

# Hatrockhound Gazette 2019

PO Box 1122, Hermiston, Oregon 97838



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

Officers:  
President – Bill Shipp  
V. Pres. – Mike Filarski  
Secretary – Rita Watterson  
Treasurer – Mel Lambert  
Member at Large – Laura  
Tiffany

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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.

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**April Meeting: Tuesday, April 9, 2019, 6:30 pm**  
**Simple Wire Rings - Sandra Bryant will help us each create a simple wire ring. Please bring a pair of needle nose pliers if you have them.**  
**Treats by Tonya and Moe and Trish.**  
**See you all the 9th!!!**



Sandra requested that if members have socket sets, wire cutters and/or chain nose pliers, please bring them. Thanks.



## Hatrockhounds Gem and Mineral Society

### Meeting Minutes

**March 12, 2019**

**General Business:** The meeting was called to order with the idea of members working on either a gem tree or painting rocks as we conducted our business. In the absence of the Secretary, Rita, Judi and Mike took notes. President, Bill offered correspondence from Umpqua, Yakima and Sweet Home Clubs about their upcoming shows.

**General Business:** The question was brought forth to the membership if we want to continue our membership in the Hermiston Chamber of Commerce. Judi had brought a form detailing the benefits for a nonprofit, and Mike pointed out that if we take advantage of what is offered it is probably a benefit. After a bit of discussion, Gordon Weber moved and Alfred Lamon seconded that we renew our membership. The vote was in favor of our continued membership.

Judi brought up a possible idea she had about offering to host the 2020 NFMS Gem and Mineral Show and Convention. She and Mike explained that it would be the same dates as our current show with the addition of the Friday before. Additional requirements are an Editors' Breakfast, Past Presidents/Committee Chair Luncheon and a Banquet. There is also a meeting which would require an additional room and speakers, if we decided to offer such. There is extra work involved which requires the help of the members, so people need to be committed.

Mike is okay with being the chairperson, and Judi will commit to being in charge of all the extra planning for the Federation aspect. Mel also said he would do as much as he could. The reason Judi suggested the idea is because, as to date, no club has offered to host the 2020 show. The one year there was no host, it took away from the strength and viability of the Federation. Since we are members of the NFMS, it affects us. After some discussion, the membership decided to wait on some projections and figures for the additional space and needs. We will make a decision at the April 9<sup>th</sup> meeting.



While talking about possible field trips the Executive Committee had discussed the idea that we should have some sort of waiver for members to sign. Judi had a copy she revamped from another club. It was thought we might be able to make a general waiver that could be signed when a person became a member. The waiver could extend for the life of the membership and include club meetings, the show and all gatherings, rather than just field trips. Judi reworked the waiver and it was presented at the meeting. She will email Mel a copy so that he can have them available for members to sign when they join or renew their membership.

The annual picnic is slated for McKenzie Park on Saturday, August 17. The gazebo is reserved from 10-2. We will plan on gathering around 11-11:30 and eat then do our auction. Reserve the date.

**Treasurer's Report:** Mel Lambert reported the amount currently in our account and stated the EOTEC had been issued a check for \$2100. He also paid for the gazebo at McKenzie Park. More members paid dues. Remember, if you haven't paid, you are in arrears.

**Show Report** Mike reported that the contracts are coming in and EOTEC has been paid the \$2100 for the entire room. There will be one new dealer: Ameritools, which carries tools and lapidary equipment.

**Door Prizes:** Alfred won a fulgurite, and Mel was the recipient of a small jar of garnets from Sandra Bryant and a necklace from Ellen Law.

**Show and Tell:** There was no show and tell, as everyone was busy making trees or painting rocks. Teddy had been taking donations for a fund raiser for a heart fund. Donations resulted in a series of jumping jacks accomplished with Grandma, Laurie. Thanks for the show, and thanks to those who donated.

**Program:** As above: the rocks to be used at the kids' corner and the gem trees to be Mother's Day prizes.

**Executive meeting: Wednesday, March 27, 7:00 at Judi's. Everyone is welcome**

**APRIL MEETING: 6:30 pm, April 9<sup>th</sup>**

**SIMPLE WIRE RINGS: Sandra Bryant will be instructing in creating a simple wire ring.**

**WEBSITE: [jall23.wixsite.com/hatrockhounds](http://jall23.wixsite.com/hatrockhounds)**

Transcribed by Judi Allison, acting Secretary



## Wulfenite!



One of the most beautiful - and most sought-after - mineral species is wulfenite. It is found in spectacular glassy crystals. It can be yellow, orange, or red. It is often found with other excellent mineral species. Its crystals can be thick and blocky. They can also be so thin that you can see through them. Some of the best wulfenite specimens found anywhere in the world come from Arizona.



The mineral name "Wulfenite" was not the first name given to this special mineral. In 1772, a mineralogist named Ignaz Edler von Born named the mineral that we know as Wulfenite "Plumbum spatiosum flavorubrum."

This is a Latin name. "Plumbum" means "lead." "Flavo-rubrum" means "Yellow-red." "Spatiosum" is a very old word used to describe clear, glassy crystals. When they are all put together, this long Latin name means "Yellow-red lead crystals." In 1781, the Austrian scientist Joseph Franz Edler von Jacquin gave this mineral the German name "Kärntnerischer bleispath." "Kärntnerischer" means "Carinthian," where the first Wulfenite crystals were studied. "Bleispath" means "Lead spath." "Spath" means it is found as clear, glassy crystals. As you can see, in the early years of mineralogy, mineral names could be very complicated.

In 1845, it was renamed by Wilhelm Karl von Haidinger. He named it “Wulfenite” in honor of Franz Xavier von Wulfen whose connection to Wulfenite came in 1791 when he published a book about the lead ore minerals found in Bleiberg, Austria. This book was called *De Plumbo Spatoso Carinthiaco*. This was the first writing that described in detail the mineral that would eventually be named after him. (From Mini Miner March 2019)



## Hatrockhound Executive Meeting

**Wednesday, March, 27, 2019**



**Present:** Mike Filarski, Mel Lambert, Judi Allison, Bill Shipp, Rita Watterson

**Lakeside Gem and Mineral Show Reminder:** The dates are April 13-14<sup>th</sup> at the Benton County Fairgrounds. 10-5 on Saturday and 10-4 on Sunday.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Mel gave a report of what the total balance is in the account. (Attend a meeting if you want a dollar amount, as it is not published in the paper.) He paid out \$50 to reserve McKenzie Park for our August 17<sup>th</sup> picnic; a \$2 refund to Trish

Ellington for overpayment of dues, \$100 to the Hermiston Chamber of Commerce, \$150 to the First Christian Church and \$105 to Mike Filarski for reimbursement of printing flyers for the show. Deposits totaling \$780 were made for dealer fees.

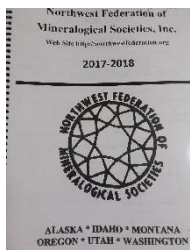
**April Meeting:** Sandra Bryant will be helping all who wish to make simple wire rings. If members have them, please bring socket sets (for ring sizing?) wire cutters and chain nose pliers. If you don’t have these, she has a few to borrow.

**Show:** Mike has the fliers to distribute for the show. Judi will set up a radio spot for the Tuesday before the show on Chamber Connections. Rita is willing to do the spot, but needs someone to go with her. Any volunteers? Bill and Rita will again solicit for donations from Walmart, Safeway and Fiesta Foods for items to supplement our continental breakfast and potluck. Rita asked what people would like for the potluck. She felt that if it was the meatballs again, they should be supplemented with some rice or something. Any thoughts from the membership? Mike discussed the road signs and the fact that he needs to order the part that has the dates. He was trying to brainstorm how we could get the dates to remain on the signs even with winds and rain. We also discussed the idea of more or less inundating our Facebook sites with a picture of the show flyer every day for a week or so leading up to the show. If each member who has a FB account does that, hopefully we will reach a number of people using that method. Please post the show on any social media you happen to think about. The more people know about the show, the greater the possibility of more people coming.

**Northwest Federation:** Judi let the Executive Committee know that there appears to be another club that is putting in a bid for the 2020 show, so we will not pursue that possibility. (Much to Mike’s pleasure.)☺

**Executive Meeting:** The next Executive Meeting will be Wednesday, April 24 at 7:00pm. Remember, all are invited.

## Know Your Federation: Directory and Circulation



**Directory:** When a person becomes a member of the club, their name address and phone number (if they are okay with it being included) should be sent to Carol Willey, Directory Chairperson, to update her files for that particular club. She then has that information for the directory and when the official roster is sent with the payment for the Federation, that person is already listed for her and she doesn't have to go through the process of adding them. So, when she is getting ready to compile the Directory, it is

much simpler if as many members that were new to clubs during the year have already been added to the roster. That way she doesn't have to add every new member of every club just before getting ready for publication of the directory. (She receives a copy of the rosters from Lyle, our Treasurer when he gets them with the dues payments.) The

directory is typically what is used to show proof of membership, For example, when a person competes with a display, or a Junior puts in for an achievement award they must be a member to be eligible. That is why it is important to have each individual listed. Now, let's go a bit deeper into the aspect of the directory and membership. Each club has a method of recording and receiving dues from their members, old and new. It might be a membership person, the treasurer or secretary who takes care of this in your club. Many clubs change officers on a yearly basis, often around the first of the year. A new person is now at the helm, but perhaps not aware of some of the duties. One such duty is that of submitting the names of all the current members of their club to the Federation via the Treasurer along with a check for the members from the previous year. (The club should have received a roster and information about how to go about the task from the NFMS Treasurer shortly before the year end.) When returned to the treasurer, that roster of current members is sent to the Directory Chairperson, Carol, who compares it against what she has listed in her database and makes additions, deletions and corrections from it. She also gleans the information about the officers, meeting place, etc. from that submission with the club dues. The Directory must be sent to the printer on a timely basis so the completed Directories will be available early in the year. If a club has not submitted its dues and membership roster on a timely basis, current members may not be listed in the Directory.

## Northwest Newsletter

Now for the Newsletter aspect. This is where Circulation comes into play. If your club member wants a mailed, hard copy of the newsletter, you need to also send the name to Tom Burchard, so he can add it to the mailing list that he maintains.

Every member of the NFMS is entitled to a 'printed' copy of the NFMS Newsletter. For the last 5 to 10 years we have been encouraging members to 'download' an electronic version of the newsletter. The single largest 'line item' in the federations budget is the printing and mailing of the paper version of the newsletter. Around \$18,000 per year. The Federation does not 'send' the electronic version. Our web master (Brad Larson) maintains a list of people (Early Bird) in each club who wish to be notified when the electronic version of the newsletter has been posted on the NFMS Web Site.

If the person agrees to receive an electronic copy, you have to have something in place in your club to achieve such. This is what we did with our club. On our new member application form we created a statement that the newsletter would be delivered electronically unless a paper copy was requested. I have made a group email of the membership and I gave Brad, the webmaster, my name as the "Early Bird" contact for our club. He then includes me in the announcement about the newsletter being out and I then pass on the link to my membership. For those who have requested the paper copy, I have sent the info on to Tom also. He maintains a database and creates labels to be affixed to the printed copies. It is important to give Tom any address changes, additions or deletions, as each incorrectly sent hard copy costs.

With all this information, the important thing to remember is that, although each member is entitled to receive a copy of the NFMS Newsletter, (electronic or hard copy) it is not going to happen unless the proper wheels are set in motion by getting the information to where it needs to be. This starts at the club level. Hopefully, this will clarify some things for many. If you have more questions, or wish for further clarification, feel free to send me an email: [nfmssec@gmail.com](mailto:nfmssec@gmail.com).