

Southwest Washington Gold Prospectors August 2026

Next Meeting **October 11th** 2:00 pm, Board Meeting 12:30 pm

Annual Picnic is September 20th at Daybreak Park



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

With all the turmoil and discontent in the world, it is nice for all of us to be able to get together and have fun.

As you are aware our chapter does not take sides or promote any political agenda other than something that does not directly apply to mining.

It is important for all of us to leave our political views at home for a few hours and be kind and respectful to each other.

This has never been a problem in our chapter, and I am confident we all will continue this respectful behavior.

See you at the picnic on **Sunday, September 20th** (the 3rd Sunday) at Daybreak Park.

Your President,

Debbie W.

PICNIC



The annual chapter picnic is **September 20th** (3rd Sunday) at Daybreak Park. Set-up time is 8:30 am - 9:00 am. If you have any tables or pop-ups, please bring them.

The Buckendall's will bring their bar-b-que and be cooking the burgers and hot dogs.

The chapter will provide meat, buns, dinnerware, condiments and some water.

Please bring 1 or 2 dishes for the potluck, 2 bags of ice, your chairs and beverages.

We will play Bingo and there's lots of prizes. We will not only hold our regular raffle but will be drawing the Miners raffle winners. Tickets will be available at the picnic.

We will have gifts for the kids, plus Tammy B. is planning to bring something for each of us. We plan to eat about 11 am-ish and start Bingo around 1pm-ish.

Please plan to stay for a little while and help clean up.

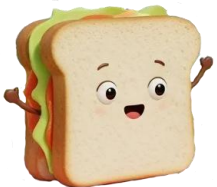


NO SEPTEMBER MEETING



We will not be holding a meeting in Sept. but will take care of any necessary business at the Picnic Sept 20th at Daybreak Park.

OPALS AND SUNSTONES



Plans are in process for a trip at the end of June 2027 to the opal mines and sunstone mines in southern Oregon and Northern California. If you are interested in this trip, please put your name on the sign-up sheet and indicate if you plan to drive, want to ride in the vans, or

carpool. This is not a commitment on your part but gives me an idea of how many people I need to plan for and to make group arrangements for.

MINERS RAFFLE

We will be drawing for winners for the Miners raffle at the picnic. You do not need to be present to win. All raffle tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5.

Miners raffle prizes are:

Metal Detector

The Green Meadows Club Membership Certificate

Pair of Camp / Patio Chairs

Myrtlewood Charcuterie / Cutting Board

If we sell a total of 800 tickets, I will add another prize.

Something's Cooking



For The Crust:

- ✓ 3 cups of all-purpose flour
- ✓ 1½ cups of granulated sugar
- ✓ ¼ teaspoon of salt
- ✓ Zest of 1 large lemon
- ✓ ½ cup of unsalted butter, cold and cut into cubes
- ✓ 3 eggs slightly beaten

For The Strawberry Filling:

- ✓ 4 cups of fresh strawberries, cut in half
- ✓ 1 tablespoon of fresh-squeezed lemon juice
- ✓ 1 tablespoon of cornstarch
- ✓ ¾ cup of sugar

SUBSTITUTIONS AND ADDITIONS

BERRIES: For this dessert bar recipe, you can use any kind of berries you'd like in place of the fresh strawberries.

Try fresh blueberries, raspberries, or even a mix of berries.

LEMON ZEST: To introduce a different citrusy note, consider swapping lemon zest with orange zest.

INGREDIENTS



STEP ONE: Preheat the oven to 350°F. Line a 9×13 baking dish with parchment paper allowing for overhang so you can lift the cooled bars out of the pan to cut.

STEP TWO: In the large bowl of a [stand mixer](#), add the flour, sugar, salt, and lemon zest. On low speed, mix until combined.

STEP THREE: Add in the butter and mix until you get pea-sized pieces of butter.

STEP FOUR: Add the beaten eggs and mix until a crumbly dough comes together.

STEP FIVE: Press $\frac{3}{4}$ of the crust mixture evenly into the bottom of the pan and set aside

STEP SIX: In a large mixing bowl, combine the strawberries, lemon juice, cornstarch, and sugar. Mix until combined.

STEP SEVEN: Pour the strawberry mixture over the crust and even it out with a rubber spatula

STEP EIGHT: Crumble the remaining dough over the strawberry layer.

STEP NINE: Bake pie bars in the preheated oven for 45 to 50 minutes or until the crumble appears slightly golden brown.

STEP TEN: Pull the baking dish out of the oven and set it aside to cool completely before cutting the bars.

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