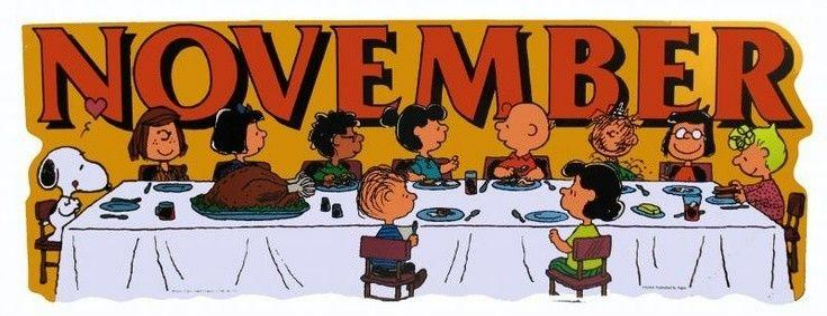
Southwest Washington Gold Prospectors November 2026

Next Meeting November 8th 2:00 pm, Board Meeting 12:30 pm



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Every day is a fresh start, there is power in kindness, focus on the good.

See you at the meeting!

Debbie W.

President

ELECTIONS

We will hold our election for President, Secretary, and four Board members.

Executive officers must be GPAA members, Board members need to be Chapter members. All must be in good standing with the Chapter and have been a member for at least 6 months.

CALENDAR

We are working on next year's calendar but we need your ideas for outings, both mine related and otherwise, as well as for trips and events. Jamie Louie and Debbie W. cannot be expected to come up with all the ideas.



MINERS RAFFLE

Prizes for the Miners raffle are:

$100 paydirt from Prospectors Treasure Trove

Chinook Winds trip for two nights and $100 certificate for dinner

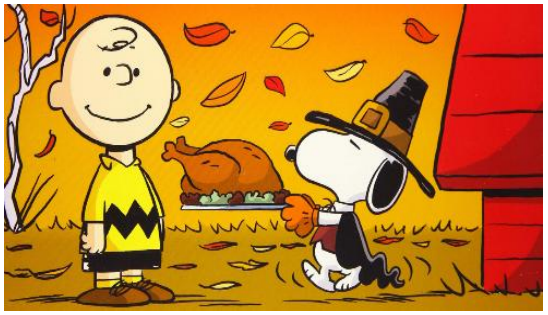
Copper Bar

Nugget Bucket

Custom made quilt and pillow donated by Lou Buckendahl

Tickets are $1 each or six for $5. Need not be present to win but name and phone number must be4 legible.

Drawing to be held at the December meeting.



HOSPITILITY

We will be having chili dogs at this month's meeting.

GRANTS

Michael Kersteter has investigated grants for the Chapter and will be writing and applying for grants for the Chapter's benefit. Thank you, Michael.

OPAL AND SUNSTONE MINES

If you are interested in going to the mines in June 2027, please sign up and indicate if you want a ride, want to carpool, or will be driving. This does not obligate you to go, but it gives us an idea of how many are interested. We will try to get a group rate for lodging, etc.

Questions, please see Jamie or Debbie W.

NEW HISTORIAN

Kim Louie has agreed to take over the job of Historian (Carol Brown is sending us the scrapbooks, pics, and info). As soon as we have that, Kim will start working on them.

Kim has also agreed to be the photographer for the Chapter. Thank you, Kim.

APPAREL

We need someone to volunteer to help Maurine Koppi with the apparel. She has everything organized for you. Would you volunteer, please?

NAME TAGS

If you would like a chapter name tag, they are $10 at time of the order. see Queenie (Sharon) Garden to place your order. When we have an order of ten name tags, we will have them ordered.

TRIP TO CHINOOK WINDS

Our day trip to Chinook Winds Casino was a success and a lot of fun. Nobody got rich, but it was enjoyable. It was a pleasant day at the beach and many of us walked the beach, as well as spent a little money. However, some people did win. We played Bingo on the bus, and had our raffles, snacks and enjoyed getting to know each other a little better. We will plan another trip, so stay tuned.

COOS BAY/MYRTLE POINT KIDS

We need to have 12 or so panners sign up to go to this event. We teach approximately 175 young children how to pan for gold. This will be held next year on Saturday, May 1,2027. However, I need to let them know that we will again be there. This is a one-day event and lunch is provided. The Signup sheet will be at the Membership table.

MEDICAL INFORMATION

Please return your medical form to the Chapter if you have not already done this.

PAYDIRT

There is a new supply of Colorado paydirt available, See Dennis at the Chapter store.

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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.

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