The Fluorescent Mineral Society, Inc.
...is an international organization of professional mineralogists, gemologists, amateur collectors, and others who are interested in the study and collection of fluorescent minerals. The Society was founded in 1971, and incorporated in 1993.

The purpose of the FMS is:
• To share knowledge and experience in the study, identification, collection, and display of fluorescent minerals and minerals that exhibit related forms of luminescence, such as phosphorescence, tenebrescence, triboluminescence, and thermonluminescence.

• To organize seminars, conduct research, encourage displays and exchanges and to disseminate information about luminescent minerals.

• To encourage interest related to fluorescent minerals, such as the development of improved ultraviolet lighting systems, the photography of fluorescent minerals, the study of luminescent properties related to fluorescence, and exploration of the various applications of fluorescence.

Publications and Research
The FMS publishes a newsletter, the UV Waves, six times a year. The Society also publishes a journal, The Journal of the Fluorescent Mineral Society, either annually or biennially. The Journal is a technical publication that aims to present original research on some aspect of luminescence in minerals. The FMS published its first color edition of the Journal in 2004 and has made major improvements in format and content since then.

In 1996, the FMS organized a 76–case display of fluorescent minerals at the Tucson Gem and Mineral Show. This display was by far the largest exhibit of fluorescent minerals ever assembled.

The FMS sponsors research projects related to ultraviolet lights and fluorescent minerals. The result of one research project was published in the 1988 proceedings of SPIE: The International Society of Optical Engineering. This article, entitled “Solarization of Short-Wave Ultraviolet-Transmitting, Visible-Absorbing Filters”, was authored by Don Newsome. Under the editorial leadership of Dr. Earl Verbeek and Dr. Peter Modreski, the FMS also sponsored publication of The Henkel Glossary of Fluorescent Minerals which was originally published in 1988–89 as a special edition of the Journal.

Worldwide Membership
The FMS has about 425 members in 44 states of the USA and 19 other countries. It has interest groups in Europe and the Northeast, Northwest, Northern California, Southern California, and Desert Southwest regions of the United States.

Annual membership dues are $20.00 for USA residents and $25.00 for residents of other countries. New members pay a one time $5.00 registration fee. Those who elect to receive the UV Waves by email are offered discounted dues of $18.00 (irregardless of your residence). Dues may be paid by mail or by PayPal through the FMS website.

Meetings
Most interaction takes place through publications, letters, and e-mail, but meetings are held periodically in the USA and abroad by various regional and special interest groups affiliated with the FMS. Meetings are also held in conjunction with major mineral shows such as those in Denver, Tucson, and Franklin, NJ. The Board of Directors holds monthly meetings by phone to conduct the business of the Society.

For further information, contact the FMS by post at PO Box 572694, Tarzana, CA 91357, USA; by e-mail to president@uvminerals.org or by visiting the FMS website at: uvminerals.org
Those interested in the programs and purposes of the FMS are invited to become members. To join the FMS, complete the application form below and return it with proper remittance to the FMS post box. You may also join by visiting the website [uvminerals.org](http://uvminerals.org) and clicking on the **Join our Society** link. With this option, dues payments may be made via PayPal, and the signup process is quicker.

Annual dues are as follows: $20.00 for residents of the United States, $25.00 for residents of all other countries. A discounted rate of $18.00 is available to **ALL** members (regardless of residence) who elect to receive the **UV Waves** by e-mail only (a savings of $2.00 for domestic residents and $7.00 for residents of other countries). New members pay a one time $5.00 initiation. For convenience, you may renew for up to three (3) years at a time.

Members receive six issues (12–16 pages each) of the **UV Waves** each year. They also receive the 24–40 page issue of the **Journal of the Fluorescent Mineral Society**. The **Journal** has both technical and semi-technical articles related to fluorescent minerals and is printed in color containing numerous photos of fluorescent minerals. Those who join the FMS before Oct. 1 automatically receive all back issues of the **UV Waves** and the **Journal** for the year in which they join.

Consider becoming a sustaining member of the FMS. Annual sustaining membership dues are $50.00. For more information, contact the FMS Treasurer by email to treasurer@uvminerals.org or use the contact link at the FMS website: [uvminerals.org](http://uvminerals.org)

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#### Postal delivery of the UV Waves

- [ ] USA DUES ($20/year)
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- [ ] Email-only delivery of the UV Waves ($18)
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