

Hatrockhound Gazette 2018

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 – Judi Allison
Treasurer – Mel Lambert
Member at Large – 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.

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July Meeting: Tuesday, July 10, 2018, 6:30 pm

UGLY ROCK CONTEST

Bring a rock you think is really ugly. Others will vote on your entry and you may win a prize!!!

Treats by Judi Allison and Margaret Free.

Come for the fun of it!!!

Northwest Rockhound Retreat

I mentioned this opportunity to a few folks. Below is information from the NFMS website. The price might be higher, as I think the information is from 2015, but it is a very good value for what you get. There are 55 spaces that can be filled. I don't know if there are any left, but you can call Lamar Tilgner (listed in the article) for further information. This takes place the week after Labor Day. Judi

OMSI camp at Hancock Field Station about halfway between Antelope and Fossil, Oregon. This is a weeklong event of learning and sharing.

The Agenda outline looks like this:
Monday, Arrive after 3PM and get settled in your temporary home, then join a Spaghetti Feed at 6:30PM.
Tuesday, All day in the Workshop of your choice and an evening program.
Wednesday, Trip to Fossil Beds or Workshop activities with an evening Swap Session, no selling.
Thursday, Workshop activities all day with an evening session.
Friday, Workshop activities all day with an evening program.
Saturday, Workshops all day with an evening session of feedback from you as to what you want next year. A "Show and Tell" session from the Workshops and concluded with an oral auction of donated items.
Sunday morning, Have breakfast, clean your cabins and give fond farewells till next year. If you need additional info, please call Lamar Tilgner at 503-666-2905, or Email at lstilgner1@frontier.com

COST FOR "RETREAT" REGISTRATION

Registration - Cost includes Breakfast and Evening Dinner with a Sack Lunch, sleeping quarters in an A frame cabin, (Bring your own bedding and pillow) (Mattress provided), or Dry Camping for an RV. No hookups available. **If electric hookups are needed, they will cost \$15.00 for the week.** Tenting is the same price as RV or A frame.

6 Day Total = \$282.00 + \$15.00 for RV Electric plus Workshop fee of \$45.00 Meals furnished.

If you can't stay the full time we can break it down by the day. This would mean \$57.00 per day, plus the Workshop Fee to take advantage of this great program.. The "Swap Session" is a place to swap materials, arts, crafts, rocks or anything that someone else might want. No money will change hands, just goods.

Hatrockhounds Gem and Mineral Society

Meeting Minutes

June 12, 2018

President, Doug Gill was still recuperating from his surgery and Vice President, Mike Filarski was in Michigan, so Secretary, Judi Allison presided over the meeting. Rita Watterson acted as Secretary in order to practice the process.

Show: Judi said Mike had briefly spoken with Al, the Manager of EOTEC about next year's show. He quoted \$2500 to rent the entire room for the two days. Mike didn't have the opportunity to ask about the possibility of just renting half. If a show were to run an additional day; for example, Friday, the extra charge

would be \$1100. Evidently the facility will not book any further out than 6 months in advance. Mike spoke about the possibility of recruiting other types of clubs or individuals to help share the cost. We will learn more as time progresses.

After all the expenses were figured we netted about \$2600 from the Show this year.

Treasurer: Judi, acting as treasurer gave a short report and stated that Mel Lambert had volunteered to act as treasurer since Laura Tiffany had resigned because of personal obligations. Shannon Lancaster officially moved to nominate Mel for the position with Tonya Abbott seconding the nomination. Additional nominations were requested from the floor. With no other nominations forthcoming a vote was taken. The motion to accept Mel Lambert as treasurer was unanimously passed. Mike Filarski, Judi Allison and Mel Lambert will go to the Banner Bank to remove Laura Tiffany as Treasurer and officially add Mel Lambert as Treasurer of the Hatrockhound Gem and Mineral Society.

General Business: Judi mentioned that the Hermiston Fun Fest is on July 14th and that the club will again pay for a booth for members to sell from as long as the individuals promote the club. The members who take advantage of this opportunity will be responsible for all aspects of the booth including set up, take down and any materials needed to manage it. Trish Ellingson and Chris Sorensen are planning on taking advantage of the opportunity. Any other club member is welcome to join them.

Judi mentioned we generally give a donation to the church for use of the facility. We have yet to do so this year. Gordon Weber moved and Margaret Free seconded that we give them \$150. Motion carried.

As a member of the Chamber of Commerce, the club received an invitation to the open house for the new Eastern Oregon Telecom building to be held on Thursday the 14th.

Hatrockhounds are invited to the Annual Picnic and live auction held by the Lakeside Club. This year it will be on September 16. The club supplies chicken and members bring pot luck items. Food is served at noon and the auction starts at 1:00pm. Sellers receive a 70-30% split. It will be held at the Union Street Library Park.

Wire Wrapping:

Sandra Bryant will be leading two wire wrapping classes. The first will be on Wednesday, June 27th from 1-3. It will be a wrapped crystal. Cost is \$20. The second class will be on July 18 from 5-7 pm. It will be a pendant. Cost will be \$25. Both will be in room 4 of the Church.

The Lakeside Club is also hosting a wire wrapping class in September. “Kit Kat”, who was at the Federation show will be holding classes in the TriCities on September 22 and 23. The cost will be \$35.

Presentation: Judi presented Tatyana with a Junior Achievement Certificate from the Northwest Federation for her achievements as a Junior member.

Door Prizes: Recipients tonight were Judi, Trish, Tatyana, Gordon, Stan, Elmer and Marilyn. Thanks to those who donated prizes and congratulations to the winners.

Show and Tell: Gordon offered several photo copies from the field trip to Richardson Ranch. Kayla showed off a number of items she bought from Steve Shoemaker’s annual rock sale. Tonya had a variety of items gained from the field trip to Richardson Ranch. She also showed off spheres she had purchased at the show. Don had a couple of saw blades he was offering to someone with any payment going to the club. Tonya bought them for \$10. Thanks to all for sharing and thanks to Don for the donation.

Program: Those who were interested played a few rounds of PLINKO to gain a rock, geode, petrified wood, neck chain or a bead.

Executive meeting: Wednesday, June 27th? or Monday July 2nd?, 6:30 at Judi’s. Everyone is welcome

JULY MEETING: 6:30 pm, July 10th UGLY ROCK CONTEST

WEBSITE: jall23.wixsite.com/Hatrockhounds Secretary, Judi Allison



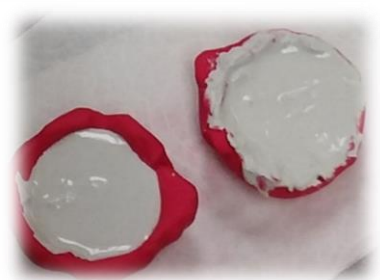


Fun at Richardson Ranch

On Saturday, June 2, Randy led a group to the Richardson Ranch for some rockhounding fun and finds. All seemed to enjoy the outing and bring back something they liked. Thanks Randy.

Reaching Out to the Community

On July 21, 22 and 28, Judi spent some time at the Stanfield and Hermiston libraries sharing some of the fun of our hobby with participants in the “Libraries Rock” summer program. In Stanfield, on the 21st we learned about crystals then created some with gumdrops and toothpicks. The 22nd was devoted to the process of sand formation, after which everyone created sand art in a jar. On the 28th the Hermiston participants learned about fossils, including molds and casts. We then made our own casts.



Hatrockhounds Executive Minutes Monday, July 2, 2018

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

- ✓ First we visited a bit about Mike’s dad (he is doing well after surgery to remove a kidney) and Doug’s operation (his heart is strong and the surgery bought him fifteen to eighteen years).
- ✓ Judi will go to the bank and get the process started to change the treasury to Mel’s name. Mike and Mel can then go in and sign at their convenience.
- ✓ Things are set for the July 10th meeting. Judi and Margaret are in charge of treats. Judi will purchase a prize for the ugly rock contest. Mike will bring some of the water from the trailer for the meeting.
- ✓ The annual picnic and auction will be Sunday, August 12, at McKenzie Park gazebo. We have water at the trailer. The club will furnish chicken. Judi will order fifty pieces and ask Bill and Rita if

they will be willing to pick it up, as Judi won't be there. Judi will send Mike a copy of the auction form so he can print it out. Someone will need to take the container with the dishes after the meeting, so it will be available for the picnic. Mike will most likely get some rocks for the auction.

- ✓ Mike will take care of the licensing and checking on insurance for the trailer and the club. He will also follow up with Al at the EOTEC about the possibility of renting half the room. Mike said he had talked with some folks from Art in the Pasture and we can reach out to the vendors at the Farmers Market.
- ✓ Mel had suggested the idea of a formal budget, which we have not had. We discussed drawing up a budget to include items that are normal expenses such as food for the picnic, Christmas and show pot luck. Additional regular expenses include post office box rental, insurance and licensing, plaques and awards, a yearly use donation to the church, periodic newsletter expenditures. The idea behind the budget is to give the treasurer the ability to pay for such things without bringing them before the club. Out of the ordinary or one time expenditures should be voted on by the membership.
- ✓ We discussed the need to be more visible by becoming more active with our Facebook page, utilizing Hermiston NOW and taking advantage of our membership in the Chamber, especially when it comes to show advertising.
- ✓ We had listed a field trip to the Ochocos on July 22 in the schedule. We did not have any definite plans when the calendar was created. Mike suggested we bring it up at the general meeting on the tenth.
- ✓ Judi related that Fun Fest was paid for and Trish and Chris were planning to man a booth. Rita might possibly join them. They are all aware it is their responsibility to follow the guidelines of the Fun Fest, and furnish all needed materials for their purposes. They will also promote the club. Judi will pass on some of our "Got Rocks?" flyers to have on hand.
- ✓ Secretary, Judi Allison

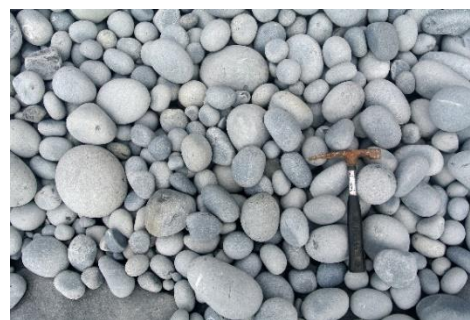


Admittedly, this is somewhat silly, but do you remember the "Pet Rock" craze during the mid-1970's? Along with the Hula Hoop and the Frisbee, the pet rock fad really took off, even if only for only a short time. The pet rocks were marketed along with a cardboard carrying-case and instructions on how to care for your new "pet" and even how to train them!

By purchasing different pet rocks, you assured yourself of owning different sub-species, as each one was slightly different. Of course by purchasing many pet rocks, you contributed to the inventor's burgeoning retirement account.

By now you may be scratching your head, wondering what in the Sam-Hill has this got anything to do with serious and objective Rockhounding? In a word: NOTHING. However, I along with others have spent considerable time over the years looking at different water-worn cobblestones along gravel bars, picking them up, and taking them home not as pet rocks, but as yard-rocks. Over the years I have sold very few yard rocks and thus my pile has grown. In fact my bank account has shrunk due to the

gasoline bills after my forays. As you look at the photo on the right, you'll notice a number of granitic cobblestones, each slightly different, each telling a unique story about their origin. That is the fascination with Rockhounding that never grows old. It is about the continued learning process of geology, petrology and mineralogy. I doubt my wealth will increase through this hobby, but it is enriching nevertheless. At least I don't have to shelter or feed my burgeoning collection. Unlike a fad, my interest in the natural sciences has not faded but grown over the years. –ct. (Pebble Patter, June 2018)



(I added this article thinking you might want to save and cultivate your "ugly rock" as a pet and turn it into a beautiful swan. Judi)