

Southwest Washington Gold Prospectors August 2026

Next Meeting August 9th 2:00 pm, Board Meeting 12:30 pm



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A lot of us are taking advantage of the summer weather and enjoying the outdoors. Please be prepared to stay overnight in case of emergency, let someone know where you are going and when you will return. Have plenty of water with you.

Please check on fires in the area you are going. Have fun and be safe!

See you at the meeting!

Your President, Debbie W.

PICNIC

The picnic will again be held at Daybreak Park. Set up to start 8:30 am -9:00 am. If you have any tables or popups, please let me know if you are able to bring them. We always need some extra ones.

Doug and Lou Buckendahl have volunteered to bring a bar-b-que and do the cooking. The chapter will provide meat and buns as well as the condiments, and dinnerware.

Please bring 1 or 2 dishes for the potluck and at least 2 bags of ice to help keep the food cold. Also, don't forget to bring your chairs and beverage of choice.

We will play bingo with lots of prizes and hold our regular raffles. We will be drawing the winners for the Miner's raffle also. Tickets for all raffles will be available for purchase.

There will be gifts for the kids plus much more.

Please sign up so we know how much food to purchase. Give us an idea of what dishes you may be bringing.

NO SEPTEMBER MEETING

We will not be holding a meeting in September, but will take care of any necessary business at the picnic on September 20th.

TREATS

We will be serving ice cream sundaes at our August meeting.

CLAIM OUTINGS

Here are some dates for the claim outings:

Tanner will be holding an outing on August 25, 2026

Chris will be holding an outing on August 22, 2026

Jamie's will be announced at meeting

MAMMOTHS

The chapter will not have a trip to the Mammoth dig site and education facility. There were not enough people who signed up to make arrangements for the chapter. However, you can still go on your own until October 3, 2026. Check for open status due to wildfires in the area.

PAYDIRT

The chapter store will have a new supply of paydirt available at the August meeting.

NEXT YEAR'S GEM OUTING

Plans are in process for a trip at the end of June 2027 to the Opal mines and Sunstone mines in Southern Oregon and Northern Nevada. If you are interested in going, please sign up. This is not a commitment to go I just need a number for those interested. We will again be making arrangements for those who want to carpool to go in a van.

MINERS RAFFLE

Raffle prizes are:

Gold piece

Metal detector

The Green Meadows club membership

Pair of camp/patio chairs

Myrtle wood charcutier tray/ Cutting Board

Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Once we sell 800 tickets I will add another prize, and for each additional 400 tickets sold I will add another prize.

NAME TAGS

When we have an order for 10 or more name tags, we will process the order. Cost for the name tags is \$10 each.

Cheater's Skillet Lasagna with Corn and Cherry Tomatoes



Ingredients

- 3 ears of corn on the cob
- 2 tablespoons melted butter
- 1 pound lasagna noodles, roughly broken
- 4 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil, divided
- 1 pint cherry tomatoes
- Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 2 large zucchini, peeled into ribbons with a vegetable peeler
- 1 bunch asparagus, peeled into ribbons with a vegetable peeler
- ½ cup grated Parmesan cheese
- ¼ cup capers
- 3 tablespoons chopped fresh basil

Directions

1. Heat a large skillet over medium heat. Brush the corn with the melted butter and add to the skillet. Sear until well charred, about 4 minutes per side. Cool slightly, then cut the kernels from the cob.
2. Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil and cook the lasagna noodles until al dente, 7 to 9 minutes.
3. Drain the noodles and toss with 2 tablespoons of the olive oil. Heat the remaining olive oil in the same skillet you used to cook the corn.
4. Add the tomatoes to the skillet; season with salt and pepper. Cook until the tomatoes are blistered, 6 to 7 minutes. Add the zucchini and asparagus; cook until tender, about 4 minutes.
5. Add the noodles and corn to the skillet; toss to combine. Add the Parmesan, capers and basil; toss to combine. Serve immediately.

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