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From the Top of the Rock Pile

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Lee Adams – President

October is here and field trips are back in style. The first weekend in October (6th & 7th) at Lynn & Lola Post's. Lynn has some used equipment and has said he will have good prices on all rocks and equipment. I have also decided to downsize my rock/used equipment pile, so when you are done at Lynn's, drop by my place for a few more deals. Details of how to get there are in this newsletter.

This summer has been overly hot and hard on us as the 100-degree days were forever. No one wants to go out in an open field to find rocks and cook in the process. My last field trip, I actually was physically ill and had to stop early. Oh, to be young and impervious to the weather again.

The September rains have cooled things down and also brought the grass and weeds to cover the exposed rocks, so don't anticipate spectacular field trips quite yet.

An original Fredericksburg Rockhounds member called me the other day and offered a faceting machine and a couple of show cases to the club. Thank you, Malcom and Ann Johnson. Malcom was president of our group three times. The members will decide how to dispose of the faceting machine and cases at the October meeting.

I thank you all for your support and I still ban all rotten vegetables that can be launched at me at our meetings. (Just Joking)

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Fredericksburg Rockhounds 50th Anniversary

The hobby of rock hounding is so multi-faceted it has the interest of a wide span of people. As part of the Fredericksburg Rockhounds Club's 50th Anniversary, we are writing a series of biographies for some long time (not old) members. It is our hope you will see the diversity of people that are interested in rock hounding.

This month we feature [Lynn & Lola Post \(#articlec\)](#) and [Ken DeVos \(#articled\)](#).

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Lynn & Lola Post

— A Biography —

Lynn was born in Floresville, Texas in February 1943. He lived in Floresville, Bowie, Victoria, Corsicana and Fort Worth. Lynn played the cornet in the high school band and became an Eagle Scout. He was selected for the Order of the Arrow. graduated from high school in Corsicana in 1961. He attended Texas A&M where he worked a summer on a survey crew the USDA surveying Flood Prevention Dam Sites. Lynn also worked a summer as a counselor at the Boy Scout Const

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Camp on Possum Kingdom Lake. He was also in charge of the Rifle Range for that camp. Lynn earned a Bachelor of Science Degree from Texas A&M in Wildlife Science.

In June of 1966, after graduation, Lynn began working as a Biologist with the USDA Soil Conservation Service in San Antonio. His work at that time also took him to Bandera where he met Lola. Lynn worked for the USDA for the next 37 years. His work as a Biologist took him to Bandera, Kerrville, Llano and Mason counties. He then transferred to Stephenville where he worked as a Biologist in 27 North Texas counties. He finished his career in Hondo as a District Conservationist with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (changed the name from Soil Conservation Service). Lynn's work with farmers and ranchers involved planning grazing systems, pipelines, brush control, grass planting, irrigation systems, crop systems, ponds and wildlife management.

After his retirement from the Soil Conservation Service at the end of 2001, Lynn worked as a consultant on several ranches and worked as a conservation planner in Kerr, Kendall and Bandera counties for the State Board of Soil and Water Conservation Districts. He was also a planner for the Water Supply Enhancement Program, planning and developing contracts for controlling cedar. Lynn has also worked with 1d1 Wildlife Management Plans for tax information relating to agricultural properties.

Lynn was always interested in photography. He has worked as a photographer for weddings and also as an aerial photographer of rural areas. For many years Lynn's clients would learn of his work by word of mouth, he never advertised. Lynn photographed over 200 wedding and events and has now retired from photographing weddings. Now, he primarily photographs wildlife and nature.

Lynn's hobbies and interests are hunting, photography, shooting, lapidary and silver-smithing. He also enjoys faceting, but doesn't have the time to get really good at it. He is trying to decide what to do with his faceting machine and facet material.

Lola was born in San Antonio, TX and lived there for about 2 1/2 years before moving back to Bandera. Lola graduated from high school in Bandera in 1964. She worked as a secretary for a construction company in Bandera until retiring in 2000.

Lynn and Lola joined the Fredericksburg Rockhounds Club in the 1990s.

Lynn started rock-hounding because Lola was always picking up rocks on vacations. He decided they might as well try and do something with them.

Growing up, Lola "always enjoyed rocks of any kind and had fun picking up fossils and unusual rocks in a caliche pit not far from her house. Any time we traveled, I was picking up interesting rocks and lugging them home for my rock gardens. I like just about any kind, especially if they are unusual or colorful."

Their son and two grandchildren are also rockhounds and bring Lynn and Lola rocks that they find unusual. Even their beagle named Molly was a help when digging rocks. As a young dog, she watched them looking and digging for rocks on the Woodward Ranch and would give enthusiastic help with the digging process.

Lynn and Lola spent a fair amount of time in West Texas around Alpine and are also members of the Chihuahuan Desert Gem and Mineral Club. They spent many happy days on the Woodward and Stillwell ranches where they had some pretty good luck hunting for rocks.

They helped the Woodward owners, Trey and Jayson a few times when they would have a big crowd come in on a tour. One of Lynn and Lola's most pleasant memories was when they were the only ones on the ranch on an Easter Sunday morning and they combined their efforts to have lunch with Trey and Jayson Woodward the year before he passed away.

Lynn says "we have been very fortunate over the years and met some really nice folk while we were rock hounding. A number of them became very close friends. We have also met some "old time" rock hounds who were rock collecting and were lapidary artists in the 50's and 60's. Some of their old material is no longer available. We have been able to obtain their collections in their estate sales or when they had to go into assisted living and were not able to maintain their collections. As a result, we are planning a lazy man's rock hunt October 6th & 7th so we can begin to downsize some of our treasures."

o *Prepared by Judy Adams and Glenn Thompson July, 2018*

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Kenneth (Ken) DeVos

— A Biography —

Ken was born in Austin and grew up in Mason County Texas. He played football, tennis and was in the Puncher Band. Ken started collecting "pretty rocks and arrow heads" on his family ranch when he was about 10. He also collected every other imaginable thing. Two events in high school led him to his future career. One was that Ken had a fabulous chemistry teacher. The second was that for a different class Ken and two other boys were going to exhibit a "rock collection." The three boys went looking for topaz on a ranch owned by one of the boy's grandfather. They didn't find topaz, but Ken did find a cassiterite that was fabulous. (Ken still has it)

After high school, Ken went to the University of Texas at Austin where he graduated with a degree in chemistry and a minor in geology. His favorite class was mineralogy. One of his classes was economic geology under Dr. Peter Flawn. In that class Ken had a research project on the "lead-zinc anomaly." That project led to Ken being hired after graduation by the American Smelting and Refining Company in Corpus Christi where Ken was assigned to many "special projects." When that plant closed, Ken was hired by the U.S. Gypsum Company in New Braunfels, where he was lab supervisor. When they closed, Ken was hired by Kisen Engineering of Seguin in the booming asbestos abatement business. They also went out of business and Ken was hired by the Acme Brick of McQueeney to be the kiln supervisor.

At that time, Ken's dad needed help on the ranch, so Ken moved to Burnet to work for Southwestern Graphite and in his spare time helped his dad. When the plant closed, Ken's professional career seemed to have ended, so he went to work for Walmart in Marble Falls in sporting goods. However, a job opening at Walmart Fredericksburg in the Garden Center prompted him to transfer. Ken also worked in sporting goods at that store. When Ken had cancer surgery, Walmart management suggested he physically could handle cashiering easier. Ken worked as a cashier until 2012.

Ken was not willing to give up on his real interests. He conducted a "mineralogy" class through the Fredericksburg Continuing Education for several years. John Crone was one of his students. Ken was a member of the Gulf Coast Gem and Mineral Club in Corpus Christi, treasurer of the Highland Lakes Club in Burnet and in 1996 Ken joined the Fredericksburg Rockhounds. Ken went on a rock hunt shortly after joining at the specific invitation of Raymond Usener. Raymond picked up Ken at Nilda on the trip to Streeter.

Ken was 2nd Vice President of the Fredericksburg Rockhounds for several years and has had an exhibit and been a vendor at the annual show many times. Frequently, Ken was assisted by his son Kevin, who is also a member. Ken's father, Julius, was a member late in his life.

Ken met his wife, Shay, at a Fredericksburg Rockhounds supper. The two were the last people in line. Her interests were more in fossils and jewelry, but as a kid, she also picked up "pretty rocks and arrow heads." Currently, Ken manages BED Rock Ranch/Kende Resources. His interests are still in minerology, but he also dabbles in fossils and artifacts. Ken has had a couple of rock hunts at his ranch.

- *Written by Ken DeVos August 2018*

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Future Meeting Programs

October 1, 2018 — Ron Carman from the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies (AFMS) is our guest speaker and he will help us learn how to create better display cases. For those of us who signed up for a display case at our annual show, this will be of great interest. For those who didn't, you can see what we have learned when you come to the show and see what and how we have displayed our collections.

November 5, 2018 — There is no program scheduled. The usual January discussion of the annual show has been moved to November, the month when the show planning truly happens.

December 3, 2018 — OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

January 7, 2019 — Larry Tillick, President of the San Antonio Geological Society, will give a slide presentation and show and tell covering a field trip to New Mexico and Arizona. (This is a result of our program swap with other clubs)

February 4, 2019 — Don Reinke, a member of the Fredericksburg Rockhounds and former employee of NASA, will be our guest speaker. He will give a presentation about meteorites.

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Lynn & Lola Post's Field Trip

— A Lazy Man's Rock Hunt? —

Lynn and Lola believe they need to start downsizing their collection. They have met some "old time" rock hounds who were collecting and doing lapidary work in the 50's and 60's and had some old material that is no longer available. Lynn has been able to obtain their collections in their estate sales or when they had to go into assisted living and were not able to maintain their collections.

Lynn has about 4,000 pounds of big stuff that was from picture rock material, some equipment and other material he and Lola have gathered through the years. Some material is sorted, and Lynn hopes to have fellow rock hounds hunt through rock piles at their ranch, visit, and find some good rocks. The Posts have never opened their collection to anyone. They plan to have some good prices.

When: OCTOBER 6th & 7th

Time: 9am to 5pm

Where: 3416 FM 3240, Bandera, Texas

Phone: 830-796-5692

To open the gate, press the large black button. After you go through the gate, you will enter a game ranch. Make sure the gate closes behind you and then proceed up the road to the house.

If you have any time left, Lee and Judy Adams live within two miles of Lynn and Lola Post. Come on over and see if Lee has anything you might be interested in.

Turn right at the road outside of the Posts (3240), proceed ¼ mile to Laguna Drive (green sign), turn left into Montague Estates, and then take the first left on Oak Ridge Drive. Follow Oak Ridge Drive past the left curve to 736 (house number is on a big rock), turn into the drive and then go on down to the shop. Phone: 830-796-8890

One other point of interest in Bandera is the *Bandera Natural History Museum*, 267 Old San Antonio Hwy (toward Bandera High School), 830-328-5090, open 10am-5pm Saturday, 12pm-5pm Sunday.

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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

— September 3rd, 2018 —

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Lee Adams opened the 7:00 PM meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.**The Membership Committee:**

Introduced and welcomed a visitor, Sara Johnston.

Program Chairman Patti Felts presented:

A show and tell where everyone shared their summer rock finds and activities. It was very interesting to see what activities the Fredericksburg Rockhounds pursued during the summer.

Historian Sara Verstuyft:

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

Old Business:

A motion was approved to accept August 2018 minutes as they appeared in the newsletter.

In November, the nominating committee will bring the names they have for the positions of Treasurer and 1st Vice President. The positions will be voted for the November meeting.

The 1st Vice Presidents duties are:

1. Preside at the meetings when the President is Absent
2. Is responsible for all Club property
3. Will organize the summer picnic

Treasurers duties are:

1. Collect all money owed the Club
2. Pay all bills
3. Prepare receipts and maintain a record of all expenses
4. Maintain the bank account
5. Prepare and present an annual balance sheet for the annual audit
6. Handle Income Tax matters.
7. Maintain a Club Directory of all current members

New Business:

Lee Adams awarded Sara Verstuyft some stones she might enjoy wire wrapping and a wire wrapped necklace stone. Sara won the Fredericksburg Rockhounds 50th Anniversary Logo Contest.

Miscellaneous:

The club offers discount lessons in wire wrapping and cutting/polishing rocks. A sign-up sheet will be passed around at the meeting.

Thanks to everyone that brought food. We had quite a feast.

Please put your name on personal dishes and silverware.

Door Prizes:

(This information is taken from the slips of paper you fill out on the door prize table)

Donor	Door Prizes
Lee Adams	Arizona petrified wood from the Dobell Ranch tumbled & polished by Lee collected in 2016 and Pyrite from tailings pile near Denali gold mine in Alaska collected in 2012
Ken DeVos	Calcite/quartz and Pseudo Stalactite, San Simon Swale, Lea County, New Mexico

A motion was made and approved to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Adams, Secretary

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This Month's Events

– October 2018

October 1, 2018 – FREDERICKSBURG, TEXAS: This meeting will take place at 7pm on Monday, October 1st, at the Golden Hub Senior Center located at 1009 N Lincoln, Fredericksburg, Texas. See map [here \(#meetingmap\)](#).

Well, by now most of you know that the next program is to be a lesson on creating better display cases given by Ron Carmen from AFMS. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn how to show off all your wonderful finds and projects, so don't miss it!

–Patti Felts

October 6-7, 2018 – BANDERA, TEXAS: Lynn & Lola Post are opening their collection of rocks and related materials & items to interesting parties looking buy, visit, and hunt. Sat & Sun 9am to 5pm. 3416 FM 3240 Bandera, Texas, (830) 796-5692. See details for this event in this month's newsletter article "[Lynn & Lola Post's Field Trip – A Lazy Man's Rock Hunt? \(#articlee\)](#)"

October 13-14, 2018 – AMARILLO, TEXAS: Annual show; Golden Spread Gem, Mineral & Treasure Society; Amarillo Civic Center Complex, 401 S. Buchanan St.; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; adults and seniors \$3, students and children free; vendors selling jewelry, beads, petrified wood, agate, fossils, jasper, minerals, opals, meteorites, cabochons, and more, flint kna demonstration, silent auction, wheel of fortune, hourly door prizes. Contact Patricia Foster, PO Box 367, Fritch, TX 7 (806) 681-7950; Email: patfoster2@hotmail.com (<mailto:patfoster2@hotmail.com>); Website: amarillotreasure.com (<http://amarillotreasure.com>)

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October 13-14, 2018 — TEMPLE, TEXAS: Annual show; Tri-City Gem & Mineral Society; Mayborn Civic and Convention Center, 3303 N. Third St.; Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-5; adults \$5, students \$3, children free; vendors with rocks, slabs, minerals, geodes, cabochons, and fine jewelry, demos of wire-wrapping, cabochon making, and gold panning, touch table of large rock specimens, silent auctions, hourly door prizes and grand prize raffles, kids' treasure wheel, grab bags, where to rock hunt in Texas, fluorescent rocks and minerals, personal displays, cabochon contest. Contact (Lols) Ruth Rolston, 106 Ottoway Drive, Temple, TX 76501, (254) 773-1039; Email: rolston@hot.rr.com (<mailto:rolston@hot.rr.com>)

October 19-21, 2018 — SONORA, TEXAS: Claude Townsend is sponsoring an autumn cactus, fossil, and petrified wood hunt at the 4M Ranch in Sonora, October 19, 20, 21. The cost is \$120 per person for a 3-day, 2-night stay or \$20 for a single daytime hunt only. For more information, see the "4M Ranch Trip" article in the August 2018 newsletter or contact Claude at (210) 655-8959 or ctownsend99@twc.com (<mailto:ctownsend99@twc.com>).

October 19-21, 2018 — AUSTIN, TEXAS: Annual show; Austin Gem & Mineral Society; Palmer Events Center, 900 Barton Springs Rd.; Fri. 9-6, Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-5; adults \$8, seniors \$7, ages 13-18 \$2, ages 12 and under free; Theme: Copper Minerals, 30+ vendors of jewelry, beads, gemstones, minerals, crystals, fossils and spheres, exhibits (touch table of rocks and fossils, members' collections), silent auction, demonstrations of faceting, cabbing, fossil cleaning, and polymer clay, "Youth Education Day" Friday, field trips sponsored by Silicon Labs, Gem Mine, Wheel of Fortune, Jewelry Making, Illumination Station, hourly door prizes, grand prize. Contact Sabrena Wright, 6719 Burnet Lane, Austin, TX 78757, (512) 458-9546; Email: showchariman@austingemandmineral.org (<mailto:showchariman@austingemandmineral.org>); Website: www.agms-tx.org (<http://www.agms-tx.org>)

October 26-28, 2018 — GLEN ROSE, TEXAS: Show and sale; Dallas Paleontological Society; Somervell County Expo Center, 202 Bo Biggs Blvd., Apt. 10208; Fri. 9-6, Sat. 9-6, Sun. 9-5; free admission. Contact Mark Randall, 2200 Uecker Drive, Apt. 10208, Lewisville, TX 75067, (469) 371-5309; Email: markrandalloo@sbcglobal.net (<mailto:markrandalloo@sbcglobal.net>); Website: dallaspaleo.org (<http://dallaspaleo.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 **opal**; the flowers are the **marigold** and the **cosmos**.



Opal



Marigold



Cosmos

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The word opal is rooted in both Latin (opalus — “precious jewel”) and Greek (opallios — “to see a change in color”). The term opallios is an apt description as opals tend to reflect a vast array of colors depending on the source of light.

Marigolds are symbols of contentment and warmth. They can grow anywhere from six inches in height to over five feet depending on the variety.

Cosmos, the other October flower, stands for order, peace, and serenity. They are annuals that are a good choice for your garden if you want to attract birds, bees, and butterflies.

- o *Majoros, Martie. “October Birthstone: Color and Meaning.” Almanac.com. Yankee Publishing, Inc. n.d. September 18, 2018.*
- o *“October Birth Flowers.” Alamanac.com. Yankee Publishing, Inc. n.d. September 18, 2018.*

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Happy Birthday!



- **Robert Mitchell** — October 6
- **Meredith Ott** — October 8
- **Brenda Smith, HLM** — October 11
- **Edward Beauford** — October 13
- **Glenn Thompson, HLM** — October 16
- **Marilyn West** — October 23

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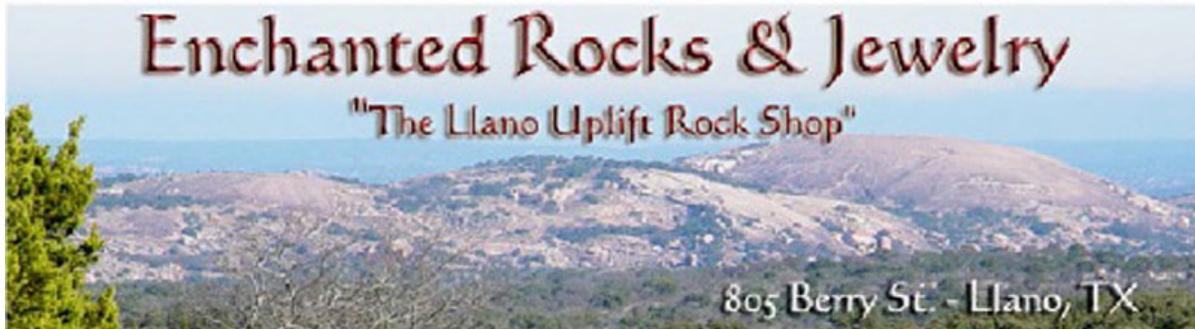
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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask us.

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

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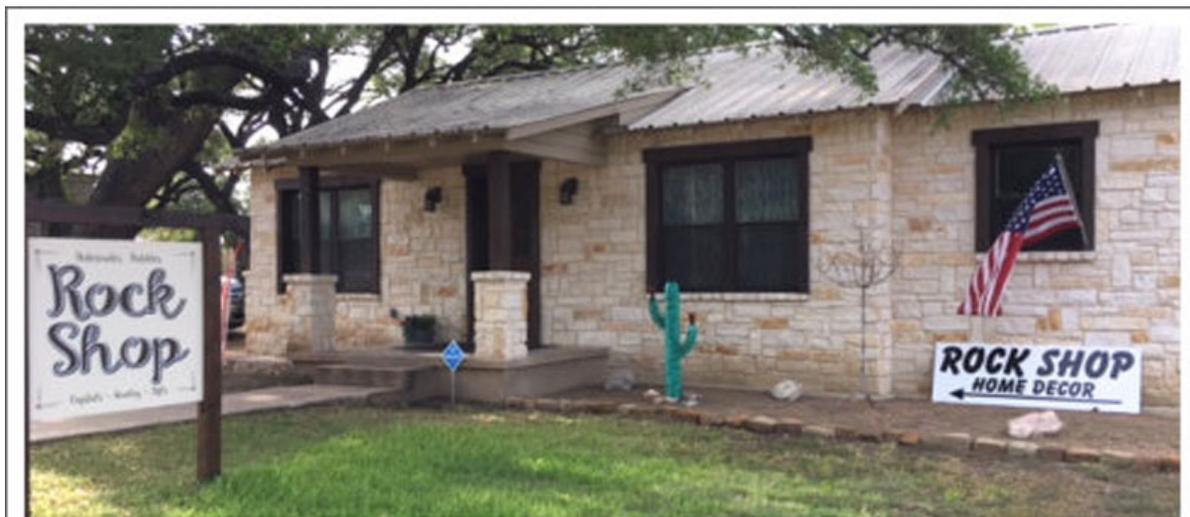


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- **Purpose of the Fredericksburg Rockhounds:**

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 for 2018:

- **President:** Lee Adams – (830) 796-8890
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- **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) 247-6040
- **Field Trips:** Patti Felts – (325) 247-6040
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- **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
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- **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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