

Hatrockhound Gazette 2023

PO Box 1122,
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**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
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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 December 2023

HO, HO, HO, Merry Christmas!!!

Annual Christmas Party

Tuesday, December 12th, 6:00 pm

Club furnishes ham, lasagna, punch, water and utensils. Bring a main style, side dish, salad or dessert and come join the fun!

Dinner, Rock BINGO and A gift exchange (Details Below)

Christmas Party:

The club will furnish ham, lasagna, punch, water and plates and utensils for the meal.

Membership has signed up for the following items.

(If your name is not on the list, feel free to bring an item of your choice.)

Side Dish	Main Style Dish	Salad	Dessert
Mel & Louise- Scalloped Potatoes	Mike – something 😊 Art – something 😊	Louise- Green Salad	Karli
Jessica - Rolls		Laura – Two Salads	Gordon – Ice Cream
Judi – Sweet Potatoes			Doug Jonnie and Art

We will play ROCK BINGO. It is essentially a BINGO game with a rock for a prize. The club will furnish a number of rocks, but if you want to bring some for prizes, that would be great! We will also have a gift exchange for those who wish to take part. Please bring a rock related gift with a value of approximately \$10. You can mark if it is specifically for a male or female. We draw numbers to distribute the gifts. (You don't need to put who it is from on the outside, but you are welcome to do so on the inside.) We will play a short exchange game, then individually open each gift, one at a time, so others can enjoy seeing what each person receives. If this sounds like something you would like to take part in, please bring a gift.

See you at the Christmas Party!!!

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Meeting Minutes, November 14, 2023 – Taken by Jessica Millard

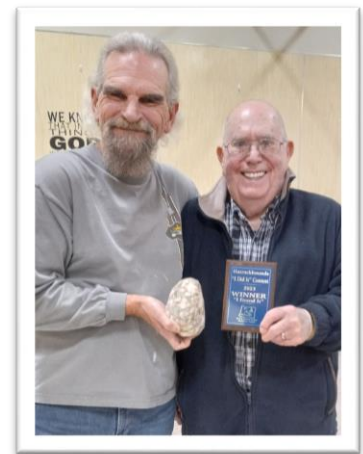
Meeting Discussions

- 2024 Program Ideas. Handed out slip of paper for people to circle the ideas they like/additional ideas
- Reminder: federation show next year in May and we will need all hands on deck.
- Sign up for dishes for the Christmas party and treats for next year's meetings.
- Good youth meeting with the kids all about obsidian. 5 different kinds of obsidian to share with the kids.

- Outlaw Rocks in Bly, Oregon. Only \$100 to tour the mine and get 2 and a half gallon buckets to pick through 15 years-worth of their tailings. Fire Opal mine. Outlawrockslc.com Troy Newman and Michelle Shepherd (owners)
- Meeting yesterday for organizing the Kid Korner for the show in May. Karli is in charge of Kid Korner. Since we aren't manning the silent auction we can use the extra help in the kid area. Won't be doing rock painting or bean bag toss but will still have a lot of other activities going on.
- Bruce Bennett in Tri Cities has a 6' display case he is giving away for free for anyone who is willing to haul it off. Could it be used as a club?
- We will have meat lasagna and ham for the Christmas party.
- Door prizes: Karli had a jasper slab heart, Laura had a geode from 3rd Rock, and Jessica with Celestite.

Activity

- "I Did It" Contest
- I found it winner: Mike with his conglomerate from Michigan
- I made it winner: Karli with her Faceting and Cabochon
- I bought it winner: Karli with her Pink Crystal from India (she can't remember what its called)



Three Juniors received their Future Rockhound Patches at the November 4th Junior meeting. Pictured with leader, Karli are Lily, Wesley and Callie. Congratulations! We hope you have lots of years of rockhounding fun!





Junior News

Six Junior members attended the meeting at Karli's "me shed" on November 4th. Karli enthusiastically shared information "all about obsidian" after she and Jonnie had gone to Glass Buttes to gather a collection. Everyone went home with lots of samples after learning about all different types of obsidian.

Red October II Field Trip by Karli Cook

How many rock club members have gone to Home Depot and came out with not just a home repair item, but a good clue to some rock mine information? I got so excited about it that I had to report it to the rock club! September 24-26, I went to the Red October II Mine on Quartz Mountain in Southern Oregon. I invited the rock club members to come with me. The only member to who could go was Jonnie. She made contact with her son to come join us from California. Boy was I glad I at least had someone to go with me so I didn't have to go alone. Solo trips are not much fun. I couldn't have picked a better companion! I could say, "For good time call.....", but that would be crass. I have never had so much fun with someone I did not know. I don't think there was a dull moment the whole time we were together. On our way to the mine we made a detour. The month before the junior club was supposed to take a field trip to Glass Butte, but it fell through. So I talked Jonnie into taking a side trip. She was game! So off we went to find Glass Butte.....with a few extra detours. GPS is not always your friend. We had to make several backtrack and "I think we are lost" turns. GPS does not necessarily work everywhere. AND, it does not tell you when you have lost signal....until several miles past your turnoff. Bad GPS! Jonnie is the best navigator, too. She can find her way out of nowhere! She is welcome to ride with me anytime! When we finally found what we thought might be Glass Butte (glad I had a 4 wheel drive pickup), we stopped a few places to look around. While we were looking at the last place we stopped, someone stopped by to talk to us. Apparently, where we were looking, the knapping festival was a couple of weeks before. He told us sometimes they leave treasures that they have knapped behind for others who are searching the area. We didn't find any handmade items but he had and he showed it to us. And here I

thought we had hit a gold mine in obsidian in the cast off pieces of others! Next time, we are going to look harder! We came back with several buckets full of nice pieces for the junior club.

The next day, we headed off with Jonnie's son to the Red October II Mine. Navigation was easier...her son was in the lead. On the way to the mine, we hit every weather season you can think of: rain, wind, snow, sunshine and everything in-between. We were the only ones at the mine. Not what we expected. On the way in, we stopped and talked to a rockhound coming out. He was from California, had all-wheel drive and had turned around because it had started to spit a little snow before he got to the mine. Need I say more? California. He could have had a blast with us if he'd gone further. The mine was hard hammer digging. The first time I had ever done that, not sure I want to do that again. We spent most of the day chiseling out minute slivers of fire opal thinking we had hit the mother load! Ha ha ha on us. On our way back to our plush digs we were sleeping at, we passed a rock shop and pulled in to take a look. Our jaws dropped when we saw what they had dug out and how much time we had just spent getting next to nothing. Needless to say, their shop is a little richer and us a little poorer in pocket change, but we can now say, "We have some opal." We have decided that we had such a good time that we are going back to the mine that sold us the opals and get a tour, along with pickings from their 15 year old tailings pile. Anyone want to go with us?

On our way home, I had never seen Crater Lake before (one of those bucket list things), so why not? It was under snow. So, I guess we will be going back there too. On the way there, we stopped to take pictures. There were a couple of families going there also. They both had kids who loved rocks. One family was from England and on their way to New Zealand to live and had made a detour to the USA. We shared some of our finds and now some Oregon rocks are on their way to New Zealand. Smiles all around. Jonnie's a hoot and I will rock hunt with her anytime! Thanks, Jonnie, for going with me! When do you want to go again?

Jonnie, the hard rock miner.



NFMS Federation INFO – We need your dues so the club can pay the NFMS dues. Please submit them to Mel, our Treasurer. ☺ Remember, we can take advantage of a whole lot of things through the NFMS. And we get to host the show and see all the people next year! Plan on helping – and attending the meetings and banquet. ☺