

Southwest Washington Gold Prospectors July 2026

Next Meeting July 12th 2:00 pm, Board Meeting 12:30 pm



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

There is power in kindness so focus on the good. Mindset is everything.
See you at the July meeting!!!

Debbie W.

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PICNIC

Our picnic will be held at Daybreak Park the same as in the last few years on September 20th. Set up starts at 9:00 am. Food will be served around 12:00 pm.

Doug and Lou Buckendahl will bring a bar-b-que and be cooking. The chapter will provide the burgers and hot dogs, buns, condiments, and dinnerware.-

Please bring 1 or 2 dishes to add to the potluck, your chairs, beverages and 1 or 2 bags of ice. Also, a pop up canopy and table, if you have them.

We will have gifts for the kids, maybe even some kids games.

We will play bingo with lots of nice prizes.

As always, please be sure to sign in. We will be holding our regular raffle and drawing for our Miners raffle. Also, tickets will be available to purchase for both raffles.

VICE PRESIDENT

Please welcome Tony Hess as our Vice President. Tony has been with our chapter for a long time and has always helped when needed. I am sure he will do a great job.

OUTINGS

Outings Chairperson Jamie Louie and I are working on more outings both for this year and next. We do need your suggestions, please.

We will have the dates for going to the claims announced at the meeting.

NAME TAGS

Queenie is taking orders for name tags. They are \$10 each and need to be paid when you order. When we have an order for at least 8 we will send the order in.

MINERS RAFFLE

Miners raffle prizes are:

- Gold piece .83 grams
- Metal detector
- Membership to Club Green Meadow
- Pair of camp/patio chairs
- Myrtlewood charcutier /cutting board

Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Winners will be drawn at the picnic and need not be present to win but name and phone number must be legible. Winners not present will be notified.
After 800 tickets are sold, we will add another prize.



COYOTE CANYON MAMMOTH

If you are interested in a day trip to the Coyote Canyon Mammoth Site, please sign up. This is a trip to learn about mammoth bones and tusks, follow the process from the unearthing to display of the bones, etc.

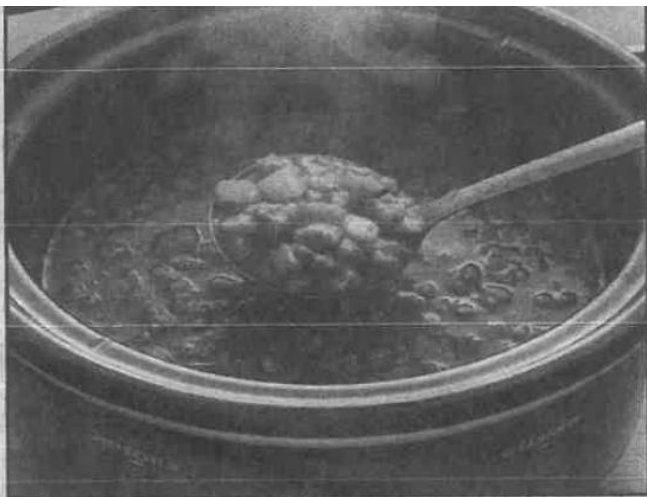
We have a tentative date of either Saturday, October 3rd, or Saturday, September 26th. It is approximately a 3 - hour drive to Umatilla Oregon to the facility.

I will have to make reservations, so I need know how many are going to attend this outing at the July meeting. The cost is \$4 per person.

If we do not have enough folks signed-up, we won't be able to do this trip as a chapter outing.

Be the reason someone smiles today

Something's Cooking



Crock Pot Chili

Great for Potlucks and for keeping people warm during the cold months!

Ingredients:

Seasoning Mix

- 4 Tbsp Chili Powder
- 2 ½ tsp ground coriander
- 2 ½ tsp ground cumin
- 1 ½ tsp garlic powder
- 1 tsp oregano
- 1 tsp cayenne pepper

Chili

- 1½ lbs. ground beef
- 1 Tbsp minced onion
- 1 (28 oz) can diced tomatoes
- 1 (15 oz) can tomato sauce
- 2 (15 oz) cans kidney beans
or three bean mix

Directions:

1. Mix together the seasoning mix
2. Store in an airtight container in a cool, dry place.
(This makes more than needed, save the rest for next time!)
3. In a skillet, cook ground beef until no longer pink
4. Drain any liquids
5. Add minced onion and 3 tsp seasoning mix
6. In Crock-Pot, add tomatoes, tomato sauce, one can of beans and 2 tsp of seasoning
7. Place the other can of beans in a blender and process until smooth
8. Add processed beans and meat to the crock pot
9. Stir together
10. Cook on low for 6 to 8 hours.
11. Serve with shredded cheese, chopped fresh onions, and sour cream. Tortilla chips or Fritos are also a great side.

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