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Prez Says

It’s picnic time! June is here and it looks like we can start getting together for meetings. There is a question as to how many people would show up for the picnic, so the feeling is that we each bring a picnic lunch and a side to share. Be sure to bring the beverage of your choice and feel free to bring a little extra. That way we don’t end up with too much left-over food or not enough. Jim is securing the pavilion for Monday June 7th and we can meet any time after 5pm. We usually try to eat at a

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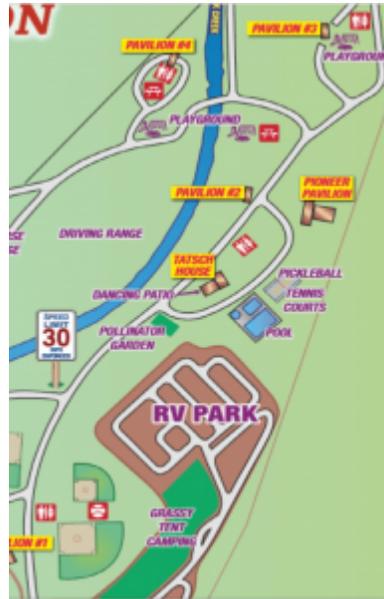


6pm. If you have rocks to trade or sell, bring those too. Let's all have a good time now that we can get back together. If you can contact any of our members, please let them know about the meeting. I'm not sure how many are following the newsletter.

I think we will be back to having our meetings at the Hub by July. We can discuss having the potluck again at the regular meetings. Give this some thought and share your ideas. If you have any questions give me a call at (325) 248-1067 and check the Fredericksburg Rockhounds

Facebook page.

I hope to see a large group on June 7th.



—Frank Rowell
President

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Australian Siblings Discover a “Unicorn Pocket” of Opal

John Roup sent in this news about two siblings from Australia who discovered a massive haul of about 330 pounds of opals worth \$900,000 in South West Queensland. I would have liked to include the article in the newspaper but was unable find or secure permission to do so. If you would like to check out this article (it is a lengthy one with lots of great pictures!) then just click on the link below. Enjoy!

https://www.theepochtimes.com/mkt_breakingnews/opal-hunters-unearth-massive-unicorn-pocket-of-opal-worth-900000-down-under_3781989.html?utm_source=newsnoe&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=breaking-2021-05-06-3&mktids=05fd18898803aeedad2e2cfb313ef6cb&est=uBGOZ2XbX6OaB7LLqwIKndyytKwzPVCgyeE8B%2FJuI%2BXugl2CGPE4gYk%3D (https://www.theepochtimes.com/mkt_breakingnews/opal-hunters-unearth-massive-unicorn-pock
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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:

<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 were no meeting minutes for this newsletter.

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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! ***

June 2021

19-20—GRAPEVINE, TEXAS: Annual show; Arlington Gem and Mineral Club; Grapevine Convention Center, 1209 S Main St.; Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-5; Adults \$8, seniors and children (3-15) \$7, free admission for military personnel with ID and scouts in uniform; contact Rick Allen – Show Chairman, (817) 528-475; Email: rickallen57@sbcglobal.net (<mailto:rickallen57@sbcglobal.net>); Website: www.agmc57.org (<http://www.agmc57.org>).

- 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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June's Birthstone & Flowers

The June birthstone is the **pearl**; the flowers are the **rose** and the **honeysuckle**.



Pearl



Rose



Honeysuckle

Pearls can be found in a variety of soft hues and palettes. They are formed inside of an oyster's shell, usually via a grain of sand that enters the shell. The clam cannot eject this irritant and so it encases it in a hard substance that eventually forms a pearl.

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Both of June's flowers are tied strongly with love.

Roses of different colors have multiple meanings. For instance, white roses can stand for innocence or purity. Red roses are synonymous with love. Conversely, yellow roses mean a loss of love.

The number of roses also have meaning. A bouquet is given for gratitude; a single rose amplifies the meaning behind the color.

Honeysuckle is a strong symbol for the bonds of everlasting love.

- o Majoros, Martie. "June Birthstone: Color and Meaning." *Almanac.com*. Yankee Publishing, Inc. n.d. May19, 2018.
- o "June Birth Flowers." *Alamanc.com*. Yankee Publishing, Inc. n.d. May19, 2018.

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Happy Birthday!



- **Jason McMurray** – June 7
- **Sara Verstuyft** – June 8
- **Karen Anderson** – June 11
- **Sam Rodgers** – June 12
- **Bill Fair** – June 15
- **Debbie Cooley** – June 18
- **Paula Ahrendt** – June 23
- **Jennifer Pope** – June 23
- **Linn Brady** – June 24
- **Julie Lawhon** – June 25
- **Susan Ahrens** – June 28
- **Don Magee** – June 28
- **Claudette Hollis** – June 29
- **Frank Rowell** – June 29

– 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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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.

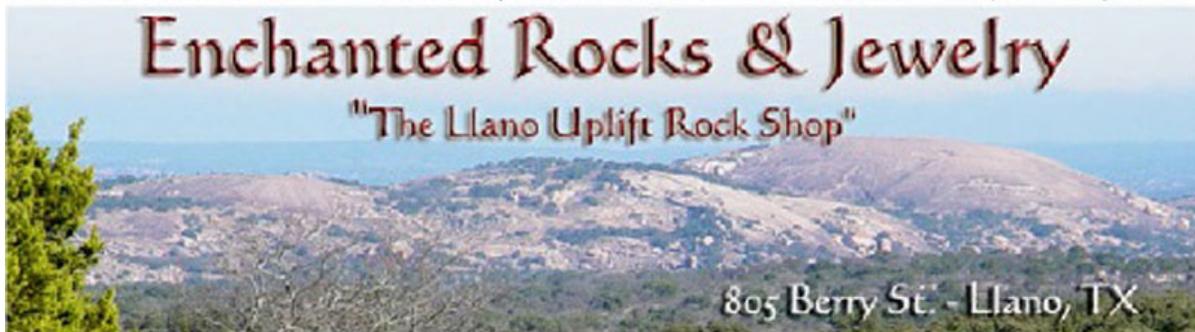
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If you need a hard copy of the newsletter each month and cannot access the online newsletters — <http://fredericksburgrockhounds.org/newsletter/> (<http://fredericksburgrockhounds.org/newsletter/>) — to print your own, then please let an officer of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

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

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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

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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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