

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:
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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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**January Meeting: Tuesday, January 9, 2018, 6:30 pm
Tumbling Basics. Laura Tiffany will give us an overview of how
to get the best use from your tumbler to produce some shiny
specimens.
Carsons and Garcias are in charge of treats.
See you all the 9th!!!**

Merry Christmas and a Good Time Was Had By All

As per history, we had no formal meeting in December. Instead, approximately thirty people met on December 12th to share some holiday cheer, good will, great food, grand company and a ton of fun! After a delicious meal we took part in a gift exchange. When everyone was able to see and enjoy all the exchanges, we got down to the business of playing Rock BINGO. The game drew to a somewhat premature close with the advent of a sick tummy from too much holiday imbibing, but everyone went home with some new specimens and comments about the shared comradery and good cheer. If you missed the party, we missed you too.



Hatrockhounds Executive Minutes Wednesday, December 20, 2017

Present: Judi Allison, Mike Filarski, Doug Gill

- ✓ **Calendar**– We discussed the proposed calendar Judi had typed up. Mike does have a :PLINKO game, so we are set there. We had previously confirmed the other presentations, so your main need is to fill a few blanks for treats. We talked about the field trips and decided to leave what we had proposed with the three offerings with a note that they are subject to change, if necessary. We also discussed the possibility of having the picnic here in town, since the cost for reserving the shelter at McNary’s West Park was \$60. We went through a list of possibilities and came up with McKenzie Park being the best. Judi will check on availability and what the charge might be for the shelter there.
- ✓ **Storage and Trailer** – We have planned to have a “storage moving party” on December 30th at 10:00 am as we have a trailer now to store things. We discussed the need to possibly make shelves and organize, but decided to just get things moved and work on shelving and organization when there is more evening light. Judi and Laura moved the 52 buckets of rocks to Laura’s place for safe keeping. They also separated some items we will bring to the January meeting for a silent auction. There are also three small tumblers which will be added to the auction in January. Since our program will be on tumbling basics, we figured that would be an excellent time to bring them.
- ✓ Mike and Doug listed the things we need for the trailer. It has a jack and spare. We need a lug wrench, a license plate light and a block for changing a tire.
- ✓ Judi checked with State Farm about any possible changes in our insurance with the addition of the trailer and its contents. The agent said to bring in a description and/or pictures of what will be stored and they can work up a quote. Judi will look for some pictures of cases that show all the aspects, since all the parts for display are essentially what will be in the unit.
- ✓ **Funds** – We will need to keep our spending “close to the belt” for now, as we have around \$1400 after our purchase. Now would be a good time for folks to get their 2018 dues paid, as that will help build up the treasury a bit.
- ✓ The expenditures we have coming up before we realize anything from the show are the dues to the NFMS, our post office box, our insurance, and a few miscellaneous items.
- ✓ **Show** – We briefly mentioned the need to double check on our reservation for the show, since the EOTEC has changed hands in the managerial department. Since the Conference Center has also been taken over by the Parks and Recreation Department, we may have an issue for the cost and scheduling of our show in 2019. Mike will be going up to the EOTEC to double check on things just after the first of the year.
- ✓ **Reminder** – Dues are payable at this time for the 2018 year. Your dues cover the entire year - \$12 for individuals, \$20 for couples and \$25 for entire families.
- ✓ **January Program- Tumbling Basics, Tuesday, January 9th, 6:30 pm.**
- ✓ Secretary, Judi Allison



Know Your Rocks By Mel Albright, AFMS Safety Officer. (Most Bulletin editors print the following for beginning rock hounds in their clubs. Again, so am I.)

LEAVERITE (Junkite) This class composes 99.9% of all rocks the rockhound may encounter. It is distinguished by the fact that its members have no redeeming feature. It is not pretty, its shape is ugly, it will not polish well, its color is boring, there are no fossils hidden within, and only geologists love it. By the odds, you can see that you can find a lot of this type of rock.

PACKROCK (Pilerock, Somedayite) This rock is distinguished by the fact it looks as if it may be good. It is commonly packed into buckets, sacks, or boxes when found. It is then carried home, placed on the pile in the garage, and forgotten. Its primary use is as a reminder that there are more rocks than you can ever cut.

GOODITE (Cutterite) This rock is distinguished by the fact that it looks good enough to cut. It's commonly taken home, slabbed, placed in the box of slabs, and forgotten until you need to make something in a hurry for your aunt or mother-in-law.

WOWITE (Awerite) This rock is the least common. You may search for years without finding it. It is distinguished by the fact that something about it is so spectacular that you cannot resist showing it off to your fellow rockhounds. Within this class are many subclasses. Your fellow rockhounds will demonstrate the subclasses to you as they brag about their rocks. Pay attention at the show-and-tell sessions and you will rapidly learn about rocks you should collect.

SELLERITE (Claimite) This type of rock is rarely found. When you do, file a claim on all of it, mine it, figure a 500% profit, invent a jazzy name for it, and sell it to your fellow rockhounds. At this point you can retire because you have become a professional and no one will talk to you at the club meetings.

(From THE ROCK LICKER, February 1999)

Sawing Geodes by Bob Stephens

Look for the largest dome on the specimen. This dome was in the upright position when the specimen was forming. Saw through the largest dome and it is likely that you will expose the best "picture" or surface. If the specimen is elongated, saw lengthwise in the order to obtain the best exposure. While there is no certain means of determining what may be in the interior of an agate filled nodule, thunderegg or geode, the above suggestions are likely to be helpful.

Cutting Geodes by Bob Stephens

If you can't decide which way to cut a non-spherical geode, try rolling it on a flat floor surface. Roll it several times and note which side stops "UP" most frequently. Then cut on a plane parallel to the floor. Crystal growth inside the geode probably is the most at the top and bottom of its rest position, as stalactites and stalagmites grow in caves.

(From Tule Smoke Signals, 9/91 Via The Rock Licker, February 1999)

TAKE THIS TEST

Just hold this rectangle to your face and blow on it.

If it turns green, call your doctor. If it turns purple see your dentist. If it turns black, see your lawyer and make a will. If it stays the same color, you are in good health, and there is no reason on earth you should not attend every meeting of the club.

(Via Gems of the Rogue. 7/88)

