

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



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Membership Application



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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

Phone: 707-644-9764

E-mail: vgms01@yahoo.com

Annual Membership

Single (\$31 or pro-rated) \$ _____

Family (\$37 or pro-rated) \$ _____

New Application (\$5) \$ _____

Name Badge (\$7 optional) \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

Dues are prorated quarterly for **new members only**. Membership effective January through December. Renewal fees are due in January.

******Prorated Dues (for New Members only)**

Jan thru March Family/\$37.00 Single/\$31.00

April thru June Family/\$27.75 Single/\$23.25

July thru Sept Family/\$18.50 Single/\$15.50

Oct thru Dec Family/\$09.25 Single/\$07.75

Single Membership: An adult member aged 18 by January 1st.

Family Membership: Adult applicants (spouses, domestic partners or parents and their children and stepchildren ages 11 through 17; nieces, nephews, grandchildren and child family friends ages 11 through 17 to be included (Note: no children under the age of 11). **If sponsoring children for whom you are not a legal guardian, a letter from a parent or legal guardian will be needed to accept their application.** 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, In addition, an adult Family Member must provide direct supervision for no more than 2 Junior Members at a time while working on shop equipment.

Junior Membership: Member ages between 11 through 17 who joins as part of a family membership. Juniors between 11 through 17 may earn shop privileges by going through our foreman/woman guided shop use and safety training. However, an adult of the Family Membership must provide direct supervision for no more than two (2) Junior Members at a time while working in the shop on equipment.

Adult(s)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email _____

Name: _____

Phone -----Email _____

Junior (11-17 years old—No Children under the age of 11)

Name: _____ AGE _____

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Please select one or more committees for volunteering:

- County Fair Gem Show Library
- Correspondence Field Trips Membership
- Grant Applications Hospitality Newsletter
- Program/Education Audit Webpage/Instagram

- Interests:** Fossils Minerals Lapidary--cabbing, slabbing
 Field Trips Wire Wrapping Beading Silversmithing



PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING:

I agree to participate in the Society's activities, specifically the "Annual GEM Show" and the Solano County Fair Exhibit. I agree to participate in a helpful and friendly manner, agree to learn proper shop procedures and machine operations. Before beginning any projects, I agree to learn under the direction of the Shop (Foreperson(s) until I become certified.

Enclosed are dues as indicated above. I (we) understand that the dues will be returned if the 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 always protect and respect other's property -- never trespassing and always obtaining permission from the landowners before entering their property. Additionally, I (we) agree to conduct ourselves in a manner consistent with dignity and respect to all club members and to comply with all VGMS policies.

Signature of Applicant(s)

Date _____

VGMS Use Only

Membership Year 20 _____

Paid \$ _____ Cash Credit

Check # _____ **Check Date:** _____

Date Application: _____

Denied: _____

Accepted _____ **Processed: By** _____
