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# FREDERICKSBURG ROCKHOUNDS

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— August 2021 —

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## Prez Says

There is no “Prez Says” article this month. For information regarding the club, please check the [Fredericksburg Rockhounds Minutes \(#articleg\)](#) in this edition of the Fredericksburg Rockhounds Newsletter.

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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 Membership Form to download or print a PDF copy.

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## Fredericksburg Rockhounds Meeting Minutes

– July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021 –

### Approx 25 in attendance

### Guests – Michael and Dawn Egger and Cynthia and Greg French

Steve Perez opened the meeting at 7 pm, stepping up from VP to President temporarily, while Frank Rowell was in the hospital. Patty Felts stood and gave the club information on Frank's condition and the Verstuyft's passed a get well card around for everyone to sign for Frank, which Patty took to him.

Steve then announced the clubs purpose so the new members and guests would have that information. Afterword we watched a DVD program on the New Madrid Earthquake 1811.

Steve announced that all paid memberships are extended through 2022. Dues for 2022 can be paid starting in Sept/October 2021.

In August, we will be doing a BYO for dinner/snack/drinks. Member Susan Olsen is retiring from the position of Hospitality and we need a volunteer to step up for that. Their job would be to help set up pot lucks when they start back up as well as clean up and bringing drinks and ice. Please consider helping the club by volunteering. This is a huge part of what makes the club enjoyable and a "night out." If you are interested please contact a club office and they can help get you the information you need. **Many thanks to Susan for all of her assistance over the years!**

Jim Gedeon announced the club has \$16,749 in the treasury.

Virginia Adian attended the Abilene show and mentioned that the AFMS president was also in attendance.

A show in San Antonio at Wonderland Mall of the Americas will be the 2nd weekend of August.

Club members voted to place Steve in the temporary position of President and Lee Adams as acting VP while Frank F was out ill. It will revert back to normal positions when Frank returns. We wish Frank all the best and hope to see him soon.

Patty Felts motioned to adjourn, it was seconded and the meeting closed.

<b>Door Prizes</b>	<b>Donor</b>	<b>Winner</b>
Sepiolite Graphite Hattchetite	Ken DeVos	Sara Verstuyft
Red Tiger Eye	Lee Adams	Lynn Post
Obsidian	Club Donation	Brenda Smith
Ritiolite	Virginia Adian	Michael Egger
Malachite	Ken DeVos	Steve Perez
Jasper/Agate	Lee Adams	Glen Thompson
Picture Jasper	Lee Adams	Patty Felts
Pink Calcite	Lee Adams	Gail Bowie

**Minutes submitted by Shelly Verstuyft.**

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### **This Month's Events**

\*\*\* Due to the COVID-19 virus, please use the information provided in each listing to contact the presenters to verify the status of the event. As always, BE SAFE! \*\*\*

#### **August 2021**

To the best of our knowledge, there are no rock related events happening around our area for the month of August.

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

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The August birthstone is the **peridot**; the flowers are the **gladiolus** and the **poppy**.



*Peridot*



*Gladiolus*



*Poppy*

The peridot is a symbol of strength. It is light green in color and as such is sometimes called the evening emerald. It can be found in the volcanic lava of Hawaii as well as in meteorites.

The largest peridot found to date weighs in at 319 carats and is on display in the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, DC.

The gladiolus, also known as the sword lily, stands for remembrance and calm.

Poppies come in different colors and have various meanings. Red poppies are for pleasure; white for consolation; and yellow for wishes of wealth and success.

- o Majoros, Martie. "August Birthstone: Color and Meaning." *Almanac.com. Yankee Publishing, Inc. n.d. July 17, 2018.*
- o "August Birth Flowers." *Almanac.com. Yankee Publishing, Inc. n.d. July 17, 2018.*

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### Happy Birthday!



- **Judy Carswell** — August 1

- **Kevin DeVos** – August 4
- **Bonnie Dietrich** – August 8
- **Thomas Mitchell** – August 10
- **Sonya Hooten** – August 11
- **John Roup** – August 18
- **Carole Gage** – August 19

– 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

The club will no longer mail out hard copies of the newsletter to members. Those who have provided the club with an email address will continue to receive notifications via email when the newsletter is published for viewing online.

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.

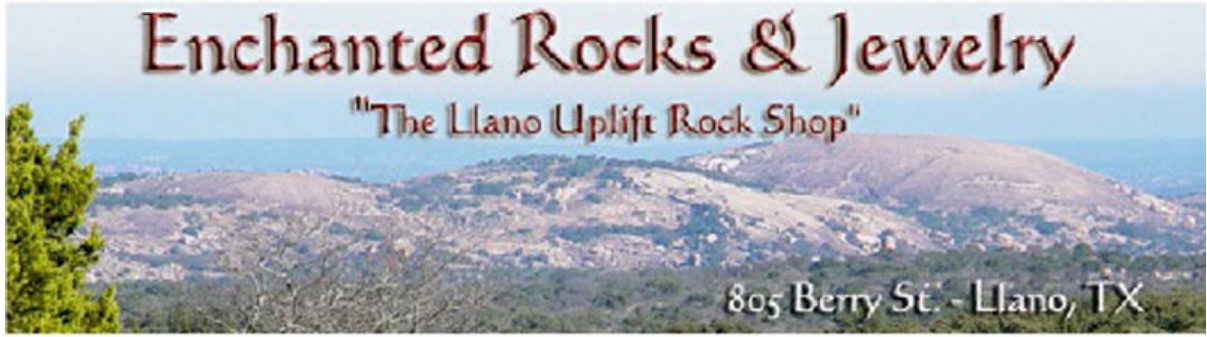
If you need a hard copy of the newsletter each month and cannot access the online newsletters — <http://fredericksburgrockhounds.org/newsletter/> (<http://fredericksburgrockhounds.org/newsletter/>) — to print your own, then please let an officer of the club know and arrangements can be made to assist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

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

– Josh Hazer, [fbrockhoundsnews@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:fbgrockhoundsnews@gmail.com)
- **All other correspondence:** Fredericksburg Rockhounds, 412 S. Adams St, Fredericksburg TX 78624
- Visit our website at [fredericksburgrockhounds.org](http://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 – (361) 649-0039
- **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.

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

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