

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:
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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 – June 2024 Issue

June Meeting: Tuesday, June 11, 2024, 6:30 pm

Unique Rock Contest - What kind of unusual rocks do you have lying around? Maybe it looks like an animal, or is a very unique color. Maybe it looks like an "orphan rock". Bring what you have and let others vote on whether they think your rock is the most unique.

You might win a prize.

Karli and Laura have treats.

Thanks to All, It's in the Bag

The first thing I want to say is a huge thanks to Mike Filarski for agreeing to take on the project of the NFMS Show-and an added thanks to everyone else who put in time before during and after the show to make everything a success. Putting on a Federation Show can be a lot of work, and since I "pushed folks into doing it", I want you all to know how much it is appreciated by not only me, but all the folks who attended. I really want to give a shout out to Karli and all the crew who worked the kids' corner! She had things so well organized it ran like a top! And a big thanks goes to all the wonderful volunteers who did all the demonstrating. I think we had a well-rounded group of demonstrations. If we have enough interest, our silversmith demonstrators would gladly come give us a class for the cost of the gasoline to get here. I believe there is an effort to set up classes with the Lakeside Club, so perhaps we could work out something together-or at least at the same time. With all the meetings I needed to attend and getting the banquet set up, I didn't see too much of the show, but it appeared everything was running smoothly. Thanks again for doing a bang-up job! Judi

Thoughts from a Scrambling Rockhound by Judi Allison

You take on a project.

You talk the club into it.

They say they'll support you

And they surely do it.

They help set up the place

Get it ready for show.

Add their wares to a case.

Precious items, they know.

They don't complain

About working all day.

Friends and a potluck

Will be their pay.

They come each day

To work and to play.

Who says there's more fun

Underneath the sun

Than to pass time on the clock

With talk of a rock.

Your friend at the helm

Agreed to do this.

So not to overwhelm

And call it quits,

You take up the slack.

You have his back.

You probably knew

It was a lot to chew.

But the fun you have

And the time you take

Is worth the work.

When in the end

The people come

And enjoy it all.

Folks report

They had a ball!



For those that will be around Prineville during the Prineville Pow Wow June 13-16th There will be an estate type sale on the 15th of June in Redmond. This has been picked but there is still plenty left. Cost is 1\$ a pound for the first 60 pounds then .50 cents a pound after. The address is 2958 SW 33rd. Again the 15th June starting around 9am.

Hatrockhounds Meeting Minutes

May 14, 2024

There were 12 members present. We gained a new member: Jessie Kelly recently moved from Spokane. She is a big rockhound. Welcome!

There was no old Business

New Business: Judi gave an overview of the show and some of the costs. \$6400 EOTEC/other fees and we only took in \$5774 from the dealer fees. Below is the information from the three areas where we took in money at the show. In the end, we will have made a bit more than we do in a regular show.

	Admissions	Kids' Corner	Silent Auction (to the Federation)
Fri	\$1250 (261)	\$255.42	\$886
Sat	\$2320 (445)	\$414.75	\$665.80
Sun	\$1569 (334) (145 Moms)	\$239.50+\$22.00	\$347
Totals	\$5139 (1040)	\$1012.67	\$1898

There is a show in Bandon, OR (on the coast) in June

Mike asked for ideas to improve the show and monthly meetings. They will discuss at the Executive meeting. (Remember, everyone is welcome) Example: Raffle at the show.

Please speak up with ideas to improve the club.

Federation Show next year is in Walla Walla at the fairgrounds.

We received compliments from Federation about our members sharing their knowledge.

We were featured in the May Hermiston Herald.

Field trip to Saddle Mountain is scheduled for June 1. Judi will check on potential attendance.

Door Prizes: Todd Crosby and Jonnie Moreno - Lighted magnifying glass (Thanks to Gordon)

Mike Filarski – Jade pineapple necklace, Art Moreno Rock necklace and Gordon Weber Pink bracelet that he gifted.

Program: Show and Tell

Members shared items they had gotten from the show or a rock sale.

Website: Hatrockhounds.org

Executive Meeting: May 29 at Judi’s 7:00 (all are welcome)

Next Meeting: June 11: Unique Rock Contest

Minutes by Secretary, Jessica Millard (Transcribed by Judi)

Safety Note

With the start of the field season, it is wise to step back from the excitement of warm weather, melted snow and ice and getting another crack at those rocks out in the field and think about your personal safety. As a former U.S. Forest Service employee with added duties as a safety officer, I have learned over the years to keep any safety message to the point and simple.

- 1.) Keep your safety plan specific to the activities and the conditions you are likely to encounter.
- 2.) Know your physical limitations. What is safe for one person may not always be safe for someone else.
- 3.) Before each outing, plan ahead for emergencies, i.e. delays on the road, need for First Aid supplies, adequate apparel for changing weather conditions, extra food and water. If in remote areas, think about bringing bear repellent spray and/or appropriate firearms. (Be familiar with the equipment you plan to use ahead of time).
- 4.) Let others know your travel plans and arrange check-in time(s) if on extended trips.
- 5.) If the above four items seem too bare bones: You fill in the details that meet your personal needs. Alaska Pebble Patter May 2024

Minutes Of The NFMS Annual Meeting May 11, 2024 (condensed)

Mike Filarski, Show Chairman gave a **welcome** to the membership and a “Thanks for Coming.” The meeting was officially called to order by **President, Jennifer Haley** at 1:12 pm with a **pledge to the flag**.

Pastor, Evan Day gave an invocation, asking that our meeting go well.

President, Jennifer Haley read the names of **those who have passed** in the last year. She then asked for a moment of silence in remembrance.

Credentials Chairs, Clara and Del Walker reported there were 26 members from 16 clubs who had credentials. Clara introduced the additional six from four clubs and asked for a motion to include them as

approved directors. Emmett Johnson made a motion and Larry Hulstrom seconded. With a raise of paddles, they were accepted. The final count was then **31 members representing 20 clubs.**

President, Jennifer spoke to her report reiterating that there would **no longer be a hard copy of the NFMS Newsletter.** She had found that many in the Federation were not receiving a hard copy. She explained that ten years ago the Federation changed printers and we just recently received information about their process. They admitted they had been lax in reviewing and following through with mailing issues. In addition, clubs often have not updated their information. The circulation chair had not weeded out old recipients nor received all the new information. Only ten of the sixty plus clubs sent in updates. The information of the Treasurer, Directory and Circulation were not matching, which was creating a major issue. With an electronic copy sent to key individuals in each club the issues should be eliminated. **We will also be able to create a larger, more colorful newsletter with the maximum ten issues allowed instead of keeping it at a minimum of six to preserve costs.**

Maureen Williams suggested that both a doc and PDF be attached. Janel Lacey suggested a PDF, as not all programs can open a doc, while PDFs are more universal. Darrell Coyle pointed out that with this method the paper will be available to all. Emmett Johnson stated their club had voted for a hard copy. "Now we have to tell our members no. What do we do?" It was pointed out that clubs could opt to print copies for their membership. Janel Lacey suggested that we move on. Judi passed around a clipboard with the names of the clubs and contacts she has, requesting contacts from those who had not given a name and email.

The next item for discussion was the **Directory.** Jennifer explained that in the past there have been too many printed. We tried to cut down and still had more than thirty remaining. The cost has consistently risen. Every members name and information is listed in the directory-even Juniors. With the push toward privacy, rising costs and a need to be more aware of vulnerabilities the Executive Committee and Chair of the Directory felt there was a need to reconsider how the directory is put together. In their discussion it was suggested that the directory only contain the key information of each club – Officers and key people, meeting time and place and business address. With that suggestion, **Darrell Coyle moved to remove the names of individual members and list only pertinent information of officers and key individuals.** **Michael Richards seconded** the motion. Clara Walker asked how it would be known if clubs were reporting the correct number of members if they weren't listed. Judi Allison stated "Honesty. We have to have trust in our clubs, and we know that even with reporting names, there have been clubs that have failed to include membership payments for all. There was additional discussion explaining how the directory will work. The vote was then called for with a repeated reading of the motion. **Motion passed by a strong majority.**

Jennifer announced that she would hold a Cracker Barrel meeting Sunday after the ALAA meeting for folks to discuss anything they would like and air or clarify issues.

Judi Allison offered tickets for the AFMS Endowment fund drawing to be held in Ventura the end of May. Thanks to those who purchased tickets and good luck.

Lora Hall discussed how she had arrived at the **budget for the next year.** She looked line by line at the categories. In some areas the amount of budget have been changed to reflect our mission and vision to do things. **In the end, the proposed budget is balanced with a surplus. Jerry Northrup moved to approve the budget with the ability to reallocate funds as needed within the budget. Sue Stewart seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.**

Priscilla Hall-Ford spoke about her new position and the work she has done as **Bulletin Aids Chair.** The submissions have been judged and sent on to AFMS. There will be a breakfast tomorrow morning to announce the winners. **(Karli won a plaque for her story on the excursion to Red October Mine.)**

Michael Rhodes thanked all the committees who responded to his request for verification of their holdings in order to update the **custodial records.**

Janel Lacey stated that the information relative to the **Directory** was in the bulletin. She also emphasized that even though all the information will not be in the directory (individual names) **send in your information (and dues) ON TIME.**

Maureen Williams, who has had experience soliciting for the Oregon Council suggested that a request needs to go out early with a reminder about the benefits and accomplishments-what the Federation does for you. Jim Brain emphasized that a club is paying for the PREVIOUS year when sending in dues. The NFMS pays dues to the AFMS, which must be submitted by a specific date. It was suggested that a manual on process for paying dues would be helpful to the clubs.

Jim Brain added some information to his report on the **Endowment Fund**. He stated in the last ten days the account increased by \$5000. The market is quite volatile, but it appears that things will continue to increase by at least a bit. There should be from \$10,000 to \$12,000 for use for special projects to benefit the Federation.

Jennifer pointed out that there could be some fun projects and she encouraged clubs to come up with ideas. Jim added that if you suggest a project, have someone for a lead. The Endowment committee can fund a worthwhile project, but cannot be the one to implement it. Evan Day made a point to give accolades to the Endowment Committee for all their work.

Although he was in route and unable to attend, **Doug True** asked that it be announced that the **Blue Forest field trip** would be May 18-20.

Jennifer Fitch gave an overview of some of the things she has been working on as the new **Junior Chair**. After reaching out to other Federations she has created a goody bag for all the Junior leaders who attend the meeting tomorrow. She spoke of promoting the Rock Exchange Program and asked for additional ideas on contests for kids. There was also mention, as a resource, of Jim Urbaniak of the Oregon Agate and Mineral Society who writes a Rockhound Junior newsletter. The submission due date for the **Junior Achievement Award** has been changed to a set date each year. The new date is to be **postmarked by February 15th of each year**. This will allow for getting things judged no matter when the Annual Show takes place. The winners of the awards were announced:

Age group 1: up to 7 years old

Jacob MacFarlane, Marysville Rock and Gem Club (Washington)

Hudson Brown, Hellgate Mineral Society (Montana)

Age group 2: ages 8 through 11 years old

Gabe Murphy, Hellgate Mineral Society (Montana)

Age group 3: ages 12 through 15 years old

Christian MacFarlane, Marysville Rock and Gem Club (Washington)

Age group 4: ages 16 through 18 years old

Graecilyn Wykes, Marysville Rock and Gem Club (Washington)

Jacob Haneberg, Marysville Rock and Gem Club (Washington)

Congratulations to all!

Kathy Larson is retiring as **newsletter editor** to spend more time with her granddaughter and to continue her snowbirding to Arizona. We are fortunate that a volunteer has stepped forward and will be working with Kathy for the next couple of issues to learn the ropes and continue on with the newsletter as it launches into the virtual world. **Our thanks to Jessica Himple** of the Everett Rock and Gem Club!

Darrell Coyle gave an overview of the **Nominating Committee's** process for selection of the nominees. He introduced Gary Warren as the candidate for 2nd Vice President for the coming year. He also offered Lora Hall as President, Michael Rhodes as 1st Vice President and Judi Allison as Secretary. Sadly, because of the sudden and recent loss of Andrew Lacey, we are searching for a Treasurer candidate. After introductions, Darrell called for additional nominations from the floor. Having no challengers, the slate of officers for the 2024-2025 year was **approved by acclamation**.

Larry Hulstrom, as Chair of the **Past Presidents Committee**, stated that the bid for the show next year has been approved. The **Marcus Whitman Gem and Mineral Society will be hosting the 2025 NFMS Show September 12-14, 2025 at the County Fairgrounds in Walla Walla, Washington**. Meetings will be at their club house on Friday with the show taking place on Saturday and Sunday. Janel Lacey stated that it is a busy weekend in Walla Walla and suggested people plan on getting their accommodations now. If you are interested in camping, check with her. Thank you to the Marcus Whitman Club for stepping forward to host the Show. **We need hosts for future shows**. The Federation can tag on to your regular show date and many things can be negotiable. We understand the rising costs and work of putting on a show and are willing to work with clubs to help ease and facilitate the process.

Jennifer reported that there may be a possible candidate for Chair of Public Relations.

Judi reminded attendees at honoring a member of their club as **AFMS Rockhound of the Year** is a simple process. Every club can be selecting an **adult and Junior member each year**. Consider giving accolades to your unsung heroes of the year.

Ronna Watkins stated that digitizing and creating power points from many of the slide shows is in the works. Check the information on the web site and read the instructions on obtaining programs from the **library**. Be sure to request an item early, as media travels through the mail slowly. Remember that it is the

club's responsibility to pay for and return the borrowed item. Ronna stated that the media checked out this last year all received rave reviews.

Ed Anderson and Aaron Currier thank folks for the donations of stamps. This year there were many sent on to them, thanks in large part to the Owyhee club. There was also donation of a personal collection. Remember that Ed and Aaron have chosen the Junior members as the recipients of the funds from stamp sales. The money goes into a separate Junior fund.

Ronna stated she has membership applications for **ALAA**. Clubs or individual members can join. ALAA-American Lands Access Association is independent of the rock hobby clubs, as they were formed to be a lobby group and keep abreast of issues pertaining to rockhound access to sites. Consider joining and supporting the cause.

Ronna also spoke as the **1st Vice President of the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies (AFMS)**. She will be traveling to the AFMS Show in Ventura, California May 22-26 where the annual meeting will be held.

Speaking as Junior Chair for the AFMS, Lora Hall stated that her job is done, as her job was to get the NFMS a dynamic Junior Chair. She offered Jennifer's presentation as proof that it has been accomplished. Mary Lou Northrup reminded members that giving to the scholarship fund can be a way to honor members who have passed, or simply honor an individual. Or one can just give. Our Federation benefits each year by giving two graduate students the opportunity to receive a scholarship. **Darrell Coyle** mentioned that there was one additional item that he would like to bring up. The **NFMS Fiscal Year** currently falls from September 1 to August 31. It can get confusing when annual meetings and things such as Camp Hancock fall into two different fiscal years, but need to be billed to a specific year. The bylaws state the current fiscal year, so in order for it to be changed, a motion to amend the bylaws is needed. Such motions must be sponsored by an entity and be presented to the membership at least ninety days prior to an annual meeting. So if a club or entity feels that changing the fiscal year to the same as the calendar year would be beneficial, please consider submitting a motion for such. The executive committee or Darrell would probably be able to get you started.

With no further business to present, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:40 pm.

HATROCKHOUNDS Gem & Mineral Society

Executive Meeting –May 29, 2024

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

Discussion about the show.

1. The HRH signs that have white background can be seen better!
2. Net profit from the show was a bit more than our usual show, so we did okay. Would have been nice to have a bit more and more attendees, but given the number of activities and the nice weather, we did well. Attendees, demonstrators and dealers all reported that they were happy with the outcome.
3. Possibly need a new contractor for the ATM at next year's show.
4. Considering not having the set-up day potluck dinner. Vendors enjoy and appreciate it, but they are fine if we don't because they don't have this catering anywhere else.
5. Getting a booth at the fair to advertise is too expensive. Other possible events: Umatilla Landing Days June 21-22, Irrigon Watermelon Festival-July, Hermiston Watermelon Fest August Boardman 4th of July.
6. Possibility of getting a magnifying glass for the silent auction at the show. Mike has one to donate for next year.
7. We could have name tags made for about \$10 per person. They would have to pay in advance. We could also make vests if folks want them. Jessica suggested vests for the kids so they can put their patches on.
8. Mike wants to get the members involved more in the process. For example advertising in advance-research and add show to free on line places-newspapers, Rock and Gem-Craigslist, Facebook.

There was a discussion about the field trip on Saturday and the possibility of postponing until next Saturday. The decision was to go ahead and do it this week. Meet at Crossroads at 8:00 am. About eight people plan to go.

Secretary, Jessica Millard