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# FREDERICKSBURG ROCKHOUNDS

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— September 2019 —

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## From the Top of the Rock Pile

*By*

*Lee Adams — President*

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**STILL HOT**—and no relief in sight—therefore no field trips.

The hot issue before the club now is the elections for President, Second Vice President (Programs Chairman) and Secretary. I will be calling for a nomination committee of 1-3 people. The candidates' names are to be submitted to the Membership Committee at our October meeting. The election will be held at the November meeting.

I asked for possible changes to be made to the bylaws of the club. I will ask again during the September meeting. Please submit proposed changes during the September meeting so the board can go over them before the October meeting. The board will vote and present the final product to the club for a final vote. What I am looking for are changes and clarifications to the officer's duties section of the bylaws.

**Joke:**

A man was standing, looking at the bathroom mirror. He was not happy with what he saw and said to his wife "I feel horrible; I look old, fat and ugly. I really need you to pay me a compliment." She replied, "your eyesight is near perfect" and the fight started.

See you-all in September

— Lee

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**Notes From the Editor**

Thank you all for your patience. The Rockhounds website has now been moved to a new server and I have just cleaned up the last bit of coding shenanigans to ensure that it remains online and accessible for all to see. You may have noticed that the News & Events page is currently not displaying any content. I am working to correct that, but my time is very limited and I wanted to make sure that the site overall was in good order first.

I hope you all continue to enjoy the website and newsletter!

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**Our Facebook Page**

Sue Burkhart has taken the time to create a Facebook Page for our club. Please follow the link below to check it out. You can also find a clickable Facebook Icon at the footer of every page of our website to take you directly to the club's Facebook F

<https://www.facebook.com/Fredericksburg-Rockhounds-498805133966369/> (<https://www.facebook.com/Fredericksburg-Rockhounds-498805133966369/>)

We hope you drop by and say hello!

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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**

— August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019 —

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

#### **Program:**

Lynn Post provided an educational program about the history, tools used and various methods of silver smiting. Lynn also showed the step by step process of making a silver and composite turquoise pendant and then donated it for a door prize drawing. Carl Ashline won the pendant.

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

#### **New Business:**

Some Fredericksburg Rockhounds officer's job descriptions are being modified. The changes will be brought up at the September meeting.

Steve Perez fashioned a pendent and gave it to Gail Smith. Steve used Wendell's Silver Trade Mark (similar to a weather vane). The pendant required three pours of epoxy with vacuum. The pendant contained seven pieces of opal (one of Wendell's favorite stones to work). Because the weather vane has four corners, in each corner of the pendant was a separate stone, a green peridot (signify prosperity) opposite red cornelian or ruby (signify passion) amethyst purple (signify royalty) and 5 turquoise stones (Wendell's most favorite stone to work).

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.

**Committees:**

**Membership Committee:** Introduced new members Gary and Crystal Jensen and their children Summer and Kallie. 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.

A person filling in for our hospitality committee, announced that our long-time member, Sandra White, had passed away.

**Historian:**

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

**Field Trip:**

Sam Rodgers said it is currently too hot to have field trips. He also advised the Eagle Pass diggings have ground down to nothing until next year. Patti Felts announced the Apache Creek New Mexico rock hunt will be held the week end before Labor Day—Contact her for information. Patti said the camp ground fee is \$28.00.

**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** and “**LIKE**” in and “**SHARE**” it with your friends.

<b>Door Prizes</b>	<b>Donor</b>	<b>Winner</b>
Wire Wrapped Agate	Lee Adams	
Petrified Wood	Lee Adams	
Geologic Time Table	Virginia Adian	Patti Felts
Strawberry Quartz	Carl Ashline	Jenifer Burkhart

Cabochon Picture Jasper	Frida Carron	
Picture Jasper	Carolyn Roup	Freida Carron
Calcite from Terlingua, TX	Jim Chude	Karen Anderson
Turkey Park Agate from Catron County NM	Patti Felts/Frank Rowell	Connor Brady
Mineral photos from Roups	Shay, Tindall DeVos	
Pyrite Sun from Coal Mine So. IL	R. Mitchell	Jesse Martinez
Rock & Gem Magazine	Yvonne Star	Lynn & Lola Post
LED Adjustable Lamp	Steve Smith	John Crone
Bolo Tie	Callie Weaver	John Crone

**Minutes submitted by Judy Adams — Secretary.**

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### Future Meeting Programs

**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 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:** The Fredericksburg Rockhounds hosts Dinosaur George at the Lady Bird Johnson Park Pavilion. December 12<sup>th</sup> Dinosaur George sets up his Dinosaur Museum Show. December 13<sup>th</sup> is limited to school children only. December 14<sup>th</sup> will be for the general public. The Fredericksburg Rockhounds will assist Dinosaur George on the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> with volunteers to ensure that no one moves or touches the dinosaur bones. The Rockhounds will have a table to display their own fossils/dinosaur bones.

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### This Month's Events

*There are no events that we are aware of for this month.*

- 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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### September's Birthstone & Flowers

The September birthstone is the **sapphire**; the flowers are the **aster** and the **morning glory**.



*Sapphire*



*Aster*



*Morning glory*

Sapphires are a form of corundum and generally come in many shades of blue that run the gamut from light to dark.

Sapphire was once believed to ward off evil and protect against poison.

Asters bloom in the late summer and early autumn and need little care to flourish. They are symbolic of powerful love.

A symbol of affection, morning glories live up to their name: they open their blooms in the early part of their day and then close them later in the afternoon.

- o *Majoros, Martie. “September Birthstone: Color and Meaning.” Almanac.com. Yankee Publishing, Inc. n.d. August 19, 2018.*
- o *“September Birth Flowers.” Alamanac.com. Yankee Publishing, Inc. n.d. August 19, 2018.*

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### Happy Birthday!



- **Mike Cothran** – September 1
- **Jim Chude, HLM** – September 2
- **Cheryl Wildfong, HLM** – September 2
- **Judy Beauford** – September 3
- **Jim Gedeon** – September 10
- **Frida Carron** – September 11
- **Steve Fleming** – September 11
- **Karen Fair** – September 17
- **Joe Mechler** – September 18
- **Steve Perez** – September 22
- **Susan Postlethwait** – September 22
- **Lee Adams** – September 27
- **Joleen Franklin** – September 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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### Newsletter Hard Copies & Mail-Outs

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The club will no longer mail out hard copies of the newsletter to members. Those who have provided the club with an email address will continue to receive notifications via email when the newsletter is published for viewing online.

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.

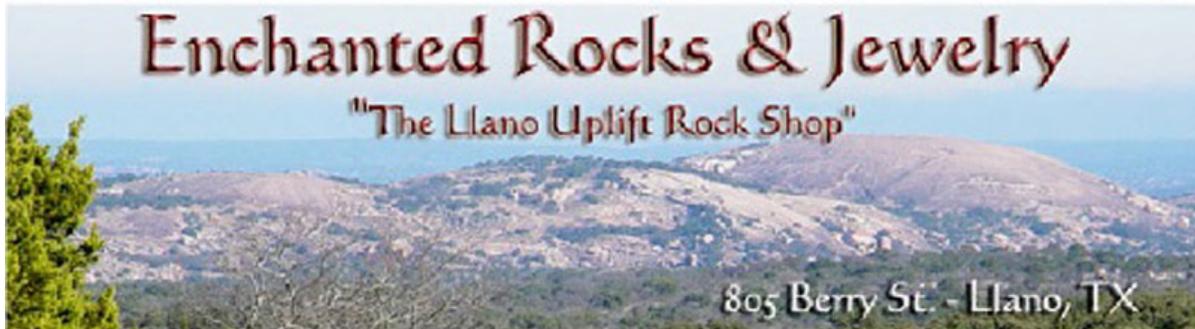
If you need a hard copy of the newsletter each month and cannot access the online newsletters — <http://fredericksburgrockhounds.org/newsletter/> (<http://fredericksburgrockhounds.org/newsletter/>) — to print your own, then please let the president, Lee Adams, know. He will provide printed copies for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

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

— Josh Hazer, [fbrockhoundsnews@gmail.com](mailto:fbrockhoundsnews@gmail.com) (<mailto:fbrockhoundsnews@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 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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### Monthly Meeting Map



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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) (<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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