

Southwest Washington Gold Prospectors August-September 2025

Next Meeting October 12th 2:00, Board Meeting 12:00



PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Winter is on its way. Please make sure that your e-mail etc. is correct and all your info is up to date in our files. In the event we would need to cancel or change meetings etc. we need to let everyone know asap.

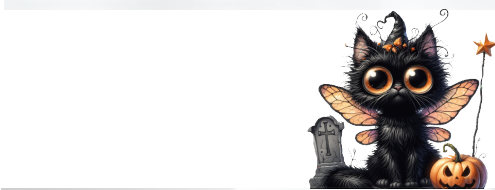
Please consider supporting the chapter by leading an outing, being a committee chairperson, or running for an office. Suggestions on education, safety, outings or anything else are always welcome.

See you at the Oct. Meeting

Debbie W.

ELECTIONS

Our elections are coming up soon. We will vote at the Nov. Chapter meeting. The office terms that will be up are Vice-President, Treasurer and 5 board positions. If you are interested in volunteering for one of these offices, please see Debbie W. for information and add your name to the ballot.



NEWSLETTER

IF you have something for the newsletter, please send it directly to Mark M. the newsletter editor. I will not submit something for you.

THANK YOU WALT

Thank you to Walt Evans from the PLP for coming and speaking to our group at the Sept. meeting.

CALENDAR

We are working on next year's calendar, and we do need suggestions. So far, we have MYRTLE POINT, Territorial days, Parkersville, the picnic. We need to choose a date for Lawson Bar, Sapphires and Blue Bucket. Please see Debbie W or Jamie Louie to make suggestions.

RICE MUSEUM

Jamie is planning to lead an outing to the Rice Museum on Oct. 26th. Please sign up at the membership table.

LAWSONS BAR

JT led the outing to Lawson Bar and it was a good trip. I understand that most folks got at least a little and many brought back several buckets of classified dirt to process. There were about 20 people who made the trip. We are deciding on a date for this outing again next year.

EQUIPMENT

This is a reminder that the chapter has equipment you can check out if you are a member in good standing. It is a \$25 deposit which will be refunded upon the return of the equipment, clean and in good working order. You can check equipment out for 30 days at a time. Questions see our equipment manager Dennis W.



SAPHIRES

If you are interested in going on the trip to the sapphire mine next year, please sign up.

Also, we are working on a ride share van for adults to that area. We do not have a date yet but if you are interested, please sign up for that. It does not oblige you at this time but gives us an idea of the number of people who would like to go. See Debbie W. with questions.



SUNSHINE

If you know a member who is ill or has lost a close relative, please e-mail our sunshine lady Ann Erickson or Debbie W.

MINERS RAFFLE

Remember to purchase the mines raffle tickets at the meetings. We will draw the prize winners at the Dec. Meeting. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Prizes are gold piece .80 grams, \$100 paydirt bag, clock, gold hog flow pan, garnet pay bag, and specimen rock.

WHAT THE CHAPTER PROVIDES

Any time the chapter has an outing or event we will let you know what we are providing. Example would be the picnic. We are NOT responsible for providing a pop up or chair for each person. We are not required to provide food unless otherwise stated we will do so. Equipment is your responsibility. That being said, many of us do carry extra equipment which we often share. Please do not take someone's

SUGGESTIONS

We need suggestions for education, outings, fund raising, safety, hospitality and submissions to the newsletter.



T-SHIRTS

Don't forget to visit Maurine Koppi and purchase your chapter T-shirts. Special buy at \$20 each. Maybe buy 2

EQUIPMENT

If you want to check out some mining equipment, see Dennis with the chapter store. We currently have 4 gold cubes in stock. You can check equipment out for 30 days with a \$25 deposit which will be returned when equipment is returned in good order, clean and on time.

POINTS COMMITTEE

The points committee will meet downstairs at the grange after Oct. Meeting to discuss and choose how to use our points for equipment. If you would like to join Preston, Mike, Dennis, J.T., Oueenie and myself on that committee please let me know.



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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.

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