

Newsletter



South West Washington Gold Prospectors August 2020



PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

I thought this is appropriate:

Laugh like you are 10

Party like you are 20

Travel like you are 30

Think like you are 40

Advise like you are 50

Care like you are 60

Love like you are 70

Live like life will never end when you are 80

Make each day full of pleasures while you are 90

Live, Love, Laugh

Until we are able to meet again, Stay Safe!

Debbie Witcher

Everyone is welcome to our next board and general meeting TBD

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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WHAT IS NEW WITH THE GRANGE

When we are able to resume our meetings take note of the new inside paint job. Also some new windows and pictures. The grange has been completely cleaned and some work done on the sewer pipes and drainage system.

And just to help us all out they are purchasing a couple of tables that are to stay on the stage and they are looking at purchasing some new safer chairs.

We still cannot hold general meetings yet, but as soon as we get to phase 4 in Clark County we will. I know this is something we are all looking forward too, even with restrictions.

THANKS TO ALL

We just wanted to say thank you to all of our members who have made donations to our chapter. We have some more new books and atlas maps as well as some additional mining equipment donated by Wayne and Pam Tipping.

PAYDIRT SPECIAL

The pay dirt special has been extended thru Aug. 9, 2020. Sunday. \$15 savings!!!! Bucket of dirt 2 Colorado, 2 California, 1 Roaring Camp and the bucket too. All for \$50. Contact Debbie Witcher 360-695-3215 to make arrangements to purchase.

LOOKING TO GO MINING

I have had a lot of calls from members looking to partner up with someone to go mining with. If you would like to go mining with someone and are ok with me giving your info to other members please e mail me your name, phone number and email by Aug. 16, 2020 and I will and your info to the list and e-mail it to those who are interested. Debbie at ddwitcher@yahoo.com.

SICK?

So far we have not had any reports of the virus infecting members, but please remember if you know someone who is ill, has had surgery etc. to notify Debbie 36695-3215 and Ann Erickson at aerickson@q.com with their name and address if possible. We want to send them a card and let them know we are thinking about them.

GPAA

We are still expecting a refund from the GPAA for the deposits we made for the outings we scheduled at the LDMA camps that were necessary to cancel.

BOARD MEETING

Even though we are unable to have a general meeting in Aug, we will be holding a board meeting. Sunday Aug. 9, 2020 at 12:30 at the grange. As you know board meetings are open to all. Everyone is asked to bring a chair and your own beverage, and wear a mask. We are planning on meeting outside at the grange so social distancing will not be a problem. If you have something for the board to discuss please let me know so it can be put on the agenda, either call, text, or email me.

If you are interested in checking our materials from our library this would be a good time to do it.

GOOD FOR A SMILE

SELF QUARANTINE DIARY:

Day 1-I can do this!! Got enough food and wine to last a month!

Day 2- Opening my 8th bottle of wine. I fear my wine supplies may not last.

Day 3- Strawberries: Some have 210 seeds, some have 235 seeds. Who Knew??

Day 4- 8:00pm. Remove my day pajamas and put on my night Pajamas.

Day 5-Today I tried to make hand sanitizer. It came out as Jello Shots!!

Day 6- I get to take out the garbage. I am so excited, I can't decide what to wear.

Day 7-Laughing way to much at my own jokes!!

Day 8-Went to a new restaurant called "The Kitchen". You have to gather all the ingredients and make your own meal. I have no clue how this place is still in business.

Day 9- I put liquor bottles in every room. Tonight, I'm getting all dressed up and going bar hopping.

Day 10- Struck up a conversation with a spider today. Seems nice. He's a web designer.

Day 11- Isolation is hard. I swear my frige just said, "What the hell do you want?"

Day 12- I realized why dogs get so excited about something moving outside, going for walks or car rides. I think I just barked at a squirrel.

Day 13- My latest discovery—If you keep a glass of wine in each hand, you can't accidently touch your face.

Day 14- Watched the birds fight over a worm. The Cardinals led the Blue Jays 3-1.

Day 15- Anybody else feel like they've cooked dinner about 395 times this month??

Hope this made you smile for at least a minute,

NEWSLETTER

We would like you to email Mark any stories or information that might be of interest to the chapter members. I know most of you have some extra time on your hands right now so if you could write a story, tell something of interest etc. and e-mail it to Mark that would be great. And as a reward if you item is published in the August newsletter you will receive a piece of gold. Items must be marked no later than Sept. 1st, be sure to include your name, and phone number so you get credit and just in case Mark needs to contact you.

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HPA Rulemaking web page: <https://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/hpa/rulemaking/>

GPAA <https://www.goldprospectors.org/>

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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

Aug 9th 12:30 Board mtg. 2:00 General mtg.
Cancelled 15th Chapter Claims outing, (members only) Contact Scott Long
Cancelled 15th Daybreak Park outing 10:00 am Contact Debbie Witcher
Cancelled 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