

Next Meeting April 14th 2:00, Board Mtg. 12:30

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

I wanted to take a moment to thank every single person in our chapter who steps up and/or volunteers to help with our many events, projects, and committees. Without all of you we would not be as successful as we are.

So, Thank you, you are the best!

See you at the meeting on April 14th.
Debbie W.

EDUCATION

We will be showing folks how to use the pocket scale to weigh gold. If you have some to weigh, bring it.

NO MAY MEETING

Since our meeting would fall on Mother's Day, we do not hold a meeting.
We DO have April and June meetings.

TERRITORIAL DAYS

July 12,13,14 at Amboy Days.

There will be a parade so think about an entry.

We will have a booth and be teaching panning. Also handing out chapter info.

Parking is available and there is a golf cart that will give you a ride to the booth if needed.

This is a great opportunity to connect with community members and give out information on the chapter and invite folks to join our chapter.

The hours are Fri. 12-9, Sat. 11-9, parade at 10, and Sunday 11-5 I am reconfirming those hours.

We need folks to sign up to work. Signup sheet at membership table.



MARK YOUR CALANDER

Our picnic will be on Aug. 11th, at Daybreak Park. More info to follow.

MINERS RAFFLE PRIZES ARE:

GOLD PIECE

PAYDIRT

PIN POINTER

ONE OF A KIND FIGURINE

PLACER MINING KIT

Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Prizes will be drawn at our Aug. picnic.

THERE IS STILL TIME

If you would like to participate in the Coos Bay/Merytle Point kids event we still have space.

There is dry camping available water and porta potties available.

This is a one-day event, Sat. May 4th, lunch will be provided.

Motels are available, see Debbie for names and phone number. \$110 per night.

Questions etc. see Debbie W.

OUTINGS CHAIR NEEDED

If you would like to set up or lead an outing or event, see Debbie.

DAYBREAK OUTING

Weather permitting, Preston G. will be taking the lead for an outing at Daybreak Park on SAT. May 11th, 10am-2pm.

Be sure to sign in and get a raffle ticket for a drawing.

Bring your lunch or snack, beverage, chair, mining equipment, and fish and game rules.

Any questions contact Preston 360 903 2054 or Debbie W.

MORE PAYDIRT

We have another shipment of paydirt from Colorado. See Dennis to make a purchase.

Southwest Washington Gold Prospectors General Meeting Minutes: March 10, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 2:12 PM.

There were 2 guests and 1 birthday.

Orange ice cream & root beer floats were available during the meeting along with other snacks & beverages.

Minutes of the February 11, 2024, general meeting were approved as read.

Treasurer's Report was approved as read.

PLP Raffle: 12 tickets for \$10. Our group is a PLP member, but our members can join at \$50 per individual or \$75 per family.

A thank you to Dennis Witcher and Philip Sutton of the Grange who put up our group's sign.

Claims: Remember to take permission and maintenance slips with you when going to the claims. There is still a lot of snow.

The newsletter will have a list of the group's equipment for sale. Dennis has brought some of the equipment for sale to this meeting.

There is pay dirt for sale.

There will a sign-up list for those needing buckets. Any extra will go to Dan Rouse for his shop.

Equipment rental: There is a list of equipment for rent. The \$25 deposit is refundable when equipment is returned cleaned & in good order; rental is from meeting to next meeting.

Amboy Territorial Days: July 12, 13, & 14 – A great event to teach panning and get people interested in memberships. The booth is free for our non-profit. There is a need for people to man in 4-hour shifts. If there is not enough interest, we will not participate. Mike Quackenbush & Mike Kersteter have volunteered to collect money each day from the \$5 charge for the gold panning samples. They will cover at the booth on July 14 during our meeting time.

There is a **donation letter** available for any business or individual who donates to our group.

Annual Picnic: The picnic will be on Sunday, August 11th, (in lieu of that month's meeting), at Daybreak Park.

Membership: Edna Nelson – There are 2 new members who received their packets.

Plaque: Name tags for Jerry Keesee and Patricia Staat will be added to plaque.

Sunshine: Ann Erickson is having shoulder surgery.

Coos Bay Children's Day: This event is on May 4, 2024, usually has between 200-250 K-12 youngsters. It is from 9 AM to 4 PM. There is room for more volunteers. Many of the group will be staying at a local motel May 3 & May 4 since it will be a full Saturday and the drive is quite long. Contact Debbie for motel details. The event provides lunch but the group will be bringing some drinks & sandwiches makings.

Grange: The Granges and our group have several overlapping goals.

The Washington State Grange lobbyist and others recently succeeded in having a state bill banning all gas-powered equipment tabled. Membership is \$46 per year, prorated quarterly.

Apparel: Maurine Koppi has many items. If you need a specific item not in stock, she will add it to her order which must have 6 items to submit. The price is about at cost.

Safety: Ron Koppi spoke about river safety. Rivers now are fast & cold.

Education: Dan Rouse gave a talk on how to recover gold with demonstrations of various pieces of equipment.

Raffles, including the last 3-month raffle, were done. Future big raffles will be 4-month ones, called Miner's Raffle.

There is no meeting in May.

The next general meeting will be on Sunday, April 14, 2024, at 2:00 PM.

The meeting adjourned at 3:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Van Meter Hord, Assistant Secretary

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