

Hatrockhound Gazette 2023

PO Box 1122, Hermiston, Oregon 97838



**Meetings at 6:30 on the 2nd
Tuesday of each month
First Christian Church of
Hermiston:
775 West Highland
(Go to back of church)**

**President - Doug Gill
V. Pres. - Mike Filarski
Secretary - Trista Meek
Treasurer - Mel Lambert
Members at Large - Louise
Lambert, Laura Tiffany**

**Contact Numbers: Mike 541-571-2593, Judi 541-720-4950
Newsletter/Website - Judi Allison**



**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.

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Tuesday, September 12th, 6:30 pm
Let's Learn About Gold Panning
Treats by Laura Tiffany and Chris Lundquist



No August Meeting, So No Minutes

Nineteen people attended our picnic on August 19th. As usual, we had plenty of good food and good company. Everyone enjoyed the large amount of silent auction rocks for sale. We also added a single closed bid auction for variety and fun. It seemed to go over well, so perhaps we will do it again. To those who didn't make it, sorry you missed the fun.



Time for Bidding

If you are looking for something fun to do September 9th or 10th head over to Walla Walla and take in their show. Marcus Whitman Club is having their annual show at the fairgrounds.

HATROCKHOUNDS Gem & Mineral Society Executive Meeting, August 30, 2023

Present: Doug Gill, Mike Filarski, Mel Lambert, Louise Lambert, Judi Allison, Laura Tiffany
2024 Federation Show

Mike said we finally got the fifty dollar refund promised from the gentleman who had the ATM.

We will plan to use the same service for our show in May. Bill Carlson, High Desert ATM out of Boise.

We discussed the fact we hadn't heard from Jennifer about the EOTEC contract. (We ended up finding out that she had sent us one that day.) Mel and Judi went and paid for it. \$6170 for three days including the use of a meeting room for the three days.

We discussed dealer fees. We decided to raise it by a dollar. That will cover the cost of EOTEC. Admission will be \$5 a day or \$12 for all three days.

We will use a separate checking account to keep the funds separate, since we will be sharing our profits with the NFMS.

We discussed a pin for the show and the samples Judi had already made. She worked on refining the one with the foot in the sand, as a smaller foot was suggested. We will get pins if we can find a source that won't cost too much. If not we will probably forego the item.

Judi also shared some of the things that are being planned for the kids' corner. We have most of the items for the "gem search" table. We will need some more colored sand and lots of tumbled rocks. (We have some rocks

to tumble, but may not get them all done, so any help anyone wants to give in this department will be greatly appreciated.

Mike will have the regular small and 8 1/2x11 fliers made up. He will also check on getting around 25 11x14. (or 12x17?) We will plan on sending out a few of the fliers to each of the clubs in the Federation.

Mike is going to attempt to count the sawhorses in the trailer to figure out if we have enough. We have 26 cases on hand, but a couple are probably not usable. We figure if we have 24 to set out and will need possibly 4-6 additional spaces for competitive displays.

Judi mentioned we need some speakers. She has one who will probably speak on minerals. Marty Casto also expressed a desire to do a presentation of the older collecting sites, if he gets his presentation put together. Mike stated we have a geologist among us now. Maybe she would give a talk. We will look for a couple more.

Judi was given permission to purchase an upgraded version of the website rather than the free version. She can then add to what is there and we can create a domain name which will come up on search engines more readily and be easier to remember. She will also check with Jerry Sorensen about access to the FB page for Hatrockhounds so we can do some more posting.

Our meeting program on September 12 is to be gold panning. Judi attempted to get an outside speaker, but was unsuccessful. She is doing some research and Doug said he used to pan, so can give some information.

Ramblings from the President Kent Devine

Why don't rockhounds trust atoms? Because they make up everything!

This month I would share some thoughts on why rockhounds collect rocks.

Interest in Earth's History: Rocks and minerals provide valuable clues about the Earth's history, evolution, and processes. Collecting rocks allows enthusiasts to study and learn about the Earth's geological past.

Appreciation of Nature's Beauty: Many rocks and minerals are incredibly beautiful, displaying intricate patterns, colors, and textures. Rockhounds collect these specimens for their aesthetic value and enjoy displaying them as pieces of natural art.

Educational Purposes: Collecting rocks can be an educational hobby that fosters learning about geology, mineralogy, and Earth sciences. It encourages hands-on exploration and understanding of geological concepts.

Outdoor Adventure: Rock collecting often involves outdoor exploration. Rockhounds enjoy hiking, camping, and exploring new areas in search of interesting specimens. This hobby allows them to connect with nature and explore unique landscapes.

Treasure Hunting: Finding rare or valuable minerals or fossils can be a rewarding aspect of rock collecting. Some collectors enjoy the thrill of discovering something unique or unusual.

Community and Social Interaction: Rock collecting can lead to connections with like-minded individuals. Collectors often join clubs, attend rock and mineral shows, and participate in fieldtrips, creating a sense of community and camaraderie.

Scientific Curiosity: Some rockhounds approach collecting as a scientific pursuit. They may analyze and categorize their specimens, contributing to the greater understanding of Earth's geology.

Mindfulness and Relaxation: The process of searching for rocks and minerals can be meditative and relaxing. It allows individuals to focus on the present moment and forget about daily stresses.

Personal Fulfillment: Finding and collecting rocks can give a sense of accomplishment and fulfillment. Each new discovery adds to the collector's knowledge and collection.

Preserving Natural Heritage: Collectors often recognize the importance of preserving geological heritage. By collecting and studying rocks, they contribute to the documentation and conservation of Earth's diverse geological features.

Whatever your reasons I am glad you have joined us. ___ [August 2023 Pebble Patter (Chugach Club)]

Welcome To The Northwest Mineral Prospector's Club.

The NWMPC is one of the oldest Gold Mining & Prospecting Clubs in Oregon & Washington with Gold Claims for our Club Members to use anytime they want and they **Keep All The Gold They Find!!!**

For over 40 years now the NWMPC has been teaching young & old everything they need to know about small-scale Gold Mining. If you want to know more check out our link or come see us at one of the many throughout the year.

Our monthly club meetings provide a family-friendly atmosphere where children can learn alongside their parents and engage in hands-on activities related to gold mining and prospecting. We organize educational sessions, workshops and outings tailored to ensuring everyone has a chance to learn and grow together. Guest speakers also talk about gold mining, mineral collecting, rockhounding, fossil hunting, and metal detecting, among other interesting subjects for gold miners of all ages.

We warmly welcome families with children to join us on our mining adventures. Introduce your children to the wonders of gold mining, mineral collecting, rockhounding, fossil hunting, and metal detecting for an incredible bonding experience. We encourage curiosity, discovery, and respect for the environment as we pass on mining traditions to the next generation. As a member, your family will have access to our club's Gold Claims where everyone can participate in the excitement of finding gold and discovering fascinating minerals.

As a member of the NWMP, you'll have access not only to our exclusive Gold Claims but also a range of activities that cater to diverse interests. Explore the hidden gems of our lands through mineral collecting and rockhounding, uncover ancient fossils and unique geological formations, or indulge in the exhilarating world of metal detecting to uncover buried treasures while enjoying the scenic beauty of our club's claims. Your membership in the NWMP also includes admittance to the Rice Museum.

Club Mining Claims are one of the prized assets of the Northwest Mineral Prospector's Club. Situated in historic gold mining districts across Oregon and Washington, these claims offer members a unique opportunity to delve into the rich history that shaped the development of the West. As you step foot on these lands, you'll be transported back in time, walking in the footsteps of the pioneers who sought fortune and adventure during the gold rush era. Explore the remnants of old mining camps, uncover artifacts that tell stories of resilience and perseverance, and immerse yourself in the captivating tales of those who braved the untamed wilderness in pursuit of gold. Our Club Mining Claims are not just a place to search for precious minerals; they are gateways to the past, where you can connect with the spirit of the pioneers and gain a profound appreciation for the legacy they left behind.

Three times a year, we organize group outings to our Gold Claims for all types of fun family activities. Join us for gold panning adventures, exploration of the area, exciting raffles, and a potluck filled with delicious food. It's an opportunity to connect with fellow club members, share stories, and create lasting memories together. These group outings provide a chance to experience the thrill of gold mining in a supportive and enjoyable environment. (From nwgoldprospectors.org site)

We are the NorthWest Gold Prospectors Association, a non-profit gold prospecting club dedicated to promote the hobby of recreational gold prospecting and small scale mining.

We organized in February 1996 and are 450 members and 450 additional on our emailing list strong and growing by the month. We helped start a Clearwater Chapter in the Lewiston-Orofino Area. Please take time to review our Membership Application & our Standing Rules and Code of Ethics. We would like to WELCOME you as a new member.

We hold monthly meetings throughout the year on the second Wednesday of the month and have outings the weekend following the meeting between May and October. We share knowledge and experience and have a great time in doing so. We have 14 gold claims that are open to the members and are actively pursuing the acquisition of additional claims. Some of our members open their personal claims to the membership.

Eagle City Park is available to us for our monthly outings at no charge (unless you plan to camp overnight) and is open to families and individuals. The fee is \$20 per family per day on non-outing weekends or \$30 for the weekend including Friday night setup and \$10 for the whole weekend to camp during outings.

Unless otherwise noted, the NorthWest Gold Prospectors meet at 7:00PM on the second **Thursday** of each month at the at 7:00pm at the Hayden Lake Eagles 1520 W. Wyoming Ave. Hayden, Idaho. Refreshments are donated by the members and are served at the meetings. Exciting and informative programs are presented by members and guest speakers.

The members bring and donate items for our raffles. Items range from a can of beans to gold nuggets. Raffle tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Every person who signs in will be given a ticket for a surprise door prize drawing.

Outings are held at Eagle City Park the weekend following the monthly meetings between May and October unless otherwise announced at the meeting and in the Nugget News. A potluck dinner is held on Saturday afternoon at 4:00PM during the outing. Bring your table service, beverage and a dish or two. You do not have to participate in the outing to attend the potluck.

Annual Membership Fees: \$20 Single, \$25 Couple or \$30 Family (From nwmpc.com site)