

Hatrockhound Gazette 2022

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
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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 2022

Annual “I Did It” Contest

Tuesday, November 8th, 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, Louise and Mike 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.***



Hatrockhound Meeting Minutes

October 11, 2022

Doug called the meeting to order at 6:40. We had twenty-five people present, including Rafael Ramos and his two sons, Johnathon and Angel, who joined our club. Welcome.

General Business

Doug asked those present if they had any suggestions for programs or field trips for the coming year. Folks agreed that they enjoyed Sandra coming and helping them create a pendant. They suggested the possibility of more visitors to teach an art or information about our hobby. Judi mentioned that folks seemed to enjoy the activities such as the knowledge games and the Jeopardy games. Members agreed. Judi will put together a fossil Jeopardy from the Mini Miner for the January meeting.

Randy offered to take members on a field trip to the Owyhee area for jasper. It would need to be a two to three day outing. There is a camp at Twin Springs and a lot of areas where the picking is fairly easy. He and Gordon have gone there a number of times and know the area. The trip would need to be in April or May, as it gets really hot later and toward fall it is very dusty.

Doug stated that we needed to elect Vice President and Treasurer this month. He stated that both Mike and Mel are willing to serve for another two years and asked if there were any additional nominations from the floor. With no names added, Gordon moved that we accept Mike and Mel. Roy seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Thanks, Mike and Mel.

Members were reminded that dues are payable for next year. Mel received payments from several people.

Judi said that although Mike had tried to get a different date for the 2023 Show, it will be on Mother’s Day weekend-May 13-14, 2023. Donna mentioned we should have a special area for Mothers. We talked about having a special door prize again, or some other recognition.

Show and Tell

Randy showed off the new vein of jasper from the Owyhee area. He also had plume agate with some red agate and miscellaneous other pieces from the same area. (This is the area where he offered to take us on a field trip.)

Mary brought a piece she had picked up from the tailings pile at the Polka Dot mine when she went there with the Lakeside Club. It was a geode with barite and some other mineral in it.

Roy had gone to an estate sale in Richland and picked up an interesting rock with crystals. He hadn't figured out what it was. Don thought it might be garnet of some sort. Roy thought he might do some more research.

Donna said she had found an ugly rock in a pile from her ex, and she threw it on the ground. It broke open and ended up sparkling as a piece of raw coal. She also showed off a flat geode, an amethyst and two other rocks.

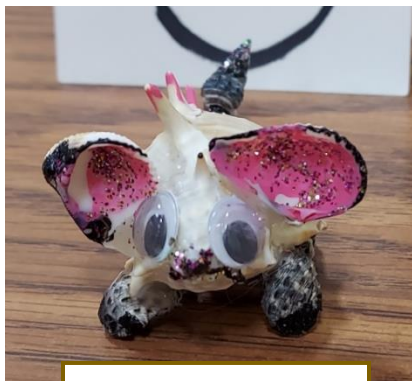
Judi bought a big chunk of matrix from Topaz Mountain at the Federation Show. The dealer had hit the top with a rock hammer and where it split open, there was a nice vug with a collection of cool topaz.

Door Prizes We had ten prizes to give out tonight thanks to Gordon's contribution of six and Don and Anita's gift of one. All three of our guests, as well as seven members (I forgot to write down the names) walked away with a goody.

Program: Seven members entered in the Rock Costume Contest. Hope walked away with the first prize with her witch who ate too many children and had rotten teeth. Teddy won second, in absentia, with his Haystack Rock from his NFMS Competitive display. And Karli won the best story with her touching story and poem, "You're a Gem". Thanks and congratulations to all who played.

Remember next month is the "I Did It" Contest. You can enter three things, one in each category, from the last year December 2021-November 2022. (I Made It, I Found It, I Bought It)

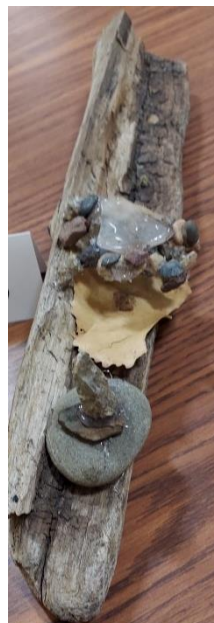
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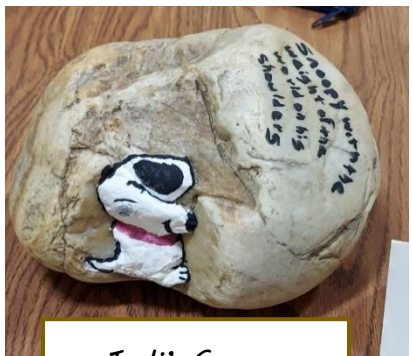
Anita's Mouse



Don's Cat



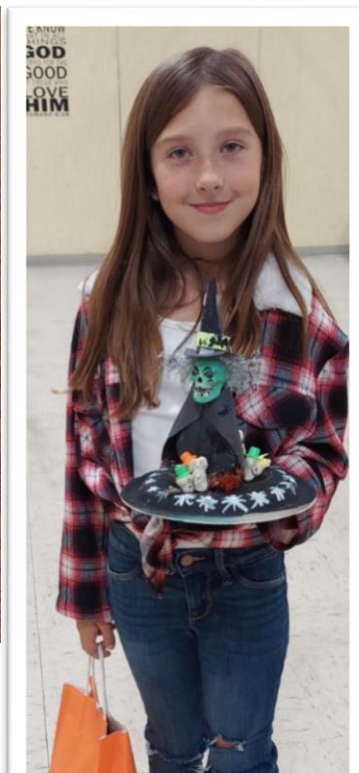
Ashton's Spider



Judi's Snorru



Teddy's Haystack Rock (2nd prize)



Hope and her First Prize



*Karli's Poem
Best Story*

As you read Karli's poem, notice the items in her creation: the gem tree, the rock, the bird and the light house scene

Just a Reminder

Our Annual Christmas Party will be in December on our regular meeting night-December 13th. 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

Highland Park 18" slab saw purchased new. Used a handful of times after receiving. MK diamond blade included. Will include items used to clean the saw, drain and clean the oil. \$4500 Cash only. You have to pick it up and be able to load it in your truck. Text 509-521-6543

You're A Gem

By Karli Cook

Here you hold a precious stone.
What you see is up to you alone.
Some are dull and do not shine.
That is how they come from the mine.
Some are old and fossilized.
Some have been overpressurized.
Some are large. Some are small.
Some can even build a wall.
Gems surround us every day.
Watching everything we do and say.
Be that rock that holds the tree,
Those gems so precious to you and me.
Polishing takes a lot of time.
A task that ends with lots of grime.
Some are mixed and some are pure,
But none are worthless that's for sure.
Changed by environment, weathered,
worn,
Cracked and broken, tattered and torn.
Some are rolled or lit on fire.
Some are squished and tossed in the mire.

Each is made a different way.
Unique and different as night and day.
They have the ability to hurt or heal.
No matter the color blue, black or teal.
The outside hides the beauty within.
Beauty is not just the outside skin.
Cracks allow something else to grow.
Unless we learn, we will never know.
Made from sediment, heat or pressure.
Inside each is a different treasure.

Each of us can be like this tree.
A gem that makes us all a WE.
Unique yet beautiful to see.
Hold it in your hands and "just let it be".
The hardest days may always come,
But "just letting it be" will help for some.
Let this tree absorb the negative,
So you can always focus on the positive.

Hatrockhounds Executive Meeting Monday, October 24, 2022

Present: Mel and Louise Lambert, Mike Filarski, Judi Allison

We spent a bit of time discussing collecting rocks and the hobby and the need to work in conjunction with the BLM and the Forest Service as they create new rules and definitions. If we don't speak up, areas could disappear without our knowledge. In California there is now a National Monument that allows rock collection. It came about because of transparency and cooperation between the different entities. Judi mentioned she had gone to the Oregon Council meeting and was pleased to learn the council is active in such things and reclamation of areas where tree roots have been exposed and such. They also have a display at the Capitol Building in Salem and keep up with developments relevant to rockhounding.

You will find a copy of a budget for 2023 in the Gazette. Please take a look at it, so it can be voted on at the meeting. You will see the costs for putting on the show to help give an idea of where the money goes. Judi mentioned that we are trying to cement the third weekend for the 2024 show when we plan to host the Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies. (NFMS) She is checking on a variety of ideas for the banquet and such. The EOTEC will be charging an additional fifteen percent to the caterers, which they will likely pass on to the customer. We also talked a bit about some place to go for a field trip after the show-or perhaps some other type of offering. Judi mentioned that perhaps Laurie could lead a geocaching excursion, or maybe Karli and Brian would be willing to do a ride along the Columbia, or some such thing. (Those who took the ride could be charged \$10 or something to go directly to them.) If you have some thoughts and ideas for banquet favors, additional activities at the show or anything else, all ideas will be appreciated.

The Annual "I Did It" contest will be the subject of the November meeting. Judi will have a sign-up sheet for foods for the Christmas Party in December. We will also discuss and vote on what main dish item you would like the club to furnish-chicken? Ham? Turkey? Roast beef? Do you want lasagna (both kinds) again?

Judi will have some handouts giving suggestions for meetings in 2023 along with a request for any other ideas. At the last meeting we discussed field trips. Randy said he was willing to lead a group to the Owyhee area. Maybe the weekend of April 22-23 or May 6-7 would be a good time.

We will play "fossil jeopardy" in January, so you can brush up on you knowledge.

Junior News

Thanks to Karli, on Saturday, October 22, seven adults and seven Juniors explored a couple of rock piles. Everyone happily carried away a few rocks. Karli gave each of the Juniors a couple of assignments. They are to choose a rock they would like to share with a "rock pal" from another area, and complete the form she gave them. It asks them to tell such things as why they chose that rock, where they found it, etc. She also gave them a sheet of 114 questions on rocks and minerals to see what they might already know. The adults are taking part in it, too. I have a feeling there will be a few blanks-I sure have a few and have been doing this for a while. Thanks, Karli



Proposed Budget

The following is presented as a proposal to give transparency to our spending and to allow the Treasurer to pay regularly incurred costs without a special vote. There will be a proposal to adopt this budget at the November meeting. Members will have an opportunity for input and to vote on its creation.

Hatrockhound Budget

Projected Expense	\$ Amount	Explanation
<i>Post Office Box 1122</i>	\$125	<i>To be paid by January 31</i>
<i>Trailer license</i>	\$75	<i>Biannually</i>
<i>Insurance (Show)</i>	\$300	<i>Yearly</i>
<i>Show Advertising</i>	\$1200	<i>Estimated total – paper, signs, etc.</i>
<i>Show Expenses, Miscellaneous EOTEC Rental (\$4000)</i>	\$4400	<i>Mother’s Day prizes, new skirting, plastic cloths, tape, hall rental, etc.</i>
<i>Show Food – Pot Luck, Set Up, Continental Breakfasts</i>	\$350	<i>(Possible donations by Walmart, Fiesta Foods, Safeway)</i>
<i>Picnic – main dish, paper goods, water</i>	\$100	<i>Club furnishes main dish, utensils, water: balance potluck</i>
<i>Monthly Meeting expenses–paper goods, supplies, etc.</i>	\$200	<i>Possible expenses for group activity supplies</i>
<i>Plaques, Awards and Prizes</i>	\$150	<i>Rockhound of the Year, I Did It, Rock Costume, Unique Rock</i>
<i>Newsletter Expenses</i>	\$100	<i>Stamps, Ink, Paper</i>
<i>Christmas Dinner</i>	\$150	<i>Main Dish, Paper goods, Decorations, Favors: potluck</i>
<i>Church Donation</i>	\$250	<i>Donation for use of the church</i>
<i>NFMS Dues</i>	\$175	<i>For 2022-23 \$2.50 per adult member, \$1.00 per Junior</i>
<i>Director Mileage Annual Meeting</i>	\$450	<i>One Way IRS Rate \$.56 per mile (maximum amount)</i>
<i>ALAA Membership</i>	\$50	<i>Recurring Yearly Dues</i>
<i>Oregon Mineral Council Dues</i>	\$25	<i>\$.25 per member</i>
Total	\$8100	
Projected Income		
<i>Dues</i>	\$450	
<i>Show</i>	\$7250	(Gross)
<i>Misc: Donations, Auctions, Etc.</i>	\$400	
Total	\$8100	

(Prepared October 24, 2022 to continue through 2023)