

Hatrockhound Gazette 2018

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 – 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.

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June Meeting: Tuesday, June 12, 2018, 6:30 pm
Party with the Pack Playing Perfectly Placed Plinko
Play for Rocks!!! Who can resist that??
Treats by . . . Stella & Ty and Irish Howard
Get your Game On!!! See you the 12th

Hatrockhounds Gem and Mineral Society

Meeting Minutes

May 8, 2018

President, Doug had surgery today, so Vice President, Mike conducted the meeting. Since the whole theme was Last Minute Show Stuff, we started by passing around the clipboards with the sign-up sheets for people to volunteer at the various areas in the show. He then introduced our guests, Toni Bradley and the Tracy Family-Brian, Jen, Austin and Kirstin. Welcome to all.

Show Stuff: Mike went over the times for set up. There will be 15-16 dealers inside with three outside. The food vender, Judy Scott, will also be outside. He has placed approximately 48 signs. The Giant Nickel and Nickel have larger ads in them with \$1.00 off coupons for entry.

A big thank you to Bill and Rita. They solicited from Walmart (\$225), Safeway (\$30) and Fiesta Foods (\$75) for donations that covered the cost of our paper goods, pop and water, main dish for the pot luck and food for the continental breakfast. They also volunteered to be in charge of purchasing the items and taking care of the meals. A round of applause, you two,

Gordon also gets a round of applause for his work at creating two large signs for the area on the highway near Gary Culp Machine. The club paid \$83 for the supplies and Gordon donated the plywood.

We have a lot of people who get a round of applause as, Anita donated \$30 toward the sign that Gordon made and Jim donated \$100 for the new road signs we had created that said EOTEC. (Their cost was over \$500.)

(Additional kudos to members after the fact.) Laura again headed up the Juniors with a whole lot of help from Kayla. Laurie was front and center with the Juniors and painting. Dylan, Teddy, Tatyana and her cousin, Kade were all on hand at the Juniors. Tonya and Maurice basically kept the silent auction going on Saturday with some of help from Bill. Kayla was planted there most of the day on Sunday, with some help from Joe, Mike and Gordon. Rita and Bill, Mel and Louise and Tarah and Jayson served their times at the front desk and Maurice kept the area going singlehandedly most of Sunday. Jim spent Thursday as well as Friday helping with setup. Rick Tobin of Lakeside also gets kudos for coming to help with setup. Toni, who has not yet joined as a member even put in time to help. Trish was there all day on Thursday. Stan and Randy came to help take down on Sunday. And of course, our hero, who put the whole thing together: Mike (and his ever supportive sidekick and love of his life, Cheri). (I hope I didn't leave anyone out. If so thank you. It takes people working together to accomplish this, so all who helped by putting in a display, working at the show or doing any other kind of leg work, thank you.)

General Business:

Judi let the membership know that the executive committee had a discussion about the treats at the executive meeting. Although people seem to think it is great to have such a spread, we need to remember that things

are getting expensive nowadays. And treats or refreshments are just that: a small thing to share. With that being said, it is fine to simply bring something that is just a serving of a sweet treat or cheese and crackers or fruit or whatever you want. You don't need to bring a "spread". Just a reminder also: the club has plates, napkins and utensils.

Judi gave a short report about the NFMS Show that was recently held in Yakima. Members also added their comments. The NFMS Show next year will be October 18-20 in Lewiston, Idaho; so it will again be close enough for folks to attend

Laurie presented the certificate from the American Federation to Elmer and Marilyn for their honor as the club's Rockhound of the Year.

Judi shared with the membership the certificates she received for the Hatrockhound Gazette and the plaque for club's Website.

Judi announced that Laura was no longer able to continue as the Treasurer because of personal commitments. She said she is willing to do the work, but would gladly pass the job on to another, so please come see her if you might be interested. (Happily, Mel Lambert did indeed come offer his services as Treasurer. We will introduce his nomination and ask for any others so the membership can vote at the June meeting.)

(I also heard about the possibility that Rita Watterson might be willing to take on the Secretary position. Judi wouldn't argue about that either. We will also pursue this at our next meeting.)

Sandra Bryant announced that she would be willing to offer some more wire work classes. We will try to pinpoint a day (evening) that would work best for those wishing to attend and set up some times.

Announcements about upcoming shows were made. You can check the last page of the NFMS Newsletter for the shows. (If you are not sure how to access it, you can ask Judi.)

Randy will lead a fieldtrip to the Richardson Ranch on Saturday, June 2nd. If you want to go, meet at the rest stop just west of Boardman at 6:30 am.

Show and Tell: Laurie, Randy, Gordon, Don, Dylan, Tonya, Rita, Mike and Laura all had items to share. (Sorry I didn't get what they were written down. . .) Thanks for sharing.

Door Prizes: We had a whopping ten prizes to pass out tonight thanks to donations from Sandra, Don and Elmer. Lucky winners were Bill, Don, Tarah, Marilyn, Austin, Anita (who gave her prize to Margaret), Dylan, Maurice, Patty and Rita.

Executive meeting: Wednesday, May 30th, 6:30 at Judi's. Everyone is welcome (Cancelled)

JUNE MEETING: 6:30 pm, June 12th PLINKO for Rocks

WEBSITE: jall23.wixsite.com/hatrockhounds

Secretary, Judi Allison

Introducing . . . Brenna Baker Artist, Mineral Collector

At the Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies annual meeting Diamond Dan met a talented, smart and artistic young lady named Brenna Baker. Brenna is 12 years old and is in 7th grade. She lives in Washington State.

One of the opportunities the young collectors had at the show was to be able to set up a display case. They could choose any theme they liked. Brenna's display case was about crystals and crystallography. Here is Brenna setting up her specimens, labels and some signs to teach visitors about crystallography. (No Pic.) At a mineral show, display cases are often judged, and the best cases are awarded prizes. Brenna competed in the Juniors' category. She won first place! Her display case was so good that she also won three other important prizes. In the picture below, you can see the blue ribbon just behind Brenna's head. (No Pic.)

You will be seeing Brenna and her work in future issues of Mini Miners Monthly. We look forward to sharing her artistic talents and her love for minerals in the months to come. Mini Miners Monthly is proud to welcome Brenna as a Contributing Editor to our monthly publication! Congratulations to Brenna for all of your success! May you have many years of happiness enjoying the beauty and wonder of minerals and crystals. (Via Mini Miner Vol 10 No 5)

Northwest Federation News

As a number of you are aware, the NFMS Show was recently held in Yakima, Washington. I know many of you went to see the show, but there are other things that go on at this time. The annual meeting, which is the one time during the year when official business of the NFMS can be brought forward and voted on is always held during these shows. Anyone can attend these meetings. Each club in the Federation (there are sixty-six) has representation in the form of a director and/or delegate. Mike is our official director, but Laurie was able to stand in as an alternate. These are the individuals who are allowed to vote at the meetings. Their votes are supposed to represent what their club wishes to have happen. That is one of the main reasons it is good to keep up with what is going on in our Federation.

Of course, the new officers are voted on each year, and approval for a particular Club to host a show may be given. This year some changes in our operating procedures were brought forward to be voted on. One such change was to specifically spell out the types and names of the trophies given for the various display cases. The majority of these trophies are for competitive cases, but there are also some trophies that can be earned simply by putting in a really good display case. Brenna, the girl in the story, received one trophy as a competitive exhibitor, the other two were for other reasons.

A second Operating Procedure receiving approval was in reference to the Endowment Fund. For those who don't quite understand the Endowment Fund; this is a fund that has been built up over the years by donations. The unrestricted part of the fund is used for things that will be of benefit to the Federation. (Which is the sixty-six individual clubs) An example of this is the fact that our cost of membership in the Federation of \$3.50 per adult member was defrayed by a \$1.00 per adult member last year. It was also approved for the coming year.

The Endowment Committee drafted a whole new set of operation procedures to bring ours into line with what is required by the government for non-profits. The work of this committee goes on during the entire year, with monthly meetings and a financial advisor who gives monthly reports to the executive committee. Awards are given at the annual meeting, too. Youth who have received a Junior Achievement Award are honored and Certificates are given out for the Rockhounds of the Year for each club.

Along with the business meeting at the show, there are judges who evaluate the competitive cases and give each a score. There is a banquet where awards are given, and the officers for the following year are installed. Certificates for submissions to the newsletters and websites are presented at an Editors' Breakfast. Again, anyone can attend these functions. You simply need to register and pay for your meal.

The Federation offers contests to create a yearbook of our club's activities, certificates for submissions to the newsletters, a website contest, and a Junior Achievement Award. Our Federation Directory lists all the clubs in the Federation complete with its members. The Directory also houses the By-Laws and Operating Procedures as well as a library of video programs that can be checked out by clubs to further their understanding and interest in our great hobby.

Although many of you may not necessarily be interested in the inner workings of the Federation, it is good to know there are opportunities and people volunteering to create those opportunities in Our Federation. (JA)

During the AFMS (American Federation of Mineralogical Societies) BEAC (Bulletin Editors Aids Contest) awards breakfast, I was lucky to sit beside our current (AFMS President, Sandy Fuller from Minnesota! I thoroughly enjoyed getting to know her. We talked about our respective jobs prior to retirement. As she said in "A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT", "Within our clubs we have people from all walks of life." Her message this post-convention month: "volunteering is rewarding" d/t "camaraderie developed working together for a common passion," ROCKHOUNDING. "Volunteers are essential to each and every club. It creates a sense of community and caring...Take time today to thank a volunteer & join them in helping to make your club better. Your own well-being depends on it" per research verifying that volunteers live happier & healthier lives. See [https:// www.helpguide.org/articles/healthy-living/volunteeringand-its-surprising-benefits.htm](https://www.helpguide.org/articles/healthy-living/volunteeringand-its-surprising-benefits.htm) (From May 2018 Issue of The Grindings Written by Editor, Linda Barlow)

A Few Highlights of the Show:



