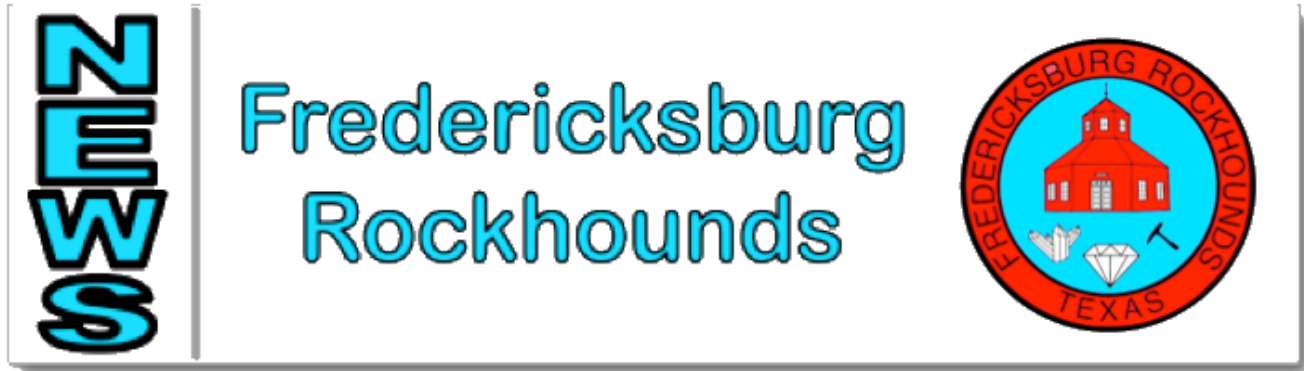


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From the Top of the Rock Pile

By

Lee Adams — President

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I'm still getting calls from folks that attended our Annual show- they all say how great it was-I have not yet received a negative call. I will say personally how very proud I am to be a member of our fine organization. I can't thank you enough for allowing me to be your leader.

The work starts now for the rest of the year, making things the best they can be.

Our program Chairperson Patti Felts and I are working on a way of possibly expanding our programs by swapping one for

one presentations with two other San Antonio Rock Clubs that have expressed interest in expanding their programs.

The flu is going around and I knew it would eventually catch up to me. I hope to be back up and running for the March meeting.

Jokes for the day:

My wife reminds me regularly “never miss a good chance to shut up”.

If at first you don't succeed, sky diving is not for you.

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Notes From the Editors

Hello Rockhounds! My name is Josh Hazer, and assisting me is my wife Melissa. We are very pleased to be providing your newsletter and website needs and would like to thank you all for giving us this opportunity. We hope you like what we've done with the place so far.

We've had a lot of help from a lot of people to bring the new site and newsletter together. We would like to thank the following for their inside knowledge of the rock and gem culture and inner workings of the Fredericksburg Rockhounds Club: Lee Adams, Jim Gedeon, Frank Rowell, John Roup, Virginia Adian, and Shelly Verstuyft. If we missed you, please let us know, we do apologize.

For those who would like to know a little bit about us, I enjoy reading of all kinds both fiction and non. I also like music, both listening and creating. Writing, software programming, and web design also take up much of my time. I currently work from home, and help take care of our 17 year old daughter, two dogs, and two cats. My wife works outside of the house in the service industry. She enjoys creating jewelry, reading, listening to music, and watching horror movies of all kinds.

We are very excited to work with you all to bring you the latest upcoming events and information concerning all thing Rockhounds. If anyone would like to reach out to us for any reason, please feel free to use the form on our contact page (<http://fredericksburgrockhounds.org/contact-us>) or shoot us an at: fbrockhoundsnews@gmail.com

Thank you all,

Josh and Melissa Hazer



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Fredericksburg Rockhounds Meeting Minutes

– February 5th, 2018 –

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

Lee read the Purpose of the Fredericksburg Rockhounds:

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The Membership Committee introduced six new members attending the meeting and advised there were 12 additional new members that signed up at the show.

The program was presented by Frank Rowell. Frank showed a three stage DVD of displays and exhibits from the Tucson, Arizona 2017 Rock Show.

Lee Adams presented a beautiful rock specimen to Karen Anderson to accompany the plaque she received for her service as Program Chairman for four years.

New Business

The Fredericksburg Rockhounds' Treasurer, John Roup, required two volunteers for a yearly treasurer's audit. Lynn Post and Tom Carswell stepped up as volunteers.

Judy Adams volunteered to become the groups Secretary. A vote was taken and the motion passed for Judy to be the new secretary. Judy asked for a committed backup to help if she could not be at a meeting. Judy Carswell and Shelly Verstuyft volunteered to be backup secretaries.

Old Business

No Old Business.

Committees:

Annual Show Chairman Jim Gedeon spoke of the annual show's success. Jim praised all of the hard working volunteers (long time members and new members) that made the show such a hit this year. Jim will need more volunteers to step up for the show committees.

Jim awarded plaques for the best display cases to Frank Rowell and Patti Felts and Lynn & Lola Post.

Membership Committee Chair Brenda Smith requested a volunteer to make name tags and John Crone volunteered.

Other Business:

Frank Rowell reminded everyone of the Prospectors Conference and Swap Meet on February 17th, 2018. Frank also mentioned the Llano River Lake has been drained and is being dug out and cleaned which would provide a field trip opportunity on the 17th.

Lee Adams advised the 50th Anniversary Logo & Patch Contest will have a nice prize and will close at the August monthly meeting.

Door Prizes	Winner	Donor
Hunter/Gatherer FLINT Alamo Springs	Bill Morgenstern	Tom Mitchell
Fossil Fish/Green River WY	Callie Weaver	Lynn Post
Spodumene Blades	Don Reinke	John Crone
Amazonite Morefield Mine CO	Gale Smith	John Crone
Amethyst Points	Jackie Chude	John Crone
Fossil from FT Stockton	Joe DeLaHoyes	John Crone
Tumbled Rock/small box	Tom Carswell	John Crone
Rhodonite Bracelet	Sam Rodgers	John Crone
Small USB Powered Lamp with a mica and volcanic stone	Kenneth Verstuyft	John Crone

— **Judy Adams**

Mark Your Calendars...

– February 2018

Feb 24-25, 2018 – PLAINVIEW, TEXAS: Annual show; Hi Plains Gem and Mineral Society, Ollie Liner Center; 2000 S Columbia; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; Adults \$2, Students \$1, Children free; We will have a Kid's Wheel, Silent Auction, and various dealers selling rocks, minerals and fossils. We will also demonstrate silversmithing, flint knapping, wire wrapping and how spheres are made. We will have a raffle that will benefit the local university geology scholarship fund. Contact Bobby Shipman, 1616, Ennis St., (806)-685-3748

– March 2018

March 3-4, 2018 – ROBSTOWN, TEXAS: Annual show; Gulf Coast Gem & Mineral Society, RMB Regional Fairgrounds; 1213 Terry Shamsie Blvd; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; Admission \$6; 56th Mineral, Fossil & Jewelry show. Rocks, minerals, gems, fossils, jewelry, beads, lapidary materials and equipment, educational resources, displays, exhibits, demonstrations, shopping, and education for everyone. Open to the public. Raffle prizes. Door prizes, silent auction, kid's wheel, touch table, mineral & gem identification. Grand prize and raffle prizes drawn at end of show, do not need to be present to win. Contact Russell Wheeler, (361)-944-7877; e-mail: president@gcgms.org (<mailto:president@gcgms.org>); Web site: www.gcgms.org (<http://www.gcgms.org>)

Feb 5, 2018 – FREDERICKSBURG, TEXAS: Monthly Rockhounds Meeting

This meeting will take place at 7pm on Monday, February 5th, at the Golden Hub Senior Center located at 1009 N Lincoln, Fredericksburg, Texas.

March 10-11, 2018 – SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS: Annual show; Southwest Gem and Mineral Society, San Antonio Event Center; 8111 Meadow Leaf Dr. , Near corner of Marbach and I-410; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-4; Adults \$5, Seniors/Military \$3, Students \$2 w/ID, Children under 12 \$1; 57TH Fiesta of Gems. Rocks, minerals, fossils, jewelry, gemstones, silent auction, hourly and grand prizes, games, exhibits, make your own cabachon, parking \$3. Contact Robert Bowie, TX 78133, (830)-387-1766; e-mail: krbotx@gvtc.com (<mailto:krbotx@gvtc.com>); Web site: www.swgemandmineral.org (<http://www.swgemandmineral.org>)

– March/April 2018

March 30-April 1, 2018 – ALPINE, TEXAS: Show and sale; Chihuahuan Desert Gem & Mineral Club, Alpine Civiv Center; 801 W. Holland Ave., (W. Hwy 90); Fri. 9-6, Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-5; Free Admission; Inside and outside vendors. Exhibits (non-competitive). Contact Judith Brueske, PO Box 195, Alpine, TX 79831, (432)-244-9503; e-mail: ocoent895@gmail.com (<mailto:ocoent895@gmail.com>)

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

Happy Birthday!



- **Shay DeVos** – March 2
- **Bruce Morris** – March 3
- **Ron Hall** – March 4
- **Brenda Perez** – March 6
- **Shelly Verstuyft** – March 12
- **Gail Bowie** – March 13
- **Jackie Chude, HLM** – March 16
- **Ray Webb** – March 17
- **Kevin VanRenterghem** – March 22
- **Paula Mulford** – March 30

The March birthstone is the **aquamarine**; the flowers are the **daffodil** and the **jonquil**.

– *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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Also, you're missing **important announcements**, such as field trip updates, event date changes, new training classes, and other late-arriving news which can't wait until the next newsletter. Also, **paper copies are a burden on your club**, because membership fee does not cover the cost of printing and mailing.

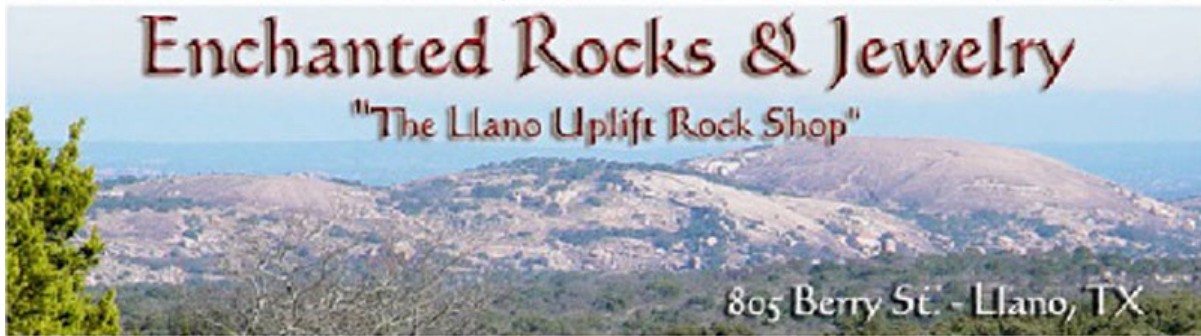


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– Josh and Melissa Hazer, fbrockhoundsnews@gmail.com (<mailto:fbrockhoundsnews@gmail.com>)

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- **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
- **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, and lots of interesting hobby-related website links.

Club Officers and Committee Chairs

Club Officers for 2018:

- **President:** Lee Adams – (830) 796-8890
- **1st Vice President:** Tom Carswell – (830) 792-2160
- **2nd Vice President:** Patti Felts – (325) 248-6040
- **Past President:** Andy Anderson – (830) 370-2177
- **Treasurer:** John Roup – (830) 896-4955
- **Secretary:** Judy Adams – (830) 796-8890

Committee Chairs:

- **Programs:** Patti Felts – (325) 248-6040
- **Field Trips:** Patti Felts – (325) 248-6040
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:** Jim Gedeon – (830) 456-5419
- **Newsletter:** Josh and Melissa Hazer

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You may also use the form on our Contact Page to submit your articles:

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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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