

Hatrockhound Gazette 2018

PO Box 1122,
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**Meetings at 6:30 on the 2nd
Tuesday of each month
First Christian Church of
Hermiston:
775 West Highland
(Go to back of church)**

**President - Doug Gill
V. Pres. - Mike Filarski
Secretary - Judi Allison
Treasurer - Mel Lambert
Member at Large - Bill Shipp
Newsletter/Website - Judi
Allison**

Contact Numbers: Mike 541-571-2593, Judi 541-720-4950



**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

December 2018

HO, HO, HO, Merry Christmas!!!

Annual Christmas Party

Tuesday, December 11th, 6:00 pm

Club furnishes lasagna, punch, water and utensils. Bring a main style, side dish, salad or dessert and come join the fun!

***Dinner, Rock BINGO and A gift exchange
(Details Below)***



Christmas Party:

The club will furnish lasagna (both meat and vegetarian), punch, water and plates and utensils for the meal. Membership has signed up for the following items. (If your name is not on the list, feel free to bring an item of your choice.)

Rita & Bill-Garlic Bread

Laura-Taco Salad

Moe & Tonya -Taco Salad

Stella & Main Style Dish

Lamberts-Jalapeno Corn

Tatyana & Irish-Dessert

Garcias-Scalloped Potatoes

Doug - Dessert

Shannon L-Taco Dip

Trish - Side Dish

Mike- Main Style Dish

Fraziers-Cookies

Bryants-Cookies & Pumpkin Style Bread

Toni - Dessert

Judi-Hawaiian Rice Salad

We will play ROCK BINGO. It is essentially a BINGO game with a rock for a prize. The club will furnish a number of rocks, but if you want to bring some for prizes, that would be great!

We will also have a gift exchange for those who wish to take part. Please bring a rock related gift with a value of no more than \$10. You can mark if it is specifically for a male or female. We draw numbers to distribute the gifts. (You don't need to put who it is from on the outside, but you are welcome to do so on the inside. We will play a short exchange game, then individually open each gift, one at a time, so others can enjoy seeing what each person receives. If this sounds like something you would like to take part in, please bring a gift.

See you at the Christmas Party!!!

Hatrockhounds Gem and Mineral Society Meeting Minutes November 13, 2018

Our guests for the evening included Kim, Mike's sister-in-law; and George, Laurie's brother. Welcome to both. President, Doug, asked if there was any correspondence. Judi read the thank you from the NFMS for the donation to the endowment fund in memory of Alan Grossmiller. Judi then passed out Program Idea forms for input from members.

Treasurer: Mel Lambert reported the amount in our treasury. He also received some money from dues this evening.

General Business:

President's Position: Judi pointed out that Bill Shipp had volunteered to put his name in as a nominee for President. After asking the membership if there were any other nominations; with no replies, Joe Garcia moved to accept Bill as President. Randy Free seconded the motion. Bill was voted in by a majority show of hands. His term will begin in January and run for a two year period.

Show: Mike verified the cost of the EOTEC facility will be \$2100 for the entire room. He asked if members had suggestions for dealers who carry equipment and supplies; possibly informative how-to books. Ameritool was suggested as one possibility. Outside dealers will be brought inside and pay the rate for indoors. Mike will also add a couple more dealers. We feel we can also put our display cases inside the large room. There was a consensus that people didn't see them all in the entry area. The dealer fees will be adjusted to add a quarter per foot for space. This will generate a bit of extra revenue without taxing our faithful dealers. Mike explained that we did not want to raise prices too high, as our market is smaller than many. Our dealers come because they like us, not necessarily because they make a lot of money. Our profit won't be as much with the higher cost of the facility, but we will still make some money. We will attempt to do more advertising through social media over a longer period of time.

Presentation: Judi presented Ty with an "Earth's Processes" badge for his accomplishment. Teddy and Dylan also earned one, but were not present for the presentation. Stella Naillon consented to become the Junior Leader for the coming year. The hope is that she can offer monthly meetings for the Juniors in order to give them more consistency. Thanks to Stella for volunteering to take on such an important job: inspiring our youth.

Door Prizes: Door prize recipients were Letty, our guest Kim, Tatyana, Patty, Tonya, Ty, Shannon and Judi. Thank you to Sandra and Elmer for providing us with so many great prizes!

Show and Tell:

Randy brought a piece of petrified wood that was given to him. It came from near the Oregon/Idaho border.

Toni had a box full of items that her Mom had. She was looking for information about them. A number of members viewed and discussed the items with her.

Roy told about the rock his sister had given him that came from Echo. He also shared the rock he found on the Snake River, traveling a road that he wasn't too thrilled with. It continued about six miles up with no real turnaround. But he did get a rock out of the deal.

Program: Members viewed the entries in our "I Did It" Contest which included Found Items, Bought Items and Made Items. They then voted on their favorites. When the votes were tallied, Judi won the "I Found It" category with an angel wing rock. Letty won the "I Bought It" section with a lovely Brazilian Agate slab brought from Alan Grossmiller's family. Joe won the "I made It" plaque by outdoing himself this year with several knapped knives. Thanks to all who participated. It is fun to see all the goodies.

Executive meeting: None in November

DECEMBER: CHRISTMAS PARTY, Tuesday, December 11th, 6:00 pm





I Found It



I Bought It



I Made It



Tatyana's Found It

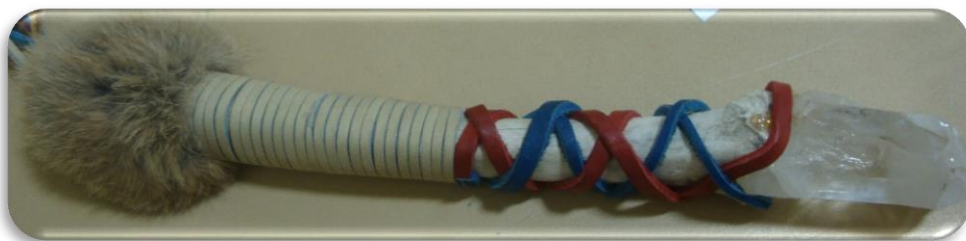
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Bresyda's Bought It



Sandra's Made It



Laurie covered all three categories. Found the bone, Bought the crystal, Made the Scepter.



Five year old Sophia's "I Made It"

2019 Program Ideas

January 8 - February 12 - March 12 - April 9 - May 14 - June 11 - July 9 - August 11 or 18? (Sunday) - September 10 - October 8 - November 12 - December 10 -

Please circle any you would like to have happen

1. Simple Wire Rings with Sandra Bryant, 2. Create Gem Trees for Mother's Day Show Giveaway,
 3. Picnic and Silent Auction (Sunday), 4. "I Did It" Contest, 5. Annual Christmas Party,
 6. Video Program, 7. Painting Rocks 8. Ugly Rock Contest, 9. Flint Knapping Demonstration,
 10. Contour Polishing Demonstration, 11. Rock Jeopardy, 12. Information on Fossils,
 13. Rock Costume Contest, 14. Trivia Game 15. Meet the Member (5 minute talks)

Please list any additional Ideas that come to your mind.

Above is the form that was handed out to members at the November Meeting. Below are the results

Program Idea	# of Votes	Ranking
Annual Christmas Party	16	1
Picnic and Silent Auction (Sunday),	14	2
Simple Wire Rings with Sandra Bryant,	13	3/4
Ugly Rock Contest	13	3/4
Painting Rocks	12	5/6
Flint Knapping Demonstration,	12	5/6
Create Gem Trees for Mother's Day Show Giveaway,	11	7/8/9
Contour Polishing Demonstration	11	7/8/9
Rock Costume Contest	11	7/8/9
"I Did It" Contest,	10	10/11
Rock Jeopardy,	10	10/11
Information on Fossils	7	12/13
Trivia Game	7	12/13
Meet the Member (5 minute talks)	4	14
Video Program,		15

Following are additional suggestions:

- ✓ Rock BINGO
- ✓ More Community Involvement
- ✓ Field Trips to Unknown
- ✓ Club yard sale, Bring and trade
- ✓ More Silent Auctions
- ✓ Rock carving, pendant wrapping, rock mosaic
- ✓ Mentor a Couple of young people and get them excited about rocks
- ✓ Lila would do her eggs demo again; also will share how and where to get sunstones
- ✓ Change the picnic to a cooler month
- ✓ Have the picnic on any day besides Sunday

Using these ideas and availability of resources, the Executive Committee will plan the program for 2019. Thank you for your input. If you have any additional suggestions please feel free to share them with us.

