



Looking forward to venturing out this year with our members and hitting some of our claims, along with some rock hounding, metal detecting or just plain getting out and getting dirt under our nails!



Our Christmas Party had a good turnout, 23 members! The room was decorated nicely for the season. Marvin Swain and Marlea Sheridan showed up! They have been members for many years now. It was Marlea originally who got permission from the church for us to use the Fellowship Hall. It was so good to see everyone.

There was lots of good food, and the White Elephant Gift Exchange was a lot of fun, there were some great gifts. The Christmas Raffle had three items: A gold nugget, a faceted sunstone and a sunstone cabochon necklace. Can't remember who won the necklace (?), but Terrie won the gold nugget, and Penny won the faceted sunstone! Hooray!

We had wrangled up some individual bags of "pay dirt" for door prizes, everyone got a bag. Dan, the guy who owns the Prospector's Treasure Trove bought our trommel, and he supplied the pay dirt for our club's Christmas Party. He also has a special Grand Prize raffle item for our next Christmas Party, we can buy tickets at every meeting until then. Not sure what the Grand Prize is yet, but it will be GRAND!

All 3 claim's paperwork has been taken care of. Penny and Terrie made a trip to Grants Pass to get DT's #1 and Fossil Flats Affidavit of Annual Assessment Work recorded with Josephine Count Clerk and sent to BLM. We took care of Golden Digger as well at the Linn County Clerk. Everything was sent certified mail to BLM. We are good to go!

On the following pages, I have put together some of the photos from last year's events. Some are pretty funny!

Christmas Party with Willamette Valley Miners



John (the MC), Amy & Don



Lorrie, Amy & John



John & Wes



M. Diggers Christmas Party

Trip to the coast at Beverly Beach November 13th

Lorrie, Terrie and Penny



The Coast at Beverly Beach Nov 13



Beverly Beach



Fossil Clam/ Beverly Beach

Trip to Golden Digger Claim in September and October
Penny, Lorrie, Terrie and Gloria



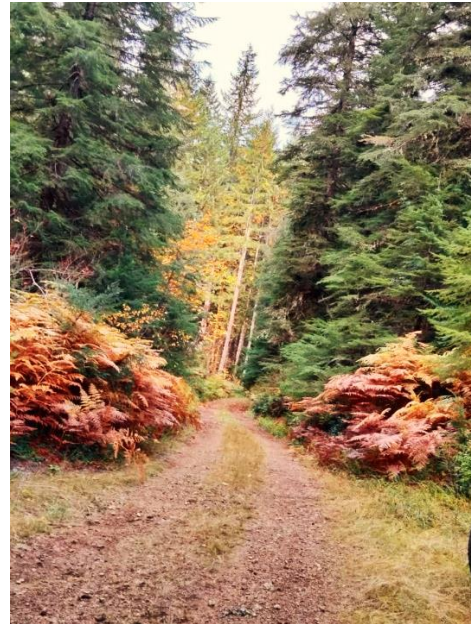
Put up new sign



Mine tunnel by our claim



Vine maple



On road where we park



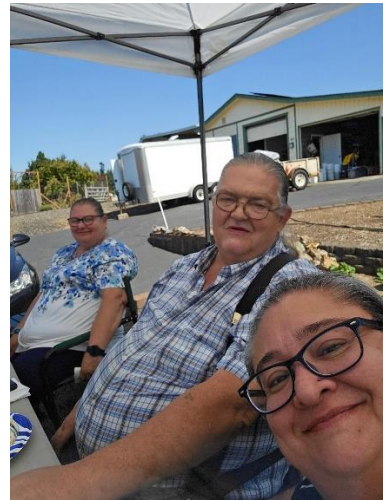
Potluck at Don's August 31st 2024



Monica took all the photos



Don the "Wrangler"



Tammy, Wes & Monica



The constituents

The Constituents: It's a fierce looking crowd



She gets my vote

She gets my vote!



Geri & Don: "Don't ask..."

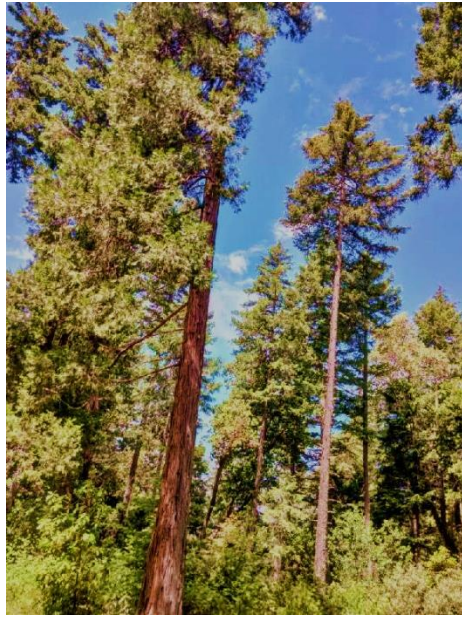
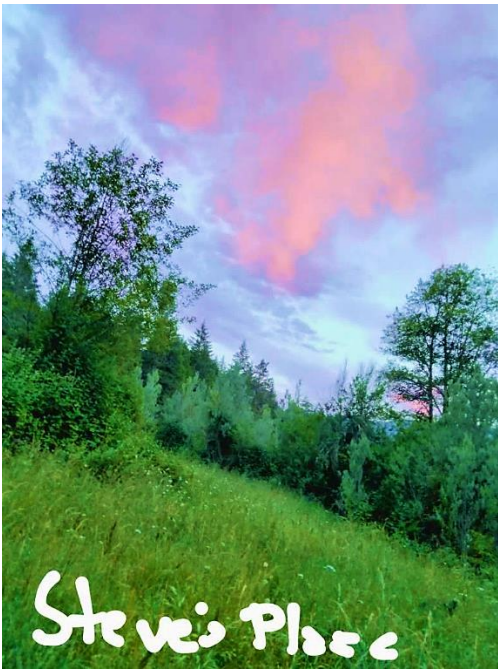


Clifford: "I really can't say.."

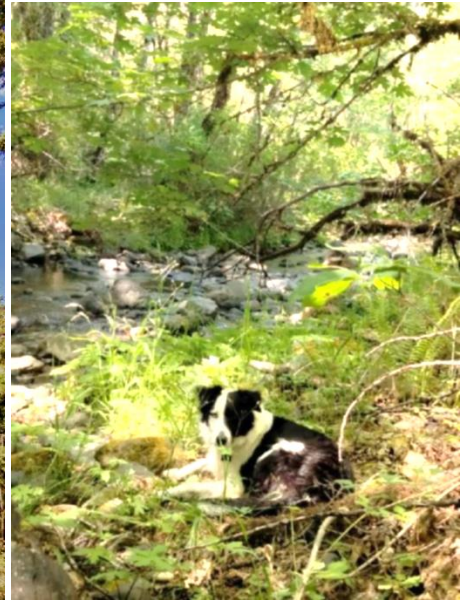


**Penny's thinking: "I wonder if I locked the back door?"
Gloria is thoroughly engrossed in the conversation**

Trip to Steve's Place down by Azalea June 7th - 9th



Steve's Place



Io on Starve Out Creek by Steve's



Flowers on Steve's Place

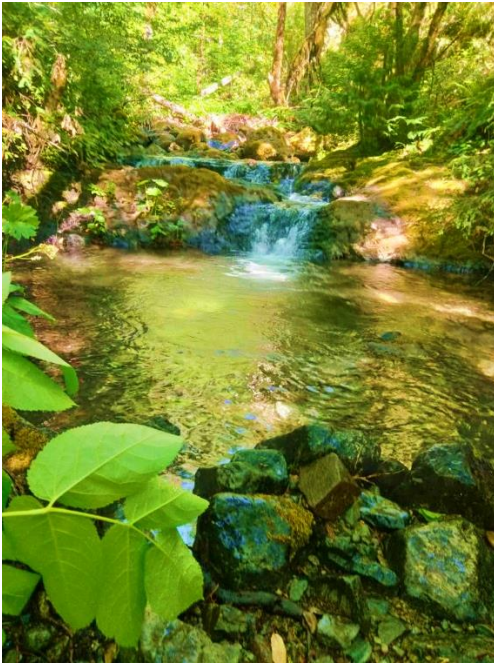


Blue Eyed Marys & Monkey Flowers

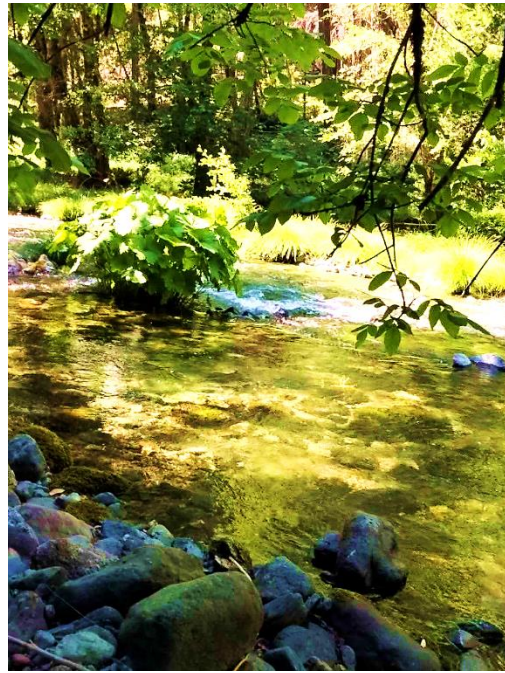


Mariposa Lilys top of mountain above Steve's

Trip to Briggs from Steve's place June 10th – 12th



Nice swimming hole about halfway to Briggs



Briggs Creek at Fossil Flats

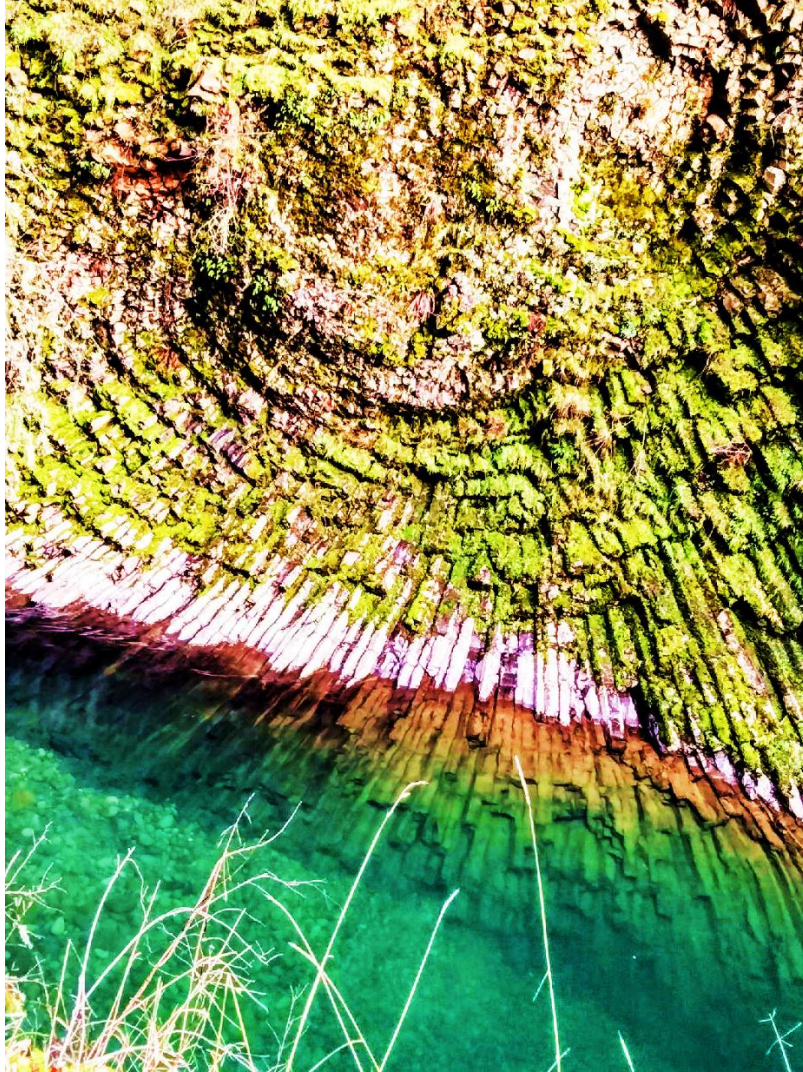


Where Soldier Creek dumps into Briggs



Coin Terrie found while metal detecting at Fossil Flats Camp site.

New Years Day 2024
Molalla River



Molalla River New Year's Day 2024

The End