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— May 2019 —

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From the Top of the Rock Pile

By

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Lee Adams – President

From the last meeting you'll remember that I asked for a committee to find a show chairman or find a group of folks to do the job — thanks to those volunteers that stepped up.

I have since thought of three additional options:

1. Hire a professional chairman and pay that person.
2. If you are a member and want to be a show vendor you will be given a job related to setting up the show.
3. Cancel the show all together, due to lack of interest.

The last option is not very appealing but may be necessary.

If anyone has a new solution other than those listed above please contact me as soon as possible because the decision must be made by the July meeting and remember there is no June meeting, so May and July are decision months.

I have been told and agree that I would not make a good coordination leader or show chairman because I live too far from the venue. The job almost requires someone from Fredericksburg or Kerrville.

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Andy & Karen Anderson

— A Biography —

Andy and I were both born in Hondo, Texas a few years apart. Andy's grandparents lived across the street from me, and he used to come over and lift the big rocks, so I could catch the lizards underneath! Any guy who would do that is worth marrying!

And, after we grew up, he did ask me to marry him! We were married in Hondo, Texas and a couple days after went to live in West Covina, California. Andy was attending college and working there, so I was whisked away to sunny California where he graduated college from Cal Poly. We enjoyed living there and spent many times taking family and visitors to Disneyland, Knotts Berry Farm, going to the mountains to get some fresh air since it was so smoggy below, San Francisco and traveled to many other sights. After Andy graduated, we moved back to San Antonio. Several years later, we had one son, Jeff, who still lives in San Antonio.

We eventually moved to Kerrville, Texas. Often asked how I became interested in rocks, I tell them that when I was a small child, I used to pick up a rock, cover it with a rag and hit it with a hammer. Once it was broken, there was a vein of glittery "stuff" inside which thrilled me enough to go grab other rocks to see what was inside it! I was never disappointed. I attended my first Fredericksburg Gem and Mineral Show in 1995 and that did it! We joined the club in 1995.

From 2014-2015 and from 2016-2017 I served as Program Chairperson bringing 4 years of programs to our club, and Andy served as President from 2016-2017. (Andy's not a rockhound and he tells everyone he goes for the food!)

Our hobbies include Andy restoring his four antique Corvairs, as well as collecting three Miatas. Karen's hobbies include cross stitch, collecting antiques, driving my own Miata and, of course, collecting geodes, minerals, fossils and other pretty rocks. I also have a business called "Everlasting Rocks" where I wire wrap cabs and am also a vendor in the Fredericksburg Gem and Mineral Show.

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May Program and Field Trip Idea

Hi, folks! Hope I'm back from FT. Worth long enough to plan something different.

Since our program for this month is Jim Gedeon speaking on the Precambrian Geology of the Hill Country, maybe we should take a day and visit the big stromatolite in Mason County (must be viewed at a distance from a county road) and look through a big pile of rocks at the confluence of the Llano and James Rivers. We can set a date at the next meeting.

— Patti Felts

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Fredericksburg Rockhounds Self-Guided Roadside Geology

All roadside geology sites are proposed by Fredericksburg Rockhounds members.

If you know of a site in your area send the information to leeapeman93@yahoo.com (<mailto:leeapeman93@yahoo.com>) along with the exact location of the roadside geology, your name and contact number and a picture or description of the rock/mineral/fossil at that location.

All rock hunters do so at their own risk—The Fredericksburg Rockhounds are not responsible for any injury to your person or property.

Remember this is roadside geology NOT private property geology—DO NOT TRESPASS ONTO PRIVATE PROPERTY.

Frank Rough and Patty Felts own the Enchanted Rocks & Jewelry shop at 805 Berry Street in Llano, TX. Their store is open 10am to 6pm Tuesday through Saturday phone # 325-247-4137.

Frank and Patty own a gold claim on the Llano river and are willing to share it with anyone. Patty advised there are other types of rock to be found on their claim especially after the river flooded last year.

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Stop by their store to get a map and directions to their claim.

A great place to eat while in Llano is Cooper's BBQ.

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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

— April 1st, 2019 —

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

Our thoughts are with club members that have health problems and we hope they recover soon.

Program:

Thank you, Linn and Beth Brady for the Big Bend Ranch State Park presentation.

Historian Sara Verstuyft:

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

Old Business:

No old business.

New Business:

Lee discussed the recent rock hunt at the House Ranch near Three Rivers. The rock hunt was sponsored by the Geological Society of San Antonio. Jesse Martinez brought some of the rocks he and Alicia found on the hunt.

The annual audit of the club funds will be conducted by volunteers Tom Carswell and Lynn Post.

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Lee asked for volunteers and a few came forward to form a committee to find a show chairman or look for volunteers who would serve on a show committee (in place of an individual show chairman).

Membership Committee:

Virginia Adian provided a new membership list, those who did not pay dues were dropped. This list is important because the Fredericksburg Rockhounds pay the Federation for insurance based on the total number of current members at the time the insurance is paid. If the membership list is incorrect the club could pay more for insurance.

The Membership Committee needs a volunteer, see Brenda Smith or Virginia Adian to sign up. Please make sure your Membership dues are paid.

Miscellaneous:

Wendell Smith's equipment is at Lee Adams for sale.

The club offers discount lessons in wire wrapping and cutting/polishing rocks. A sign-up sheet to take or teach lessons will be passed around at the meeting or see Virginia Adian for wire wrap lessons or Lee Adams for lessons on how to cut/polish rocks.

Fredericksburg Rockhounds now have a Facebook page. Our editor is Sue Burkhart. Sue asked that you find the page and "LIKE" it and "SHARE" it with your friends.

	Door Prizes	Winner	Donor
	Gem stones of the World	Lee Adams	Andy Anderson
	Torretella stone	Lee Adams	
	Earrings	Ed Beauford	Lynn Post
	Agate	Virginia Adian	Loren Fothergill
	Petrified Iron Wood — Yuma, AZ	Gail Bowie Sue Burkhart	Joe De La Hoya
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	Tiger Eye from Africa	John Crone	Lynn Harris

Quartz from West TX	John Crone	Steve Perez
Misc. rocks in tin box	John Crone	Bur Burkhart
Rock & Gem Magazine	Lynn & Lola Post	
Books about rocks	John Roup	Jim Chude
Lapis Lazuli Afghanistan	Patti Felts & Frank Rowell	Sara Verstuyft

Thanks to everyone that brought food. We had quite a feast. Please put your name on personal dishes and silverware.

A motion was made and approved to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 P.M.

Minutes submitted by Judy Adams, Secretary

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Future Meeting Programs

May 6: Jim Gedeon — Will provide a presentation titled: “America’s First Rockhounds.”

June 3: No Program — It’s Picnic Time!! At Ladybird Johnson Park at 5:00 PM. Please bring a dish to share. We will eat at 6:00. You are encouraged to bring rocks, fossils, etc. to sell, trade or just show and tell.

July 1: Sara Verstuyft — A presentation about “Unusual Dinosaurs.”

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August 5: Lynn Post — Lynn will provide some of the history of silversmithing, tools used, different types of silver work and where to get some of the materials. He will show the process of making something that will then be available on the door prize table.

September 2: Virginia Adian — Will provide a presentation titled: “Geology of Ireland.”

October 7: Patty Felts — Will provide a Tucson, Arizona slide show featuring her own photography.

November 4: No Program — This time is reserved to plan for the January Show.

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

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This Month's Events

— May 2019

Texas State University “Christmas Mountains Research Symposium” will be held in May 2019. For more information contact the Symposium organizer David Lemke at 512-245-3364 david.lemke@txstate.edu (<mailto:david.lemke@txstate.edu>). Also, on the internet at Texas State University Christmas Mountains Research Symposium. The symposium will be located near Big Bend, Texas at the Terlingua Ranch Headquarters, will last for three days and includes a social, field trips, and presentations. Registration forms, costs and accommodations are on line.

4-5—WACO, TEXAS: Annual show; Waco Gem And Mineral Club; Extraco Events Center (General Exhibits Building), 4601 Bosque Blvd; Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-5; \$5 for anyone over the age of 10, and \$1 for children 10 and under ; 59th annual show, vendors offering precious stones, geodes, crystals, fossils, rare minerals, jewelry, plus demonstrations and displays, and activities for children; contact Alison Redding, (254) 707-1341; Email: Alison.redding@ctxwifi.net (<mailto:Alison.redding@ctxwifi.net>); Website: <https://www.wacogemandmineral.org> (<https://www.wacogemandmineral.org>)

25-26—FORT WORTH, TEXAS: Annual show; Fort Worth Gem and Mineral Club; Will Rogers Memorial Center, 3401 W. Lancaster; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; adults \$5, seniors, students, and military personnel \$4, and free admission for children 16 and under; dealers with gems, minerals, fossils, beads, fine jewelry, and crystals, auctions, and activities for children; contact Janice Craddock; Email: fwgmc.info@gmail.com (<mailto:fwgmc.info@gmail.com>); Website: www.fortworthgemandmineralclub.org (<http://www.fortworthgemandmineralclub.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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May's Birthstone & Flowers

The May birthstone is the **emerald**; the flowers are the **lily of the valley** and the **hawthorn plant**.



Emerald



Lily of the Valley



Hawthorn Plant

Today, the emerald is associated with wisdom, patience, and growth though traditionally it signified love, fertility, and rebirth.

Emeralds are deep, rich green and many people associate the color with the vibrant technicolor of The Emerald City in the 1939 classic *The Wizard of Oz*.

Lilies of the Valley stand for humility, sweetness, and a return to happiness.

Hawthorn Plants are all about supreme happiness and hope.

- o Majoros, Martie. "May Birthstone: Color and Meaning." *Almanac.com*. Yankee Publishing, Inc. n.d. April 19, 2018.
- o "May Birth Flowers." *Alamanc.com*. Yankee Publishing, Inc. n.d. April 19, 2018.

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Happy Birthday!



- **Miriam Poteet** — May 3
- **Jane Crone, HLM** — May 5

- **Susan Olson** – May 12
- **Doris** – May 18
- **Sabastian Williams** – May 18
- **Kingsley Osborn** – May 21
- **Brian Burrer** – May 22

– *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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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.

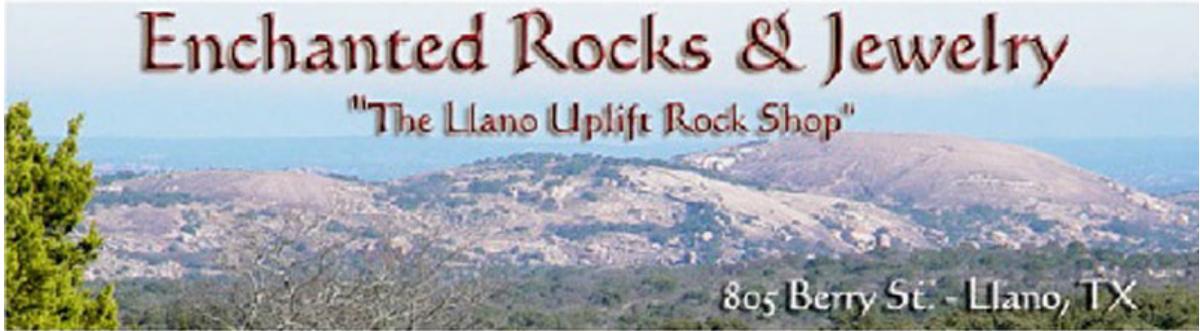
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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask us.

– *Josh Hazer*, [fbgrockhoundsnews@gmail.com \(mailto:fbgrockhoundsnews@gmail.com\)](mailto:fbgrockhoundsnews@gmail.com)

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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

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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

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