

# Hatrockhound Gazette 2022

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)

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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 - April

## 2022 Issue

**April Meeting: Tuesday, April 12, 2022, 6:30 pm**  
**Creating Rock Critters**

**Once again it's time to create some more giveaways for our kid's corner. Thanks for Laurie for heading up this evenings activities. (We will get set up first and you can paint while we conduct the business meeting.)**

**Treats by Lamberts and Meeks**

### **Hatrockhound Meeting Minutes**

**March 8, 2022**

The meeting was called to order at 6:43 Guest- Allan Piquot

Mel gave the Treasurer's report. \$3800 has been paid to EOTEC for the show.

We are starting out at the show in the red. Mike said he has to still pay for the liability insurance and take a copy of our non-profit status to EOTEC.

Judi will put a display in the library for the month of April, with information about the club and our show. We can also do it in Heppner, Irrigon, maybe Boardman. If you use any of these libraries, please ask and at least take some information flyers when Mike has them done.

Judi will work on finding demonstrators for the show. She will also check with folks about displays.

Mike has planned for around eight cases-maybe ten, as the Juniors can put some in, too.

Please sign up for treats. People can sign up for the field trip to Mike Zinski's on March 23.

Painted rock by Daygen.

Karli- the kid's club went to Fredrickson's farms and gathered rocks from their rock piles. She brought one that looks like a potato and a snow globe that she made with her grandkids.

Chris- Rocks and shells from Hawaii and Multnomah Falls; loose rocks from a bin.

Hope-Rocks from the rock show –crystal quartz and an agate and a pink one.

Donna – a Collection from her husband and brown obsidian and a round flat rock.

Laurie Granite and a purple rock and an interesting one her grandson picked up on the Junior field trip.

Karli presented Daygen and Hope with the patches to make them official Future Rockhounds of America.

Door Prizes won by Laurie and Donna

Program was Mineral Jeopardy with three teams: Team Octopus: 1<sup>st</sup> Place, Team Big Bell: 2<sup>nd</sup> Place and Team Little Bell: 3<sup>rd</sup> Place. Everyone got to choose a rock, and all seemed to be engaged, have fun and learn a few things.

Trista Meek, Secretary

## JUNIOR NEWS

The Juniors had a meeting in January and February and enjoyed searching for rocks. They got to take a wagon ride for their last location, thanks to Karli and Brian Cook and Bill Meyers. They checked out the rock piles and brought back their collections. Their next meeting was April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Teddy presented a show and tell, showing off a magnifier with what was decided was a wooden handle after thinking it might be horn. He also had four books to show off. We talked about rocks in general, volcanos, birth stones and fossils.

Ashton then did a show and tell with his rock that he found at his Grandma's house. He determined it was already cut because of its flat sides. He tried to match it to something on the rock charts. He later learned it was onyx.

Karli showed off the polish that is beginning to develop on the rocks she is tumbling.

Laurie showed and discussed all the types of things that can be made from rocks as art. She had samples of necklaces, incense box, mortar and pestle, beads and other things. After talking about different ways to keep and show off their collections and seeing samples of some, the kids designed their own display cases complete with dimensions. They then spent the rest of their time creating with paints on rocks.



*Hope and Daygen with their Patches*

## YES – The 2022 Rockhound Retreat is ON

***(Folks: If you are able to take part in this, it is a very rewarding experience where you can learn a lot in one place.)***

This year's Northwest Rockhound Retreat will be held on Monday September 5<sup>th</sup> thru Sunday September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at OMSI's Hancock Field Station. As usual campers cannot arrive before 3:00 PM and the use of air conditioners is not allowed in cabins and RV's. The cost of the retreat is the same as last year Registration \$325.00, Workshop Fee \$50.00. The Fossil Beds Trip is \$35.00 if enough people signup. Camp Hancock is a primitive outdoor camp in central Oregon with dirt and gravel paths, ditches and hilly terrain and may not be suitable for all persons with disabilities. Because the COVID pandemic is ongoing, we do not know what restrictions or procedures will be required by the State of Oregon or OMSI concerning vaccinations, masks or distance between work stations.

If you want a Registration Form or have questions please contact me at [waltercbutler@comcast.net](mailto:waltercbutler@comcast.net)

The following classes are planned: Class size is limited

Lapidary Shop (intro and advanced training in use of rock saws, grinding wheels and polishers)

Doublets and Triplets (making cabs with multiple layers)

Silversmithing (working with silver to make jewelry)

Intarsia (using multiple materials to make composite cabs)

Metal Techniques (using various metals, and tools, enameling to make jewelry)

Rock Carving (using grinding tools to carve soft rock)

Wire Wrapping (using wire to secure cabochons in pendants and bracelets)

Beading (making rings, necklaces, and bracelets with various beads and stones)

Walt Butler – Chair NW Rockhound Retreat

(Sorry, because of the ink needed, photos will not be in the hard copy. ☹)

### Collecting Rocks

I think that there shall never be  
An ignoramus just like me,  
Who roams the hills throughout the  
day  
To pick up rocks that do not pay;  
For there's one thing I've been told  
I take the rocks and leave the gold.

O'er deserts wild or mountains blue  
I search for rocks of varied hue.  
A hundred pounds or more I pack  
With blistered feet and aching back,  
And after this is said and done  
I cannot name a single one.

I pick up rocks where e'er I go,  
The reason why I do not know,  
For rocks are found by fools like me  
Where God intended them to be.  
Author Unknown

**The following information will also be available in each area during the show**  
**ADMISSIONS COORDINATOR:**

- Be certain all time slots for working the admissions table are filled.
- Gather and have ready all material needed for the admissions table: Stamps and ink pad, door prize tickets, door prizes, door prize container, cash box.
- Ask each dealer to donate an item for a door prize.
- Place the donated items in the lighted display case.
- Have available information about the club and membership forms for those who ask.

**Be certain first ticket and last ticket of each day are torn off and stored in the cash box. (This is a simple way to keep track of the number of paying attendees.)**

### Admissions Volunteers

- Greet and welcome public as they enter the show.
- Collect admission fees. \$3.00 per person, unless they have a dollar off coupon or are 12 and under.
- Hand out door prize tickets. (Only paying attendees receive tickets – Children 12 and under are free, so they don't receive a ticket.)
- Give the attendee one side of the ticket, place the other side in the container.
- Choose an item to be offered as the hourly door prize. (In order not to interfere with the Silent Auction's time frame, prizes will be offered on the three-quarter hour. The first prize drawing will be at 10:45.) Prizes must be chosen prior to the drawing-recipients are not allowed to choose their own prize.
- Draw a number from the prize canister and give it to the silent auction announcer to call out the number to the public.
- Coordinate so that the booth is always manned.

### Field Trip to China Hollow and Beers Mountain

**Saturday, April 23**

We will plan to meet at the rest stop west of Boardman. We have the option of China Hollow, Beers Mountain or both as they are a few miles apart. High clearance 4wd is required at China Hollow but not at Beers Mtn. Carpooling the last 2 miles is encouraged.

The rock is weighed & paid for at each site, China hollow is \$2 Lb Beers Mtn is \$5 Lb.



Beers Mountain



China Hollow

### **KIDS CORNER COORDINATOR:**

- Supervise equipment set up and take down for storage.
- Receive donated materials for the Junior Booth assuring there is sufficient for both days of the show.
- Make available bags for the rocks for grab bags.
- Be responsible for the wheel of fortune spinner, grab bags box, black light box, bean bag toss and any other materials being used.
- Determine the items to be used for the individual games and label as such.
- Make certain the volunteers understand the guidelines for each activity.
- Periodically check the money box, keep appropriate records and turn money in to the Show Coordinator, Secretary or Treasurer.

### **Volunteer Guidelines**

- At least one adult must be present at all times.
- Kids are encouraged to volunteer at the kids' corner.
- Kids may take money and make change UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF AN ADULT.
- Follow the guidelines for each activity.
- Assist the attendees with each game or activity.
- Give out prizes as marked for each activity or game.
- (In the event, supplies have run low, check with the Coordinator for a possible solution.)

### **SILENT AUCTION COORDINATOR**

- The Silent Auction runs both days of the show. The Silent Auction Coordinator should have all the time slots for manning the booth filled.
- Organize the rocks that are donated by the members, and be responsible for accepting and storing the rocks, near the booth, that are brought to the show. All rocks must be clean and should be labeled if possible.
- At the end of each day Silent Auction Coordinator will turn in the day's receipts to the Show Coordinator with appropriate records.

### **Silent Auction Volunteer Guidelines**

- The adults' first silent auction shall start and stop at the top or bottom of the hour and continue every half hour throughout the day. The last auction ends 30 minutes before the show closes.
- Don't rush the auctions, use the 30 minutes. We don't have to sell all the material.
- Be prepared for the next auction. Pre-set all auction items on the back tables.
- Each auction item should have a minimum starting bid amount and bid increment.
- Each auction will be identified to the best of the auctioneer's ability. (When in doubt, ask someone.)
- Number of auction items per auction shall be determined by the people attending the silent auction. (DON'T overload the table!)
- If an item doesn't sell, set it back and replace it with new material.
- The auctioneer will announce the beginning of each auction.
- The auctioneer will announce the ending of each auction: 5 minute, and 2 minute warnings also.
- All money earned from donated materials shall be 100% for the club.
- All money earned from consignment materials shall be divided between the club and the member, 30/70 Club/Member.

- **NO MEMBERS MAY BID ON ITEMS WHILE WORKING THEIR SHIFT AT THE SILENT AUCTION**
- **KEEP ALL AUCTION SLIPS**
- **IF YOU'RE UNCERTAIN ABOUT AN ITEM OR WHAT YOU SHOULD BE CHARGING, DEFER TO THE CHAIRPERSON**

### Long Term Silent Auction Table

- Members may submit items auctioned on a half day basis on a separate table. Mark on the top of your auction slip the name of the item and at which auction you wish to place it. (If you have a preference.) You also need to include a minimum bid.
- (Place a minimum bid you will accept for your item. Any amount the item sells for over the minimum bid is divided between the club and the member 30/70)
- Saturday 10-1, 1-4, Sunday 10-1, 1-3:45. Items will be placed out at that time with a minimum bid. All items sold must be removed from the auction area at close of auction period.

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Display in the Hermiston Library to help advertise our Show



Junior Fieldtrip on the Farm



Interesting finds from the Farm

Mineral Jeopardy

