

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:
President – Doug Gill
V. Pres. – Mike Filarski
Secretary – Judi Allison
Treasurer – Laura Tiffany
Member at Large – Bill Shipp

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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 – March 2018 Issue

March Meeting: Tuesday, March 13, 2018, 6:30 pm

Creating Rock Critters

With helpful instruction from Laurie and Lila, we will paint on rocks so they can be used for prizes at the kids' corner at the show.

Program will be first this evening with the business meeting after.

Abbotts and Doug Gill will provide treats

Hatrockhounds Gem and Mineral Society

Meeting Minutes

February 13, 2018

President, Doug Gill was ill this evening, so our Vice President, Mike Filarski, conducted the meeting. We had thirty-two in attendance including Guests Trish Ellingser and Jerry Senn. Sandra and Jim Bryant joined our club this evening. Welcome!

Show Report: Mike was able to meet with the new Director and Coordinator at EOTEC and had a very favorable visit with them. We are locked in to the show which will be May 12-13. Seven dealers have returned contracts so far. Mike explained some of the logistics of the show. The display cases will be in the entryway as well as the admissions table. We will be using one-half of the area which will be set up with the tables and curtain divisions before we arrive. We will not have to rent, pick up or return extra tables this year. The public will have to pay and go through the show to reach the outside dealers; something the inside dealers will be happy about. With our new cargo trailer housing all the supplies, setup should go quite smoothly this year. We may find we only need one day to set up in the future. The total fee this year for rental is \$1350. The folks at EOTEC did advise Mike that will increase next year. Since we will be at a different locale, we need new signs. Mike will be ordering them again from "Super Cheap Signs." Fifty double sided signs like the ones we had previously will cost \$189 with free shipping.

We discussed the need for additional advertising and signage for EOTEC. A suggestion was made to add a map on our flyers. Mike will work to accomplish that; either on the front with the other information or on the reverse.

Tonya Abbott asked about the possibility of having name tags and offered to make some up. We do have some plastic sleeves available. Judi also suggested the possibility of individuals buying their own name tags with the Hatrockhound logo on it. We can have them made through R & R Trophies. She will supply a sample of what they look like at the next meeting. She quoted \$12 or \$12.50 as being the possible cost.

Rita Watterson asked if anyone had pursued the possibility of donations of such things as water and/or soda for the show or possibly food for the continental breakfast or other supplies from Wal-Mart or Fiesta Foods or such, since we are a nonprofit. The idea has been entertained, but no one has acted on it. Rita volunteered to do such. She also stated she was willing to do the radio show we attempt to set up that is held at Nookies. Lila Schlaht asked about the number of cases we have. We will most likely use 20, possibly 24. We have sufficient cases and liners to accommodate this.

Judi Allison said the request was made to have guidelines for working in the various areas: admissions, silent auction and kids' corner. She is working on producing them with guidance for the silent auction from a sheet Elmer Ringering had created a number of years ago. Stan Sloan asked if the sale sheets for consignment items could be a different color to more readily identify such. Mike saw no problem with doing so.

Treasurer’s Report: Laura reported that the treasury paid out \$118 for the post office box and received \$384 from dues and dealer fees.

General Business: Judi checked with both the Hermiston Parks and Recreation and the Corp of Engineers about the fee for reserving a covering for our August picnic. She found the Corp now does all reservations on line with a \$10 non-refundable fee. The charge for a reservation is \$50. The City charges \$40. We will reserve the gazebo at McKenzie Park.

Judi interjected a bit of a “soap box” speech by beginning with an apology to Laura for all the members’ inconsiderateness when she gave her presentations on tumblers at the last meeting. She pointed out that many times we have interactive programs and she knows many people attend to be able to visit with their rockhound friends. They are sometimes not necessarily interested in the program. Judi simply asked that we show consideration when someone is giving a presentation by attending to it, or taking their visiting elsewhere. People are not obligated to stay for the programs, although we try to develop them to be of interest to the majority of the membership. Remember that we always welcome ideas for programs and will generally incorporate them into our calendar.

Mike discussed the fact he checked on registration and licensing of the cargo trailer and found the cost quite high. It was suggested we simply get a trip permit which costs around \$30 and is good for 20 days, since we will only be moving the trailer once a year. We further discussed our findings on insuring the trailer. In essence, the cost was quoted at around \$300-400 without even insuring the entire contents. The insurance broker also stated that that trailer would have to be insured with the specific vehicle that would tow it, including the VIN number. It was suggested that insurance on the vehicle towing the trailer should cover the towing. It was decided to put the insurance issue on hold as the trailer is currently safely housed at Mike’s place.

Margaret Free brought an objection to the floor concerning a passage in the January minutes. She felt the passage: *“We discussed the treasury and the need to do a bi-annual audit, as written in the bylaws. Laura said her husband, Gerry was willing to do this. He is a non-member with a background in law enforcement, so would be a viable person to do so.”* showed an impropriety given the fact that Laura is now the treasurer and also was three years ago. Judi pointed out that Gerry was chosen, as mentioned in the passage, because he had been in law enforcement (which should stand for honor and honesty) and was a non-member, which implied he would show no partiality.

The plan for the audit came about since one had not been done for a period of time although the bylaws read: *Article V. Board of Directors: Sec.3. The board of directors shall arrange for a biannual audit of the treasury books as they see fit.*

Mike stated he understood her concern and we can look at another avenue. Margaret suggested an audit by a professional. Mike pointed out that would be an excessive and unnecessary expense. The audit is simply to help keep in line with the bylaws and to help the club know the finances are as stated by the treasurer and to give the treasurer some assistance with keeping the books straight. The board will address Margaret’s objections and perhaps form a committee to take care of the matter.

Show and Tell:

Tonya had a green rock of interest she had found at the coast and a second one she asked Elmer about. It was a wood root. She also shared a jar of pieces she had been tumbling.



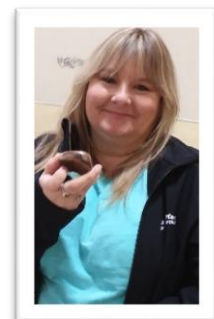
Laurie brought some additional rocks she had gotten from Texas. She also had a couple that she wasn’t sure of their origin.



Randy showed off a rather heavy piece with pyrite in it he had borrowed from a friend. The said it had come from Northern Idaho.



Judi had a thunderegg she had bought at the Lakeside auction. It was from the blue beds at Richardson



Ranch.

Door Prizes: Recipients tonight were Sandra Bryant, Patty Frazier, Roy Frazier, Justin Zimmerly and Irish Howard. Enjoy folks.

Program: Members took part in a “Rock Jeopardy” game to vie for first pick at the rock prizes. Contestants appeared to have fun, hopefully learned a bit and enjoyed choosing a prize.



Executive meeting: Wednesday, February 28th, 6:30 at Judi's. Everyone is welcome

MARCH MEETING: 6:30 pm, March 13th CREATIVE ROCK CRITTERS

WEBSITE: jall23.wixsite.com/hatrockhounds

Secretary, Judi Allison

Hatrockhounds Executive Minutes

Monday, February 28, 2018

Present: Doug Gill, Judi Allison, Mike Filarski, Laura Tiffany, Bill Shipp

- ✓ **Audit** – After review of bylaws and a discussion that we are working to comply with such, the suggestion was made to ask both Laurie Ellis and Jane Ginther to review the books. They have each worked in the capacity of Treasurer in other clubs, thus understand the accounting process.
- ✓ **Show Information** – Judi shared the guidelines created for the three areas with money: admissions, kids' corner and silent auction. It was felt that one person needs to be ultimately responsible for the “shifting or borrowing of funds from one box to another. Bill stated they have a written process at work. Judi will work to create such to be used for any transfers. A 501c3 form was provided for Rita Watterson so she can solicit from Walmart and/or Fiesta Foods for items for the show. The list of possibilities suggested included water, items for the continental breakfasts and pot luck main dish. We are also asking Rita to appear on KOHU's Chamber show to be aired at Nookies on Tuesday, May 8th at 8:30 am. We have a display case reserved at the library for the month of May so we can promote our show and our club there. Mike had copies of the information for the signs and asked for input on the flyers. He will redesign them using the suggestions. It was decided we will use three colors of sale sheets for the silent auction: regular-white, consignment-pale green and a separate color for the half day auctions. Mike will have the consignment ones printed at American Printing and Judi will do a few for the half day auctions. Judi supplied Doug with a sample of a nametag from R&R Trophies to show to members. We will also supply Tonya Abbott with material to make name tags if she is willing to do so.
- ✓ **Insurance** – Judi will scan a copy to Doug so he can possibly check on additional avenues for provision.
- ✓ **Miscellaneous** – The Corp of Engineers charges \$50 for site reservations. Parks and Recreation charges \$40. We will reserve McKenzie Park from 8-2 for the August 12 picnic. We will be presenting a program for youth at the Library on Thursday, June 28th. If anyone would like to help, let Judi know.

Since the March meeting will be very hands-on, we will start with the activity and move into the business meeting after treats. (Judi will be gone for the meeting, so we need a volunteer to take minutes.)

✓ Secretary, Judi Allison

A little information about our friends to the north of us:

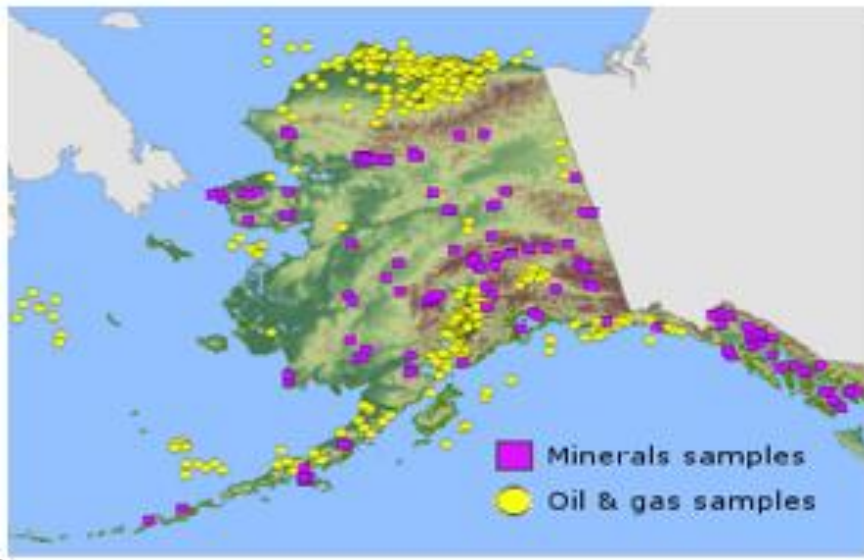
GEOLOGICAL MATERIAL CENTER, ANCHORAGE

. . . The cavernous facility occupies the old Sam's Warehouse on Penland Parkway. It houses millions of pounds of drilling core from oil and mining exploration, mud-logging chips, hand specimens, microscope slides, and more. __Greg D. <http://dggs.alaska.gov/gmc/general-info.php>

Its mission is to permanently archive, index, protect, and make available for public inspection, accessible geologic materials and related data to help advance exploration and knowledge of Alaska's natural resources. [Mission statement taken from DGGs information page]

State of Alaska site locations for mineral and oil & gas samples. [Purple dots represent mineral samples. Yellow dots represent oil & gas samples] GMC houses more than 76,000 linear feet of continuous cores from more than 3,000 exploratory or production wells on Federal, State, and private lands in Alaska. The facility also houses more than 354,000 linear feet of diamond-drilled hardrock mineral cores which represent approximately 2,100 exploratory and geotechnical boreholes. [GMC webpage image]

(Via Pebble Patter, January 2018)



TIDBITS

It is time to consider in what area you would like to volunteer at the show and what items you might have available to create a display case. The show is approaching, so plan to volunteer in some capacity. May 12-13. . .

The NFMS Show will be in Yakima, Washington on April 27, 28, and 29th. Plan on making a day of it and go experience a larger scale show. You'll be glad you did!