

# Hatrockhound Gazette 2020

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)

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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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February Meeting: Tuesday, February 11, 2020, 6:30 pm

## *Creating Gem Trees*

After some instruction, members can create a gem tree for special Mother's Day door prizes at our Annual Show.

*Program will be first this evening with the business meeting after.*

Treats: Mel and Louise and Roy and Patty

## Hatrockhounds Gem and Mineral Society

### Meeting Minutes

#### January 14, 2020

**General Business:** With the foul weather, some illnesses and last minute needs we came together with thirteen members. Minus the President, Secretary and Treasurer, Mike and Judi took up the helm for the evening. Since we didn't have a Treasurer present, we didn't have a treasurer's report.

**Oregon Council of Rocks and Minerals:** Mike shared the information we received from the Council discussing the fact that the Council can be a voice for the Rockhound community as they can lobby whereas we can't. They sent pamphlets about rockhounding and encouraged clubs to send the information to our local legislators. Mike will follow through with that. With a question about whether we wish to continue our membership, Randy Free made a statement about protecting our abilities to rockhound and moved that we continue in the Council. Doug Gill seconded the motion. Our membership is \$.25 per person, so about \$15 for the entire club. There was a short discussion about parking permits being needed to stop and look for rocks, sightseeing or other recreational activities and the fact the law already exists. It just hasn't been enforced on the east side of the State, but there is a strong possibility it will be pushed soon. We then voted and the motion to continue the membership was carried.

**Field Trip Ideas:** We talked about ideas for field trips at our executive meeting and felt that we needed to ask the membership about where they would like to go. Saddle Mountain was mentioned. Randy felt that someone needed to go there first to scout an area. Mike mentioned that it is somewhat like the Middle Fork where people can scout out a number of areas. Judi mentioned that Mary Goff had asked if anyone had been to the McBones site South of Kennewick, and if anyone would be interested in going to see what it is all about. Please pass on any ideas you have and we will try to get some field trips set up. It can be places we have gone or somewhere new.

**Show:** Mike told the membership that the Nickel has closed, but the Giant Nickel seems to be appearing in its place in the area. That is a publication he has used in the past. He asked about the possibility of using the radio and what stations should one run an ad? Members gave some alternate ideas: Hermiston Classified on Facebook, Craig's List, Hermiston Cinema Slide Show, and the Ruralite. He said the show will be on Mother's Day weekend as that is the venue we are able to obtain. The dates are May 9-10 at EOTEC.

**February and March Meetings:** Judi mentioned that we will again be making gem trees for the Mother's Day gift for the show. In March we will paint rocks for the show. Laurie said she is gathering some, but if others can bring some that would be great! Thanks.

#### Show and Tell:

**Hope** brought quite a collection she "found at her house". She had Mexican agate, a crystalized rock with a triangular pattern, jasper, pumice and a smooth oval rock that looked like a giant golden egg. Judi alluded to it as a "potato agate". Mike said he wanted to cut it, but wasn't sure Hope wanted to do that.

**Laurie** showed off a piece of compressed mud with an impression of a newspaper imbedded in it. She said her husband picked it up at a work site.

**Anita** brought some dichroic glass jewelry she had wire wrapped. She also had a piece of sugilite that they found in Quartzite by Sugar Mountain in an outside fireplace someone had created.

**Door Prizes:** Thanks to Anita and Don contributing two, we had four door prizes to give away tonight. Chris gained a holder for her cell phone, Laurie got a pair of sturdy gloves, Warren took home an onyx egg and Hope managed to win a piece of labradorite.

**Program:** Members were challenged with identifying thirty different items that ranged from dop wax to lepidilite. They were allowed a “cheat sheet” to help them along. The idea was to help learn some more about the hobby and to have fun in the process. Everyone appeared to enjoy the experience as they tested their knowledge. In the end the team of Jayson and Tarah won a Peterson’s Rock Guide Book for naming 25, Mike took home a polished wood limb for getting 24 and Laurie gained a collection of rock related greeting cards for naming 21. Everyone was on their honor, so we assume there were no guilty consciousness involved. HaHa.

**Executive meeting: Wednesday, January 29, 7:00 at Judi’s. Everyone is welcome**

**FEBRUARY MEETING: 6:30 pm, February 11<sup>th</sup>**

**GEM TREE CREATIONS: Creations to add to Mother’s Day prizes at the show.**

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Secretary, Rita Watterson (Transcribed by Judi Allison)

## **Hatrockhound Executive Meeting**

**Wednesday, January 29, 2020**

**Present:** Mel Lambert, Judi Allison, Mike Filarski, Doug Gill

**Show Discussion:** Mike has received the first payment from a dealer. He will get up to the EOTEC and get the contract finalized. We have had a number of possible ideas for adding to our venue. We decided we would continue to try to solicit crafters. Judi will get in touch with Diana and Brandon Hayden, former members who now do crafting to see if we can connect with others and reach out with an offer. The cost for a crafter to vend would be \$60 for an 8 foot table for the two days. This is the same rate that the dealers pay, so there would not be an issue with any favoritism.

Judi checked with the theater about the possibility of advertising. The ads run on a yearly contract with no space available at this time and the chance of any availability by May is essentially nonexistent. It would probably not be a good fit anyway, since the contracts seem to be for a yearly duration at a cost of \$1800. The information has been passed on to the NFMS for inclusion in the Federation Newsletter. We also discussed using the Giant Nickel, GoHermiston.com, Craig’s list, and Hermiston Classified online as well as the usual fliers. Mike will check to see what the cost of a larger colored poster – 11x17 or 8 ½ x 14 – might be. He is also considering the Tidbits publication and possibly the Entertainer. Judi mentioned that Joe Garcia had introduced her to two gentlemen who own the radio station LaLey. Perhaps he could help us get exposure for a reduced rate. We will also reach out to the East Oregonian in hopes of getting a story. Judi will check with the Library about the possibility of putting a display in for May. She will also ask Laurie about the possibility of putting something in the one in Irrigon. If others have the ability, perhaps they could check on Boardman and Umatilla.

**Picnic:** Because of the Umatilla County Fair falling the week of August 8-15, we chose Saturday, August 22 for our picnic. It will be from 11:00-2:00 at McKenzie Park. (We will probably eat around 11:30 and have our auction afterwards.) The club will furnish fried chicken and water. There will be a list of items to choose from for sign up. We’ll plan on having it at the June and July meetings so everyone will have an opportunity to choose something they want to bring. We thought we would try this to help alleviate too many duplications.

**February Meeting: Gem Trees for Mother’s Day Special Door Prize:** We will have kits and some instruction for those who would like to learn. We need 12 trees for the prizes. Anyone who makes a tree for a prize can have the supplies to make a second one to keep. Rita and Bill and Mel and Louise are in charge of treats.

(It is very “short and sweet” this month. Hopefully, next month I will have some pictures and feel more creative. For now, this is it. . .)