

Next Meeting September 10th 2:00, Board Mtg. 12:30



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Many of you have asked how communication is going with GPAA concerning the voting issue. I have been in contact with GPAA and was referred to Kevin Hoagland. I have sent him an e-mail and am waiting to hear back from him. He is very busy but I should hear from him soon.

I am so looking forward to our picnic, it should be a lot of fun. A perfect wrap up to our summer activities.

Please remember the safety precautions around the water.

We have had outings for the last 5 months at Daybreak and have not been bothered by the hornets and bees, but still be careful around them.



PICNIC SEPT. 17th Sunday

Our picnic is scheduled for Sunday Sept. 17th, 10-3 or 4 o'clock.

We need approx... 8 + pop ups. We also need a couple of people with pick up to help haul some tables, picnic supplies, pop ups, etc From the grange to daybreak and back.

Jeff is cooking for us again.

We will have a raffle, draw the three month raffle winners, play bingo (no charge and lots of prizes to choose from), kids gifts and lots of food and fun.

We will be selling 3 month raffle tickets, and reg. raffle tickets.

Everyone please the following:

Your food donation for the pot luck, at least one bag of ice, your chair(s) and beverage. Don't forget your gold pans.

We will be providing the burgers, hot dogs, buns, cheese lettuce, tomatoes, and onions, Dinnerware, mustard, ketchup, mayo, relish and water. We will have a few bags of chips, and a small # of sodas.



MINERS PUSH THRU

The air quality was awful but some brave determined miners showed up for the outing at Daybreak Park on Sunday Sept. 22, 2023. There was a small breeze which helped a little. We had about 15 people who showed up. We visited with each other and yes there was panning and we did find gold. We had our drawing for a prize about 1 o'clock. Everyone left by 1:30. The water was really low.

MEMBERSHIP CARDS

We should have new membership cards at this meeting. Mark is working on them.

ADDITIONAL SPONSOR

We have some new members who also have a mining related business. We will have more info at the meeting.



SHOP WITH A COP

Our chapter is donating to the Kalama shop with a cop program. They raise money to help kids get a good start in school with supplies, clothes, etc. We donated 1 ten inch pan, 1 14 inch pan, and a scoop to be auctioned off. If you would like to donate something contact Jeanne Geig 360 903 8228.

GARAGE SALE

Please sign up to help out at our booth. The sale is Sat. Nov. 4, 2023. It is a one day event and we will be teaching panning and giving out chapter information. This is a fund raising event also. We need approx... 20 people for the day. Approx. 3 hour shifts. Sign up at the membership table, if you have a preferred time be sure to list it. I will do my best to make it work.

REMINDER

If you donate items to our raffles be sure to ask for an extra ticket.

NEED IDEAS

We need suggestions for outings, education, and safety.

Also we need to fill the outings, education and raffle leads. Please help.

SWWGP General Meeting: July 9, 2023

Meeting called to order at 2:20

3 Visitors were in attendance

The June General meetings minutes were read, a motion to accept was made and passed

The Treasurers report was read, a motion to accept was made and passed

Everyone needs to fill out a claim slip for their visit

An offer was made to assist anyone who would like to obtain the claims that the chapter is releasing

There is a new hospitality jar for donations

Rick Beehler brought in 10 opals that he sold from his last outing and donated a piece of obsidian with gold streaks to the raffle

Myrtle point outing was a great success and we will need more volunteers for next year

The last Daybreak outing had about 35 people in attendance. There will be another Daybreak outing on Jul. 22nd

The Colorado pay dirt is delayed and will be available in Aug.

The Sept. 17th picnic at Daybreak park needs pop ups and lots of ice for the food. We remind everyone who will be prospecting to carry their Gold and Fish book with them

Positions open for this fall are Vice President and Treasurer.

Dan gave a demonstration on some new equipment

Debbie is going to discuss some demands that were communicated to the chapter regarding GPAA requirements which if followed would violate Washington State non profit laws.



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We are always looking for stories to fill our pages.

Please take a minute to jot down a story (fact or fiction) and send it to me.

Tell us about your experiences, places or ideas.

Letters to the editor, pictures, jokes, cartoons and ads are all welcome.

Recipes, web pages of interest, emails, magazine and news clippings are also needed.

A newsletter is only as good as the article and content submitted.

Please give it a try and wake up the writing genius in you



BUY SELL TRADE

For sale drill press, make offer

Free wire storage baskets, 2'x2' x4 foot long. 4 available. See Dennis.

OUTINGS CALANDER

Aug. 13th meeting

Aug. 30th Daybreak Park

Sept. 10th meeting

Sept. 17th picnic at daybreak, 3 month raffle drawing

This is only a partial list:

Still working on the following,

More outings at Lewisville, Daybreak, Our Claims

Bingo Bus

Spin it off factory (local)

Sunstones

Fossils

Rice Rock Museum

Cape Disappointment

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Again this is only a partial schedule. All outings, events etc. are weather dependent.

[Add dates are subject to change and other events will be added when dates are known.](#)

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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