

Duties of Members

- a) It shall be the duty of each member to endeavor to attend each meeting of the Helena Mineral Society, Inc., to abide by the majority vote of the members and the decisions of the Board of Directors as expressed in Article III of the Articles of Incorporation.
- b) A member will respect the privacy of private property and will not enter on such property to collect specimens without the permission of the owner.
- c) A member will observe all rules and regulation applying to Federal and State lands when entering thereon to collect specimens.
- d) A member will not present himself or herself as acting for the Helena Mineral Society, Inc., unless so authorized.
- e) A member or guest shall not “undercut” or “tunnel” in excess of **one-foot from the vertical face** while attempting to recover any mineral or specimen on any Helena Mineral Society, Inc., claim or property.
- f) A member may not dig on any of the Helena Mineral Society, Inc., claims more than **three (3) consecutive days, nor more than a total of ten (10) days on any one claim during the calendar year**. A day is herein defined as the time beginning at sunrise and ending at sunset, or any portion thereof. There will be **no prospecting** between the hours of sunset to sunrise and/or the use of any artificial light. All motor driven equipment is strictly prohibited on any and all Helena Mineral Society, Inc., claims with the exception being for remediation and maintenance only.
- g) A member family may be accompanied by no more than one (1) non-member guest family while digging on the Helena Mineral Society, Inc., claims. Exceptions to this paragraph shall be by the approval of the Board of Directors. The Helena Mineral Society, Inc., claims presently consist of: The sapphire claims (Miss Beverly #1, Miss Beverly #2 & Blue Star) and the Crystal claim on Sally Ann Creek.
- h) No gem or mineral found on any Helena Mineral Society, Inc., claim may be sold in any commercial manner.
- i) A member on any Helena Mineral Society, Inc., claim shall have on his/her person a current membership card and shall display the same to any other member upon request.

Violations of these Duties and/or Rules shall be reviewed by the Board of Directors and will be cause for the withdrawal of membership of the violating member by the Helena Mineral Society, Inc.