

HATROCKHOUND GAZETTE

February 2016

Tuesday, February 9, 2016, 6:30 pm

NOTE THE NEW TIME 6:30

Wire Weaving with Janet.

We will learn how to make a woven wire that can be made into bracelets, necklaces, etc. Janet will have the wire supplies, but if you have any wire working tools such as pliers or cutters, please bring them.

Treats provided by Jane and Matt Ginther.

See you then!!!

Hatrockhounds Gem and Mineral Society

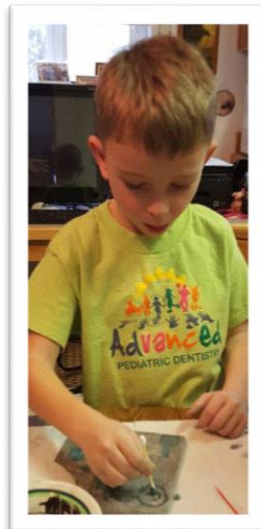
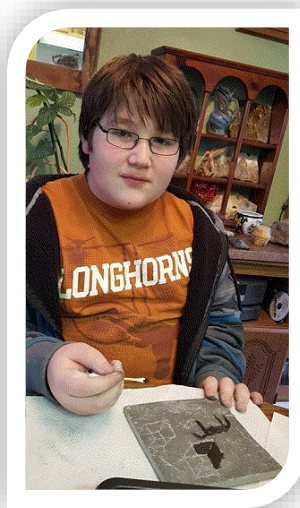
Meeting Minutes

January 12, 2016

President, Janet Fahey, called the meeting to order with twenty-five members present. (Reese Burkenbine later joined the group and became a member. Welcome Reese!)

Janet again reminded folks about the dues and a number paid.

She then gave an overview of the Junior meeting held on Saturday, the 9th. Alex, Ty and Curtis (as well as the adults) learned about petroglyphs and pictographs, then created their own. Alex and Curtis will receive their badges for stone-age tools at the next meeting for completion of the requirements in that category.



General Business: Judi made a few hard copies of the 2016 Programs available and reminded members that the list can be found on the Hatrockhound site jall23.wix.com/hatrockhounds. Information has also been updated to reflect the new starting time at 6:30 pm instead of 7:00.

Laurie Ellis told of the possibility of hosting a geocaching event on February 29th (leap day). She gave a rundown of what caching is all about and pointed out that it blends well with rockhounding. It is also an activity the Juniors can take part in to work toward another badge. Laurie and Judi will work on details to have the event become a reality.

Mike again reminded all that the show will be May 14-15. He is working on dealer contracts now. We will be needing to start considering the other aspects of the show in the near future. Our March meeting is planned around working together to create and cover new case liners.

A question was asked about the letter to the BLM in relationship to the sage grouse. A general discussion ensued with the outcome of being reminded that we all have to pay attention and stay informed about our public lands. Individual and club membership in American Lands Access Association helps keep us informed, so it is a good investment.

Treasurer's Report: Margaret gave our bank balance with no activity reported. She also shared two pieces of correspondence. The Umatilla Booster Club is having a steak dinner and auction on March 12. They are looking for donations for the auction or attendees. Cost of the meal is \$25 with the money raised going for the students of the Umatilla District.

We also received word from Don Hildebrand of the China Hollow Mine by Wasco that he is accepting six or more for fieldtrips to the Jasper Mine. Members showed an interest and considered revisiting the idea and choosing a date in April.

Door Prizes Thanks to the generosity of Elmer, a Smithsonite piece from Curtis's and two prizes purchased from the show we had five door prizes. Doug, Wenxia, Curtis, Jane and Ty were the lucky recipients.

Show and Tell:

Laura brought a chunk of coal from back east. We decided it was bituminous. (Would have been nice to have for the Juniors' pictograph paint.)

Elmer's collection included polished petrified wood from a no longer accessible gravel pit in Pasco, Washington, a Hampton Butte piece, web rhyolite from Bouse, Arizona, and a thunderegg from Beatty, Nevada.

Larry showed off a piece of jasper he had gotten from Aaron Buell of West Coast Mining out of Walla Walla.

Matt sported a medium polished slab he had bought in a rock shop in Burns. He said the shop owner said it was Mexican Crazy Lace. There was some question as to the validity of that statement, as it contained a great deal of amethyst. Alan, our "senior" rockhound, laid that question to rest with his agreement about the crazy lace.

Tonya brought the wood she had collected from the November fieldtrip to Saddle Mountain. When asked how she cleaned the ash off, she said she used Iron Out-soaked and scrubbed.

Randy displayed a variety of items from Colorado which included amazonite, druze quartz and smokey quartz.

Laurie brought a devil's toenail from Texas, while grandson, **Teddy** showed off his rock he had collected from Trail, Oregon near Medford.

Program Video: Missoula Ice Age Floods: We watched a half hour segment of the video which contained a lot of good information. Mike then gave a commentary to point out some specifics. He reminded members that George Last brings a display of Ice Age Floods to the annual show.

Executive meeting: January 25, 6:30 at Judi's (Remember, all are welcome)

February Meeting, 6:30 pm, Tuesday the 9th

Program: Wire Weaving with Janet. Jane Ginther is in charge of treats.

WEBSITE: jall23.wix.com/hatrockhounds

Secretary, Judi Allison

Geocaching-Two Opportunities

- 1. Saturday, February 20th 11am-2pm. Laurie Ellis will take us on an excursion to discover some caches and learn how the process works. This is set up as a Junior event, but everyone is welcome. Bring a picnic lunch and join us.**
- 2. Monday, February 29th, 6:00pm. Geocache Event. Meet at Panda Inn (back room). Have dinner if you want. Meet other cachers in the area, learn more about geocaching, trade trackables, win doorprizes and have fun!**

Hatrockhounds Executive Minutes

Monday, January 25, 2016

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

- ✓ **February Meeting** – Janet will purchase dowels and wire needed for the meeting. Members are encouraged to bring wire working tools – pliers, cutters, etc.
- ✓ **March Meeting** – We will be covering liners for our display cases. We need to purchase some corrugated plastic for this. We researched online. Mike will check with Home Depot about the possibility of getting the product through them. We will also need packaging tape and straight pins.
- ✓ **Upcoming Expenditures** – Post office is \$60. Insurance is \$475, Chamber membership is \$100. Conference Center for the show is \$1375. We will ask the membership about again joining the ALAA. This is a \$50 membership fee for clubs.
- ✓ **Treats** – Since we are getting more people attending it was suggested some people might want to double up and share the treat time. If you would like to do so, there are still months when there is only one person listed. Following are those signed up for the rest of the year: **February**-Jane Ginther, **March**-Judi Allison & Doug Gill **April**-Chris Sorensen, **May**-Stella Nailon, Laurie Ellis & Wenxia Carson, **June**-April Lopez & Marilyn Ringering, **July**-Randy and Margaret Free & Mike Filarski, **August**-pot luck picnic, **September**-Laura Tiffany, **October**-Janet Fahey, **November**-Gene and Shannon Lancaster, **December**-Christmas Party.
- ✓ **Miscellaneous**- Alex and Curtis will receive their Stone Age Tools badges at our next meeting.
- ✓ Judi has a number of place mats with minerals and activities on them. They will be available at meetings for the Juniors and at the show to pass on to Junior attendees.
- ✓ We will reproduce some more of the information flyer, which has the change of time on it.
- ✓ We talked a bit about what is written in the bylaws. We are always interested in having members volunteering to take on leadership positions such as officers, chairpersons for activities at the show, etc. Our elections are in October, so consider the possibility if you are interested in doing a newsletter, a website or the secretary position. (We alternate every other year- President and Treasurer will continue to serve another year before an election.) Although he could be voted out if anyone saw fit, Mike Filarski (about nine years ago) volunteered to be the permanent Vice President and Show Chairman. (I have no intentions of voting him out.)
- ✓ Secretary, Judi Allison

**FEBRUARY SHOW AND TELL:
DO YOU HAVE SOME AMETHYST TO SHOW OFF?
OR ANOTHER PURPLE STONE? WHY NOT BRING
IT ALONG AND SHARE WITH OTHERS?**



FEBRUARY BIRTHSTONE

Amethyst

Amethyst, the gemstone believed by ancient Greeks and Romans to ward off the intoxicating powers of Bacchus, also is said to keep the wearer clear-headed and quick-witted. Throughout history, the gemstone has been associated with many myths, legends, religions, and numerous cultures. English regalia were even decorated with amethysts during the Middle Ages to symbolize royalty. It has been associated with many myths, legends, religions, and numerous cultures. Amethyst is purple quartz, a beautiful blend of violet and red that can be found in every corner of the earth. Historically, the finest amethyst were found in Russia and were featured in much royal European jewelry. Today, while Brazil is the primary source of this gemstone, fine material can be found elsewhere, especially in Zambia.

www.americangemsociety.org/february-birthstones