

PASADENA LAPIDARY SOCIETY



MEMBER HANDBOOK

January 2018

Rockhounding Field Trip Guidelines and Equipment Checklist

Notify the field trip leader with your name, phone and email, letting him or her know that you are planning to attend the scheduled field trip. If there is a change in the schedule, you can then be notified. If you can't go at the last minute notify the field trip leader—otherwise he/she will be out looking for you!

Drive in a safe manner both to and from home, and during the field trip. Be on time to the designated meeting place and ready to go. Wear your Membership Badge! Check in and sign-in on the attendance sheet so we know that you have joined us. Sign the appropriate waiver form. Listen to all instructions given by the field trip leaders. Frequently, the Club signs (a "PLS" or P/W sign) will direct you to the club camping or meeting area when this area is off of the main highway. Where there is a branch in the road, the sign will be slightly down that road on the right, or indicated by an arrow.

Field trip leaders typically use walkie-talkies, CB's and cellular phones. If you have one, too, be sure to check with the field trip leaders to see what channel is being used and/or exchange cell phone numbers. Walkie-talkies, CB's and cellular phones should be primarily used for emergency communications or travel assistance, not for unnecessary "chatter". If you do need to conduct a private conversation, change channels.

If trips from camp require 4-wheel drive vehicles, and you don't have one, room will generally be found in someone's 4x4 for you. If you ride with someone else, ride back with them. Contribute to the cost of fuel. Stay with the group on field trips to and from base camp. When in convoy, follow the vehicle immediately in front of you (do not tailgate) and keep the car behind you in sight at all times. If the car behind you slows down or stops, you should slow down or stop. They, or cars behind them, may need help. Do not pass the vehicle in front of you. If you no longer see the vehicle behind you, stop and wait; there could be a problem and they might not have a walkie-talkie or cellular phone that can reach the leaders. By doing this, the chance of having a large "break" in the convoy can be minimized.

Once at our collecting site, a sample of what to find and where to find it should be made available by the field trip leader. It is your responsibility to listen to the field trip leader and view the collecting material. Remember to keep your field trip leader informed as to all matters of importance. Rely upon your field trip leader's directions and guidance, they are more familiar with the territory. The field trip leader will let participants know when to return to the meeting spot and where the group will go after that. Four horn blasts is an assembly call indicating imminent departure and to return to the vehicles as soon as possible. If there is more than one site to visit in the day, all persons must be accounted for prior to departing to the next location. Be ready to leave on field trips at the scheduled time.

Hard rock digging is limited to tools and muscle. Power equipment is prohibited. If you find tools in a hole, that hole is claimed by the owner of the tools, as he/she intends to return and continue digging.

The discharge of firearms is prohibited on Field Trips!

Some Etiquette and Safety Tips

Do not litter! Pick up all of your cans, bottles, papers and lunch sacks. Do not burn paper, as it permits burning embers to scatter dangerously. Be sure to bury any toilet tissue. Always leave the place cleaner than when you arrived. Remove a piece of trash from another user's careless visit.

Dogs and cats are permitted on field trips. Please inform your field trip leader if you intend to take dogs or cats with you. It is the responsibility of the owners to assure that dogs do not spoil the rockhounding experience for the remainder of the members. Dogs must be leashed or otherwise confined during meal times, and at locations designated by the BLM as leash areas. Owners are responsible for removing all droppings from the campsite.

Try to stay on existing roads when traveling, and park to the side of the road so others can get around your vehicle to pass if necessary. Do not trespass on private property. Do not drive in wilderness or other vehicle restricted areas.

Notify the field trip leader if you decide to leave the camping area to investigate another area and when you expect to return—or if you head for home before the scheduled departure time of the club.

WHAT TO BRING ON EACH FIELD TRIP

Remember that often our field trips are widespread and offer no shade!

For Yourself

Camera

Hat/Head covering with large brim

Boots/Sturdy footwear

Personal medications, insect repellent/tick spray

Sunscreen and sunglasses

Food & drinks

Water—more drinking water than you think you can use—about one liter per hour of field time.

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OUR MISSION

The Pasadena Lapidary Society serves to educate its members and the community in mineralogy, earth sciences, and training in the lapidary and jewelry arts—while promoting sound mineral resource stewardship based on environmental awareness and ethical behavior. The Society fulfills its mission year-round, which may include field trips, lapidary workshops, outreach presentations, public mineral displays, an annual show, and monthly educational program meetings open to the public.

WELCOME!

The Pasadena Lapidary Society welcomes you as a member of our Society and cordially invites you to experience the fascinating and little known world of Lapidary. Lapidary is the art of cutting and shaping all manner of rocks, minerals, fossils and gems to create beautiful art forms. The Pasadena Lapidary Society is looking for new members with a curious mind and willingness to discover the many facets of this skill.

The club is a non-profit organization where experienced members volunteer to lead classes in the lapidary arts and related hobbies. Lapidary and Rockhounding are healthy activities that involve parents and youth in these interesting earth science hobbies. As a member, you will enjoy the resource of members with many years of experience in finding, identifying and shaping precious and semi-precious stones and working with metals. We provide the opportunity to collect, examine, display and share the wonders of the earth with people of all ages. This is a hands-on, involved club and all new members are welcome, as well as curious guests. The Pasadena Lapidary Society (PLS) is affiliated with the California regional and American international mineral societies and you are welcome to attend regular shows and meetings of these federations.

Meetings:

Board: The Society was started in 1946 and continues to operate thanks to the talent of its members. On the first Thursday of each month elected and appointed members meet as a board of directors at 7:00 PM at a location designated by the President. All members are welcome to attend.

Program: Visitors, guests and new members are always welcome at our monthly Program Meeting, which is held on the third Tuesday of

each month at 6:45 PM in the Donald R. Wright Auditorium of the Pasadena Central Library at 285 E. Walnut Street, in Pasadena, CA. Doors open at 6 PM for visiting and light refreshments are served.

Field Trips: Field trips are a fun and exciting part of Rockhounding! The Society's field trips make it possible for the collector to get out of the city and collect fossils and mineral specimens and other lapidary material. Organized field trips are scheduled on a monthly basis to interesting areas to collect precious and semi-precious stones, minerals and fossils. These trips are a mixture of one-day and weekend adventures. The detailed schedule of these field trips can be found in the newsletter and on the Calendar page of the web site. PLS is dedicated to education and conservation of our natural resources. Although our club takes trips out into the field, we also make sure to respect both the land and the wildlife with which we share the area.

Annual Show: Our club reaches out to schools and youth groups to educate young people about the fascinating world we live in! One of the ways we do this is through our Tournament of Gems show. This show is scheduled for the second weekend in March annually. This is also an opportunity for our members to display their field trip finds and creations!

Bulletin: As a member you will receive a monthly award-winning newsletter filled with information about the club, our interests, field trips, local shows and events.

Workshop: Transform your minerals into fascinating works of art. We offer our members a fully equipped lapidary workshop with training in rock cutting, polishing and working with your material. This is an environment where people with a common interest in rocks, minerals, gemstones, jewelry making, enameling, casting or carving can get together and share their skills and knowledge with each other.

Website: www.pasadenalapidary.org

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/pasadenalapidarysociety>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/PasaLapidary>

HISTORY OF THE PASADENA LAPIDARY SOCIETY

well-known collector and seller of rocks, fossils and unique items—Edwin Howard Vose II (widely known as Chuckawalla Slim) made his summer home in Pasadena

in the 1940's and 1950's. This self-proclaimed "Rockologist" was so popular that he attracted a number of other collectors from the Pasadena area wherever he spoke. Slim, C.D. Gibson, Clarence Chittenden and Vic Armstrong formed the Pasadena Lapidary Society in 1946, joined the California Federation in 1947 and incorporated it as a California non-profit corporation on May 19th, 1949.

The ranks of the new Pasadena Lapidary Society grew quickly. It was not unusual to have more than 50 members at a club meeting. Meetings were held at the Odd Fellows Hall in Pasadena and Jessie Chittenden taught jewelry design there.

The club began planning field trips for its members almost immediately. Clarence Chittenden and his wife, Jessie, a dean at Pasadena City College, wrote a series of rock collecting maps, which he published and were widely used among Southern California rock collectors.



Chuckawalla Slim and his travelling mineral show

The club has been active in keeping collecting areas open for collectors and were interested in the fight to keep Dinosaur National Monument from becoming a storage project—as was reported by Desert Magazine in August 1954.

For years their gatherings were informal affairs—tailgate mineral swapping and meetings in local parks. The club's annual public show, the "Tournament of Gems", began in 1955 and was held at the Davies Memorial Building at Farnsworth Park in Altadena. The society, led by Harry and Arlene Billheimer, was a leader in showcasing rocks and gems at the Los Angeles County Fair, where the club's exhibits won ribbons and accolades. Members of the Pasadena Lapidary Society have a history of being leaders of our hobby!

2018 - 2019 DIRECTORS & COMMITTEE OFFICERS

POSITION	OFFICER/ CHAIRPERSON		
<u>Officers</u>			
President	Ellen Ferrell		
Vice-President	Mona Ross		
Secretary	David Lacy		
Treasurer	Phil Lahr		
Federation Director	Joe Goetz		
1st Trustee	Marcia Goetz		
2nd Trustee	Chris Kyte		
3rd Trustee	Joe Goetz		
<u>Chairpersons</u>			
Annual Show	Marcia Goetz		
Bulletin	Karl Stull		
Education	Joan Harrison		
Field Trips	Joe Goetz		
Historian	Elizabeth Weston		
Librarian	Jennifer Jang		
Membership	Marcia Goetz		
Publicity	Elizabeth Weston		
Ways and Means	Phil Lahr		
Workshop	Carolyn Duncan		
<u>Special Committees</u>			
Hospitality/Sunshine			
Meeting Display	Paolo Sanchez		
Webmaster	Ben Shutman		

COMMITTEES

You can get involved! If you see an area that interests you, contact the chair person for that committee, who is listed on the previous page.

Annual Show - Members get together to help plan the annual show.

Bulletin - Helps to write articles and publish a monthly newsletter.

By-Laws - Ad HO - Helps to correlate the annual changes to the By-Laws.

Education - Brings the knowledge of rocks, fossils and earth sciences to the public.

Field Trips - Helps to plan and assist in trips to interesting rockhounding and lapidary locations.

Historian - Keeps the club's history, meeting minutes, newsletters, etc.

Hospitality - Organize and set up refreshments, greet and make members and guests welcome to our events and organize special events.

Library - Helps to catalog and distribute the club's lending library.

Membership - Helps to attract, service and retain members and maintain membership files.

Nominating - Ad HOC - Helps to find qualified people to serve as committee chairs every two years, or as needed.

Programs Committee (Vice-President serves as Program Chair) - This committee is tasked with bringing interesting and informative presentations to the club's general monthly meeting.

Publicity - Brings information of the club's activities to the public's attention.

Sunshine - Send out cards to members for losses, illnesses or congratulatory announcements.

Ways and Means - Helps with ways to raise funds to further our mission.

Web Site - Develops and maintains the club's web site.

Workshop - Helps to host the workshop, plan workshop activities, maintain equipment and teach members the proper way to use our equipment to enhance their lapidary findings.

**PASADENA LAPIDARY SOCIETY
INFORMED CONSENT/ASSUMPTION OF RISK/WAIVER OF LIABILITY**

Field Trip Dates: _____

Field Trip Location: _____

Please read the following information before beginning the field trip activity. Sign and date the accompanying sign-in sheet to acknowledge that you have read and understand the information presented below.

I understand the field trip/activity that I am participating in, of the above named Society, may include one or more of the following hazard(s) that may result in personal harm.

Unpredictable and Dangerous Environmental Conditions/Hazards, including but not limited to snow, rain, wind, very cold and very hot temperatures, lightning, altitude, loose rock, falling rock, rock slides, avalanches, river hazards, mud slides, mud, ice, other slippery conditions and contact with poisonous reptiles, wild fauna and toxic plants.

I understand the risks inherent in all outdoor activities (including high altitude activities) existing in the environment, either natural or man-made. I understand that I am required to use appropriate safety equipment pertinent to the field trip or activity in which I will be participating. I accept full responsibility for my actions and accept liability for any resulting damages or injuries.

By participating, I am assuming the risks inherent in this field trip or activity and I am releasing the above named societies, their officers, directors and individual members, from any liability for claims or lawsuits by the undersigned participant, arising out of this field trip activity. By signing this waiver of liability I understand that I release all property owners (private land owners and mining claimants) and lessees of any liability or responsibility for any accidents, injuries, problems or any other unfortunate incidents that may occur during this activity on their property. I have read all of the aforementioned information and understand any and all of it. Any questions, which have occurred to me, have been answered to my satisfaction. I am participating in these activities of my own free choice.

If the participant is under 18 years of age, this form must be read and signed by a parent or legal guardian before participating in this field trip or activity.

"I hereby acknowledge that I have read and understand my rights and responsibilities resulting in my signing this informed Consent/Assumption of Risk/Waiver of Liability."

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Print Name: _____

Minor's Name: _____

Notes

**PASADENA LAPIDARY SOCIETY
PARTICIPANT RELEASE OF LIABILITY
READ BEFORE SIGNING**

In consideration of being allowed to participate in any way in the sanctioned activities of the PASADENA LAPIDARY SOCIETY, the undersigned acknowledges, appreciates, and agrees that:

The risk of injury from the activities involved in these programs is significant, including the potential for permanent disability and death, and while particular rules, equipment, and personal discipline may reduce the risk, the risk of serious injury to me does exist and,

I KNOWINGLY AND FREELY ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS, both known and unknown, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF MY OWN ACTIONS or of others, and assume full responsibility for my acts during such participation; and,

I willingly agree to comply with the stated and customary terms and conditions for participation. If I observe any concern in my readiness for participation and/or in the program itself, I will remove myself from participation and bring such to the attention of the nearest official immediately; and,

I, for myself and on behalf of my heirs, assigns, personal representatives and next of kin, HEREBY RELEASE THE PASADENA LAPIDARY SOCIETY, their officers, officials, agents, and/or employees, other participants, sponsoring agencies, sponsors, advertisers, and if applicable, owners and lessors of premises used to conduct the event— WITH RESPECT TO ANY AND ALL INJURY, DISABILITY, DEATH, or loss or damage to person or property incident to my involvement or participation in these programs, WHETHER ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE PASADENA LAPIDARY SOCIETY OR OTHERWISE, to the fullest extent permitted by law.

I, for myself and on behalf of my/our heirs, assigns, personal representatives and next of kin, HEREBY INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS the Pasadena Lapidary Society from any and all liabilities incident to my involvement or participation in these programs, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THEIR NEGLIGENCE, to the fullest extent permitted by law.

I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT, AND FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS. I UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE SURRENDERED SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT AND SIGN IT FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Print Name: _____

WORKSHOP RULES

See the current workshop rules on the Member Tools page of the web site
(www.pasadenalapidary.org)

The Pasadena Lapidary Society offers its members a LAPIDARY WORKSHOP. The schedule for this workshop is published in our bulletin. Participants in the lapidary workshops range from beginners to experienced members. We encourage participants to share their expertise and specialties.

Failure to follow any of these rules may result in the temporary loss of your workshop privileges. No matter which step you are on, the following rules, safety precautions, and guidelines always apply;

You **MUST** be a current paid member of the Pasadena Lapidary Society to use the workshop/equipment. This is so that you are covered by our insurance policy. If the membership chairman is not present, you may be required to show your membership card.

The lapidary shop equipment may not be used by anyone who has not signed a liability waiver.

Children under the age of 9 are not allowed to use the powered equipment. Ages 10-16 are asked to be supervised by a parent or guardian, or they will be unable to use the machines.

There is a flat fee to use the workshop. In addition, small fees are charged for the use of the saws to help offset our costs. See the workshop host for the current fee schedule.

All beginning participants must first take a two-class Lapidary Certification Course, which covers lapidary techniques and equipment safety and use. New members are asked to have an experienced member follow their equipment operation for three (3) workshops. Think through the entire job before starting.

You **MUST ALWAYS** wear safety glasses when working on open saw, grinder or polishing machine or when soldering. Safety glasses are the responsibility of the individual. We highly recommend that you wear full coverage safety goggles rather than just glasses. Some are furnished by the PLS or you may bring your own.

Clothing: Wear appropriate clothing for the task. **DO NOT** wear loose clothing or any accessories (long necklaces, bracelets, shirts with long fringes, and similar) that might get caught by the machines during operation. Only closed-toe, flat heel shoes will be permitted at the workshop.

Before starting a machine, always check it for correct setup. All machines must be operated with all guards and shields in place. Only use powered equipment with a properly grounded outlet. Under **NO** circumstances should you override the grounding system or modify the plug. Report damaged cords or plugs to the Shop Supervisor.

Set up your machine on a sturdy, level work surface that is water tolerant and at a comfortable height for your frame. Take care to prevent water from running down the shaft and into the electric motor. Fill reservoirs only to the indicated levels and keep all drains open and running free.

Always shut off and unplug a machine when switching between set-ups, changing blades or discs, making adjustments, or when not in use. Do not use your bare hands to remove stone chips and small grit from the machine, use a brush. Never use a rag near moving machinery. Never use a hammer or other force on a machine.

Make sure that everyone has a chance to use the equipment. We understand that you may want to

WORKSHOP SAFETY

Due to safety concerns, proper instruction on equipment use is mandatory for everyone who participates. Lapidary Procedures must be followed. All beginning participants must first take a two-class Lapidary Certification Course, which covers lapidary techniques and equipment safety and use.

Our workshop safety rules are guidelines designed to reduce the safety risk when working with some of the materials of our hobby and to ensure that all newcomers are aware of those potential hazards. As with any guideline, common sense should be practiced. Remember a clean workplace and work station, free of clutter and scrap material is the first step to performing the task safely! If you have not worked with a particular material before, check with an experienced member about specific precautions to be taken while working with the material.

Protective Eye Wear: It doesn't take much to damage the eye sufficiently that it will not recover. Safety glasses are certainly a small price to pay for a lifetime of sight and should be worn when using any open saw or grinder. Small chips will often pop up and out from the blade. If you are trimming a cab design, these chips will often strike the face and possibly the eye. It is suggested to use a face shield in conjunction with safety glasses for the added protection of the face. If you use acids or caustic type cleaners, it is best to combine each of the above with the use of goggles as well.

Respiratory Protection:

Dust Masks: Dust masks are encouraged when working with dry or wet stone polishing to avoid prolonged exposure to water vapor containing microscopic particles of potentially hazardous materials we work with. Some of these materials are:

Actinolite—some varieties contain asbestos; asbestos causes mesotheliosis

Beryllium (Tiffany Stone) - avoid breathing dust or vapors containing beryllium compound (berylliosis)

Chrysocolla—copper based ore; all copper based ores are saturation heavy metals and can lead to a number of health related issues

Covelite—copper based ore

Cuprite—copper based ore

Green Petrified Woods—chromium; can cause liver and kidney damage

Malachite—copper based ore

Quartz—silica fine dust particle from sand blasting or long term inhalation of water vapor containing silica particle can cause silicosis

Serpentine—chromium

Turquoise—copper based ore

Glues, Adhesives, Polishing Compounds and Pastes—Keep from mucus membranes and prolonged exposure to the skin. Seek medical attention if splashed in the eye. For some types of glues a respirator is recommended.

Ventilation: Most lapidary activities, including sawing, grinding, polishing and gluing are best done safely in a well-ventilated environment.

Hand Safety: Rough rock has a tendency to have sharp edges, especially obsidian. A thick leather palm glove is best when handling most rocks to be sawn or when removing slabs from the drying bins. When washing obsidian, be especially careful of points where the saw stopped and the slab fell from the host rock.

Use dop sticks to polish your stones. Your hand can easily slip when holding a stone and receive a nasty cut or burn from the grinding wheel.

When using pickle baths or etching acids, make sure you wear some type of rubber glove to reduce the risk of contact with the skin.

TOURNAMENT OF GEMS ANNUAL SHOW

The City of Pasadena has its annual Tournament of Roses Parade. Just as spectacular, the Pasadena Lapidary Society's Tournament of Gems draws visitors from near and far!

This event, held the second weekend of March annually, is an opportunity for our members to showcase their favorite lapidary items. All members are strongly encouraged to participate with a display. The club has beautiful wood and glass table-top display cases with both incandescent and LED lighting. There is no cost to display and a member may request as many cases as he or she may want. Club members assisting with show set-up will assemble the display cases and have them ready for display. All a member has to do is use their imagination and set up a display! At the February meeting there will be a demonstration of what a display case looks like and how to line it with fabric for presentation.

Each year there is a different theme for the show. Recent themes have included "The Color of Gems", "From Rocks to Art", and "Rocks Through the Ages". A member can use the theme to guide the content of the exhibit - or use their own ideas.

The Tournament of Gems is our opportunity to show case our Society to the public. In addition to the member display case, there are dealers selling rocks, gems, jewelry and fossils; also, demonstration of lapidary techniques and information on our club; food and beverages are served and there are games for our younger visitors. Our raffle generates almost all of our annual income and there are beautiful and useful prizes to be won.

All members are asked to donate one nice raffle prize and to sell raffle tickets to their family, friends and co-workers. Flyers will be available to bring to work, school or to the supermarket.

Additionally, all members are asked to volunteer a shift at the show - either on Friday to set up the tables and display cases, during the show at one of our club tables, or on Sunday late afternoon to take down the cases and tables. Please contact the show chair to offer your help!

Members

The Pasadena Lapidary Society is a vibrant and active organization. New members join each month!

As a service to our members we maintain an up-to-date member roster with phone and email contacts. Members use this information to set up car-pools to field trips, plan educational events, share local rock and gem show details and to enable themselves to better enjoy the earth sciences.

To receive a current copy of the member roster, please contact the Society's Membership Chair.

Honor Roll of Presidents

1947 - Jessie Chittenden	1974 - Harry Billheimer	2007 - Joe Goetz
1948 - Jessie Chittenden	1975 - Dick Crotty	2008 - Joe Goetz
1949 - C. Dale Gibson	1976 - Dick Crotty	2009 - Joe Goetz
1950 - Hamer Pugh	1977 - Arlene Billheimer*	2010 - Drew Wilson/ Chris Kyte
1951 - John Whatley	1978 - Arlene Billheimer*	2011 - Chris Kyte
1952 - Clarence Chittenden	1979 - Vic Armstrong	2012 - Marcia Goetz
1953 - Al Stoltz	1980 - Vic Armstrong	2013 - Marcia Goetz
1954 - Vic Armstrong	1981 - Earl Thornton	2014 - Marcia Goetz
1955 - Beatrice Lidell	1982 - Earl Thornton	2015 - Marcia Goetz
1956 - George Lowe	1983 - Dee Thompson	2016 - Ellen Ferrell
1957 - Tom Mahan	1984 - Dee Thompson	2017 - Ellen Ferrell
1958 - Tom Mahan	1985 - Susan Arnold	2018 - Ellen Ferrell
1959 - Clarence Chittenden	1986 - Susan Arnold	
1960 - Clarence Greere	1987 - Susan Arnold	
1961 - Clare Beam	1988 - Grace Cargill	
1963 - Jessie Chittenden	1989 - Grace Cargill	
1964 - Clarence Ritter	1990 - Vern Cliffe	
1965 - George Snyder/ Malcolm Meacham	1991 - Vern Cliffe	
1966 - Clarence Ritter	1992 - Sandie Fender	
1967 - Aleta Purcell	1993 - Sandie Fender	
1968 - Aleta Purcell	1994 - Gail Poulson	
1969 - Malcolm Meacham	1995 - Gail Poulson	
1970 - Malcolm Meacham	1996 - Tony Fender	
1971 - Harry Billheimer	1997 - Tony Fender	*Designates member who also served as President of the California Federation of Mineralogical Societies
1972 - Harry Billheimer	1998 - Todd Neikirk	
1973 - Harry Billheimer	1999 - Todd Neikirk	
	2000 - Sandie Fender	
	2001 - Sandie Fender	
	2002 - Tony Fender	
	2003 - Tony Fender	
	2004 - Todd Neikirk	
	2005 - Todd Neikirk	
	2006 - Joe Goetz	

ROCKHOUND OF THE YEAR

One member or a couple from a society or club can be recognized each year by the California Federation of Mineralogical Societies. The purpose of this award is to honor club members who have made outstanding contributions to their local club and/or to the California Federation of Mineralogical Societies.

Prior Rockhounds of the Year

2006 Todd Neikirk
2007 Ed & Corinne Imlay
2008 Henry Debick
2010 Joe & Marcia Goetz
2011 Vern & Sylvia Cliffe
2013 Carolyn Duncan
2014 Linda & Mark Nelson
2015 Marlene and Chris Kyte
2016 Phil Lahr
2017 Rex Nishimura
2018 Mona Ross and Carolyn Duncan

Prior Junior Rockhounds of the Year

2013 Tanner SooHoo
2014 Paolo Sanchez
2015 Jennifer Nishimura
2016 Jared Nishimura
2017 Alyson Nishimura
2018 Paolo Sanchez

The nomination and election process for the ROTY and the nomination form can be found at the PasadenaLapidarySociety.org web site and clicking on the Member Tools tab.

Pasadena Lapidary Society's Web Site

Our Society maintains an award-winning Web Site to keep our members up-to-date and provides pertinent information.

Visit www.pasadenalapidary.org to view our web page and links to our calendar, history, past newsletters, and other society activities and information.

Pasadena Lapidary Society's Newsletter

Our Society produces a monthly newsletter - Rockhound Ramblings, which was judged by the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies to be the BEST among all similar bulleting in North America.

To keep our members up-to-date and provide pertinent information, our bulletin features a unique rock or mineral, club information, a president's message, minutes from board and business meetings, a monthly calendar and information on upcoming events, meetings and workshop.

To see some past newsletters, go to www.pasadenalapidary.org and follow the "Newsletters".

CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF MINERALOGICAL SOCIETIES (CFMS)

The California Federation of Mineralogical Societies (CFMS) was organized in 1936 to bring about a close association of Clubs and Societies devoted to the study of Earth Sciences and the practice of Lapidary Arts and Crafts in the Western part of the United States.

The CFMS includes approximately 110 clubs and societies mostly in California. A few societies in Nevada and Hawaii are members due to historical affiliation.

Each club or society in the Federation is represented by a CFMS Director, who participates in the semi-annual Directors' Meetings for purposes of reviewing and improving Federation policies and procedures. Pasadena Lapidary Society has been a part of CFMS since 1947.

The CFMS' Scholarship Fund provides annual scholarships to undergraduate students in the fields of Earth Science and Lapidary Arts.

The Federation sponsors field trips, competitions, and workshops to assist clubs with their pursuits in the fields of mineral collecting, study of geology, exhibiting, faceting and lapidary skills.

Each year, two week-long Earth Science seminars are held (one in the desert during Spring, and another in the mountains in the Fall) to teach these skills.

Through its Public Lands Advisory Committee, members of California Federation societies are working with government agencies to protect and preserve a number of mineral collecting areas.

AMERICAN FEDERATION OF MINEROLOGICAL SOCIETIES (AFMS)

AFMS is the national version of CFMS. Seven similar regional organizations of gem, mineral, and lapidary societies are members.

AFMS CODE OF ETHICS

- I. I will respect both private and public property and will do no collecting on privately owned land without permission from the owner.
- II. I will keep informed on all laws, regulations and rules governing collecting on private lands and will observe them.
- III. I will to the best of my ability, ascertain the boundary lines of property on which I plan to collect.
- IV. I will use no firearms or blasting materials in collecting areas.
- V. I will cause no willful damage to property of any kind, such as fences, signs, buildings, etc.
- VI. I will leave all gates as found.
- VII. I will build fires only in designated or safe places and will be certain they are completely extinguished before leaving the area.
- VIII. I will discard no burning materials - - matches, cigarettes, etc.
- XI. I will fill all excavation holes which may be dangerous to livestock.
- X. I will not contaminate wells, creeks, or other water supplies.
- XI. I will cause no willful damage to collecting material and will take home only what I can reasonably use.
- XII. 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.
- XIII. 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.
- XIV. I will cooperate with Field Trip Leaders and those in designated authority in all collecting areas.
- XV. I will report to my Club or Federation Officers, Bureau of Land Management, or other proper authorities, any deposit of petrified wood or other material on public lands which should be protected for the enjoyment of future generations and for public educational and scientific purposes.
- XVI. I will appreciate and protect our heritage of Natural Resources.
- XVII. 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.

RESOURCES

The following are some resources for lapidary and jewelry enthusiasts:

A&A Jewelry Supply: 319 W. 6th St., Los Angeles, CA 90013. (213) 826-8004. Findings, tools, display cases, etc.

Baldwin Park Unified School District/ Fine Arts.
<http://bpusd-ca.schoolloop.com>

Bench Tips by Brad Smith: are at facebook.com/BenchTips or yahoogroups.com/group/BenchTips

California Federation of Mineralogical Societies (CFMS) www.cfmsinc.org. Statewide listing of lapidary club shows.

Covina Valley Adult Education:
<http://www.tri-communityadulthood.org/>
(click on brochure and check the schedule of classes page for Jewelry Making/Lapidary

Covington Engineering: 715 West Colton Ave., Redlands, CA 92374 (909) 763-6636.

Delta One Lapidary: A great online source for lapidary supplies, materials and advice. (541) 563-7495 or www.deltaonelapidary.com

Fire Mountain Gems: Jewelry supplies (800) 355-2137 www.firemountaingems.com

Hobby Lobby stores

Jewel Tunnel Imports: 13100 Spring

St., Baldwin Park, CA (626) 814-2257. Wholesale lapidary specimens.

Kingsley North: Jewelry supplies (800) 338-9280 www.kingsleynorth.com
Call them for a free catalog.

LA-Rocks Yahoo Group:
<http://tech.groups.yahoo.com/group/LA-Rocks/>
This group discusses rock hounding activity in the Southern California area.

Martha Wilson Design: Personalized Instruction of lapidary and jewelry fabrication techniques in Monrovia. (626)798-9085.

Michaels stores

Rio Grande: jewelry supplies. (800) 545-7677. www.riogrande.com

The Ganoskin Project: e-books on lapidary and metalsmithing. www.ganoskin.com

Thunderbird Jewelry Supplies (800) 545-7968. www.thunderbirdsupply.com

Tripp's Jewelry Supply (800) 545-7962 www.tripps.com

Wire-Sculpture.com: on-line lapidary supplies and weekly tips. www.wire-sculpture.com.

PASADENA LAPIDARY SOCIETY BY-LAWS

Adopted June 18, 2013

Amended as of June 11, 2013

ARTICLE 1 - NAME AND BASIC AUTHORITY

SECTION 1 - NAME AND ADDRESS

- A. This organization shall be known as the PASADENA LAPIDARY SOCIETY, INC.
- B. Within this document, the Pasadena Lapidary Society may be referred to variously as 'the Society', 'the Corporation', or 'the Organization'.
- C. The address of the Society shall be as determined by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 2 - BASIC AUTHORITY

The Basic Authority of the Pasadena Lapidary Society, Inc. is vested in:

- A. The laws of the State of California by Articles of Incorporation filed in the office the Secretary of the State of California.
- B. These By-Laws
- C. Operating Regulations as adopted from time to time by the Board of Directors.
- D. The current edition of Robert's Rules of Order. The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order shall govern meetings of the Society where they are applicable and where they are not inconsistent with the By-Laws of the Society.
- E. The Pasadena Lapidary Society, Inc. is a sovereign organization and may join or withdraw from any federation, congress or organization at the discretion of the Board of Directors with the approval of the general membership.
- F. This corporation is organized and shall be operated exclusively for community and charitable purposes within the meaning of Section 501c(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. As a non-profit charitable organization, the corporation will seek sources of funds to continue its stated mission. None of the assets of the corporation shall be used for the pecuniary gain or profit of any individual who is or may be a member thereof.

SECTION 3 - FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year of the Pasadena Lapidary Society is established as January 1st to December 31st.

ARTICLE II - OUR MISSION

The Pasadena Lapidary Society serves to educate its members and the community in mineralogy, earth sciences, and training in the lapidary and jewelry arts - while promoting sound mineral resource stewardship based on environmental awareness and ethical behavior. The Society fulfills its mission year-round which may include field trips, lapidary workshops, outreach presentations, public mineral displays, an annual show, and monthly information meetings open to the public.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1 - QUALIFICATIONS

- A. There will be no discrimination in membership.
- B. Any person having an interest in the Society may make application for membership.
- C. The application shall be given to the Membership Committee who shall present it at the next Board of Directors meeting. Acceptance of the application will be contingent on a majority affirmative vote of the Directors present at the meeting.

SECTION 2 - CLASSIFICATION

- A. Membership shall be classified as follows: Regular, Life, Honorary , Junior and Charter.

- B. Regular membership is available to those persons eighteen (18) years of age or older who elect to avail themselves of all privileges of the Society, including the right to make nominations, motions on the floor, vote, to debate and to hold elective office. The exercise of the privileges is dependent upon the member dues being paid current.
- C. Life membership is restricted to regular members who have been voted this honor by the membership of the Society in regular meeting in recognition of outstanding service to the Society. A person may be nominated for a life membership by a member presenting a petition (signed by ten(10) current members) to the Board of Directors. If the Board, after consideration, approves this petition by two-thirds vote, it will then be presented at a regular meeting of the general membership. A majority vote of the members present shall confirm or deny this action. To be considered for life membership, a nominee must have a minimum of ten (10) years continuous membership and have made outstanding contributions to the Society. Life members shall be exempt from dues upon election to that status and shall have all rights and privileges of a regular member.
- D. Honorary membership may be awarded by a unanimous vote of the Board of Directors to a person who has made an exceptional contribution to the earth science, or has performed special meritorious service to the Society. The title shall be conferred for life and shall be made at the annual installation meeting. An Honorary member shall be exempt from payment of dues, shall not have the right to make nominations, motions on the floor, vote, debate or hold office, and will receive the club's bulletin by electronic mail in lieu of in print form. He or she may become a Regular member upon application and payment of dues without jeopardy to his or her status as an Honorary Member.
- E. Junior membership shall be available to persons under the age of eighteen (18) years. Junior members do not have the right to make nominations, motions on the floor, debate, hold an elective office or vote.
- F. Junior members must be a relative of a Regular member or be sponsored by a Regular member who will be responsible for that junior member at all club activities. A minor may go on a field trip sponsored by the Society, provided he or she is accompanied by a parent, guardian or a member willing to accept responsibility for the minor. A parent or guardian must give a written consent, an appropriate emergency authorization form and sign a responsibility release.
- G. All members of record as of May 19, 1949 shall be regarded as charter members.

SECTION 3 - PROCEDURE FOR MEMBERSHIP

- A. Application of membership must be accompanied by one year's dues plus an initiation fee as specified by the Board of Directors. In case of acceptance, this fee will include the new member's dues for the balance of the Club's fiscal year. When acceptance to membership is within the last 60 days of the Club's year, the said annual dues and initiation fee apply to the balance of the current year and the ensuing year. If applicant is rejected, all money will be refunded.
- B. Membership Committee shall ascertain the eligibility of each applicant for membership. Upon meeting the requirements for membership, the Membership Committee shall submit a report on each applicant to the Board of Directors, to be voted on by the said Board, for acceptance or rejection for membership. All applicants will be considered for eligibility voted on by the said Board, for acceptance or rejection for membership. All applicants will be considered for eligibility.
- C. After a majority vote of the board members present at that meeting, the new member shall be notified, and then said person shall be inducted at the next general meeting.
- D. All members shall conform to the bylaws and rules of the Club.

SECTION 4 - WITHDRAWALS

- A. Any member wishing to withdraw from the Society may do so upon written notification to the Secretary, and upon the surrender of all library books and property of the Society he or she may have in

- their possession, or other unsatisfied obligations of the member.
- B. Debt or property not fully satisfied or surrendered property will be vigorously pursued to the limits of the law.
 - C. No refund will be made for the unexpired portion of dues.

SECTION 5 - TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

- A. It is hereby agreed that membership in the Pasadena Lapidary Society is a privilege and not a right. Upon recommendation of the Board of Directors to the Society any member, not in accord with the membership as a whole, may be asked to resign from the Society. Said member may be deprived of membership in the Society by action of the Board of Directors as provided for in these by-laws.
- B. The following is a partial listing of cause for revocation of membership. Misuse of organizational funds, Deliberate refusal to abide by organizational rules and regulations, Conduct which brings discredit to the name of image of the Society; Improper use of shop equipment, Use of the shop equipment for commercial or personal profit. For the purpose of this Article "commercial" means the fabrication of products at the Shop/Workshop with the intent of selling them to the public without the express approval of the Board of Directors. The term "commercial" is not intended to restrict members from the fabrication of cabochons or other jewelry for their own enjoyment that may eventually be sold, bartered or gifted to another person.

SECTION 6 - REINSTATEMENT

- A. Any member who shall have been dropped from the membership rolls, for any reason, other than non-payment of dues or termination, may be reinstated as a member by the same procedure as prescribed for a new member.

SECTION 7 - CREDENTIALS

- A. Annual Membership Cards, authenticated and signed by the Treasurer, shall be provided each member in good standing.

SECTION 8 - SERVICE IN THE ARMED FORCES

- A. Any member whose affiliation with the Society is interrupted by active service in the Armed Forces of the United States shall have their membership extended automatically, with the payment of dues, so long s he or she is on active duty.

SECTION 9 - PROPERTY RIGHTS

- A. No member of this Society shall have property rights or prior interests in the real or personal property, or other assets of the Corporation.

SECTION 10 - RISKS

- A. Members accepting membership in this organization understand there may be certain risks and hazards in association with lapidary, field collecting trips and related functions. It is understood and agreed that each member is responsible for his/her own safety and the well being of their invited guests. Each person is responsible and liable for the action of any and all domesticated animals that may accompany him or her. Acceptance, by an individual or family, of membership into the Corporation is considered acknowledgment, acceptance of, agreement with, and compliance with these By-Laws.

SECTION 11—MEMBER OBLIGATIONS

- A. RULES AND ETHICS. It shall be the duty of all members to abide by the by-laws and rules of the club and the code of ethics of the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies. Any member

who violates the principles embodied in the above mentioned documents shall be subject to such penalties as the Board may determine.

- B. COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY. Any member of the Society desiring to sell items at a Society function must have previously entered into a contract through the Board of Directors for that purpose.

ARTICLE IV - DUES, FEES AND ASSESSMENTS

SECTION 1 - DUES

1. Dues for Regular members shall be as specified by the Board of Directors and approved by the general membership and shall be due and payable along with the initiation fee when the application for membership form is submitted.
2. Junior members shall pay annual dues as specified by the Board of Directors and approved by the general membership, and said dues shall be due and payable along with the initiation fee when the application for membership form is submitted.
3. A Junior member may elect to become a Regular member without formal application for membership or initiation fee, by notifying the Membership Chairman prior to the expiration of the calendar year in which he/she becomes eighteen (18) years of age.
4. The due date for all members' annual dues shall be October 1 of the prior year. All members are to receive notice in advance of this date. In the event any member's dues are not paid by December 31 they will be considered delinquent.

SECTION 2 - FEES

- A. The Board of Directors shall establish fees as determined necessary for the operation of the organization.
- B. These fees shall be approved by the general membership.

SECTION 3—ASSESSMENTS

- A. If deemed necessary by the Board of Directors, and with the approval of the General Membership, a fee may be levied on all Society members.

ARTICLE V - MEETINGS

SECTION 1 - TIME AND PLACE

- A. There shall be an Educational/General meeting each month at such time and place as designated by the approval of a majority of the Board of Directors.
- B. The Business meeting (Board of Directors) is normally held monthly. The Board shall meet at such time and place as the President designates. All Society Members are encouraged to attend the Board Meetings.
- C. The membership shall be notified of the dates and times of all meetings which shall be provided in the monthly bulletin.

SECTION 2 - BIENNIAL NOMINATION COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT

- A. At the General meeting in August, a committee shall be appointed by the President to recommend nominators for elective officers for the following term.

SECTION 3—BIENNIAL NOMINATION MEETING

- A. The General meeting in October shall include the request for nominating of officers for the ensuing year.

SECTION 4—BIENNIAL ELECTION MEETING

- A. The General meeting in November shall include the electing of officers for the ensuing turn.

Section 5 - BIENNIAL INSTALLATION MEETING

- A. The General meeting in December shall include the installation of the incoming officers elected for the ensuing term.
- B. Before the close of the meeting, an auditor shall be appointed by the incoming President, to audit the Society's books before January 31st of the new year.

SECTION 6 .- SPECIAL MEETINGS

- A. Special meetings of the members of the Society may be held upon a call made by a majority of the Board of Directors or by a petition signed by no less than ten (10) of the voting members, at a time and place designated by the Board of Directors.
- B. Notices of special meetings shall set forth the purpose of the meeting.
- C. A majority vote of the membership (50% + 1 of current registered members) shall be sufficient to transact business of the Corporation.

SECTION 8 - QUORUM

- A. Twenty (20) percent of the voting members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at the General meetings of the Society.
- B. A vote of 50% + 1 of those present at a meeting shall be sufficient to approve business matters.
- C. At the general meeting any member, in good standing, can move a referendum vote on actions taken by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 9 - NOTICE OF CERTAIN AGENDA ITEMS

- A. If action by the Board of Directors is proposed to be taken for approval of any of the following, notice in writing shall be provided to the general membership stating the general nature thereof. Such as, but not limited to:
 - 1. Removing and elected officer.
 - 2.. Filing vacancies of elective positions on the Board by the members.
 - 3. Amending the By-Laws.
 - 4. Approving a plan of distribution of assets.
- B. Notice of any meeting of the members shall be provided via email and/or newsletter mailings, addressed to each member at the address of that member appearing on the books of the Society. If no address appears on the Society's books and no other has been given, notice shall be deemed to have been given.

ARTICLE VI - OFFICERS

SECTION 1 - ELECTED OFFICERS

- A. The elected officers shall consist of a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, a Treasurer and a Federation Director.
- B. An individual may hold no more than two elected positions simultaneously, and is limited to a single vote.
- C. For the purpose of conducting corporate business, the corporate officers are the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and the Trustees, who will be considered Directors.
- D. The elected officers shall be nominated and elected as prescribed in ARTICLE VII.
- E. Trustees are designated as 'officers' by virtue of having been previously elected as presidents of the Society. Refer to Section 4 of this Article for details of their terms of office.
- F. No elected or appointed officer shall receive remuneration from the Society.

SECTION 2 - APPOINTED DIRECTORS

- A. The President shall appoint the chairpersons of the Standing Committees as soon as possible at or after the installation meeting.
- B. The Standing Committees are: Annual Show, Bulletin, Education, Field Trip, Publicity, Librarian, Historian, Membership, Ways and Means and the Workshop. One person may chair more than one committee.
- C. The President shall appoint Special Committees, such as By-Laws, Publicity, Hospitality, Sunshine, Programs, Meeting Display, Parliamentarian, Inventory and Nominating as he or she determines appropriate.

SECTION 3 - QUALIFICATIONS

- A. Regular and Life members in good standing are eligible for the elective and appointive offices.

SECTION 4 - TERMS OF OFFICE

- A. All elected officers, with the exception of the Trustees, shall be elected for a term of two years.
- B. After an initial term of two years, elected officers may be re-elected.
- C. Committee chairs shall be appointed for a term of up to two years by the President in accordance with the by-laws. There shall be no limit to the number of times a committee chair can be re-appointed.
- D. The Trustees' terms of office shall be for a minimum of six years. The outgoing president shall become the new incoming First Trustee, and he or she shall be the chairperson of the Trustees. The Trustee with the longest service shall be the Third Trustee, or outgoing trustee. When a president is elected to succeed him or her self, the term of all trustees shall automatically be extended the same length of time. Should the office of a trustee become vacant prior to the expiration of its term it may be filled by the Board of Directors or left vacant. Preference given to a past president when considering filling a vacant trustee position.
- E. In the event that the office of president becomes vacant prior to the end of the elected term the Directors will fill the vacancy in accordance with the provisions of Article IX, Section 4C. Should the current president vacate the office prior to the end of the normal term the individual will not become a Trustee. The person replacing the president and serving to the completion of the term shall become the First Trustee upon the election of another president for a new two-year term.

SECTION 5 - TERMINATION OF OFFICE

- A. Any officer with an unexcused absence from four consecutive meetings (e.g. two general meetings, and two board meetings) may, at the direction of the Board of Directors, be excused or may be relieved of their office and a successor appointed by the Board of Directors. However, the officer will be notified in writing by certified mail after the third absence that this status as said officer is in jeopardy
- B. A vote to remove the officer must be made by secret ballot by the General Membership as provided for in Article V, Section 8.

ARTICLE VII - BIENNIAL ELECTIONS

SECTION 1 - NOMINATING COMMITTEE

- A. A nominating committee of at least five (5) Regular and/or Life members of the Society, shall be appointed at the August meeting. Two shall be appointed by the Board of Directors from within the Board and two appointed by the General Membership. One shall be appointed by the President and this appointee shall be the Committee Chair.

- B. The nominating committee shall cease to exist following the elections at the November meeting. The committee may be reappointed by the President or by the Board of Directors in the event of a vacancy in an elective position.

SECTION 2 - SLATE OF NOMINATIONS

- A. the nominating committee shall prepare a slate of nominations of at least one (1), and preferably two (2) nominees for each of the elective offices. The slate will be presented at the first General meeting in October at which time additional nominations may be made from the floor.
- B. All nominations will be published in the bulletin for November.

SECTION 3 - ELECTIONS

- A. At the General meeting in November, after again calling for further nominations from the floor the balloting shall take place, and the new officers declared elected at that time.
- B. Balloting for unopposed offices shall be by voice vote, one office at a time, unless two (2) or more members have been nominated for a position, in which case the vote will be by secret ballot.
- C. Only Regular and Life members in good standing will be eligible to vote at this election. The membership chair and the Secretary will confirm the voter eligibility and issue ballots.
- D. Candidates winning 50% + 1 of the votes cast shall be declared elected to that position. If a plurality of votes are cast for positions with more than two candidates, the two candidates receiving the most votes will be voted on again to result in a 51% majority by one candidate.

SECTION 3 - INSTALLATION

- A. Installation of the newly elected officers will take place at the General meeting in December and the new President shall immediately thereafter announce appointments to the remaining offices.

ARTICLE VIII - DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS

SECTION 1 - PRESIDENT

- A. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Society (except those of the Nominating Committee) and the Board of Directors.
- B. The President shall appoint all standing and special committees, shall be an ex-officio member of such committees, and shall coordinate the work of such committees.
- C. The President may sign checks drawn by the Treasurer.
- D. The President shall be the principal executive of the Society, shall direct and coordinate all the corporation's activities, and perform all other such duties as usually pertain to the office.
- E. The President only has a vote in the event of a tie in Board, General or Committee meetings.
- F. When the President determines that a committee chair is unable to perform the assigned duties the President shall be empowered to declare the office vacant and shall appoint a successor to carry on for the balance of the term.
- G. In the case of an elected officer, other than the president, the President will appoint a nominating committee to identify a candidate and notice of the vacancy will be given to the membership via the bulletin.

SECTION 2 - VICE-PRESIDENT

- A. the Vice-President shall assist the President in all official duties and substitute for the President in the event of the latter's absence, including the signing of checks and necessary documents.
- B. The Vice-President shall assume the Presidency in the event that office becomes vacant.

- D. The Vice-President shall be chairman of the Program committee, and shall submit to the President the names of the persons he wishes appointed to his committee for the planning and conduct of all meetings of the Society.

SECTION 3 - SECRETARY

- A. The Secretary shall keep an accurate record of the minutes of all General and Special meetings of the Society, and of the Board of Directors meetings.
- B. The Secretary shall receive and answer all correspondence in accordance with the action of the Society, the Board of Directors, or as directed by the President.
- C. The Secretary shall perform such duties as may be assigned by the Board of Directors as may pertain to the office, including the signing of checks.
- D. The Secretary shall preside over meetings if the President and Vice-President are absent.

SECTION 4 - TREASURER

- A. The Treasurer shall keep and maintain adequate and correct accounts and files of all funds of the Society, all the properties and business transactions of the Corporation, including accounts of its assets, liabilities, receipts, disbursements, and other matters customarily included in financial statements. The Board of Directors may at any time request a review/audit of these records, and may at any time request inspection of the various books and records. The Treasurer shall be responsible for all funds received by the Society, shall collect all dues and sign and issue membership cards.
- B. The Treasurer shall pay all bills which have been approved by the Board of Directors. Payments will be made by bank checks only, co-signed by any two of the authorized officers.
- C. The Treasurer shall maintain bank accounts in the name of the Pasadena Lapidary Society, Inc., for the general funds of the corporation, and for such savings and special accounts as may be authorized by the Board of Directors.
- D. As the Society's CFO, the Treasurer will be responsible for submitting a draft annual budget for the Board of Director's review.
- E. The Treasurer shall deposit all monies in the name of the Corporation and may be requested to be bonded at the discretion of the Board of Directors. The cost of the bond will be paid by the Society.
- F. The Treasurer shall provide to the Board of Directors a list of all bills due and payable at the Board of Directors meetings.
- G. The Treasurer shall file the Corporate State and Federal reports without benefit of extension. This report must be signed by one of the authorized officers.
- H. Extension requests for filing of Federal and State reports are to be prepared by the Treasurer and signed by the President.

SECTION 6 - FEDERATION DIRECTOR

- A. The Federation Director shall keep well informed on the activities of the American and California Federations of Mineralogical Societies, and shall be prepared to advise the Society and the Board of Directors on matters of interest and importance to the Society.
- B. The Federation Director shall, with the approval of the Board of Directors, attend the executive meetings of the Directors of the California Federation of Mineralogical Societies. As soon as possible, following these meetings, the Federation Director shall prepare, and present a summary of business conducted at the Federation meeting for the Bulletin Editor and at the next meeting of the Board of Directors.
- C. The Federation Director shall be entitled to compensation of reasonable expenses for attending meetings as approved by the Board of Directors.

- D. If the elected Director is unable to attend a Federation meeting, the President shall appoint an alternate who may be compensated in accordance with C above.
- E. The Federation Director shall maintain communication with the California and/or American Federations of Mineralogical Societies. The Director shall make reports at the general meetings and the Board meetings. The director shall deliver any information or papers received from the Federations to the appropriate office or committee chairperson involved. The Director shall attend and represent the Society at Federation meetings and vote in the best interest of the Society.

SECTION 6 - TRUSTEES

- A. Duties of the Trustees shall consist of the oversight, care, custody and control of the Society property and any repairs authorized by the Board of Directors or vote of the membership. The Trustees shall see that the annual audit of the Society's books is completed by March 31st of each year.

ARTICLE IX - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SECTION 1 - ORGANIZATION

- A. The Board of Directors shall consist of the elected officers of the Society, the chairperson of all standing committees and the Trustees.
- B. The standing committees are: Annual Show, Bulletin, Education, Field Trips, Publicity, Librarian, Historian, Membership, Ways and Means and the Workshop.
- C. The President of the Society shall be the Chairman, and the Secretary of the Society shall be the Secretary of the Board.
- D. The meeting of the Board of Directors is normally held monthly. The Board shall meet at such time and place as the President designates. All Society Members are encouraged to attend the Board Meetings.

SECTION 2 – POWERS AND DUTIES

- A. The voting members of the Board of Directors shall be eighteen (18). This includes the officers of the Society, the Trustees and the chairpersons of the Standing Committees.
- B. Each officer and chairperson shall keep a detailed procedure book of all his/her duties. This is the property of the Club to be referenced by each officer's or chairperson's successors. The Society shall maintain a duties and procedures book for directors.
- C. The Board of Directors shall have power to conduct, manage and control the business and affairs of the Society; to exercise all corporate powers, and generally to do and perform every act and duty pertaining to the office of the Board of Directors.
- D. The Board shall make such standing rules, policies and procedures (referred to as Operating Regulations) as they may deem to be in the best interests of the Society; providing such rules are not in violation or inconsistent with the law of the land, the Articles of Incorporation, and/or these By-Laws.
- E. The Board shall have the power to create a savings account and designate the amount of money to be transferred to it. Funds will not be withdrawn from the savings account without a majority affirmative vote of the voting members of the Board of Directors who are present.
- F. Contracts shall be signed by an elected member of the Board of Directors or such other individuals as may be directed to do so by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 3 - QUORUM

- A. A quorum of any Board of Directors meeting shall be a simple majority of the total number of filled board member positions.
- B. A meeting at which a quorum is initially present, including and adjourned meeting, may continue to

transact business notwithstanding the withdrawal of directors, if any action taken is approved by at least an impartial majority of the required quorum for such meeting, or such greater number as required by these by-laws or the Law.

SECTION 4 - VACANCIES

- A. A vacancy or vacancies in the Board of Directors shall be deemed to exist on the occurrence of any of the following:
 - 1. The death, resignation, or removal of a director.
 - a. Resignations. Any director choosing to resign shall have their resignation effective upon giving written notice to the President, unless the notice specifies a later time for the resignation to become effective.
 - b. Resignation notice of a President must be submitted to the Vice-President in writing.
 - c. Removal. Refer to Article VI, Section 5.
- B. Any vacancy in an elected office shall be filled by election at a general meeting as soon as possible.
- C. Should the vacancy be in the office of President, the Vice-President shall become the President and a candidate will be bound to assume the responsibility of Vice-President.

SECTION 5 - ACTION WITHOUT A MEETING

- A. The Board of Directors may take any required or permitted action without a meeting, if all members of the board shall individually or collectively consent in writing to such action.
- B. Such action by written consent shall have the same force in effect as the unanimous vote of such directors.

ARTICLE X - AMENDMENTS

SECTION 1-PROCEDURE

- A. Amendments to the By-Laws can be made in accordance with the laws of the State of California.
- B. The Operating Regulations of the Society shall define the method and procedure for amending the By-laws.

ARTICLE XI - DISPOSAL OF ASSETS IN THE EVENT OF DISSOLUTION

- A. In the event of dissolution of said Society its assets shall be turned over, as determined by a vote of a majority of voting members present at a general meeting held for that purpose, to a nonprofit association or corporation organized and operated exclusively for education and/or scientific purposes similar to that of said Society.

ARTICLE XII - DEFINITIONS

- A. As used in these By-Laws the words Society and Corporation are interchangeable, and have one and the same meaning.
- B. As used in these By-Laws the words 'The Board', or 'Board' shall be understood to mean the Board of Directors of the Society and are interchangeable, having one and the same meaning.
- C. The term 'vote of the general members' or 'the vote of the general membership' or similar term shall be given to mean the vote of voting members present at a general meeting where the subject of such voting is valid.

ARTICLE XIII – POLICIES

SECTION 1 - GENERAL POLICIES

- A. Those decisions of the general membership relating to the operations of the Society, not in conflict

with the Articles of Incorporation or the By-Laws and supplemental to them, shall be designated as the 'Operating Regulations'. Any such rules and regulations shall bear numbers and dates for easy reference.

- B. Before the establishment or revision of an policy, rule or regulation becomes effective the By-Laws Committee shall review each proposal to insure there is no conflict with the By-Laws or Articles of Incorporation. The Committee shall report its findings to the Board of Directors at their next meeting.
- C. They may be established, revised or revoked by a majority affirmative vote at any Board of Directors meeting where a quorum exists.
- D. Fees and Compensation. Directors and members of committees may not receive any compensation for their services as such, but may receive reasonable reimbursement of expenses incurred in the performance of their duties, or for expenses reasonably anticipated to be incurred in the performance of their duties, as approved by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 2 - CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY

- A. The organization is not authorized to purchase commercial goods, services, or assists from any of its members without prior approval by a majority vote of the Board of Directors - and then at a cost not to exceed the fair market value.
- B. The Society will not allow any commercial activity at its events without prior approval by the Board of Directors for each occurrence.
- C. Members and non-member businesses may advertise their goods or services in the society's newsletter for a fee to be approved by the Board of Directors.

END OF PASADENA LAPIDARY SOCIETY BY-LAWS

PASADENA LAPIDARY SOCIETY
OPERATING REGULATIONS
ADOPTED 10/20/16 by the Op Rules Committee

SECTION I - STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

These Operating Regulations are established via the by-laws of the Pasadena Lapidary Society, Inc. as a supplement to those by-laws. The Operating Regulations provide additional details with respect to the operations of the Society, its administration, and its committees. The Operating Regulations are more easily amended than the by-laws, thereby providing officers and committee chairpersons with controlled flexibility in their implementation.

Sections of this document may be partitioned into regulations that are binding, and guidelines that describe actions that are acceptable, but not mandatory.

In addition, Appendices to the Operating Regulations shall be used as placeholders for items, such as, the calendar of the annual business cycle of the Society, and standard forms or other documents used by the Society.

SECTION II - LIABILITY DISCLAIMER

Pasadena Lapidary Society activities are outings among friends. No liability is assumed by Pasadena Lapidary Society, its officers and members, individual participants or anyone else, for the personal safety or property of the participant and everyone in the participant's party. All participants in club activities will be required to sign a Liability Disclaimer.

This caveat includes all time at Pasadena Lapidary Society activities as well as on the field trips and on other highways and desert or mountain back roads.

If you cannot accept this do not plan to participate in Pasadena Lapidary Society activities.

SECTION III - COLORS

The colors of the organization are blue and yellow.

SECTION IV - LOGO

The logo of the organization is:



SECTION V - APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

- A. All persons wishing to apply for membership shall complete an application form - the format of which shall be submitted by the Membership Chairperson and approved by the (BOD) Board of Directors.
- B. Applications shall be accompanied by the annual dues fee, a badge fee and an application processing fee. These fees shall be determined by the Board.
- C. Applications and fees shall be held until the applicant has completed the membership requirements. These requirements shall be determined by the Board.
- D. Prior to an application being reviewed by the Board, applicants shall sign a waiver of liability.
- E. Upon induction, new members shall receive a badge, a copy of the bylaws, a copy of the membership list and a membership card.

- F. Prior to an application being reviewed by the Board, applicants shall attend and participate in a minimum of three (3) Society activities. These activities may include meetings, field trips, workshop visit, or any other society activities.
- G. Prior to acceptance for membership, applicants may not participate in workshop activities.

SECTION VI - MEMBERSHIP, FEES AND ASSESSMENTS

- A. A recommendation to revoke an individual's membership shall be made in writing to any member of the Board of Directors by any voting member.
- B. The President will appoint a Grievance Committee consisting of five voting members from the Board of Directors. If by 3/5 vote the Grievance Committee finds sufficient cause for revocation of membership a special Board of Directors meeting shall be called - and on 2/3 vote of a quorum present at the meeting, membership shall be revoked.
- C. Before such action is taken - fifteen (15) days prior written notification, and the reasons thereof, shall be given the subject member inviting him/her to appear before the Board of Directors at a time and place to be designated - and to show cause why such action should not be taken in his/her case.
- D. Notice regarding these procedures must be given by first class and registered mail with proof of delivery. Such notice will be sent to the last address of the member shown on the Society records. In the event that proof of delivery is not obtained, through absence of the member, such first class effort shall constitute acceptable service.
- E. Members who have not paid their dues by the first day of January will be dropped from the rolls and will not receive a Rockhound Ramblings bulletin.
- F. Former members who have been dropped from the membership rolls for nonpayment of dues, may renew their membership within 1 (one) year by the payment of the full amount of the annual dues - plus a reinstatement fee as determined by the Board of Directors. For reinstatement for non-payment of dues after more than 1 (one) year refer to Section V.
- G. No dues shall be levied upon the members of the Society by the Board of Directors without a four-fifths (4/5) majority vote of the full membership of the Board at two (2) successive meetings of the Board, a mailing and ratification by a majority vote of the members present at a regular monthly meeting of the society.
- H. Special assessments, when voted by the membership, must be paid by each member to remain in good standing. Honorary, life and junior members shall be exempt.
- I. Fees for participation at social events such as workshop shall not be considered as an assessment.
- J. Only the Board of Director's can make policy for the Society.

SECTION VII - BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

- A. The Business meeting (Board of Directors) is normally held monthly.
- B. The Board shall meet at such time and place as the President or Presiding Officer designates.
- C. Agenda
 - 1 The President, with the assistance of the Secretary, will develop an agenda for all board meetings.
 - 2 The deadline for submitting items to be discussed is 72 hours before the meeting.
 - 3 The agenda is to be sent to board members not less than 48 hours before the meeting.
- D. The meeting of the Board shall be conducted according the same parliamentary procedure as that used by the California Federation of Mineralogical Societies or the Robert's Rules of order at the discretion of the President. The order of business at regular Business (Board of Directors) meetings will be as follows:
 - 1 Call to order
 - 2 Confirm a quorum
 - 3 Reading and approval of the minutes of the previous Business meeting
 - 4 Presentation and approval of bills

- 5 Communications
 - 6 Reports of Committees
 - 7 Old business
 - 8 New business
 - 9 Adjournment
- E. The President shall have the authority to table, and refer to a future meeting, any debate felt to be impeding the progress of the meeting.
 - F. The President or any member of the Board may request a secret ballot on any issue being voted upon by the membership.
 - G. The Secretary of the Society (or an attendee appointed by the presiding officer) generates minutes to document actions taken at the current meeting. A copy of the minutes from the immediately prior meetings (both Board of Directors and General Meetings) shall be made available for review by members at the general meeting of the society.

SECTION VIII - REGULAR GENERAL MEETINGS

- A. General meetings are required by the by-laws of the Society. Since the Board of Directors acts as Society representatives in conducting business, etc., the January meeting is the annual (business) meeting of the Society, where annual reports from the Board of Directors, the Treasurer, and Committees are presented. See APPENDIX for the complete annual calendar of the Society.
- B. The Order of Business at General meetings will be as follows:
 - 1. Call to order
 - 2. Pledge of Allegiance
 - 3. Introduction of guests
 - a. Sign-in sheets shall be made available to members and guests
 - 4. Special announcements
 - 5. Committee reports
 - 6. Program or entertainment, drawing, refreshments, etc.
 - 7. Field trip information
 - 8. Adjournment
- C. The President shall have the authority to table, and refer to a future meeting , any debate felt to be impeding the progress of the meeting.
- D. The President or any member may request a secret ballot on any issue being voted upon by the membership.
- E. Members of the public, prospective members and their associates shall be treated as guests. At any meeting, the Membership Chairperson may extend an invitation to join the club in order to participate in the meetings and activities of the Society.

SECTION IX - SPECIAL MEETINGS

- A. The President shall schedule and call for a Special Board of Directors meeting with at least 14 days notice. This notice may be performed via phone, mail, email or in person. the 14-day rule can be waived by the President in situations deemed necessary.
- B. Written notice of each special meeting of the membership shall be sent to each voting member not more than twenty (20) days, and not less than five (5) days, before the designated meeting date by mailing such notice to the address on record with the Secretary.
- C. No business other than that for which the meeting was called shall be transacted at any special meeting.
- D. Special meetings of the general membership shall have prior approval by the Board of Directors.

SECTION X - BY-LAW ADMENDMENTS

- A. A copy of the proposed amendment, together with an explanation of the reason for the amendment, shall be presented in writing to the President by a voting Member or Members at a regular General Membership meeting.
- B. Proposals to amend the By-Laws may be made by any voting member. This proposal must be presented in writing at any regular Board of Directors meeting and, upon being duly seconded and carried by the majority of the Board members, shall be recorded by the Secretary.
- C. The President will read the request to the membership and instruct the Secretary to send a copy of the proposed amendment to the bulletin editor to be then sent to each voting member through the organization's official publication, Rockhound Ramblings. Provided that the notice is received 15 days before the next meeting - said amendment will be acted upon at the second General Meeting thereafter.
- D. At the next General Membership Meeting the President will accept a motion to bring the proposed amendment to the vote. After the motion is made and seconded, discussion will follow. After discussion, the President will ask that the vote be taken.
- E. An affirmative vote by two-thirds (2/3) majority of the voting members present at said second General Meeting shall be required for adoption of a proposed amendment.
- F. If the amendment passes, the President will instruct the Secretary to send a copy of the new amendment to each member.
- G. Adopted proposals will become effective immediately unless otherwise stated in the proposal itself.

SECTION XI - COMMITTEES

- A. The standing committee chairpersons (except for the Programs Committee, which is chaired by the Vice-President) are appointed by the President and shall become equal voting members of the Board. The standing committees which must have chairpersons appointed include: Annual Gem & Mineral Show, Bulletin, Education, Field Trips, Historian, Librarian, Membership, Programs, Publicity, Workshop, and Ways and Means.
- B. Other committees appointed by the President may include: Annual Picnic, Audit, By-Laws, Meeting Display, Nominating, Sunshine/Hospitality and Web Site, etc.
- C. Members may serve as chairpersons for multiple committees.
- D. The term of office for a committee chair is two years.
- E. A person may serve as the chair of more than one committee.
- F. No committee will obligate Society funds without prior approval of the Board of Directors for more than the funds designated in the budget
- G. The Committee Chairperson is responsible for maintaining a record of the committee activity for reporting at the January business meeting.

FUNCTIONS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

SECTION 11A - ANNUAL GEM & MINERAL SHOW COMMITTEE

1. This committee shall consist of a Chairperson appointed by the President, and of such additional members as may be required and recommended by the Chairperson.
2. The Society will sponsor an Annual Gem & Mineral show, if approved by the Board of Directors and approved by a majority vote of the membership present at the General Meeting. The purpose of the show is to educate the public in the lapidary arts, the geology of our planet, and the beauty of rocks and gems.
3. The Show Chairman and his or her committee shall plan and conduct all show business.
4. The Show Chairman shall report the show progress at the Board of Director's meetings.
5. It is the duty of the Treasurer to submit a show financial report to the Board of Directors within 2 (two) months following the end of the show. All monies shall be deposited in the Society's checking account.

SECTION 11B - BULLETIN

1. This committee shall consist of a Chairperson as appointed by the President and such additional members as he/she may desire.
2. The Bulletin Committee shall edit and issue the official publication of the Society. This bulletin will contain news of the Society activities, and other news and information that will be of interest or assistance to the members of the Society.
3. The committee shall submit the bulletin draft for review and approval by the President prior to publication.

SECTION 11C - EDUCATION

1. This committee shall consist of a Chairperson as appointed by the President and such additional members as he/she may desire.
2. Arrange for presentations about minerals, gemstones, rocks, geology and lapidary to local schools and civic groups.

SECTION 11D - FIELD TRIPS

1. This committee shall consist of a Chairperson as appointed by the President and such additional members as he/she may desire.
2. The Chairperson of the committee is usually the Field Trip Leader.
3. The Chairperson shall have a Field Trip Planning Meeting at the beginning of the year.
4. The committee shall plan and conduct all field trips during the year.
5. Arrange for field trips to various areas for the purpose of obtaining rocks, minerals and materials.
6. Provide complete maps, route instructions, information on camping facilities, and description of materials to be found at the field trip site.
7. Assure that the area in which trip activities and camping facilities are located have been properly policed (cleaned and left presentable) before the area is vacated.
8. Report on the field trip at the next General Membership Meeting.
9. The committee shall take all necessary steps to inform the membership of any special rules and/or restrictions which must be observed during a field trip.
10. The committee shall keep a list of all members who attended each field trip and the Liability Release with signatures.
11. Timely information regarding the next month's field trip must be provided to the bulletin editor in order to be included in the bulletin for the month that the field trip will be occurring.

SECTION 11E - HISTORIAN

1. This committee shall consist of a Chairperson as appointed by the President and such additional members as he/she may desire.
2. The Historian is a member of the Board of Directors and shall keep the history (not minutes) of the Society's activities, to wit: List of charter members; List of each year's officers and members; List of field trips with date, place and photos; List of programs; Parties, dinners, special events, etc.; Photographs (properly identified) etc.; Scrapbook containing clippings and articles that chronicle the Society's activities.

SECTION 11F- LIBRARY

1. This committee shall consist of a Chairperson as appointed by the President and such additional members as he/she may desire.
2. The Librarian shall be custodian of any and all books, pamphlets, magazines and video medium that become the property of the Society whether through purchase with the Society's funds or by gift.

3. The Librarian shall make the library available to the membership.
4. The Librarian shall maintain a set of written rules, approved by the Board of Directors, for the operation of the library. A copy of these rules shall be available at the site of the library.
5. All monies collected by the Librarian as fines or as reimbursement for the loss of a book, etc., shall be turned over to the Treasurer monthly.

SECTION 11G - MEMBERSHIP

1. This committee shall consist of a Chairperson as appointed by the President and such additional members as he/she may desire.
2. Provide membership applications to all prospective members.
3. The Membership Committee shall review all applications for membership and make recommendations to the Board of Directors for the acceptance or rejection.
4. Collect all dues and issue receipts for same. Turn all dues collected over to the Treasurer.
5. Maintain membership list which will include name, address, phone number and email address.
6. Issue annual roster of members as of April 1 and update roster on October 1. A copy of the roster will be included with the March and September Bulletins or otherwise made available to all members.
7. The Membership committee shall receive and introduce guests.
8. The Membership committee shall make available a sign in sheet at the General Meetings to record the members and guests present.

SECTION 11H - PROGRAMS

1. This committee shall consist of Vice-President as Chairperson, and of such additional members as he/she may desire.
2. The committee shall plan and coordinate programs for the Society. It will arrange for speakers and any special equipment needed. It will not obligate Society funds without prior approval of the Board of Directors, except for funds officially budgeted to this committee.

SECTION 11I - PUBLICITY

1. This committee shall consist of a Chairperson as appointed by the President and of such additional members as he/she may desire.
2. The Committee shall edit and release all publicity items pertaining to the Society without Board approval and direction.

SECTION 11J - WORKSHOP

1. This committee shall consist of a Chairperson as appointed by the President and of such additional members as he/she may desire.
2. The Workshop Committee Chairperson shall appoint members of the Society to serve as Lapidary instructors.
3. Arrange Lapidary instruction classes.
4. Arrange for the sign-in sheet to be available.
5. Collect and deliver to the Treasurer all shop fees.
6. Procure shop equipment and supplies and have repairs made to shop equipment.

SECTION 11K - WAYS AND MEANS

1. This committee shall consist of a Chairperson as appointed by the President and such additional members as he/she may desire.

2. The Chairperson is tasked with the meeting drawing and other Society fund raisers.

FUNCTIONS OF OTHER COMMITTEES

SECTION 11L - ANNUAL PICNIC

1. This committee shall consist of a Chairperson as appointed by the President and such additional members as he/she may desire.

SECTION 11LM - AUDIT COMMITTEE

1. This committee shall consist of the Trustees who sit on the Board of Directors.
2. The committee shall serve from the January Board Meeting until the conclusion of the audit.

SECTION 11N - BY-LAWS

1. This committee shall consist of a Chairperson as appointed by the President and such additional members as he/she may desire.
2. The Committee is tasked with reviewing and suggesting changes to the By-Laws in odd numbered years.

SECTION 11O - MEETING DISPLAY

1. This committee shall consist of a Chairperson as appointed by the President and such additional members as he/she may desire.
2. The committee will have responsibility to arrange for the display of items at the Society meetings.

SECTION 11P -NOMINATING

1. A nominating committee of at least five (5) Regular and/or Life members of the Society, shall be appointed at the August meeting. Two shall be appointed by the Board of Directors from within the Board and two appointed by the General Membership. One shall be appointed by the President and this appointee shall be the Committee Chair.
2. The nominating committee shall cease to exist following the elections at the November meeting. The committee may be reappointed by the President or by the Board of Directors in the event of a vacancy in an elective position.

SECTION 11Q - SUNSHINE/HOSPITALITY

1. The Sunshine/Hospitality committee shall consist of a Chairperson as appointed by the President and such additional members as he/she may desire.
2. The committee shall serve refreshments as appropriate.
3. Maintain a record and make known to the members, through the bulletin, those who are ill, hospitalized, or deceased, achievements, etc. with permission of the member.
4. Send cards in the name of the Society as deemed appropriate for the occasion.
5. Reimbursement of funds spent will, upon approval of the Board of Directors, be made by the Treasurer.

SECTION 11R - WEB SITE

1. This committee shall consist of a Chairperson as appointed by the President and such additional members as he/she may desire.
2. Electronic communications - all are by Board approval and direction.

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The Pasadena Lapidary Society serves to educate its members and the community in mineralogy, earth sciences, and training in the lapidary and jewelry arts - while promoting sound mineral resource stewardship based on environmental awareness and ethical behavior. The Society fulfills its mission year-round which may include field trips, lapidary workshops, outreach presentations, public mineral displays, an annual show, and monthly information meetings open to the public.

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