

HATROCKHOUND GAZETTE

APRIL 2016

Tuesday, May 10, 2016, 6:30 pm Last Minute Show Biz!!!

Come one, come all and find out what you can do to help make our annual show a success. It's fun and rewarding!!!

Treats are by Wenxia and Ty

Show and Tell: a green rock

SHOW SET UP and TAKE DOWN

We start set up on THURSDAY afternoon. Go to the storage unit (A1 Storage on Joy Lane-Unit C7) and get all the items needed for the show-this includes cases, rocks, display items, signs, etc. We generally have rented tables from the fairgrounds so some muscled individuals will need to go pick them up. Pickups are necessary for these jobs, as you can see. Set up as much of the show as possible Thursday evening. (We generally buy some pizza or sub sandwiches for those who stick around and help with the process.)

FRIDAY meet at the Conference Center around 9:00 am.

We allow dealers and displayers to start their set up at noon, so we need to have all the basics in place by then.

SATURDAY kicks off the show at 10:00 am, so if you are working at admissions, silent auction of the kids' corner, plan to be at the Conference Center no later than 9:45 am.

Saturday and Sunday all hands on deck to work at the kids' corner, admissions and silent auction.

We also need to tear down the show and return all the items to the storage unit after the show closes at 4:00 pm on Sunday.

SUNDAY as soon as the show closes, begin to neatly put away silent auction, Oregon rock display, Kids' corner items, admissions, etc. Display cases can be opened to remove your items at this time. (Remember, you are responsible for what you have put in your display case.) We need to be cognizant of the Dealers trying to pack up their wares and not become too "pushy" or anxious about their process. We can work on putting away tables, liners and other items while we wait for them to finish. We do not save the plastic covers on the dealer or display tables. We do save the blue ruffled skirting that covers the fronts. If you have a question, those who have taken part in the process are glad to help with an answer. All items have to be removed from the Center and returned to the storage unit, or other location.

Hatrockhounds Gem and Mineral Society Meeting Minutes April 12, 2016

Thirty-one people joined our midst this evening, with nine of those being of the Junior variety. YAY!!! Guests Sue Jones and Stan Sloan returned, as well as new guests. David and Christy Dykkestén who recently moved from Panama and Kayla Sandlin and her son Dylan Duke also joined us. Kayla paid membership for Dylan and her. Welcome to all!

General Business:

President Janet Judd-Fahey started the meeting with news about a field trip to Glass Buttes for obsidian on May 6, 7, and 8. Scott Jackson, the Spokane Rock Rollers member who donated all the materials for the Juniors, has invited the club members to join him. For details check with Janet.

Treasurer's Report Margaret gave the balance in our account and stated that bills are paid to this point. We will have more expenses as the show gets closer. Margaret then shared some correspondence. The Umpqua Club show will be May 7-8 in Roseburg. There was also a letter from Gary Litchfield wishing to sell arrowheads. Information was made available to members.

Annual Show: Laura was congratulated for finding a food vendor. Xavier's tacos will vend. Mike will furnish Laura with a contract to take to them for their signature. Although Mike was not present, it was reported that the show is coming together. All the vendor spots are filled; we have a food vendor and we passed around a sign-up sheet to begin collecting names of those who were able to put in a display.

Door Prizes Matt Ginther gained a limb cast. Ty won a quartz piece. Lisa discovered a piece of root beer quartz. Dylan chose the bag that contained the Smithsonite piece, and April discovered labradorite in her bag. Congratulations folks!

Show and Tell:

Ty brought some rock he received for his birthday. Cool that a kid gets excited about receiving rocks for their birthday!!!

Shannon showed off some green river rock out of Irrigon-phenocryst in basalt, a knapped item, a rock that had maybe been a tool or tumbled in the river. . or just a plain old agate. She also brought a box of rocks a friend gave her to donate to the kids. Since Laura loves green, Shannon gifted her with the green rock.

Laura's piece, found when hunting in the creek-bed out of Heppner, was a "what is it?" rock. (I am not sure if she got her answer.)

Kayla shared a rock with green she bought from an outside vendor at the show in October. She said it reminded her of "petrified snow" and wanted to know more about it.

Janet brought a collection of rocks she described as "incredible and amazing". She also brought a rock that **Mike** had passed on for a challenge. The rock had three minerals in it. He challenged members to name the three. Although many easily named two, I later heard Jerry Sorensen take up the challenge and name all three.

Judi had a pink rock with druze that she recognized as crazy lace while in the process of sharing with others.

Lisa showed off a thunderegg with druze and another crystal.

Gordon brought a piece of agate with quartz from the Owyhees by Dry Creek.

Chris displayed a copper bracelet cuff that Jerry made. She also showed some samples of what we would be doing for our program. She explained that when the patina on the copper reaches a point that you like, you can put bee's wax on it to stop the process.

Program: Pounded Copper Bracelets: Chris instructed everyone in the process of making a pounded copper bracelet. All who wished to do so then went to work with continued instruction from her to fashion their own piece. Thanks, Chris for a fun and rewarding activity!

Executive meeting: Monday, April 25, 6:30 at Judi's (Remember, all are welcome)

May Meeting, Tuesday the 10th.

Program: Last Minute Show Stuff. Carsons, Ty and Laurie Ellis are in charge of treats.

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Secretary, Judi Allison



Hatrockhounds Executive Minutes Monday, April 25, 2016

Present: Judi Allison, Mike Filarski, Margaret Free. Laura Tiffany, Janet Judd-Fahey

- **Show** – Mike gave Laura the vendor contract to take to the food vendor. Two outside vendors have not paid yet. There is one inside space left that Mike thinks he has filled. Rather than tailgate, members can purchase a one day contract for outside. Mike will get more small flyers to distribute. He has the signs and dates, so will set up to get them changed.
- Judi will get the display into the library. (It was done on Wednesday the 27th. We have one of the large standing cases on the wall and will leave the display for the entire month of May.) Judi will make sign-up sheets for the front, silent auction and kids corner to be passed around at the May meeting. She will confirm with members and others about putting in a display case.
- We will buy pizza or sub sandwiches Thursday for those who are there for set up. The club will furnish barbequed pork sliders for the Friday Potluck at 6:00 pm. Margaret has graciously agreed to make them. She will purchase 608 cases for water for set up and for workers and dealers during the show. She also agreed to be in charge of the continental breakfast on Saturday and Sunday. Serving time will be from 7-9 am.
- Demonstrators will be Alan Grossmiller and possibly Tom Moon with cabbing, Kerry Norton with sphere making, Kelly Hamm with dermal carving, Janet Judd-Fahey and cohorts new age flintknapping, and on Saturday, Mickee Madden with gem trees.
- Janet and Margaret will be on KOHU Chamber Show with Debbie Pedro at Nookies on Tuesday Morning, May 10th at 8:30 am.
- The ads have started in the Nickel. Each week there are more and gradually become larger.
- **Additional Business** – Margaret will reserve and pay for Spillway Park for our annual picnic which will be Sunday, August 14th.
- The next Junior meeting will be on Monday, June 20th at 9:00 am.
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May's Birthstone

Emerald is the green to greenish blue variety of beryl, a mineral species that also includes aquamarine as well as beryls in other colors.

Gem experts differ on the degree of green that makes one stone an emerald and another stone a less-expensive green beryl. Some people in the trade tend to give the name emerald to any green beryl colored by chromium. But to most gemologists, gemological laboratories, and colored stone dealers, it is more correct to call a stone green beryl when its color is "too light" for it to be classified as emerald. Even among that group, however, there's a difference of opinion about what's considered "too light."

As the birthstone for May, the emerald, a symbol of rebirth, is believed to grant the owner foresight, good fortune, and youth. *Emerald*, derived from the word *smaragdus*, meaning *green* in Greek, was mined in Egypt as early as 330 B.C. Today, most of the world's emeralds are mined in Colombia, Brazil, Afghanistan, and Zambia. The availability of high-quality emerald is limited; consequently, treatments to improve clarity are performed regularly. (Via Google-GIA and others)