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From the Top of the Rock Pile

By

Lee Adams – President

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I can't believe it's time to get the APRIL newsletter in, where have the days gone? Would you believe its field trip time again and we have one trip coming up to the House Ranch in Three Rivers again? The rancher has plowed another field for us and will plant it after we have gone. This ranch is noted for nice petrified wood including palm, you can also find jasper and very nice colorful flint/chert.

Gail Smith called the other day and wants me to dispose of some of Wendell's tools, rocks and equipment. I told Gail I would try to get what I could for them. I have brought them to my house and have been sorting, fixing and setting up for

a small sale. Please call me for an appointment (830-796-8890) to check out what is here. The big item is a 14-inch slab saw also two 4- & 6-inch trim saws, and a polisher with several buffs. There are some real nice rocks (very unusual) both slabbing and cabbing size.

The main thing needed to do at April's meeting is to get serious about forming a committee and finding a show chairman.

Joke for the month:

An Idaho potato farmer hired Ole to grade his crop. All you have to do is put the small ones in this bin and the large ones in that bin. After a half hour, Ole went looking for the farmer and told him he was quitting. "But why" asked the farmer? "Its not hard work and the pay is good." Ole replied "yah dat's right the verk is easy but I can't stand the stress of making all those decisions."

—Lee

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Field Trips

The Geological Society of San Antonio is hosting a House Ranch Field Trip on March 30th. Most of the Fredericksburg Rockhounds that would attend now have dual membership. The House Ranch has recently plowed a new field. Larry Tillick will meet at the intersection of HWY 72 and Jeff Street at 9:00AM. Jeff Street is about 8 (7.9) miles West of Three Rivers on HWY 72. Choke Canyon Lodge is also located there. Don't bother those at the lodge. You will see a gathering of vehicles and that would be us. The cost is \$25.00 for the rancher and \$1.00 for Larry's club. Betty will collect the money and Larry will collect the signatures of liability releases. They will then proceed to the ranch. Petrified wood is the item you will be looking for.

Claude Townsend, 210-855-8959, ctownsend99@twc.com (<mailto:ctownsend99@twc.com>) has some spots for those interested in a field trip to the 4M Ranch in Sonora, Texas, April 5-6-7. Call or e-mail Claude if you are interested.

Texas State University "Christmas Mountains Research Symposium" will be held in May 2019. For more information contact the Symposium organizer David Lemke at 512-245-3364 david.lemke@txstate.edu (<mailto:david.lemke@txstate.edu>) on the internet at Texas State University Christmas Mountains Research Symposium. The symposium will be located

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Big Bend, Texas at the Terlingua Ranch Headquarters, will last for three days and includes a social, field trips, and presentations. Registration forms, costs and accommodations are on line.

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Club Membership Forms

Membership application forms for the Fredericksburg Rockhounds are now available to download and print from our website. Please navigate to the new Resources Page located at this address:

<http://fredericksburgrockhounds.org/resources/> (<http://fredericksburgrockhounds.org/resources/>).

Once there, simply click the link for the 2018 Membership Form to download or print a PDF copy.

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Fredericksburg Rockhounds Meeting Minutes

– March 4th, 2019 –

Lee Adams opened the 7:00 PM meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Our thoughts are with club members that have health problems and we hope they recover soon.

Visitors and New Members:

We welcome new members Lila and Lewis from Kerrville and a visitor Alisa from England (guest with the Roups).

Program:

Lee Adams provided a DVD from Coober Pedy, Australia depicting some of the opal mining techniques they use.

Historian Sara Verstuyft:

Thanks to Glenn Thompson for compiling 50 years of the Fredericksburg Rockhounds officers. A folder containing those names was provided to the club historian to be kept with the club's records.

Sara brings the history book to every meeting, we hope you will stop by and look through it.

Old Business:

No old business.

New Business:

Texas State University "Christmas Mountains Research Symposium" will be held in May 2019. For more information contact the Symposium organizer David Lemke at 512-245-3364 david.lemke@txstate.edu (<mailto:david.lemke@txstate.edu>).

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on the internet at Texas State University Christmas Mountains Research Symposium. The symposium will be located near Big Bend, Texas at the Terlingua Ranch Headquarters, will last for three days and includes a social, field trips, and presentations. Registration forms, costs and accommodations are on line.

Miscellaneous:

The Membership Committee needs a volunteer. Please see Brenda Smith or Virginia Adian to sign up. Please make sure your Membership dues are paid.

The club offers discount lessons in wire wrapping and cutting/polishing rocks. A sign-up sheet to take or teach lessons will be passed around at the meeting or see Virginia Adian for wire wrap lessons of Lee Adams for lessons on how to cut/polish rocks.

Fredericksburg Rockhounds now has a Facebook page. Our editor is Sue Burkhart. Sue asked that you find the page and “LIKE” it and “SHARE” it with your friends.

Thanks to everyone that brought food. We had quite a feast. Please put your name on personal dishes and silverware.

A motion was made and approved to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Adams, Secretary

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Future Meeting Programs

April 1: Linn & Beth Brady — Many Texans have been to Big Bend National Park (BBNP), but most have NOT been to Big Bend Ranch State Park (BBRSP) just next door and it is a treasure. This program will be an introduction to the park, hopefully to whet the appetite for the members of the club for a great adventure. BBRSP is located just West of BBNP. It is 2/3 the size of the NP, has 238 miles of multiuse trails, an airstrip, 70 miles of unmaintained dirt roads for off-road vehicles, camping at primitive, solitary drive-in and hike-in sites and lodging in a bunkhouse, waterfalls and access to the Rio Grande River. The scenery and geology are enough to blow the mind away for rockhounds and for folks who just like to get away from in all.

May 6: Jim Gedeon — Will provide the presentation: “Precambrian Geology of the Hill Country,” or Fredericksburg before traffic.

June 3: No Program — It’s Picnic Time!! At Ladybird Johnson Park at 5:00 PM. Please bring a dish to share. We will eat at 6:00. You are encouraged to bring rocks, fossils, etc. to sell, trade or just show and tell.

July 1: Sara Verstuyft — A presentation about “Unusual Dinosaurs.”

August 5: Lynn Post — Lynn will provide some of the history of silversmithing, tools used, different types of silver work and where to get some of the materials. He will show the process of making something that will then be available on the door prize table.

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This Month’s Events

– April 2019

13-14—ABILENE, TEXAS: Annual show; Central Texas Gem & Mineral Society; Abilene Convention Center, 1100 N 6th; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-4; \$4, children (6-12) \$2, free admission for children under 6 and scouts and military personnel in uniform; dealers, fluorescent display, geode cracking, exhibitions, raffles and auctions, activities for children ; contact Kay, 3118 Woodglenn Cove, Abilene, TX 79606, (325) 668-8558; Email: kmcdaniel23@suddenlink.net (<mailto:kmcdaniel23@suddenlink.net>); Website: <http://www.new.calichetimes.com/page13.html> (<http://www.new.calichetimes.com/page13.html>)

19-21—ALPINE, TEXAS: Annual show; Chihuahuan Desert Gem and Mineral Club; Alpine Civic Center, 901 West Holland Avenue; Fri. 9-6, Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-5; free; regional geology presentation, and activities for children; contact Judith Brueske, PO Box 195, Alpine, TX 79831, (432) 244-9503; Email: ocoent895@gmail.com (<mailto:ocoent895@gmail.com>)

26-28—CONROE, TEXAS: Annual show; RMGM Promotions; Lone Star Convention & Expo Center, 9055 Airport Rd.; Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; free admission; New Show! Wholesale and retail sales, demonstrations and classes, and activities for children; contact Sandra Gonzales; Website: <https://www.rmgmpromotions.com/> (<https://www.rmgmpromotions.com/>)

- o For more shows at later dates, or outside Texas, visit www.rockngem.com (<http://www.rockngem.com/ShowDatesFiles/ShowDatesDisplayAll.php?ShowState=ALL>)

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April’s Birthstone & Flowers

The April birthstone is the **diamond**; the flowers are the **daisy** and the **sweet pea**.



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*Diamond**Daisy**Sweet Pea*

Although once thought to bring courage, the diamonds are now viewed as a symbols of love. They are the center piece of many jewelry sets, most notably engagement rings. It is the hardest mineral on the planet and because of this has many industrial uses.

Generally, diamonds are colorless with a high sparkle, but they can be found in varying tints and hues. Perhaps the most famous diamond of all, the blue Hope Diamond, is one such example.

Daisies connote innocence and purity while paradoxically “holding secrets” among friends.

Sweet peas signify blissful pleasure though they can also be used to bid farewell.

- *Majoros, Martie. “April Birthstone: Color and Meaning.” Almanac.com. Yankee Publishing, Inc. n.d. March 13, 2018.*
- *“April Birth Flowers.” Alamanc.com. Yankee Publishing, Inc. n.d. March 13, 2018.*

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Happy Birthday!



- **Jose Uribe** – April 5
- **Charlotte Gardner** – April 8
- **Ling Shurtz** – April 9
- **Steve Smith** – April 12
- **Kelly Miller**– April 14
- **Logan Otka**– April 18
- **Randall Benson** – April 21
- **Christine Dietrich Cragg** – April 22
- **Don Reinke** – April 26
- **Joanna Baker** – April 26

– Please note: If we missed your birthday or have listed it incorrectly, please let us know so we can correct it!

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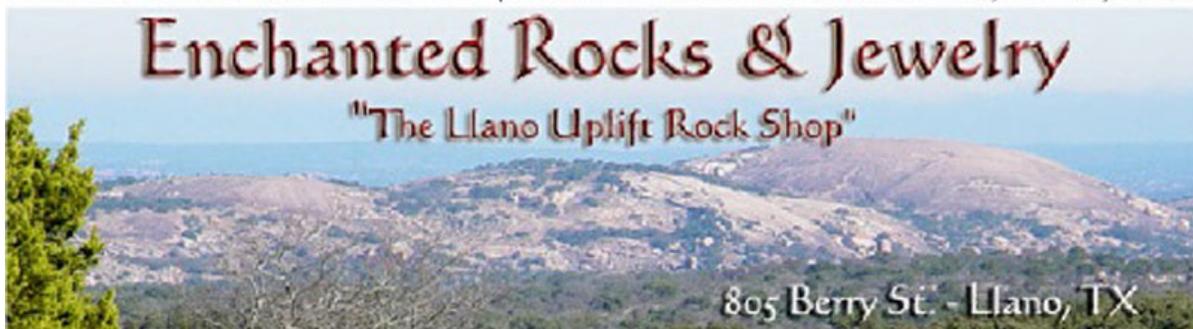
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If you need a hard copy of the newsletter each month and cannot access the online newsletters — <http://fredericksburgrockhounds.org/newsletter/> (<http://fredericksburgrockhounds.org/newsletter/>) — to print your own, then please let the president, Lee Adams, know. He will provide printed copies for those who need them at each monthly meeting.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask us.

— Josh Hazer, fbgrockhoundsnews@gmail.com (<mailto:fbgrockhoundsnews@gmail.com>)

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- **Purpose of the Fredericksburg Rockhounds:**

To share knowledge and appreciation of gems, minerals, fossils, and other natural wonders, and the art of jewelry making. We do this through educational monthly meetings, field trips, an annual gem, mineral, & fossil show, and donations to schools. We're affiliated with the American Federation of Mineral Societies, and the South Central Federation of Mineral Societies.



- **Membership and Meetings:**

We meet at 7:00 P.M. on the first Monday of each month at the Golden Hub Senior Center, 1009 N Lincoln, Fredericksburg, Texas (except in June, when we have our annual picnic). See map, below.

- **Annual dues** are \$3 for juniors (under 19 years), \$8 for individuals, and \$15 for families; due in January.
- **Newsletter correspondence** and newsletter advertising: fbgrckhoundsnews@gmail.com
- **All other correspondence:** Fredericksburg Rockhounds, 412 S. Adams St, Fredericksburg TX 78624
- Visit our website at fredericksburgrockhounds.org (<http://fredericksburgrockhounds.org>) for more club info, field trip news, club photos, resources, and previous newsletters.

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Club Officers and Committee Chairs

Club Officers for 2018:

- **President:** Lee Adams – (830) 796-8890
- **1st Vice President:** Tom Carswell – (830) 792-2160
- **2nd Vice President:** Patti Felts – (325) 248-6040
- **Past President:** Andy Anderson – (830) 370-2177
- **Treasurer:** John Roup – (830) 896-4955
- **Secretary:** Judy Adams – (830) 796-8890

Committee Chairs:

- **Programs:** Patti Felts – (325) 247-6040
- **Field Trips:** Patti Felts – (325) 247-6040
and Sam Rodgers – (210) 240-7721
- **Hospitality:** Susan Olson – (830) 997-8516
- **Membership:** Brenda Smith – (830) 895-9630
- **Historian:** Sara Verstuyft – (830) 998-7350
- **Media Equipment:** John Crone – (830) 990-9823
- **Annual Show:** Jim Gedeon – (830) 456-5419
- **Newsletter:** Josh Hazer

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You may also use the form on our Contact Page to submit your articles:

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A copy of the Club **MEMBERSHIP LIST** is available TO MEMBERS ONLY, via email (or paper mail if necessary). Contact Virginia Adian at v.adian@gvtc.com (<mailto:v.adian@gvtc.com>) or 830-755-6105

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