South West Washington Gold Prospectors March 2017 Newsletter

Letter from the President

Wow the year is moving fast. We have a lot to do over the next few weeks. We are still working on the outings calendar and hope to have more outings etc. finalized soon. Both the Puyallup and Portland shows are fast approaching. After they are over we can relax and start to enjoy the outdoors and activities that the Chapter is planning. The next years Gold and Treasure Show will be held ant the Clark County Event Center tentatively scheduled for March 23-25 2018. Tentative only until Brandon signs the contracts which are on the way. As soon as this years show is over we can go to work on next years show and make it great. We asked and Brandon answered so now it is our turn. When you see Brandon at the Show in Portland be sure to thank him for having faith in us to deliver a great show next year. Change is always risky in business. See you Sunday!!!!

Your President, Debbie

Our raffle tickets are here!!!

Our chapter raffle tickets are available to sell. Remember that you can sell these tickets to anyone. They are not limited to our chapter members only. Please see Debbie and get your tickets.

These are not the tickets to get into the Gold and Treasure Show.

Flyers are available to help sell tickets. They contain information on all of the prizes that are available to win.

Tickets are \$1 each. We will draw the winners on March 26th at the end of the Gold and Treasure Show. Winners need not be present.

Please sell these tickets to everyone, this is our chapter raffle fundraiser.

Contact info. Debbie Witcher 360-695-3215, or e-mail ddwitcher@yahoo.com.





Membership Committee

When you are signing in for attendance at the SWWGP meeting please be sure to verify name spelling, correct address w/zip code, e-mail address and phone number. If you are a current GPAA/ LDMA member be sure to let us know and give us your GPAA/LDMA membership number.

We are in the process of updating our records.
Thank you for you help,
Richard Pluff Jr.
503-957-6884

THE SUMMIT IS BACK ON

Due to overwhelming response to the cancelation of the summit, Brandon is putting it back on the schedule. It will be held in Las Vegas on April 21,2017. This is a work shop for all chapters and we always bring back lots of good info. Have a question or suggestion for the GPAA? Now is the time to let me know so that I can pass it on. Myself as Chapter President and Sharon Stewart of the membership committee will be attending and representing our Chapter.

Betty and Norm Erickson who are doing work with team endeavor at Stanton LDMA camp will be taking time out of their work schedule to attend also. I will be presenting our new member packet and will be doing what ever else is needed. We will then help the Las Vegas Chapter with their Gold and Treasure Show. (We will be workers only).

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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. Committees to be filled: Bylaws / Laws and Regulations

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Education

Steve Lewin will be our education person for this meeting. He will be going over the ins and outs of the new process concerning the mining guide. We will answer any questions you might have.



Blue Bucket Camp

With all the wet weather that the blue bucket camp has been getting. we as the caretakers are finding it hard to spruce up the outside. so with temecculas blessing we are inviting all GPAA members to join us from March 31 to April 3. for a spring fever camp pick up spruce up day on April 1. We will have a BBQ and swag give away on the night of the 1st. the other days are dig as you may. Could you all please pass this on to your members and let them know. if they want to attend please have them call.

Our cell at 509-220-2967 (having camp phone issues) that way we have an idea on how much food to order. thanks and hope to see lots of you in a few weeks for the spring spruce up camp event!

Julie and Robert Fegan blue bucket camp caretakers

Your Newsletter

We need you to submit articles etc. Please don't leave this up to a few people to contribute to this newsletter. Have an interesting story that relates to mining, our chapter, been on an outing, etc.? please consider writing up a short article and submitting it so other may enjoy it as well. It is your newsletter.



SIGN UP SHEETS

Sign up sheets for all activities, events, committees, etc. are at the back table where you sing in for the meeting. If you have any questions there are chapter members available at the table to assist you.

Buy, Sell, Trade

Wanted!!!!!

Rock cutting and processing equipment, jewelry making equipment. rock saw, grinders, cab machine, flat lat, etc. Call, Debbie 360-695-3215

Have something to sell or give away? Looking for something to buy? This is a free service to our Chapter members.

Call Mark Matilla at 360-609-6813 or chipper49@outlook.com

Puyallup gold show

Puyallup gold show will be 17,18,19. The week end after our meeting We still would like to have some more help. If you can spare the time and energy please consider volunteering. This is a good time to mingle with other GPAA Chapters and get to know some of their members.

Call Debbie 360 695 3215 with questions or to sign up.

This is a money making opportunity for our chapter as well.

Collection for Veterans

We are continuing to collect food, toiletries, warm clothes for veterans. Pet food for their animals. Not all of these veterans are homeless. Please bring your donations. Boxes will be provided. Any questions please contact Debbie.

OUR GOLD SHOW TICKETS ARE FINALLY HERE!!!!!

Ken has tickets and you can they are ready to sell. \$5 each, the chapter will keep 2.50 and the balance goes to the GPAA. Tickets at the door are \$10. Ken has tickets ready to sign out, and we will have them available at the meeting.

Club Name Tags

Name tags orders will be taken at the January meeting.

Any club members that would like a plastic name Tag made for them can place an order at the next meeting.

Cost is 7.00 for each tag that includes up to 2 lines of engraving. Questions?

Contact David Conti

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Sample

SWWGP MONTHLY MEETING

The Southwest Washington Gold Prospectors' meetings are the second Sunday of every month beginning at 2:00 pm at:
Minnehaha Grange Hall #164
4905 Northeast St Johns Road Vancouver, Washington

All interested parties are invited to attend the monthly meetings. 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!

For information contact: Debbie Witcher – Chapter President,

ddwitcher@yahoo.com or 360-695-3215 or visit www.swwgoldprospectors.org

Raffle Tickets

We will have approx. 3 months to work on selling them so lets all pitch in and sell/buy them. We will draw the winners at the end of this years Gold and Treasure show.

Winners need not be present.

Here are the prizes:

- 1) Chinook Winds Beach Get away package 2 nights standard room, show tickets for 2, Dinner for 2.
- 2) Chinook Winds Golf get away package 2 nights standard room, golf for 2, Dinner for 2.
- 3) Gold and Quartz specimen
- 4) Rock Tumbler
- 5) Silver Prospector Bar 5 troy oz. .999 pure
- 6) 2 Prospector silver coins, one is the first in a special limited edition series
- 7) One of a kind gem stone necklace made exclusively for SWWGP

Some prizes may change before ticket printing Dec. 5th, 2016

Tickets are \$1 and all proceeds will benefit SWWGP

Questions call Debbie Witcher 360-695-3215

In addition to you purchasing tickets, you can sell them at your church, work, other organizations and clubs, etc. think outside the box.

Four regional parks to charge parking fees again starting Monday, April 3

Beginning today, \$30 annual parking passes for 2017 can be purchased at three locations

Vancouver, Wash. – Clark County will resume collecting daily parking fees at four of the county's largest regional parks starting Monday, April 3.

Daily fees will be collected year-round at <u>Frenchman's Bar Regional Park</u>, <u>Lewisville Regional Park</u>, <u>Salmon Creek Regional Park/Klineline Pond</u> and <u>Vancouver Lake Regional Park</u>. Parking fees will be \$2 for motorcycles, \$3 for cars, \$6 for cars with trailers and \$8 for buses or motor homes.

Parking fees were eliminated in 2013. Last year, the Board of County Councilors agreed to resume fee collection to provide more sustainable parks funding and reduce vandalism and other illegal activities.

Daily parking fees will be collected at fee booths, typically from May 1 through Sept. 30, and during busy off-season events. Fee booth attendants will accept cash, debit cards, Visa and MasterCard. No checks or Discover or American Express cards will be accepted.

When fee booths are not staffed, park users will need to use self-pay stations. Only cash will be accepted at self-pay stations.

Under Clark County Code, failure to pay parking fees could result in a \$40 fine.

Annual parking passes are available for \$30 and are good for the calendar year, not the 12-month period following the purchase. Passes are sold at:

- •Clark County 78th Street Operations Center, Building A, 4700 N.E. 78th St., 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.
- Clark County Permit Center, first floor, Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin St., 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Debit and credit card transactions carry a \$2.95 fee.
- •Battle Ground Community Center, 912 E. Main St., 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday. Annual passes also can be purchased at the four parks when fee booths are staffed.

More information is available on the county's website at www.clark.wa.gov/public-works/parking-fees.

Committee Members Needed

Just a reminder that we need additional committee members for the following:

Outings
Education
Hospitality
Picnic/holiday dinner
Bar-B-Que and special events
Membership
Sargent at arms/safety
Set up/tear down
Sunshine and flowers



Please consider helping out.

All have Chairpersons but do need a few more folks to help.

If you need infomation, want to know what is involved, time needed or to volunteer, Please contact Debbie Witcher 360 -695-3215

This years show is March 24th,25th,and 26th, 2016. At the Expo Center in Portland, Oregon. Jerry Johns and the Portland Chapter are taking the lead this year. Our chapter has made the following commitment so far. We are planning on having a booth again, we will help with set up, and tear down as well as provide show labor.

We need to try to get more vendors. Over the last 2 years we have signed up 14 vendors so they are off the table to us, they become GPAA vendors. We need to think outside the box on vendors. Would you visit their booth at the gold show? Sign 'em up. You can contact me for help if you need it.

We also need to grow our Chapter sponsors as well.

This is a joint venture between Portland, Brownsville and the Vancouver chapters to host the GPAA Gold and Treasure Show. Please help Jerry to lead all of us toward another successful show. Remember just because it is being held in Portland does not make it a Portland show it is all of ours. We need to do our part, so please volunteer as we will all benefit.

This is a great opportunity provided to us by the GPAA.

Message from Kitchen Hostess

Jeanne will have a sign up sheet available for anyone wishing to bring some goodies to the meeting for the break.

Please consider bring something as this will help to off set the Chapter expenses. Of coarse there is a donation can available if you want to give cash. This is a great opportunity to show off a new dessert etc.

Committees

Assistants and Committee Members:

We need some assistants and/or committee members for the following, T-shirts, Chapter Store, Membership, Library, Sunshine bereavement (part of the Sunshine committee) Outings, Awards, Adopt a high way, and many more.

Most of these already have a chairperson. This is a great opportunity to get involved, give a little bit of you time helping out.

If you would like to volunteer or have any questions please contact Debbie Witcher 360-695-3215 or ddwitcher@yahoo.com

Outings Committee

We need volunteers for our outings committee. You will need to come up with ideas for outings. What are you interested in doing, seeing? Others may be too. We need suggestions for day trips, local and otherwise, week-end trips, etc..

Here are a few of the things we did this year: Whites metal detectors, beach mining, polka dot agate and Richards rock ranch, Roaring Camp, Daybreak, Lewisville, copper creek.

Please sign up and or give suggestions. Lets get our calendar started for next year.

Library

We are in need of a new Librarian

For those of you who may not know we have a Chapter library. It contains books, magazines, DVD's, etc. Once you are a member you are entitled to check out materials for up to 30 days. You need to sign the log book with your information and what you are borrowing. Please do not keep the materials longer than 30 days so someone else can borrow it.

We currently have materials that have been checked out since April as well as missing materials. This is an honor system so please do not put our librarian in the position of having to call you to bring the materials back.

Our librarian is Dave Conti so if you have any questions or want to donate something to the library please contact him.360-256-0892 or user764554@aol.com

Chapter Store

Our chapter store carries a lot of items including t shirts and mning equipment. Needing something and don't see it? Just ask Maurene Koppi or Patti Long, they will see what they can do for you.

February 2017 SWWGP General Meeting Minutes

Called to order 2:25

76 in attendance

Secretary minutes read and accepted

Treasurers report was postponed until the March meeting

Ken has gold show entry tickets for sale

501C3 handbook is available in the library

New member packets are available

Reminder for everyone to verify sign in information

Randy had a request for help in storing the chapter equipment

Flyers are available for the gold show

Richard gave a report on a replacement for the chapter sound system

Motion made and passed to allow up to 500.00 for the purchase of a new sound system

Safety report: Everyone was reminded to fill out the medical form if not previously completed and that we now have a blood pressure monitor available

There is a committee forming to research available grants

A volunteer is requested to provide the safety report for 3 months

Sargent of arms are needed

Request for assistance with the Puyallup show, setup and teardown are taken care of. Debbie is looking into member entry and parking

Outings calendar is in development, there was a call to all members to contribute any ideas for outings

The board is investigating the possibility of establishing a scholarship in Boo Coo's name

Preston reported for education on the requirement to follow and carry the gold and fish book

The 2018 Gold and Treasure show will be held at the Clark Co event center

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2017 Calendar of Activities

January 2017

February

March

17-19 Puyallup Show 17-19 Portland/ Gold Show 28th Newsletter info due

April

9th Chapter Meeting 24th Newsletter info due

May

14th Chapter Meeting 29th Newsletter info due

June

2-5 Baker LDMA joint outing 11th Chapter Meeting 17-18 Polka Dot Mine Newsletter info due

July

9th Chapter Meeting 16th Picnic 24th Newsletter info due 28th—Aug. 11th Nome trip

August

1-11 Nome trip 13th Chapter Meeting 28th Newsletter info due

September

October

November

December

GPAA Oregon/Washington Chapters

Auburn — Auburn Green River Valley Gold Prospecters — 3rd Thursday, 7:00 pm. River Estates Club House, 3611 I St NE, Auburn, WA (253-833-2255)

Bremerton — Western Washington Prospectors 2nd Saturday, 1:00 pm., Elm
Lutheran Church, 5911 E Hillcrest Dr.,
Port Orchard, WA (360-830-4613)

Brownsville — Mid Valley Prospectors —
1st Sunday, 1:30 pm. Brownsville Fire De
partment, 600 E Blakely Ave,
Brownsville, OR (541-990-5148)

Everett— Everett Gold Prospectors 2nd Friday, 7:00 pm., Silver Lake-Alfy's Pizza, 9620 19th Ave, Everett, WA

Longview — Fire Mountain Prospectors — 3rd Saturday, 10:00 am., Bob's Sporting Goods, 1111 Hudson St., Longview, WA (360-274-3396)

Portland — Portland Gold Prospectors, Inc. 3rd Sunday, 12:00 pm., Milwaukie Grange, 12015 SE 22nd, Milwau kie, OR (503-258-8553)

Vancouver — Southwest Washington Gold Prospectors — 2nd Sunday, 2:00 pm. Minnehaha Grange 4905 NE St Johns Road, Vancouver, WA (360-695-3215)

2017 Oregon/Washington Rock & Mineral Shows

March 2017

17-18—COLVILLE, WASHINGTON: Annual show; Panorama Gem and Mineral Club, Colville Ag and Trade Center; Colville Fair Grounds, 317 West Astor; Fri. 8:30-6, Sat. 9-5; Free Admission; contact Bill Allen, (509)-935-8779; e-mail: sagostore2@charter.net

24-26—SPOKANE, WASHINGTON: 58th Annual Gem, Jewelry and Mineral Show; Rock Rollers of Spokane WA, Spokane County Fair and Expo Center; N.604 Havana; Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-4; Adults \$6, Seniors \$5, Children 12 and under free; Fossils, crystals, minerals, handcrafted jewelry, lapidary supplies, demonstrations, hourly door prizes, youth activities, grand prize.; contact Vonnie Dillon, (509)-951-8173; email: showchair@rockrollers.org

25-26—BELLINGHAM, WASHING-TON: 55th Annual Rock and Gem Show: Mt. Baker Roc and Gem Club. Bloedel Donovan Community Center; 2214 Electric Avenue; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; Free Admission; Fine jewelry, minerals, gems, rocks and rock art, and fossils will be shown and sold. There will also be gold panning instructions. lapidary and fluorescent rock demonstrations, some 30 cases of rock related exhibits, dealers, door prizes, raffle, silent auctions, special activities for kids, sales of club member's rock finds, food service, and more. Proceeds help fund the club's annual university scholarship program.; contact Lori Nettles, (360)-961-7873; e-mail: lorinhardy@yahoo.com; Web site: www.mtbakerrockclub.org

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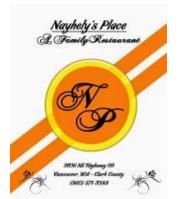






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