

# 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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**PICNIC SATURDAY, AUGUST 17th, 10:30-2**

**MCKENZIE PARK GAZEBO**

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

Use the list already created by some as a guideline for choices.

**SEALED BID AND SILENT AUCTION – PROCEEDS TO THE CLUB**

**NO REGULAR MEETING IN AUGUST. See you September 13th.**

### ***Picnic Potluck Food sign-up***

- Kathy Humphrey – Main Style Dish
- Mel and Louise – Kale Salad
- Warren & Trista – Dessert
- Jessie & Bryce – Main Style Dish
- Judi Allison – Spaghetti Salad
- Karli Cook – Broccoli Salad
- Doug Gill – Jello Salad
- Jessica Millard – Veg Out Wraps
- Jessica Millard – Veg out Salad
- Mary Goff – Dessert
- Jonnie & Art – Salad & Dessert
- Mike Filarski – Beans



Mark your calendars for the September 13<sup>th</sup> meeting. Sandra Bryant will again be leading us in the creation of a simple wire bracelet. We will start at 5:00 pm so we have enough time to complete our project before the regular meeting. There will be a small fee to be determined later. Plan on coming!

Sadly, Our August fieldtrip scheduled for the 10<sup>th</sup> has been cancelled because of the fires and intermittent road closures



### **Membership Meeting July, 9th 2024**

#### **Introductions**

- New Members-Jessie’s husband, Bryce and son, Asher

#### **Old Business**

- Oregon Mineral Council Financial and Membership Report
- Last year 16 Clubs – 2300 members
- This year 17 Clubs – 2433 members

- Are members getting their Gazette?
- Venues for Advertising: Karli grabbed club cards to hand out at the Flea Market in Stanfield
- Are enough interested in classes for Silversmithing? - \$80 per class – 2 classes.

### **New Business**

- Treasurer's report – Still in the good
- Jonnie asked if we want a booth at the fair. A discussion found that some were interested and Trista checked to find out there is a \$50 deposit and a \$125 fee to have an 8x10' booth inside. It was decided we should consider doing this next year and plan better. There needs to be people there from 10am-9pm. We need commitment from people for four days.
- The picnic is Saturday, August 17<sup>th</sup>, 10:30-2:00. Potluck-sign up being sent around. Silent auction. Bring some rocks if you want to. All proceeds to the club.
- The field trip to Fossil on the 13<sup>th</sup> is cancelled.
- Field trip to the Middle Fork on August 10<sup>th</sup>. Remember to bring tools, lunch and other necessary items. Mike is in charge. (Unfortunately, this has been cancelled because of intermittent road closures on the way to the site-it makes the traveling distance prohibitive.)

### **Show and Tell**

- Art-items his son brought from California – perhaps opalized quartz red and green jasper
- Jessie-Lavender gray quartz, garnets imbedded, fire quartz, large garnets from Emerald Creek, Idaho
- Mike-from Sisters area-rocks given to him by a past member. Farm field found agates, quartz
- Mary-noble serpentine and petrified wood from Saddle Mountain

### **Door Prizes**

- Asher-red and brown jasper
- Doug-quartz
- Trista-copper and bird pin

## **HATROCKHOUNDS Gem & Mineral Society**

### **Executive Meeting –July 30, 2024**

Present: Doug Gill, Mike Filarski, Mel Lambert, Judi Allison, Jessica Millard

- We have received the contract for the 2025 show to be held May 10-11. The base price is \$4380.
- Because of intermittent road closures due to the fires, there will not be a field trip on August 10<sup>th</sup>. Mike suggested that we consider going early next year and go to the areas that have been burnt.
- The picnic will be August 17. Mel will purchase the chicken and Jessica will get water from Costco. We may have a few closed bid items again this year for members to bid on along with the silent auction items.
- September 10<sup>th</sup> meeting will include creation of a bracelet. Sandra Bryant has agreed to teach us to wire wrap a simple bracelet. We will begin at 5pm to complete our project before the meeting at 6:30. There will be a small fee for materials to be determined.
- Laura Tiffany let us know about some 2.5 gallon buckets for sale to transfer the rock at her house. We discussed the need to set a "clean up" date and decide what types of containers we need for the project. We will confer with the membership and Laura to choose a date and time that will work well.
- It is time for nominations for Vice President and Treasurer. Officer's terms run two years. (It is believed that both Mel and Mike are willing to stay on, but that doesn't mean that someone can't nominate themselves or someone else. Elections will be in October.
- You will find an updated Budget in the newsletter that will need approval from the membership at the next meeting.

**Proposed Hatrockhound Budget** The following is presented as a proposal to give transparency to our spending and to allow the Treasurer to pay regularly incurred costs without a special vote. There will be a proposal to adopt this budget at the October meeting. Members will have an opportunity for input and to vote on its creation.

<b>Projected Expense</b>	<b>\$ Amount</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
<i>Post Office Box 1122</i>	\$200	<i>To be paid by January 31!!!</i>
<i>Trailer license</i>	\$100	<i>Biannually</i>
<i>Insurance (Show)</i>	\$300	<i>Yearly</i>
<i>Show Advertising</i>	\$1000	<i>Estimated total – paper, signs, etc.</i>
<i>Show Expenses, Miscellaneous</i>	\$400	<i>Mother’s Day prizes, new skirting, plastic cloths, tape, etc.</i>
<i>Show Food – Pot Luck, Set Up, Continental Breakfasts</i>	\$400	<i>For Vendors and workers</i>
<i>Picnic – main dish, paper goods, water</i>	\$150	<i>Club furnishes main dish, utensils, water: balance potluck</i>
<i>Monthly Meeting expenses- paper goods, supplies, etc.</i>	\$200	<i>Possible expenses for group activity supplies</i>
<i>Plaques, Awards and Prizes</i>	\$150	<i>Rockhound of the Year, I Did It, Rock Costume, Unique Rock</i>
<i>Newsletter Expenses</i>	\$100	<i>Stamps, Ink, Paper</i>
<i>Christmas Dinner</i>	\$200	<i>Main Dish, Paper goods, Decorations, Favors: potluck</i>
<i>Church Donation</i>	\$250	<i>Donation for use of the church</i>
<i>NFMS Dues</i>	\$200	<i>\$3.50 per adult member, \$1.00 per Junior</i>
<i>Director Mileage Annual Meeting</i>	\$450	<i>One Way IRS Rate \$.67 per mile (maximum amount)</i>
<i>ALAA Membership</i>	\$50	<i>Recurring Yearly Dues</i>
<i>Oregon Mineral Council Dues</i>	\$25	<i>\$.25 per member</i>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4175</b>	
<b>Projected Income</b>		
<i>Dues</i>	\$450	
<i>Show</i>	\$3325	
<i>Misc: Donations, Auctions, Etc.</i>	\$400	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4175</b>	

(Prepared August 10, 2024 to continue through 2026)

**Upcoming NFMS Shows Close to Us**

Walla Walla County Fairgrounds, Marcus Whitman Club, September 11-12

Nez Perce County Fair Grounds, Lewiston, Hells Canyon Club, October 19-20

(Remember there are other shows in various areas. Check your NFMS Newsletter or the NFMS site: [northwestfederation.org](http://northwestfederation.org))

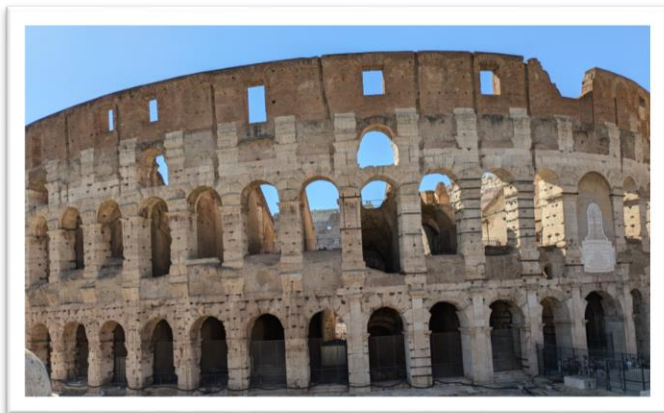
- **Curiosity and The Roman Colosseum** by Judi Allison
- Having recently returned from a trip to Europe which included viewing and learning about so many buildings, I decided to see what my computer would tell me about the construction of the Roman Colosseum. I asked Google, “How was the Roman Colosseum built?” The following was “spit out” by *AI copilot*.
- “The Roman Colosseum was built using a variety of materials and construction techniques, and was the work of many skilled professionals:
- **Materials:** The Colosseum was built using travertine limestone, tuff, brick-faced concrete, wood, tiles, cement, and mortar. Stone was used for the exterior walls and other heavily weighted areas, while the upper levels were made with lighter materials. Roman concrete was stronger than modern concrete because its components solidified when wet.
- **Construction techniques:** The Colosseum's structure included arches and stone walls, and used barrel vaults made of concrete and brick, and crust arches made of travertine stone. The horizontal forces created by each arch were compensated for by the next arched structure. Large lifting cranes, powered by Roman slaves walking on treadmills, were used to hoist stone blocks into place.
- **Labor:** Construction began around 70–72 AD under the rule of Vespasian, who funded the project using spoils from the Jewish Temple after the Great Jewish Revolt in 70 AD. An estimated 60,000 to 100,000 people were involved in the project, including prisoners of war, professional builders, engineers, artists, painters, and decorators.
- **Design:** The Colosseum was designed in the Doric, Ionic, Corinthian, and composite styles, and featured different sections for different guests, including an Emperor's Box. The Colosseum was completed around 79 or 80 AD, and could seat around 50,000 people. The Colosseum remains one of the most iconic symbols of ancient Rome and a testament to the engineering prowess of the Roman Empire.”
- *History.com* gave the following account.
- “The Flavian Amphitheater, better known as the Colosseum, stands as one of the most spectacular architectural monuments of the ancient world. Built in the first century A.D., it’s largely remembered as the site of blood-sport entertainment involving gladiators, wild animals and more.
- After Vespasian became Roman Emperor in 69 A.D., his Flavian Dynasty—which included his sons, Titus and Domitian—launched a vast building program to restore Rome, which had been ravaged by fire, plague and civil war. During the Flavian Dynasty’s 27-year reign, it renovated buildings, statues and monuments throughout the city. In 70 A.D., Vespasian ordered the construction of the new amphitheater in the city center, funded with the spoils from the Roman siege of Jerusalem during the First Jewish-Roman War. The Colosseum, dedicated 10 years later, served as a dramatic political symbol of the city’s resurgence.
- It was also an innovative architectural and engineering wonder, the largest and most complex permanent amphitheater of the ancient world. Made primarily of concrete, 3.5 million cubic feet of travertine, and similar amounts of marble, stone and timber, the Colosseum rose to 157 feet (roughly the height of a 15-story building), with a capacity for an estimated 50,000 to 80,000 people.” <https://www.history.com/news/how-roman-colosseum-built>
- Both accounts were in essence what our guide had imparted to us. She, of course, gave us a more personal account so that we could visualize all that occurred in that space and time. Ancient buildings which have survived for so long are a testament to how solid our rocks truly are. And they speak to man’s innovative techniques and creativity from time immemorial. It’s fascinating to stand in such structures and visualize what the structure may have looked like during those times. I do think, though, I am happy I was not a part of that era, for I fear I would have been one of the peasants with few privileges.



The interior of today's Colosseum



Marble still remains on some of the seats



Exterior of the Colosseum today

Affixed with a brass peg and liquid lead

**Remember the Picnic!**  
We have some special items that will be on the silent auction tables, so be sure to bring some cash or a checkbook! See you August 17<sup>th</sup>!