



# Miami County GEM & MINERAL CLUB

**mailing address:** P.O. Box 885 • Troy, OH 45373

Meeting location: Troy View Church of God • 1770 N. CR 25A • Troy, OH

web site: <https://mcgmc.org> • Also, find us on Facebook

**Purpose:** Founded in 1976, the Miami County Gem and Mineral Club is a non-profit club of amateur geologists and mineralogists. Our members have a broad interest in the earth sciences, including mineral collection and identification, geology, the lapidary arts, silver-smithing, jewelry making. Our club is affiliated with both the Midwest and the American Federations of Mineralogical Societies. We are organized as a 501(c)3 corporation.

**Meetings:** Monthly meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m., at the Troy View Church of God, 1770 N. CR 25A in Troy, Ohio. Each meeting offers an earth-science related program or activity for members. Fellowship and refreshments are scheduled after the business meetings. Guests are always welcome.

**Membership Dues & Responsibilities:** Dues are \$15 per year for a family membership (one household) or \$10 for a single membership (age 16 and over). Dues are paid at the start of membership and then at the beginning of each calendar year to continue membership in good standing. Members are encouraged to become active by serving on committees, holding offices and participating in club activities. Each member receives our monthly newsletter via e-mail.

**Gem & Mineral Show:** The club sponsors an annual gem, mineral, fossil and jewelry show at the Miami Fairgrounds on the last full weekend of April. The purpose of the show is to promote knowledge and interest in earth sciences and the lapidary arts. Club members volunteer their time to make the show a success.

**Scholarships & Outreach:** The show is a fund-raiser for club expenses and also provides money for a Miami County high school scholarship which is awarded each year. Donations are also regularly made to annual food drives and other charitable activities. Members are also available to provide talks or activities for local groups requesting information.

**Classes:** Lapidary classes are offered for members who wish to use the equipment in our lab workspace. We have equipment for sawing, shaping and polishing stones into finished pieces ready for mounting as jewelry. Both beginner and advanced classes are offered. Wire-wrapping classes are also frequently offered. Other classes, such as silversmithing, sphere making, faceting, intarsia or tumbling could be available if interest demands.

**Trips:** Trips to Flint Ridge are organized twice a year, and a trip to upper Michigan occurs annually in August. Other trips, to museums or collection sites are organized when interest is sufficient.

*For further information, please contact us via our website or Facebook or come to one of the monthly club meetings for more information.*



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## 2019 Application for Membership

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

Please check your membership level

\_\_\_ Family Membership \$15    \_\_\_ Single (age 16 and older) \$10

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

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

What are your main interests regarding membership in the club?

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*Application is subject to the acceptance of the MCG&MC liability policy & approval by the club.*

**Please mail the completed form and a check made out to the Miami County Gem & Mineral Club to the address below.**

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