

# Rock show showcases nature's treasures

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Anyone who digs rocks and gems won't want to miss the 2019 Rock & Gem Show organized by the Hatrockhounds Gem & Mineral Society.

Nature's Treasures Under Foot is Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Eastern Oregon Trade and Event Center, 1705 Airport Road, Hermiston. The admission fee is \$3. Ages 12 and under are free if accompanied by an adult.

The event features dealers, showcases of special collections, demonstrations, silent auctions and hourly door prizes. A Kids' Corner

offers special activities, displays and games geared for the younger crowd. Also, on Mother's Day, all moms are eligible for additional door prize drawings held every 30 minutes.

Mike Filarski, who is the show's chairman, said the move to EOTEC last year provided extra space for vendors. In addition, it has resulted in increased parking for those attending the show.

Some of the demonstrations lined up include sphere making, how to create gem trees and wire-wrapping jewelry. Filarski said there might be several others as well.

Also, Filarski encourages people to be sure and check out the silent auction. Items are regularly rotated in, offer-

ing people a chance to pick up a variety of rocks, gems and jewelry at good prices.

The local gem and mineral club meets the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the First Christian Church, 775 W. Highland Ave., Hermiston. Those attending need to enter through the back of the building.

"Anyone that's interested in rocks is invited to come to one of our meetings as a guest to see if they like us and what we do," Filarski said.

In addition to the short business portion of the meetings, Filarski said the gatherings focus more on activities and sharing their interest in rocks and gems.

"We always do something

that's related to rocks," he said. "Sometimes members provide a demonstration or we might have a show-and-tell about rocks people have found."

During the summer months several day trip outings are planned. In addition, some members plan overnight field trips. Also, they sometimes hold social gatherings and picnics.

The club is open to all ages, including beginning to advanced rock hounds. The annual dues is \$12 for individuals, \$20 for couples or \$25 for a family.

For more information about the upcoming show or club, call Filarski at 541-571-2593 or visit [www.jall23.wixsite.com/hatrockhounds](http://www.jall23.wixsite.com/hatrockhounds).



Staff photo by Tammy Malgesini  
**Sharon Stockman participates at a rock painting station during the 2018 Rock & Gem Show. This year's event is May 11-12 at Eastern Oregon Trade and Event Center, Hermiston.**

## BRIEFS

### Class focuses on challenging behaviors

A free class is available to help develop strategies when dealing with behavioral challenges with aging Oregonians.

"Positive Approach to Alzheimer's and Dementia Care" is offered by Oregon Care Partners. The session is Monday, May 13 from 9 a.m. to noon at Wildhorse Resort & Casino, located off Interstate 84 at Exit 216. The class is designed for caregivers and family members, as well as social workers or first responders.

For more information, to register for the free class or view other resources, visit [www.oregoncarepartners.com](http://www.oregoncarepartners.com). For questions, contact 1-800-930-6851 or [info@oregoncarepartners.com](mailto:info@oregoncarepartners.com).

### Car show cruises in for BMCC

The Cruisin' for Scholarships Car Show is revving up for its seventh year. The fundraiser helps support Blue Mountain Community College's Diesel Technology Program.

The event is Saturday with on-site registration at 8:30 a.m. on the central lawn at BMCC, 2411 N.W. Carden Ave., Pendleton. The show runs from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The \$20 fee includes a dash plaque. Also, the first 50 to enter receive a goodie bag. Also, numerous awards will be presented.

There is no charge for the public to attend. However, people are encouraged to bring some cash. BMCC's Tim Wilson will be making homemade donuts for \$1 each or \$10 for a dozen, and the Pendleton Lions Club

will offer burgers, sides and drinks.

Also, raffle tickets for prizes are \$1 each or six for \$5. The event also features lawn games and a dunk tank. Proceeds from food sales, the raffle and dunk tank support BMCC student scholarships.

Coordinated by the BMCC Foundation, the car show raises money for BMCC's Diesel Technology scholarship fund, and provides student assistance with tools, books, tuition and living expenses.

For more information or to register in advance, visit [www.bluecc.edu/carshow](http://www.bluecc.edu/carshow). For questions, call 541-278-5823.

### HHS students present annual Research Night

Hermiston High School students in the Oregon Teacher Pathway program will present a gallery walk of presentations. The community is invited to attend the third annual Research Night Wednesday, May 15, at 6 p.m., in the high school library, 600 S. First St.

The program includes juniors and seniors interested in pursuing a career in education. It provides an opportunity to explore the field of teaching and investigate educational inequities while earning college credit through Eastern Oregon University.

Students examine topics related to schools and communities at the local, state, and national level, through the analysis of current issues affecting the academic performance of cultural, ethnic, and linguistic minority students. Participants get hands-on teaching experience, working one-on-one with elementary students in the community.

"The students have worked hard to research relevant issues pertaining to education and are ready to present their findings to staff and community members," said Courtney Barnes, family and consumer sciences teacher. "I am excited for our students as they continue their educational journey to becoming a teacher."

For more information, contact Barnes at 541-667-6100 ext. 20508 or [courtney.barnes@hermiston.sdsd.org](mailto:courtney.barnes@hermiston.sdsd.org).

### Library friends host Hermiston author

Local author Carol Clupny will share about her recent memoir.

The Hermiston woman wrote "The Ribbon of Road Ahead: One Woman's Remarkable Journey with Parkinson's Disease." The Friends of the Hermiston Public Library are hosting Clupny Tuesday, May 14. The free program runs from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the library 235 E. Gladys Ave.

For more information, contact 541-567-2882 or [friends@hermiston.or.us](mailto:friends@hermiston.or.us). For more about Clupny or to order her book, visit [www.ultraiblog.org](http://www.ultraiblog.org).

### Umatilla Museum sets flag retirement ceremony

The Umatilla Museum invites the public to a flag ceremony.

The event is Saturday at

10:30 a.m. at the museum, 900 Sixth St. The old flag is being retired and being replaced by a new one, which was donated by Chief Darla Huxel of the Umatilla Police Department.

In other museum news, Leslie Smith said Umatilla students in fifth through 12th grade are invited to enter historical dioramas that are related to the city of Umatilla or Umatilla County. Monetary prizes will be awarded in two age groups to the top entries.

The entries are due Friday, May 24 and the winners will be announced during Umatilla Landing Days, which is June 21-22. For more information about the dioramas, call Stephanie Williams-Strege of the Umatilla School District at 541-922-6516.

The Umatilla Museum is open Thursday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. through the end of May; then beginning June 1, it's open Tuesday through Saturday. There is no admission charge. For questions about the museum, call 541-626-2099.

### Home 4 Hope sets homeless forum

The public is invited to attend the Home 4 Hope annual forum about homelessness.

The gathering is designed to bring the faith-based community together along with other groups and individuals to discuss strategies regarding helping the homeless. Partner agencies who provide services for

homeless individuals are especially encouraged to attend.

The event is Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Pendleton First Presbyterian Church, 201 S.W.

Dorion Ave. Lunch will be provided.

For more information, contact [home4hopecommunity@gmail.com](mailto:home4hopecommunity@gmail.com) or visit [www.home-4-hope.weebly.com](http://www.home-4-hope.weebly.com).



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