

New Membership Application
RICHMOND GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY, INC. (RGMS)
PO Box 26052, Richmond, VA 23260



An affiliate of the Eastern Federation of Mineralogical and Lapidary Societies (EFMLS) and the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies (AFMS) and a non-profit organization, the Richmond Gem and Mineral Society's goal is to foster the knowledge and education of geology, mineralogy, paleontology, archeology, gemology and lapidary arts. Our activities include monthly meeting, speakers, forums, field trips, identification, and an annual public swap.

NAME	EMPLOYER
Email	Home Phone
Street Address	Cell Phone
City State Zip	Work Phone

MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS		Jan 1- June 30	Jul 1 - Dec 31*
Adult	Age 18 & Over	\$12.00	\$6.00
Family	Includes Children Under Age 18	\$18.00	\$9.00
Junior	Age 14-17	\$5.00	\$2.50
Mini-Miner	Under Age 14 with Sponsoring Adult	\$3.00	\$1.50

Dues Must Be Paid With Application

***Pro-rated for New Members Only.**

FAMILY MEMBERS - Names	Relationship	Age

May we send you the newsletter via Email? _____

What are your primary interests?: gems, minerals, fossils, geology, archeology, lapidary (Circle all that apply)

Do you have other hobbies? _____

How did you learn about the club? _____

If we publish a membership roster may we include your name, address, telephone number, and Email? _____

I have read the AFMS Code of Ethics and understand that as an RGMS member I am obligated by that code and all other rules of RGMS, EFMLS and the AFMS._____

Signature _____ **Date** _____



A large measure of the enjoyment of our hobby consists of collecting in the field. For that reason, the members are proud to endorse the following:

"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.

Revised July 7, 1999 at the AFMS Annual Meeting