

Hatrockhound Gazette 2024

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 – Jessica Millard
Treasurer – Mel Lambert
Members at Large – Louise
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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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March Meeting: Tuesday, March 12, 2024, 6:30 pm

Program: Creating Gem Trees for our Mother’s Day Door Prizes

Chris, Karli, Mike and Judi will be on hand to help you create. (If you have never made a gem tree and wish to keep your creation, you may.)

Treats- Judi & Todd Adams

**Hatrockhounds Gem and Mineral Society
Minutes General Meeting
February 13, 2024**



We started our evening shortly after 5:00 pm with fourteen members taking advantage of the tutelage of Sandra Bryant in the process of creating a 3-wire wrapped cabochon. After about two hours, a nice collection of finished pieces was on display. During the process our newest member, Deborah Childs, joined to watch and learn.

Eventually, Doug called the meeting to an official order with a statement that our finances were in good shape. Judi took minutes as our secretary, Jessica, was home with her new son, Boston, who was born on February sixth. Congratulations! And best wishes. We will be looking forward to meeting him soon. Judi explained the idea behind the Resolution that the Hatrockhounds drew up relative to Circulation of the newsletter and information in the Directory for the NFMS. The idea is to develop better communication and assure that the newsletter is getting to all the membership.

Mike reported that the show is going well with the normal schedule of getting things done. Six dealers have paid so far. The advertising flyer is ironed out and will soon be produced so we can distribute it. Jessica is going to develop a scavenger hunt and solicit teachers to bring their students for field trips on Friday of the show. Judi ordered a variety of bakery items from the prison to be used for the potluck, dealer cookies and the luncheon for the officers. Karli gave an overview of the items that are going to be at the Kids' Corner. She has divided items for prizes for the various activities. She asked if anyone had any thundereggs, as she only has one and wants to use them as a specific prize. Judi stated she had quite a few, but will need to cut them.

Show and Tell:

Karli showed off the rounds that she polished for pop sockets for phones. Chris donated the pop sockets, and they will be sold at the kids' corner for \$5 each.

Judi brought a piece of a thunderegg she had originally thought as blah. A chunk broke off and revealed a lovely druzy surface.

Door Prizes: Jonnie won a specimen from the North Cascade Mineral Group who deals at the show. Mel found an ammonite obtained from Purple Fox. Chris had the last prize, but it was an item she had donated, so she gifted it to our new member Deborah-a pair of earrings.

Recorded by Judi Allison, Acting Secretary

Junior News

On February 10th three Junior members took part in learning about the rock cycle and the three types of rocks. As part of the process, Karli provided them with some information boards and a large supply of small rock pieces. Mataya, Elly and Sam also received their Future Rockhound Patches. Karli is working hard to build up a program for the kids with lots of information, hands on learning and prizes to boot!



President's Ramblings

By Kent Devine

I have been musing on the role that water plays in regard to rockhounding. Water in its frozen state is classified as a mineral, but when liquid, is the most corrosive compound on earth. Water is one of the primary factors in erosion; it can literally bring down mountains. In its frozen form, the fact that turning to ice it actually grows in size, leads to a freeze thaw cycle that can expand and break even the largest rocks. On a larger scale glaciers scour rock beneath them and become carriers of rocks that fall on them.

Now we get to flowing water, our rivers. Visually one of the easiest examples of the way water is weathering away the landscape is to look at canyons and at the bottom of those canyons you find a river, or evidence that of a river that existed in a distant past.

The really important thing about erosion to rockhounds: it is the primary mechanism that takes rocks and minerals out of bedrock and deposits them along the beaches, bars and benches of rivers and oceans. I know

we collectors have broken out our hammers and chisels to help speed up the natural erosion processes. We as humans do not live on geologic time, we live in it.

My real point is for you to think about where you find the rocks and minerals. So next time you're out collecting and find your favorite rock, stop, look around and ask yourself “how the heck did this get here.” The answer likely points to water in some way or another. (Alaska Pebble Patter February 2024)

New AFMS Website Marty Hart & Lora Carter

The new AFMS website went live yesterday (February 17) at <https://www.amfed.org>

The <https://amfed.org> links are not currently resolving, **so be sure to include the www.** There are DNS changes that may not have yet propagated, and could take a couple of days. We will be making more DNS changes in the coming days and weeks that might cause temporary interruptions while those settings are being updated.

The site scales for screen resolution. If you do not see a menu on the left side of the page, click the “3 horizontal line” icon on the top left of the page.



All links to internal pages of the website are unfortunately broken on the new site. We spent a lot of time and effort trying to ease the pain, but our new host has very specific methods that must be used, and limits what can be done.

The page below lists some of the common cross references from old URL to new URL:

<https://www.amfed.org/website/whats-new>

The good thing about not being bound to the old hierarchy of the old site, we were able to start from scratch and have a much simpler hierarchy, and not have to carry around a lot of old baggage.

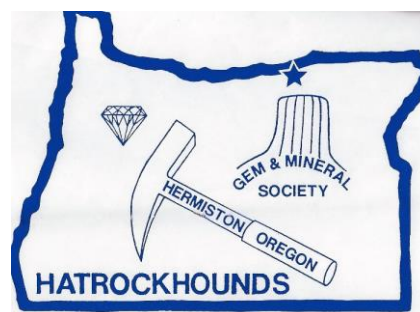
If you happen to find any issues, please email us with a detailed description of the problem at: webmaster@amfed.org; webmaster2@amfed.org

If you have any suggestions, we would like to hear them, and will take them into consideration. Credit for almost all of the content on the website goes to long and hard work that Lori Carter put into establishing and creating the new site. We also had a lot of other people who contributed to conception of the site. A special thank you to Charles Carter for special technical assistance. **[Editor's Note: You really need to take a look! Beautiful website and easy to navigate!]** (Copied with permission from Rocky Mountain Newsletter March 2024 Issue)

Time is approaching. We are hosting the Northwest Federation Show. We need you. All hands on deck.

We will be asking members if they can put in a display case or do a stint at the Admissions table or Kids' Corner.

There is always a need at set up and take down. We need some help with the banquet on Saturday. If you can do 2-3 hours we'll give you a free pass to the banquet. (Two or three people) And please consider coming to the banquet to eat. Let's show the Federation our spirit of good company and good times. The cost of the banquet is \$28 per person, but for all club members you will receive an \$8 discount. So come see what it's all about and have some good food to boot! I would also like to encourage some folks to attend the Federation meeting on Friday. It will give you a better idea of who we are.



HATROCKHOUNDS Gem & Mineral Society

Executive Meeting –February 28, 2024

Present: Doug Gill, Mike Filarski, Mel Lambert, Louise Lambert, Judi Allison

We learned that Jessica was unable to come because her Dad had a stroke and was moved to rehabilitation in Pendleton. Our thoughts and prayers got out to them for rapid healing on his part.

Doug asked if anyone in the club was into gold panning. He has an item that he can no longer use – a gold genie, I believe.

Our meeting program will be creating gem trees for the Mother's Day prizes at the show. (If you have never made one and want to keep it, you may.) Judi will make up kits and Chris, Karli, Mike and Judi will be on hand to help those who need instruction.

Show Discussion:

Make said she can fix the PLINKO wire and stabilize things without the need for plexiglass. It would cost around \$50.

Judi mentioned we will put a display in the Hermiston Library for the month of April. Mike would like to see other libraries put in displays. (Anyone want to ask?)

We have Kerry Norton –spheres, Walther Rolfing and Lyle Vogelpohl-cabbing, Mike Zinski-faceting and Mickee Madden –wire all lined up to demonstrate. Judi is creating a list for display cases. We need around 20 displayer-plus the competitive ones.

Since they were such a hit last year, we will have Cowboy beans for the potluck on Thursday. We will also provide rolls, butter and water.

All the groundwork for the banquet is done. We will have individual favors and centerpieces which will be given as door prizes. We will use plastic and paper for the most part. To help encourage attendance, although the cost of the meal is \$28, we are offering it to the membership for \$20. Let's show the Federation our spirit! We also need 2-3 people to help at the banquet. It would involve helping to set up, checking in attendees listed as paid guests, and helping to clean up after. These volunteers will get their meal free. So, if you want a free meal and feel you can help, let Judi know.

Mike is getting the flyers ready for distribution. He will put the ads in all the papers and we will work to fill social media with the information. Mike will also purchase a few more signs. It was decided to pick a specific night to have the executive meeting each month, then cancel if there is no need. It will be easier to keep track. The decision was made to have it on the last Wednesday of the month.

Daily Schedule HRH/NFMS Show

Thursday, May 9

8:00am Set up begins

12:00 pm Dealers may begin their setup

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

Club will furnish Cowboy beans, rolls and water

Friday, May 10

9:00am Competitive judging begins

10:00am Show opens

11:00 Executive Meeting Meeting Room

12:30pm Registration for meeting begins

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

4:30-6 Endowment Fund Committee Meeting

6:00 pm Show closes

Saturday, May 11

10:00am Show Opens

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

10:30-12 Junior Leaders Meeting

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

10:00am Show opens

10:00-11:30am ALAA Meeting 12:00-1:30 Past Presidents, Committee Folk Luncheon, EOTEC

2:30pm Live Auction, Meeting room EOTEC

4:00pm Show closes