

# Hatrockhound Gazette 2021

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 – Doug Gill  
V. Pres. – Mike Filarski  
Secretary – Trista Meek  
Treasurer – Mel Lambert  
Members at Large – Laura  
Tiffany, Bill Shipp

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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 - April 2018 Issue

**April Meeting: Tuesday, April 13, 2021, 6:30 pm**  
**Helping to Educate the Public**  
**How to Create a Pleasing Display**  
**Come join us as we continue to emerge into the “new normal”**  
**{Masks required}**

## **Hatrockhounds Gem and Mineral Society**

### **Meeting Minutes March 9, 2021**

Fourteen folks joined together for tonight’s meeting.

**General Business** The meeting was called to order by Vice President, Mike. The first order of business was election of a President and Secretary. Judi explained that the elections should have taken place in October, but with covid, we were running a bit late. She then presented the candidates for the two positions. Doug Gill has accepted the nomination for President. Trista Meek accepted the nomination for Secretary. Both were present and introduced, verifying their acceptance. Additional nominations were called for from the floor. With none, Mel Lambert moved and Trish Ellington seconded acceptance of the nominations. With a unanimous show of hands the motions were carried. They will each begin their duties at the executive meeting.

Mike gave an overview of the various discussions and checking for the Show. It had been suggested that perhaps an outdoor show could be held; or one at a different place in order to both meet the covid requirement and to require less people and work. Mike then explained that the EOTEC would be able to house 12-14 dealers with about a six foot spacing, especially if two or three were outside. The cost of EOTEC is \$2460. Mike also checked on the cost for outside in front of the EOTEC (where the fair is held) The cost for that area is \$1910 and gives the use of ½ the kitchen. Judi checked on the Maxwell Pavilion, which would cost about \$1500 and hold perhaps 8-10 dealers. Mike suggested that he could also check the Community Center. A discussion then took place. Mel asked about the need to rent tables if we were not at the EOTEC. Doug was worried about the idea for downsizing and if it would be permanent. Karli suggested the idea of the old Beal’s building and Laura brought up the idea of the auction barn (because of being covered)

After the discussion, Doug Gill moved and Gordon Weber seconded that we stay at EOTEC inside. After a bit more discussion on the need for volunteering and the realities of the work that needs to be done to put on a show, the question was called for. With a show of hands the motion passed. We will have our show at EOTEC inside on May 22-23. There is a clause in the contract that will not hold us responsible for payment if the pandemic regulations prevent us from having the show.

**Door Prizes:** Gordon provided six door prizes for the evening. Thanks Gordon. The winners of the freeform pendants were Hope, Mel, Doug, Trish, Trista and Lila.

**Program:** Members were given the opportunity to create a faux sand painting in a bottle. A few of us discussed this as a possibility for the kids’ corner at the show. Trista is going to search for some sort of clear plastic bottle that could be used.

**Executive meeting: Wednesday, March 31 7:00 at Judi’s. Everyone is welcome**

**APRIL MEETING: Tuesday, April 13th 6:30 (Masks required)**

**CREATING A PLEASING DISPLAY CASE FOR THE SHOW**

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

Judi Allison, Acting Secretary

**Hatrockhound Executive Meeting**

### Wednesday, March 31, 2021

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

#### **Show Discussion:**

Our entire discussion centered on the Show. Mike has 200 full size ads on order. He will follow up with the smaller ¼ page. (Those would be good to be placed in areas such as Dr. Offices, waiting areas in auto repair and dealers, etc.) He will have a supply at the April meeting, so plan on taking a few to hang up around the area. Be sure to ask first.

Judi checked with AMFS and it appears they don't advertise. She will send an ad to the NFMS newsletter which will come out May 15.

Mike shared a drawing of the layout for the EOTEC. With the 13-15 dealers there will be plenty of room for six feet between.

A couple of dealers may prefer to be outside. We will again have a food vendor during the show. We will also have silent auction, kids' corner and hopefully, some demonstrators.

We will plan on simply having the club furnish dinner the evening of setup with rolls, pulled pork, beans, cookies and water. We will plan on having coffee, water and a few items for the dealers and workers during the show. Because of health issues, Bill and Rita are unable to solicit for donations from the stores this year, so we are asking if someone could do that. We can provide the nonprofit proof.

Judi will be asking people to sign up for specific time slots to work. We need people for set up on Friday and take down on Sunday after the show. We also need people at admissions, silent auction and kids' corner. If everyone volunteers for two to four hours and commits to being there, we will have enough people to cover all the areas. Workers get into the show free. She will also check with members about putting in a display case. (A major part of our ability to be nonprofit is because of educating the public about our hobby. The display cases help to accomplish that.)

Advertising is an important aspect of our show being a success. One way you can help is if you have a Facebook account, take a photo of the show flyer and share it every day. Doug will ask Mitch Meyers about the possibility of hanging our new banner somewhere near the Maxwell Pavilion.

Mike has checked regularly about the ability for us to have a show considering the Covid-19 restrictions. He was told since ours is not a static event, there should be no problem with holding the show. Be advised, though, we will likely be required to wear masks, as the mandate will probably not be dropped by then.

#### **April Meeting, April 13: Creating a Pleasing Display**

**The following information will also be available in each area during the show**

#### **ADMISSIONS COORDINATOR: Mel Lambert**

- Be certain all time slots for working the admissions table are filled.
- Gather and have ready all material needed for the admissions table: Stamps and ink pad, door prize tickets, door prizes, door prize container, cash box.
- Ask each dealer to donate an item for a door prize.
- Place the donated items in the lighted display case.
- Have available information about the club and membership forms for those who ask.

**Be certain first ticket and last ticket of each day are torn off and stored in the cash box. (This is a simple way to keep track of the number of paying attendees.)**

#### **Admissions Volunteers**

- Greet and welcome public as they enter the show.
- Collect admission fees. \$3.00 per person, unless they have a dollar off coupon or are 12 and under.
- Hand out door prize tickets. (Only paying attendees receive tickets – Children 12 and under are free, so they don't receive a ticket.)



- Give the attendee one side of the ticket, place the other side in the container.
- Choose an item to be offered as the hourly door prize. (In order not to interfere with the Silent Auction's time frame, prizes will be offered on the three-quarter hour. The first prize drawing will be at 10:45.) Prizes must be chosen prior to the drawing-recipients are not allowed to choose their own prize.
- Draw a number from the prize canister and give it to the silent auction announcer to call out the number to the public.
- Coordinate so that the booth is always manned.

### **KIDS CORNER COORDINATOR: Judi Allison**

- Supervise equipment set up and take down for storage.
- Receive donated materials for the Junior Booth assuring there is sufficient for both days of the show.
- Make available bags for the rocks for grab bags.
- Be responsible for the wheel of fortune spinner, grab bags box, black light box, bean bag toss and any other materials being used.
- Determine the items to be used for the individual games and label as such.
- Make certain the volunteers understand the guidelines for each activity.
- Periodically check the money box, keep appropriate records and turn money in to the Show Coordinator, Secretary or Treasurer.

### **Volunteer Guidelines**

- At least one adult must be present at all times.
- Kids are encouraged to volunteer at the kids' corner.
- Kids may take money and make change UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF AN ADULT.
- Follow the guidelines for each activity.
- Assist the attendees with each game or activity.
- Give out prizes as marked for each activity or game.
- (In the event, supplies have run low, check with the Coordinator for a possible solution.)

### **SILENT AUCTION COORDINATOR Doug Gill**

- The Silent Auction runs both days of the show. The Silent Auction Coordinator should have all the time slots for manning the booth filled.
- Organize the rocks that are donated by the members, and be responsible for accepting and storing the rocks, near the booth, that are brought to the show. All rocks must be clean and should be labeled if possible.
- At the end of each day Silent Auction Coordinator will turn in the day's receipts to the Show Coordinator with appropriate records.

### **Silent Auction Volunteer Guidelines**

- The adults' first silent auction shall start and stop at the top or bottom of the hour and continue every half hour throughout the day. The last auction ends 30 minutes before the show closes.
- Don't rush the auctions, use the 30 minutes. We don't have to sell all the material.
- Be prepared for the next auction. Pre-set all auction items on the back tables.
- Each auction item should have a minimum starting bid amount and bid increment.
- Each auction will be identified to the best of the auctioneer's ability. (When in doubt, ask someone.)
- Number of auction items per auction shall be determined by the people attending the silent auction. (DON'T overload the table!)

- If an item doesn't sell, set it back and replace it with new material.
- The auctioneer will announce the beginning of each auction.
- The auctioneer will announce the ending of each auction: 5 minute, and 2 minute warnings also.
- All money earned from donated materials shall be 100% for the club.
- All money earned from consignment materials shall be divided between the club and the member, 30/70 Club/Member.
- **NO MEMBERS MAY BID ON ITEMS WHILE WORKING THEIR SHIFT AT THE SILENT AUCTION**
- **KEEP ALL AUCTION SLIPS**
- **IF YOU'RE UNCERTAIN ABOUT AN ITEM OR WHAT YOU SHOULD BE CHARGING, DEFER TO THE CHAIRPERSON**

### Long Term Silent Auction Table

- Members may submit items auctioned on a half day basis on a separate table. Mark on the top of your auction slip the name of the item and at which auction you wish to place it. (If you have a preference.) You also need to include a minimum bid.
- (Place a minimum bid you will accept for your item. Any amount the item sells for over the minimum bid is divided between the club and the member 30/70)
- Saturday 10-1, 1-4, Sunday 10-1, 1-3:45. Items will be placed out at that time with a minimum bid. All items sold must be removed from the auction area at close of auction period.

## NASA's 2008 Gemstone of the Year Opal - From Mars!

Robotic exploration vehicles have been studying Mars since 1997 when Mars Rover touched down and began an exciting journey of taking pictures and studying samples of rocks on the "Red Planet."

In 2008 the Mars exploration program discovered a large region that contained the common mineral, opal (technically opal is not a mineral but a mineraloid because it has the chemical composition of a mineral, SiO<sub>2</sub> or quartz, but it does not have crystal structure.) What is exciting about this discovery is that opal contains water. Which means *there had to have been water on Mars at some time in its history!* Read the article linked below to learn more about opal and its presence on

Mars. <https://mars.nasa.gov/news/368/gemstone-of-the-year/> (Mini Miner March 2021)