

# Hatrockhound Gazette 2017

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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)**

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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 2017 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. We'll be seeing you on October 10<sup>th</sup> with your entries!!!! (Treats by Glnthers and Judi)



Food for thought. . .

### Thanks

Thank you to those who donated items for the "Trailer Fund Yard Sale. And a special thanks to Tatyana, who sat and helped for most of the sale. She will be getting credit toward one of the Junior badges for doing so.

### Hatrockhounds Gem and Mineral Society Meeting Minutes September 12, 2017



Guests, Sandra and Jim Bryant joined the meeting after Sandra conducted a wire wrap class taken by Shannon Lancaster and Sue Jones.

President, Janet asked Judi to explain the rules for the Ugly Rock Contest and let everyone know each person will place one vote for what they consider the ugliest rock. There will be one winner.

**Raffle:** Judi also explained the raffle that Elmer so generously set up as a donation for the club. For a dollar a try, members could guess how many apache tears were in the jar provided. The person coming closest would receive a polished petrified wood slab and the one coming in second got the apache tears. Shannon Lancaster got the slab with a guess of 132, just two off the 130 in the jar. Tonya Abbott

took home the jar. Thanks Elmer, for your donations and your innovative way to add to the coffers. (We made \$29 on the endeavor. I hear Elmer might do this again next month, so bring some change. It's a good way to get a quality piece and help the club as well.)

**Rockhound of the Year:** Janet presented a plaque to Marilyn and Elmer and a congratulations to them as the 2017 Hatrockhound Rockhounds of the Year. Following is the submission to the NFMS and AFMS Newsletters.

Ringering

Hatrockhounds are pleased to present Elmer and Marilyn Ringering as our Rockhounds of the Year, 2017. Longtime members, Elmer and Marilyn generously give of themselves and their knowledge. Elmer is a great source of information about rocks and locales. Marilyn's baked goodies delight all. We give them our thanks and gratitude.



#### **Presidential Announcement:**

Janet let the membership know that this would be her last meeting. She has decided to move to Thermopolis, Wyoming where she at one time made her home. She recently visited there and found her health much improved and found friends and family welcoming her with open arms. She will be sharing a place with her aunt and will be working in the local rock shop. Thank you, Janet

for all the spirit you have given this club. You will be sorely missed, but all will be wishing health and happiness to you. Peace on, Rockin' Janet!!! Judi presented Janet with a card and small remembrance gift from the club as a thanks and farewell.

**Nominations and Elections:** Our by-laws state that we are to appoint a nominating committee in September and hold elections in October. We are in need of a President and a Treasurer. We can also use an additional "Member at Large" to join the executive meetings. Laura Tiffany and Laurie Ellis have volunteered to head up a nominating committee. (Doug Gill

expressed the possibility of being interested in holding a member at large position. Judi also mentioned that if anyone enjoyed the computer, she would gladly hand over the newsletter and/or the website. Please consider your ability to take on one of these positions.

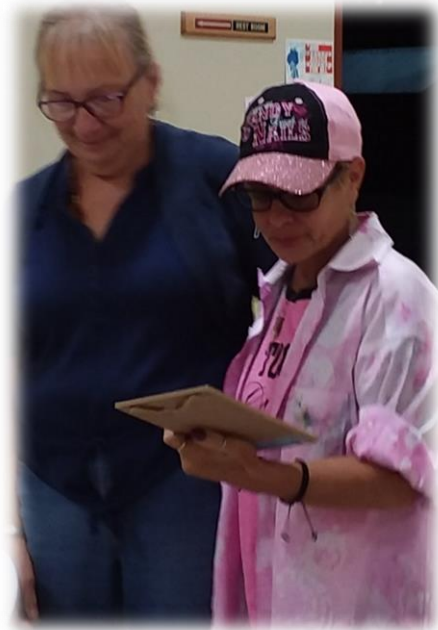
**Treasurer's Report** Judi reported that \$367 was paid to the storage unit for fees and rent through October. The rent has increased to \$83 per month. Chicken for the picnic was \$40, and a supply of plates and forks from Costco cost \$38.66. \$51 was paid to R&R Trophies for the Rockhound of the Year plaque, as well as the three plaques for the yearly "I Did It" contest.

**General Business:** Mike revisited our issue of fraud that occurred in our attempt to obtain a storage trailer for the club. Members were very understanding and supportive in ideas to recoup the money. One member offered a \$100 donation, another a glass top range to sell with the profits donated to the club. A member offered to do face painting and donate the proceeds, and a suggestion was made to perhaps have a rummage sale with items donated from members. Thank you to all. We will diligently work to get the treasury back to the level it was. Since we still don't have a trailer, Mike felt we should have a committee work on finding something suitable. Gene Lancaster suggested that the club purchase one on a payment basis. Don Crumley suggested that a utility trailer could be built up into a storage trailer. Irish Howard and Stan Sloan also offered ideas. With that, they all agreed to work together to find something that could be used for storage of our items.

**Junior Rockhound:** Judi presented Tatyana with her Future Rockhound Patch. She and others have been working toward some badges in the Junior program this summer.

#### **Show and Tell:**

**Randy and Tonya** brought along petrified wood they collected from the Middle Fork field trip. They displayed both large root woods and limbs. Tonya relayed the story of how far they walked and how hard they worked; with a little kibitzing by Randy and Maurice.



**Irish** shared a jar with opals they had collected on the trip to the Richardson Ranch. She also brought along a dark green jasper she had found at the same place.

**Elmer**

displayed a large beautiful piece of Hampton Butte material he had found and polished.

**Judi** brought a small bag of specimens from the Middle Fork trip.

**Janet** offered a piece from Wyoming that Jerry said was a wood cast with honey colored calcite crystals.

**Mike** brought along some agate pieces he gathered from an open meadow near Cress Creek off the Middle Fork.

**Door Prizes:** Maurice and Don were the recipients of the prizes tonight.

**Program:** Mike received the prize ugliest rock. The prize gloves, goggles, knee pads and a pry bar so he could go find some prettier rocks.

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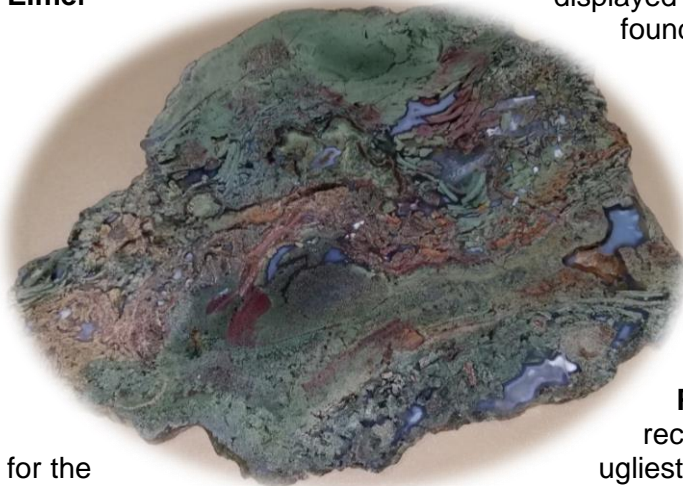
**Executive meeting: Monday, September 25th at Judi's at 6:30 pm.**

**OCTOBER MEETING: 6:30 pm, October 10th**

**Program: Rock Costume Contest**

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

Secretary, Judi Allison



## **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 14, 2016 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.**

