

Hatrockhound Gazette 2021

PO Box 1122, Hermiston, Oregon 97838



Meetings at 6:30 on the 2nd
Tuesday of each month
First Christian Church of
Hermiston:
775 West Highland
(go to back of church)

Officers:

President – Doug Gill
V. Pres. – Mike Filarski
Secretary – Trista Meek
Treasurer – Mel Lambert
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Hatrockhounds Gem and Mineral Society is Affiliated with:

The Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies
And The American Federation of Mineralogical Societies



AFMS Rockhounds “Code of Ethics”

I will respect both private and public property and will do no collecting on privately owned land without permission from the owner.

I will keep informed on all laws, regulations or rules governing collecting on public lands and will observe them.

I will, to the best of my ability, ascertain the boundary lines of property on which I plan to collect.

I will use no firearms or blasting material in collecting areas.

I will cause no willful damage to property of any kind such as fences, signs, buildings, etc.

I will leave all gates as found.

I will build fires only in designated or safe places and will be certain they are completely extinguished before leaving the area.

I will discard no burning material - matches, cigarettes, etc.

I will fill all excavation holes which may be dangerous to livestock.

I will not contaminate wells, creeks, or other water supplies.

I will cause no willful damage to collecting material and will take home only what I can reasonably use.

I will practice conservation and undertake to utilize fully and well the materials I have collected and will recycle my surplus for the pleasure and benefit of others.

I will support the rockhound project H.E.L.P. (Help Eliminate Litter Please) and will leave all collecting areas devoid of litter, regardless of how found.

I will cooperate with field-trip leaders and those in designated authority in all collecting areas.

I will report to my club or federation officers, Bureau of Land Management or other authorities, any deposit of petrified wood or other materials

on public lands which should be protected for the enjoyment of future generations for public educational and scientific purposes.

I will appreciate and protect our heritage of natural resources.

I will observe the "Golden Rule", will use Good Outdoor Manners and will at all times conduct myself in a manner which will add to the stature and Public Image of Rockhounds everywhere.

HATROCKHOUND GAZETTE

November 2021

Annual “I Did It” Contest

Tuesday, November 9th, 6:30 pm

Enter once in each of three categories for the possibility of an awesome plaque and the honor of being the winner of your category.

Look for details below.

Mel and Louise are in charge of treats . .

“I DID IT” CONTEST - IT’S FUN AND IT’S EASY.

WIN A PLAQUE FOR YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENT.

- ***CHOSE SOMETHING YOU FOUND, SOMETHING YOU BOUGHT AND/OR SOMETHING YOU MADE IN THE LAST YEAR.***
- ***ENTER ONE, TWO OR ALL THREE CATEGORIES.***
- ***BRING YOUR ITEMS TO THE MEETING AND TELL ABOUT THEM***
- ***MEMBERS WILL VOTE ON THE BEST ITEM IN EACH OF THE CATEGORIES.***



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Meeting Minutes

October 12, 2021

Doug opened the meeting at 6:45. Thirteen were in attendance, including Mike’s sister-in-law, Kim Green and Karli’s granddaughter Daygen Wood. Mike then let the membership know that Mel and Louise had contracted Covid and what their status was. We all wish them well in the recovery process.

General Business Doug assured the membership that our treasury was in good shape. Mike is continuing to pin down the dates for our show in May, 2022. We are hoping to confirm the weekend of May 14-15. Judi urged Mike to share the executive committee’s discussion. He suggested that we were discussing the possibility of hosting the 2024 NFMS Show and Convention. That would make it ten years from the last time we did so. Mike pointed out that last time we had help from other clubs – Tri-Cities and Walla Walla. Judi mentioned that we could most likely get some help from them again. She suggested perhaps we could come up with some sort of theme around garnet sand and gravel, shells and some gem trees, as she has items she had made for the banquet that didn’t happen in 2021. Mike suggested the possibility of tying it in with the Great Missoula Floods somehow.

Judi reported on the field trip the Lakeside Club took to the mammoth site at Coyote Canyon. There was a slide presentation with commentary, then folks went to the site. She said field trips can be arranged, although, they shut down work now until spring. Perhaps that could be a field trip sometime next year.

Doug brought up our need to elect the Vice President and Treasurer for a two year period. He pointed out that both Mike and Mel had agreed to continue in their positions unless someone else wanted the jobs. Having no takers, Doug asked for a show of hands for acceptance. All agreed. Mike and Mel will continue through 2023.

Judi mentioned seeing Karli’s horses and the information about the Sage Center Harvest Festival in the paper. Karli then gave an overview of the event. She said it is held yearly the first weekend in October. This year all was outdoors and appeared to be a great success. She also said she and her husband and their horses and carriage will be at the Echo Kiwanis October Fest this coming Saturday, the 16th.

Doug then introduced the proposed budget the executive committee had drawn up. It was in the newsletter. Judi explained that a yearly payment to the ALAA for membership, as agreed last meeting, was added along with the small fee for membership in the Oregon Council. One additional item that the executive committee discussed and added was the payment of one way mileage at current IRS rate for the Club Director to attend the Annual Meeting.

Gordon moved to accept the budget and Karli seconded. Motion was passed.

Show and Tell: Our Show and Tell tonight was for each person to tell about his/her rock for the costume contest.

After the contest, Judi explained our program for November: I Did It Contest.

Door Prizes: Went to: Daygen, Don, Trista and Doug.

Program: Rock Costume Contest. Mike, Kim, Hope, Daygen, Warren, Trista, Chris, Anita and Judi all had entries. There were some great stories to go with the entries, so voting was a difficult task. In the end, Kim garnered the second prize and Mike won a double header with the first place and best story. Thanks to all the creative folks who took part in the fun.

Executive meeting TBD 7:00 at Judi's. Everyone is welcome (We decided a meeting was not needed)

NOVEMBER MEETING Tuesday, November 9th, 6:45 pm: I DID IT CONTEST

WEBSITE: jall23.wixsite.com/hatrockhounds

Trista Meek, Secretary

(Transcribed by Judi Allison)



Mike:Tarrant



Kim:Superhero



Hope: Scary



Daygen: Headless Cheerleader



Warren: Bedrock/Rockslide

Trista: Rocky Road



Chris: Mummy



Anita:Rock Pumpkin



Judi: Fallen Rock



Our winners are shown below. Everyone did a great job, and there were some really good stories to go along with the displays. Trista gave a detailed account of the Rocky Road experiences. Judi had a poem to go with her Fallen Rock. Kim not only told a story about her Superhero; she unveiled his cloak to reveal "The Rock". Mike managed to show he had done his research about the Mad Hatter in "Alice in Wonderland". In the end, he was a double winner with the best story and the best costume. Kim garnered second place for her creation. Thanks to all for participating and to those voting on the outcome. It is always fun to see what folks come up with!



Stromatolites

Stromatolites are the fossilized remains of large groups of a blue-green bacteria (called cyano bacteria) that is photosynthetic, like plants and trees. This means they take carbon dioxide out of the air and make oxygen. They are an important part of the fossil record because they were one of the first life forms on earth. They formed in very salty lakes and ocean lagoons. While they grew, the bacteria would create sticky material, like a natural glue, and sand and other small particles would stick to the bacteria. Over time this would create layers of bacteria and sediment that are called microbial mats. It is thought that the oxygen that made life possible on earth was first created by organisms like this bacteria.

Stromatolites are not extinct. There are some modern stromatolite deposits, but they are not as large or widespread as they were early in earth's history. You can find them today in the Hamelin Pool Marine Nature Reserve, Shark Bay in Western Australia, for example. (From Mini Miner Monthly, October 2021)

Just a Reminder

- ❖ Our Annual Christmas Party will be in December on our regular meeting night-December 14th. We will start at 6:00 pm and have a pot luck dinner with the club furnishing a main dish, something to drink and dishes. There will be a sign up for side dishes, main dishes, salads and desserts at the November meeting.
- ❖ We will do a gift exchange for those who wish to take part. The value should be no more than \$10 and related to the rockhounding hobby. If it is specifically for a man or woman, please mark that on the outside. If you wish to sign who the gift is from, please put it on the inside, as we will be doing a game that doesn't need a name.
- ❖ We will plan to have our rock BINGO again this year. The club will furnish rocks, but if you also have some you would like to donate, please bring them along.!

