

# Hatrockhound Gazette 2019

PO Box 1122, Hermiston, Oregon 97838



Meetings at 6:30 on the 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Tuesday of each month  
First Christian Church of  
Hermiston:  
775 West Highland  
(go to back of church)

Officers:  
President –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 - September 2019

## Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm Contour Polishing for Special Effect

Jerry Sorensen will give a demonstrative talk about how to create a beautiful polish on uneven surfaces. Come learn how you can create with the same technique

*Treats by Laura Tiffany and Doug Gill*

### Picnic Fun

On Saturday, August 17<sup>th</sup>, twenty-three folks enjoyed fellowship food and a fulfilling auction at the McKenzie Park gazebo. Thanks to all who came and took part. If you missed it, we are sorry. We missed you, too.



### Hatrockhound Executive Meeting Wednesday, August 28, 2019

**Present:** Mel Lambert, Judi Allison, Mike Filarski

**Treasurer/Picnic:** The auction at the picnic brought in \$141.50. The permit for the park was \$50 and food and utensils \$65.88, so we had a net profit of \$25.62. With the picnic discussion, we commented on the possibility of having chicken again instead of the sandwich makings. We will poll the membership.

**Trailer:** We discussed the need to replace the hub and perhaps the axle on one side of the trailer. Mike said his son has agreed to help him with the labor. They plan to do it before the winter sets in. He will purchase what is needed and hand in the receipts for reimbursement.

**Elections:** Our bylaws state that elections are to be held in October. We will bring up to subject at the September meeting and vote in October. Since it is an odd numbered year, unless someone else wishes to put his name in the hat, we will call for a vote of agreement to retain the current Vice President and Treasurer.

**Programs:** It is getting to be the time of year when we start considering ideas for programs for next year. It was suggested by a member that perhaps Mike Zinski, who demonstrated faceting t our show, could come and do a program. Mel also asked about our guest at the picnic, Marty Casto. Judi will approach him to see if there is an area in which he would be willing to give a program.

**Show Discussion:** Judi suggested that she might know a resource to create a large green vinyl banner to advertise the show. Mike felt it should be about 6-8 feet long and at least 2 feet deep. It should have perforations in it to handle the wind. It would say Hatrockhound Rock and Gem Show This Weekend (maybe "at EOTEC/fairgrounds").

We discussed possible ideas to get the word out better. Perhaps tie helium balloons on the upright sandwich board signs. Use our membership with the Chamber more efficiently.

Mike is going to check again about getting the third weekend back at EOTEC. We also discussed the possibility of going back to the Community Center. Even though the basic cost might be less, by the time we would rent and move the tables, it would probably be more.

**Meetings:** The meeting is on September 10<sup>th</sup>. Jerry Sorensen will give a talk/demonstration on contour polishing of large pieces. Laura and Doug are in charge of treats. Executive meeting will be Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00.

**Food For Thought – Just For Fun**



Some strange thoughts about an archaeologist who has discovered the domicile of a rockhound one thousand years in the past. A recent fieldtrip to the Matanuska River and its adjoining gravel bars has given me some strange ideas. Rockhounds and geologists alike, often ponder where some of the material that was carried downstream by ice and water, have originated from. The distances that this material has travelled over time, could after all, have had its point of origin tens of miles or even a hundred miles away. Playing detective in this area, is a fun, if not challenging, or even elusive way to spend one’s time.

I have to think back when a Mat-Su rock club member found a pebble that proved to contain platinum. Where did that come from? Or what about the water-worn quartz rocks laced with pyrite? River channels collect and concentrate certain mineral fragments that sometimes point to a geologic formation that has already been identified and mapped. At other times, original features have over time been eroded and the completed picture has not been established.

OK. So much for common sense and solid science. As we know, many rockhounds not only collect prize specimens which end up in glass display cases, but also collect interesting rocks and minerals of lesser value, that are designated as “yard rocks.” A cross-section of yard rocks may well be described as either eclectic or exotic since there is no plausible geology that would naturally bring them all together into one place. Visit any rockhound worth his or her (rock) salt, and you’ll notice interesting rocks “out front” which have no connection whatsoever with the local geology. We could call this overflow material, or we could call it the stuff one’s spouse refuses to allow you to clutter up the house with.

If an archeologist of the distant future were to stumble upon the ruins of an earlier civilization and find an odd assortment of rocks and minerals strewn about, what would they think about the rhyme or reason behind such a jumble of out-of-place material? Now a geologist from the future could sort out many points of origins, and the archaeologists could scratch their heads and wonder what made us tick. In the meantime, I for one will happily continue to increase my pile of unrelated stuff and give future generations more reason for confusion. \_\_\_ct From Pebble Patter June 2019

You are invited to the

**Lakeside Gem and Mineral Club’s Annual Picnic and Live Auction.**

**Saturday, September 14 at noon**

**Grange Park on Union Street, Kennewick**

(Just past the Library)

Bring a dish to share, a folding chair and something to shade yourself.

You are allowed to bring up to 10 Lots of items to sell. (Per family) You receive 70% of the sale price and the club gets the other 30%. It’s a good time with some fast action bidding.