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## President's Message

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### **"Working Together, Works"**

In the spring of 2021 several members of the Billings Gem and Mineral Club met with the BLM office in Billings, Montana. The purpose of the meeting was to find a way for collectors to collect the popular Bear Canyon Black and White Fortification Agate and most importantly collect, cut, polish and market the agates legally.

The response of the BLM was to make the area a rockhound collecting area! The BLM Geologist is in the process of mapping the area. The first step in this process to make this a collecting area (with a small collecting fee or maintenance fee). As a club, the Billings Gem and Mineral Club have volunteered to help maintain the area. Working together as the BLM with the club have, they are both well aware the process will take several years to become completed, as it makes its way through all the government red tape.

This good example of what a group of club members can do when they work together with public lands officials. I believe this can be accomplished all over the western United States.

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## **Thriving In Our Hobby**

Even though a lot of changes in our lives have been happening all around us these last couple of years due to the covid, one thing clearly stands out that is very enlightening. It's the fact that there are lots and lots of people out there wanting to join rock and gem clubs, and wanting to start new ones in their areas where there hasn't been a club before.

This should tell us something, that the rock and gem clubs on behalf of recreational rockhounding is prospering. This should also remind us that for the hobby to flourish and enjoy fieldtrips, we all need to roll up our sleeves and begin working on projects to do what we can to help keep our collecting areas open. Don't wait until there is a problem with a collecting site to act, be proactive.

The Billings Gem & Mineral Club members are an inspiration to everyone. A huge heartfelt Thank You to all of them for leading by example what all of you can help accomplish by working together with public lands management. Include Doug True's ALAA President's Message in your club and federation newsletter. Make it a part of your members meeting to discuss it. When you do, I know members will realize they too can work on projects like this too.

Having known so many of you over the years from clubs, to federations and the AFMS, I know what good people you all are. You are in abundance. You are outstanding in what you as individuals are to your clubs and the hobby. Your educational programs and your shows continue to open the doors to the fun and wonderful world that inspires so many to recreational rockhounding and in a lifelong relationship.

So get on out there, meet your public lands management people, so more of them can meet you and get to know you. Explore what you can help them with and how they can help you in a partnership. This will only add to the good reputation of rockhounds everywhere, that we are great people to work with and good people to support on public lands.

# Officers and Directors for 2022

- **President..... Doug True**
- **Vice President..... Jennifer Haley**
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- **Website Manager\*..... John Martin**      \* = a permanent board position

## Directors

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| • <b>1. Marion Roberts</b> | • <b>4. Ken Zahn</b>     | • <b>7.</b> |
| • <b>2. David Wayment</b>  | • <b>5. Lenora Smith</b> | • <b>8.</b> |
| • <b>3 David Williams</b>  | • <b>6. Jim Grey</b>     | • <b>9.</b> |

- Due to the continued effect of the SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) on all of the country, the Officers and Directors listed above have agreed to continue in their positions for 2022.
- If you would like to fill one of the open positions please contact Jennifer Haley.
- She may be reached at [jennifer.haley@amlands.org](mailto:jennifer.haley@amlands.org)

# **News from California**

## **Latest Information From California BLM Offices**

### **Bureau of Land Management**

### **Desert Hike**

Where: Hauser Geode Beds – Palo Verde, CA

When: April 23rd, 2022, at 9:30am

Length: 1-2 Miles

On April 23rd, 2022, come walk and talk with the Bureau of Land Management and area "Rockhounds" in the Hauser Geode Beds. Here we will walk and talk about history of the area's minerals. The Hauser Geode Beds were discovered in 1937 by Joel Hauser, a Blyth, CA native.

Space is limited to 50 people. Friendly dogs are welcome and must be kept on a 6' leash. To reserve your spot, please call (760)337-4442 and leave a message with your name and the total number in your party by April 22nd at 12 pm. We will meet at the Hauser Geode Beds at 9:30am. A high clearance vehicle or 4wd is recommended.

#### **Directions:**

Take Interstate 10 to Wiley's Well Road. Go South on the Wiley Well Road (paved road but turns into a nice graded dirt road) and go past the Wiley Well camp ground. Continue South go past Coon Hollow campground, and past the Bradshaw trail. You will see a sign marked Hauser Geode Beds turn right on this dirt road. (this road is rough in spots, 4 wheel drive vehicle suggested, but a 2 wheel drive truck or high ground clearance SUV will make it).



From El Centro, CA, take Interstate 8 East to Highway 111 North. Drive North on Hwy 111 to Highway 78. Turn east on Hwy 78. Continue driving on Hwy 78 towards Blythe/Palo Verde for approximately 72 miles. Turn left on the Bradshaw Trail/30th Avenue and continue West for approximately 11 miles to Milpitas Wash Road. Turn left on Milpitas Wash Road and follow signs to the Hauser Geode Beds.



From Yuma, AZ, take Interstate 8 West to the Ogilby Road exit. From I-8, head North on Ogilby Road to Hwy 78. Turn right on Hwy 78 and drive approximately 34 miles. Turn left on the Bradshaw Trail/30th Avenue and continue West for approximately 11 miles to Milpitas Wash Road. Turn left on Milpitas Wash Road and follow signs to the Hauser Geode Beds.

Please dress in layers, bring your own hat, sunscreen and wear hiking shoes/boots as we will be walking over uneven terrain. Also please bring your own water and snacks.

**Picture Provided by Diane Cook of CFMS**

# AFMS CODE OF ETHICS

Last revised July 7, 1999 at AFMS Annual Meeting

1. I will respect both private and public property and will do no collecting on privately owned land without permission from the owner.
2. I will keep informed on all laws, regulations or rules governing collecting on public lands and will observe them.
3. I will, to the best of my ability, ascertain the boundary lines of property on which I plan to collect.
4. I will use no firearms or blasting material in collecting areas.
5. I will cause no willful damage to property of any kind such as fences, signs, buildings, etc.
6. I will leave all gates as found.
7. I will build fires only in designated or safe places and will be certain they are completely extinguished before leaving the area.
8. I will discard no burning material – matches, cigarettes, etc.
9. I will fill in all excavation holes which may be dangerous to livestock.
10. I will not contaminate wells, creeks, or other water supply.
11. I will cause no willful damage to collecting material and will take home only what I can reasonably use.
12. 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.
13. I will support the rockhound project H.E.L.P. (**H**elp **E**liminate **L**itter **P**lease) and will leave all collecting areas devoid of litter, regardless of how found.
14. I will cooperate with field-trip leaders and those designated authority in all collecting areas.
15. I will appreciate and protect our heritage of natural resources.
16. 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.

## Gem and Mineral Dealers Who Support ALAA with Memberships



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Are you a Rock and  
Mineral Dealer?

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We invite interested dealers/vendors to become a member of the American Lands Access Association and help support Recreational Rockhounding Activities.

An Annual Dealer Membership is for vendors with a valid resale license, who sell rock and gem hobby related merchandise such as; jewelry, minerals, rocks, gems, fossils, lapidary art and crafts, equipment and supplies, metaphysical and decorative items.

Interactive Membership Form (PDF) is available on the ALAA Website - Membership Page. Open with Adobe Acrobat Reader - Complete, Print, and mail to the address on form.

<http://www.amlands.org/634600.html>

## NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Articles for the NEWSLETTER are DUE to the Editor by the  
**10th of January - 10th of April - 10th of July - 10th of October**

For inclusion in each Quarterly Newsletter

Please send articles to: **editor@amlands.org**

Please send articles in plain text, MS Word (.doc)

Pictures in jpg format at not less than 96 dpi or more than 200 dpi.

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Member Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Dues are: New Member: ☐ ☒ Donation: ☐ ☒  
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