

# HATROCKHOUND GAZETTE

April 2017

## Gem of a Night!!!

*Meeting: Tuesday, April 11th, 2017, 6:30 pm*

*Come try your hand at creating a gem tree. (All materials supplied.)*

*Treats by Shelly Kinnick and Namoi Rogers. See you then!!!*

### Hatrockhounds Gem and Mineral Society

#### Meeting Minutes

March 14, 2017

**General Business:** Thirty people were present for this evening's meeting. There were 22 adults and 8 children here. Jamie and David Armentrout were first time guests. Tyson Harshman brought along his three children and a neighbor friend. His son, Mike is the interested future rockhound. We were happy to see Bill Shipp back among us, along with his lady, Rita Waterson. Judi explained that Bill had been a long time member who used to be responsible for letting us into the building. President, Janet welcomed all. A sympathy card was passed around for members to sign for Donna Bond. Her husband, Danny passed away the day before from a brain aneurysm after back surgery. Our thoughts are with the family. Janet stated she is working on the process of getting the West Park at McNary set up for our picnic. The ground is more level, there is a playground area for the kids and a nature trail nearby. Judi pointed out that the calendar in the newsletter would be good to print off for reference. She had a few copies available for members. Janet reiterated that she still has the spheres from Scot Jackson available. She also mentioned it is time for members to be considering what items they will put in a display case at the show. Of course, this includes the Juniors.

**Treasurer's Report** Our Club Insurance is paid. Margaret will check with the Conference Center about our bill for the use of the building for our show.

**Annual Show:** Mike is continuing to fill the venue with dealers. A couple have said they will be unable to come this year. He generally has a collection of backup possibilities. Remember to set aside the weekend of May 13-14. We also begin setup on Thursday afternoon, and continue the process on Friday. There will be plenty to do during that time, so consider the kinds of things you like to do. We always have a great time putting on the show, and it is so much easier when we have plenty of working hands. Mike said he has a food vendor he is working on lining up for the show.

**Juniors:** We are seeing a lot of young faces and we want to have some special time and activities set aside for them. Judi will work on setting up some meetings soon. The hope is to have at least two a month during the summer.

#### Show and Tell:

**Janet** brought a piece of Arizona rainbow wood and a hollow nodule she had gotten from Roy Kessell. It is possible the piece came from the Killer Green Bed at a site Roy took us to a few years ago.

**Jamie** showed off some Minnesota banded agates that were her grandpa's and a piece of polished Spencer opal in the matrix.

**Mike** had a collection of green wood replacements from the Hampton Butte area. He told of finding them in three different areas and added a map of the general area.

**Judi** shared a slice of the ricolite her sister-in-law gave her in New Mexico. It is made up of limestone and serpentine.

**Treats:** Although we always have some great treats, our suppliers outdid themselves tonight. We were blessed with tamales and nachos as well as a collection of veggies and sweet treats. Thanks to the Frees and the Garcias. (Mainly Margaret and Letty)

**Door Prizes:** We gave away five this evening. Both Bob and Wenxia Carson managed to get one. He landed a small geode and Wenxia received a piece of agate along with a lovely bead necklace. Doug Gill picked up a belt buckle with a jasper cab. Randy Free landed some agate, and David Armentrout took home some polished stones that might have been bloodstone agate.

**Program: Map Reading** Mike gave an overview of map reading and how to understand the topography of an area by looking at the map. During the question and answer period, a discussion about the use of a compass ensued. The idea was brought up that perhaps on our picnic day we could have a hands on session of locating something with a compass. It sounds like a great plan!



**Executive meeting: March 21, 6:30 at Judi's (Remember, all are welcome)**

**April Meeting, Tuesday the 11th**

**Program: Gem Trees**

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Secretary, Judi Allison

## Hatrockhounds Executive Minutes

### Monday, March 21, 2017

Present: Judi Allison, Mike Filarski, Margaret Free

- ✓ **April Meeting-** The activity will be making gem trees. We were able to order the supplies from Fire Mountain Gems, so all will be ready for then. Judi will make them up into kits when they arrive. We planned for around 20 kits. If more want to create, they can work together. We may also purchase a few inexpensive tools at Harbor Freight.
- ✓ **Show Information** – There are commitments from around six dealers so far.
- ✓ We will have our Mother's day special on Sunday as a separate hourly drawing. We will need two cans and two types of tickets for that day in order to keep tickets separate.
- ✓ Since the fairgrounds has already relocated things, Mike found out that about 28 tables are already at the Conference Center. Another 22 will be located so we can rent a total of 50.
- ✓ The food vendor will be Judy and Darrell Scott. They have a food truck. The fare will be burgers, hot dogs, drinks and chips. We will most likely locate them outside the side door, so people can use the tables toward the back where we usually locate them.
- ✓ We discussed the Saturday and Sunday Continental Breakfasts and the fact they can be pared down. We don't need to serve more than a basic, such as fruit and some sort of bread product; perhaps the biscuits and gravy. Margaret is willing to be in charge if available.
- ✓ We will create a sign up list for the pot luck on Friday evening. We will give some options for the main dish and decide at the April meeting. Judi will plan on getting cases of water at Costco before the show.
- ✓ Judi will start a sign up list for display cases. We will plan on filling 20.
- ✓ **Miscellaneous** – Margaret will take care of paying for the Conference Center and Chamber Membership. (The membership helps give us a break on the fee.)
- ✓ We received a letter stating the storage unit is changing its business hours. They will now be open 11:30 am - 4:30 pm Monday through Friday and Saturday by appointments. It should not affect us, as there is a code we use to enter the yard.
- ✓ We discussed the suggestion made at the last meeting about creating a scavenger hunt using compasses. We will purchase some compasses and plan on doing an activity at the annual picnic.
- ✓ Secretary, Judi Allison

## **GET READY FOR OUR ANNUAL SHOW!!!**

May 13-14

Our show is our main way of educating the public and funding our club. We need “all hands on deck” to make a successful show. Although there is a lot of work involved in the process, it is also a great way to get to know others and learn more about our hobby. When it is time to “really get things rolling” and set up the show, we all need to pitch in. Below are some areas and a general idea of what has to be done.

### **SILENT AUCTION**

Help organize the rocks and store them at the booth. Assure that they are clean and labeled if possible. At the end of each day, turn in the day's receipts to the Show Coordinator, Secretary or Treasurer with appropriate records (sheets for consignment pieces.)

### **SHOWCASES**

Volunteer to bring some of your material for display in our Federation cases. (If you lay out a bath towel and arrange your material so it fits, that is about the size of a case. Take a picture of what you did, then you can use it as a guide to set up your display at the show.) We work to fill 20 displays. Our club has the cases and liners. Each displayer is responsible to take down and remove his/her display at the close of the show. (Displays can be put up after 12:00 pm on Friday until 9:30 am on Saturday. They must remain during the entire show. They can be removed after the show on Sunday-4:00 pm.)

### **JUNIOR BOOTH**

Supervise Junior helpers at the booth. Maintain a supply of grab bags. Help with activities provided for the children. Periodically check the money box and keep appropriate records and turn money in to the Show Coordinator, Secretary or Treasurer.

### **POT LUCK**

Help receive donated foods from members upon arrival and properly store them. Help set up food service lines, tables, and assure sufficient flatware and plates are available. Bring a food item to share. (Club will pay for the main meat course and have water available.) Help clean up and arrange tables and covers for the next day's show.

### **CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST**

Help prepare food items for continental breakfast on Saturday and Sunday mornings for dealers and workers from about 7:30 to 9:00 am. Make coffee. Lay out and keep items stocked for the period. Clean up after the breakfast. (This is only for the dealers and workers. We want to have things cleaned up for our regular food vendor, since selling food is their money maker.) (We do keep water in a cooler and distribute it to our workers and the dealers during the show.)

### **ADMISSIONS COORDINATOR:**

Greet and welcome public as they enter the show. Hand out door prize tickets, collect admission fees. Assist silent auction with door prize drawings. Keep track of number of tickets given out. Select an item each hour a door prize.

### **SET UP and TAKE DOWN**

We start set up on THURSDAY afternoon. Go to the storage unit (A1 Storage on Joy Lane-Unit C7) and get all the items needed for the show-this includes cases, rocks, display items, signs, etc. Pickups are necessary for these jobs, as you can see. Set up as much of the show as possible Thursday evening. (We generally buy some pizza or sub sandwiches for those who stick around and help with the process.)

FRIDAY meet at the Conference Center around 9:00 am. We allow dealers and displayers to start their set up at noon, so we need to have all the basics in place by then. (Potluck for everyone on Friday evening.)

SATURDAY kicks off the show at 10:00 am, so if you are working at admissions, silent auction of the kids' corner, plan to be at the Conference Center no later than 9:45 am. Saturday and Sunday all hands on deck to work at the kids' corner, admissions and silent auction. We also need to tear down the show and return all the items to the storage unit after the show closes at 4:00 pm on Sunday.

SUNDAY as soon as the show closes, begin to neatly put away silent auction, Oregon rock display, Kids' corner items, admissions, etc. Display cases can be opened to remove your items at this time. We need to be cognizant of the Dealers trying to pack up their wares and not become too “pushy” or anxious about their process. We can work on putting away tables, liners and other items while we wait for them to finish. We do not save the plastic covers on the dealer or display tables. We do save the blue ruffled skirting that covers the fronts. If you have a question, those who have taken part in the process are glad to help with an answer. All items have to be removed from the Center and returned to the storage unit, or other location. Plan on participating and Have Fun!!