

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
V. Pres. – Mike Filarski
Secretary – Judi Allison
Treasurer – Mel Lambert
Member at Large – Bill Shipp

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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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PICNIC: SUNDAY, AUGUST 12TH 11-2

MCKENZIE PARK GAZEBO

Club will furnish chicken, rolls, butter, water and utensils. Please bring a pot luck item to share. Use the list already created by some as a guideline for choices.

SILENT AUCTION –PROCEEDS TO THE CLUB

Junior Meeting Thursday, August 9th at 11:00 am

NO REGULAR MEETING IN AUGUST. See you September 11th.

Picnic Potluck Food sign-up

Rita and Bill – watermelon & cantaloupe
Mel and Louise – chips
Sue and Stan – chips
Margaret and Randy – (You can be sure it will be yummy!)
Joe Garcia – cookies
Roy and Patty – chips
Laurie Ellis – veggie tray
Kayla Sandlin – broccoli salad
Doug Gill – salad
Mike Filarski - salad



Hatrockhounds Gem and Mineral Society

Meeting Minutes

July 10, 2018

Since President, Doug Gill has not gotten his voice back to volume, Vice President, Mike Filarski led the meeting. About thirty-one members and one guest, Laurel (granddaughter of Patty and Roy Frazier) were in attendance.

Correspondence: Two catalogs were available: *Fire Mountain Gems* and *Kingsley North*. There was also information about a sale in Sherwood, Oregon. Mike announced that Elmer has buckets and slabs of rocks for sale. Please check with him.

Treasurer: The church was given the \$150 voted on along with a thank you card and a wrapped crystal necklace for the Secretary, Jodene Hughes. Payment was also made for a booth at the FunFest and prize for the ugly rock contest. Materials will be turned over to Mel as soon as forms are signed at the bank.

Show: Mike is still discussing the fee. Al, the general manager for EOTEC is working out a possible fee for what we need next year. We still will not be able to put in our bid until six months in advance.

General Business: *Trailer-* We have to get regular plates and insurance because of the weight. Mike has to connect with the seller again, as he signed in the incorrect place and crossed it out on the title. There has to be a form filled out by him to move forward on the title. The contents of the trailer were never covered by State Farm. Mike is still researching all this for liability for our club as well as the trailer. He will check with Simmons and Ferranti.

We discussed the possibilities of field trips. There are pay-to-dig areas in the Ochocos and a number of areas to travel to. The trip takes about 3-4 hours one way. We discussed the possibility of the 22 of July. A decision was not made. . The idea of McDermott in August was also discussed. It takes a long commitment as it needs to be a three day trip. We will consider and come up with a plan.

Trish and Kayla announced they are planning a day trip out of Pasco on the Columbia on the 25th. They offered an invitation to all.

Wire Wrapping:

Sandra Bryant will present a second wire wrap class on July 18 from 5-7pm. It will be a pendant. Cost will be \$25. It will be in room 4 of the Church.

Picnic: *Our annual picnic will be Sunday, August 12th from 11-2 at the gazebo in McKenzie Park, Hermiston. The club will furnish chicken and water and all the eating utensils. Members are to bring a potluck item to share. You will find a list of items members signed up for in the Gazette. There will also be a silent auction. All proceeds from the auction will go to the club. Members are welcome to bring items to add to the auction. (We have even had some non-rock-related items some years.) There will not be a regular meeting in August.*

Door Prizes: Our door prize winners tonight were Don, Brezie, Lila, Mel, Anita, Louise, Laurie, Letty, Dylan and Judi. Thanks to those who donated prizes and congratulations to the winners. That was a lot of winners!!!

Show and Tell: Sandra showed off some amethyst, aquamarine, Herkimer Diamond, quartz and chrysocolla crystals she had wire wrapped with a bit more ornate wrap.

Don had a ring set with a sand garnet that turned out to be a star garnet when he cabbed it. He said he had gotten the garnet by quartering a larger one. He was pleasantly surprised it was as solid as it was.

Kayla displayed a collection of quartz crystals she and Dylan had gathered on a recent trip to Crystal Park, Montana.

Bill showed off a piece of sandstone he had gathered for Rita at the OHP campground.

Judi displayed two quartz and one staurolite wire wrapped crystals utilizing the technique Sandra had taught in her class.

Jackie won the “awe” factor with a large cluster of fluorite crystals given to her by a friend from Finley.

Program: We had a significant number of “ugly” rocks for our contest. Although there were a few with multiple votes, Mel’s “sea rock” was voted as the ugliest. For his efforts he received a number of items to improve his ugly rock or go look for a prettier one. Judi suggested people could keep their “ugly” submissions to have a base for their rock costumes at the October meeting. Thanks to all who added to the fun by bringing an entry.

Executive meeting: Monday July 30, 7:00 at Judi’s. Everyone is welcome

AUGUST MEETING: NONE. . . PICNIC: SUNDAY, AUGUST 12, 11-2 MCKENZIE PARK

WEBSITE: jall23.wixsite.com/Hatrockhounds Secretary, Judi Allison



Wire Wrapping Fun Continues

On July 18 six people took advantage of another wire wrapping class presented by Sandra Bryant. They all seemed to enjoy the process, gain in knowledge and create some nice pendants. Possible future classes may include creation of earrings or rings



Proposed Budget

The following is presented as a proposal to give transparency to our spending and to allow the Treasurer to pay regularly incurred costs without a special vote. There will be a proposal to adopt this budget at the September meeting. Members will have an opportunity for input and to vote on its creation.

Hatrockhound Budget

| Projected Expense | \$ Amount | Explanation |
|--|---------------|--|
| <i>Post Office Box 1122</i> | \$100 | <i>To be paid by January 31!!!</i> |
| <i>Trailer license</i> | \$50 | <i>Biannually</i> |
| <i>Insurance</i> | \$500 | <i>Yearly</i> |
| <i>Show Advertising</i> | \$1000 | <i>Estimated total – paper, signs, etc.</i> |
| <i>Show Expenses, Miscellaneous</i> | \$400 | <i>Mother’s Day prizes, new skirting, plastic cloths, tape, etc.</i> |
| <i>Show Food – Pot Luck, Set Up, Continental Breakfasts</i> | \$400 | <i>(Possible donations by Walmart, Fiesta Foods, Safeway)</i> |
| <i>Picnic – main dish, paper goods, water</i> | \$100 | <i>Club furnishes main dish, utensils, water: balance potluck</i> |
| <i>Monthly Meeting expenses- paper goods, supplies, etc.</i> | \$200 | <i>Possible expenses for group activity supplies</i> |
| <i>Plaques, Awards and Prizes</i> | \$150 | <i>Rockhound of the Year, I Did It, Rock Costume, Ugly Rock</i> |
| <i>Newsletter Expenses</i> | \$100 | <i>Stamps, Ink, Paper</i> |
| <i>Christmas Dinner</i> | \$150 | <i>Main Dish, Paper goods, Decorations, Favors: potluck</i> |
| <i>Church Donation</i> | \$200 | <i>Donation for use of the church</i> |
| <i>NFMS Dues</i> | \$175 | <i>For 2018 \$2.50 per adult member, \$1.00 per Junior</i> |
| Total | \$3525 | |
| Projected Income | | |
| <i>Dues</i> | \$450 | |
| <i>Show</i> | \$2700 | |
| <i>Misc: Donations, Auctions, Etc.</i> | \$375 | |
| Total | \$3525 | |

(Prepared July, 2018)



Braving the Heat at FunFest

Chris and Trish spent the day July 14 selling their wares and talking to the public about our club at Hermiston's annual FunFest. Chris appears ready for the day's activities in this snapshot of the setup. Thanks, ladies for helping to promote our club.

Hatrockhound Executive Meeting

Monday, July 30, 2018

Present: Mike Filarski, Doug Gill, Mel Lambert, Judi Allison

Picnic: The picnic will be Sunday, the 12th at the gazebo in McKenzie Park. Mel will pick up the chicken and get some rolls and butter. Mike will bring along the water, dishes, rocks and silent auction slips. All seems to be in place.

Audit: It was decided the executive committee will conduct an audit of the books at their next regularly scheduled meeting. Since there will not be a meeting in August, the plan will be to audit them at the September meeting, most likely the 24th.

September Meeting: Judi will do a wire wrap overview using square and half-round wires. For those members wishing to stay a bit later, she will offer a workshop to create a simple, 2-wire bracelet.

Members will be asked to vote on a donation to the NFMS Endowment Fund in memory of Alan Grossmiller.

The proposed budget will be offered for a vote.

A request will be made seeking a nomination committee for President and Secretary. The positions run for a two year term. Voting will take place in October.

Field Trip: *We will take a field trip to McDonald Ranch on August 25th. Meet at 6:00 am at the rest stop west of Boardman.* Following is information sent to us from Cheryl and Alex McDonald.

We have Angel-wing, (\$3 lb), Petrified-wood, (\$2 lb) and Thunder-eggs (\$1 lb). The weather is Sunny and we have the rock! Alex just excavated a new vein of Angel-wing, it's orange, smaller pieces, with a lot of detail. Many of the specimens are laying above ground and more available to dig from the pit. You can find me on Facebook and we have pictures listed as Solar Eclipse Camping and Rockhounding Our address for google maps is 6500 NE Trout Creek Rd, Ashwood , OR, 97711. We usually have the clubs meet us at NE Wilson Creek Rd, about 12 minutes from Hwy 97 turn off. That turn off on Hwy 97 is NE Pony Creek Rd. And then it's another 10-15 min to rockbeds. There are 3 separate beds but close to each other. The roads are dirt after the turn on NE Wilson Creek Road, but easily passable, just slower speeds. Would any in your group be interested in camping at the ranch? We have some tent spots and camper spots available on the field closest to the house. Prices reasonable: \$10 for tent, \$20 for camper/pickup, \$25 for motor home. We have port-a-potty, running water and fire pit at ranch house. (A couple min walk from fields to house.) It's peaceful, with deer, elk coming in field in the evening.

email address mcdonaldranch@rconnects.com and phone #541-489-3290 for contact

Alan S. "Al" Grossmiller, 98, of Hermiston, died Friday, July 20, 2018, in Hermiston. He was born June 13, 1920, in Oregon City. A memorial service will be held Saturday, Sept. 15 at 1 p.m. at the Stanfield Baptist Church. Alan will best be remembered by all who loved his quiet enthusiasm as the man at the shows sitting behind his flat lap cabbing machine happily imparting all his wisdom and expertise to those who came by the demonstration table. We will miss you, Alan.