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# FREDERICKSBURG ROCKHOUNDS

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— November 2021 —

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## Prez Says

Where has the month gone? It seems like the October meeting was just last week. We did take a field trip to the Lampasas River this month and stopped for some Llanite and then for fossils in Bend. Cathy was the only rockhound with us. Patti and Cathy did find some nice pieces of Celestite at the river. I hope to see a better turnout on the next trip. Patti has found rose quartz in Mason County that might be of interest for next month. It might be good to have a signup sheet for field And maybe a handout.

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Now that it is November, I will start making a list of people that will want to work the gem show. We will need a lot of helpers. Stage and outdoor vender spaces will be on the agenda. That's about all I have this month. Maybe November will be a more notable month. See you at the meeting.

—*Frank Rowell*  
*President*

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### **November Program**

Fellow Rockhounds,  
The program for November will be about digging for large garnets in North Carolina.  
Hope to see you there,  
—*Karen Anderson*

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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 Membership Form to download or print a PDF copy.

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### **Fredericksburg Rockhounds Meeting Minutes**

— October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021 —

Frank Rowell called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. Andy Anderson led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Then Frank told a joke. Visitors Larry and Audrey Squires, members of the Tri-City Gem and Mineral Club and Cathy Welliver were recognized. Returning member Steve Buss of Dinosaur Ranch was also recognized. Sam Rodgers showed a sample of Ohio flint from his recent trip.

Karen Anderson showed a video about aquamarine prospecting from Mount Antero Treasures in Colorado. It looked like quite an adventure at 13,000+ feet among mountain goats and thunderstorms. We saw various sizes of aquamarine as well as smoky quartz dug up. Melting the crystals out of permafrost and using no sharp-edged tools was interesting to observe. We found out that rare earth minerals are situated close to aquamarine.

A field trip on Monday, October 11, was planned, with participants meeting at Enchanted Rocks and Jewelry in Llano.

Jim Gedeon gave the treasurer's report. Pioneer Pavilion is paid for the 2021 show

Members discussed t-shirts in a color other than yellow that members could purchase.

There was a discussion about the President, Second Vice President, and Secretary serving another year since the COVID pandemic made the organization inactive for a year. Whether Article 5, Section 3 of our constitution should be changed to reflect this or we have these officers serve until the rotation of officers reflects the way the constitution now stipulates was discussed. The Second Vice President and the Secretary were very willing to do the latter. The President, not so much.

We need a Membership Chairperson and volunteers to do exhibit cases for the January show.

The meeting was adjourned about 8:30.

Door prizes given at the meeting are listed below:

- Lynn and Lola Post donated bloodstone won by Callie Weaver; Brazilian agate won by Sara Verstuyft; sandstone top polish won by Ed Gage; petrified wood won by Steve Perez; ocean picture rock from Canada won by Frank Roswell; and Bandera County fossils won by Brenda Smith.
- Ed Gage donated TX palm wood from Nixon TX won by Judy Adams, Lynn Post, Chris Cooley, and Robert Mitchell.
- Lee Adams donated banded agate won by Carl Ashline; jasper won by Steve Buss; quartz crystals from Arkansas won by Ken DeVos; and tiger eye won by Kenneth Verstuyft.
- Chris Cooley donated rainbow chalcedony from Gemfield claim in Goldfield NV won by Jim Gedeon; agate nodule from Kokernetog Ranch in Jeff Davis County TX won by Patti Felts; and botryoidal agate from Singleton Ranch in Brewster County TX won by Lee Adams.
- John Crone donated chrysocola won by Dolores Uribe; strawberry quartz crystals won by Karen Anderson; and miscellaneous rocks won by Gail Bowie and Larry Squires.
- Virginia Adian donated Pennsylvania fern fossils won by Jim Chude and Cathy Welliver
- Callie Weaver donated cross chalk petrified wood from Holbrook AZ won by Frida Carron.
- Sue Burkhart donated calcedony won by Jose Uribe.
- Ken DeVos donated nichromite girasol opal from Illusion Lake, Lamb County TX won by Carole Gage.
- Patricia Felts donated agate from Catron County NM won by Jackie Chude.
- Steve Perez donated peanut wood won by Sam Rodgers.
- Sam Rodgers donated Ohio flint from OH won by Sue Burkhart.

—*Branda Smith*  
Secretary

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### This Month's Events

\*\*\* Due to the COVID-19 virus, please use the information provided in each listing to contact the presenters to verify the status of the event. As always, BE SAFE! \*\*\*

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**November 2021**

**6-7—AMARILLO, TEXAS:** 59th Annual Golden Spread Gem, Mineral & Jewelry Show; Golden Spread Gem, Mineral, and Treasure Society ; Amarillo Civic Center, 401 S. Buchanan; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-5; Adults \$4, free admission for people in uniform and children 13 and under; Door prizes, silent auction, demonstrations and Wheel of Fortune for the kids.; contact Shanna Smith; Website: <https://www.facebook.com/Golden-Spread-Gem-Mineral-and-Treasure-Society-1489121894750990/> (<https://www.facebook.com/Golden-Spread-Gem-Mineral-and-Treasure-Society-1489121894750990/>)

**12-14—HUMBLE, TEXAS:** Annual show; Houston Gem and Mineral Society; Humble Civic Center, 8233 Will Clayton Pkwy; Fri. 9-6, Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-5; \$8 for everyone 11 and older, ticket is good for all 3 days; – Gem, Mineral, Jewelry, and Fossil Show – Over 40 dealers with items from around the world – Educational displays and demos; contact Sarah Metsa, HGMS Publicity Chair, (713) 444-0498; Email: [publicity@hgms.org](mailto:publicity@hgms.org) (<mailto:publicity@hgms.org>); Website: [www.hgms.org](http://www.hgms.org) (<http://www.hgms.org>)

**20-21—MESQUITE, TEXAS:** Annual show; Dallas Gem & Mineral Society; Mesquite Convention Center, 1800 Rodeo Drive; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; Adults \$8, seniors and veterans \$5, children under 12 \$3, family of four \$2, free admission for scouts in uniform; contact Diana Case, PO Box 550395, Dallas, TX 75355, (469) 688-4057; Email: [dgmscontracts@yahoo.com](mailto:dgmscontracts@yahoo.com) (<mailto:dgmscontracts@yahoo.com>)

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

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### November's Birthstone & Flowers

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



Topaz



Chrysanthemum

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
- **Susan Amos** – November 6
- **Kathleen Holloway** – November 6
- **Randy Snyder** – November 7
- **Jennifer Burkhart** – November 9
- **Paula Brice** – November 13
- **Donna Reinke** – November 17
- **Winter McMurray** – November 18
- **Jay Graves** – November 23
- **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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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.

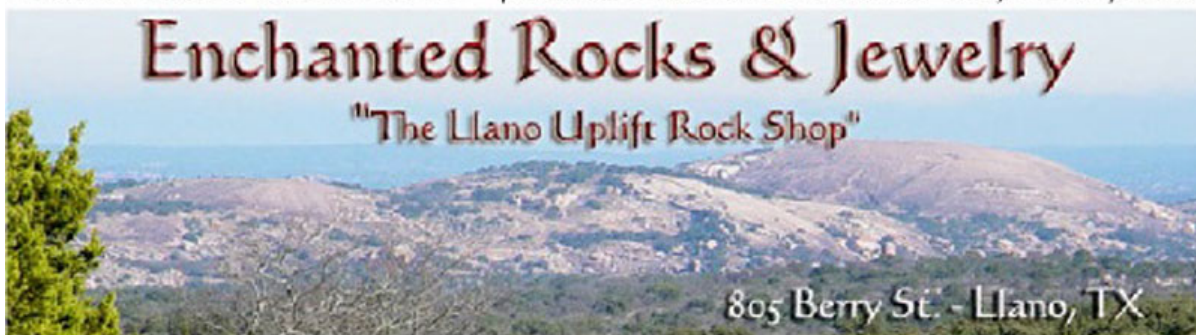
If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask us.

— *Josh Hazer*, [fbgrockhoundsnews@gmail.com](mailto:fbgrockhoundsnews@gmail.com) (<mailto:fbgrockhoundsnews@gmail.com>)

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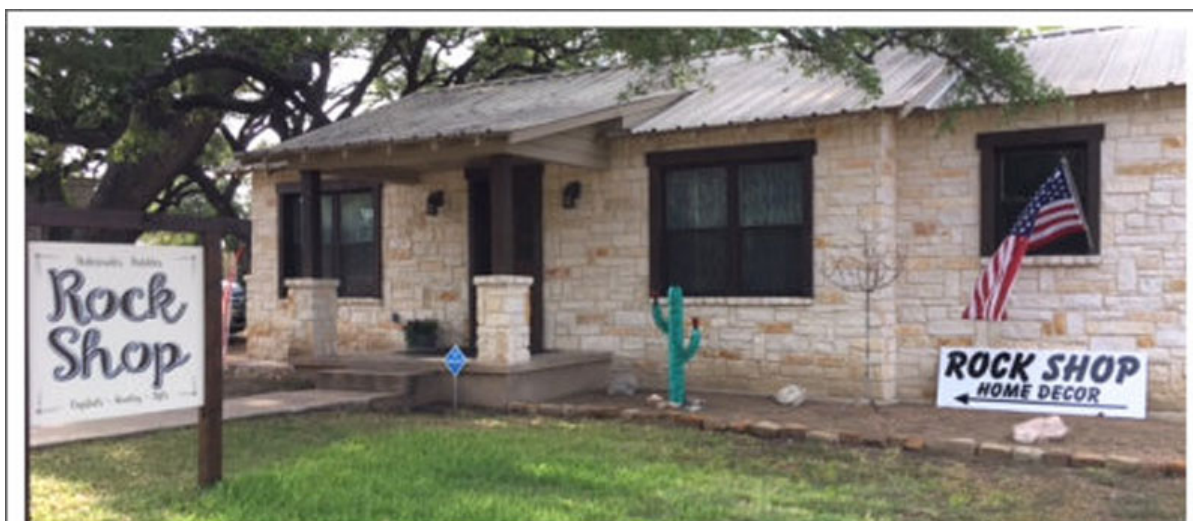


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### Club Info

- **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: [fbrockhoundsnews@gmail.com](mailto:fbrockhoundsnews@gmail.com)
- **All other correspondence:** Fredericksburg Rockhounds, 412 S. Adams St, Fredericksburg TX 78624
- Visit our website at [fredericksburgrockhounds.org](http://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:** Karen Anderson
- **Past President:** Lee Adams – (830) 796-8890
- **Treasurer:** Jim Gedeon – (830) 456-5419
- **Secretary:** Brenda Smith – (830) 895-9630

### Committee Chairs:

- **Programs:** Karen Anderson
- **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

## Monthly Meeting Map



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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) (<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) (<http://fredericksburgrockhounds.org/constitution/>).

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