

Hatrockhound Gazette 2024

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)
Junior Leader: Karli Cook

Officers:
President – Doug Gill
V. Pres. – Mike Filarski
Secretary – Jessica Millard
Treasurer – Mel Lambert
Mbrs at Large – Louise
Lambert, 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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Meeting: Tuesday, February 13, 2024
Wire Wrapping a Cabochon with Sandra Bryant
Start at 5:15 so we can make our creations before the
general meeting at 6:30 pm

Hatrockhounds Gem and Mineral Society **Minutes General Meeting** **January 9, 2024**

President, Doug, called the meeting to order and asked for an account from the treasurer. Mel gave a report of the money that was in the account after paying Federation dues, Oregon Council dues, Post Office and a donation to the church.

Doug then asked for any old business. Judi explained that we want to keep the show account separate from the regular treasury, as we need to make a thorough accounting to the Federation after the show so we can show that we are dividing the profits. Doug then appointed Judi Allison the official Treasurer for the show. She will keep all show money accounted for and make deposits and disbursements from a special account which will be closed after payment to the Federation with the balance going into the regular Hatrockhounds account.

The possibility of a raffle for the show was suggested. We would need to have some donations of some quality items in order to do such. Tickets could be sold for a specified amount and the prized could be given out at the end of the show. Mike will consider the possibility. He said the show progress is pretty much the same as last year. He is working on the contracts and floor plan.

New Business: Mel said he had tried to reserve the McKenzie Park for the picnic, but was told that it couldn't be reserved prior to a certain time. It was brought up that we had considered trying to have the picnic at West Park in Umatilla-the one on the flat down the road from the fish ladders. One should be able to reserve it through the Corp of Engineers. Mel will check into that.

Announcements: Karli asked if anyone had cabbing machines who could finish some cabs she has been cutting out with a core drill to use as covers for pop sockets. She also asked if anyone had a 3-D printer besides Mike Zinski. Jonnie suggested she ask Barbie in the Tri-Cities Club. Karli let the membership know that she is setting up the Kids' Corner with specific prizes for specific activities, and that each activity will have a separate person running it. She stated we need lots of polished rocks. If people can polish and/or donate. Todd Adams said he has a lot of agates from the Willamette River area and will donate some. Mike mentioned that there are a lot of slabs in the trailer that could be polished.

Show and Tell: Mike picked up rocks from around Cave Creek, Arizona when he went on his trip last month. They were generally of a quartz variety with large grains. He also has a "California" rock.

Door Prizes went to Art-a fluorite obelisk from Earth's Treasures and Jessica-a limb cast from Rocks Galore.

Members then tried their knowledge of a number of rocks and minerals with a matching game. Todd won the prize with sixteen points out of twenty (another fluorite obelisk.) Thanks, everyone for playing.

Minutes recorded by acting Secretary, Judi Allison

NOTE: If dues are not paid by the end of March, your name will be removed from the list and you will not receive a Gazette until dues are paid. (You can send your dues in to Hatrockhounds, PO Box 1122, Hermiston, OR 97838 or pay our treasurer directly) Thanks.

HATROCKHOUNDS Gem & Mineral Society

Executive Meeting –January 31, 2024

Present: Doug Gill, Mike Filarski, Mel Lambert, Louise Lambert, Judi Allison, Jessica Millard

Mel brought up a couple of items to start off the meeting. He said he had gotten the check for the Post Office back as the amount was incorrect. It has gone up to \$200 a year. He will take a new check in tomorrow and hope we don't lose our box, since the cutoff date is the 31st. He also stated that the West Park in Umatilla has a rental fee of \$70 for the day and we can't reserve it until later. After some discussions of alternative ideas, it was decided to go ahead and reserve McKenzie Park as usual. The picnic will be on Saturday, August 17th.

Judi shared a resolution that will be brought up at the Federation meeting and asked that the club sponsor it. She got the signatures needed from Doug, as President and Jessica, as Secretary to put it forward. In essence, it is a proposal for two committees (Circulation and Directory) to be combined in order to help with better communication within the Federation. There is a lot of duplication of process by two or three committees and things have gotten very mixed up over the years. The hope is to bring all the information in line to help reach all the people. Judi will explain it further at the meeting.

We received an application and dues from Deborah Childs and look forward to meeting her at our next meeting. Be sure to say hi and welcome her. Irish Howard has also returned to our midst. Welcome back, Irish.

Show Discussion:

Judi had the table for the gem search set up in her kitchen so we could try out the process to ascertain if it was going to serve well. It seems it will be okay. Mike tried it out.

Some of the dealers has suggested that we reach out to the schools to suggest a Friday field trip. Jessica is going to take the lead on this, as she had coordinated this sort of thing when she was teaching.

Camping will be available at the EOTEC for \$30 per night with electricity and water. People who wish to avail themselves of the camping will contact EOTEC directly.

Mike had a proof of the flyers for the show so we could give input and make any needed corrections before the final printing. He also had a mockup of the room arrangement to share. Dealers will stay pretty much in the same places they were before, with just a few changes to accommodate some additional things.

Laura had asked about the possibility of needing some younger muscle for set up and tear down. With Jessica's input that she could recruit her husband and others feeling there were sufficient people, we figure we are covered.

Mike asked about the placement of display cases for the competitions. They will all be in the same area. The plan is to have up to 26 cases.

Minutes written and typed by Judi because Jessica was having contractions. (Not sure if there is a baby yet. We haven't heard ☺)

Is Ice a Mineral?	
o	Minerals have a fixed crystal structure
o	Minerals have a definite chemical composition
o	Minerals are naturally occurring
o	Minerals are inorganic (they have never been living)

Ice - is naturally formed, is solid, does have a definite chemical composition that can be expressed by the formula H₂O, and does have a definite crystalline structure when solid. Thus, ice is a mineral, but liquid water is not (since it is not solid). Aug 31, 2015
Tulane.edu/~sanelson.eens110

Following is a copy of the proposal that our club will be introducing at the NFMS Annual Meeting. Its purpose is to streamline the communication process for the Federation.

RESOLUTION ADDRESSING THE NEED FOR MORE TIMELY, CLEARER COMMUNICATION WITHIN The Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies (NFMS) BY-LAWS AND OPERATION PROCEDURES

Given the modern day ability to reach the membership rapidly and efficiently through electronic means and having become aware of many gaps in communication, Hatrockhounds Gem and Mineral Society proposes to amend the by-laws and operation procedures to streamline the process of communication with NFMS Membership.

Proposal: Combine Standing Committees: Circulation and Directory. Rewrite Operation Procedures to reflect current times and utilization of modern technology.

Current Bylaws: Article X Committees Section 2. Standing Committees (a)

Standing Committees shall be: Budget, Bulletin Aids, Circulation, Credentials, Custodian, Directory. . .

Proposal: Combine wording of Circulation and Directory with a slash, to read as shown:

Circulation/Directory

Current Operation Procedures: Under OP COMMITTEE

Circulation Shall:

- *Manage list of member households
- *Provide data for “mailing labels” to the firm who mails the Northwest Newsletter.
- *Update mailing information from annual club membership lists from Directory Chair.
- *Update by deleting and adding members’ information received from the individual clubs during the calendar year.
- *As needed, use a service to obtain correct address data when US Postal Service sends a “not deliverable as addressed”.
- *Submit a financial report to the NFMS Treasurer.

Directory shall:

- *Under the direction of the Executive Secretary, Publish the annual NFMS Membership Directory, to be available by Mid-Year Meetings, listing NFMS Membership names, addresses, and telephone numbers as of January 1st of that year.
- *Under the direction of the treasurer, request of each membership Society, by November 20th each year, a list of the names, addresses and phone numbers of the officers and members, said list to be of paid up members as of December 31st. The list to be mailed to the NFMS Treasurer by January 10th of the following year.
- *Maintain the official, complete list of the NFMS memberships.
- *Coordinate with the Treasurer, Secretary, Newsletter and such others as might have need of the list of the NFMS members.
- *Under the direction of the Executive Secretary, maintain the official copy of the By-Laws and Operating Procedures, which are officially published in the NFMS Membership Directory.
- *Submit a financial report to the Treasurer.
- *Distribution of the Directories shall be under the direction of the Supplies Chairman.

Change to Read: CIRCULATION/DIRECTORY

- Shall With coordination from the Treasurer, Secretary, Newsletter and such others as might have need manage and maintain a current membership list for each member society.
- With coordination from the Treasurer and Secretary, request of each member Society, by November 20th of each year, a current list of members, including contact information for all officers and a viable, stable electronic contact for each club. (This contact to be used for dissemination of information relative to all business of the Federation.) Share the list with the NFMS Treasurer to be used in requesting yearly Federation Dues.

- From such list, update and maintain an official, complete list of the NFMS memberships.
- Maintain a household mailing list of members in clubs that opt to receive the Newsletter via hard copy.
- Maintain data for “mailing labels” of households in clubs that opt to receive the Newsletter via hard copy, to be provided to the firm that mails the hard copies of the Newsletter.
- As needed, use a service to obtain correct address data when US Postal Service sends a “not deliverable as addressed.”
- From the membership information gathered, create an Annual NFMS Membership Directory via Word Doc to be delivered electronically to each NFMS Member Club by April 30th. With coordination from Secretary and Treasurer, assure that copies are sent to each Member Society. (Hard copies can be provided upon request, if needed.)
- Directory will include Society name, meeting information, mailing address, stable electronic contact address, names and contacts for all officers and a listing of all members. (Current By-laws and Slide/Video Library can be found on the NFMS Website and are updated and maintained by the Secretary and Library Chairperson.)
- Submit a financial report to the Treasurer.

Prepared and Submitted by Hatrockhounds Gem and Mineral Society

President: Doug Gill *Douglas C. Gill*

Secretary: Jessica Millard *Jessica Millard*

Date: 1.31.24

Tower Mountain a Place of Interest

Todd Adams mentioned that he has been rockhounding in this area and is willing to lead a fieldtrip if we can get it set up on a date that will work for him. It would most likely be later in the summer; perhaps July, August or September, as the elevation is higher and conditions would most likely be better then. Todd passed on three different websites that have a great deal of information about the area. One includes a guided trip from Granite to Ukiah.

Granite to Ukiah Field trip

<https://pubs.oregon.gov/dogami/fieldtrips/ukiah-granite/default.htm>

Tower Mountain

<https://pubs.oregon.gov/dogami/fieldtrips/tower-mtn-fire-poster.pdf>

Another field trip guide and Geology info

https://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/fsbdev7_016069.pdf

Additional information about the wire wrapping activity.

Sandra will furnish all supplies. If you are able, a \$5 donation is appreciated. Sandra has a number of tools, but if you have a chain nose and needle nose pliers and a pair of wire cutters you may want to bring them. Chris Lundquist has also graciously offered to bring her additional tools for others to borrow. Remember that we will start at 5:15pm. See you Tuesday!

Oregon Agate and Mineral Show, OMSI Portland, Oregon. February 23-25
Owyhee Rock and Gem Show, O’Conner Field House, Caldwell, Idaho. March 2-3