

Hatrockhound Gazette 2023

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 – Trista Meek
Treasurer – Mel Lambert
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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.

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**June Meeting: Tuesday, June 9,
2021, 6:30 pm**

**Create a Pendant - Sandra Bryant will help us
create a heart shaped piece.**

**Please bring a pair of needle nose pliers and
wire cutters if you have them.**



Natures Treasures Under Foot 2023

Our 2023 Show is now in the Books. Thanks to the folks who were able to help, we had another successful year! A BIG thanks to Mike for all the hard work he puts in procuring vendors, setting up the floor plan, taking care of advertising and everything else he does. Without him, we would most likely be lost.

Our next endeavor will be the Federation Show next year with a three day venue from May 10-12. Things are already in the works for that. And we will definitely need all hands on deck! We are looking forward to it, as we get the opportunity to show off what our little club can pull off to present a great show! So, let's get ready to shine!

Hatrockhounds Minutes, Meeting May 9, 2023

Seventeen members were present for our meeting tonight.

After President, Doug, called the meeting to order he stated the minutes were in the Gazette. He asked Treasurer, Mel about the funds. We are still in good shape, even after paying for the EOTCEC facility.

Doug shared the correspondence: flyers for the Marysville Rocktoberfest, October 7-8 at the Evergreen State Fairgrounds just west of Monroe, Washington.

Old Business: Mike said the show is pretty much lined up. Insurance was \$160. The man out of Boise is going to supply the ATM. His last quote was \$250 for the weekend. Mike said, "The man talks more than Judi." (Can it be true? JA) There are 18-19 dealers; all inside. Mike had to massage his drawing a bit to get them all to fit. The Polynesian Chicken folks will supply the food. There is a \$100 fee for the food vendor plus 15% of their gross receipts. Mike moved that the club pay for the percentage charged to the vendor. Judi seconded, and the measure was passed. Judi will make name tags for the dealers. (All members have a tag made for them.)

Show and Tell:

Karli had a box full of material she picked up between Aries and Clyde, Washington, just before Starbuck. She had been researching it and thought it might be lagrandite or cornotite. Since it has a slickish surface and she wasn't sure of its properties, she was using gloves and cautioned



others to also consider the idea when looking at it.

Door Prizes: Laura received a small grape amethyst. Laurie walked away with a citrine piece. And Sue came away with a thunderegg with pyrite and other metallic material in it.

Program: The program ended up being the show and tell that Karli had brought and speculation about it. Acting Secretary, Judi Allison (Trista was there, but, since I had started the minutes, I told her I would give her a break.)

Executive meeting: Wednesday May 24, 7:00 pm at Judi's. Everyone welcome.

Website: jall23.wix.com/hatrockhounds

HATROCKHOUNDS Gem & Mineral Society Executive Meeting –May 24, 2023

Present: Doug Gill, Mike Filarski, Mel Lambert, Louise Lambert, Judi Allison

Show: Mike asked if there was anything different we might do or could do to make the show better. We discussed the general plan for the future was to have the admission \$4. We tossed around the idea of admission for the Federation show to be \$5 and \$12 for three days advance registration. WE also discussed raising the dealer fees some, although we do not want to price ourselves out of the market, since we draw less people. Mike will probably make the final decision. Our current price is \$4.75 per foot per day. (That would be \$76 for an 8 foot table for two days, so if a dealer had 24 feet the total would be \$228) If we raise the fee to \$5.50 per foot per day, the total for two days of 24 feet would be \$264. For the three day show it would be \$396.

Everybody agreed that the ATM was well worth having. One of our dealers, when the possible use of Square was mentioned, suggested that Zettle was a much better app.

We did well at the show. Although Mel realized he was missing a couple of figures, these are generally correct. We had 518 paying customers on Saturday and 374 on Sunday with a total take of \$2700. We gave out 146 mother tickets on Sunday. Silent auction netted a little over a thousand. And the kids' corner brought in about \$470. Our total net profit was about the same as last year. Thanks to all for helping to make this year another success.

Judi counted the display cases as we were unloading the trailer. We have 26, so if there are around 4-6 competitive displays, we should be okay for cases for next year. Judi started again working with the Oxford Inn and discovered the prices were significantly higher than last fall's quotes. She is going to pursue the possibilities of the Senior Center or the Church for them to do a fundraiser and us to have a banquet.

Marilyn Ringering had a number of rocks she gave to Abbotts for the club. Tonya mentioned it at the show. Mike will go get them and add them to our collection. We will keep them for the next year, rather than offering them for the Federation show. Judi brought home some extra items from the trailer to dispose of. The "library suitcase had a number of old text books: *Earth Science-publisher MacMillan*, *Earth Science by Tarbuck/Lutgens*, *Investigating the Earth*, *Physical Geology*, *Essentials of Earth Science*, *Geology Today* and 2 DVDs by Pacific Northwest Treasure Hunters. If anyone wants any of these, please let Judi know. Otherwise they will go to the Goodwill.



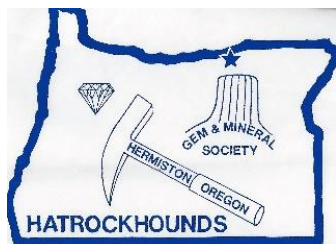
“The Man” taking a minute to relax.

MIKE ASKED TO LET EVERYONE KNOW: If you have a road sign, please keep it until the picnic in August and bring it then. Thanks.

Thanks to our demonstrators, Walther and Mike.



Teddy shows off His Winnings



Montana's Geologic Road Signs

Look for signs with these logos: (clip from one of the signs)

I stumbled on this great website that I am eager to share with you:

<https://www.mdt.mt.gov/travinfo/geomarkers.aspx> It gives the

Geologic Road Signs found throughout Montana. Since 2006 the Montana Department of Transportation has been installing road signs narrating the geology of the area. Approximately 50 roadside geological markers have been installed describing the geologic and paleontological wonders of the Treasure State.

Once you are in the website, if you click on the map it gives you the area information, facts and activities.

I have been enjoying it since I found it! Cheryl Neary, AFMS President



2023 AFMS/NFMS SHOW

The 2023 AFMS/NFMS Show and Convention is coming to Billings, Montana August 3-6. The activities will take place at the Billings Hotel and Convention Center, 1223 Mallowney Lane. Our host, The Billings Gem and Mineral Club, is busy working to bring us a special show of "Montana Treasures." All registrations deadlines have been extended to July 1, 2023. (Some of the forms read June 1, but deadline is July 1.) Additions: -There will be signed artworks from dinosaur artist, Scott Hartman Phd, to be auctioned off to benefit various aspects of the hobby. -There will be a live auction on Sunday with proceeds split between NFMS and ALAA. The venue will be smaller than the previous show because of limitations of the building. If you have never been to a Federation Show, this would be a great first experience. Sit in on some of the meetings-everyone is welcome. Take in the live auction and go on some field trips. See you there! Judi Allison, NFMS Secretary

Field Trips:

- 8/7: Bear Canyon - black and white fortified agate
- 8/8: Fossil trip north of Hysham
- 8/9: On the river for wood & agate (may change depending on weather)
- 8/10: Fee dig for fossils near Glendive
- 8/11: Probably an additional trip for agate

Sign-up sheets will be available at the show.

AFMS/NFMS Annual Convention Schedule for 2023

Wednesday, August 2 Display Case Setup, starts at 10:00 am

Thursday, August 3 AFMS Uniform Rules Meeting, 8:00 am-11:00 am, AFMS Annual Meeting & Scholarship Meeting, 1:00-4:00 pm

Friday, August 4 NFMS Annual Meeting, 1:00 pm-4:00 pm, Meet & Greet, 6:00 pm-8:00 pm

Saturday, August 5 Juniors Cracker Barrel, 8:30 am-10:00 am, ALAA Meeting, 10:30 am-12:00 pm, Past Presidents, Officers, Judges & Chairpersons Luncheon, 12:00 pm-2:00 pm, Social Hour, 6:00 pm-7:00 pm, Awards Banquet, 7:00 pm-10:00 pm

Sunday, August 6 Editors' & Webmasters Breakfast, 9:00 am-11:30 am, Live Auction, 2:00 pm-4:00 pm

From Rocky Start to Heartwarming Gift! (Summarized by Linda Jaeger, AFMS Editor)

In 1992 a baby eagle was hatched in captivity in Oklahoma. It was sent to the World Bird Sanctuary (Missouri) to be raised & released to the wild. The eaglet, Murphy, arrived in Missouri with a broken leg. He recovered, only to break his wing as he was transitioning to the wild. Now 31 years old, Murphy is unable to fly & lives at the sanctuary. This spring, when hormones kicked in, Murphy began nesting (not unusual behavior), building a nest and using a rock for an egg (very unusual!). Murphy sat the nest & began attacking other birds that got too close. The keepers were fortunate enough to obtain an eaglet who had survived a storm that destroyed its nest, and they gifted the hatchling to Murphy, who is raising the little one. Baby's name? Rocky, of course! If you'd like to see some heartwarming photos, look up the story by Googling, "Rocky the eaglet at World Bird Sanctuary."

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