

# Hatrockhound Gazette 2019

PO Box 1122, Hermiston, Oregon 97838



Meetings at 6:30 on the 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Tuesday of each month  
First Christian Church of  
Hermiston:  
775 West Highland  
(go to back of church)

Officers:  
President – Bill Shipp  
V. Pres. – Mike Filarski  
Secretary – Rita Watterson  
Treasurer – Mel Lambert  
Members at Large – Laura  
Tiffany, 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.

# HATROCKHOUND GAZETTE

## November 2018

### Annual “I Did It” Contest

*Tuesday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm*

*Enter once in each of three categories for the possibility of an awesome plaque and the honor of being the winner of your category.*

***Look for details below.***

Shannon & Gene and Mike are in charge of treats. . .

**“I DID IT” CONTEST - IT’S FUN AND IT’S EASY.**

**WIN A PLAQUE FOR YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENT.**

- ***CHOSE SOMETHING YOU FOUND, SOMETHING YOU BOUGHT AND/OR SOMETHING YOU MADE IN THE LAST YEAR.***
- ***ENTER ONE, TWO OR ALL THREE CATEGORIES.***
- ***BRING YOUR ITEMS TO THE MEETING AND TELL ABOUT THEM***
- ***MEMBERS WILL VOTE ON THE BEST ITEM IN EACH OF THE CATEGORIES.***



## Hatrockhounds Gem and Mineral Society

### Meeting Minutes

#### October 8, 2019

Our numbers this evening added up to fourteen. Chris Lundquist joined the club. Welcome!

**Treasury:** Mel reported that “we’ve got money”. There was a bill for \$129.16 for repairs on the trailer. As Mike explained, the bearings on the axle went out. Cost was for replacement parts and a tire. He thinks that fixed it, so we will wait and see.

**General Information:** Judi passed around a survey for the membership to complete to help in making decisions about programs for next year’s meetings.

The Portland Regional Show is this weekend if anyone can make it there. The NFMS Show and Convention is in Lewiston, Idaho October 18-20.

We again discussed the large green banner. Sandra Bryant moved we purchase two with a total cost of \$240 rather than one two-sided for the same price. Trish Ellingston seconded the motion which was carried by a hand vote.

As is written in the by-laws, we voted on Vice President and Treasurer Positions. Both Mike and Mel were willing to continue in their positions. With no opposition from the floor, they were both unanimously given a hearty “yes, we accept you” vote.

**Show Talk:** Mike checked with the Community Center about the possibility of a 3 day show on the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend of May. They are all booked, so there was only the possibility of Mother’s Day weekend or the first weekend. The cost there for a 3-day weekend would be \$2935. He is waiting on EOTEC to give him an idea of what 3 days would cost there. We discussed the benefits and downsides of each area. EOTEC doesn’t have the visibility of the community center, but we don’t have to rent or set up tables like we do at the community center. After some discussion, with a show of hands, members felt that the Community Center might be a better venue . . .because of visibility. Mike will check about the cost of a two day show: the first weekend, and Friday and Saturday of Mother’s day weekend.

**Announcements:** Judi reminded members that the November meeting is the “I Did It” contest whereby members can enter one, two or three categories to win a plaque. The categories are I Made It, I Found It and I Bought It. The only stipulation is that the time frame is from last November through the time of the meeting. Let’s see lots of entries!!!

**Door Prizes:** Two prizes were donated by Sandra Bryant and one by Chris Lundquist. Thank you both. Prizes went to Roy Fraizer, Jim Bryant, Trish Ellingston and Mike’s granddaughter, Hope.

**Show and Tell:**

Louise showed off some material from the Silver City, Idaho War Eagle Mountain Mine. Her Great Grandpa had mined it.

Judi brought some wood and agate she collected on the Middle Fork

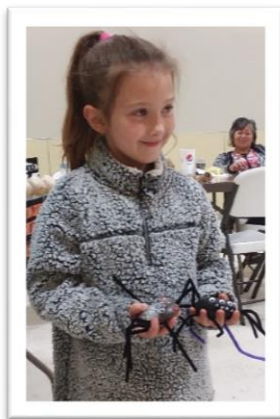
**Program:** We had five entries in our contest. Mike won best story with his “Rock Nut” man. Chris took second with her Spookyville Cemetery and Hope was the big winner with her spiders. Thanks to those who took part.

**Executive meeting: Wednesday, October 30, 2019 at 7:00 pm at Judi’s. (Everyone welcome)**

**NOVEMBER MEETING Tuesday, November 12. Annual “I Did It” Contest. . .Enter 1, 2, or 3 categories and win a plaque!**

**WEBSITE:**

[jall23.wixsite.com/hatrockhounds](http://jall23.wixsite.com/hatrockhounds)  
Acting Secretary, Judi Allison



## Hatrockhound Executive Meeting

### Wednesday, October 30, 2019

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

**Show Discussion:** We hashed around many aspects related to the Show. Mike shared that the Community Center quoted that a Show on the first weekend in May would require \$1000 down. The cost would be \$1500 for 2 days plus \$250 for early set up, \$370 for a building monitor. With the need to rent extra tables (40+/-) at a cost of \$8.00 per 8 foot table per day, plus \$25 delivery charge from Cottage Flowers, or \$8 per table from EOTEC our total cost would be around \$2700. It was suggested that dealer fees could be increased or dealers could be asked to bring their own back tables. We can’t raise the dealer fee too much, though because our market doesn’t allow them to make enough to pay too large a fee.

Mike still has not heard any more news from EOTEC about reservations for the facility. We discussed that although the membership had leaned toward returning to the Community Center because of the visibility, the EOTEC might still be our better choice. There is also word that the city is considering selling the Community Center to a private entity, so it would not be available for us anyway.

We talked about the possibility of making the show smaller, as we often don’t have enough help and perhaps we could find a less expensive venue. We also talked about the previously discussed idea of adding crafters to the lineup. We again talked about the need to have more extensive advertising. We need to seriously pursue the radio, theater and possibly the Entertainer for possible places for advertising. We thought about the possibility of paying for some on Facebook.

The Chamber is raising its fee this coming year. The basic membership that we have been paying \$100 for will increase to \$211.25. We discussed whether we gain enough from that investment to warrant continuing the membership. The only things we have used is the radio and placement of our fliers at the Chamber.

Judi mentioned the possibility of the Armory for a show building. Doug said it wasn’t much bigger than a large gym. Again, we might consider a smaller show if needed. Judi might go check it out sometime.

**Miscellaneous:** We did a poll of the members who were present at the October meeting. We will use the results as a basis for planning next year's programs.

Members need to be reminded that dues are now due and payable by the end of the year. Since we don't have a business meeting in December-just the Christmas party, it would be a lot easier on our Treasurer, Mel if you pay at the November meeting.

We paid the money for the two 8'x3' banners we ordered - \$240. Judi also had bills for the prizes for the rock costume contest, plaques and stamps totaling \$78.

**Meetings:** We hope members will come and participate in the I Did It contest on November 12<sup>th</sup>. Our Christmas party will be December 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. We will ask the membership if they want ham or turkey and regular or vegetarian lasagna. We will have a gift exchange and play rock BINGO.

## **Our Federation**

Last month, October 18-20, was the Annual Northwest Federation Show and meeting in Lewiston, Idaho. I hope some of you made it over that way. The foliage was beautiful as the trees were taking on their fall colors. It was a great time to connect with old friends and enjoy the spoils of our hobby. A dollar per adult member reduction in Federation dues was voted on to include the next five years. The Northwest Rockhound Retreat has a new Director, as Lamar Tilgner stepped down. Walt Butler will be taking over that position. He will continue to deliver quality programs for rockhounds to take part in. If you can, it is a great little vacation. The camp takes place the week after Labor Day at Hancock Station in Central Oregon. There are classes on lapidary, intarsia, carving, silversmithing and wire wrapping. For a cost of around \$400 for the week, one can enjoy the beautiful, unique area, learn a lot, be fed and enjoy the company of other rockhounds. We have a new PLAC (Public Lands Access Committee) Chair, Susie Koppert. She is a strong advocate for attending the various meetings related to information on forest management and possible closures of various areas. She needs an individual from each of the Northwest Federation States to be on the committee, so all can keep a watchful eye on the future of our hobby. Kathy McLean, from Spokane Rock Rollers also volunteered to be the new Safety Chair. You will likely see articles related to safety in future issues of the Northwest Newsletter. She told me she enjoys art, so might even do a cartoon relevant to safety. People are working fast and furiously to put together a judging school for those who would like to be trained to be a judge for the competitive displays. This is being planned to take place in Ogden, Utah at the next Annual Show and Meeting in April, 2020. Eight Junior members of the Federation were given awards for Junior Achievement. Way to go, kids! And Diamond Dan, aka as Darryl Powell was on hand to talk about the future of rockhounding and the need to reach out to youth in more creative ways. You see, a lot can happen at a Federation Show and meeting. Plan to attend sometime. And remember it is all "Rockhounds working with and for Rockhounds".

## **Just a Reminder**

- ❖ Our Annual Christmas Party will be in December on our regular meeting night-December 10<sup>th</sup>. We will start at 6:00 pm and have a pot luck dinner with the club furnishing a meat dish, lasagna, punch, water and dishes. There will be a sign up for side dishes, main dishes, salads and desserts at the November meeting.
- ❖ We will do a gift exchange for those who wish to partake. The value should be no more than \$10 and related to the rockhounding hobby. If it is specifically for a man or woman, please mark that on the outside. If you wish to sign who the gift is from, please put it on the inside, as we will be doing a game that doesn't need a name.
- ❖ We will plan to have our rock BINGO again this year. The club will furnish rocks, but if you also have some you would like to donate, please bring them along.!

