

# Southwest Washington Gold Prospectors August-September 2025

Next Meeting September 14th 2:00, Board Meeting 12:00



## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Can you believe how fast this summer has gone by? School has resumed so keep an eye out for the kido's.

We had an active summer and spring, visited Polka dot Agate mine, taught panning to kids in Myrtle point, participated in the Amboy Territorial Days, and Parkersville celebrations, numerous outings to the claims, topped off with our picnic.

We will be setting up a new calendar of events shortly so please give us some suggestions.

The price of gold is going up and we are doing our best to keep up with the inflation.

We also will be spending the points our chapter has earned so if you are interested in helping to choose some items please see me.

Looks like we are going to have a busy fall.

See you at the Sept. meeting!!!!

Debbie Witcher

President

## ELECTIONS

Our election is coming up soon. We vote at the Nov. meeting.

We will be electing or re-electing the following: Vice-president, treasurer, and 5 board members.

You must have been a chapter member for a min. of 6 months and in good standing. Vice-President and Treasurer must either be a GPAA member or willing to immediately join GPAA.

All nominations close at midnight Oct. 31. Submit your name or nomination to Debbie W or Van.



## PICNIC

Our picnic was great fun and a success. Unfortunately, it was on one of the HOTTEST days of the year, despite that it was attended by approx. 80 folks.

There was a lot of good food. Thank you to Jan H. and Anna C. for cooking in the heat. We played bingo, gave out kid's prizes, and drew our miners raffle winners.

A big thank you to everyone who brought tables and pop up as well as helping to set up and tear down.

Great group effort!!!!



## CALANDER

SEPT.

14<sup>TH</sup> MEETING

21<sup>ST</sup> LAWSONS BAR WITH DAN

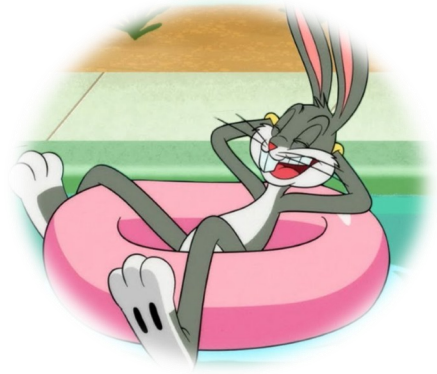
28<sup>TH</sup> WIND RIVER MINE WITH J.T.

OCT.

12<sup>TH</sup> 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.



### PAY DIRT

We have a new shipment of Colorado pay-dirt, and it will be available thru our chapter store.

### NEW VICE PRESIDENT

We have a new Vice President, J.T. Buck. He brings a lot of experience and new ideas. He has taken over and set up a new face book page.

He is closing the old official page that Rick Beehler had set up for us, it had been hacked and miss information is being posted. Also, he will be dealing with a domain name issue on a page that originally belonged to the chapter.

Tammy will continue in the role of raffle lead.

### T SHIRTS

Remember we have a very good supply of chapter t shirts. Buy now and save. They are available at the membership table.

### T-SHIRTS

Don't forget to visit Maurine Koppi and purchase your chapter T-shirts. Special buy at \$20

### SIGN IN

Always remember to sign in and make sure your info is correct at the membership table.

### EQUIPMENT

If you want to check out some mining equipment, see Dennis with the chapter store. We currently have 4 gold cubes in stock. You can check equipment out for 30 days with a \$25 deposit which will be returned when equipment is returned

**SUMMER OFF** Our newsletter editor had 2 months off this summer since we didn't have meetings in July and August. He is rested and ready to go so please submit your articles and suggestions to him.



## **TERRITORIAL DAYS**

We participated in the Amboy Territorial Days celebration this year. This is a project I had been working on for the last 5 years and we were finally able to put everything together with help from Jeanne Gieg.

Attendance was lower than expected probably due to the 95+ degree weather.

Our booth was busy teaching panning, handing out Chapter information and educating folks on the rules and what is available in our area.

A very big “THANK YOU!” to everyone who worked in our booth. We considered our efforts a success.

## **MINERS RAFFLE**

We are starting a new miners raffle with prizes to be drawn at our Dec. Meeting.

Prizes are:

Piece of gold

Gold Hog Flow Pan

\$100 pay dirt bag (donated by Dan Rouse, Prospectors Treasure Trove)

Crystal Specimen Rock (donated by Colorado Gold)

“Garnet” pay dirt kit (Dan Rouse)

Fish clock (donated by Oregon Hunters Assoc.)

Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Winner need not be present to claim prize.

## **OUTINGS**

Don't forget to sign up for upcoming events. Lawson's bar with J.T. and Dan. If you have not signed up by end of meeting Sunday Sept. 14, 2025 the outing will be rescheduled.

Blue Bucket with Mary Gilispie has been moved to the spring due to scheduling conflicts.

Mammoth outing is still being worked on. Fires in the area created some issues.

We will schedule the sapphire mine plus. But we are looking at renting a van or 2 to take the group over. Since this is a long ride in a confined space children under 12ish will not be riding in the vans. However, we all can go over together. If you are interested in the van ride please sign up as there is a lot of planning in this one, cost and date to be determined. This is a great opportunity for those who want to go but not drive.

Please give me suggestions for outings.

## **STORE**

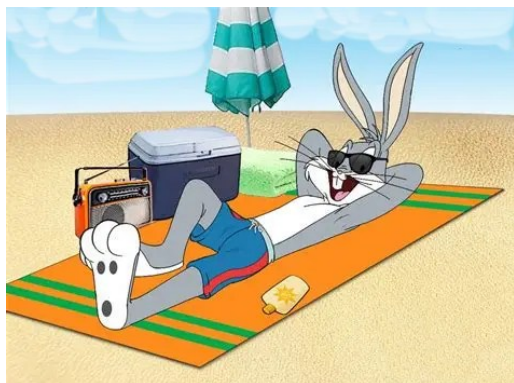
The chapter store has a good supply of paydirt and for the next few meetings will be selling the sampler paydirt cups.

## **WE NEED**

We need a new photographer. Carol and Bob Brown have moved to Grants Pass to be closer to their kids,

They will remain chapter members and will from time to time be attending meetings and events.

They will be greatly missed by us all. They have contributed greatly to the success of our chapter. Bob was a board member for several years, and Carol has been our photographer, as well as participating in numerous events and donating to our chapter.



## **SUGGESTIONS**

We need suggestions for education, outings, fund raising, safety, hospitality and submissions to the newsletter.

<b>Executive Board</b>	(Elected)		
President	Debbie Witcher	360-695-3215	ddWitcher@yahoo.com
Vice President	J T Buck		
Secretary	Van Hord	360-699-2174	vmeter@comcast.net
Treasurer	Michele Quackenbush		quacky@pacifier.com
Assistant Treasurer			
<b>Board of Directors</b>	(Elected )		
	Ron Koppi	360-921-3833	koppi@comcast.net
	Maurine Koppi	360-907-9295	koppi@comcast.net
	Jeanne Gieg	360-673-3179	jeannegieg@gmail.com
	Preston Griffin	360-903-2054	griff11546@gmail.com
	Charlie Hord	360-910-8414	batray@comcast.net
	Edna Nelson	503-307-0852	rockhounstool1966@yahoo.com
	Jan Hurtubise	360-571-2473	eyedocmebe@comcast.net
	Van Meter Hord	360-699-2174	vmeter@comcast.net
	Lisa Young		Lbw.young@gmail.com
<b>Claims Chair</b>	Preston Griffin	360-903-2054	griff11546@gmail.com
<b>State Director (WA)</b>	(Appointed by GPAA)		
	Steve Lewin	971-212-5996	goldpan123@yahoo.com
<b>Committees / Chairs</b>	Appointed by chapter President		
<b>Education</b>			
<b>Equipment Manager</b>	Dennis Witcher		
Assistant	Ron Koppi		
<b>Fundraising Coord</b>	Debbie Witcher	360-695-3215	ddwitcher@yahoo.com
Assistant			
<b>Hospitality</b>	Jeanne Gieg	360-673-3179	jeannegieg@gmail.com
Assistant	Maurine Koppi	360-907-9295	koppi@comcast.net
Assistant			
<b>Picnic, Holiday Din-</b>	Jeanne Gieg	360-673-3179	jeannegieg@gmail.com
Assistant	Maurine Koppi	360-907-9295	koppi@comcast.net
<b>Librarian</b>	Queenie Garden		
<b>Membership</b>	Lisa Young		Lbw.young@gmail.com
<b>Newsletter</b>	Mark Mattila	360-609-6813	chipper49@outlook.com
<b>Outing Coordinator</b>	Jamie Louie		971-212-5664
Assistant	J T Buck		
<b>Safety Officer</b>	Ron Koppi	360-921-3833	koppi@comcast.net
Assistant	Steve Keesee	360-269-2341	None
<b>Sargent at Arms</b>	Steve Keesee	360-269-2341	None
<b>Sunshine</b>	Ann Erickson		annerickson5755@comcast.net
<b>T-Shirts</b>	Maurine Koppi	360-907-9295	koppi@comcast.net
<b>Webmaster</b>	Jan Hurtubise	360-571-2473	eyedocmebe@comcast.net
<b>Historian</b>	Carol Brown		
Assistant			
<b>Gold Buyer</b>	Ron Koppi	360-921-3833	koppi@comcast.net
<b>PayDirt</b>	Debbie Witcher	360-695-3215	ddWitcher@yahoo.com

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>			
<b>Name Tags</b>	Queenie Garden		
<b>Awards</b>	Debbie Witcher	360-695-3215	ddwitcher@yahoo.com
<b>Picnic and Holiday</b>	Jeanne Gieg	360-673-3179	jeannegieg@gmail.com
Assistant	Maurine Koppi	360-907-9295	koppi@comcast.net
Assistant			
<b>Facebook</b>	Genna Louie	360-952-9999	louiegenna@gmail.com
Assistant			
<b>Raffle</b>	Tammy Binford		
Assistant	Charlie Hord		
Assistant	Ron Koppi	360-921-3833	koppi@comcast.net
<b>Assistant</b>	J T Buck		
<b>Chapter Store</b>	Dennis Witcher	360-695-3215	ddWitcher@yahoo.com
Chapter mailing address: 5400 NE Hwy 99 Ste. G Vancouver WA 98665			

## Links

Website: [www.SWWGoldProspectors.org](http://www.SWWGoldProspectors.org)

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/SWwashingtonGoldProspectors>

Gold and Fish Book: <https://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/mining/>

HPA Rulemaking web page: <https://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/hpa/rulemaking/>

GPAA <https://www.goldprospectors.org/>

[HPA application process.](#)

<http://mylandmatters.com/>

**FACEBOOK EDUCATION LINKS HERE**

## Thanks to these companies for supporting our activities.

Designs of all kinds 360-892-5597	McCord's Vancouver Toyota	AKAU Lodge 760-500-1329
AAA Precious Metals 503-253-8591	Creekside Prospecting	Roaring Camp 209 296-4100
Whites Metal Detectors 1-800-547-6911	Armadillo Mining	Spin it Off
Chinook Winds Casino & Resort	Fossickers	The Gold Lab
Quick Badge	Gold Getter	Northwest Detector Sales 503-936-1443
Danner Boots 877-432-6637	Danas Classic Hair Supply	Oregon Treasure Trail Society
Lost Adams 541-340-0931	Packwood Prospecting and Mining Supply	American Mining Supply
Ron Farnsworth Scrap Metal Pickup	Topside Mining	
Prospectors Treasure Trove Dan Rouse 971-708-8699 11572 SW Pacific Hwy Tigard OR		

Please support these vendors as they support us with contributions and in many cases discounts. We will be doing interviews with many of them so we can get to know a little more about them.