

Hatrockhound Gazette 2019

PO Box 1122,
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**Meetings at 6:30 on the 2nd
Tuesday of each month
First Christian Church of
Hermiston:
775 West Highland
(Go to back of church)**

**President - Bill Shipp
V. Pres. - Mike Filarski
Secretary - Rita Watterson
Treasurer - Mel Lambert
Members at Large - Doug Gill,
Laura Tiffany**

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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

December 2019

HO, HO, HO, Merry Christmas!!!

Annual Christmas Party

Tuesday, December 10th, 6:00 pm

Club furnishes ham, rolls, punch, water and utensils. Bring a main style, side dish, salad or dessert and come join the fun!

***Dinner, Rock BINGO and A gift exchange
(Details Below)***



Christmas Party:

The club will furnish ham and rolls, punch, water and plates and utensils for the meal. Membership has signed up for the following items. (If your name is not on the list, feel free to bring an item of your choice.)

Side Dish	Main Style Dish	Salad	Dessert
<i>Rita & Bill - Veggie</i>	<i>Mike</i>	<i>Gene & Shannon</i>	<i>Garcia</i>
<i>Tarah & Jayson- cranberries</i>	<i>Judi</i>	<i>Mel & Louise</i>	<i>Doug</i>
<i>Chris - baked beans</i>		<i>Sandra & Jim</i>	<i>Laura</i>
<i>Trish - potatoes</i>			<i>Gene & Shannon</i>
			<i>Gordon</i>
			<i>Irish</i>
			<i>Roy</i>
			<i>Mel & Louise</i>

We will play ROCK BINGO. It is essentially a BINGO game with a rock for a prize. The club will furnish a number of rocks, but if you want to bring some for prizes, that would be great! We will also have a gift exchange for those who wish to take part. Please bring a rock related gift with a value of no more than \$10. You can mark if it is specifically for a male or female. We draw numbers to distribute the gifts. (You don't need to put who it is from on the outside, but you are welcome to do so on the inside. We will play a short exchange game, then individually open each gift, one at a time, so others can enjoy seeing what each person receives. If this sounds like something you would like to take part in, please bring a gift.

See you at the Christmas Party!!!

Hatrockhounds Gem and Mineral Society Meeting Minutes November 12, 2019

It was good to see a nice number of people this evening. We welcomed our visitors Trista Ford and Warren Meek.

Treasury: Mel reported the dollar amount in our treasury. He paid \$240 for the two banners we ordered and \$73 for prizes for the rock costume contest and plaques for the I Did It contest and Rockhound of the Year.

General Information: Judi passed around a sign-up sheet for the Christmas Party and for 2020 snacks. The club will furnish dishes, water punch and ham (as the membership voted) and rolls. Members will bring the side dishes.

Mike shared a financial report from the Oregon Council of Rocks and Minerals. He also talked a bit about the NFMS Meeting in Lewiston, Idaho and the fact we need to be proactive in protecting our hobby. That means that we need to go to the meetings that are discussing possible closures and changes in forest and BLM policies. We can also write letters. It is better to write an individual letter than a form letter, as numbers do count. ALAA again asks that we join to help with the lobbying aspect.

Judi asked the membership if they were aware they got the Northwest Newsletter online and if they read it. A few did. She said she would submit all the member names so that everyone gets a hard copy. She reminded members the Newsletter is the lifeline to the Federation and what goes on with our hobby on a broader scale.

Show Talk: Mike gave specific numbers for the cost of the two venues we discussed for the 2020 Show. EOTEC has only Mother's Day Weekend available. If we did a three day show the cost would be \$4000. The two day charge is \$2100. The Community Center would be essentially the same weekend and the charge for two days is \$2750 and \$2935 for three days. There is also discussion about a private entity buying the facility which would negate our use of the building. We again talked about the Arts and Crafts people joining as vendors, and could possibly pursue such. We also talked about the need for more advertising. It was mentioned that the people who put on the Father Daughter Ball on the third weekend own 60 Minutes Photo. Mike thought he would approach them about the possibility of trading and doing their ball on Mother's Day weekend and we could return to the third weekend. Judi pointed out that we all need to help with the ideas and recruitment of crafters, expansion of advertising rather than relying on Mike to have to do all that groundwork alone.

Announcements: Remember Dues for 2020 are now due and can be paid to our Treasurer. \$12 individual, \$20 couple, \$25 family and \$3 for Juniors.

Door Prizes: The prizes tonight went to Letty, Hope and Bill. Congrats!

Show and Tell: Bill had a piece he 'found' in a driveway. Discussion was that it might be rhyolite.

Program: We had a number of people enter into each category of the "I Did It" contest. Thanks, everyone for all your entries. In the I Found It category Shannon won for a piece of wood with druse inclusions from our field trip to the Middle Fork of the John Day. Breezy won I Bought It with a nicely polished piece of petrified wood.

And Joe won I Made It again with his collection of knife blades.



Executive meeting:
Monday, December 30,
2019 at 7:00 pm at Judi's.
(Everyone welcome)
DECEMBER NO MEETING
CHRISTMAS PARTY
Tuesday, December 10 at
6:00pm. Gift Exchange,
Rock BINGO and good
company

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Secretary, Rita Watterson, Typed by Judi Allison



I FOUND IT



I MADE IT



I BOUGHT IT



Rockhound of the Year

Hatrockhounds Gem and Mineral Society names **Mike Filarski** as their AFMS Rockhound of the Year. Mike has served as our Vice President/Show Chairman for a number of years. He pleasantly accepts both jobs and creates a great venue every year for the show. He not only takes care of the dealers but also the advertising; creating ads, making flyers and placing signs. He is a hands on person when it comes to show time. If it weren't for Mike, we might not even have a show. Not only does he run the show, but so much more! Mike is one MVM (most valuable member). We honor and thank him for all his dedication.



A Red And A Green Mineral. . .

Garnet var. Almandine

Garnet is not a single mineral but a group of similar minerals that have slight differences in their chemical formulas. These differences create the different colors seen in garnets. Almandine garnet is a deep red variety. It usually forms 12-sided crystals. These crystals are called dodecahedral : do- means two, -deca- means ten (2 + 10 = 12) and -hedral which means face. In other words, 12 faces!

Garnet

You just learned that garnet is red. Some varieties can be green. Uvarovite is one of those varieties. Uvarovite is bright emerald green. It gets its beautiful color from the element chromium . Its crystals are usually very small. But when they are larger, they are often cut and polished into gemstones for jewelry. This is the only garnet that occurs in just one color. All other garnet varieties can be found in different colors. (Mini Miner Monthly November 2019)