



Next Meeting March 12th 2:00, Board Mtg. 12:30

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

We will be writing up an article for the GPAA magazine along with pictures from our own Carol Brown.

We hope to encourage others to contribute to their communities where there is a need. We are all in this life together and even though most of those receiving the coats etc. are not GPAA members and probable never will have that opportunity; we are showing everyone that this GPAA chapter not only enjoys mining, we care about everyone and are willing to help where we can.

I happened to speak with a GPAA employee on another mater and mentioned this project and what we had accomplished, they were blown away and very proud of our chapter.

Thanks to all,

See ya at the March meeting!

REMINDER

Remember to sign in at every meeting, outing or event. Please double check your info at the meeting to make sure you phone, address, and e-mail is correct.

We also have sign up sheets for future events and outing.



NO MEETING EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 9TH
We will be moving our chapter meeting to Sunday April 23.





Bound for the Klondike Gold Fields
Chilkoot Pass Alaska

NO GPAA GOLD AND TREASURE SHOW

There are opportunities out there to check out other gold show, as well as rock and sportsman shows. Check the internet for these events

COATS

We held our coat event on Feb.17th. There we approx... 35 folks who helped pick up, sort, and distribute these items. We had approx... 2000 coats. At least 1000 pair of good usable shoes. Boxes of slacks, shirts, sweaters and more.

More than 30 groups and organizations, churches, food banks, and schools received these goods. Lots of preschoolers, veterans, seniors and people in need were assisted. Plus we had 1200 pair of new socks to give out thanks to donations from the Minnehaha grange, and chapter member financial donations. Kerry w. was able to find us a really good deal on the socks.

The timing was great as the weather turned freezing, windy and snowy. Non useable coats were given to a group who recycle them into matts for the shelter animals.

Everyone did a great job and the work and effort is much appreciated. A big thank you to all for your support. You are awesome!!!

This project was originally suggested by Jeff Wooldridge and his efforts and leadership has been invaluable. Thanks Jeff!

CLAIM MAINTANCE SLIPS

Turn your maintenance slips into Debbie W. or Ron Koppi. If you go to our claims we need those slips for the annual maintenance reports.

Our claims person Preston Griffin is required to turn his slips into the board. He is receiving a \$50 a month gas allowance for claim maintenance up to \$400 per year. Approx. 8 months. This is a budgeted amount. Part of the claim director's job is to keep the claims clean, maintain signs, etc.

Debbie W, Ron and Maurine Koppi, are doing all the state and federal paperwork for these claims. Dennis W has provided maps and directions.

To use our claims you do not have to be a GPAA or LDMA member. These claims are for our chapter member's use.



COOS BAY/ MERYTLE CREEK KIDS DAY

If you haven't already signed up to help out with the kid's sportsman day at Merytle Creek please do. We have participated in this event several times and it is very rewarding. We will be teaching panning. This is a one day event Sat. May 6th, 2023. There is dry camping available at no charge or I can give you a couple of motels in the area. Please bring a chair and your pans. Lunch is provided. We will be teaching approx... 200-250 kids and they are very polite and eager to learn.

See Debbie for more info.

POLKA DOT AGATE/THUNDER EGG DIG

This event is in Madras Oregon and is our Father's Day outing Sat. June 17th. Fun for the whole family.

We meet at 9am at the Safeway store parking lot. I have some Motel info if you need it. Some suggested item to bring are, chair, knee pads, lunch and snacks, beverage plenty of water, shovel, trowel, buckets, pick. Dress warm for cool temps in the morning, and lighter clothing in the afternoon as temps warm up.

Please sign up as we would like to give the mine owners a head count. We will have a price list available as the date draws closer. This is fun and educational too.

Things To Pack For Winter Drive

Snow Shovel. One that folds up and won't take up a lot of space, Ice Scraper.

GPS, Maps & Compass.

Gloves, Warm Clothes, Hat, Blankets

Lip Balm to sooth cracked lips when the air is cold and dry.

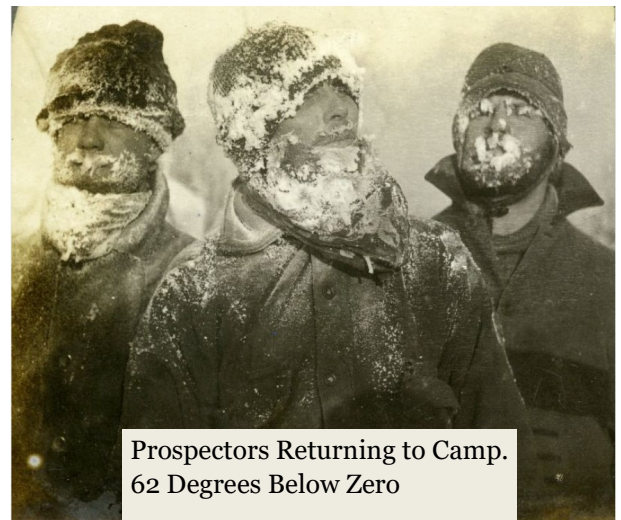
Car seat warmers, Cushions, Car Manual, Emergency Kit, Check Spare Tire.

First Aid Kit, Medications, Toilet Paper.

Water, Food, Snacks.

High-Capacity Battery Pack to charge Cell Phones, Rechargeable Lights, Etc.

Flashlight, Swiss Army Knife, Garbage Bags, Road Flares.



SouthWest Washington Gold Prospectors General Meeting Minutes Febuary 12th 2023

Meeting called to order at 2:01

There were 3 guests in attendance

The Jan. 2023 meeting minutes were read, a motion was made to accept and passed.

The Feb 2023 treasurers report was made, a motion was made to accept and passed.

Mark and Maurine are working on completing the certificates for our sponsors and contributors

1 GPAA kit will be given away to a chapter member who is currently not a GPAA member

Thank you to all who visit our claims and fill out the report

Columbia Sportswear has approx. 128 boxes of donated coats. Volunteers are needed to sort on next Friday. Lunch will be provided

The Grange and Norm and Betty donated money to purchase socks to donate in addition to the coats. A collection was taken at the meeting which allowed us to get a third purchase.

There is a sign up for the April 15th garage sale

There will be an educational outing at Day Break park on 4/22. Dan will be demonstrating equipment

The April meeting date has been moved to 4/23/23

The outing at the Territorial Days has been cancelled

There will be free buckets available at the next meeting

Tents were found on our claims and Preston will take care of them

Please make sure that you sign out library materials and return to the next meeting

We are working on scheduling more gold and mining outings

There is a sign up sheet for safety topics

A new hat style is available and Mauring needs to have a min of 6 items for any clothing order.

The mid-valley group has invited us to a BBQ. See Debbie for information

The Portland chapter will be having a 1 oz gold bar for their raffle

Dan is having an open house on 2/26 at the Prospectors Treasure Trove

Dave Wagner gave an update report from the Fish and Game Dept.

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3 MONTH RAFFLE

The prizes for the 3 month raffle in March are:

Gold

Pin Pointer

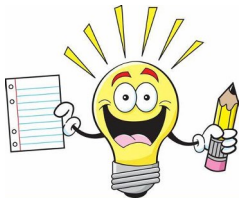
Mining kit

X Stream Pro

Gem Box



Tickets are \$1 each of 6 for \$5, prize must be claimed within 30 days of drawing, need not be present to win. Name and phone must be legible.



NEED YOUR IDEAS

We need some suggestions for education topics, safety topics, outings esp. gold outings. Please see Debbie and or fill out a slip at the membership desk.

GARAGE SALE

Sign up to help at the Sat. April 15th garage sale. This is a 1 day fund raising and education event for our chapter. We will be teaching panning and handing out chapter information to potential mem-

NO MAY MEETING

Our normal meeting day is on mother's day so there is no May meeting.

We will be drawing for our 3 month raffle prizes at this March meeting.

Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5.

All money goes to support the chapter.

NOT A GPAA MEMBER?

This month all non GPAA/LDMA members who would like a GPAA membership will be given a raffle ticket at the sign in table for a special drawing. We will be giving away a Membership to GPAA. There is no fee for this raffle, your chapter is providing it.

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FACEBOOK EDUCATION LINKS HERE

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Let Mark know if you have something that you would like to buy, sell or trade to post in the newsletter..



OUTINGS CALANDER

Since Ronda is not able to work on outings at this time, I have taken it over until we have another volunteer. John will still be working on gold outings.

We have some of the scheduling for the outings etc.

This is only a partial schedule and more will be add. Any suggestion you have will be welcome.

Feb. 12th meeting

Feb. 17th coat pick up, sort and distribute

March 12 meeting, draw 3 month raffle

April 9th meeting

April 15th garage sale at Clark County Event center

April 22 or 23 outing at Daybreak, Date is being decided, working with Dan Rouse on this event.

May 6th, teach panning to kids at Coos Bay/ Merytle Creek

NO MEETING MAY 14TH MOTHERS DAY

June 11th meeting, draw 3 month raffle

June 17th father's day outing at Polka-Dot-Agate mine

July 9th meeting

Territorial days waiting for date.

Aug. 13th meeting

Sept. 10th meeting

Sept.17th picnic at daybreak, 3 month raffle drawing

This is only a partial list:

Still working on the following,

More outings at Lewisville, Daybreak, Our Claims

Bingo Bus

Spin it off factory (local)

Sunstones

Fossils

Rice Rock Museum

Cape Disappointment

????????????? Suggestions please

Again this is only a partial schedule. All outings, events etc. are weather dependent.

Upcoming Rock Shows

Tualatin Valley - Mar 3-5 10 to 5.

\$1 admission

Nat Guard Armory, 2950 Taylor Way, Forest Grove, OR

Oregon Agate and Mineral Society - Free

March 3 - 5 Fri/Sat 9:30-5:30, Sun 9:30-5

OMSI, 1945 SE Water Ave, Portland, OR

Sweet Home \$.50 admission Apr 1 10-6, Apr 2

10-5. Sweet Home High School, 1641 Long St, Sweet Home, OR

Willamette Agate and Mineral Society

\$5. Admission, Apr 14-16, Fri/Sat 9-5, Sun 10-4

Polk Co Fairgrounds, 520 S Pacific Hwy. Rickreall, OR

Grays Harbor Rock Club Free. Apr 29 10-5. Apr 30 10-4:30. Grays Harbor Fairgrounds, 43 Elma-McCleary Rd, Elma, WA

Mt. Hood Rock Club. FREE. May 19-21

Fri/Sat 10-5, Sun 10-3. Kliever Nat Guard Armory, 10000 NE 33rd Dr. #1751, Portland, OR

Clackamette Rock Club, Free. May 27 9-6, May 28 10-5. Clackamas Co Fairgrounds, 694 NE 4th Ave, Canby, OR

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