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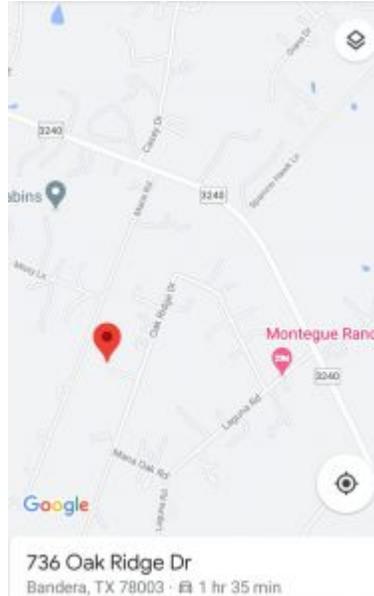
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Prez Says

I'm looking forward to a warm spring. The big freeze got all our plumbing. It has made for a long winter. I have spent most of the last 2 weeks re-plumbing our house and cutting fallen limbs from the ice. I hope everyone else made it through all right.

We will be having a meeting in April and it will be at Lee Adams workshop in Bandera. He lives at 736 Oak Ridge Dr. You also call him at 830-796-8890 or get directions on google maps.

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I hope to see you at the meeting. It's been far too long since our last get together. I'm sure there will be a lot to talk about. We will meet any time during the day on Monday April 5th with the business meeting at 2:30pm. That way we can all get home before it gets too late. I'm hoping that by May or June we will be able to get back to the Hub for our meetings. Last month we did get a chance to see a few members in Mason at the river. About 12 people showed up for the trip. Everyone had a good time and found things to take home. Hope to see you at Lee's place.

—Frank Rowell
President

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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:

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<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/>)

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

There are no minutes for this month's meeting as it was cancelled due the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

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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

10-11—ABILENE, TEXAS: Annual show; Central Texas Gem & Mineral Society; Taylor County Expo Center / Display Building, 1700 HWY 36; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-4; Adults \$5, children 6-12 \$2, free admission for children age 5 and under and uniformed scouts and military personnel ; Displays featuring rock specimens, lapidary work, silversmithing, wirewrapping and jewelry making, demonstrations, vendors with a variety of items, and presentation of a scholarship to a university student; contact Linda J. Walker, P.O. Box 206, Hawley, TX 79525; Email: ctgms50@gmail.com (<mailto:ctgms50@gmail.com>)

23-25—CONROE, TEXAS: Annual show; Texas Mineral and Fossil Conroe Show; The Texas Lonestar Convention Center & Expo, 9055 Airport Rd; Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-4; free admission ; Dealers offering minerals, fossils, gemstones, meteorites and jewelry; along with geode cracking; contact Sandra Gonzales, 3435 S Birch St; Email: info@rmgmpromotions.com (<mailto:info@rmgmpromotions.com>); Website: www.rmgmpromotions.com (<http://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**.



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.

- 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
- **Kelly Miller** – April 14
- **Logan Otka** – April 18
- **Randall Benson** – April 21
- **Christine Dietrich Cragg** – April 22
- **Frank Hooten** – April 25
- **Don Reinke** – 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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Newsletter Hard Copies & Mail-Outs

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To print your own copy of this edition of the newsletter, go to the section titled “[Print This Newsletter \(#printthisnewsletter\)](#)” and follow the simple directions.

If you need a hard copy of the newsletter each month and cannot access the online newsletter: <http://fredericksburgrockhounds.org/newsletter/> (<http://fredericksburgrockhounds.org/newsletter/>) – to print your then please let an officer of the club know and arrangements can be made to assist you.

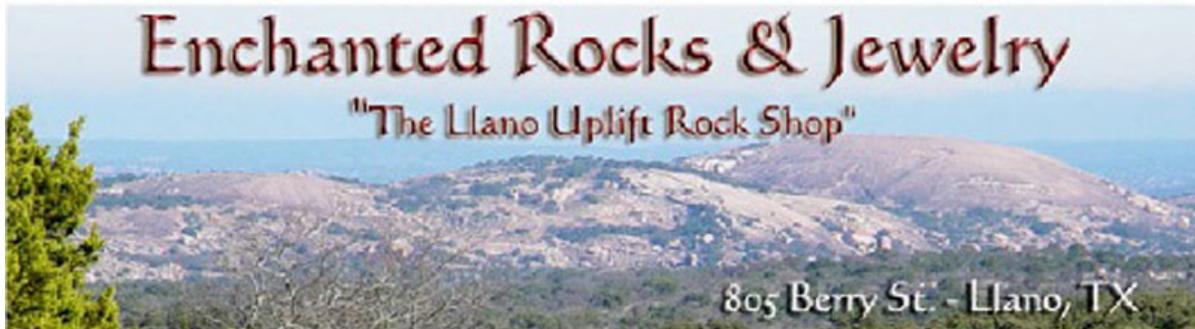
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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask us.

– Josh Hazer, fbrockhoundsnews@gmail.com (<mailto:fbrockhoundsnews@gmail.com>)

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Club Info

- **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: fbgrockhoundsnews@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 news, club photos, resources, and previous newsletters.



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

Monthly Meeting Map



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Newsletter Articles and Club Info

Articles for each month's newsletter must be received by the **15th** of the month.

Send them to your newsletter editor via email: fbrockhoundsnews@gmail.com (<mailto:fbrockhoundsnews@gmail.com>)

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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