

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)

Officers:
President - Janet Judd
Vice President - Mike
Filarski
Secretary - Judi Allison
Treasurer - Margaret Free



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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June 2017 Issue

June Meeting

Tuesday, June 13, 2017, 5:30 pm

**Juniors: Come see some of the things the Juniors
have been up to.**

Margaret and Randy Free are in charge of treats.

See you all the 13th!!!

Hatrockhounds Gem and Mineral Society

Meeting Minutes

May 8, 2017

President, Janet, reported on some of the activities that have taken place in preparation for the show. Judi appeared on the KOHU radio calendar this morning to promote the show. Tonya and Jamie have made and donated gem trees for the prizes in the special Mother's Day door prize give away. She reminded people to put the signs on their cars and other places to give us the maximum visibility.

Annual Show: Mike asked that people meet him at the storage unit at 6:00 pm on Wednesday to pre-load the trailer. (After an issue with the front gate and a snafu with the storage key, the task was postponed until noon on Thursday.) Thursday at 12:00 pm begins set up. We will again meet on Friday at 9:00 am to put on the finishing touches. Mike stated the times the center would be opened and discussed the tasks and the timetable. Judi had the sign-up sheets available for anyone to check and add their names.

Shannon L. asked if anyone had ever approached businesses with a written request for donations: for example the water we offer to our dealers. She felt we could possibly receive some from Wal-Mart

General Business: The Chamber puts on a Fun Fest on July 8th. The club could obtain a booth for \$35 and allow members to sell their wares and retain all profits with the idea they also promote the club. We will finalize the decision at the June meeting.

Our field trip to China Hollow will be June 3rd. We will meet at Space Age at 6:30 am. If members want further information, please call Mike or Judi.

The First Junior meeting will be Saturday, June 10th from 10-11:30 am at Judi's

A question was asked about vests to be worn for the show. (We have gathered all the material and Margaret (or Judi) have volunteered to make some. We will work to get them done soon.

Since Mike is unable to go to the NFMS Annual Meeting in Hamilton, Montana, Laurie Ellis will act as the club director.

We have a field trip scheduled to Addy, Washington area on June 24th. Janet showed off some of the crystal material we will be searching for.

Treasurer's Report All the bills are paid and we still have a bit of money coming in from the dealers. We are in good shape financially.

Door Prizes: Gordon, who gifted Kayla, Shelly, Tarah, Jamie and Dylan were the lucky winners. The club furnished two prizes and Elmer again donated three. Congratulations winners and thanks again to Elmer.

Show and Tell:

Janet brought a piece she wanted identified. Elmer confirmed it was fossilized bog.

Shannon L showed off a piece of jasper a friend brought to her from Fiji.

Elmer displayed two large agates from the Middle Fork.

Judi, Jamie, Tarah, Jayson and Shelly showed off their finished gem trees from the last meeting. **Mike** compiled a book of gem tree designs, trees of life and pictures of real trees for inspiration in creating more gem trees.

Tonys had a selenite crystal a piece of jasper from Sunflower Flats out of Heppner and a “no clue”.

Randy brought thundereggs from his recent trip to Succor Creek. He also showed off a lace agate, a conglomerate and a jasper.

Program: Cabochon Creation Demonstration Judi gave a demonstrative talk on the process involved in reaching the point where one has a preform on a dop stick. She then discussed the amount of pressure used in the grinding and polishing process. Members were then able to try their hands to “get the feel”.



Executive meeting: Tuesday, May 30th, 6:30 at Judi's (Remember, all are welcome)

June Meeting, Tuesday the 13th

Program: Junior Presentation

WEBSITE: jall23.wix.com/hatrockhounds

Secretary, Judi Allison

Hatrockhounds Executive Minutes

Monday, May 30, 2017

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

Show Information – We discussed both this and next year's shows.

Next Year's Show - Because of the changes in management at the Conference Center, Mike reported that although we are penciled in for the third weekend in May next year, there are a number of changes. To confirm that date, we need to make a \$100 non-refundable deposit. The new fee for use will be \$1875 compared to \$1375 this year. There is also a city code that is being enforced that discusses the use of signage. We have had to move our signs before because of it. Code 72.09 also states that parking using recreational vehicles for parking or living outside a recreational vehicle parks is forbidden. Mike Marcum is the Code Enforcement officer. (Mike talked to Larry Fetterer after the meeting, and there is a provision for “special circumstances” whereby a letter requesting an exception would be appropriate for our function.) We talked about the possibility of using the EOTEC Center. Judi and Janet will double check fees. (After the meeting, they were able to get information. To use half of the great room in the same manner as we do the Conference Center with the same provisions of outside vendors, kitchen and outside parking, the quote was \$1550.) Mike will be looking at all this information and the pros and cons of each place before a final decision is made.

This Year's Show – Mike, and others at the meeting, mentioned that we need to be better stewards in the take down process. It was reported that a member or two were quite insensitive to a dealer or two in the tearing down process. We realize we want to get the job done, but we also need to respect the fact that our dealers are the reason we have a draw of people for our show. They need to be allowed to complete the process of taking their booth apart without feeling they are being rushed. It is okay to offer assistance, but respect that they might want to do things themselves, and if you do help, be certain to ask how you can assist, and do it with an air of helpfulness.

We also need to remember that if we sign up for a shift or to help in some other way, we need to follow through. If you are unable to do something, be sure to let someone know. If you volunteer to do something, please do so.

We had approximately 600 paying attendees over the two days. This is somewhat average. The Mother's Day prizes were a hit. Thanks to Jamie and Tonya for their part in making them. The silent auction did not do as well as other years. We discussed ideas. Be sure items are pre-marked as to what they are. Don't put out as much each time. Limit the number of consignment items or keep them completely separate.

Miscellaneous – For the purpose of storage of our supplies, Margaret offered a framework for a carport type shell that could be made into a shed. We would need to build it and have someplace to house it. Mike suggested a cargo trailer would be more convenient. We would only need to hook onto it to get it to the site. He thought perhaps since we are a non-profit 501c3, we might be able to get a deal. He will check on the possibility.

We need to get a few people together to clean up and organize the storage unit again. There are a couple of off size cases that perhaps we could offer for sale at the picnic or something.

Judi had a picture of a cart she saw at the Federation Show made to house the case liners. Everyone thought it would be a good idea. The gentleman who made it said he only spend fifty dollars on the materials.

The club had been asked by the Chamber if we wanted to advertise on the Hermiston City Map. The cost starts at \$300 for a 3 ¼ x 2 inch ad. We decided the money would be put to better use by adding to the advertising budget for the show instead.

LaVonna Griffin is having a rock sale either the 18th or 25th of June. There won't be any equipment, but most probably a lot of rocks. She will let the club know the exact date when she decides.

We have decided not to pay for a space at the FUNFEST as only one member was interested in manning the booth.

Junior Meeting – Saturday, June 10th 10-11:30

June Program- The Juniors will be showing us some of the things they are up to.
Secretary, Judi Allison

Thanks to all our dealers, displayers and other helpers for helping to create another successful show!!!





Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies



Judi and Laurie were able to attend the NFMS Show in Hamilton, Montana. The Federation Show is where the NFMS conducts its official annual business meeting. Each member society has a say in what happens with the Federation as we each have a Director who is able to represent us and vote. Mike is our official Director, but since he was unable to go this year, Laurie stood in

as Director instead. There was a lot of positive business taken care of this year.

One thing that will be happening this coming year is that the NFMS dues of each adult member will be offset by one dollar. This will mean a potential savings to our club of around \$50-\$60.

This is being done through use of unrestricted funds in the endowment fund. The Federation is also asking member societies to submit additional ideas for use of the funds, since the money is there to benefit the Federation and all members are the Federation.

Junior Achievement Awards were given out at the meeting. Other opportunities for individuals to be involved include entry into the website contest, submission of an article or poem that was published in your local newsletter to the Bulletin Aids Contest, a competitive display entry, or working as a group to develop a yearbook for submission to the All American Club Award.

Another exciting development was the approval to use funds from the stamp program to help buy yarn and fiberfill for a group of ladies who are making "knitted knockers" for cancer patients who have had a mastectomy. (The stamp program can be supported by any member society. Save your cancelled stamps and bring them to the meeting to be passed on to the Stamp Chairman of the Federation.)

The small Bitterroot Gem and Mineral Club put on a great show through a lot of hard work and effort on their part. There were 26 dealers, 27 display cases as well as speakers. The whole thing was well organized and carried out with smooth efficiency. The club is to be commended on a job well done!



Andy Johnson's Competitive Case



Lakeside's Society Entry



Yes, They are Rocks