

South West Washington Gold Prospectors May 2017 Newsletter

Letter from the President

We have a lot of activities in the works. By volunteering to help out you have an opportunity to help your chapter. We need some outings leaders, as well as committee members. As they say it takes a village or in our case chapter members to make things run smoothly and be enjoyable for all.

We are an active Chapter and are being recognized for our volunteerism and community service.

My thanks to all of you who already volunteer and help in so many ways.

Happy Mothers Day!

Your President, Debbie Witcher



Membership Committee

When you are signing in for attendance at the SWWGP meeting please be sure to verify name spelling, correct address w/zip code, e-mail address and phone number. If you are a current GPAA/ LDMA member be sure to let us know and give us your GPAA/LDMA membership number.

We are in the process of updating our records.
Thank you for you help,
Richard Pluff Jr.
503-957-6884

Newsletter

We need articles etc. for the newsletter. Please consider submitting something with you name on it and get a volunteer awards raffle ticket.

Thanks to Lloyd Nelson and Doug Buckendahl for their submission on the Blue Bucket clean up. They represented our Chapter.

Outing Ideas

Is there something you would like to see our Chapter members Do? Want to take a field trip or outing you think might be of interest to other members? Let us know. Send me an e-mail or call me at 360-695-3215 and lets see what we can do. Debbie Witcher.

Beach Mining Outing

May 19th-21

Contact Rodney Chavez, 503 531 2770, he is the leader of this outing

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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.			
Committees to be filled: Bylaws / Laws and Regulations			

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Calendar

We are working on this years calendar and should have it ready soon. Missing the meeting last month has delayed a lot of items we needed to work on. If there is something that you want to do or an outing you would like to see us have , please let me know. We can always add more to the calendar as the years progresses. Debbie

Sign Up Sheets

Sign up sheets for all activities, events, committees, etc. are at the back table where you sign in for the meeting. If you have any questions there are chapter members available at the table to assist you.

Report on Las Vegas summit and gold show

Sharon Stewart of the membership committee and myself made the trip to Las Vegas to attend the summit and gold show.
 We brought back information on tax info. non-profit reporting, some requirements for non-profits etc. from a guest speaker who works for the IRS.
 Richard Robinson explained the new state director program as well as its goals.
 Our chapter along with another chapter provided membership information. Also information on retaining members and growing a chapter.
 Our chapter was recognized for all of our work on the gold and treasures shows the past 3 years, as well as our efforts on community service.
 After attending the show at Las Vegas, I understand why the GPAA appreciates the hard work and organization our chapter has provided at the other shows we have hosted etc.
 Norm and Betty Erickson, Randy Harper, and Andy Lehto also attended the gold show.

OUTINGS LEADERS

We need people to select and take charge of some outings. We have a long list to choose from or come up with one of your own. Being in charge is not time conduming and is fun. Contact Debbie for info and help

Annual SWWGP Picnic July 16th

Dogwood shelter, Lewisville Park 10-5ish.
 Jeanne Geig will take the lead on this along with her committee. 360 673-3179

Buy, Sell, Trade

Parts of 2 blue bowls, parts of 2 dredges, 2 sluice boxes and hose, Newer, looks to be unused hi-banker with pump and 50 ft of hose.

Contact Dennis with questions 695-3215. He is helping Gene and Walter Jensen sell these items.

Have something to sell or give away?

Looking for something to buy?

This is a free service to our Chapter members.

Call Mark Matilla at 360-609-6813 or chipper49@outlook.com

Collection for Veterans

We are continuing to collect food, toiletries, warm clothes for veterans. Pet food for their animals. Please bring your donations. Boxes will be provided.



We are still collecting clothing, food, etc. for our local veterans donate and get a raffle ticket entry in volunteer awards drawing. See Debbie

Committee Members Needed

Just a reminder that we need additional committee members for the following:

- Outings
- Education
- Hospitality
- Picnic/holiday dinner
- Bar-B-Que and special events
- Membership
- Sargent at arms/safety
- Set up/tear down
- Sunshine and flowers

Please consider helping out.

All have Chairpersons but do need a few more folks to help.

Club Name Tags

Any club members that would like a plastic name Tag made for them can place an order at the next meeting.

Cost is 7.00 for each tag that includes up to 2 lines of engraving.

Questions?

Contact David Conti

user764554@aol.com

360-256-0892



SWWGP MONTHLY MEETING

The Southwest Washington Gold Prospectors' meetings are the second Sunday of every month beginning at **2:00 pm** at: Minnehaha Grange Hall #164 4905 Northeast St Johns Road Vancouver, Washington

All interested parties are invited to attend the monthly meetings. 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!

For information contact: Debbie Witcher – Chapter President,

ddwitcher@yahoo.com or 360-695-3215 or visit www.swwgoldprospectors.org

3 Month Raffle

Tickets will be available at this month's meeting.

Winners will be drawn at the July 16, picnic, need not be present to win. Tickets are 6 for \$5. Must have a readable name and phone number on it. If we can't read it it will be thrown out. You will have 30 days to claim your prize.

Raffle prizes are:

Danner Boot certificate

Thrive life food package

\$50 dollar dirt bag from Roaring Camp

Miller Table

Pepsi stadium cooler/backpack with goodies

Gemstone necklace

Gold nugget

Golden Volunteer Awards Raffle

Below is a sample list of some of the activities that you will receive a raffle ticket for.

Albany sportsmans show

Puyallup gold show

2016 Picnic

Holiday dinner

BI-Laws committee

Get the lead out (Each event)

Harvest Fair

Our gold show

Gold show committee

Donation to chapter, and/or veterans

Lead an outing, ie beach, Polka Dot mine

Daybreak

Cook at an outing

Something over and above

Newsletter submission

Getting a vendor for the gold show

Getting a chapter sponsor

Have something in mind? see Debbie

MAY Meeting

This month's meeting is on Mothers Day Sunday.

We will have a short meeting and a pot luck bar b que. Grilling hot dogs will be our grill master Jeff Wooldridge. A special mothers day gift (while supply lasts). And a special drawing for a gold nugget for moms.

This is a pot luck so bring whatever dish you want, we will provide meat, buns, condiments, plates etc. Bring your beverage.

Our education feature will be panning, equipment demos etc.

If you have equipment you would like to show off and share please bring it.

Burnt River LDMA/GPAA invitational Outing

June 2-5 Sign up packets at the membership table, Bob Brown will take the lead for our chapter members at Burnt River.

Polka a dot mine Outing

Date to be determined depending on the interest. Rick Beehler 360 601 6855

AUGUST MEETING IS CANCELED!!!!!!!!!! PLEASE MAKE A NOTE OF THIS.

Picnic July 16, 2017

This is a potluck. The chapter will provide meat, condiments, plates, napkins, etc. Please sign up so we know how many are attending, and what you would like to bring.

This is a fun event with raffle, games, prizes and more so plan to attend.

GPAA work party at the LDMA Blue Bucket mine.

Attendees Doug Buckendahl and Lloyd Nelson- SWWGP Vancouver, Wa.

We arrived at Baker City Or. Friday night about 5 PM April 28, registered at our Motel then had dinner and relaxed for the evening. Up at 6:30 AM had a good breakfast at the motel then on the road to Blue Bucket. Found out both lawn mowers were out of working condition but the care takers from the neighboring LDMA camp Burnt River, were going to

bring their brush hog over to do the mowing. Lloyd and I brought our own weed eaters along so started weed eating around all hydrants and power box hook-ups for the 30 some camp sights and the numerous trees making a

2 foot wide circle around the items to make mowing easier. Finished this up by 2:30 so got to go play in the dirt. (we did find some color) We did determine we needed more than just shovels but did get 4 buckets of material to go through. Back to Baker City by 6 so we could participate in the Baker City Eagles fundraising dinner (for diabetes research), Prime rib or half a roasted chicken dinner. Very good dinner, then back to the motel for a much needed night of sleep.

Breakfast next morning at the motel again then back to Blue Bucket to pick up all the wind blown limbs from all the shade trees. Also Doug jury rigged the push mower so it could be used. We picked up enough sticks and limbs to fill two trailers while Bob towed it behind their 4 wheeler. Finished work about 1:30 so went back up the hill and found

where we were supposed to dig, which was about a quarter mile beyond where we dug the previous day and filled six buckets which we dry classified on site. We did find a little more color but were somewhat disappointed in our findings. Bob and Julie (care takers) were very appreciative of all our work and BBQ'd burgers and had chips to go with and fresh baked cupcakes.

We enjoyed our outing/work party.

Doug Buckendahl
Lloyd Nelson

Buy Sell Trade

D&K 2.5 inch (necked to 2 inch) for \$1100



Auto panner is a Desert Fox for \$175



Call Tom Fest 360 465 2393

April 2017 SWWGP General Meeting Minutes

April mtg. called to order at 2:15

14 guests

Secretary's report was read and accepted

Treasurer's report was read and accepted

We are hosting the 2018 Gold and Treasure show at the Clark co. events center. Vendor packets should be available in June.

New chapter sponsors are Wilson Bros., Danner Boots, Roaring Camp, Gold Claw

Free shirts were given out that were donated by the GPAA. All remaining shirts are to be donated to the VA

65 lbs of food and some cash was collected at the Gold Show

Debbie asked for any questions to be brought to the Las Vegas summit.

Randy Harper presented on the next get the lead out outing for may 6th.

Outing May 19-21st Cape Disappointment

Most of the board will not be available for the August meeting. A vote was taken and passed to cancel the Aug. meeting.

A request was made for someone to volunteer to lead the chapter grants activity.

Marvin gave a report on his time so far in Alaska

Debbie is working on parking for the picnic now that the park requires a pass

Next meeting at 2 o'clock on July 14th, 2017

2017 Calendar of Activities

January 2017

February

March

17-19 Puyallup Show
17-19 Portland/ Gold Show
28th Newsletter info due

April

9th Chapter Meeting
24th Newsletter info due

May

14th Chapter Meeting
19-21 Cape Disappointment
29th Newsletter info due

June

2-5 Baker LDMA joint outing
11th Chapter Meeting
17-18 Polka Dot Mine
Newsletter info due

July

9th Chapter Meeting
16th Picnic
24th Newsletter info due
28th—Aug. 11th Nome trip

August

1-11 Nome trip
13th Chapter Meeting
28th Newsletter info due

GPA Oregon/Washington Chapters

Auburn — Auburn Green River Valley Gold Prospectors — 3rd Thursday, 7:00 pm. River Estates Club House, 3611 I St NE, Auburn, WA (253-833-2255)

Bremerton — Western Washington Prospectors 2nd Saturday, 1:00 pm., Elm Lutheran Church, 5911 E Hillcrest Dr., Port Orchard, WA (360-830-4613)

Brownsville — Mid Valley Prospectors — 1st Sunday, 1:30 pm. Brownsville Fire Department, 600 E Blakely Ave, Brownsville, OR (541-990-5148)

Everett— Everett Gold Prospectors 2nd Friday, 7:00 pm., Silver Lake-Alfy's Pizza, 9620 19th Ave, Everett, WA

Longview — Fire Mountain Prospectors — 3rd Saturday, 10:00 am., Bob's Sporting Goods, 1111 Hudson St., Longview, WA (360-274-3396)

Portland — Portland Gold Prospectors, Inc. 3rd Sunday, 12:00 pm., Milwaukie Grange, 12015 SE 22nd, Milwaukie, OR (503-258-8553)

Vancouver — Southwest Washington Gold Prospectors — 2nd Sunday, 2:00 pm. Minnehaha Grange 4905 NE St Johns Road, Vancouver, WA (360-695-3215)

2016 Oregon/Washington Rock & Mineral Shows

You can view a complete list of the 2017 Rock & Mineral Shows listed for Oregon and Washington by visiting the websites below:
OREGON — <http://www.rockngem.com/ShowDatesFiles/ShowDatesDisplayAll.php?ShowState=OR>
WASHINGTON — <http://www.rockngem.com/ShowDatesFiles/ShowDatesDisplayAll.php?ShowState=WA>

May 2017

12-14—RICHLAND, WASHINGTON: Annual show; SE WA Assoc. Treasure Hunters, Horn Rapids County Park; Richland, WA; Fri. 7-10, Sat. 7-9, Sun. -; Free Admission; SE WA Assoc. Treasure Hunters (SWATH) presents their 29th Annual Treasure Hunt.; contact Kim Leverett, WA, (509)-545-8375

20-21—SEATTLE, WASHINGTON: Annual show; Seattle Mineral Market, Lake City Community Center; 12531 28th Ave NE; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-6; Free Admission; We are very excited to bring the full range of natural beauty and share our knowledge and collections with you. In addition to minerals, you'll find gemstones, fossils, jewelry, mineral books, and more. ; contact Michelle Ferris, 117 E Louisa St, PMB 169, Seattle, WA 98102, (206)-582-9157; e-mail: michelle.r.ferris@gmail.com; Web site: www.crystallographygems.com



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