

Southwest Washington Gold Prospectors November 2025

Next Meeting November 9th 1:30, Board Meeting 12:00



PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

The holidays are once again upon us, and this is the time to celebrate with family and friends.

Also, this is the time of the year when the weather can turn bad so keep that in mind when you sign in and update your information. Just in case we need to notify you of a meeting or event cancellation.

Myself, and your board of directors want to wish you and yours a Happy Thanksgiving!

See you at the meeting, Debbie W.



DEC. MEETING TREATS

Again, this year we will have an dessert pot luck. The chapter will provide dinnerware, ice cream, whipped topping, and a surprise or 2. Please bring 1 or 2 desserts. This is a great time to share your favorite desserts.

DONATIONS

If you know someone or a business that would like to help support our chapter by either a cash or product donation, we are a non-profit, and their donation is tax deductible.

I have the forms, see Debbie W.

SIGN IN

Please remember to sign in and update your information at every meeting.

NEW GPA MEMBERSHIP OR RENEWAL

When you join the GPA or renew your membership, be sure to tell GPA that you want the credit to go to our chapter. We get points towards merchandise. Speaking of points, a group of us met downstairs after the meeting and decided what to spend points on. We got some good "stuff" for the raffles.



MINERS RAFFLE

Here are the miners raffle prizes to be drawn at the Dec. Meeting

Piece of gold

Paydirt bag donated by Dan Rouse

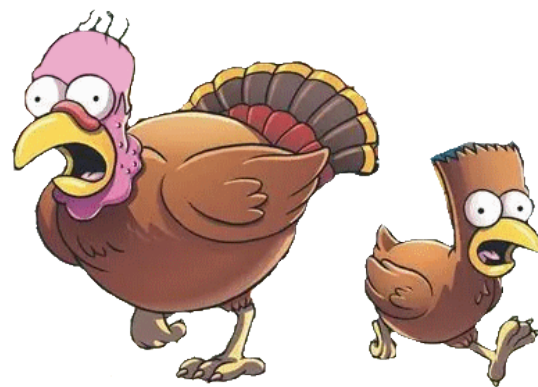
Garnet Paydirt bag

Clock

Gold hog flow pan

Specimen rock

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



SAMPLER CUPS

Sampler cups will be available at \$15 per cup while they last. See Dennis with the chapter store.

NOVEMBER TREATS

We will be having baked potatoes with toppings at the Nov. meeting. If you volunteered to help with the preparation, please be at the grange no later than 12:15.

Toppings will be chili, cheese, butter, sour cream and green onions.

SAPPHIRES

It looks like we will be going to the sapphire mine in Montana on the weekend of the 26th of May. Side trips are being planned.

If you are interested in sharing a van ride, please sign up asap. Adults and teens only. We need an approximate head count so we can look at the costs. If you are driving or ride-share, please sign up and note that.

RICE MESEUM

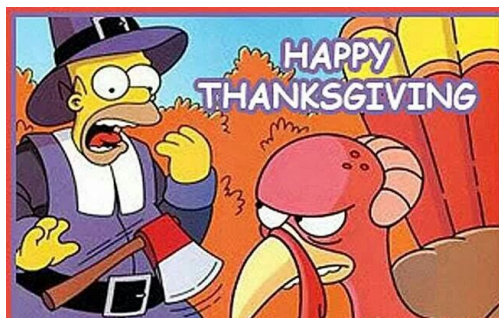
Jamie reported that about 10 people attended the outing. All had a good time. A drawing was held for a prize.

ELECTIONS

Ballots are prepared and the following candidates are:

Vice President J.T. Buck

Treasurer Mike Quackenbush



Board of Directors:

Charlie Hord

Michael Kersteter

Jeanne Gieg

Preston Griffin

Lisa Young

Steve Keesee as Sargent at arms will oversee the election committee and oversee the collection and counting of ballots.

BUCKETS



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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.

GPAA Points			
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