

# YES, I/We would like to join the Philadelphia Mineralogical Society

## Membership Categories:

- \_\_\_ Junior/Student (with valid ID) Free/year  
\_\_\_ Adult and Family \$20.00/year  
\_\_\_ Senior 60+ \$15.00/year  
\_\_\_ Lifetime Adult/Family \$250.00

## Tell us about yourself

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  Mobile  Home

Email(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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- Yes, send me an EFMLS membership card  
(You may be asked to show your card on field  
trips and EFMLS sponsored events.)

## Mail Completed Form to:

Philadelphia Mineralogical Society / Lee McIlvaine  
8510 Elliston Dr. / Wyndmoor, PA 19038

Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Check payable to Philadelphia Mineralogical Society

- Paid electronically online. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Note: SIGNATURE(s) and date are required  
in the Liability Release section.**

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## Member Interests

I/We are interested in:

- Starting or expanding a collection of: \_\_\_\_\_
- Field Collecting  
 Museum Trips  
 Attending Monthly Meetings  
 Giving a Presentation or Lecture  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

As a Member you will be expected to participate in and support Society activities. There are many opportunities that require help in order to keep the Society functioning smoothly: field trips, various committees and officer positions, and our Annual Mineral and Fossil Show. Volunteering is a fun way to get to know other Members and get the most out of your Membership.

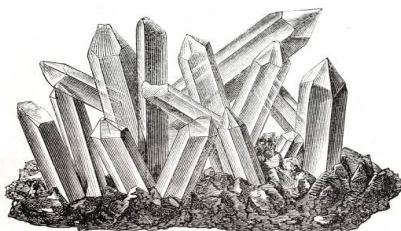
## Liability Release

I hereby release the Philadelphia Mineralogical Society, its officers and members from all actions, rights of actions, claims, and demands for, upon of by reason of any bodily injury or damage sustained by me or any member of my family participating in any activity conducted by or under the auspices of the society or its memberships.

Signature(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_



# The Philadelphia Mineralogical Society



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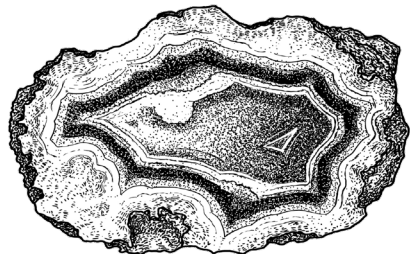
"Gordonite" was named in honor of Sam Gordon, author of The Minerology of Pennsylvania, 1922

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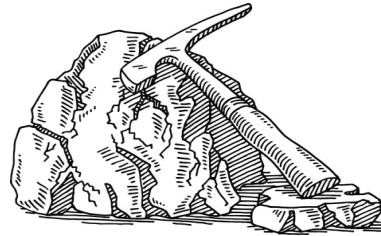
- Meet others who share your interest in rocks and minerals.
- Join field trips to collect your own rocks, minerals and fossils.
- Learn about the fascinating world of geology, rocks, minerals, gems, and fossils.
- Start and expand your own collection.
- See world-class specimens and collections in museums and collections.
- Attend interesting lectures and workshops.
- Ask experts in local mineralogy to identify your minerals.
- Share mineral collecting experiences with fellow collectors.

## Purpose

The purpose of the Philadelphia Mineralogical Society is to foster the study and appreciation of minerals by providing for the closer association of students, serious amateurs, professionals, and others interested in mineralogy and related earth sciences.



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## Activities

- Regular monthly meetings feature speakers on diverse topics such as Fluorescent Minerals; The History of Pennsylvania Mining; The Geology and Minerals of Bancroft, Ontario; and Crystallography as Applied to Mineralogy
- Field Collecting trips in the local area include Philadelphia, Delaware, Chester, Montgomery, Berks, Bucks and Lancaster Counties. Also, field trips go out of state to localities such as Herkimer County, NY and to fossil collecting at Calvert Cliffs in Maryland.
- Trips to view national collections include sites like the Smithsonian Institution and the American Museum of Natural History, as well as local collections such as at the Wagner Free Institute of Science and Bryn Mawr College.
- The Philadelphia Mineralogical Society also sponsors the Philadelphia area's largest Mineral and Fossil Show in conjunction with The Delaware Valley Paleontological Association. This is a two-day mineral exhibit and show usually held the last weekend in March at LuLu Temple in Plymouth Meeting, PA. The show, which is open to the public, includes displays created by members. Commercial dealers purveying rocks, gems, minerals, fossils and jewelry participate as well.

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## History

In October 1892 a group of young men formed what they called "The Students' Mineralogical Club of Philadelphia." That club, now known as the Philadelphia Mineralogical Society, is the second oldest such group in the United States. Illustrious past members include [Sam Gordon](#), co-founder of *The Amercian Mineralogist*, and [Arthur Montgomery](#), initial financier of *The Mineralogical Record*.

## Meetings

The Society meets the 2nd Thursday of each month (except for July and August) at 7:00pm. See [PhillyRocks.org](http://PhillyRocks.org) for the location. Meetings consist of a business portion followed by a lecture or audio-visual presentation. The meetings are open to the public.

## Membership

Membership is open to all persons interested in the earth sciences. Membership benefits include special insurance coverage during Society-sponsored collecting events, discounts on special events, and regular informational newsletters.

*As a member of the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies (Eastern Region EFMLS), the Philadelphia Mineralogical Society has insurance coverage which facilitates access to collection sites not normally open to the public. Attendance at the field collection trips is limited to P.M.S. members and members of other clubs having insurance coverage by AFMS.*

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