

# Hatrockhound Gazette 2024

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 – Doug Gill  
V. Pres. – Mike Filarski  
Secretary – Jessica Millard  
Treasurer – Mel Lambert  
Members at Large – Laura  
Tiffany, Louise Lambert

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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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**MEETING, MAY 14<sup>TH</sup> 6:30**

**Show and Tell – Did you buy something fun at the Show? Bring it to show it off.**

**Treats: By Jessica (She could use some help)**

## It's Time!

**Hosts to the NFMS Show, Friday May 10-Sunday, May 12, 2024**

**WE NEED YOU ☺**

### Show Information Follows:

Any questions or problems you can't handle see Mike or Judi. Questions relating to admissions, check with Mel. Kids' Corner ask Karli. The Silent Auction will be run by the Federation.

**Thursday:** Set up starting at 8:00 am.

- ✓ The area should be laid out with the tables and curtains placed according to the layout plans.
- ✓ Names of each dealer to be placed on each area. (Plastic cover roll if the dealer requests)
- ✓ Display bases and cases to be assembled and placed. Includes skirting for bases, case liners, lights (Be sure cases are being assembled right side up (Displayers names laid in cases.)
- ✓ Plastic covering placed on silent auction and kids' corner (Will need to be taped with masking tape - underneath - so it doesn't show.
- ✓ Silent auction area will be set up by Federation. We will donate a couple of buckets. If you have long term consignment, you can fill out the form.
- ✓ Kids' corner items placed in area arranged and set up for morning. (Check with Karli for details.)
- ✓ Oregon Rocks display placed and arranged for viewing. (This will be in the lobby area)
- ✓ Display case and items for Admissions placed and arranged.
- ✓ Dinner at 5:00 pm. Cowboy Beans, Rolls, water furnished. Please bring a pot luck item.

Volunteer Schedules: Judi will be calling people to schedule them. As you see, there are holes, so if you see a space you would like to fill, let Judi know.

Volunteers for the Kids' Corner will include Laurie Ellis, Irish Howard, Jessica Millard, Richole Osborne, Annie Philpott Timber, Laura Tiffany and respective kids.

<b>Front Desk</b>	<b>Person 1</b>	<b>Person 2</b>	<b>Person 3</b>
Friday 9:30-11:00	Judi Allison		
Friday 11:00-1:00			
Friday 1:00-2:45			
Friday 2:45-4:30	Todd Crosby	Sunni Voss	NA
Friday 4:30- 6:00	Judi Allison		NA
Saturday 9:45-11:45			
Saturday 11:45-1:45	Art Moreno		NA
Saturday 1:45-3:30	Mary Goff		NA
Saturday 3:30- 5:00	Trista Meek	Warren Meek	NA

Sunday 9:45-12:00	Mel Lambert?	Louise Lambert?	NA
Sunday 12:00-2:00	Mary Goff		NA
Sunday 2:00-4:00			NA

Gordon Weber volunteered for “general help”, so if you need someone and he’s around, I guess he’s up for grabs.

There are also listings titled **Breakfast** and **Runner**. The breakfast person will need to be certain the coffee is made and put out the designated items for the dealers and volunteers by 8:30. The items will need to be removed from the sales area when the show opens at 10:00. **Judi** will be able to put out breakfast **Friday and Sunday**. She needs someone to be certain to bring the items back in at 10:00. **Jonnie and Art** volunteered to take care of **Saturday**.

**Laura** will be the “runner” **Friday at 12:00, 3:00 and 5:30**. She will also cover **12:00 on Saturday and Sunday**. **Warren and Trista** have volunteered to be the “runners” **on Saturday and Sunday at 3:00**. This will entail taking water to the dealers at noon, water and cookies at 3:00 and simply checking on them Friday about closing time.

**Karli** also has a form she is completing for **Kids’ Corner**. Please be sure to **volunteer** to help her out in this area. This will be the area we want to make our money, as we will keep 100% of it.

Folks are welcome to volunteer in the Silent Auction area, but the Federation will be in charge and will keep the proceeds.

**Display Cases:** Kevin Newcomb (2), Oregon Council, Juanita Ross, Jim Witt, Judi Allison (2), Philpott Juniors, Past Presidents of the NW (2) Cabochons of the NW, Warren Meek, Gordon Weber, Tarah and Jayson Steele, Mike Filarski, Mike Zinski, Micki Madden, Rhea Bowerly, Wayne Larson, Priscilla Hall-Ford (Competitive) **(If you are not working, you are welcome to attend any of the meetings or activities. (The editors breakfast has been prepaid and reserved, but you are welcome to attend the meeting part-and there may be a couple of spots open-see Judi) We would LOVE to have as many as possible attend the banquet to show our pride and volunteerism-tickets for our members are \$20 [\$8 savings], but Judi needs to know for sure if you are attending by Tuesday, May 7 {for final food purchase}.**

**Thursday, May 9**

8:00 am Set up begins

12:00 pm Dealers may begin their setup

Display cases may be filled from noon on Thursday through 9:30 am on Friday

5:00 pm Pot luck dinner for dealers, workers and NFMS guests.

Club will furnish Cowboy beans, rolls and water Please bring a potluck item to share. (side dish, dessert or salad.)

**Friday, May 10**

8:30-10:15 am Breakfast helper

9:00 am Competitive judging begins

10:00 am Show opens

11:00 Executive Meeting EOTEC Meeting Room

12:30 pm Registration for meeting begins

1:00-4:00 NFMS Annual Meeting, Meeting room EOTEC

4:30-6 Endowment Fund Committee Meeting room EOTEC

6:00 pm Show closes

**Saturday, May 11**

8:30-10:15 am Breakfast helper

10:00 am Show Opens

8:30-10:00 am –Editors Breakfast – Walleye Room, Oxford Inn, 1050 N 1<sup>st</sup> ST (Highway 395)

10:30-12 Junior Leaders Meeting, Meeting room EOTEC

1:00-2:00 pm Speaker George Last (Ice Age Floods) Meeting room EOTEC

2:15-3:15 Speaker Bill Hamel (Mineral Identification and maintaining a collection) Meeting room EOTEC

3:30-4:30 Speaker Warren Rood (Possibly Choosing material for the creative process?) Meeting room EOTEC

5:00pm Show closes

6:00-9:00 pm Awards Banquet, First Christian Church Social Hall, 775 W. Highland Ave.

### **Sunday, May 12**

8:30-10:15 am Breakfast helper

10:00 am Show opens

10:00-11:30 am ALAA Meeting, Meeting room EOTEC

12:00-1:30 Past Presidents, Committee Folk Luncheon, EOTEC

2:30 pm Live Auction, Meeting room EOTEC

4:00 pm Show closes

**Tear Down Sunday 4:00 pm We need you ☺**

### **Hatrockhounds Meeting Minutes**

#### **April 9, 2024**

We opened the meeting with old business which included discussions about the show. Judi had sign up forms for Admissions, Breakfast person and “runner”. She explained what each entailed and will be calling to get names to fill the slots. Karli had a list of the games that are planned for the Kids’ Corner. They include PLINKO, sand art, gem search, smash rock, spinning wheel, grab bags and kids silent auction. She is also looking for people to work the booth.

The silent auction will be run by the Federation. Members can enter two items in a long term auction on a 70/30% basis. We will probably provide a couple of buckets of rocks for the auction.

Mike had new business cards on hand. The main difference is the change in our web site. An email was shared about a rock pick on April 20<sup>th</sup> in Fossil for \$1.00 per pound.

**Don and Anita Crumley want to liquidate their collection. They have slabs, small pieces, large pieces, thundereggs, a lot of material from Arizona, saw, flat lap and some other things. It a casual sale. Call them and set up a time to go check it out. Their phone number is 541-933-8079. (There is a security thing on it, so wait until a number is said and enter that number to get through.) They live at 323 SW Kinkade RD, Boardman.**

Mike shared an article in the Hermiston Herald about the complex that is being created at EOTEC. Heroes Complex will be a multipurpose sports field for youth. It is located where the overflow parking for the fair used to be.

#### **Show and Tell**

**Karli** showed off a squared off cab she created. Nice.

**Judi** brought a sample of the favors and door prizes for the Banquet. She hopes many will plan to come to show our pride and support in our club. (Remember, as a member you can purchase the banquet ticket for \$20, an \$8 reduction in price.)

**Mike** shared Onyx Fish-nice carvings and design.

I forgot who had the door prizes-sorry. . .

**Program:** We painted rocks for the kids’ corner. The Juniors also painted rocks at their meeting April 13<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Website: Hatrockhounds.org**

Executive Meeting: April 24 at Judi’s (Mike, Jessica, Laura and Judi attended and discussed many aspects of the show. All is falling into place. The thing we need now is the volunteers.)Minutes by Judi-Jessica seems to have a precious bundle in her arms ☺



## **The First National Convention of the AFMS Jennifer Hayley, AFMS Historian (AFMS Newsletter, May 2024)**

(Since we are doing the NFMS Convention this year, I thought you might enjoy this history. The four Federations that made up the American Federation at that time were Northwest, California, Rocky Mountain and Midwest. We continue to be a part of all this, although times have definitely changed! Judi)

The first national convention of the AFMS was hosted by the Colorado Mineral Society of the RMFMS in June, 1948. The twenty-four-page convention program for this event is quite wonderful because it gives an amazing picture of what the AFMS conventions were like in the beginning. Several things stand out that are different from the conventions and shows of today. There was a lot going on for this four-day event held in Denver, Colorado. There was a lounge. There was a free nursery for pre-school age children called the Pebble Pup Convention. Children were to arrive with their own bedding. It was hosted by the Young Women's Christian Association.

Registration and Exhibits opened at 8:00 a.m. each day. Each Federation held their annual meeting on separate days during this convention. These federations were, CFMS, NFMS, MWF and RMFMS. These Federations also held their own luncheon for their members in attendance, along with invited guests. Lunch cost \$1.40.

The entrance fee per person was twenty-five cents and included the 24-page program, registration favors, admission to the exhibits, meetings, most speakers and sightseeing tours, field trips and participation in drawings and prizes.

There was a \$2.00 barbecue in a park one day following the first Annual AFMS Meeting. The menu was an "all you can eat" tender buffalo meat, bread, butter, pork and beans, salad, pickles, coffee, cookies, and ice cream. A second buffalo barbecue took place in the park following a field trip.

There was an auction with donated equipment and specimens from dealers and societies. Proceeds went towards the convention expenses. There was a day you could watch nine different earth science movies when you weren't busy with the other festivities and meetings.

There was a fashion show with models wearing sportswear and dress, displaying jewelry offered by dealers exhibiting at the convention. This aspect of the convention was open to registrants and the press, with ladies given special preference to attend if this event became too filled.

There was an hour given for a Junior Mineral Exchange, four two-hour bus tours of Denver, which included a half hour stop at the Colorado Museum of Natural History, and two tours at the United States Mint.

Prize donations were quite wonderful. Examples were: 300 pounds of molybdenum ore, 50 thumbnail specimens, 10 Superjet Torches, slab material, kunzite from the Pala Chief Mine/California, Streamliner diamond saw with blade, a group of mineral specimens from around the world, 15x8x6-inch red vanadinite crystals, Vreco Safety Grinder with wheels, M-12 mineral light ultraviolet lamp and battery. There were a lot more prizes, but this gives you a good idea of what kinds of items people donated.

Four jam-packed field trips were scheduled during the convention, stopping at various locations on each day trip: North Field Trip-collecting marcasite, Wyoming jade, Sweetwater agates and visiting the Lindenmeier Site of Folsom Man. Northeast Field Trip- collecting blue barite, visiting the Sterling Museum, petrified wood in Nebraska, with alternate collecting to McCook or Crawford. Southwest Field Trip- collecting at Foothills, Bailey, Kenosha Pass, South Park, Fairplay, Wolf Creek Pass and at locations near Salida and San Luis Valley, along with visiting the Gem Village Rock Show and a tour of Mesa Verde National Park. West Field Trip- Denver Mountain Parks, Blackhawk, Central City, Virginia Canyon Road, Idaho Springs, Georgetown, Loveland Pass, Climax, Leadville, a visit to a vanadium plant, a tour of government oil shale plant, burning spring at Debeque, Grand Junction, dinosaur tracks in Thomas Coal Mine, and collecting in Western Colorado localities along with a chuck wagon dinner and pageant.

There were Society Exhibits from Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Massachusetts, Michigan, Montana, Nebraska, Oregon, Washington, Utah, Wisconsin, and Wyoming, with a total of 22 exhibits. Four exhibit judges were present, one each from the RMFMS, MWF, CFMS and NFMS. There were three museum exhibits. There was one junior exhibit.

There were 40 dealers from various parts of the country: Utah, Oregon, California, Texas, Washington, Colorado, Minnesota, Montana, New Mexico, Arizona, Missouri, New York, Massachusetts, New Jersey, and Idaho.

There was a plethora of speakers, 31 in all, who covered so many interesting topics and demonstrations.

The AFMS business meeting included reports of officers, selection of the 1949 convention city, election of officers, adoption of constitution and by-laws, and other business.

This was a very exciting time as you can imagine for the four federations at that time, the rock, mineral, gem and fossil societies, the formation of the AFMS and for the founding of the next federations and societies to come. Everyone involved was so proud of representing their federation and society, and becoming a member of what the AFMS was and still is today.