

# Hatrockhound Gazette 2023

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 – Doug Gill  
V. Pres. – Mike Filarski  
Secretary – Trista Meek  
Treasurer – Mel Lambert  
Members at Large – Laura  
Tiffany, Louise Lambert

Newsletter/Website – Judi Allison, 1701 NW 11<sup>th</sup> St, Hermiston, OR 97838 541-720-4950



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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**MEETING, MAY 9<sup>TH</sup> 6:30 SHOW BUSINESS AND MAP STUFF**

**Treats: By Mike**

## Show Information Follows:

Any questions or problems you can't handle see Mike or Judi. If it deals with the Silent Auction, check with Doug. Questions relating to admissions, check with Mel. Kids' Corner ask Judi or Laura.

**Friday:** Set up starting at 8:00 am.

- ✓ The area should be laid out with the tables and curtains placed according to the layout plans.
- ✓ Names of each dealer to be placed on each area. (Plastic cover roll if the dealer requests)
- ✓ Display bases and cases to be assembled and placed. Includes skirting for bases, case liners, lights (Be sure cases are being assembled right side up (Displayers names laid in cases.)
- ✓ Plastic covering placed on silent auction and kids' corner (Will need to be taped with masking tape - underneath - so it doesn't show.
- ✓ Materials for silent auction placed in area. Will need to be arranged and ready for morning.
- ✓ Kids' corner items places in area arranged and set up for morning.
- ✓ Oregon Rocks display placed and arranged for viewing.
- ✓ Display case and items for Admissions placed and arranged.
- ✓ Dinner at 5:00 pm. Cowboy Beans, Rolls, water furnished. Please bring a pot luck item.

**Volunteer Schedules:** If your name is not on here and there is a blank, please let Judi know you will work at that time. (Sign-up sheet will be at the meeting-some blanks to fill)

### Admissions:

Saturday:

9:45-11:45 Mel Lambert & Louise Lambert  
 11:45-1:45 Chris Lundquist & \_\_\_\_\_  
 1:45-3:30 \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_  
 3:30-5:00 Mel Lambert & Louise Lambert

Sunday:

9:45-12:00 Warren Meek & Trista Meek  
 12:00-2:00 \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_  
 2:00-4:00 \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_

### Silent Auction:

Saturday:

9:45-11:45 Doug Gill & Todd Crosby  
 11:45-1:45 Doug Gill & Todd Crosby  
 1:45-3:30 Trista Meek & Warren Meek  
 3:30-5:00 Doug Gill & Todd Crosby

Sunday:

9:45-12:00 Doug Gill & Todd Crosby  
 12:00-2:00 Chris Lundquist & Todd Crosby  
 2:00-4:00 Doug Gill & Todd Crosby

### Kids' Corner:

**Saturday**

9:45-11:45 Donna & Chris & Timber  
 11:45-1:45 Donna & Laurie & Laura  
 1:45-3:30 Donna & Laurie & Laura  
 3:30-5:00 Donna & Laurie & Laura

**Sunday**

9:45-12:00 Donna & Chris & Judi  
 12:00-2:00 Laura & Laurie & Judi  
 2:00-4:00 Laurie & Judi & \_\_\_\_\_

**Display Cases:** Mike Filarski, Mary Goff, Judi Allison, Teddy Bunch, Warren Meek, Todd Crosby, Mike Zinski (Plus 1)

**Set Up- Friday Morning 8:00 am We Need You ☺**

**Tear Down Sunday 4:00 pm We need you ☺**

## Hatrockhounds Minutes Meeting April 11, 2023

We had a nice big group of people tonight. . .around 25.  
President, Doug, called the meeting to order at 6:45.

**Treasurer's report:** Doug read the amount that we have in our treasury now that the EOTEC is paid for the show. There are still incidentals to be paid.

**Old Business:** Gordon and Randy let us know that we would have to cancel the trip to the Owyhee's. Gordon had tried to drive down there and only got a fourth of a mile onto the road and met with too much gumbo and wet to go on, even with his four-wheel drive Subaru.

Mike brought big and little flyers for our show. Everyone, please take some to put up in communities. The non-profit number is on them. Mike will work on road signs. So far there are nineteen dealers. Two of them are new. We will have a full venue. Sign-up sheets for members to work were passed around, as well as display case sign up. Mike and Judi will gather the gem trees for the Mother's day door prizes. Judi asked for tumbled rock donations for the kids' corner. Silent auction donations are accepted too. We are on track for the show-just a few things to follow up with EOTEC.

Judi has papers for "Welcome to the Club". New members are supposed to receive them, so she gave out what she had, because some had not gotten any.

### Show and Tell:

**Roy** brought a piece of jasper.

**Laura** asked about a piece she had. Judi told her it was opalized diatomaceous earth from George, Washington.

**Door Prizes:** Roy and Patty Frazier and Warren Meek were the winners.

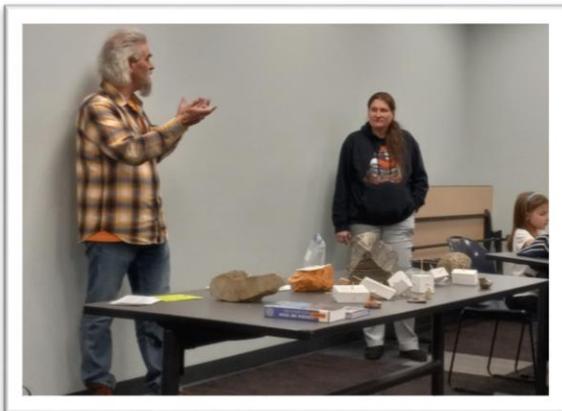
**Program:** Judi did a program on Mineral Information/Crystal System and structures. She created a game with the crystal structures. "Can you identify each?" She suggested that Simon and Schuster is a good Rock and Mineral book to purchase for a lot of information.

Secretary, Trista Meek

**Executive meeting:** TBD **Website:** [jall23.wix.com/hatrockhounds](http://jall23.wix.com/hatrockhounds)

### Mike and Judi Spread the Word

On April 19<sup>th</sup> Mike and Judi did a presentation at the Hermiston Library. Judi gave an overview of the three types of rocks using visuals and hands on such as a container to create and igneous rock and playdough for sedimentary and metamorphic. Mike then went into some detail explaining the rock cycle.



We had lots of rocks to hand out and most of them disappeared. There were around 25 participants, including adults and kids of all ages.

(This little guy got very creative with his leftover playdough.)



## **NFMS News**

The midyear meeting of the Northwest Federation was held in Kennewick, Washington Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>. Even though there is no voting at this meeting, a lot of information was discussed. We are hoping that within the next year or so we can deliver the Northwest Newsletter exclusively by electronic means. The current cost to mail it to all the membership is between \$15,000 and \$18,000 per year. With the way the market has been over the last few years that is a big chunk of our budget. It is hoped that the \$1.00 per member offset that we have enjoyed for the last five years (it is set to expire this year) so that the per member dues have been \$2.50 instead of \$3.50 can continue if we go to this method of bringing everyone the news.

If you are looking for something to do this summer, we got updates on the combined NFMS/AFMS Show August 3-6 in Billings, Montana. Even though it will be smaller than the previous one, there will be lots of dealers, speakers and things to see. The week after the show; August 7-11, will be filled with field trips. August 7<sup>th</sup> will take folks to Bear Canyon for black and white fortification agate. August 8<sup>th</sup> will be a fossil trip near Hysham, 9<sup>th</sup>-river agate, 10<sup>th</sup>-fossils near Glendive and 11<sup>th</sup> another agate trip. The river trips will be somewhat dependent on the weather. Sign-up sheets will be at the show.

There are also two Multi-Federation field trips to take in. The first is May 17-22 at the Blue Forest in Wyoming. There will be a one day fee dig for fish fossils. June 21-25 will be at Tepee Canyon, South Dakota. The group will stay in Newcastle, Wyoming.

There is a new club in the Federation from Miles City, Montana. There are also a couple other clubs forming that may join. We want to work to make the Federation and the opportunities more visible. There are positions open. Some are fairly simple and it is a great way to get involved and meet new people.

American Land Access Association (ALAA) is taking the direction of helping the BLM and Forest Service rather than fighting against them. It is felt that by showing that we are all interested in preserving our lands, and by offering assistance we will get more cooperation.

## **Nipper Mounts by: Jennifer Haley, AFMS Historian**

I hadn't heard of "Nipper Mounts" before, and when I came upon an article in a 1963 Rocks and Minerals Magazine about them, I thought you might find it interesting too. In the summer of 1951, some rockhound friends went on a road trip from Northern Maine to New York State to meet up with a mineral collector like themselves. His name was Mr. Ray Letson, who was known to have a very fine mineral collection. It was very common to swap minerals with other collectors back then, and people were so eager to share.

What the travelers were especially impressed by were Ray's, "Nipper Mounts." For the mineral collector living in an apartment with little room to display or hold their ever-growing earthly collections, the idea of making or collecting "Nipper Mounts" was ideal. The name came from using a pair of nippers to nip off a small specimen from a larger specimen. The specimen was glued onto a 1" to 2" card with the name of the mineral and its locality. Ray enjoyed making these to sell and giving them to the Boy Scouts.

The travelers created their own form of "Nipper Mounts." In their criteria they used minerals which were 1/4" to 1 1/4" long mounted on clear flat plastic. Later they created upright and upside-down "U" shapes made of clear plastic to display some of their specimens better. Some of their friends liked to display their "Nipper Mounts" on golf tees.

Every time the travelers entered competitions at rock and gem shows, they won awards for their "Nipper Mounts." The travelers commented, "Next to micromounts, "Nipper Mounts" are the most perfect of the works of the Great Mineralist, but unlike micromounts these may be seen with the naked eye, thus are more easily shared with others. Everyone who sees them finds them interesting, beautiful, and is completely captivated by them." (Reprinted from the May 2022 AFMS Newsletter)