

# Hatrockhound Gazette 2023

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**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)**

**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**

## **October 2023 Issue**

Get ready to try your skills at creating an entry for the

### **"Rock Costume Contest".**

All you need is a rock or two-or three, a little imagination a few odds and ends and you will have a creation for all to see.

A good story or poem to go along with your creation might also win a prize. (3 Prizes: 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and Best Story)

We'll be seeing you on October 10<sup>th</sup> with your entries!!!!

(Treats by Doug and Judi)

## **Hatrockhound Meeting Minutes**

### **September 12, 2023**

Seventeen members were in attendance tonight. Treasurer, Mel reported that we paid for EOTEC for next year's three day show. This will be on Friday, Saturday and Sunday (May 10-12, 2024) a Federation Show. After paying \$6170 for that we still have money in the bank account, so that is good.

Nineteen people made it to the picnic in August. We had both a live and closed bid auction. After all was tallied, Mel said the club may have gained \$20 over the cost for the picnic: renting the shelter, supplies and food. And a good time was had by all. A special thanks for Jonnie for the really cool wire gem tree she donated for the closed bid auction. Little Miss, Lily Millard was a happy young lady!

The Oregon Mineral Council and BLM have a cleanup day at Hampton Butte on Saturday, September 23. A couple of people are going to try to go. (We decided not to go, as the trip is five hours one way and they were beginning the cleanup at nine. Next year maybe we can plan to go camp.)

Judi shared the information that NFMS Public Lands Access Chair, Susie Koppert had brought to the NFMS Annual meeting in Billings. There was information about the proposal for a mining company to develop in the McDermitt area and the fact there is a public comment period open at this time. She had also provided maps showing the current collecting areas and what areas would be effected.

Another discussion at the Annual meeting was a proposal for the NFMS Newsletter to be exclusively online. The discussion was quite passionate and lengthy on both sides. In the end, nothing really changed. There was a vote that essentially stated that clubs that wished to opt out of the written form of the newsletter could do so. The newsletter can currently be read on the NFMS website [northwestfederation.org](http://northwestfederation.org). Judi surveyed those who were not receiving a hard copy of the newsletter and asked that those who were not receiving one, please let her know so she can correct it.

Mike has been working on updating contracts and increases in fees for the show. He talked about the placement of dealers and display cases. We think we have 26, but as things get closer, we may have to ask Lakeside about borrowing up to four and possibly some stanchions. According to the agreement written with the NFMS, those who wished to sell some things on long term consignment would receive 70% of the selling price. The Federation will be running the silent auction, so they will retain all of the proceeds. Mike suggested something about a separate silent auction with these items. We aren't sure this would work. Will have to consider this.

### **Show and Tell**

**Mike** brought jasper slabs that he thought might be Biggs Jasper. He also had a Bucannon Thunderegg and some very black wood with traces of brown.

**Kathy** showed off a geode from the fair.

**Judi** had a sample of "fools gold" to go along with the program on prospecting.

Doug shared the small vial of real gold with the membership so they could see the difference.

**Door Prizes** went to Mel-Moroccan Geode, Chris - Moroccan geode and Doug – a nice piece of fire opal.

The program was to be on gold mining. There had been some information in the September Gazette about mining and the clubs available in the general area. Folks were busy visiting and snacking, so the "chance to try a gold pan" went essentially unheeded. Laurie tried her hand a bit.

Remember that the October 10<sup>th</sup> meeting will be the Rock Costume Contest. Be sure to make your creation for a chance to win a prize.

## **BE PREPARED FOR NOVEMBER'S "I DID IT" CONTEST**

### **WIN A PLAQUE FOR YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENT.**

#### **IT'S FUN AND IT'S EASY.**

- ***CHOSE SOMETHING YOU FOUND, SOMETHING YOU BOUGHT AND/OR SOMETHING YOU MADE IN THE LAST YEAR. (NOVEMBER 2022 UNTIL NOW)***
- ***ENTER ONE, TWO OR ALL THREE CATEGORIES.***
- ***BRING YOUR ITEMS TO THE MEETING AND SHARE WHAT YOU HAVE.***
- ***MEMBERS WILL VOTE ON THE BEST ITEM IN EACH OF THE CATEGORIES.***



### **A Note from our Oregon Council President *DOI Secretary Haaland Announces New Policies to Strengthen Climate Adaptation & Resilience Efforts***

I have been asked to share the following link to a press release from the Department of Interior regarding climate related policies affecting our public lands. Although the release is fairly brief, it remains to be seen how new climate policies may affect recreational rockhounding. You can click on "Secretary's Order 3399" in the body of the Department Of Interior press release to read the text of the order. As always, thanks for everyone's help getting the word out.

Dave Williams, OCRMC President( I know the link is too long for hard copy folks- go to doi.gov/pressreleases and search for New Policies)

<https://www.doi.gov/pressreleases/secretary-haaland-announces-new-policies-strengthen-climate-adaptation-and-resilience>

### **DRILLING UPDATE - McDERMITT LITHIUM PROJECT, USA (from Google Search)**

- 10 diamond holes completed as part of 28 hole program • RC drilling expected to commence mid-September
- First assay results expected in October Jindalee Resources Limited (Jindalee, the Company) is pleased to provide an update on drilling at its 100% owned McDermitt Lithium Project located in Oregon, USA. The 2022 program (total 28 holes) is designed to infill and extend the Mineral Resource Estimate (MRE) announced on 6 July 2022 of 1.82 Bt @ 1,370 ppm lithium for 13.3 Mt LCE (Lithium Carbonate Equivalent) at 1,000ppm Li cut-off1 . Diamond drilling commenced late July 2 with 10 holes (total 1,536m) completed to date. A Reverse Circulation (RC) drill rig is expected mid-September to complete the remaining 18 holes. All 10 holes drilled to date intersected significant thicknesses of the sediments hosting the lithium mineralisation at McDermitt, with holes MDD024 and MDD025 (on the western edge of the MRE) the deepest holes drilled at McDermitt to date, reaching a maximum depth of 228m (MDD025). Core from the first holes has been logged, cut and samples submitted for analysis, with initial assay results expected in October. Core recovery was excellent. Approval for a total of 39 RC and diamond drill holes was received from the Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries (DOGAMI) in October 2021. In total, 12 holes designed to increase confidence in the 2021 MRE3 and convert Inferred Mineral Resource to Indicated were drilled in December 2021, with 11 completed and one (MDRC018) abandoned prior to reaching target depth. The drilling resulted in a 28% increase in contained lithium (from 10.1 Mt LCE to 13.3 Mt LCE). Importantly, contained lithium in the Indicated Mineral Resource increased by 170%, from 1.8 Mt LCE to 4.8 Mt LCE. A total of 28 holes (10 diamond and 18 RC) will be drilled in the current program, with holes planned to further increase confidence in the Inferred Mineral Resource and convert to Indicated Resource, as well as determine the extent of lithium mineralisation across the project. Initial assays are anticipated to be received in October, with results to be announced as they become available. (Remember this is on BLM Land and may affect some of the rockhounding areas, as well as, the roads.)