

# HATROCKHOUND GAZETTE

## JULY 2016

Tuesday, July 12, 2016, 6:30 pm

### Dermal Carving

Kelly Hamm will be demonstrating and helping us try our hand at the art of carving with a dermal tool. If you have a dermal tool, please bring it along. If you have small pieces of common Oregon opal, soapstone, deer horn or other softer material you would like to try carving on, bring it. Kelly will also have some samples for us to use.

*Mike Filarski and Randy and Margaret Free are in charge of treats.*

*How 'bout a carving or some sort of opal for show and tell?*

### Hatrockhounds Gem and Mineral Society

#### Meeting Minutes

June 14, 2016

**Meeting called to order at 6:44 pm**

**Guests:** Tarah Best and Jayson Steel

**Discussed:** Annual Show attendance. There were approximately 530 attendees. Mike shared comments from dealers. Margaret gave an accounting of the proceeds. The silent auction brought in around \$1250 and Juniors made \$275.

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The August picnic reservation cost went from \$35 to \$60 this year. We are trying to change the reservation location because of better offerings.

**Door Prizes:** Maurice and Tonya Abbott, Bob Carson and Carolyn Ginther won. (Carolyn, because Marilyn Ringering passed up her drawing.)

#### **Show and Tell:**

**Janet** Succor Creek fossil plants and reeds

**Randy** Fossil reeds, petrified wood Middle Fork, fossil clam shell, unknown rock tooth Mexican rock.

**Dylan** collecting Grande Rhonde River, Camp Carson

**Jayson Steel** jar of opals from his grandfather brought a collection of rocks from Arizona including azurite and malachite, mica, pyrite and white quartz.

**Mike** Fossil coral, Michigan, crinoids

**Lorraine** Thunder eggs Succor Creek from a show dealer

**Jane** Fossil Shells

**Lisa and Carolyn** Fossil shells and dino poo

**Larry** Collecting around Biggs for Jasper

**Tonya** Cut slabs, ugly rocks, Glass Butte obsidian slabs and cabs.

**Gordon** donated a rock tumbler to the Hatrockhound Juniors. Thank you, Gordon.

Meeting closed at 7:30 pm. Had refreshments

**Program** Evelyn Cataldo presented on Marine Fossils. (35-40 minutes)

**Executive meeting: Tuesday, July 26 at 6:30 pm at Judi's (Remember, all are welcome)**

**July Meeting, Tuesday the 12<sup>th</sup>. Program: Dremel Carving**

**WEBSITE: [jall23.wix.com/hatrockhounds](http://jall23.wix.com/hatrockhounds)**

**(Minutes recorded by Mike Filarski in Judi's absence. Thanks Mike)**

## **Hatrockhounds Executive Minutes**

### **Tuesday, June 28, 2016**

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

**July Meeting** – Kelly Hamm will demonstrate and assist with dermal carving. Members will have a chance to try their hand. Kelly suggested the less precious Oregon opal, brown and yellow in nature, soapstone or even deer horn would work for carving. If members have something they would like to carve on and dermal tools please bring them along. (Remember dermal carving is usually done with small pieces, so one doesn't need too big a sample).

**August Picnic** - Janet is attempting to reach the Corps of Engineers to change our picnic locale from Spillway Park to West Park. West Park is also down toward the dam, but the area is flat and there is playground equipment for the kids. We will let members know when we know. We will plan to have a silent auction with proceeds going to the club. If you have a game you'd like to share, bring one along. We will bring the BINGO game, as well, in the event anyone wants to play it. We want to take a group picture for our club PR. Judi will invite the Lakeside Club. (Their annual picnic and live auction will be on Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>. All Hatrockhound members are invited.) The club will provide fried chicken and water. Margaret will be in charge of getting those. Members can bring something else to drink, if they want. We will have a list and sign-up sheet for additional food items at the July meeting.

**Junior Meetings** - We set up dates for summer Junior meetings. All will be on Mondays at 9:00 am: July 11, July 18, August 1, August 15.

**Show** - We discussed the fact the show will fall on Mother's Day weekend next year. We will plan to promote that fact by making special offerings for Mothers-possibly free entry, a special prize????

**Storage** - A suggestion to pay for the storage unit through May brought up the discussion of storage in general. Mike will check on the possibility of finding a trailer for storage of our items rather than a storage unit. If we had the proper unit, we could store everything and simply hook up to it at the time of the show and take everything at once. He will check with Northwest Farm Supply and other entities.

**Bylaws** – We will make copies for member review and consider some updates such as spelling out specifically what offices will come up for election on what successive two year cycle. Bylaws were last updated in 2003. We also discussed what the bylaws say about elections. The president needs to appoint a nominating committee to solicit candidates for office that can be presented for the membership's vote. We will be looking at the President and Secretary positions this year. Next year will be time to vote on Vice President and Treasurer. (This is not specifically spelled out in our bylaws, but has been the general way of doing so for a number of years. That is why the bylaws need review.)

The bylaws also state we are to do an annual audit of the books. We think that probably hasn't been done for at least six to eight years. It doesn't have to be by an auditor: just someone who knows accounting well enough to review them. We discussed asking Gerry Tiffany, Laura's husband.

**NFMS Annual Meeting** - Mike said he may not be able to go as our delegate, as he most likely has to work. We can have someone else act as delegate if they are going to the show and meeting. The meeting is at 4:00 pm on Friday July 29 at the Show in Albany, Oregon. It is a good way to better understand what the Federation is all about. If you are going to the show and might be interested in attending this meeting, please let us know.

**All American Award** – We talked about creating a “yearbook” of sorts to show what our club does to have available at shows. That is exactly what the All American Award is all about. We decided we will put together a Yearbook showing our activities and accomplishments in 2016 so we can submit it for judging in the next contest. Janet enjoys scrapbooking, so we could put it together in such a form. We hope to get the Juniors involved in the process, too. Anyone who wants to help with this project will be very openly welcomed.

**Executive Meeting Time** – With Judi’s request, those present agreed that the last Tuesday of the month would work for future meetings. The time will remain at 6:30 pm. Remember, all members are welcome to come to the meetings.

✓ Secretary, Judi Allison

**Sunday, August 14 – Picnic Day - No Regular Meeting**

**The club will furnish fried chicken. We will have a silent auction and bring along the BINGO game. There will be a sign-up sheet at the meeting for additional side dishes to bring. Mark your calendars and watch for details.**

**LITTLE THINGS CAN BITE**

Most jewelers treat motorized equipment with caution. We've all heard stories about work pieces coming loose in the drill press or about getting long hair or clothing caught in the polishing machine. It stands to reason that a machine with a motor of a half horsepower or so is going to win out over its operator. We all know that, and I'm not going to harp on it. That's not the point of this story. I want to talk about the smaller motor powered machines we often use, the ones with little 3 inch diameter motors. For instance, these small motors are used in flexshafts and micro buffers. They're so small that many of us forget caution when using them. I'm guilty of it myself sometimes, and believe me it can get you in trouble. Here's what happened to two people I know.

One friend had a polishing bur bend in the handpiece and then whack the thumb that was holding the workpiece so badly that it seemed the bone might be broken. The swelling was substantial, and it took several weeks to regain normal use. A small underpowered motor? I don't think so.

Another friend was using one of the small buffing machines, the kind you can stop when you apply too much pressure to the wheel. Not to worry about such an underpowered beast you say. Wrong, it literally jumped up and bit the hand that feeds it! Buffer was set on a low table to do a quick polish, so was not mounted or clamped. A buff was installed on the right spindle, no buff on the left. Friend was wearing a tight-fitting, long-sleeved sweater. While buffing on the right wheel, the left tapered spindle caught a thread on the friend's left sleeve and started grabbing more and more threads and sleeve. Rather than pulling the arm into the machine, the light buffer quickly lifted off the table and started climbing up the underside of the friends arm. There was no way to get a hand of the on/off switch because the unit was spinning wildly and battering my friend like a club wielded by a mad man. Only when my friend could grab the gyrating power cord and yank it from the wall did the mayhem stop. So when you're in the shop, please think safety. Don't take even those little motors for granted.

Via June 2016 Butte Tailings (Shop Tips by Brad)



I wasn't at the last meeting because I was taking in a social studies trip with my daughter and grandson. Even though it was not related to rocks, I did manage to find a couple. The first is from Mount



Vernon. Maybe George Washington, himself, walked on them. The second is our group standing on schist strategically placed in Central Park. All the rock in the park is schist-some very large pieces-and all placed for the optimum of effect. Judi