

# 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 – Louise  
Lambert, Laura Tiffany

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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 – July 2024 Issue

**July Meeting: Tuesday, July 9 2024, 6:30 pm**  
“Let Us Entertain You”  
Presentation by the Junior Members  
Treats by Tarah and Mike

**Rice Museum Garage Sale Summer Auction**  
**Saturday, July 13<sup>th</sup> – All Day**  
In person or online-Mike will have details at the meeting.



**Field Trip**  
**Middle Fork of  
the John Day  
River**

**Saturday, August  
10<sup>th</sup>.**

*Mark your  
Calendars*

Meet at Space Age  
off Exit 188  
(Stanfield) at 7:00  
am

Check with Mike if you  
need more details 541-  
571 2593



**PICNIC: SATURDAY, AUGUST 17<sup>th</sup>**  
**10:30-2 MCKENZIE PARK GAZEBO**

Club will furnish chicken, water and utensils  
Please bring a potluck item to share.

(Sign-up Sheet at July Meeting)

SILENT AUCTION - PROCEEDS TO THE CLUB

**NO REGULAR MEETING IN AUGUST.**



## Minutes: June 11th, 2024

### Old Business

- Discussed the show again reviewing for members who couldn't make the last meeting.
- Account has a healthy amount.

### New Business

- August 17th 10am-2pm McKenzie park club will provide chicken, rolls, and water. Silent auction as well.
- Possible venues for advertising/getting new members.
- Umatilla Landing Days: club can rent a booth if there is anyone available to run it. Can bring your own rocks and things to sell while keeping the proceeds. We want the ability to advertise the club to possibly gain new members.
- Discussed having a float in the Umatilla county fair parade. Mike had a great idea to throw rocks instead of candy.
- Silversmithing classes in tri cities on September 28th and 29th. \$80 for both classes to cover supplies. Will be making pennants and a ring. If we have enough people interested they are willing to come here to have the classes.

### Announcements

- Judi will be gone for the meeting in July so we won't be having the jeopardy game and the Jr club will be doing a presentation instead.
- July 13th there is a field trip to Fossil and we need a headcount of how many people are interested. A small fee of \$5 or more will be to cover supplies.

### Door Prizes

- Gordon won a blue agate necklace
- Aaron won a fire stone cabochon

### Unique Rock Activity

- Louise's elephant rock won. Her prize was two thunder eggs, a piece of opalized petrified wood, and jewelry making pliers.
- Secretary, Jessica Millard



## HATROCKHOUNDS Gem & Mineral Society

### Executive Meeting –June 26, 2024

Present: Doug Gill, Mike Filarski, Mel Lambert, Louise Lambert, Judi Allison (Jessica and Laura planned to come, but Laura's dentist did a number on her face and Jessica's "circus" had a fever)

- ✓ Judi showed others the items she found in the container at the front desk of the show with a note about being donated for door prizes. We ascertained they most probably came from Joe Holdmann. [A huge thank you to him.] We decided we would take a few to the picnic for the silent auction and save the balance for the silent auction at the show.
- ✓ Mike read a flyer that advertised a Garage sale summer auction Saturday, July 13<sup>th</sup> at the Rice Museum. It appears it is an all-day auction; both in person and online. Mike will have the flyer at the meeting.

- ✓ The Juniors will be presenting at the July 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. Judi will remind Karli so she can coordinate with the Juniors. Although Karli listed her name under treats, she brought them last month and shouldn't need to in July. Mike will bring some and Tarah Steele has also volunteered.
- ✓ Mike said he got our acceptance of our 990EZ tax return for 2023 which verifies our non-profit status of a 501C7 entity.
- ✓ We discussed ways to reach out to the public to recruit more members and have fun doing it. Although Karli had stated that their wagon was available for the Hermiston parade, we decided against it because we were unsure of how many could volunteer-and walk a route passing out giveaways. (Mike said he wanted to throw them ☺ but since we were planning on rocks, it didn't seem like a good idea. The Watermelon Festival in Irrigon on July 27<sup>th</sup> was mentioned as another option. Mike is trying to find out who to contact for that. We also discussed the idea of the farmers markets. Most of them extend into the fall, so that might be a possibility. There are markets in Umatilla, Hermiston, Irrigon, Stanfield and possibly Echo and Boardman.
- ✓ There will not be a meeting in August. We will instead have our picnic at McKenzie Park on Saturday, August 17 from 10-2. The particulars will be in the newsletter. Mel will get the chicken from Safeway and Mike will get water and put it on ice. Judi will send Mel the pot luck sign up to have available at the meeting in July.
- ✓ The calendar has a field trip to Fossil listed for the 13<sup>th</sup> of July. There will be a discussion at the meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup> to determine if it will go forward.
- ✓ Mike will lead the fieldtrip to the Middle Fork of the John Day River on August 10<sup>th</sup>. We will meet at the Space Age just off exit 188 (Stanfield) at 7:00am.

### Saddle Mountain Fun

On June 1<sup>st</sup> six adults and 4 kids made their way to Saddle Mountain to look for treasures. It was a good day and fun for all, as reported by the group. I am guessing the kids slept well that evening after combing the hills looking for the best finds. It is possible the adults also slept peacefully dreaming about their day. Thanks to Mike Filarski for leading the way. We had a good time!



Since we belong to the Oregon Council I thought you might like to know a bit about it.

### *The OCRMC's Mission*

The Oregon Council of Rock and Mineral Clubs is dedicated to:

- Establishing communication links to state and national government representatives and agencies.

For information about state and national government representatives and agencies, see [Contacting Your Government Agencies and Representatives](#).

- Preserving access to public lands for rock and mineral collectors.

For more information regarding preserving access to public lands, see [Preserving Access to Public Lands](#).

- Spreading information regarding the issues that impact access to public lands to the rock and mineral clubs that are affiliated with the OCRMC and other recreational organizations that are dedicated to preserving recreational access to public lands.

For a list of affiliated clubs (and their shows) and other recreational organizations, see [Affiliated Clubs and Recreational Preservation Organizations](#).

### *The Oregon Council Trophy Competition*

Each year, at the Portland Regional Gem and Mineral Show, the OCRMC conducts the Oregon Council Trophy Competition. This competition is open to all Oregon Clubs, Oregon Club Members, or Oregon Club Junior members, regardless of whether or not their club is a member of the Oregon Council.

Competitors enter their exhibit in the competition. Judges appraise each exhibit's public appeal, quality of workmanship, showmanship, labeling, and variety of material. The competitor with the best exhibit is awarded the Oregon Council Perpetual Clock Trophy.

### *The Capitol Case*

The Capitol Showcase was established in December 1982. Since that time it has served as the showcase for displaying the wide variety of beautiful rocks, minerals, and gemstones that come from the state of Oregon. Any rock & mineral club that is affiliated with the Oregon Council of Rock and Mineral Clubs can use the case to show their work.

For more information about the Capitol Case (including the history, rules, and archives) see [Capitol Showcase](#)

## **Some Summer Shows If You Are Up for a Little Trip**

Jul 20th & 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024 Darrington Rock and Gem Club Mansford Grange Hall, Darrington, WA  
wemced@gmail.com

Jul 26th 27th & 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Washington Agate & Mineral Society Tenino City Park, Tenino, WA  
wamsolympia@gmail.com

Aug 2nd 3rd & 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Far West Gem and Lapidary Society Mill Casino (Salmon Room) North Bend, Oregon mcdeb1111@gmail.com

Aug 16th 17th & 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Willamette Agate & Mineral Society Polk County Fairgrounds  
Rickreall OR wamsriverofgems@gmail.com