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FREDERICKSBURG ROCKHOUNDS



— July 2020 —

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Prez Says

Well it looks like we will miss another month. The HUB will be closed at least until the end of July. I've talked to a number of our members about having to miss this many meetings, and we have all agreed that it shouldn't be a problem to the club finances are in good shape and there are no other items that can't wait until we get to have another meeting. Vendor applications will go out in August. If anyone still owes 2020 DUES please contact Virginia Adian, v.adian@gvtc.com

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<mailto:v.adian@gytc.com>) you will need to be paid up before getting a booth space.

Since we can't get together to talk about rocks and club functions you can send me your thoughts for the newsletter and I will forward them to Josh. Send to hcgms20@gmail.com (<mailto:hcgms20@gmail.com>) I'm looking forward to all of the great articles for the July newsletter. Another thing to think about, when we get to have a meeting again, should we have a potluck or have it catered. You can't meet if you don't eat. Let me know what you think. Send to

the address above.

Till we meet again.

—Frank Rowell

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Membership for 2020

On 24 March, the Fredericksburg Rockhound Membership List was sent to those who have email addresses. A column to the right has the last year dues were paid. Those who have not paid since 2019 were highlighted in yellow. Everyone was reminded to send their dues to our treasurer, Jim Gedeon at our club address.

Only a few have done that, and we now need to drop those who have not paid for 2020. Our membership numbers determine how much we need to send to SCFMS for our federation dues and insurance fees for the next year.

If you do not receive a newsletter next month, it is because your name has been dropped. You will not be added back to our membership without filling out a new Membership Application and submit it along with your dues. This can be mailed or brought to a future meeting. The application form is on our club website.

I will be sending the updated FR Membership list to members after I have dropped those who have not renewed. Copies will also be available at our next meeting for those who do not have email addresses or printers.

Representing Membership Committee,

Virginia Adian

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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 onl 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/>)

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

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*** 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! ***

July 2020

There are currently no events set for the month of July that we are aware of.

- 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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July's Birthstone & Flowers

The July birthstone is the **ruby**; the flowers are the **larkspur** and the **water lily**.



Ruby



Larkspur



Water lily

In ancient times, the ruby was regarded as the “king of gems” by the Hindus. All rubies are red and come in various shades of the hue. Ruby comes from the Latin word *rubeus*, which means “red.”

The ruby is among the hardest natural gemstones, second only to the diamond.

The larkspur can grow up to eight feet tall and comes in a variety of colors such as pink, white, or purple.

Water lilies float on the surface of natural waters such as ponds. They help deter algae growth and provide shade for wildlife below.

- o Majoros, Martie. “July Birthstone: Color and Meaning.” *Almanac.com*. Yankee Publishing, Inc. n.d. June 19, 2018.
- o “July Birth Flowers.” *Almanac.com*. Yankee Publishing, Inc. n.d. June 19, 2018.

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Happy Birthday!



- **Austin** – July 2
- **Virginia Adian** – July 3
- **Diane Magee**– July 7
- **Agnes Thompson**– July 13
- **Richard**– July 13
- **Gary Jensen** – July 15
- **Jeff Smith**– July 20
- **Don MacDonald** – July 23
- **Gayle Smith** – July 26
- **Jessie Petty** – July 28
- **Andy Anderson** – July 29
- **Tina Roth** – July 30
- **Tom Westermeier** – July 31

– 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.

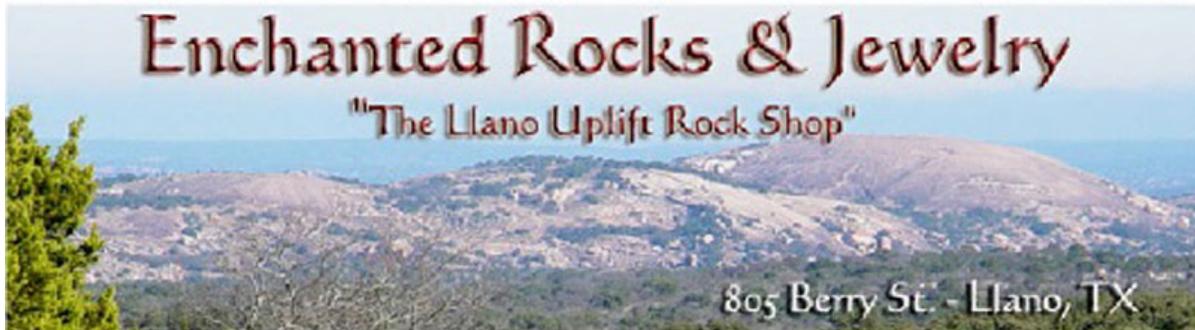
If you need a hard copy of the newsletter each month and cannot access the online newsletters — <http://fredericksburgrockhounds.org/newsletter/> (<http://fredericksburgrockhounds.org/newsletter/>) — to print your own then please let an officer of the club know and arrangements can be made to assist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

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

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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

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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: fbgrockhoundsnews@gmail.com (<mailto:fbgrockhoundsnews@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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