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FREDERICKSBURG ROCKHOUNDS



— November 2019 —

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From the Top of the Rock Pile

By

Lee Adams – President

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November already! Where did the year go? That question has been asked for centuries, I do believe. It is just as true today as it was the first time it was asked.

I haven't got near as much done this year as I wanted. It seems I just don't have the get up and go as I used to or maybe it's the "ya gotta wanna." Either may be the case between now and January 17th, (the date for the Fredericksburg Rockhounds Rock Show) I have more work to do than I can possibly get done. I'm sure 90% of you have the same missing get up & go. So, I'll see you in November at the meeting with a better attitude – "I hope."

See you-all then,

– Lee

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Our Sympathies

On Sunday, October 13th, Margaret Hazer, grandmother to Sara Verstuyft and mother to Shelly Verstuyft and Joshua Hazer, passed away. Her services were held in private and our deepest sympathies go out to Sara, Shelly and her husband Kenneth, and Josh.

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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

– October 7th, 2019 –

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

Patti Felts presented a shopper's view of Tucson, Arizona. Patti showed pictures that she personally took of beautiful crystals, rocks and minerals for sale at the show.

Thanks to everyone for bringing food! We always have a great spread.

Old Business:

A reminder of the Dinosaur George event December 12, 13 and 14. Volunteers will be needed the 13th and 14th contact Andy or Karen Anderson to sign up.

The Nominating Committee is gathering names to be voted on in the October election for President, Second Vice President and Secretary. Contact Patti Felts if you would like to volunteer.

New Business:

The below has been requested to be a change to our club's constitution. Two items were brought up in connection with this subject.

1. The entire membership should read the changes before they vote.
2. Some of these changes might be better placed under officers' duties instead of a change to the club's constitution.

THE ADDITIONS ARE:**ARTICLE VII Duties of Officers****Section 1. The President will:**

- Send the list of officers for the coming year to SCFMS on the designated form from SCFMS within 30 days after the election in November
- Attend the annual SCFMS meeting as a member of the board of directors or send an alternative delegate. The club shall provide funds for the president or delegate's travel funds and funds used for attending federation events at the meeting.

Section 5. The Treasurer will:

- File Form 990 for nonprofit organizations with the IRS by the 15th of May each year. (Form 990-N, e-Postcard, can be filed by smaller nonprofits with gross receipts of less than \$50,000).
- Send member dues and insurance fees to SCFMS executive secretary by September each year, no later than September 30th. The number of Club members is based upon the current year. The club is charged per person for insurance based on the current number of members.

THE FOLLOWING IS THE ADDITION MADE TO THE SCFMS CONSTITUTION IN RESPONSE TO SOME HARASSMENT EXPERIENCED BY SOME MEMBERS: IF IT IS ADDED TO THE FREDERICKSBURG ROCKHOUNDS CONSTITUTION IT WOULD BE ADDED UNDER ARTICLE II-PURPOSE-as a section II.

The areas capitalized will need to be edited to fit our club.

THE FEDERATION AND ITS ASSOCIATED MEMBER CLUBS ARE committed to maintaining an environment free from sexual harassment and from discrimination. We strongly support the rights of all members to gather in an environment free from any form of harassment, including harassment based on race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, age or disability. MEMBER CLUBS WILL REMAIN IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE SOUTH CENTRAL FEDERATION OF MINERAL SOCIATIES POLICY AND GUIDELINES REGARDING SEXUAL HARRASSMENT AND WILL STRONGLY PROHIBIT HARASSMANT AND DISCRIMINATION OF ANY KIND.

Committees:

Membership Committee:

Introduced the Jensen family as new members. The Membership Committee is in need of a volunteer please see Virginia Adian or Brenda Smith.

Hospitality Committee:

This position is vacant and in need of a volunteer.

We had several members recovering: Lynn Post, Bill Morgenstern, Linn and Beth Brady, Gail Bowie and Keith King. We all wish them all a speedy recovery.

Historian:

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

Show Chairman:

January 17th Fredericksburg Rockhounds Show: Frank Rowell advised that all inside vendor spots are taken, only a few remain unsold outside.

If you have a raffle prize to donate please bring it to the November club meeting.

Tom Carswell is requesting rock donations for the Silent Auction; Steve Perez will collect those donations at the November meeting. Posters will be handed out in November. Virginia Adian advised the club had two remaining display cases that no one has asked to use. She also advised the club will be doing our own case judging see her if you would like to judge.

Miscellaneous:

Wendell Smith’s rocks and rock equipment are at Lee Adams for sale.

The Fredericksburg Rockhounds offer discount lessons in wire wrapping and cutting/polishing rocks. If you would like to take lessons talk to Virginia Adian for wire wrapping or Lee Adams for lessons in cutting/polishing. If you are interested in teaching lessons let the club president know.

Fredericksburg Rockhounds now have a Facebook page. Our editor is Sue Burkhart. She asked that we all find the **Facebook Page** (<https://www.facebook.com/Fredericksburg-Rockhounds-498805133966369/> (<https://www.facebook.com/Fredericksburg-Rockhounds-498805133966369/>)) and “LIKE” in and “SHARE” it with your friends.

Door Prizes	Donor	Winner
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Donor Prizes	Donors	Winners
1 Mexican Lace		
1 Multi-color Jasper		
2 Cabs on Dop Sticks	Lee Adams	Steve Perez
1 Mexican Lace		
3 Cabs		
1 Multi-color Jasper	Lee Adams	Kallie Jensen
1 Dendritic Agate		
1 Red Line Quartz		
3 Moss Agate		
1 Dendritic Agate	Lee Adams	Kallie Jensen
1 Red Line Quartz		
1 Moss Agate		
Stone Soup Recipe Book	Virginia Adien	Callie Weaver
Cabochon	John Crone	Virginia Adien
Palm Wood, East TX	John Crone	Tom Carswell
Phlogopite mica in granite Katemay, Mason County	Kenneth DeVos	John Williams
Misc. Tumbled/polished rocks	Jim Greys Rockshop	Keith King
Indian Blanket from Utah	Keith King	Crystal Jensen
Balmorhea, TX Red Jasper	Keith King	Jennifer Burkhart
Balmorhea, TX Agate	Keith King	
Flint Worked Scraper Alamo Springs Flint Quarry	Tom Mitchell	Karen Anderson
Key Whole Limestone Found at Alamo Springs, TX	Tom Mitchell	Kevin Van Renterghem
September & October Rock & Gem	Lynn & Lola Post	Sara Verstuyft

Fossils	Frank Rowell & Patti Felts	Shelly Verstuyft
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Minutes submitted by Judy Adams – Secretary.

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Future Meeting Programs

November 4: No Program – This time is reserved to plan for the January Gem & Mineral 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.

December 12, 13, 14: – Sara, Shelly, Kenneth Verstuyft, Andy and Karen Anderson have coordinated an educational program with the famous “Dinosaur George.” Dinosaur George’s traveling museum show is being sponsored by the Fredericksburg Rockhounds and will be held December 12th, 13th and 14th at the Lady Bird Park Pavilion (the same place as our January Gem Show). December 12th is set up, December 13th is for kids only and the 14th is for the general public. The Fredericksburg Rockhounds will have a table to display their dinosaur/fossils and pass out flyers for our Gem Show in January. Dinosaur George will also need some club members to volunteer to be stationed around the room to ensure no one touches or moves the dinosaur bones. Contact Andy or Karen Anderson to volunteer.

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This Month’s Events

2-3—MIDLAND, TEXAS: Annual show; Midland Gem and Mineral Society; Barbara and George H. W. Bush Convention Center, 105 N. Main St., ; Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-5; Adults \$7 daily, \$10 for both days, children age 6-18 \$3, free admission children 5 and under; More than 20 vendors, exhibits, displays, rock identification, fluorescent mineral tent, demonstra

and activities for children; contact Linda Page, (432) 242-7057; Email: mgmstx@gmail.com (<mailto:mgmstx@gmail.com>); Website: www.midlandgemandmineral.org (<http://www.midlandgemandmineral.org>)

2-3—AMARILLO, TEXAS: Annual show; Golden Spread Gem, Mineral & Treasure Society; Amarillo Civic Center Regency Room, 401 S. Buchanan ; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; \$4 admission; 58th annual Golden Spread Gem, Mineral Show, with vendors offering jewelry, gems, minerals, demonstrations, and displays; contact Pat Foster; Email: patfoster2@hotmail.com (<mailto:patfoster2@hotmail.com>); Website: <http://www.amarillotreasure.com/gemshowflyer.pdf> (<http://www.amarillotreasure.com/gemshowflyer.pdf>)

8-10—HUMBLE, TEXAS: Retail show; Houston Gem & Mineral Society; Humble Civic Center, 8233 Will Clayton Pkwy; Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; Adults \$8 (good for all three days), free admission for children 10 and under; 66th annual gem, jewelry, mineral and fossil show; contact Scott Singleton, 3607 Durness Way, Houston, TX 77025-2517, (832) 524-8382; Email: ShowChair@HGMS.org (<mailto:ShowChair@HGMS.org>); Website: <https://hgms.org> (<https://hgms.org>)

23-24—MESQUITE, TEXAS: Annual show; Dallas Gem and Mineral Society; Mesquite Rodeo Center Exhibition Hall, 1800 Rodeo Dr; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; adults \$8, seniors (65 and older) \$6, kids \$4 Kids-4, free admission for veterans and scouts in uniform; Rough, polished stones, slabs, and finished rocks and minerals, fluorescent display, demonstrations, auction, and activities for children; contact Lynn Couvillion, PO Box 550395, Dallas, TX 75355, (214) 349-2022; Email: lynncoouvillion@gmail.com (<mailto:lynncoouvillion@gmail.com>); Website: www.dallasgemandmineral.org (<http://www.dallasgemandmineral.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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October’s Birthstone & Flowers

The October birthstone is the **topaz**; the flower is the **chrysanthemum**.



Topaz



Chrysanthemum

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Topaz is the mineral fluoro-hydroxy silicate and is the hardest of all known silicate minerals. Topaz itself is colorless but impurities within can turn it into almost any color. Yellow or amber is most often associated with topaz. Interestingly, even though blue topaz is rare to find naturally (most for sale have been treated to get the color) it is Imperial topaz (reddish orange with pink undertones) that is the most valuable.

The lone flower for the month of November is the chrysanthemum. It is a perennial and comes in a variety of colors. After they finish blooming in autumn, they can be mulched with straw to protect them from inclement weather.

- o *Majoros, Martie. "November Birthstone: Color and Meaning." Almanac.com. Yankee Publishing, Inc. n.d. October 17, 2018.*
- o *"November Birth Flower." Almanac.com. Yankee Publishing, Inc. n.d. October 17, 2018.*

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Happy Birthday!



- **Loren Fothergill** – November 4
- **Kathleen Holloway** – November 6
- **Jennifer Burkhart** – November 9
- **Donna Reinke** – November 17
- **Ken DeVos** – November 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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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.

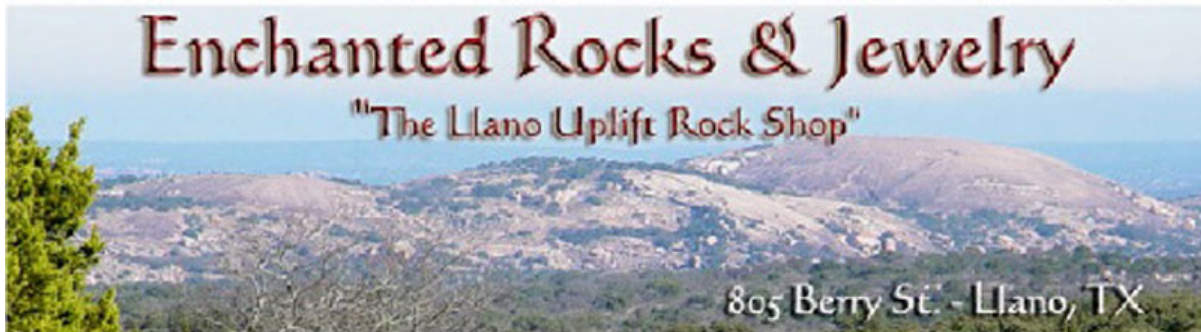
If you need a hard copy of the newsletter each month and cannot access the online newsletters — <http://fredericksburgrockhounds.org/newsletter/> (<http://fredericksburgrockhounds.org/newsletter/>) — to print your own, then please let the president, Lee Adams, know. He will provide printed copies for those who need them at each monthly meeting.

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

— Josh Hazer, fbgrockhoundsnews@gmail.com (<mailto:fbgrockhoundsnews@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 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:

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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

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