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— December 2019 —

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From the Top of the Rock Pile

By

Lee Adams — President

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Here I set, thinking on what I want to say on my last “From the Top of the Rock Pile.” I have so many folks to thank for making the last two years so enjoyable. We have had our best ever shows including our 50th Anniversary show and more vendors are trying to get into our show, the largest club membership, and so much more. We have lost some of our dear members but they are fondly remembered.

We had our biographies published for all to read, we had enjoyable field trips and many fine meeting presentations.

The food at meetings, the summer picnic, Christmas Party and vendor dinners has been great and plentiful.

In all, Judy and I thank each and every one of you for a very challenging and wonderful two years trying to herd a bunch of fellow rock hounds to a rock pile. Thank you from the bottom of our collecting bucket.

We wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!!

— Lee & Judy

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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

— November 4th, 2019 —

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

Program:

Frank Rowell and Steve Perez, Show Chairman, spoke about the upcoming January show.

Flyers will be handed out at the Christmas Party and the January meeting—advise not handing out flyers until January.

Show raffle item donations are needed— items need to be in the \$75.00 to \$100.00 range.

- Help will be needed to set up/take down the chairs and tables before and after the vendor dinner.
- The Brady's will plot and tape the floor set up for vendor booths-Thursdays at 11AM.
- The Tom and Judy Carswell will run the electric wires for the vendor booths.
- Tom and Judy Carswell will be in charge of the silent auction.
- John Crone and Jim Gedeon will pick up the club's tables and take them to Lady Bird Park.
- Susan Olson can use help with the vendor dinner.

ALL OF THE ABOVE CAN USE HELP

Frank Rowell will be providing updates on the show as the Program for January.

Old Business:

A reminder of the Dinosaur George event December 12, 13 and 14. Volunteers will be needed the 13th and 14th contact Andy or Karen Anderson to sign up.

The Nominating Committee provided election names to be voted on for President, 2nd Vice President and Secretary. No one was selected for President (that vote was tabled until December) Joe De Hoyos was elected 2nd Vice President and Brenda Smith will be the new Secretary.

Lee Adams will be filling the display cases at the Fredericksburg Library in January.

Additions to the Fredericksburg Rockhounds constitution were presented, the membership voted and passed the additions.

THE ADDITIONS ARE:

ARTICLE VII Duties of Officers

Section 1. The President will

i. Send the list of officers for the coming year to SCFMS on the designated form from SCFMS within 30 days after the election in November

j. Attend the annual SCFMS meeting as a member of the board of directors or send an alternative delegate.

Section 2. The First Vice President will:

c. Be responsible for club property.

d. Serve as custodian of the keys to club property.

Section 5. The Treasurer will:

f. File Form 990 for nonprofit organizations with the IRS by the 15th of January each year. (Form 990-^{EE} Postcard, can be filed by smaller nonprofits with gross receipts of less than \$50,000).

g. Send member dues and insurance fees to SCFMS executive secretary each year, no later than September 30th. The number of Club members is based upon the current year. The club is charged per person for insurance based on the current number of members.

Change ARTICLE VIII – EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

e. The Executive Council meetings can be called by any member of the council. A quorum will be any four of the six council members.

THESE CHANGES WILL BE CHANGED ON OUR WEB SITE CLUB CONSTITUTION WHICH IS LISTED UNDER “ABOUT US.”

Committees:

Membership Committee:

Introduced Beth Paulson from Boerne and welcomed back Ed and Carol Gage. The Membership Committee is in need of a volunteer please see Virginia Adian or Brenda Smith.

Hospitality Committee:

Thanks to Susan Olson, Carolyn Roup, Andy Anderson and all who helped with setting up the meeting dinner. Thanks to everyone for bringing food!! We always have a great spread.

Historian:

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

Show Chairman:

See Above.

Miscellaneous:

Wendell Smith’s rocks and rock equipment are at Lee Adams for sale.

The Fredericksburg Rockhounds offer discount lessons in wire wrapping and cutting/polishing rocks. If you would like to take lessons talk to Virginia Adian for wire wrapping or Lee Adams for lessons in cutting/polishing. If you are interested in teaching lessons let the club president know.

Fredericksburg Rockhounds now have a Facebook page. Our editor is Sue Burkhart. She asked that we all find the **Facebook Page** (<https://www.facebook.com/Fredericksburg-Rockhounds-498805133966369/>) and “**LIKE**” in and “**SHARE**” it with your friends.

Door Prizes	Donor	Winner
Jasper	Lee & Judy Adams	Yvonne Starr
Calcite/quartz sand ps	Kenneth DeVos	Brenda Smith

San Simon Swale Lea County, New Mexico Zebra Cab	John Crone	Carol Gage
Wulfenite Chihuahua, Mexico	John Crone	Kevin VanRenterghem
6X6 Quartz	John Crone	Frida Carron
Tourmaline & Chialstolite in Graphite Schist Llano County, TX	Frank Rowell Patti Felts	Tom Mitchell
Jasper	Steve Perez	Dolores Uribe
Agate	Steve Perez	Andy Anderson
Spotted Jasper	Steve Perez	Karen Anderson
Polished Jasper	Steve Perez	Carl Ashline
Mineralogical Record Most recent	John & Carolyn Roup	Steve Perez
Arizona Petrified Wood	Kevin VanRenterghem	Jane Crone

Minutes submitted by Judy Adams – Secretary.

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Future Meeting Programs

December 2: No Program – We will celebrate with our annual Christmas Party. We begin at 6:00P.M. instead of usual 7:00P.M. Please bring your favorite Christmas food to share.

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December 12, 13, 14: — Sara, Shelly, Kenneth Verstuyft, Andy and Karen Anderson have coordinated an educational program with the famous “Dinosaur George.” Dinosaur George’s traveling museum show is being sponsored by the Fredericksburg Rockhounds and will be held December 12th, 13th and 14th at the Lady Bird Park Pavilion (the same place as our January Gem Show). December 12th is set up, December 13th is for kids only and the 14th is for the general public. The Fredericksburg Rockhounds will have a table to display their dinosaur/fossils and pass out flyers for our Gem Show in January. Dinosaur George will also need some club members to volunteer to be stationed around the room to ensure no one touches or moves the dinosaur bones. Contact Andy or Karen Anderson to volunteer.

January 6, 2020: No Program — This time is reserved to complete plans for the January Gem and Mineral Show.

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This Month’s Events

6-8—EL PASO, TEXAS: Annual show; El Paso Mineral and Gem Society; El Maida Shrine Auditorium, 6331 Alabama St.; Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; free admission; Free gem identification Saturday and Sunday, noon to 5 p.m., vendors offering various minerals, rocks, jewelry, gems, crystals, and beads, activities for children; contact Louie Provencio, 1800 Byron St., El Paso, TX 79930, (915) 544-2717; Email: l1155@yahoo.com (<mailto:l1155@yahoo.com>); Website: www.epmgs.com (<http://www.epmgs.com>)

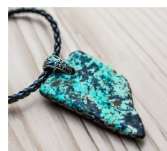
14-15—SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS: Annual show; Peppers Gems; San Antonio Garden Center, 3310 N. New Braunfels St.; Sat. 9-6, Sun. 9-4; free admission; Group of dealers presenting for sale geodes, specimens, slabs, finished jewelry, fossils amber, faceted stones, petrified wood, and decorator items ; contact Sam H. Rodgers, 14835 Willow Moss st., San Antonio, TX 78232-4546, (210) 240-7721; Email: buckroddgers000@netzero.net (<mailto:buckroddgers000@netzero.net>); Website: www.peppers-gems.com (<http://www.peppers-gems.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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December’s Birthstone & Flowers

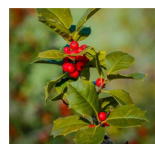
The December birthstone is the **turquoise**; the flower are the **narcissus** and the **holly**.



Turquoise



Narcissus



Holly

Turquoise is found most often in very dry areas where volcanic activity has occurred. Unlike many other gems, turquoise is opaque rather than translucent. Its blue-green color can vary from sky blue or greenish blue to pale green or greenish gray. Bluer stones are considered more valuable and contain more copper.

The holly symbolizes your wish for domestic happiness. Although some animals and birds enjoy holly berries, they are semi-toxic to humans.

The narcissus conveys that you want your beloved to stay just the way they are. While there are many types of narcissus, the paperwhite is the winter-growing variety and the birth flower for December.

- o Majoros, Martie. "December Birthstone: Color and Meaning." *Almanac.com. Yankee Publishing, Inc. n.d. October 17, 2018.*
- o "December Birth Flower." *Almanac.com. Yankee Publishing, Inc. n.d. October 17, 2018.*

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Happy Birthday!



- **Beth Fawcett** – December 1
- **Herve Courtois** – December 2
- **Lynn Harris** – December 3
- **John Crone, HLM** – December 6
- **Beth Brady** – December 7
- **Andrea Webb** – December 7
- **Judy Steele** – December 8
- **Betty Hall** – December 10
- **Alicia Martinez** – December 11
- **Devon MacDonald** – December 12
- **Bill Morgenstern** – December 12
- **Lola Post** – December 12
- **Leonard Brown** – December 14
- **Greg Ahrendt** – December 15
- **Judy Adams** – December 18
- **Larry Gardner** – December 19
- **Kenneth Verstuyft** – December 26

- **Judy Lackey** – December 29
- **Robert Little** – December 29
- **Craig Schott** – December 29
- **Fred Mahaffey** – December 30
- **Jorge Chavez** – December 30

– *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.

Every online newsletter will now feature a link to a PDF version of itself in the section titled “**Print or Save This Newsletter (#printthisnewsletter)**” where you can save or print your own copy.

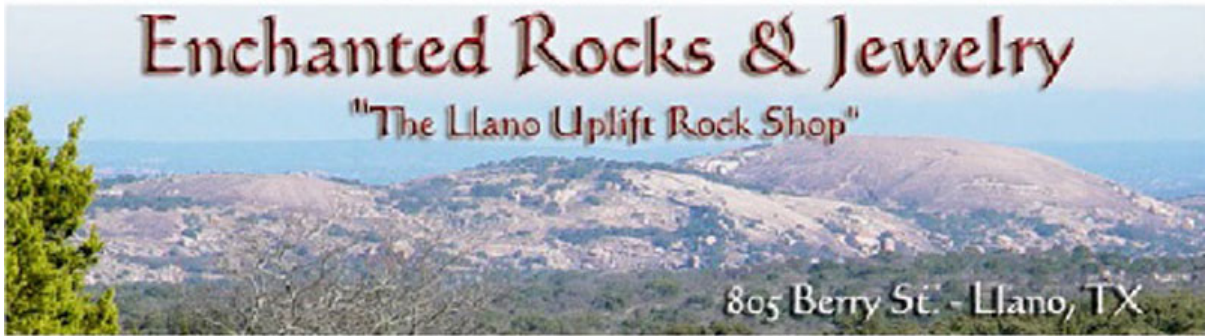
If you need a hard copy of the newsletter each month and cannot access the online newsletters – <http://fredericksburgrockhounds.org/newsletter/> (<http://fredericksburgrockhounds.org/newsletter/>) – to print your own, then please let the president, Lee Adams, know. He will provide printed copies for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

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

– *Josh Hazer*, 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 2018:

- **President:** Lee Adams – (830) 796-8890
- **1st Vice President:** Steve Perez – (817) 404-9789
- **2nd Vice President:** Patti Felts – (325) 248-6040
- **Past President:** Andy Anderson – (830) 370-2177
- **Treasurer:** Jim Gedeon – (830) 456-5419
- **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:** Vacant
- **Newsletter:** Josh Hazer

Monthly Meeting Map



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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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