

Hatrockhound Gazette 2023

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)**

**President - Doug Gill
V. Pres. - Mike Filarski
Secretary - Jessica Millard
Treasurer - Mel Lambert
Members At Large - Louise
Lambert, Laura Tiffany**

**Newsletter/Website Hatrockhounds.org - Judi Allison
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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

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Get ready to try your skills at creating an entry for the

"Rock Costume Contest" on October 8th

All you need is a rock or two-or three, a little imagination a few odds and ends and you will have a creation for all to see.

A good story or poem to go along with your creation might also win a prize. (3 Prizes: 1st, 2nd, and Best Story)

We'll be seeing you on October 8th with your entries!!!!

(Treats by Doug and Mike (if he's back))

Hatrockhounds Gem and Mineral Society

Minutes General Meeting

September 10, 2024

We started the evening off at 5:00 pm so that Sandra could instruct all who were interested in creating a wire wrap bracelet. Sixteen folks took part, including two new folks. One of them, with her family paid their dues to join our membership. Welcome Traci, Bobby and Devon Marshall! Olivia Foster also took part in the bracelet creation process and may be back to join.



We also had a visit from Linda and Ron Bunch, who were seeking identification of a "rock" they had bought from a sale. We pretty much decided it was glass that had been melted together. They may return too. Thanks for coming, everyone!

We started our "formal" business meeting drawing for the door prizes. Tresa Greive won some rocks. Jessica Millard found a deep blue heart pendant and Lily, her daughter, got a keychain in her bag.

Our short business meeting consisted of letting the membership know that next month is election for Vice President and Treasurer. Mike Filarski and Mel Lambert both agreed to continue in those positions.

Nominations will be called for from the floor before the voting.

President, Doug mentioned the NFMS Newsletter that is now online. He stated it looked really good and had some really good information in it.

The executive committee has prepared an updated budget. It will be posted in the Gazette so members can take a look at it. There will then a call for a vote to accept it.

Judi reminded folks about the field trip to Fir Road on Saturday, September 14. We will meet at Crossroads in Umatilla at 9:00 am.

Karli shared all the things she made at Camp Hancock, carving, silversmithing, cabbing and more. She said she tried most things and decided the silver work was hard on her fingers.

Acting Secretary, Judi Allison (Jessica had her hands full creating a bracelet with the "help" of a five year old.)

BE PREPARED FOR NOVEMBER'S "I DID IT" CONTEST
WIN A PLAQUE FOR YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENT.
IT'S FUN AND IT'S EASY.



- ***CHOSE SOMETHING YOU FOUND, SOMETHING YOU BOUGHT AND/OR SOMETHING YOU MADE***
- ***IN THE LAST YEAR. (NOVEMBER 2023 UNTIL NOW)***
- ***ENTER ONE, TWO OR ALL THREE CATEGORIES.***
- ***BRING YOUR ITEMS TO THE MEETING AND SHARE WHAT YOU HAVE.***

MEMBERS WILL VOTE ON THE BEST ITEM IN EACH OF THE CATEGORIES.

The Excursion That Almost Wasn't Through the Misdeeds of the Leader by Judi Allison

Well, let's suffice it to say the Fir Road Field Trip did happen. Yes, I will confess, I neglected to check in with all the membership and went on assumptions. I had notified all those I had thought said they were interested in going on the excursion. I didn't include Philpotts because Karli had made the comment that she and Annie couldn't go because they were volunteering for Happy Canyon. On Friday evening it occurred to me I hadn't notified some of the members who hadn't been at the meetings for a bit-oops. I connected with Todd Adams and gave him the particulars about the meeting place.

By Saturday morning we were down to what I had thought was Todd and Jessica and family plus a nephew. Since Jessica had a very busy day the previous day, she was debating about going with only just a couple of folks. I recalled that Todd had told me about a road where he had picked up agates near town. I asked him about simply trying that possibility, since Jessica was going to have a crew of littles. Jessica thought that sounded okay, so we made an agreement to meet at the fire station on Diagonal. When the Millard crew showed up we were ready to head to what turned out to be Walls Road. About that time, I got a call from Adam Philpott wondering if he had gotten the correct time to be at Crossroads, where he was waiting. I apologized for assuming his family wouldn't be there and explained to him our change of plans. I gave him directions to continue on 730 toward Diagonal Road, then turn left on Walls Road. Todd took off leading us to the site, when, low and behold, the road was now paved!

After a quick discussion, it was decided we would go ahead and go to the original site. I called Adam and informed him about our "change of change of plans." I was able to have him wait along the highway until we got to him. We then took off for Fir Road, making a stop at Yoke's for refueling body and vehicle. I got everyone delivered to the area and pointed out the road. Todd and Adam decided to drive down it a ways. Ben, Jessica and their little ones decided to get some exercise.

From the joy on Elly's face and Lily's quick handing off her Lunchable in favor of rocks, it appeared they would have a good time. I left everyone at their own devices and returned home so I, too, could go to Happy Canyon. From reports, all had a good time and Adam even sported a few small pieces. Sorry, folks, it started with a kerfuffle. I am glad it all worked out. Maybe the whole thing was making a statement about me not being the best choice for a field trip leader. 😊





Elly and Lily are on a mission.



Adam, Mataya and Sam's finds

Proposed 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.

Hatrockhound Budget

Projected Expense	\$ Amount	Explanation
<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, Ugly 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>
Total	\$4175	
Projected Income		
<i>Dues</i>	\$450	
<i>Show</i>	\$3325	
<i>Misc: Donations, Auctions, Etc.</i>	\$400	
Total	\$4175	

(Prepared August 10, 2024 to continue through 2026)

Junior meeting at Judi’s (1701 NW 11th, Hermiston) on Saturday, October 12th at 1:00 pm-crystals

Portland Regional Show, October 4-6, Wingspan Facility, Hillsboro, Oregon
 Hells Canyon Annual Gem and Mineral Show, October 19-20, Fairgrounds, Lewiston, Idaho