

Newsletter



South West Washington Gold Prospectors April 2020

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

First of all I want to let you know that Mark and I will continue to work on the newsletter and keep you up to date on chapter and GPAA activities.

About 20 Chapter Presidents from several areas of the country have been in contact with me, everyone is anxious to get back to mining and meetings. Hopefully this will be behind us soon but in the meantime as we have heard over and over, we are all in this together.

Even though we need to stay 6 feet apart, this virus is bring many of us closer together.

If you know of anyone in need or who may not feel well, please let me know and we will see what we can do.

Find a positive each day and stay safe and healthy. We will be mining soon.

Debbie

NO APRIL MEETING

We will not be having an April meeting and there is a strong possibility that we will not have a May meeting or any May activities. The decision on this will be made at a much later date, probably the last week of April. We I will ask Mark to send out an e-mail to let you know. If you know someone without a computer or e-mail please let them know.

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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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy birthday to all of our April Birthdays!!!



March Meeting



May Meeting Moved

Our meeting for May has been moved from the 2nd Sunday to the 3rd Sunday in May. The regular meeting day falls on Mother's Day and by a vote of the Chapter was changed.

Buy, Sell, and Trade

2 1/2 inch D and K dredge in super shape to trade for a medium size rock saw in good shape.
Contact Tom Fest 360-465-2393

In our thoughts and prayers

Please keep our Chapter members who are Drs., Nurses, medical personnel, and first responders in your thoughts and prayers. I have not heard of any members who have this virus. If this changes, we will let you know with their permission. We have a lot of at risk folks in our chapter.

Pay Dirt

If anyone is really bored and would like to purchase some pay dirt to work on, we have plenty. Please call me and Dennis or I will make arrangements for you to purchase it. Fun activity you can do while you are at home.

Debbie W. 360-695-3215

LDMA CAMPS

As many of you know most of the LDMA camps are closed. All of the mining opportunities in Washington and Oregon are closed.

GOLD AND TREASURE SHOW

We do not know when or even if the gold and treasure show will have a new date set for this year. I know we all understand. As I get information I will let you know.

Sunshine

Please let Ann Erickson know of anyone who might be under the weather, in the hospital ,or just need a feel good card. Remember to let us know of anyone with a new addition to there family as well.

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South West Washington Gold Prospectors

General Meeting Minutes March 8th, 2020

Meeting called to order at 2:06 pm

There were 1 guests in attendance

2 new members were introduced

Secretary report was read, a motion to accept as read was made and passed

Treasurers report was read, a motion to accept as read was made and passed

The gold and treasure show has been cancelled for now. It may possible be rescheduled for a later date this year

Ken is working on getting a refund for the radio advertising

Show t-shirts were purchased but not printed. They may be used when the show is rescheduled

Scott Long and Preston will be working in Alaska this summer

Dennis will be filling in as claims director and Ron will be assisting as gold buyer

Some of the upcoming outings need people to sign up for them or they will have to be cancelled

Jeff and Connie invited everyone to their wedding on March 29th, 4:00 at the Grange. There will be a potluck following

Preston gave a claims report

Ron Koppi will be the equipment backup

The monthly safety presentation was on safety while walking and hiking

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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

- May 2nd Coos Bay Panning outing
24th—31st Roaring Camp (tentative) Contact Debbie Witcher, Scott or Tina Long
16th Daybreak Park outing 10:00 am Contact Debbie Witcher
17th 12:30 Board mtg. 2:00 General mtg.
- Jun 5th, 6th, 7th Scotts Bar outing, pre register with Debbie Witcher, camp fee is required
14th 12:30 Board mtg. 2:00 General mtg.
19th, 20th, 21st Opal dig outing, Southern Or. Dry camp, Contact Debbie Witcher or Rick Beehler
26th, 27th, 28th Sunstone dig outing, dry camp, Contact Debbie Witcher or Rick Beehler
- Jul 4th Cape Disappointment outing, Camp out beach mining (Reserve space asap) Contact Scott or Tina Long
12th 12:30 Board mtg. 2:00 General mtg.
18th Chapter Potluck Picnic, Daybreak Park, Contact Debbie Witcher or Jeanne Gieg
- Aug 9th 12:30 Board mtg. 2:00 General mtg.
15th Chapter Claims outing, (members only) Contact Scott Long
15th Daybreak Park outing 10:00 am Contact Debbie Witcher
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