

HATROCKHOUND GAZETTE

May 2017

Last Minute Show Information **How to Create a Cabochon**

Tuesday, May 9th, 6:30 pm

We will make certain that all is ready for setting up our show on Thursday and Friday. After treats Judi will give an overview of creating a cabochon. (Bring your Gem Trees you created last Month)
Treats by Mike Filarski and Doug Gill

Hatrockhounds Gem and Mineral Society

Meeting Minutes

April 11, 2017

General Business:

President, Janet, welcomed 24 members and introduced our 3 guests, Jayson Steele, Tarah Best and Shannon Morgan. All submitted their application and money for membership. A hardy welcome to all three of you!

She then spoke about the August picnic which will be at West Park in McNary. It is flatter with the restrooms more conveniently located, and further away from the water for child safety. She mentioned our show which is coming up next month and the fact that we need volunteers to help in all the areas to take the burden off just a few.

Violet Hall's (a former Secretary) daughter brought in some additional memorabilia from her mom's collection and informed us that there will be an estate auction sale at the place on Baxter Lane on April 23 starting at 10:00. Viewing will begin at 8:00. There are a few rock related items, but no rocks, as the children kept them.

Treasurer's Report The fee for the Conference Center is paid. Our finances are in a solid state. Margaret also shared a flyer about the Lucky Strike Mine and the fact it is still open under new ownership.

Annual Show: We have fourteen confirmed dealers inside and four outside. The food vendor will be Darrell and Judy Scott from Boardman. Mike had a number of the lime green flyers to be distributed and asked members to take some and place them where they will be seen (Be sure to ask business owners first if that is okay.) He will be running ads in the Nickel and Giant Nickel as usual-small to start and larger as the show gets closer. The big signs around town will go up the week before the show. Please post the show on your Facebook account, as that will reach more also.

We are also set to be on KOHU's morning Chamber Show on Tuesday, May 9th at Nookies.

Since the show falls on Mother's Day weekend, it is being advertised that there will be special drawings for Mothers on Sunday.

The Geology Professor at BMCC asked if the club would allow a display which would include information about the Geology classes at the college. All felt that would be an appropriate use of space.

We will begin set up on Thursday afternoon and continue on Friday. All members agreed that the potluck time could be moved to 5:30pm.

Judi passed around signup sheets for display case entries, potluck items and volunteering at the show. She will also contact members by phone to complete the list.

The silent auction will again have consignment available with a 70-30% split.

As an added note, we were able to get back the dates of the third weekend in May for our 2018 show.

Juniors: Following are the dates set for Junior meetings during the summer. All meetings will be held at Judi's house unless otherwise specified. Junior parents, please mark your calendars.

June: Saturday 10th 10-11:30, Monday 26th 6-7:30.
July: Saturday 8th 10-11:30, Monday 24th 6-7:30.
August: Saturday 5th 10-11:30, Monday 21st 6-7:30.

Show and Tell:

Naomi brought a collection of petrified wood someone was going to toss.

Jamie showed off a mighty fine creation she had painted into a found rock. She will definitely be some strong competition for the Annual Rock Costume Contest!

Gordon had a collection of eight nice specimens including calcite and peacock pyrite.

Judi showed a comparison of rocks from Arizona, Utah and New Mexico. She also had a couple of pictures of Arizona Petrified Forest logs.

Elmer displayed three polished slabs; some beautiful original Biggs jasper, Arizona Petrified Wood and a Madagascar piece.

Shannon brought quite a collection after her cruise to Mexico: Mexican Fire opal in matrix and polished Mexican Fire Opal. She also had comparison rocks from Cabo San Lucas, Mazatlán, and Puerto Vallarta. Along with the other items there was the Oregon gemstone, sunstone, polished; Columbia River jasper and tanzanite gem in the matrix. She stated it is a generational stone, therefore, it will soon be depleted. In addition, she presented Janet with a rock she found with a heart shape in it, as she knows Janet loves hearts.

Treats: Naomi and Shelly spoiled us with a veritable feast: barbeque pork, a noodle chicken salad and jello. Judi pointed out that it is lovely for folks to supply such a wonderful spread, but that it is not necessary. A snack is fine. Naomi did say it is her birthday month and she wanted to give the gift of our special treats. We thank them both heartily!

Door Prizes: Due to the generosity of Elmer and Naomi, we had eight door prizes to pass out. Lucky recipients included Laura, Elmer, Naomi, Randy, Jayson, Marilyn who gave hers to Shannon L., Gordon who gave his to Shannon M. and Jackie.

Program: Gem Trees Many members started the process of creating a tree after some basic instruction from Mike and Judi. We will look forward to seeing the results at the next meeting! Jamie even took some extra kits to make some for the silent auction at the show. Thanks in advance, Jamie.



Mike's Instruction



Executive meeting:
Tuesday, April 25th,
6:30 at Judi's
(Remember, all are
welcome)
May Meeting,
Tuesday the 9th
Program: Cabochon
Creation
Demonstration
WEBSITE: jall23.wix.com/hatrockhounds
Secretary, Judi Allison

Hard at Work

Hatrockhounds Executive Minutes

Monday, April 25, 2017

Present: Judi Allison, Mike Filarski, Margaret Free, Janet Judd

- ✓ **Dues**- We checked the names of those who have not yet paid their dues. They will be informed so they can bring them up to date.
- ✓ **Show Information** – We are confirmed with 14 inside dealers and 4 outside. Mike will be putting out the signs the week of the show. The bright green flyers have been purchased in both quarter sheet and 8 1/2 x 11 sheets. The ads started in the Nickel and Giant Nickel this week. The week of the show they will be a larger section with a coupon for \$1.00 of on admission. Mike also contacts all free online publications and community calendars in the area. On Tuesday, May 9th at 8:30 Janet and Margaret will be appearing on the community show at Nookies put on by KOHU.
- ✓ Janet, Margaret, Jamie Armentrout and Tonya will be working together to create gem trees to use as a special door prize for the Mothers on Mother's Day.
- ✓ Judi reported on the sign ups so far for cases, potluck and working. She will call members and complete the list. She spoke with a number of people at the Lakeside show about demonstrating. There are possibilities of wire wrapping, gem tree creation, knapping, gold panning, faceting and perhaps sphere creation. Judi will follow up on these.
- ✓ George Last will most likely bring the Ice Age Floods and BMCC will be putting up a display soliciting for their Geology class.
- ✓ The silent auction table will again have consignment items which will carry a 70-30% split. (We will also plan to have some long term auction items, so if you have something you would like to put on this higher end auction.)
- ✓ On Sunday members may purchase a sale table for \$20. They will be considered dealers and can sell all rock related items.
- ✓ We will have roast beef and rolls as the main dish for our potluck. We usually plan for around 60-70 people. We have extended an invitation to the Lakeside Club. The potluck is for all the members and the dealers. It is scheduled for 5:30 on Friday, the 12th.
- ✓ **Miscellaneous** – The fee for the picnic in August is paid and the West Park at McNary is reserved.
- ✓ **We want to give Elmer and others who have so graciously donated door prizes a huge thank you.** It is fun being able to give out more than one prize and especially nice when it goes to a new member or guest. Thanks again for your generosity.
- ✓ The Executive Committee made the decision to continue membership in ALAA (American Lands Access Association). We completed the renewal form and Margaret will send the requisite \$50.
- ✓ Mike will be unable to attend the Federation Meeting in Hamilton Montana on May 19th. Since he is our Director, we will ask Laurie Ellis to fill in as a Delegate. She will be attending the show.
- ✓ We talked a bit about the future of our shows at the Conference Center. Although we have been penciled in for 2018 on the third weekend in May, that may not necessarily be honored. The cost may also increase. The Hermiston Parks and Recreation will be taking over the current Chamber Offices and the running of the Conference Center at the end of the year. Their plan is to utilize it more for recreational and city events as well as other activities. If they have something scheduled, our request may not be honored. We may also lose our ability to begin set up on Thursdays as we have done in the past. Mike stated that Carl, the previous janitor, has also moved on to other employment. Judi heard that the Conference Center Director may have also resigned. That means we will most likely be working with new people for this show. We will continue to plan on having our show there next year, but we will also be open to checking on other venues.

- ✓ **Junior Meetings – Judi passed on the dates chosen for summer meetings to the board. Junior parents, please note and mark your calendars.**
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May Program- After discussion and finalizing of show business, Judi will give an overview of the process that goes into creating a cabochon.

- ✓ Secretary, Judi Allison

SHOW BIZ

Thursday, May 11, 12:00 pm – Meet at Conference Center to begin set up

(Sub sandwiches or pizza will be provided later for those who stay and help.)

Friday, May 12, 9:30 – Continue and finalize set up. (Dealers will be arriving and can start setting up their booths at noon. Items can be placed in display cases after noon.)

Friday, May 12, 5:30 – Potluck Dinner for all members and dealers. (Roast Beef and drinks will be provided by the club)

Saturday May 13 – Show from 10:00 am-5:00 pm (We have Admissions, Silent Auction and Kids Corner that must be manned at all times.)

Sunday May 14 – Show from 10:00 am-4:00 pm (We have Admissions, Silent Auction and Kids Corner that must be manned at all times.)

Sunday, May 14 – 4:00 pm Begin clean up. (All items must be removed and returned to the storage unit.)

MORE SHOW BIZ

Potluck sign up list: Shannon-spaghetti (salad?0, Marilyn-Jello & dessert, Laura-green salad & cake, Judi-punch & dessert, Jamie A-potato salad, Jackie-fruit salad, Mike-hot veggies, Tonya-vegetable & fruit, Janet-cookies Gordon-Ice cream. (If you didn't sign up, please bring a side dish or dessert.)

Sign up for silent auction, attendance and kids' corner will be available again at the meeting.

Displays – Thanks for your willingness to participate and show off your treasures.

SET UP and TAKE DOWN

We start set up on THURSDAY afternoon. Go to the storage unit (A1 Storage on Joy Lane-Unit C7) and get all the items needed for the show-this includes cases, rocks, display items, signs, etc. We generally have rented tables from the fairgrounds so some muscled individuals will need to go pick them up. Pickups are necessary for these jobs, as you can see. Set up as much of the show as possible Thursday evening. (We generally buy some pizza or sub sandwiches for those who stick around and help with the process.)

FRIDAY meet at the Conference Center around 9:00 am.

We allow dealers and displayers to start their set up at noon, so we need to have all the basics in place by then.

SATURDAY kicks off the show at 10:00 am, so if you are working at admissions, silent auction of the kids' corner, plan to be at the Conference Center no later than 9:45 am.

Saturday and Sunday all hands on deck to work at the kids' corner, admissions and silent auction.

We also need to tear down the show and return all the items to the storage unit after the show closes at 4:00 pm on Sunday.

SUNDAY as soon as the show closes, begin to neatly put away silent auction, Oregon rock display, Kids' corner items, admissions, etc. Display cases can be opened to remove your items at this time. (Remember, you are responsible for what you have put in your display case.) We need to be cognizant of the Dealers trying to pack up their wares and not become too "pushy" or anxious about their process. We can work on putting away tables, liners and other items while we wait for them to finish. We do not save the plastic covers on the dealer or display tables. We do save the blue ruffled skirting that covers the fronts. If you have a question, those who have taken part in the process are glad to help with an answer. All items have to be removed from the Center and returned to the storage unit, or other location.

Plan on participating and Have Fun!!!