HATROCKHOUND GAZETTE January 2016

Tuesday, January 12, 2016, 6:30 pm (In Rooms 3-4 for this meeting only-through the glass doors-where we met before)

Learn about the Great Missoula Floods by viewing a video provided by Mike. Enjoy some treats provided by Tonya Abbott. See you then!!! **NOTE THE NEW TIME 6:30**

December Report

We had no formal meeting as we had our annual Christmas Party on Tuesday, December 8th. Thirty-five people enjoyed good eats good company fun and games and a gift exchange. Last year we had fifteen attendees. Yeah for our growing numbers!!!!







A Happy Little Guy Amongst a Couple of Elves



Gifts Galore



I Found a Nice One In My Stocking



Shannon's Fifty Yard Dash for the Best Rock on The Bingo Table

2016 Program Schedule

<u>January 12 – Great Missoula Floods</u> - View a video about the ancient floods that helped create the landscape we see today in this area.

<u>February 9 - Wire Weaving</u> - You will learn how to create a "rope" of woven wire that can be turned into a necklace, bracelet or other babble to show off, wear, gift or simply display. <u>March 8 - Display Case Liner Party</u> - We will repair and create additional liners to go into our display cases we use for our annual gem and mineral show.

<u>April 12 - Copper Wire Creation</u> - Participants will be able to take home a completed project: a bracelet made with their own hands.

<u>May 10 - Last Minute Show Biz</u> - Since our annual show will be the 14-15, we will be taking care of any items that need final attention.

June 14 - All About Fossils - Evelyn Cataldo from the Lakeside Club will share her knowledge about the wonderful world of fossils.

<u>July 12 - Dermal Carving</u> - Members will be given the opportunity to try their hand at this delicate process that can be used on opal as well as other media. Kelly Hamm will show us the techniques.

<u>August 14 - Picnic and Silent Auction</u> - Come relax at Spillway Park at the base of McNary Dam. Enjoy a potluck lunch with the main dish supplied by the club. After lunch, try your hand at winning a bid for your favorite rock.

(Note: this is a Sunday. There is no regular Tuesday meeting in August.) September 13 - Flintknapping Techniques - Gentlemen from the Tri-Cities Knapping group will demonstrate their methods of creating art with their individual techniques and suggestions. October 11 - Annual Rock Costume Contest - Your creative juices may come up with a winner such as "pop rocks", "two faced guy" or "punk rock". There are three prizes: 1st place, 2nd place and most creative story, so come join the fun.

<u>November 8 - "I Did It" Contest</u> - You may enter this contest three times, as there are three categories: "I Made It", "I Found It" and "I Bought It". Items must be within the last year. Winners of each category receive a plaque.

<u>December 13 - Annual Christmas Party</u> - Come enjoy good company, good food and fun times. We generally play "rock BINGO" and have a rock related gift exchange.

Just a reminder: If you haven't paid your dues for 2016, please do so now. You can pay our Treasurer, Margaret Free.