

# HATROCKHOUND GAZETTE

## October 2016

Get ready to try your skills at creating an entry for the

### **“Rock Costume Contest”.**

All you need is a rock or two-or three, a little imagination a few odds and ends and you will have a creation for all to see.

A good story to go along with your creation might also win a prize. We'll be seeing you on October 11<sup>th</sup> with your entries!!!! **(Treats by Janet)**



Food for thought. . .

### **By Laws Review for Revision.**

Mike will be discussing the changes that we would like to propose so that our historic practice of elections and elected positions are reflected in the by-laws. The changes decided upon will then be reviewed in November and a final vote will take place in January.

### **Hatrockhounds Gem and Mineral Society**

#### **Meeting Minutes**

**September 13, 2016**

President, Janet, called the meeting to order at approximately 6:40 pm

Our guests included Joe Garcia, who told a bit about himself; and Frank Omstead, Rick Tobin and Steve Sontag, who are our guest presenters this evening.

**Treasurer:** Margaret reported that we made \$112 on our little auction we had at the picnic in August. She also gave the total amount in the treasury. Our finances are sound. Thanks, Margaret for keeping us well accounted.

**Picnic-Lakeside Invitation:** Lakeside's annual picnic and live auction will be at Keewayden Park in Kennewick on Sunday, September 18. The club will furnish chicken. Please bring a side dish or dessert. Lunch will be served at noon with the auction to follow at 1:30. Lakeside extends a warm invitation to the Hatrockhound members.

**Volunteerism:** Judi announced that the club had again been approached by Charlie Clupney to help with the memorial festivities for Don Horneck being hosted by the Lions Club. We donated key chains to give as prizes for the run that will be held. Charlie also asked for volunteers to help sell the small bags of "Don's rocks" that

were donated by a separate source. If you are interested in helping, please call Judi. The affair is September 24.

**Heritage Days:** Our flintknapping guests told us about the affair which will be held at Sacajawea Park, Pasco on September 23-24. Saturday is a free day with no Discovery Pass needed.

**Door Prizes:** Margaret won an Owyhee Jasper cab and Janet won the Smithsonite, which she gave to Lorraine, as she had been having some medical issues. Janet told her she would like to see her put on her happy face with the gift. Lorraine was pleased and grateful.

**Elections and By-laws:** This was mentioned briefly, as elections are to take place in October. The Executive Committee has to figure out for sure which positions will need to be filled this year.

**Show and Tell:**

**Ty** brought a sample of bismuth he said was fragile. It was bought at a gas station in Washington DC

**Janet** found samples of polka dot agate she had collected and a piece of palm wood that she shared.

**Judi** gave an overview of the camp at Hancock Station as she explained her exercise in perseverance in the process of creating the two-sided intarsia she displayed.

**Larry** had a sample of Owyhee jasper and bat guano (yes, bat guano).

**Wenxia** wondered about the possibility of polishing the piece she found near Silver City, Idaho. Speculation was that it might be a rhyolite. After further inspection, the general consensus was that it was a piece of basalt with a surface deposit of perhaps iron oxide.

**Program** Rick Tobin, Steve Sondheim and Frank Omstead from the Lakeside Club, who also meet to do flintknapping presented both percussive and pressure methods of knapping. Frank gave an overview of the history of an Ishi stick used in the process. They then allowed members to try the process. Those who took up the challenge were delighted by the process, and possibly “hooked”. Thanks, guys, for sharing!

**Executive meeting: At Judi's, Tuesday, September 27 at 6:30pm. All are welcome**

**October: Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, 6:30.**

**Program: Rock Costume Contest**

**WEBSITE: [jall23.wix.com/hatrockhounds](http://jall23.wix.com/hatrockhounds)Judi Allison, Secretary**



## SEABIRD & BAT GUANO

**Guano** (via Spanish, ultimately from the Quechua wanu) is the accumulated excrement of seabirds, seals, or cave-dwelling bats. As a manure, guano is a highly effective fertilizer due to its exceptionally high content of nitrogen, phosphate and potassium: nutrients essential for plant growth. The 19th-century guano trade played a pivotal role in the development of modern input-intensive farming practices and inspired the formal human colonization of remote bird islands in many parts of the world. During the twentieth century, guano-producing birds became an important target of conservation programs and influenced the development of environmental consciousness. Today, guano is increasingly sought after by organic farmers. (Source: Wikipedia.org)

A prized source of N-P-K. Guanos — the excrement from birds and bats — are among nature's best! Particularly high in nitrogen and phosphorus, guano fertilizers are excellent for use around fruiting and flowering plants. They're also high in trace minerals, providing well-rounded nutrition and they're great for making growth-boosting liquid teas! ALL are harvested under strict, preservation guidelines to avoid disruptions to creatures and habitat. (Super tea) Includes ALL the essential elements necessary for healthy plant growth. {I'm sure glad they turned out to be “teas” for plants!!!-Judi} (Source: Plantnatural.com)



## Hatrockhounds Executive Minutes Tuesday, September 27, 2016

Present: Judi Allison, Mike Filarski, Margaret Free, Janet Judd-Fahey, Laura Tiffany

**Don Horneck Memorial and Lions Club** – Margaret and Randy attended the affair and asked if the club would want to donate money to the Lions Club for a scholarship to OSU. We will bring it up to the membership. It might be a way to promote good will with the Lions Club and fulfill some of our nonprofit status requirements. The Lions also has a vending truck that might be a possibility for the show. Mike also mentioned that there is a food vendor in Boardman that would be a possibility also.

**Support** – Janet and Margaret will purchase a card from the membership and include \$50 to be sent to the Gene and Shannon Lancaster family. Gene recently lost his mother and at about the same time they lost their infant grandson. Our thoughts go out to them.

**October Meeting** – Judi gave Janet the needed items for the rock costume contest – numbers and ballots. Janet and Margaret will purchase the prizes.

**Elections** – Elections for Vice President and Treasurer will be held at the October meeting. Both Mike and Margaret agreed to serve another term. Nominations will also be solicited from the floor.

**Programs** – Please think about things you might like to see happen at the 2017 meetings. We will be creating the program soon and would like suggestions from the membership. We want to present meetings that are enjoyable and meaningful to you, so please consider passing on some ideas and we will try to make it happen.

**Bylaws** – Mike will discuss reviewing and revising the bylaws at the October meeting. We are looking specifically at Article 4 section 3B and Article 5 Section 1. Changes discussed and made will then be reviewed at the November meeting. Since there is no formal December meeting, we will vote on the final changes at the January meeting.

**Miscellaneous** - Plaques for the annual November “I Did It” contest are ordered. We will most probably conduct the Christmas party as previous years. Margaret mentioned a “washer game” they have that might be an addition-or something to use at a regular meeting. Some of the club members (specifically women) asked about the possibility of having a monthly get together to work on a specific project. The sessions would most likely take place at members’ homes. Janet will bring this up as a possibility.

✓ Secretary, Judi Allison

### BE PREPARED FOR NOVEMBER’S “I DID IT” CONTEST

#### WIN A PLAQUE FOR YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENT.

#### IT’S FUN AND IT’S EASY.

- **CHOSE SOMETHING YOU FOUND, SOMETHING YOU BOUGHT AND/OR SOMETHING YOU MADE IN THE LAST YEAR. (NOVEMBER 15, 2015 UNTIL NOW)**
- **ENTER ONE, TWO OR ALL THREE CATEGORIES.**
- **BRING YOUR ITEMS TO THE MEETING AND SHARE WHAT YOU HAVE.**
- **MEMBERS WILL VOTE ON THE BEST ITEM IN EACH OF THE CATEGORIES.**