

Hatrockhound Gazette 2017

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 - Janet Judd
V. Pres. - Mike Filarski
Secretary - Judi Allison
Treasurer - Margaret Free



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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✓ ✓ July Meeting (Note the date change) ✓ ✓

Tuesday, **July 18**, 2017, 6:30 pm

Agates of the Columbia: Come learn from Lakeside member, Andy Johnson, about the agates that are close to our home

April Lopez and Judi Allison are in charge of treats.
See you all the 18th!!!

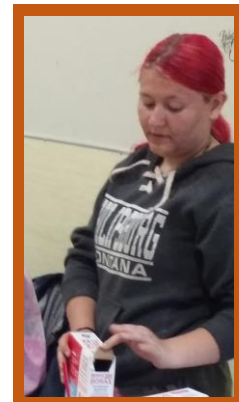
Hatrockhounds Gem and Mineral Society

Meeting Minutes

June 13, 2017

We had a record attendance of 49 people, with 11 being of the Junior variety. New (returnee) members Don and Anita Crumley introduced themselves. Guests included Janet and Dean Stuart and the Linn family. The Linn's: Gary, Elaine, Joshua, Angel, Jake, David and Katie all became members this evening. Welcome all!!!

Program: Junior Presentations: Since the Juniors were in charge of the program and there is one more day of school, they were allowed to present before the regular business meeting. Lisa gave a demonstration of how to create crystals using borax and pipe cleaners. Alex shared some safety tips, information and technique on how to use his "new age" flintknapper. Michael, Ty, Tatiana and Dylan related the information they gained at the Junior meeting. They talked about the difference between a mineral and a rock and named some of the minerals they had identified. Thanks, Juniors!!! What a great job! You are on your way to earning another badge.



Treasurer's Report Margaret stated she had not yet finished compiling the information from the show, but that the treasury has a net gain from before the show. She also announced that of July 1 she would be resigning as the Treasurer. Thank you, Margaret for your service these past three years. We will be needing a new treasurer. If you think you might be interested in filling this position, following is a description of the duties: **Treasurer:** Take in and disperse all monies related to the club's financial activities. Maintain accurate records of such income and outgo. Coordinate with Secretary when money is received for membership to assure payment is properly accounted for. Gather and disperse mail as needed. (Or this can be done by the Secretary) Attend and take part in monthly executive meetings. With board, plan monthly meeting agenda, discuss and formulate ideas for membership recruitment and retention. Be an active member who participates in all aspects of the club activities including the annual show and community activities.

General Business: President, Janet let everyone know that she is moving and that her rocks are for sale at \$25 a bucket.

LaVonna Griffin will also be having a sale of rocks on Sunday, June 25th at her home; 1265 Tutuilla Road, Pendleton.

Our field trip to Addy, Washington area will be June 24th. Janet showed off some of the crystal material we will be searching for. Members will meet at Scot Jackson's place by 9:30 am that day. Scot advised we need to bring a chisel or pry, gloves and a hammer, as the crystals are lodged.

Judi showed off samples of the two types of wire wrap Sandra Bryant would be giving a class to create if members are interested. Judi set out a sheet and it appears most were interested in doing a class in the evening. The church stated that Tuesday nights were the best for use of the facility, so Judi will check with Sandra and the church for the best time to offer the class.

Members were again reminded about the conflict with the church on our regular July meeting night. We will be meeting on Tuesday, July 18th instead of Tuesday, July 11th.

Tonya Abbott and Chris Sorensen will be manning the booth at the Funfest paid for by the Club. They will be provided with flyers and business cards of the club to share with the public. Anyone else who wishes to sell their wares is welcome to join them.

Annual Show: Although Mike was unable to attend the meeting, he asked that the information gleaned be presented to the membership. We are booked for the third weekend (the dates we used to have) in May of 2018 at the Hermiston Conference Center. Because the City is taking over the administration of the Center, the fee will be \$1850 compared to \$1375 for 2017. This requires a \$100 non-refundable deposit. We checked on the new EOTEC Center and we can have basically the same square footage with room for outside vendors who will be housed where all have to pay to visit, with the same accommodations on the second weekend of May 2018 (Mother's Day weekend) for \$1550. After some discussion about the pros and cons of the situation, Shannon Lancaster put the following into a motion. "I make a motion that we move our annual show for 2018 to the new EOTEC Center." Shannon Morgan seconded. With no further discussion and a show of hands, the motion passed unanimously.

NFMS Annual Meeting Report: Judi gave an overview of the show in Hamilton, Montana held in May. Laurie Ellis acted as the club's Director during the meeting on May 19th. Judi discussed the opportunities and workings available to the membership before sharing some of the information from the meeting. The stamp committee oversees the sale of stamps gathered from volunteers (us-save your cancelled stamps) to pass on the proceeds to a charitable cause that supports cancer research and other related causes. The membership at the annual meeting passed a motion to donate the money received from the stamps to Knitted Knockers, a group who knits breast pads to go in bras of mastectomy patients. The money will go to help defray the cost of the special yarn and fiberfill.

A second proposal that passed was a motion to offset the cost of each adult member's dues for the 2017-18 year by \$1.00 each by using the unrestricted money from the NFMS Endowment fund. That means next year we will pay \$2.50 per adult member instead of the usual \$3.50. Junior membership will remain at the \$.50 fee.

The 2018 NFMS Gem and Mineral Show and Meeting will be in Yakima, Washington April 27-29. Judi urged members to mark their calendars and plan to attend. She additionally encouraged folks to attend the Annual Meeting which will be held during that time to give a greater understanding of how the Federation works and what there is to offer.

Door Prizes: Our six door prizes went to Anita Crumley, Marilyn Ringering, David Linn, Dean Stuart, Ty Warner and Carolyn Ginther. Congratulations and thanks again to Elmer.

Show and Tell:

Folks had brought items, but since our order of things was different this evening, people just casually viewed and discussed the displays.

Executive meeting: No meeting in June

July Meeting, Tuesday the 18th (THIRD TUESDAY) Program: Agates of the Columbia

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Secretary, Judi Allison

China Hollow Field Trip

By Bob Carson

The Hatrockhounds Rock Club had a wonderful day on June third. The club formed a car caravan with China Hollow Mine as its destination. As we traveled it was quite apparent this could easily be a trip for photographers and rockhounds alike. We took in views of the Columbia River, rolling hills of wheat, historic buildings, and breathtaking views of Mount Hood and Mount Adams.

Soon after reaching the town of Wasco, Oregon we gathered at the shop of Don and Jill Hilderbrand. The Hilderbrands are the owners of the China Hollow Mine. Jill showed us many beautiful samples of Jasper from the mine. Then it was time to follow Jill to the mine on China Hollow Creek near Biggs, Oregon. The 105 acre property had two sites we explored. The first site had the jasper we were anticipating and the second site was a surprise filled with agate and agatized material of various colors. This property has had a long mining history dating back some 12,000 years to a time when Native Americans were using this jasper to make arrowheads.

At the end of the day, our club members found many fine samples. We were grateful to have a host like Jill Hilderbrand and thankful for club leaders, Janet and Judi for planning such a fun trip.



The question is often asked, “What does membership in the Federation do for me?”

It gives you connections; it gives you strength and it gives you opportunities.

As a member (individual and club) of the Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies (NFMS) you are connected to approximately 6,000 individuals from sixty-six different clubs. If you are planning a trip to any of the member states (Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Northern Utah, and Washington) you can pick up the NFMS Directory and find someone who might be able to tell you of a good site for a great find, help you with a cutting or capping issue or simply “talk shop”. You have the opportunity to reach out to others and make connections in a variety of ways.

Membership in the NFMS automatically includes membership in the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies (AFMS), the blanket organization that ties together seven individual Federations around the country. The AFMS includes a membership of approximately 50,000 individuals. When we are facing issues such as land closures or government regulations, strength in numbers comes into play. It is much more impressive to be able to comment to your congressman or others who can help sway issues that you are part of an organization of over 50,000 individuals rather than simply using the first person. Strength is in numbers.

As an NFMS member you and your club have many opportunities to make use of all the Federation has to offer. Perhaps you want to challenge yourself in creating a better display. Through the Competitive Display Program you can grow in your abilities. Even if competition isn't for you, there are opportunities to get tips from those who have taken courses in judging. Are you the Bulletin Editor or have you written an article for your newsletter? You can enter the Bulletin Aids Contest and find out how well you have done. Maybe you will challenge yourself to try again the next year with tips given from the judges.

Perhaps you are the club's webmaster. You can enter the AFMS Website Contest and again receive tips on how to improve your site. These contests generally come with a certificate or

other sort of recognition; possibly even a plaque or trophy.

Your club can compile an “All American Yearbook” which highlights your club's activities throughout the year. Prizes for this entry are Bronze, Silver or Gold Medals. You have created a historical record of your year, earned a medal, received tips and ideas for improvement and worked together as a unit. Your club can submit the name of someone who has been a special contributor during the year. The “Rockhound of the Year” entry is first published in the NFMS Newsletter, then in the AFMS Newsletter. Each honoree receives a certificate. (Your club might also want to honor them with a plaque or some other such gift.) What a special way to give recognition to those hard working people in your club, and it is all without any cost to you! Your club can submit a name each year. It is simple and it's quick. Your club can avail itself of the free advertising opportunities by utilizing the Show Coordinator. Simply send in your show information and it will be advertised in the NFMS Newsletter as well as a number of other publications.

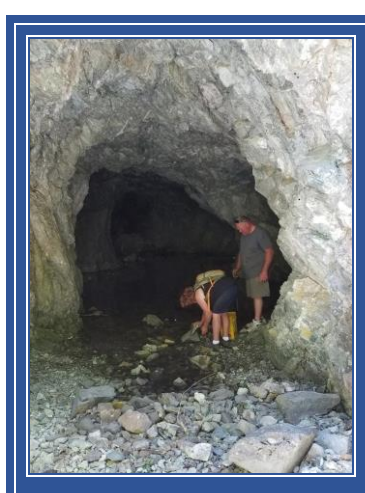
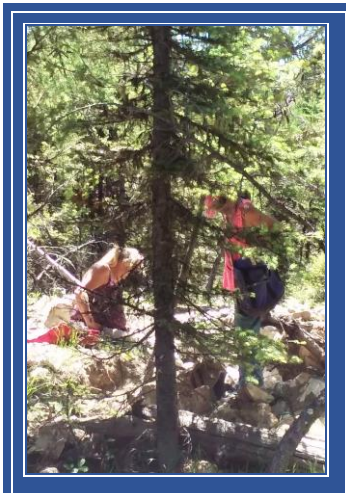
You can take advantage of the Camp Hancock Retreat. Your club can borrow programs from the slide and video holdings. You can take part in Federation sponsored field trips. You can become members of American Lands Access Association to help continue to keep our hobby alive.

Again, you ask, “What can NFMS membership do for me?” It can open a world of opportunities.



Rocks Galore!!! Addy, Washington Area

On June 24th nine people embarked on a quest to find quartz crystals. Their leader, Scot Jackson, did a great job of fulfilling their desires. Many members stayed for a Sunday excursion to seek out azurite/malachite and a green jasper. All were thrilled with the scenery, outdoors, hospitality and finds of the days.



WIRE WRAP CLASS

Sandra Bryant, who was a dealer at our show, will be giving a wire wrap class on Tuesday, July 25th from 6:00-8:00 pm at the First Christian Church.

The charge will be \$20 for materials. Participants will walk away with a finished pendant ready for a chain.

Please let Judi know if you are planning on attending the class so Sandra can have sufficient materials available. Phone: 541-720-4950 or Email: jms46@outlook.com.