

SWWGP

South West Washington Gold Prospectors

November 2022



Next Meeting November 13th at 2:00

Board Meeting at 12:30

Presidents Message

I want to remind everyone that with winter and potential bad weather here it sometime becomes necessary to cancel a meeting or event. We want to keep our members safe so if it is snowy or icy, we may need to cancel a meeting etc.

We do our best to notify members asap so please double check to make sure we have a correct e-mail and phone for you.

Van will send out a message, we will put it on face book and web page. If you don't have an email, you need to make arrangements with someone to let you know of a cancelation. As always you can always call me to check for meeting status.

It is rare to cancel anything but in the issue of safety it does happen. Hope to see you all at the Nov. meeting!!!!

Your president,
Debbie W

A Math Mistake Pays Off

The first nation wide distribution in 1953 of Turkey TV dinners were created because of a 260-ton miscalculation of frozen turkeys by the food company Swanson. The company turned the mistake into a new product opportunity by slicing and packaging the excess turkey and adding side dishes for mass consumption. It's a fix that continues to pay off today. The



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FOR LEFTOVER
HALLOWEEN COSTUMES



POLKA DOT OUTING

Due to the fires on Larch Mt., it was decided to cancel the trip to the Polka dot mine in Madras, Oregon. I notified all of those who had signed up and Van sent out a broadcast to those with e-mails of the cancelation.

Many of our members were either evacuated, in or near the stage I and stage 2 areas. At one point the stage one was as close Vancouver as on Mill Plain and 164th.

When I notified Brian of the mine that we would not be coming and why, but would plan to be there next spring, he said to let him know when we will be there, and he will give our group a discount on our purchases next year.

ELECTIONS

Elections will be held at our Nov. meeting. All active Chapter members in good standing are eligible to vote.

You become a member when you have attended any combination of 3 meetings, outings, or events in a year. You renew your membership each year by meeting this requirement. There are no dues or fees. Since we are a non-profit, we earn the funds to support our chapter thru raffles, events, and donations



BUDGET

Assist. Treasurer Michele (Mike) Quackenbush and I have prepared a budget for the 2023 year, and it will be presented to the board of directors at the Nov. meeting for any changes and approval.

THANK YOU

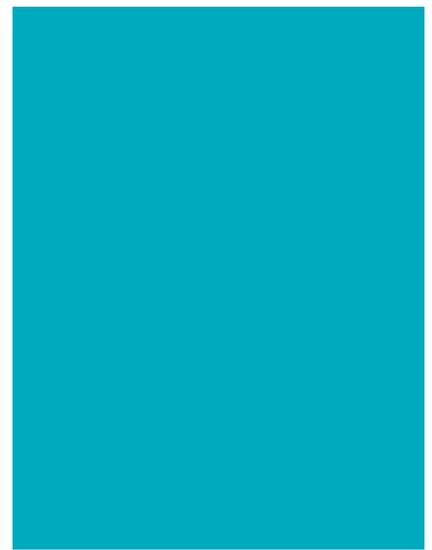
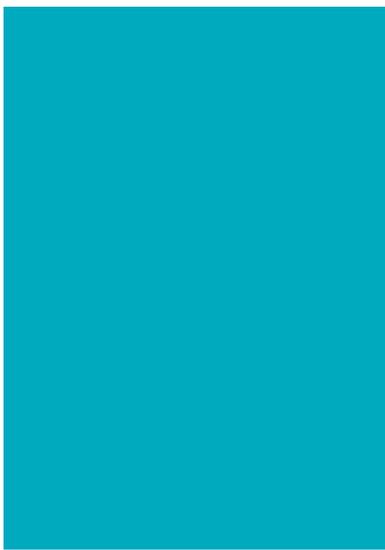
Since Jeanne Geig was out of town at the last meeting, I asked Van and Ronda to help in the kitchen. They did an excellent job with only 1 hr notice too. Thank you again to you both.



SIGN IN

Please remember to sign in at the membership table at the meetings. Double check and correct your address and email, phone if necessary. PLEASE WRITE LEGIBALY.





OUTINGS

Now that we have outings directors John for gold, Ronda for rocks and minerals, they need your suggestions. Also, if you are willing to take the lead on an outing, please let them know. As a lead your main duty is to get everyone signed in.

Please give them lots of outing suggestions, trips to related business count too. If you can give them a note with the information that would help them out a lot.

HOLIDAY DINNER

It was decided to Bar-B-Q for our holiday dinner. Due to the cost of ham and turkey we will have hot dogs and hamburgers. Jeff W. will be doing Bar-B-Q for us.

The chapter will provide the dinnerware, beverages, and condiments. There is a sign up list at the membership table for you to let us know what dish you will be able to bring. Need suggestions, call Debbie W. Or Jeanne G.



PAYDIRT

We have ordered more paydirt.

You can choose from Roaring camp, Armadillo, Colorado, and River gold paydirt.

Super 3 Month Raffle

We have a super raffle with winners being drawn at the Dec. meeting. Tickets are \$1 or 6 for \$5. Winner need not be present, but your name and phone number must be legible, or the ticket will be rejected. You will have 30 days to claim your prize, or it will become the property of SWWGP.

Super prizes are:

3 stack gold cube
Vile with gold
Travel bags and purse
Sea glass necklace and earrings from Nome, Ak
Miners package
Buy your tickets and GOOD LUCK!!!



EQUIPMENT

We have added some more equipment to our inventory for you to check out. Dennis is working on an inventory list and hopes to have it available soon. SWWGP members are able to check out equipment for 30 days with a \$25 deposit which is returned when the equipment is returned on time, in good working order and clean. If you are consistently late returning the equipment on time, clean and in good working order you will not be able to check out equipment in the future. It is not Dennis job to chase you down to retrieve what has been lent to you.

CLAIM MAPS

Many of you have asked for directions and claim maps to our claims. We hope to have that available for you at the Nov. meeting. You must be a SWWGP member in good standing to use the claims.

LIBRARY

The library has been moved to the dining area of the grange. There are lots of materi-



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Blessings
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Family
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Harvest
Indians
November
Pilgrims

Pumpkin Pie
Stuffing
Sweet Potatoes
Thanksgiving

Tradition
Turkey

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