

HATROCKHOUND GAZETTE

December 2016

HO, HO, HO, Merry Christmas!!!
Annual Christmas Party
Tuesday, December 13th, 6:00 pm
Club furnishes ham, water and utensils. Bring a side dish or
dessert and come join the fun!
Dinner, Rock BINGO and A gift exchange

Hatrockhounds Gem and Mineral Society

Meeting Minutes

November 8, 2016

President, Janet, called the meeting to order by asking for a treasurer report.

Treasurer: Margaret reported the total amount in the treasury. The membership agreed that we again need to give the Church a donation as a thank you for the use of the facility. Margaret will send a check for \$150 with a thank you note.

By-laws: Judi reread the proposed by-law changes that had been posted in the newsletter and pointed out the reasoning behind the proposed changes. After a brief discussion for clarification, Gordon Weber moved and Doug Gill seconded that we accept the changes to be incorporated into our by-laws. Motion carried.

Elections-President & Secretary: Since the by-law changes were related to clarifying which offices were needed to be voted on, Janet Judd-Fahey and Judi Allison were presented as candidates for President and Secretary, respectively. Nominations were also called for from the floor. Chris Sorensen requested maintaining the status quo. With that, members voted individually on the two positions. Both Janet and Judi were accepted to continue in their positions.

2017 Program Ideas: Judi passed around a form with possible program ideas and a request for members to add suggestions they would like to have. The preprinted suggestions included Gem Trees, Map Reading, Cabbing Demonstrations, Rock Costume Contest, I Did It Contest, Picnic, Ugly Rock Contest, Junior Presentation and Christmas Party. Members suggested wire wrapping, jewelry presentation, field trips and information on local areas to find rocks, fossils, a visiting authority on rock formation and matrix, flint Knapping, playing games for rocks, borax crystal creation, rock cutting and polishing from start to finish, Agate Symposium 2016, Jaspers of the Northwest, Petrified wood show and tell and Native American Talking Sticks. The executive committee will use these ideas to develop a program schedule for 2017. Thanks to everyone for your input.

Treats: A sign-up sheet was passed around for 2017. Thanks, everyone for your volunteerism.

Rockhounds of the Year: Janet presented Margaret and Randy Free with a plaque and naming them as the "Hatrockhounds Rockhound of the Year" for the special volunteerism they have given the club this year.

Door Prizes: Three prizes were given away. (I forgot to write down who got what.)

Show and Tell: Janet showed off a knapped knife with a horn handle her brother had bought her as a birthday gift.

Randy showed off a number of coasters he had made from "leaverite" rocks. They are for sale at the SAGE Center in Boardman. He also asked members to help identify a rock he found at work.

Program We had a number of members take part in each category of our annual “I Did It” contest. After each member gave an overview of their submissions everyone voted on their favorites. After all the votes were



counted Chris won the “I Found It” with some nice jasper. Joe took home the plaque for the “I Made It” portion with his first time creation of a knapped knife. Judi’s bertrandite received the most votes for the “I Bought It” category. Thanks to everyone for your participation!

Executive meeting: At Judi’s, Tuesday, November 29 at 6:30pm. All are welcome

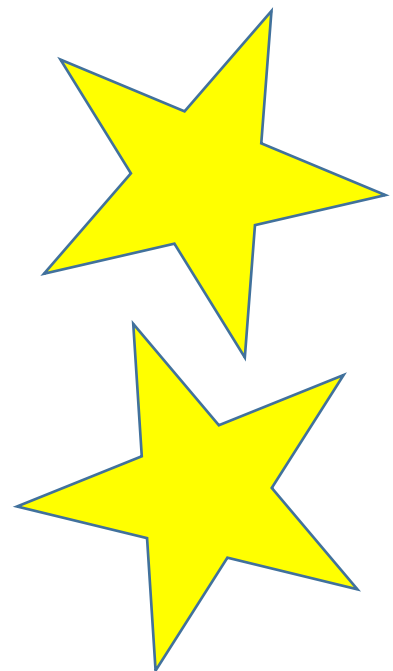
December: Tuesday, December 13th, 6:00.

Program: Annual Christmas Party!!!!

WEBSITE: jall23.wix.com/hatrockhounds

Judi Allison, Secretary

Hatrockhounds Gem and Mineral Society of Hermiston, Oregon present Margaret and Randy Free as our “**Rockhounds of the Year 2016**”. Margaret not only willingly and efficiently took on the job of Treasurer, but is also at the ready with any volunteerism. Her “continental” breakfast for our dealers and show workers has all thoroughly spoiled with biscuits and gravy or pancakes, eggs and breakfast meats. Randy has become our resident BINGO caller for our annual Rock BINGO game. He is always at the ready to help fellow rockhounds and share his knowledge. Thanks, Margaret and Randy for all you do!



Christmas Party:

The club will furnish ham, water and plates and utensils for the meal. Membership has signed up for the following items. (If your name is not on the list, feel free to bring an item of your choice.)

Doug- Salad, Cookies

Laura-Dessert, pie

Shelly-Green bean casserole

Janet-Rolls

April and Alex-Dipped Pretzels

Lisa-Cake

Stan-Baked Beans

Margaret-Punch, butter, gravy

Larry-Salad

Gordon-Ice Cream

Mike-Mashed Potatoes

Gene and Shannon-Salad

Bresyda-Brownies

Carolyn-Truffles

Judi-Cranberries, Sweet potatoes, olives

We will play ROCK BINGO. It is essentially a BINGO game with a rock for a prize. The club will furnish a number of rocks, but if you want to bring some for prizes, that would be great!

We will also have a gift exchange for those who wish to take part. Please bring a rock related gift with a value of no more than \$10. You can mark if it is specifically for a male or female. We draw numbers to distribute the gifts. We will then individually open each gift, one at a time, so others can enjoy seeing what each person receives. If this sounds like something you would like to take part in, please bring a gift.

Hatrockhounds Executive Minutes

Tuesday, November 29, 2016

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

Christmas Party – Our party will be Tuesday, December 13th starting at 6:00 pm. The club will furnish ham, water and all the eating utensils. Members will bring the balance of the food. (See list in separate section of newsletter.) We will play rock BINGO. Janet and Margaret will bring some buckets of rocks for the game. Donations are also gratefully accepted if you care to bring some. Judi will get the decorations and the BINGO game from storage. Janet and Margaret will purchase the balance of the things needed for decorating. We will have a gift exchange for those who wish to take part. Each gift will be assigned a number. Members will then draw a number from a box and match it to a gift. Janet will make a decorated box for the number drawing. Gifts are to be rock related at a cost of no more than \$10.

Member Suggestions – Janet said a number of members have asked her about the possibility of separate meeting times to work on a specific project: for example wire wrapping, cabochon making or wire weaving. We discussed the fact that people need to agree to having a meeting – most probably at their house – and a specific time. We will discuss this with the membership so that a possible schedule can be created and added to the yearly calendar. Janet will also make a suggestion box for members to submit any and all ideas. We will place it with our sign-in and door prize sign-up table.

Programs for 2017 – With the ideas given by members at the November meeting, we have created a calendar for the coming year. We hope to also add some individual small group meetings and some field trips to the final list, but for now we have the basics. (Find the calendar in the Gazette.)

Miscellaneous – Jerry Sorensen recently lost his Mother. The club will send a card expressing our condolences.

Janet will speak with the Corps of Engineers to reserve the West Park by McNary Dam of our 2017 picnic which will be held on Sunday, August 13th. This will be a better venue as there is a large area and a place for children to play without the worry of being too close to the river.

Judi will put an article in the Gazette on field trips and the time and effort involved in getting them set up.

✓ Secretary, Judi Allison

The Truth of Fieldtrips

Fieldtrips are part of the reason people want to be in a rock club. The excitement of finding your own special rock can be very rewarding. We all want to go on fieldtrips-the more the merrier. But the truth of fieldtrips is that the whole process is not an easy one to accomplish. First, someone needs to know an area that will result in the ability to find that special rock. The area has to be where people are allowed to collect. A person needs to be available to lead others to the treasure area. Folks need to be ready and able to attend.

For those of us who live in this area, the process of reaching a site, even if all is set in place, is not a quick one. Most any site will be between a one to two hour drive just to get there. The possibility of needing a high clearance or four-wheel-drive vehicle is great in some of the allowable collecting areas. People need to be ready to commit to a ten to twelve hour day and be prepared with food, water, rockhounding and safety gear. Some trips may even require an overnight stay.

With all that being said, we still want to offer field trips to our members. We hope to set up some sort of schedule to add to our calendar. We do need committed people who will attend the trips, perhaps help transport others and possibly even lead a trip to a locale known by them. Let's all put our heads together and see if we can get some trips set up and completed this year.

2017 Calendar of Meeting Programs

Treats

January 10	Native American Talking Sticks	Ginther Family
February 14	Rock Tumbling Process	Sue Jones/Stan Sloan
March 14	Map Reading	Joe Garcia and family
April 11	Gem Tree Creations	Naomi Rogers/Shelly Kinnick
May 9	Cabbing Demonstration	Doug Gill/Mike Filarski
June 13	Junior Presentation	Randy and Margaret Free
July 11	Agates of the Columbia	April & Alex/Janet Judd
August 13 (Sun)	Picnic and Auction	Potluck
September 12	Ugly Rock Contest	Laura Tiffany
October 10	Rock Costume Contest	Jante Judd
November 14	"I Did It" Contest	Gene & Shannon Lancaster
December 12	Annual Christmas Party	Potluck

To Our Valued Members

Remember: Hatrockhounds is Your Club. The Executive Committee wants to offer everything it can to our members. We welcome any and all ideas. Happy members make for a fun and exciting club experience!!!

See you all at the Christmas Party!!!

