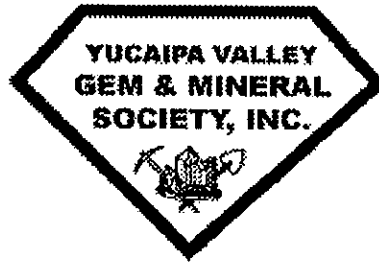


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**THE SPECIFIC PURPOSE OF THE YUCAIPA VALLEY GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY, INC. IS TO PROMOTE THE EARTH SCIENCES, PALEONTOLOGY, AND THE LAPIDARY ARTS WITHIN THE COMMUNITY.
THE OBJECTIVES ARE:
TO HAVE EDUCATION MEETINGS, EARTH SCIENCE FIELD TRIPS, AND EXHIBITIONS WITH MEMBERS AND THE COMMUNITY INVITED.**

INFORMATION AND MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Please complete, sign, and return the application form along with your dues to the Membership Chairperson. Your membership packet will be presented to you at the next Monthly Membership Meeting. Please be sure to attend to accept your Welcome Packet and Gifts.

**ANNUAL DUES: - INDIVIDUAL \$15 – FAMILY \$25
(family membership fee includes two name badges – additional badges \$4.50 each)**

Dues must be presented with your application before you and/or your family will be accepted as Yucaipa Valley Gem and Mineral Society Members.

Membership By-Laws, Article II – Initiation Fees, Dues, & Assessments:

Section 3: Payment of Dues: Dues shall run from January 1 of each calendar year to December 31 of that year. Dues not paid by January 31 shall be delinquent. Delinquent members are dropped from the roster and bulletins as of March 31.

Section 4: Members joining after the June meeting shall pay one half the current yearly dues.

At the next meeting, you will be introduced to the membership and presented with your name badge(s) and membership pack and gifts. The membership packet includes Society By-Laws and miscellaneous information.

Monthly Club Meetings include an educational program or activity. A field trip is planned each month, excluding May (our show month) and December (our Christmas Party and annual installation of officers). The Club Picnic is usually in June or July.

As a member in good standing, you are entitled to the following privileges:

Attending/participating in Monthly Meetings	Use of our Lapidary Workshop
Serving on the Board of Directors and/or committees	Attending/Instructing our Lapidary-related Classes
Attending & participating in our Annual Gem & Mineral Show and various other club functions	Reduced Rate Subscriptions to "Lapidary Journal" and "Rock and Gem" (club treasurer has information)

Our Annual Gem & Mineral Show is held in May. You will be provided with a Show Questionnaire and list of projects and committees organizing for the Show. As a Club Member, you will be expected to willingly and cheerfully participate in these projects and committees to further the Mission of our Society. You will be asked to exhibit your rock and/or mineral collection or combine with another member's exhibit. Each member is expected to donate at least one Raffle Award Prize (valued at \$15.00 or more). Gifts can be purchased or handcrafted and do not have to be of a lapidary nature.

At the show, we have grab bags and games with prizes. The membership helps make or donate these smaller items (i.e., necklaces, bracelets, tie-tacs, bola ties, pendants, key chains, tumbled stones, mineral specimens, and slabs).

REMEMBER, every Member of the Society is here to help you.....Just ask questions!

WELCOME!

