

Hatrockhound Gazette 2017

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 - Janet Judd
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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.

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Come to the Meeting: Special Information: Special Presentation!!!

Tuesday, September 12th, 6:30 pm Ugly Rock Contest

Bring a rock you picked up somewhere then decided it might have been a leaverite. Members will get to vote on what they think is the ugliest rock. If you manage to find the “worst” specimen, you may just win a prize.

Treats by Laura Tiffany and Tonya Abbott

Tuesday, September 12th, 4:30 pm Wire Wrap Instruction by Sandra Bryant

Come to the church early and learn how to wire wrap a crystal. Bring chain nose and needle nose pliers and wire cutters if you have them. If you don't, Sandra will see to it that you have tools to use. For a fee of \$20 Sandra will furnish the supplies and instruction. See you then!!! (Please let Judi know if you plan to attend so there will be enough supplies.

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Busy Time

Even though we had no formal meeting in August, since our July Meeting we have had a busy time. A few members took advantage of the trip to the Richardson Ranch, thanks to Randy Free's leadership. They collected in the opal beds.

Two of the Juniors took part in Junior meetings. Tatyana learned a lot of “S” words – suspend, saturate, sediment, sandstone, sedimentary, as well as Conglomerate and Breccia. Ty showed all the knowledge he had already acquired relative to the eclipse and the solar system. He also found some interesting information with some computer research. Twenty-three members took part in a delicious picnic and some fun time bidding for our favorite thing-rocks.

Mike Filarski led eight members to the Middle Fork area where they sweated and searched for wood and agate specimens. Randy and the Abbotts had the big find, but all had a great time.



Gordon and His Little Helper at the Richardson Ranch.



Picnic Time



Good Food!



Good Company!



Good Sales!

Since we are on the subject of picnics, we are invited to attend the
Lakeside Gem and Mineral Club's Annual Picnic and Live Auction.
Saturday, September 23 at noon
Grange Park on Union Street, Kennewick
(Just past the Library)

Bring a dish to share, a folding chair and something to shade yourself.
You are allowed to bring up to 10 Lots of items to sell. (Per family) You receive 70% of the sale price
and the club gets the other 30%. It's a good time with some fast action bidding.

Junior Learning



Tatyana Saturating



Ty Knows Solar Stuff

Next Junior Meeting: Saturday, September 30th, 10:30-12:00

Off to the Middle Fork



Sun's up!



Gathered Together



Ready to Go



**Blood, Sweat and
Tears, But It Was
Worth It!**



Rockhounds Are Funny

The price of a steak may dismay them, and they may pass it by, then turn around and spend more per pound on a rock! A rockhound can't eat the rock, but will proudly display it, dust it, brag about it and then saw it up and polish it to perfection.

Rockhounds have been known to move dirty dishes out of the sink so they can wash their rocks. They seem to find rockhounding therapeutic. If they feel droopy or are moping around their house, if you ask them, they'll go rock picking with you because no matter what is ailing them, all the ailments are miraculously gone and they feel much better when they're out amongst the rocks!!

Rockhounds will walk for miles in search of a good specimen, climb mountains and go down gullies. They get hot, tired and bug-bitten but still continue on for that one special rock. Sometimes they will find their best specimen right next to the tire of their car at the end of the day.

Rockhounds are geologist, mineralogists and paleontologists wannabe's. They are interested in everything and are interesting themselves. They are curious, humorous, talented, and skillful and all around wonderful people who wear old shoes, fantastic hats, worn-out jeans and a big smile!!

(Chasto-Hi-Lites, May/June 2017 via Don from Rock Chip Reporter 2005)



**Ask Gordon
about his
fancy hat. . .**



**Would you call this an
Ugly Rock?**

Hatrockhounds Executive Minutes

Monday, August 28, 2017

Present: Judi Allison, Mike Filarski, Laura Tiffany

- ✓ **Election** – Our Bylaws state we need a nominating committee appointed by the September meeting to find candidates for the vacant positions. Laura volunteered to head the committee. She will be looking for a couple more people to help her search and ask for potential candidates for vacant positions. Doug Gill intimated that he would be willing to serve as a Member at Large, and we will probably take him up on it.
- ✓ **Storage** – We looked online at Craigslist and found a couple of trailers that looked like a good possibility for storage purposes. Judi followed through with sending an email to each. We have one response that we are further checking. (Judi sent an email to the membership asking for their input before a final decision is made.) We will check with insurance and licensing or trip permit for cost. Laura will check with the DMV and Judi will check with the insurance company.
- ✓ **September Meeting** – The program is an Ugly Rock Contest. Find a rock you think can win this category and you may win an interesting prize. . . Laura Tiffany and Tonya Abbott are in charge of treats.
- ✓ **2018 Calendar** – We are looking for ideas for programs to have at our meetings next year. We have had a picnic in August, Rock Costume Contest in October, “I Did It” contest in November and Christmas Party in December over the last few years, but those are not set in stone. If you feel you would rather do something different, let us know. Even with those months being filled, if we continue each of those activities, we still have eight additional months of programming. We also talked about some possible Field Trip ideas for next year. They included Saddle Mountain, the Ochocos, the Ukiah area, Succor Creek, McDermott as possibilities. Lila Schlaht also mentioned the possibility of her doing a workshop on carving on emu eggs. So if you have ideas or input, please let us know. We may have a form for you to give some input and ideas at the meeting. Also, feel free to text or email any ideas.
- ✓ **Miscellaneous** – We will let members know they can start paying their dues anytime for the 2018 year. Judi has gone through the Treasurer information and cataloged and archived everything from 2011-2016.
- ✓ **September Program- Ugly Rock Contest, Tuesday, September 12th, 5:30 pm.**
- ✓ Secretary, Judi Allison