

Southwest Washington Gold Prospectors April 2025

Next General Meeting, April 13th, at 2 PM; Board Meeting at 12:30 PM



PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

In these uncertain times it is important that we all support each other.

Sometimes just being among friends is a good way to brighten our day.

As a chapter our finances are ok and we will continue with our scheduled events and outings.

Take a minute to be kind to your self and those around you.

See you at the meeting!

Debbie

MINERS RAFFLE

Remember to buy your tickets for the miners raffle. We will be drawing the winners at the end of the April meeting. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Name and phone number must be legible. Need not be present to win. You have 30 days to claim your prize.

Prizes are:

Piece of gold

Camping package

Chinook Winds Pk

Paydirt bag

Clean up buddy by Prospectors Dream

This is over \$1100 in prizes. Don't miss out on your chance to win!

(proceeds go to support the chapter)

NO MAY MEETING

Because our meeting would fall on Mother's Day we don't have a May meeting.

SIGN IN

Be sure to sign in at the membership table and take a moment to double-check that your info is correct.

CALANDER

APRIL

13TH MEETING

27TH POLKA-DOT-AGATE MADRAS OREGON WEATHER PERMITTING

MAY

3rd MYRTLE POINT, OREGON TEACHING KIDS PANNING

11TH NO MEETING

25TH SPECTRUM MINE

MAY 31

CLAIM WITH CHRIS

JUNE

8TH MEETING

15TH COYOTE CANYON MAMATHS

21ST CLAIM WITH CHRIS

28-29 SAPPHIRE MINE GEM MT. PHILIPSBURG MONTANA

JULY

11-12-13 TERRITORIAL DAYS AMBOY WA. (FUND RAISING BOOTH FOR SWWGP)

20TH MEETING

AUG.

10TH PICNIC

16 CLAIMS WITH JAMIE AND TANNER

24TH CLAIM WITH CHRIS

SEPT.

7TH MEETING

21ST LAWSONS BAR WITH DAN

28TH WIND RIVER MINE WITH J.T.

OCT.

12TH MEETING

ALL OUTINGS ETC. SUBJECT TO CHANGE. More will be added. We also need more ideas.

We have sign-up sheets for all outings and events. If you are interested in one or more, please put your name and phone number down. This does not obligate you but gives us an idea of how many are interested which will help with planning.



COOS BAY/MYRTLE POINT

You can still sign up for the youth day May 3rd.

Even if you don't pan I will put you to work.

We need someone to haul the folding tables, pop ups, panning tubs etc. Please let me know if you can do this.

We have to be set up by 9am and ready to teach panning.

There is dry camping available there and outhouses too.

Dress is layers weather unpredictable. Take you pans, snuffer bottles, a chair, beverage and snacks.

Lunch is provided.

Generally we are done by 4pm on sat.

I have motel info if you need.

This is one of our community education and service events.

WE have fun, the kids are fun and respectful. Sign up and join us.

See Debbie W for info.



T_SHIRTS

We have t-shirts for sale in most sizes and colors. The patches are expected to be here by the meeting.

The price is \$20. This was a special buy and when they are sold out there will not be any more at this price.

Jackets, hats, etc. will continue to be ordered thru DOAK. They are still our supplier.

PET FOOD

This month we are collecting pet food both dry and canned to help those in need who have pets.

We all know sometimes especially for seniors who are by themselves their pets are there lifeline.

We will collect the food and or monies at this meeting and I will get it to the proper organization.

PAY DIRT

Chris Burns (gold Baron paydirt) will be bringing pay dirt bags to the meeting for sale.

They will be sold thru the chapter store.

NAME TAGS

Queenie is taking orders for the name tags. We need at least 10 to place an order. Be sure to clearly print your name and position title if you have one. Currently name tags are \$10 each.

CORRECTION

The correct date for the Polka Dot Agate outing is Sat. April 26th NOT Sunday April 27th. This outing is near Madras Oregon.

There is no charge to visit and dig for thunder eggs and the agates at this time. You pay by the lb. for what you take and they are giving us a 15% discount because we are doing this as a group.

We will meet at the Safeway south parking lot at 10am Sat the 26th and leave by 10:15.

The roads to the mine are good.

It is still late spring so weather changes during the day, dress in layers.

No open toe shoes.

Recommended to bring :

Safety glasses

Gloves and hat

Rock hammer

Small pick

Pry bar

Shovel

knee pads

Spray bottle with water

Lots of drinking water, snacks

I made arrangements with Brian to give us a short flint knapping demo.

There is still time to sign up and maybe we can car pool.

MAMMOTH

The mammoth trip scheduled for May 15, is cancelled and will be rescheduled.

Continue to sign up if you are interested in the day trip.

There is a small fee and we need to make group reservations for the tour.



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