

# SW Washington Gold Prospectors Club Newsletter

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Here are our Club's 2014 Officers: David Conti, Waylon St. Clair, Steve Lewin, Linda Williams, Patti Long, Randy Harper, Anthony Loveall, Michele Loveall, and Rick Beehler (not present).

## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

**Club Meeting this Sunday, Nov 9th, 1pm, Minnehaha Grange Nominations and Annual Elections**

**Nov 9th Board Meeting is BEFORE the General Meeting, at 11am, Benny's Rod and Custom Pizza Cafe at 4219 NE St Johns Rd, Vancouver, all are welcome.**

**Nov 15th Outing, Saturday Lewisville Park, 9am at Boat Ramp**

**Dec 7th, Board Meeting at Benny's, 1pm.**

**Dec 14th, 1pm Regular Meeting, Minnehaha Grange. Vote on Bylaw Changes. No Board meeting.**

**Dec14-Christmas Party!**

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**Annual Elections at November General Meeting!**  
 At our September General Meeting we adopted an amendment to our Club Bylaws, changing annual elections from December, to November. **At the November General Meeting we will be Accepting Nominations for:**  
**Vice President AND Treasurer.** Term of office is 2 years, beginning in January, 2015. Must be an active member of the GPAA and a member in good standing of SWWGP. See Bylaws for additional responsibilities.  
**Board Member at Large. All 7 positions are open.** Term of office is 1 year, beginning in January, 2015. Must be a member in good standing of SWWGP. Must be on at least one Committee and be prepared to lead Outings. See Club Bylaws for details.  
**Elections will follow the November meeting. You must be a member in good standing of SWWGP to vote.**

*Thank you, Linda Williams, Secretary*

**NEW BIG  
 Extended RAFFLE  
 2 BIG Nuggets  
 Desert Fox  
 Chair Gift Certificate  
 Tub of Black Sand  
 Need not be present to win.  
 Tickets are \$1.00 ea.**

October WINNERS and Meeting Notes.

Tom Gaither, our Second Big Raffle Winner accepted his BIG Nugget.

Debbie Witcher and Dale Long won Beach Glass; Necklace was won by Dixie Caris, Earrings won by Michele Loveall, peridot gemstones won by Anthony L., Ruby won by Peter; Nome Gold won by Dale Long and more Gold won by Michele L. Sorry, I missed some names.

Marvin Kruger now has all the Library organized on a cart donated by Linda Williams.

Our Club's 2015 Budget was discussed and Approved.

**The following nominations were made and accepted for Elections at our November meeting:**

Vice President: Steve Lewin and Anthony Loveall

Treasurer: Dave Fritz

Board Members-at-Large: Ken Didier, Debbie Witcher, Michele Loveall, Marvin Kruger, Dale Long, Richard Pluff Jr, Dave Fritz, Tom Fest, Darin Metheny, Bob Brown, David Conti, Damien Havalson, Waylon St. Clair.



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## CLUB STORE

Thanks to GPAA and our ever-resourceful Raffle Coordinator, Steve Lewin: our Club now has it's own little store. Prices are lower than Retail. Proceeds go to our Club. Check it out November 9th

To fulfill your prospecting needs, our Club Store now proudly offers:

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Hello again, SWWGPAA Family,

As we move forward into November, we'll need all our members in good standing to participate in our upcoming elections. Consider being part of the team. Very exciting months ahead, things are developing daily, thanks to our current board members and their dedication.

I look forward to seeing every single one of your smiles at the November 9th meeting. Bring a neighbor or a friend, grab the grandkids. We have some really great raffle prizes, including some really nice gold. You can go home with Gold, several always do.

Thank you for entrusting me as your President. I pledge to continue furthering our club's and the GPAA's mission.

SWWGPAA President, Randy Harper. 503-849-5109



**The Lovealls are having their 2nd Annual**

**Hungry Miners Dinners on**

**Thanksgiving AND Christmas Day(s)!**

**These are tough holidays to be alone or hungry. Bring something to share if you have it. But don't worry about that. Just bring yourself.**

**You're Always Welcome at a Hungry Miners Dinner!**



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Here's some "Gold Family" history. Rick Beehler submitted this article about his Grandmother. No wonder you're a rock hound Rick, it's in your blood. Thanks for sharing.

# EDGEMONT HERALD- TRIBUNE

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**Wednesday Deadline for TRIBUNE**  
During this busy holiday season the TRIBUNE will have a Wednesday noon deadline for all news copy, classifieds, legals and display advertisements.  
**HAPPY THANKSGIVING**

**Ladies Community Breakfast**  
This monthly breakfast meeting will be held one week early this Saturday, November 24 at the St. James Parish Center at 9:00 am.  
*All ladies are encouraged to come for a time of fellowship and prayer.*

**City Council meeting**  
The city council will meet in special session on November 26 at 7:30 pm at City Hall. The agenda items are Kustom Kraft and Chain of Lakes.

**Job Service Open House**  
Job Service in Hot Springs will be hosting a Community Open House at their new location (238 So. Chicago) November 27 9:00 am to 7:00 pm.

## Pioneer uranium miner passes away

Eugenia "Jeannie" Orilla Chord, a pioneer uranium miner who marketed the first uranium in the state, passed away on Wednesday, November 14 at the Colonial Manor Nursing Home in Custer.

Services were held at the United Church in Edgemont on Saturday, November 17 at 11:00 am with Rev. Lou Prohaska officiating.

This pioneer woman was born on February 1, 1910 to Avery Eugene and Edna (Hegwood) Hall in Kansas City, Missouri. As a young girl she came to White Owl with her family. Their first home was a dugout where rattlesnakes and wolves were plentiful. She attended school in the White Owl area.

She married Roy Beehler and they had five children. They farmed the Hall homestead until the 1930 drought which forced them to the Tilford and Calcite C.C.C. camps near Sturgis. She worked in a sewing room and restaurants in Sturgis and at the Fort Meade VA Hospital to support her family.

In 1949 she married Roy Chord in Sturgis. They operated the Keen Eats Cafe until 1950.

In 1950 the Chords headed west to Colorado and Utah to learn



Eugenia Chord at her uranium mine near Edgemont in 1965 checking the quality of this stock pile of uranium ore. Eugenia discovered the outcrop of uranium that was first shipped out of Edgemont.

about uranium mining. They staked some claims around Crisco, Utah, and returned to South Dakota to get some equipment.

As they were passing through

the Edgemont area they noticed the rock formation and structure were similar to that in Utah. They never returned to Utah but staked some claims in the Red Canyon and Craven Canyon near Edgemont. They formed two companies, the Black Hills Uranium Company and Chord Uranium Company. Jeannie discovered an outcrop of uranium at the Hot Point Number 2 mine and the first load of ore was trucked to Rifle, Colorado in January 1952. Uranium mining quickly expanded around Edgemont and a processing plant was built. The Chords sold the first load of ore at the new plant.

The Chords had a film made of the discovery of uranium, the mining, the filing of the claims and the claim jumpers, called "Long Day at Discovery Rock." This may have been one of the first "hidden camera" documentaries.

The Chords owned or operated several mines in the Black Hills including the Etta Mine in Keystone, the ghost town of Clara Belle Camp and the Golden Arrow Mine near Hill City and the Tin Mountain Mine near Custer. They helped form the Pacer Corporation in Custer.

She continued with some mining interest after Roy's death in September 1976 and then retired to the Horse Thief Lodge at Sylvan Lake. She was admitted to the nursing home in February.

She is survived by three sons, John A. Beehler of Edgemont, Harold Beehler of Vancouver, Washington, and Everette Beehler of Hermiston, Oregon; two daughters, Iris Komes of Edgemont, and Clara Graves of LaMesa, California; two brothers, Melvin Hall of Watertown and Charles Hall of Illinois; two sisters, Kay Horst of Cheyenne, Wyoming, and Eva Cox of Alaska; 21 grandchildren; 28 great grandchildren; and 2 great-great granddaughters.

She was preceded in death by her husband, one sister, three grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Jeannie Chord was a true pioneer woman who grew up in what she recalled as the "wild and wooly west" and had first hand encounters with "claim jumpers" to relate to her five generation family.

Amy Garcia is selling tubs of black sand for \$50.00 guaranteed to contain at least \$50.00 worth of Gold. You can buy them at D&K Detector Sales.

She donated one of these tubs to our Club for the Extended Raffle. Thank you Amy!!

Visit our website at [www.SWWGoldProspectors.org](http://www.SWWGoldProspectors.org)



And On Facebook: **Southwest Washington GoldProspectors**

All interested parties are invited to attend one of our monthly meetings.

There will be opportunities to learn about prospecting laws, methods, and equipment as well as some hands-on practice.

Go on outings to enjoy the pleasures of the outdoors and prospect for gold.

Become a member of one of the newest chapters of the Gold Prospectors Association of America.

All memberships are individual. There is no fee or age requirement.

**Join in the Fun!**

**Southwest Washington Gold Prospectors**

Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday every month at 1:00 pm

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October Outing Pictures



From Raffle Coordinator Steve Lewin I want to thank every member of the club who has purchased tickets or donated an item for the Extended Raffle. We still have 2 more months to purchase tickets and I've added MORE prizes: A \$25 gift card to Sportsman's Warehouse... AND a 2 pound tub of black sand and gravel that has \$50.00 of gold in it. PLUS I'm adding one more gold nugget in November. IF anyone has something to donate, bring it to our November meeting. That'll make the drawing in December EVEN BIGGER! Tickets are \$1.00: don't have to be present to win. See you Sunday!