

# SWWGP Newsletter

February 2022

Next meeting is February 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2021 at 2:00

Board meeting is at 12:30



## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

We are getting back into the swing of things and things are looking up. We still need to take precautions concerning covid but all in all things are going well. We are working on some outdoor outings to keep everyone safe. Our fund raising efforts are a bit of a challenge but we will get there. As you know we are a non-profit so this is the primary way we support our chapter. I want to thank all of you for the time, effort and thought you have put into our hosting the gold show. No one has viewed this as a personal decision and has acted in the best interest of our chapter and its members. Great job! I hope to see all of you at the next few meetings.

Stay safe,  
Debbie W.

## **FEB. 13<sup>TH</sup> MEETING**

Keeping in mind that the meeting falls on super bowl Sunday, we are have pizza for those in attendance at the meeting. We will try to keep the meeting short so you can go home and watch the game.



## **WELLNESS CALLS**

I have asked our board members and some committee members to help out with these calls. We want to check in with our members who have a current phone number.

## **IDEAS NEEDED**

As always, we need outing and event ideas as well as safety and education suggestions. We also need people to send Mark items to be printed in the newsletter.

## **SPORTSMAN SHOW**

Our chapter is not participating in the Portland sportsman show this year. However, the Portland chapter will have a booth there and can use some help. If you are interested in lending our sister chapter a hand please contact Jim Irwin 503-519-6200

## **EXTENDED 3 MONTH RAFFLE**

Don't forget to buy your tickets. \$1 each or \$6 for \$5. Prizes are:  
1 week stay at the famous roaring camp gold mining camp. In cabin.  
A very nice gold piece 1.2 gram  
Mini sluice  
Spin it Off  
Kitchen pk includes Stand mixer and Hot Pot both really nice!

## **RAFFLE COMMITTEE**

Our raffle committee is stronger than ever.  
Kerry is the chairperson and members are Jeff, Ron, Bob, and Jason. Tammy is our 3 month raffle ticket seller.  
Thanks to each and every one of you for your hard work.

## **IT'S A SECRET**

The secret raffle prize is in honor of Valentine's Day. Mon. Feb 14<sup>th</sup>

## GOLD AND TREASURE SHOW

Those of you who were at the Jan. meeting know that we had a good discussion surrounding the 2022 GPAA gold and treasure show.

Per chapter request I sent an email addressing our concerns and decision.

Parking is \$12 per day

All volunteers will not be admitted to the show at no charge to work, therefore they would have to pay \$10 each to get into the show bringing them min. cost to a volunteer to \$44 per weekend per person.

The GPAA response was that a certain numbers of volunteers ( no number committed to) would be admitted for free.

With the changes in the sale and handling of tickets, pre-sale are now \$7 instead of \$5, our ability to make money from the sale of tickets would be extremely limited, and would make it next to impossible to give away tickets for promotional purposes. Vendors are also selling tickets.

No tickets sold in 2020 would be honored unless GPAA has a record of that ticket being sold and monies sent to the GPAA.

No set guidelines just constant changes to show procedures.

Our members voted to not work the show unless these issues are addressed and changes made.

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> of Jan. all three chapters met for our planning meeting with much discussion and agreement the following letter was sent to the gpaa.

Jim Erwin <[jimerwin223@gmail.com](mailto:jimerwin223@gmail.com)>

To:Kevin Hoagland

Bcc:ddwitcher@yahoo.com

Mon, Jan 24 at 10:06 AM

Brownsville, Vancouver and Portland chapter met yesterday to discuss the G-T show.

The chapters are not in agreement to attend the show. When we get a firm, written commitment from GPAA on the following then we can proceed to work on the process.

- 1.) Entry ticket for **all** Chapter volunteers who volunteer to work the 2022 show.
- 2.) Food money for lunches etc.,as done in the past.
- 3.) 10 X 20 booth per chapter Free of charge.
- 4.) Honor those tickets sold to individuals for the cancelled show. Brandon previously told us to hold the tickets and they will be honored at next show.

These tickets may include the tickets given away by our local radio stations for the cancelled show.

Please let us know GPAA's answers in writing to the chapter Presidents, myself and Jerry Johns.

Our final meeting is scheduled for Feb 27. at 1 pm.

At that time we will discuss GPAA's answers and decide if we will be part of the show.

Thanks Kevin

Jim

As of today, we have not had a response from the GPAA. With that in mind we will assume that nothing will change and therefore following the chapters vote we will not volunteer to work the show. Any questions or comments call Debbie W 360-695-3215

## **FUND RAISING OPTIONS**

We have some fund raising options and would like some more ideas.

We currently have a booth reserved at the garage and vintage sale at the event center in April.

We will be teaching panning and selling mining products. This is a one day sale and we do need some people to work it. There is a sign up sheet at the membership table for those willing to help.

We are responsible for our booth only. This is our first try at this and if successful will do more of these events. It is a great opportunity to gold panning and our chapter to the public.

## **MILITARY AWARD**

Thanks to Kerry and Jeff for the research they did to contact the family and to Jim Irwin for packaging and shipping the Award box. Kerry is submitting a write up about all of this to this newsletter.

The shipping costs were \$55.13. We will have a collection can on the membership table for all of you who would like to contribute to cover the costs of shipping etc.

It has been very important to get this very important piece of family history to the family of the veteran. Good job everyone.

The memorial plaque for Commander Henry Dismuke, Sr., USN (retired), was returned to the family. The journey to it's rightful place ended on January 20, 2022 in Columbus, MS at the home of the Commander's daughter, Shadiqqua. While it is still a mystery as to how her father's memorial came to be at a sale in Vancouver, WA, Ms. Dismuke is very grateful for the club's efforts in the safe keeping and delivery of the memorial and extends her thanks to all. She has also promised to send a "selfie" with the plaque very soon.

## **2019 RAFFLE TICKETS**

If you bought a ticket for the 2019 gold show, turned your money in to us and would like your \$5 back, bring your ticket to the meeting. Otherwise, it will be considered a donation to the chapter.

Tickets must be refunded by the April meeting

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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.			

<b>GPAA Points</b>			
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