

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

## Membership Application



### Vallejo Gem & Mineral Society

Mailing Address:

Post Office Box 706  
Vallejo, CA 94590-0070

Shop Address:  
Solano County Fairgrounds  
900 Fairgrounds Drive

Civic Building  
Vallejo, CA 94589

Website: [www.vjgems.com](http://www.vjgems.com)

Phone: 707-644-9764

E-mail: [vgms01@yahoo.com](mailto:vgms01@yahoo.com)

## Annual Membership - Initial:

Family--\$37.00     Single - \$31.00

Junior -\$5.00

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

**Family Membership:** A family membership includes a couple or parent(s) and all children of the family living under the same roof. Nieces, nephews and grandchildren under the age of 18 not living under the same roof may be included in the family membership. Children of the family between 11 and 17 years can utilize the shop; however, an adult of the family membership must provide direct supervision while working in the shop. Children under the age of 11 will not be allowed to utilize the shop equipment but are welcome to attend all the other events. In addition, adults of the family membership must assume responsibility for the safety and conduct of all the children that fall under their family membership while attending social events and/or shop utilization. Members over the age of 18 shall have the power to vote at all regular and special meetings. Any exceptions to the above should be submitted to the Board, reviewed by the Board, and voted on by the Membership.

**Single Membership:** Single members must have passed their eighteenth (18) birthday by January 1st and have paid their yearly dues. They shall have the power to vote at all regular and special meetings.

**Junior Membership:** A child between 11 and 17 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 and sponsor no more than 2 Junior Members at a time without Board approval. Junior Members will not have the power to vote or hold office

### Adult(s)

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

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

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Memberships are effective from January through December. Renewal dues are payable by January 1 each year.** If dues not paid by March 1 member/s will be dropped from membership. Renewals are not prorated.



PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING:

I agree to participate in 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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