

The El Dorado County Mineral and Gem Society strives to offer a congenial and proactive environment in which to study and share interests in rocks and minerals, earth sciences and the lapidary arts.

The Society Provides:

MONTHLY MEETINGS: Meetings include an educational presentation, committee reports and a refreshment break that allows time to visit with other members.

Meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of the month, 7:00 PM, at the American Legion Hall, 4561 Greenstone Rd near El Dorado. *The public is welcome to attend.*

LAPIDARY & JEWELRY ARTS: Lapidary workshops are held twice a month to help participants learn to cut and polish their own rocks or material provided by the society. Additionally, Jewelry Arts Classes teach other jewelry-making techniques.

FIELD TRIPS: Organized rockhounding field trips range from one-day trips to longer trips over holiday weekends. Learn about rocks, minerals, petrified wood, fossils and geology and get to know your fellow rockhounds!

JUNIOR PROGRAM: Monthly Junior meetings are held for young members through the age of 17. Activities and presentations focus on the "Future Rockhound of America" program and other topics.

STUDENT PROGRAM: Society members make educational presentations at the areas K - 12 schools and assist scout troops in the study of rocks, minerals and geology. Teacher inquiries are invited.

SCHOLARSHIP: The society awards Annual Scholarships to students who have graduated from an El Dorado County high school and are majoring in earth sciences or lapidary arts.

ANNUAL SHOW: The society sponsors an annual Rock & Gem Show, which includes displays, children's activities and commercial dealers featuring minerals, faceted gems, jewelry, beads, fossils, petrified wood, lapidary material and equipment.

COUNTY FAIR: Members host the Mining and Minerals display building at the County Fair every year in June. There are over 30 display cases containing minerals and other specimens, lapidary work and jewelry exhibited by both members and the public.

Visiting the display is a great opportunity to learn more about the hobby and society.

NEWSLETTER: The society's monthly newsletter, *Petroglyphs*, includes an activities calendar, event notices, committee reports, fun photos and articles about the hobby.

WEB SITE: The society's web site is a handy reference to help members stay current, and it provides the public with information about our society. The web site is: www.eldoradorocks.org

LIBRARY: The society's library contains reference material and periodicals helpful in exploring many topics including mineral identification, geology, mining history, paleontology, collecting localities, lapidary and jewelry-making techniques.

MEMBERSHIP: Membership includes all of the above benefits. Membership dues are nominal and are set annually. The categories are Household, Individual and Junior. There is a one-time charge for a membership badge.

Applications can be picked up at meetings, downloaded from our web site or we will be happy to mail you one. Applications may be submitted at meetings or mailed. The Board of Directors reviews applications and approves membership at the board meeting following receipt of application.

For further information, please attend our monthly meeting or contact us by:

- Telephone: (530) 676-2472
- Mail: P. O. Box 950, Placerville, CA 95667
- email: info@eldoradomineralandgem.org
- Visit: www.eldoradorocks.org

General membership meetings:

- 3rd Thursday, 7:00 p.m., at the American Legion Hall, 4561 Greenstone Rd, near El Dorado
- July – Annual Picnic at outdoor locations
- December – Annual Dinner and Installation of Officers



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- Junior Program
- School Presentations
- Scholarships
- Annual Rock & Gem Show
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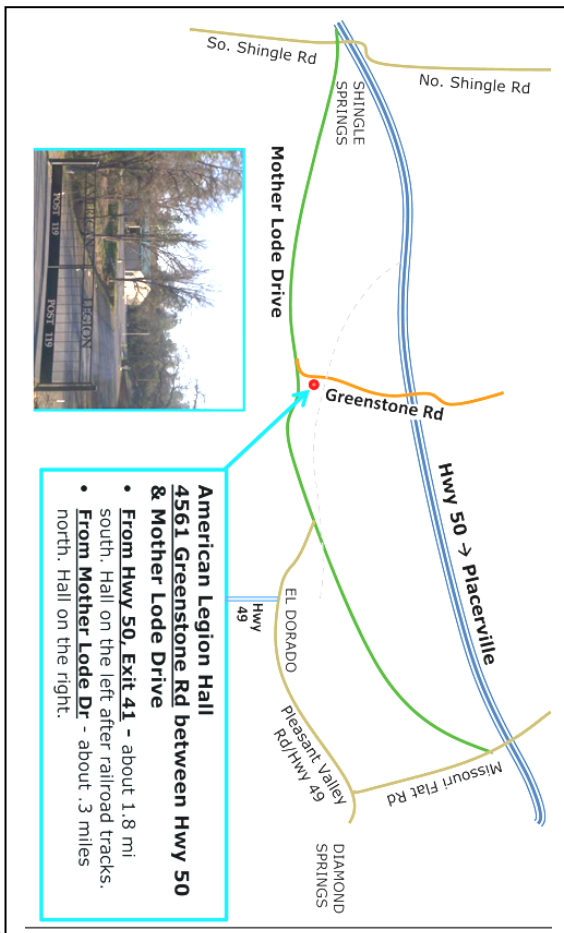
The El Dorado County Mineral and Gem Society was founded in 1949 and was formed to:

- promote the scientific study and appreciation of rocks and minerals
- develop skills and perpetuate the lapidary arts
- increase the knowledge of its members and others in earth sciences and lapidary arts

In its support of Earth Science education, the society contributes to Scholarship Funds and provides rocks, minerals and other material to elementary schools.

The society is a 501c3 nonprofit organization and is affiliated with the California Federation of Mineralogical Societies (CFMS).

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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

are held on the

3rd THURSDAY

7:00 p.m.

at the

AMERICAN LEGION HALL

EL DORADO POST 119

4561 Greenstone Road

between Highway 50 (Exit 41)

and Mother Lode Drive

near El Dorado, CA

*Come meet our members and
enjoy our monthly presentations*