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## Prez Says

Here we are getting ready for Christmas. I hope everyone has a good Thanksgiving and are ready to eat again on Dec 6<sup>th</sup>. We are going to be bringing back the potluck for our December meeting. It has been a long time since we have had Andy's favorite part of the meeting, so lets make it good. Be sure to bring either an entree or dessert.

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I will have signup sheets for our gem show and flyers available. Please sign in with your choice of hours to work at the show. We do need your help. There are still a few showcases available to display you're favorite rocks or craft. Virginia has the list of cases available. I will also have a sample of our logo suitable for a t-shirt for us to approve. I'm sending Josh a flyer that can be printed if you need more to hand out. Anyone with a little time can look on the internet for event calendars and submit information to be added to the listings. Thank you for putting in the effort to help with the show. See you at the meeting.

—*Frank Rowell*  
President

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### **November Program**

There will not be a program in December. Instead, we will have our Christmas party, which was overwhelming voted on by the members who wanted to celebrate by bringing tasty party food.

Susan Olsen graciously volunteered to be in charge of the Christmas party food, however, she has resigned her position of being the Hospitality person. Thanks Susan for all the years you have served!!!

Beginning in January, we will continue bringing our own meals, unless someone volunteers to take over for Susan.

Hope to see you there,

—*Karen Anderson*

P.S. Please bring food to share with everyone!!!!

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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

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There were no meeting minutes to print for this newsletter.

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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! \*\*\*

#### December 2021

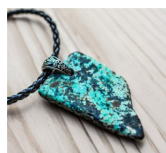
**3-5—EL PASO, TEXAS:** Annual show; El Paso Mineral & Gem Society ; El Maida Temple , 6331 Alabama Street ; Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; FREE ADMISSION; Rocks, minerals, gems, jewelry, beads, Fossils, chain saw wood carving, plus silent auctions, door prizes and more. Kids Activities, Educational Displays. ; contact Elizabeth Kosturakis , PO BOX 31516, El Paso, TX 79930, (915) 328-5488; Email: [ekosturakis@gmail.com](mailto:ekosturakis@gmail.com) (<mailto:ekosturakis@gmail.com>); Website: [epmgs.com](http://epmgs.com) (<http://epmgs.com>)

- 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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### December’s Birthstone & Flowers

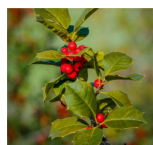
The December birthstone is the **turquoise**; the flower are the **narcissus** and the **holly**.



*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 blue. Darker stones are considered more valuable and contain more copper.

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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
- **Lynn Harris** – December 3
- **John Crone, HLM** – December 6
- **Beth Brady** – December 7
- **Alicia Martinez** – December 11
- **Lola Post** – December 12
- **Leonard Brown** – December 14
- **Judy Adams** – December 18
- **Kenneth Verstuyft** – December 26
- **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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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.

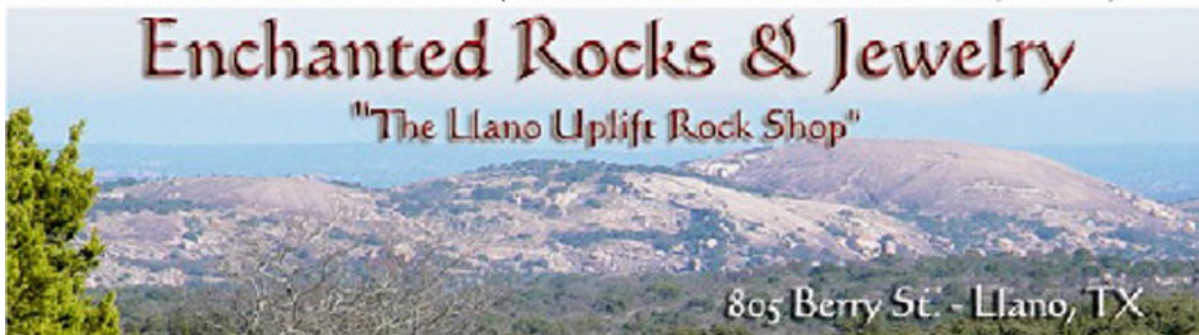
If you need a hard copy of the newsletter each month and cannot access the online newsletters — <http://fredericksburgrockhounds.org/newsletter/> (<http://fredericksburgrockhounds.org/newsletter/>) — to print your own, then please let an officer of the club know and arrangements can be made to assist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

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

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

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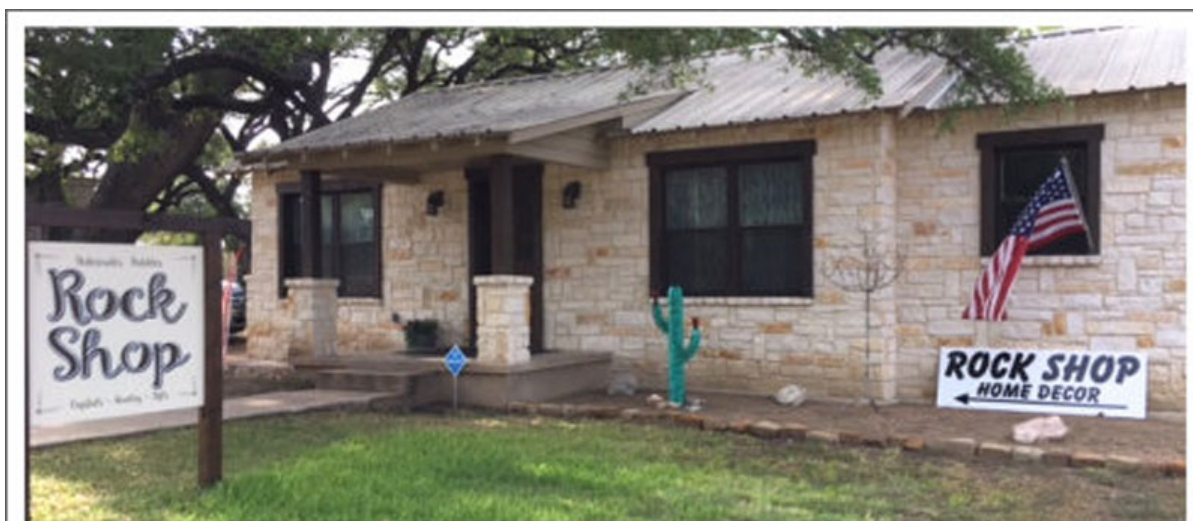


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### Club Info

- **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: [fbrockhoundsnews@gmail.com](mailto:fbrockhoundsnews@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:** Karen Anderson
- **Past President:** Lee Adams – (830) 796-8890
- **Treasurer:** Jim Gedeon – (830) 456-5419
- **Secretary:** Brenda Smith – (830) 895-9630

### Committee Chairs:

- **Programs:** Karen Anderson
- **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.

Send them to your newsletter editor via email: [fbrockhoundsnews@gmail.com](mailto: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@gvyc.com](mailto:v.adian@gvyc.com) (<mailto:v.adian@gvyc.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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