

Hatrockhound Gazette 2024

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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 - Jessica Millard
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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 2024

HO, HO, HO, Merry Christmas!!!

Annual Christmas Party

Tuesday, December 10th, 6:00 pm

Club furnishes ham, 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)

Christmas Party:

The club will furnish ham, 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.)

Side Dish	Main Style Dish	Salad	Dessert
Adam and Annie- Scalloped Potatoes Judi - Rolls	Art and Jonnie – something 😊 Deborah – Baked Beans	Louise- Kale Salad Karli – Broccoli Salad	Jessie & Bryce-TBD Gordon – Ice Cream
Judi – Sweet Potatoes Mike – Mashed Potatoes Bruce & Carla – Pickles and Olives		Doug – Jello Salad	Deborah – Carrot Cake Sue and Laurie – Mystery☺ Chris -Something

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 approximately \$20. 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.

See you at the Christmas Party!!!

**Hatrockhound Meeting Minutes
November 12, 2024**

President, Doug called the meeting to order at 6:45. He let us know the amount in our treasury, as reported to him by our Treasurer, Mel. Our treasury continues to be healthy.

Old Business

We discussed our Christmas Party and all voted to ham as the main dish that the club will furnish. As usual we will do a gift exchange (under \$20) and rock BINGO.

New Business

Judi showed members a couple of samples of name badges and stated that we could have them made by R & R Trophies. We also have a pattern for the "official" vest that folks can make or have made by twisting Judi's arm.

Karli put in a request for a time that the Junior members could present at a general meeting. This helps them earn their badges. It was agreed by the membership that we could fit them in any time that worked for them. She also mentioned that the Junior Club has received permission from Wade Aylett to dig in the rock pit off the freeway. Hard hats and waivers are needed. She asked if adult members were also interested. Several felt this would be of interest to them.

Additionally, Karli asked for folks to help tumble rocks for the Kids' Corner for the next show.

Karli also mentioned that Todd Crosby has been struggling some health wise. He has had difficulty recovering from COVID. We all send him our healing thoughts and wish him well.

Judi asked members to please give input for what they would like for meetings for the year so that a calendar can be made.

Show and Tell

Mike brought the box of stuff he had forgotten last month that was from Allan Grossmiller. In it was a vest that Judi will take home and wash. It will be offered by a drawing at the Christmas Party to those who would be interested and that it fits.

Door Prizes: Deb received an Agate pendant and some jasper. Annie got some polished rocks. Doug got a pendant and a bracelet donated by Donna Rueter.

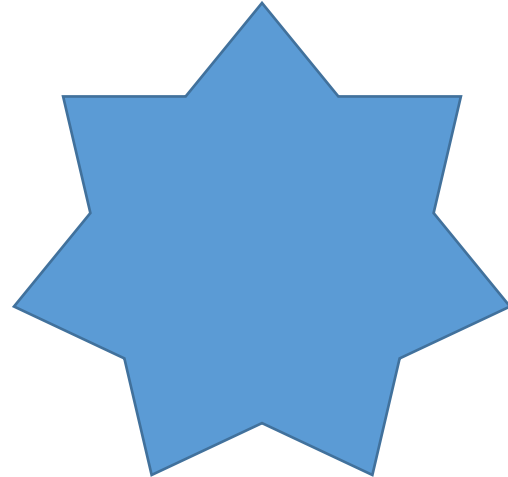
Program "I Did It" Contest.

We had a number of nice items in each category. After a vote from the membership, Art won "I Made It" with his faceted aquamarine gem. Mike took the plaque for his banded jasper in the "I Found It" category and Judi's citrine cluster took the prize for "I Bought It". Thanks to all who took part in our contest.



Junior News

On November 9th the Junior members met to work on their collecting badges. They gathered, sorted and identified a collection of ten specimens. They discussed the importance of keeping track of where the specimens come from and the time they were collected. They also talked about the different ways to store their collections.



Quick Tips for Editors – *Playing with Words: Wanna Be a Poet?*

Linda Jaeger, RMFMS BEAC

I don't know a lot about poetry, but I've always enjoyed reading it. Somehow, it's easy on the eyes, it gets right to the point (math people like me appreciate concise), it can move the heart, and it can fill our senses with delight.

When I don't know much about something, I research! To get an easy first explanation, I frequently go to the kid's version, either online or in the children's section at the library. Here's what I discovered about two easy-to-write types of poetry.

ACROSTICS

To write an **acrostic poem**, we choose a word we want to write about, spell the word vertically, then use each letter to begin the horizontal line it's on. Each line describes something about our word.¹

For example, we could use the word "lava."

Languishing molten rock
All devouring appetite
Violent, exploding fire and ash
Assembling new rock

This paints a pretty vivid picture of lava – and we didn't have to worry about much punctuation or even rhyming.

THE CINQUAIN

Poetry written as a **Cinquain (sing-KANE)** has a specific form to follow for each line. If you haven't already guessed, a Cinquain has five lines ("cinq" comes from the French for five).

Here's the format, according to line:

Line #	Using Words	Using Ssyllables
1	1 noun (subject & title)	2 syllables (subject & title)
2	2 adjectives	4 syllables
3	3 verbs or active words	6 syllables
4	4 "feeling" words	8 syllables
5	1 noun that repeats line 1 or is synonymous	2 syllables

According to my source², there are some things you should be careful about in writing a “. . . Cinquain or any short poem: (1) don't be tempted to add extra words of (sic.) syllables to fill out the form; (2) if every line sounds 'finished,' there is a full stop at its end, and it sounds boring; (3) a Cinquain should build to a climax and have a surprise at the last line.”

If we are able to make our Cinquain follow both the word pattern and the syllable pattern, we have an ideal Cinquain.

Let's try writing a Cinquain about lava:

Lava
Exploding fire
Enveloping all things
Frightful beauty, spoiling, forcing
New rock

My efforts are not quite the ideal Cinquain, but this satisfies the syllable format, is descriptive of lava, and does have a surprise on the last line.

A related form of poetry you may recognize is Haiku. It usually has three short lines with syllables per line going 5 – 7 – 5 . Haiku also does not rhyme but must relay a vivid image to the reader.³

If you would like to try an acrostic form or a Cinquain (making it hobby-related), you can consult with your club editor, do some research online or at the library, write and rewrite, and finally give your editor a type of poem he/she might not have published in the past.

This article re-printed from *AFMS Newsletter*, 1/2008.

(Members: I am printing this in the Gazette in the hope that some of you will decide it would be fun to try one of these methods of creating poetry.) I would love to include others work in our newsletter!!!)

DUES ARE DUE

by Eureka Rock & Gem Club, via The Polished Slab

You pay your dues and what do you get?
A year filled with friends and fun – you bet!
You learn about rocks and minerals too.
There's oodles and oodles of things to do!

There's field trips and shows and programs galore
Now what do you mean...CAN'T we offer you more?
Sure, there's scads of books for you to read
To keep your old noggin from going to seed.

There's auctions and door prizes, raffles, too!
If you're lucky enough you can win a lot of loot.
You don't have to remember...you're reminded to meet
By the monthly bulletin which we hope is a treat.

There are displays at each meeting for you to see
And hot coffee and cakes for cake-eaters like me.
You can visit with friends to your heart's content
So DO pay your DUES...it's money well spent!

Did I hear you say work? Yeah, there's always that too,
But it can be fun if you work WITH the crew.
Just do your share...don't leave it to others.
We'd all shrink the work if we had our druthers.

So plunk down your money and smile when you do,
Cause there's a lot of pleasure in the store for you.
Can't think of a way you get more for your dough
Than by joining a Rock Club with “git up and go”.

