



### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Will the holidays are here and I know everyone is busy so be sure to take a little time for yourself.

We have done a lot this year both with fund raising and outings. We are lining up for next year's activities so if you have something you would like to do that others may be interested in, please let me know.

Next month is the holiday desert potluck and I am looking forward to that. There is always a lot of yum-

**Southwest Washington**

**Gold Prospectors November 2023**

Next Meeting November 12th 2:00,  
Board Mtg. 12:30

### **ELECTIONS**

Our elections will be held at this Sunday's meeting Nov. 12,2023.

Candidates are:

Vice-President Tammy Binford

Treasurer Michelle (Mike) Quackenbush

Board:

Preston Griffin

Jeanne Geig

Van Hord

Charlie Hord

Open position

You must be a current member of our chapter in good standing to vote.

Pick up a ballot at the membership table after you sign in.

Our election committee will hand out, collect and tally the ballots, and announce the election results.



## **HOLIDAY CELEBRATION**

Since there are so many holiday dinners at this time of the year, the chapter voted to do a desert potluck.

Everyone should bring your favorite desert or 2.

The chapter will provide the dinnerware, ice cream, and desert topping as well as beverages.

Let's have fun with this.

## **GARAGE SALE**

Thank you to everyone who gave up their Sat. to help with the panning etc. at the NW biggest garage sale.

We connected with a lot of potential new members and gave out a lot of chapter information.

Thanks again for all the hard work.

## **OUR PLAN**

We are currently planning to have a lot of items at the Jan. meeting for sale. These are used and donated items. We are cleaning the storage unit and selling many of the items that are not being checked out.

Here are some of the items:

Dredge (not being brought to meeting if interested contact Dennis W. for info and to see)

Generator, high banker with pump, rocker boxes, pans and more. All items are sold as is.

## **GOLD AND FISH BOOK**

Be sure to keep your gold and fish book with you. Know the rules. We will be going over an issue that has come to light at the meeting.

## **BUCKETS**

I will have about 80 to 100 buckets for you at the next meeting for you to have. Please give everyone a chance to get a bucket or 2.

## **CLAIMS**

We have had an issue with one of our claims. Someone was trying to cross claim on it. I have addressed the issue with all involved and I think it is all cleared up. We are fine, there is no problem on our part.

Ron Koppi and I are listed as the claim owners as the representatives of the chapter and everyone going to the claim needs to pick up a permission slip and keep it with them. We will discuss everything at the meeting.

## **SPECIAL THANKS**

Thank you, Ron and Maurine Koppi, for helping Gary Tosh's family to price gold mining equipment for the estate sale. They called for help and you guys said "yes".

Thank you to Van for her quick action in sending out the notice about the sale at the last minute. Hopefully all of you found something to purchase.

Gary was a chapter member and he and his wife both passed away a few months ago.

Their children were very appreciative of the help we gave them in a very sad turn of events.

## **3 MONTH RAFFLE**

Remember to buy your tickets. \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Tickets will be drawn at the Dec. meeting. Need not be present to win.

Prizes are:

Gold piece

Nugget bucket

Drop riffle sluice system.

Pay dirt

Railroad spike creation

NEEDED

Outings director, outing suggestions.

We are starting to set up the 2024 calendar.

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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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**Claim Visit Record**

Return this slip to Ron Koppi or Debbie Witcher

On (Date) \_\_\_\_\_ visited the claims

I did general maintenance, \_\_\_\_\_ anything else \_\_\_\_\_

Carried out trash \_\_\_\_\_, Filled in some holes \_\_\_\_\_

Panning/Mining \_\_\_\_\_, Did you find any gold? \_\_\_\_\_

Was anyone else on the claim(s)? \_\_\_\_\_

Who else was with you? List all names \_\_\_\_\_

Have them sign as well: \_\_\_\_\_

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