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## Prez Says

It looks like we are back to having regular meetings at the Hub. I enjoyed last month's meeting even with a small turnout. This month we need to start the work of organizing the gem show. Most of the dealers we have had in the past are coming back. There will be space on the main floor for a few club members. We will need to keep the stage area looking full for members that have tables there. So, if you want to move, help us find someone to take your spot.

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Another thing we talked about was having a club T-Shirt. I would like to get your input. Several of our members have yellow vests. Let me know if you have one so we can get a count. If we decide to get shirts, what color do you think they should be? Logo on the front or back?

We do have elections that happen every year. Our Constitution states that Elections for President, Secretary and Second Vice-President will be held during odd-numbered years and elections for Treasurer and First Vice- President will be held during even-numbered years. At this time, I would like to put these off until next year and at that point we can continue the even and odd year rule. We can switch the positions that come up each year by updating the constitution if that is necessary. Next year would be Treasurer and First Vice President as it stands now. Give this some thought, and it will be on the agenda this month.

I hope to see a good group for our October meeting. I will see you there.

—Frank Rowell  
President

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### Volunteers Needed for Membership Committee

When I agreed to be a part of the Membership Committee in 2015, there were 5 of us on the committee. The main job I agreed to do was to keep up with the membership list, keep our webmaster informed of new members, and update the directory annually. Brenda Smith served so faithfully as chairman until last year when she accepted the position of club secretary. She handled dues and I did the directory. All of the other members left for various reasons. John Crone graciously agreed to make name tags. Judy Adams agreed to help last year as she had just been replaced as secretary, but Judy and Lee have done double-duty and double-positions for Rockhounds. **It is time for some other members to step up and fill the Membership Committee.** We do not have to have 5 people, but at least 3 are certainly needed.

I am announcing that this will be the last year I will collect dues, document new members, and update the Membership Directory. I would like for at least two people to volunteer to help me in the coming months and accept the responsibilities of this committee into 2022. One needs to be a person who has a computer with data program, preferably Excel. I will give any training needed.

**I WILL BE COLLECTING DUES FOR 2022 during OCTOBER-FEBRUARY.** Anyone who has not paid dues by February meeting will be dropped from our membership. You can pay at meetings during those months or you can pay at the show. Dues can also be mailed to the treasurer, who will notify me. The new directory will be ready for distribution by the March meeting. My resignation will become effective after that.

Please consider helping with greeting visitors, welcoming new members, and collecting dues. What have you done to serve the club?

Thanks to those in the club who have done many jobs over the years.

—Virginia Adian

**ANNUAL DUES:**

- Individual Adult \$8
- Junior (under 19 years old \$3
- Family \$15

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**October Program**

Hello Rockhounds,

Our October 2021 program will be a DVD on mining for Aquamarine on Mt. Antero, Colorado, a 14,276 foot tall mountain. Mt. Antero is prized for its gemstone deposits and has the highest concentration of Aquamarine in the country.

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**

— August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021 —

**Frank Rowell opened the meeting at 7:00 PM and asked Andy Anderson to lead the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.**

**Frank told several “you might be a rockhound” jokes such as—You might be a rockhound if—A luggage handler at the airport knows you by name and refused to take your bags.**

**Lynn Post introduced his son Scott as a visiting guest.**

**Program “Emeralds of Afghanistan” was presented by Karen Anderson.**

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**Door Prizes (see below)**

**Old Business:**

The minutes from August were approved.

**Treasurer, Jim Gedeon**, reported he paid the Golden Hub for one year.

**The Annual Gem Show –January 15-16, 2022 (unless Covid closes the venue)**

**Frank Rowell, the show chairman, reported—**

- The dealer contracts have been mailed out and it looks like there will be space on the floor for some that would like to move off the stage. Frank passed out applications for those interested in selling from the stage.
- There will be no dealer/vendor dinner at the show.
- Help would be needed setting up tables-several members at the meeting volunteered-more help might be needed-check with Frank.
- A volunteer would be needed for the show raffle, Jim Gedeon volunteered.
- The flyers from last year will work this year-we will tape over the dates.
- Help will be needed taping off vendor spaces on the sales floor.
- Help will be needed laying the electric cord on the sales floor.
- Publicity needs a volunteer.
- The Fredericksburg newspaper and visitors center needed to be contacted with the show information-Tom Mitchell volunteered.
- The silent auction will be discussed at a later date.

**New Business:**

The January Fredericksburg Library display will be provided by Frank Rowell and Patti Felts.

Ed Gage asked about official club T-Shirts and is looking into the cost of the shirts.

A membership chair person is needed, Virginia Adian retired from the position. We thank Virginia for all of her hard work.

Until further notice, we will not bring food for sharing at the meeting.

<b>DONOR</b>	<b>DOOR PRIZE</b>	<b>WINNER</b>
Lee Adams	Mexican Crazy Lace	Robert Mitchell
Lee Adams	Sodalite	Dawn Egger
Lee Adams	Petrified Wood (Arizona)	Patti Felts
Lee Adams	Amethyst	Kenneth Verstuyft
Lee Adams	Picture Jasper	Scott Post

John Crone	Red Jasper/Agate Green Copper Brown Thunder Egg	Jose Uribe
John Crone	Calcite Crystals	Kenneth DeVos
Kenneth DeVos	Calcite Coral Urainna Panapa Beach Hana Maui County, Hawaii	Yvonne Starr
Kenneth DeVos	Hornblende James River/Llano River Confluence Mason County, TX	Tom Mitchell
Ed Gage	Calcite	Jim Chude
Ed Gage	Marble	Kevin VanRenterghem
Robert Mitchell	Flint/Bell County	Ed Gage
Lynn & Lola Post	Tiger Iron	Lee Adams
Lynn & Lola Post	Balmoreh Blue	Frank Rowell
Lynn & Lola Post	Dino Bone	Jackie Chude
Lynn & Lola Post	Blue Druze Quartz	Carol Gage
Lynn & Lola Post	Oregon Thunder Egg	Michael Egger
Patti Felts & Frank Rowell	Apache Creek Agate Catron County, NM	Jim Gedeon

—Minutes by Judy Adams for Branda Smith

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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! \*\*\*

**October 2021**

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**2-3—FORT WORTH, TEXAS:** Annual show; Cowtown Gem, Mineral & Glass Club; CERA, 3300 Bryant Irvin Road; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4; Free Admission & Parking; Our Jewelry, Gem, Mineral and Glass show is held along with the Pottery annual show at the same location.; contact Steve Shearin; Email: [steve.l.shearin@lmco.com](mailto:steve.l.shearin@lmco.com) (<mailto:steve.l.shearin@lmco.com>); Website: [www.facebook.com/groups/CowtownGMG](http://www.facebook.com/groups/CowtownGMG) (<http://www.facebook.com/groups/CowtownGMG>)

**9-10—TEMPLE, TEXAS:** Annual show; Tri-City Gem and Mineral Society; P.O. Box 1663 Temple, TX 76503, Mayborn Civic and Convention Center 3301 N. 3rd St. ; Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-5; Adults \$5, children (13-17) \$3, free admission for children under 12 when accompanied by an adult; Vendors, displays, demonstrations, raffles, and activities for children; contact Ruth Rolston, 106 Ottoway Drive, Temple, TX 76501, (718) 255-9; Email: [lrolstoon@hot.rr.com](mailto:lrolstoon@hot.rr.com) (<mailto:lrolstoon@hot.rr.com>)

**9-10—TEMPLE, TEXAS:** Annual show; Tri-City Gem and Mineral Society; Frank Mayborn Civic and Convention Center, 3301 N. 3rd St. ; Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-5; \$5.00 Adults; \$3.00 13-17; Free under 12 years with parents; Vendors with rough, slabs, fossils, jewelry, geodes, displays, hourly door prizes, raffle, cab and wire-wrap demos.; contact Ruth Rolston, 106 Ottoway Drive, Temple, TX 76501, (718) 255-9; Email: [lrolston@hot.rr.com](mailto:lrolston@hot.rr.com) (<mailto:lrolston@hot.rr.com>)

**22-24—AUSTIN, TEXAS:** Annual show; Austin Gem and Mineral Society (AGMS); Palmer Events Center, 900 Barton Springs Rd; Fri. 9-6, Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-5; Adults \$8, military and seniors (60+) \$7, children ages 13-18 \$2, free admission for children 12 and under; Theme is Quartz; more than 30 vendors selling gemstones, minerals, crystals, fossils, beads, jewelry; exhibits including a touch table and fluorescent minerals; demonstrations and displays; contact Laird Fowler, 6719 Burnet Lane, Austin, TX 78641, (512) 458-9546; Email: [showchairman@austingemandmineral.org](mailto:showchairman@austingemandmineral.org) (<mailto:showchairman@austingemandmineral.org>); Website: [www.agms-tx.org](http://www.agms-tx.org) (<http://www.agms-tx.org>)

- 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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### October's Birthstone & Flowers

The October birthstone is the **opal**; the flowers are the **marigold** and the **cosmos**.



*Opal*



*Marigold*



*Cosmos*

The word opal is rooted in both Latin (opalus — “precious jewel”) and Greek (opallios — “to see a change in color”). The 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 Thompson** – October 2
- **Robert Mitchell** – October 6
- **Crystal Jensen** – October 7
- **Mack Brice** – October 8
- **Brenda Smith, HLM** – October 11
- **Edward Beauford** – October 13
- **Glenn Thompson, HLM** – October 16
- **Marilyn West** – October 23
- **Maggie Chavez** – October 29

**\*Bernice Snyder’s name was misspelled in the last newsletter. The correct entry for her birthday is: Bernice Snyder – September 28<sup>th</sup>.**

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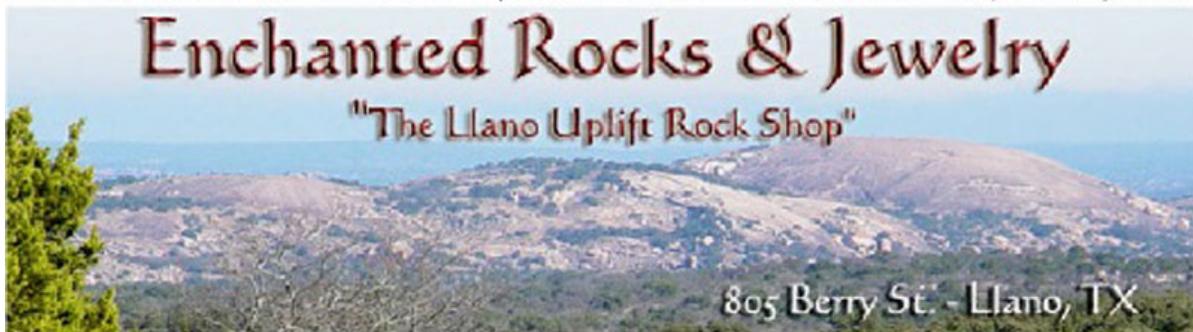
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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask us.

— *Josh Hazer*, [fbgrockhoundsnews@gmail.com](mailto: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) (<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 2020:

- **President:** Frank Rowell
- **1st Vice President:** Steve Perez – (817) 404-9789
- **2nd Vice President:** Joe DeHoyos
- **Past President:** Lee Adams – (830) 796-8890
- **Treasurer:** Jim Gedeon – (830) 456-5419
- **Secretary:** Brenda Smith – (830) 895-9630

#### Committee Chairs:

- **Programs:** Joe DeHoyos
- **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

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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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