 10-4, Gray's Harbor Fairgrounds, 32 Elma McCleary Rd, Elma, Wa
West Seattle, Free, April 23-24 10-5, Alki Masonic Temple, 4736 40th Ave SW, Seattle, WA

Mt. Hood, Free, May 6 & 7 10-6, May 8 10-3, Kliever Memorial NG Armory, 10000 NE 33rd, Portland, OR

Clackamette, Free, May 28 9-6, May 29 10-4, Clackamas County Fairgrounds, 694 NE 4th Ave, Canby, OR

Puyallup, Free, June 3-5 10-5, Swiss Park, 9205 198th Ave E, Bonney Lake, WA

Southern Washington (Longview), Free, Aug 26-27 10-5, Silver Lake Grange, 4200 Spirit Lake Hwy, Castle Rock, WA

Portland Regional, \$7 for weekend, 12 and under free with paid adult, September 30-Oct 1 10-6, Oct 2 10-5, Wingspan Event Center (WA County Fairgrounds) 801 NE 34th Ave, Hillsboro, OR. May also be parking fee

Prineville Pow Wow, free, June 16 to 19, Crook County Fairgrounds. Field trips to McDonalds, White Fir Springs and Agate Meadow

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