

Hatrockhound Gazette 2017

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 - Doug Gill
V. Pres. - Mike Filarski
Secretary - Judi Allison
Treasurer - Laura Tiffany
Member at Large - Bill Shipp
Newsletter/Website - Judi
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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 2017

HO, HO, HO, Merry Christmas!!!
Annual Christmas Party
Tuesday, December 12th, 6:00 pm
Club furnishes lasagna, 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)

Hatrockhounds Gem and Mineral Society

Meeting Minutes

November 14, 2017

General Business: President, Doug Gill opened the meeting by calling for information from the Secretary. Secretary, Judi introduced the sign-up sheets for the Christmas party foods as well as the schedule for treats. She reminded people that dues are due and payable at this time. Dues run from January through December of each year. As per our bylaws, if you become a member in September or later, your dues carry over the entire following year.

Tonya Abbott took a moment to thank Elmer and Marilyn Ringering for all the rocks they and Randy and Margaret Free got from them this last month.

Judi let the membership know there were some items to bid on at a back table as a silent auction offering. Elmer generously donated these items with the proceeds going to the club. Thank you Elmer.

Treasurer's Report: The storage unit has been paid for November and December (\$166). The lasagna for the Christmas party has also been bought (\$25.98).

Storage Trailer: Gene Lancaster asked if anything else had been done on the trailer search. He said he knew of a place out of Salem that would be willing to sell a trailer for about a thousand dollars down and take payments of around \$90 a month. He will provide the detailed information to the Executive committee.

Junior Presentation: Tatyana received badges for Earths Processes and Rocks and Minerals and Ty earned one for Rocks in Space. Congratulations!

Show and Tell:

Tonya brought items that she and Maurice had found while hunting in the Heppner areas. She had a collection of seam agates, quartz crystals and possibly some opals and jasper.

Don shared a rock he acquired around bailey Nevada in 2002. He wasn't sure what it is, but was somewhat hoping it was coprolite-although he didn't think so.

Bill got to see the inside of a couple of Brazilian Agates he brought last month. Laura kindly cut them for him.

Judi showed the inside of a multi-nodule thunderegg that Laura had cut for her. She had purchased it in a bucket at the Tri-Cities live auction in September.

Sophia showed off a pretty little rock, although she didn't want to talk about it.



Silent Auction:

When the silent auction was called to a close, the club was \$58.50 richer and some people had some nice specimens thanks to Ringerings.

Door Prizes: Seven prizes, all donated by Elmer and Marilyn went to Bill, Isabelle, Rita, Randy, Tonya, Dylan and Anita.

Program: We had a number of entries in the "I Did It" Contest. "I Made It" had the most entries with eleven. "I Bought It" had five entries and "I Found It", seven. After the voting was done with a tie to be broken in the "I Made It" category, the winners of the plaques were, "I Made It", Mike Filarski for his unique evergreen gem tree perched on a cracked rock, "I Bought It", Kayla Sandlin for her polished redwood and "I Found It", Janet Stuart for a nice specimen of Opal Butte opal in matrix. Thanks to everyone for your participation.

Executive meeting: None in November

DECEMBER MEETING: 6:00 pm, December 12th (Note the change in time)

CHRISTMAS PARTY

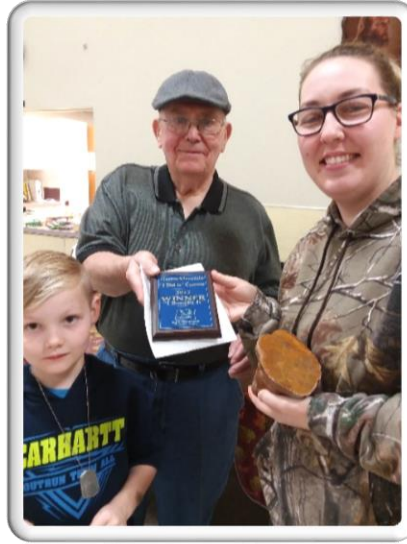
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Secretary, Judi Allison

"I Made It"



"I Bought It"



"I Found It"



Shades of Some Displays



"I Made It"



"I Bought It"



"I Found It"

Rockhound Soap Box “National Monuments”

John Martin American Lands Access Association
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For the last ten months there have been a lot of discussions on the future of our National Monuments. There has been a lot of miss-information presented by many political and environmental groups mainly to justify their agendas and positions. The Proclamation signed by the President only asks that a Review of the National Monuments, which was created by Presidential Action, be reviewed for compliance with the Antiquities Act of 1906. There was nothing in the Proclamation that authorized any change, reduction or elimination of any standing National Monuments under review. The review has been completed and the report has been released by the Department of the Interior (DOI). The preliminary DOI report has been sent to the President for consideration on the 29 National Monuments under review. A final DOI report has been sent to the President with recommendations for consideration. The report is yet to be released to the public; however there has been a copy of the report leaked from the DOI.

The leaked DOI Final Report recommends some changes to 10 of the 29 National Monuments. These monuments are: Bears Ears National Monument, Utah; Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument, Oregon; Gold Butte National Monument, Nevada; Grand Staircase-Escalade, Utah; Katahdin Nation Monument, Maine; Northeast Canyons and Seamounts Marine National Monuments, Massachusetts; Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument, New Mexico; Pacific Remote Islands Marine National Monument; Rio Grande Del Norte National Monument, New Mexico; Rose Atoll Marine National Monument, American Samoa.

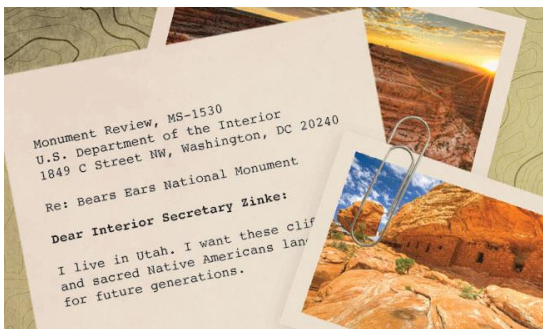
The leaked DOI Final Report recommended changes be made to these National Monuments, but did not provide or define the changes. It did recommend that the changes be made in accordance with established laws and regulations and should include public input. Will the President accept the recommendations in the leaked DOI Final Report? It remains to be seen.

Will this review have an effect on Recreational Rockhounding? If there are changes made to the National Monuments it will be up to concerned Rockhounds to make sure that the voice of the Rockhounds is heard and Recreational Collecting is included in the changes to the affected National Monuments where applicable.

A few words on the American Antiquities Act of 1906 as amended and its usage to create National Monuments without the consent of Congress or input from the Public.

The act stipulates that “The President may, in the President’s discretion, declare by public proclamation historic landmarks, historic and prehistoric structures, and other objects of historic or scientific interest that are situated on land owned or controlled by the Federal Government to be national monuments” and “The President may reserve parcels of land as a part of the national monuments. The limits of the parcels shall be confined to the smallest area compatible with the proper care and management of the objects to be protected”.

(<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/USCODE-2015-title54/html/USCODE-2015-title54-subtitleIII-divsnC-chap3203-sec320301.htm>) On these statements most Americans can agree and in most cases when used with common sense and best management practices are acceptable for preserving and protecting the as stated, historic and prehistoric structures, and other objects of historic or scientific interest on public lands. However, when the laws are manipulated for political purposes or for special interest groups, the people, Congress and the President have the right to question these actions, which is the case with the current National Monument Review. Were these 29 National Monuments under review, created adhering to the actual requirements of the American Antiquities Act of 1906 as amended or for political purposes? Only time will tell.



Christmas Party:

The club will furnish lasagna (both meat and vegetarian), 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.)

Rita & Bill-Garlic Bread

Laura-Dessert & Salad

Randy & Margaret-Main Style Dish, Dessert

Stella & Ty-Soup or Casserole

April and Alex-Salad

Tatyanna & Irish-Dessert

Kayla-Dessert

Shannon L-Relish Dish & Crab Salad

Gordon-Ice Cream

Mike- Main Style Dish

Marilyn-Salad & Dessert

Wenxia-Salad

Tarah-Pasta Salad

Judi-Fruit Coctail &Cookie Dessert

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.

(Tenative) 2018 Calendar of Meeting Programs

Treats

January 9	Tumbling Basics	Wenxia Carson & ?
February 13	Rock Jeopardy	Kayla Sandlin & ?
March 13	Creative Rock Critters	Abbots & ?
April 10	Emu Egg Carving	April & Alex & ?
May 8	Show Prep-Last Minute	Marilyn Ringering & ?
June 12	Plinko (Or Other Game for Rocks)	? & ?
July 10	Ugly Rock Contest	Judi & ?
August 12 (Sun)	Picnic and Auction	Potluck
September 11	Wire Wrapping-Square & Half Round	Laura Tiffany & ?
October 9	Rock Costume Contest	? & ?
November 13	"I Did It" Contest	Lancasters & ?
December 11	Annual Christmas Party	Potluck

(We have some field trip ideas and information on the show that will be on the official calendar in January.)

See you all at the Christmas Party!!!