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— April 2020 —

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Prez Says

Due to the place in which we have our meetings and the recommendation from the President of the United States, I feel it would be best to skip the April meeting. Let's hope this passes without any of us getting sick.

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I do want everyone to know that rocks can't give you the virus, so get outdoors and enjoy nature. Hopefully this will pass soon and we will soon be back to normal. Take some time to look through your collection and bring a great show-and-tell rock or mineral to the next meeting. I'm looking forward to see what you bring. Until then, stay safe and we will see you at the Golden Hub.

—Frank Rowell

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Wishing Everyone Well

As you all are no doubt aware, we are under a global pandemic brought upon by a coronavirus named COVID-19. We want everyone to stay safe during this crisis and since it is ever-changing (even by the hour!) here some places you can go online to keep up to date regarding COVID-19.

This first link is for the World Health Organization's advice for the public:

<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/advice-for-public>
(<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/advice-for-public>)

Next up is a link for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/index.html> (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/index.html>)

The last two links are specifically relevant for us Texans and they go directly to Department of State Health Service on the [Texas.gov](https://texas.gov) (<https://texas.gov>) website:

<https://dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus/> (<https://dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus/>)

<https://dshs.texas.gov/news/updates.shtm#coronavirus> (<https://dshs.texas.gov/news/updates.shtm#coronavirus>)

May we all gather soon and hunt rocks. Be safe everybody!

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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/>)

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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 2nd, 2020 –

President Frank Rowell opened the meeting at 7 pm. Sara Verstuyft led the Pledge of Allegiance. Then Frank told a joke.

New members Bernice and Randy Snyder of Boerne were attending their first meeting. Guests at the meeting were Al and Judy Hargraves of Ingram; Mack and Paula Brice of Helotes; and Ashley and daughter Delila Odom of Stonewall.

Vice President Joe DeHoyos introduced a presentation by Lee Adams of a DVD about gemstones, “Treasures of the Earth.” It explained the effects of the earth’s heat and pressure in the formation of gemstones – diamonds forming deep below the earth’s surface and coming up with volcano eruptions; sapphires forming in subduction zones; and emeralds resulting from the action of tectonic plates. The importance of math and physics in the faceting of gemstones was explained.

Right after the program member Ed Gage showed the effects of fluorescent light on several specimens. An emerald glowed scarlet red. Industrial diamonds glowed blue and bright yellow. A white garnet glowed a pink/orange color.

After refreshments and door prize drawings, President Frank Rowell started the business portion of the meeting.

Jim Gedeon reported that the silent auction proceeds at the January show were the best ever. We handed out 2700 door prize tickets, a substantial increase over last year. The Pioneer Pavilion space is already reserved for the 2021 show. Creating rack cards to advertise the show for multiple years was discussed. The club could save money this way. Visitors could plan ahead for the next years’ shows.

Members discussed donating to a small college geology department. Ed Gage will check out Same Houston State University as a possibility. Donating to a museum or to preservation of a mammoth site was suggested. Since schoolteachers often foot the bill for supplies and equipment, another member suggested donating funds for geology-related equipment and supplies to secondary schools. Supplying application forms to teachers or science departments at schools was recommended as a way of finding out what a teacher or school might need and what the cost would be. The applications would help us judge the best recipients of our donations.

Lee Adams announced upcoming shows in other towns and cities. Frank Rowell announced the Llano Earth Arts Festival and international rock stacking competition in Llano.

If you want to donate a door prize, go to Lee Adams’ table at the meeting and fill out the slip asking for your name and the name of the item donated and where it came from. If we do not get this information, it will not be published in the newsletter. Below is door prize information from March’s meeting.

DONOR	DOOR PRIZE	WINNER

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Steve Perez	Plume agate	Wayne Price
Steve Perez	Jasper (pink)	Susan Ahrens
Steve Perez	Imperial royal jasper	Carol Gage
Steve Perez	Jasper (?)	Paula Brice
Frank Roswell & Patti Felts	Chalcopyrite (Mexico)	Don Magee
Lee Adams	Pyrite	Sara Verstuyft
Lee Adams	Raw copper nodule	Jim Gedeon
Lee Adams	Music symbol from Wendell Smith collection	Diane Magee
Jim Chude	Calcite from Terlingua, TX	Theo Hofbauer
Jim Chude	Cinnabar from Terlingua, TX	Ken DeVos
Virginia Adian	Gemstone picture frame	Brenda Smith
John Crone	Texas rocks and fossils poster	Jeff Smith
John Crone	Book “Practical Geologist”	Shelly Verstuyft
Don Magee	Thunder egg from Arizona	Jane Crone
Tom Mitchell	Lucky rabbit’s foot	Yvonne Starr
John & Carolyn Roup	“Mineralogical Record” Arizona issue	Judy Adams
John Roup	“Mineralogical Record”	Randy Snyder
John Roup	“Mineralogical Record”	Judy Adams
?	Selenite from Lake McKenzie near Silverton, TX	Dennis Ahrens
?	Lepidolite on quartz	Bernice Snyder
Ken DeVos	Quartz/chalcedony from San Solomon Springs in Reeves County, TX	Ginger Adan

After a motion was made and seconded, members voted to adjourn at 8:36 p.m.

—Brenda Smith, Secretary

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This Month's Events

*** With health guidelines issued concerning the COVID-19 virus, most shows and events are being cancelled and rescheduled. Before making your plans, please use the information provided in each listing to contact the presenters to verify the status of the event. As always, BE SAFE! ***

April 2020

11-12—ABILENE, TEXAS: Annual show; Central Texas Gem & Mineral Society; Abilene Convention Center, 1100 North 6th Street and Pine; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-4; Adults \$4, children 6-12 \$2; Dealers selling jewelry, specimens, beads, lapidary, with demonstrations, silent auction, activities for children ; contact Linda Walker, P.O. BOX 206, Hawley, TX 79525, (325) 721-4477; Email: linewalk26@yahoo.comGem (<mailto:linewalk26@yahoo.comGem>); Website: <http://www.new.calichetimes.com/page13.html> (<http://www.new.calichetimes.com/page13.html>)

25-25—SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS: Show and sale; Southwest Gem and Mineral Society; Wonderland of the Americas Mall, 110 and Loop 410 on Fredericksburg Road; Sat. 10-5; free admission; Free parking; contact John Speck, 9515 Potters Point, Helotes, TX 78023, (210) 596-1611; Email: jspeck2@att.net (<mailto:jspeck2@att.net>); Website: <http://www.swgms.org/> (<http://www.swgms.org/>)

- 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**.



Diamond



Daisy



Sweet Pea

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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.

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

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Happy Birthday!



- **Lila Lewis** – April 2
- **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
- **Diane O’Neill** – April 22
- **Frank Hooten** – April 25
- **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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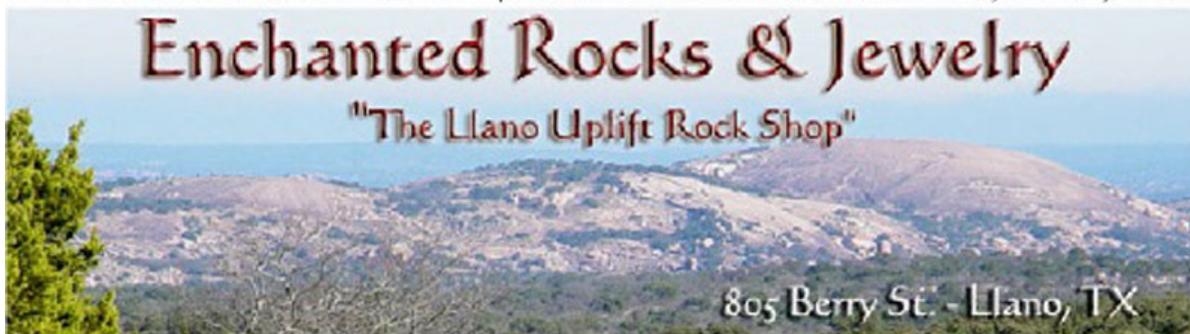
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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask us.

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

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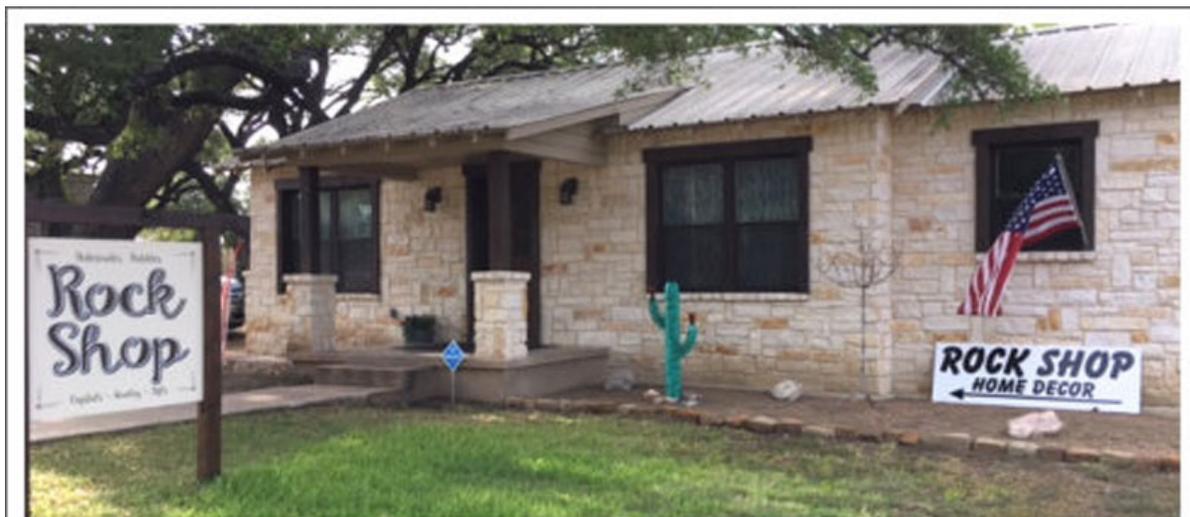


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- **Purpose of the Fredericksburg Rockhounds:**

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 2020:

- **President:** Frank Rowell
- **1st Vice President:** Steve Perez – (817) 404-9789
- **2nd Vice President:** Joe DeHoyos
- **Past President:** Lee Adams – (830) 796-8890
- **Treasurer:** Jim Gedeon – (830) 456-5419
- **Secretary:** Brenda Smith – (830) 895-9630

Committee Chairs:

- **Programs:** Joe DeHoyos
- **Field Trips:** Patti Felts – (325) 247-6040
and Sam Rodgers – (210) 240-7721
- **Hospitality:** Susan Olson – (830) 997-8516
- **Membership:** Virginia Adian – (830) 755-6105
- **Historian:** Sara Verstuyft – (830) 998-7350
- **Media Equipment:** John Crone – (830) 990-9823
- **Annual Show:** Vacant
- **Newsletter:** Josh Hazer

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

<http://fredericksburgrockhounds.org/contact-us> (<http://fredericksburgrockhounds.org/contact-us>)

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

The **Club CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS** are posted on our website: fredericksburgrockhounds.org/constitution (<http://fredericksburgrockhounds.org/constitution/>)

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