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Vallejo Gem & Mineral Society is a member of the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies and California Federation of Mineralogical Societies.



### **AFMS 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*



# **Vallejo Gem & Mineral Society**

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## **Membership Application**



### **Vallejo Gem & Mineral Society**

Mailing Address:  
Post Office Box 706  
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Shop Address:  
Solano County Fairgrounds  
900 Fairgrounds Drive  
Civic Building  
Vallejo, CA 94589  
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Phone: 707-644-9764  
E-mail: [vgms01@yahoo.com](mailto:vgms01@yahoo.com)

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**Annual Membership - Initial:**

( ) Family--\$37.00 ( ) Single - \$31.00

( ) Junior -\$5.00

Dues are prorated quarterly for new members only. A one time \$5.00 fee is also required for initial membership.

**Family Membership** - Includes a couple or parent(s) and all their children under the age of 18 years.

**Single Membership** - One person that is age 18 or above.

**Junior Membership:** A child between 11 and 18 years not part of a family membership. Juniors must have an adult member sponsor. The adult must assume responsibility for the safety and conduct of Junior members while attending society events. The adult must provide Direct supervision for juniors working in the shop.

Memberships are effective from January through December.

Renewal dues are payable by January 1 each year. Dues not paid by March 1 will be dropped from membership. Renewals are not prorated.



**Adult(s)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Children or Junior**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Interests:( ) Fossils ( ) Minerals ( ) Field Trips

( ) Lapidary--cabbing, slabbing, etc. ( ) Wire Wrapping ( )

Beading ( ) Silversmithing

( ) Other Interests or Special Talents

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Check box if you will not be able to receive

electronic newsletters

**PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING CAREFULLY**

I agree to participate I the Society’s activities, specifically, the “Annual Spring Bling Show” and the Solano County Fair Exhibit. I agree to participate in a helpful and friendly manner.

I also agree to learn proper shop procedures and machine

operations. Before beginning any projects I agree to learn under the direction of the Shop Foreman or Instructor until I become certified by the Foreman/Instructor.

Enclosed are dues as indicated above. I (we) understand that the dues will be returned if application is not accepted. I (we) have read the AFMS Code of Ethics and, if accepted, I (we) will abide by the AFMS code of Ethics as well as the rules governing proper activities in the field concerning conversation, preservation, and protection of our mineral resources. I (we) will also protect and respect other’s property at all times -- never trespassing and always obtaining permission from the landowners before entering their property.

Signature of Applicant(s)

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Date \_\_\_\_\_

**VGMS Use Only**

**Membership Year 20\_\_**

Received \_\_\_\_\_ Paid \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Check Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Application: \_\_\_\_\_

Denied : \_\_\_\_\_

Accepted \_\_\_\_\_

Processed: \_\_\_\_\_