

Dear Prospective Member:

Thank you for your interest in joining the Magic Valley Gem Club. Rock hounding is a great hobby for everyone. It is an excellent way to get some exercise, make new friends, and learn to enjoy the land around you.

The purpose of the Magic Valley Gem Club is to promote the study of mineralogy and allied earth sciences, and to educate its members and the general public in these areas

We meet once a month on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday. We begin at 7:00 p.m. at the Rosenau's Community Room, 2826 Addison Avenue East in Twin Falls, Idaho. Our meetings have a program about some aspect of rock- hounding and demonstrations on related rock subjects. We have a "Show and Tell" table and special finds made by our members. We have a business meeting starting at 8:00 pm for about an hour.

The procedure for joining is as follows: You must complete all information on the application which includes a sponsor. Submit your application to the secretary at a meeting. Your application will be read two times (months). If there are no objections after the second reading your application will be voted upon. If accepted, you will then be expected to pay your dues. If you do not pay your dues, your newsletter will cease after the second month until you pay. Annual membership is \$10.00 per person, plus \$2.00 initiation fee; Youth under 18 years \$5.00.

Once a month, April through October – weather permitting – we go on a field trip planned by our Field Marshals, and often have unscheduled trips where all are notified and welcome. Some of our outings are overnight camp-outs, but most are near enough for day trips.

We put on an annual Rock and Gem Show, which includes our best pieces on display for the public. It requires everyone's help in putting this show on, but it is a fun chore.

Don't hesitate because you don't know much about rock hounding - our members are willing, able and happy to teach you all about finding, identifying, finishing, and enjoying rocks and minerals. It is an inexpensive, wholesome, and pleasant way to add enjoyment to your life for you and your entire family.

Again, thank you for considering our Club for membership. If you have any questions please call our President Rocky Metts, at 423-4827. Please come and join us at our next meeting even for a visit. You will be very welcome.