

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
Members at Large – Laura
Tiffany, Louise Lambert

Newsletter/Website – Judi Allison, 1701 NW 11th St, Hermiston, OR 97838 541-720-4950



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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PICNIC: SATURDAY, AUGUST 19th, 10-2

MCKENZIE PARK GAZEBO

Club will furnish chicken, rolls and butter, water and utensils. Please bring a potluck item to share. Use the list already created by some as a guideline for choices.

SEALED BID AND SILENT AUCTION – PROCEEDS TO THE CLUB

NO REGULAR MEETING IN AUGUST. See you September 12th.

Picnic Potluck Food sign-up

Kathy Humphrey – Dessert
Mel and Louise – Salad
Donna Reuter – Fruit and Veggie trays
Chris Lundquist – Fruit
Judi Allison – Salad or Side Dish
Karli Cook – Dessert
Doug Gill – Dessert or Salad
Laura Tiffany – Salad
Jessica Millard – Veg out Salad
Mary Goff – Pie
Jonnie Moreno – Dessert or Salad or?
Mike Filarski – Side Dish



Hatrockhounds Minutes Meeting July 11, 2023

President, Doug, called the meeting to order. It was noted that no one took notes, so there were no minutes for the June meeting.

Treasurer, Mel stated we just had junk mail and that we were doing well in our treasury because of our proceeds from the show.

The comment about the show was an opening for a discussion about the Federation Show we will be hosting next year. Mike asked what we should set our hours for. It was decided we will do Friday 10-6, Saturday 10-5, and Sunday 10-4. Judi let the membership know that she had been able to set up use of the church social hall for the banquet and has found a friend with a food handlers card who agreed to cook. Because of this arrangement, we will be able to offer the banquet for \$28 instead of the \$45-50 we would have had to charge at other venues.

Karli and Judi let the membership know that the Juniors are having a geocache/scavenger hunt meeting at the trail across from West Park in Umatilla on Friday the 14th starting at 8:00 am. The Lakeside Junior Club is also invited. (See photo array for the result of our excursion.)

Old Business: Folks were of the time for the picnic, arrival at 10. . eat around 11-11:30. It was decided we would do both a silent auction and a sealed bid auction. Members can donate to the auction. All proceeds go to the club. Mel will get the chicken from Safeway again.

Chris asked for rocks for bases for the gem trees she creates. Karli said she could help get her a supply, as she received a donation from Todd Crosby for the Juniors and there were some in the collection that would work.

New Business: Judi brought the raffle tickets for the AFMS Endowment Fund drawing which will be held at the AFMS meeting on August 3rd. She shared that the prizes were of at least a \$75 value. The money helps support the Junior badge program and video contests as well as other things.

Show and Tell:

Donna brought a big piece of shale that had come from an area toward Medical Springs – Baum Creek? (Donna may need to correct me?)

Mary showed off some sparkly rocks for identification.

Kathy had a ½ a nodule from Opal Butte she had gotten at the show. Sadly, there was no big seam of opal inside.

Judi collected a variety of rocks as she traveled through British Columbia and Alberta. She found it interesting to notice the different types.

Door Prizes: went to Judi, Mel and Mike.

Program: Members were given a questionnaire with bonus points. There were ten samples on the table. The point was to match the items with the descriptions. The top two persons to win the prizes were Mike and Laura. Thanks for playing. Hopefully, it was thought provoking and educational.

Executive meeting: None planned in July

Website: jall23.wix.com/hatrockhounds

Minutes recorded and transcribed by Judi Allison



Laurie Ellis set up a great collection of geocache areas. Although they were not official, it gave the Juniors the opportunity to learn about the process. Everyone got prizes, and treats were enjoyed after the excursion.

Gemstone Lore & Legend: Wishing Stones



Wishing stones may be drab gray rocks with a belt of white or pink but they are rumored to have the power to grant wishes. Here's what you need to know. Although we live in California, my wife has a family homestead on the northern coast of Maine, which we visit often. One autumn, on a particularly overcast, cold and windy morning that hinted of winter, we walked along the steely gray North Atlantic with eyes glued to the pebble-strewn beach. A local greeted us and asked what we were doing. "Beachcombing for pretty rocks," we replied. She then asked, "Then why are you leaving behind all these Wishing Stones?" "Wishing Stones?" we asked. She bent and picked out a drab gray rock with a belt of white quartz. "Wishing Stones," she repeated.

Wishing Stones Legend

Legend has it that if you find a rock with a white or pink line all around it, you have found a Wishing Stone. The stripe is usually quartz or calcite. If you trace your finger around the line while closing your eyes and making a wish, then throw the stone into the sea as far as you can or give it to another person, your wish will come true. Make a wish on behalf of a person other than yourself; then ALL your wishes come true. The very best Wishing Stone has a single continuous line wrapping around it, a line unbroken and uninterrupted by other lines or streaks. Ever since that chance encounter, whenever we go beachcombing—whether in northern Maine, southern California, or the shores of Scotland—we look not only for rocks with pretty colors but for those drab but magical Wishing Stones. Do they work? Well, I can't say, but Nancy and I have been traveling this Earth for over 60 years. We have two wonderful kids and a healthy new grandson in far-off Scotland and a wise old cat and energetic Australian shepherd to keep us company. What more could you wish for?

This story about wishing stones previously appeared in Rock & Gem magazine. [Click here to subscribe!](#) Story by Jim Brace-Thompson.

Upcoming Shows

NFMS/AFMS Show and Convention, Billings, Montana August 3-6

Closer to us:

Walla Walla County Fairgrounds, Marcus Whitman Club, September 9-10

Portland Regional Show, Hillsboro PRGMSA, October 6-8

Nez Perce County Fair Grounds, Lewiston, Hells Canyon Club, October 21-22