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FREDERICKSBURG, TEXAS

FREDERICKSBURG ROCKHOUNDS



— September 2021 —

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Prez Says

There is no "Prez Says" article this month. For information regarding the club, please check the [Fredericksburg Rockhounds Minutes \(#articleg\)](#) in this edition of the Fredericksburg Rockhounds Newsletter.

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New Program Chairperson

Hello, my name is Karen Anderson and I volunteered to take over for Joe De Hoyos, who is unable to continue bringing programs each month to our club. The programs I have selected I hope you will find exciting and interesting.

I want to thank John Crone who is helping me by putting these programs on a DVD. I couldn't do this without his help!
Thanks John!!!

I am looking forward to returning as your Program Chairperson.

So, I hope to see you all next month when we will be watching 'Afghanistan's Emerald Mines'.

See you there,

—Karen Anderson
Program Chairperson

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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

— July 5th, 2021 —

Steve Perez called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Visitor Paula Ahrendt was welcomed. Joe De Hoyos and Jorge Chavez were reported coping with illness. Karen Anderson will be picking up Joe's duties for monthly programs. Everyone was happy to see Frank Rowell at the meeting. His further recuperation will take a while.

After a suggestion that dues not be collected for current members, Jim Gedeon gave his Treasurer's report and pointed out the ongoing expenses of the newsletter, mail box, storage, Golden Hub, Southwest Federation and others plus the fact that

had no income from the show this year. He advised that if we are unable to have a 2022 show, our financial would be unhealthy. Dues will be collected for 2022.

John Crone presented a Llano field trip YouTube video he found and a video he took of the Sixth Annual Llano Outdoor Expo, which included the State of Texas Gold Panning competition and lots of familiar faces from the Fredericksburg Rockhounds.

There was a discussion of the January 2022 show and the possibility that another flare-up of the COVID-19 virus could make it necessary to curtail or cancel it.

Drawings for door prizes donated by members are shown below.

DONOR	DOOR PRIZE	WINNER
Lee Adams	Quartz crystals	Jeff Smith
Lee Adams	Azurite rough	Robert Mitchell
Lee Adams	Azurite rough	Michael Egger
John Crone	Petosky stone bolo	Kenneth Verysuyft
John Crone	Calcite cube	Ed Gage
Ken DeVos	Hornblende (confluence of James and Llano Rivers, Mason County)	Steve Perez
Ken DeVos	Calcite (Big Bend, Brewster County)	Jim Chude
Tom Mitchell	Petrified wood	Paul Ahrendt
Tom Mitchell	Brain chert (nutting bowl)	Frida Carron
Steve Perez	Imperial royal jasper	Sara Verstuyft
Steve Perez	Plume agate	Patti Felts
Steve Perez	Mahogany obsidian	Carl Ashline
Steve Perez	Rhyolite (Mexico)	Karen Anderson
Steve Perez	Palm wood	Carole Gage
Steve Perez	Jasper	Tom Mitchell
Steve Perez	Palm wood	Ken DeVox
Sam Rodgers	Ohio flint	Jim Gedeon

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

—Brenda 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! ***

September 2021

25-26—LUBBOCK, TEXAS: Annual show; Lubbock Gem and Mineral Society; Lubbock Memorial Civic Center, 1501 Mac Davis Lane; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; Adults \$4, seniors \$3, ages 6-12 \$2, and free admission for children 5 and under; Vendors selling rough rock and minerals, fossils, lapidary tools; demonstrations and displays; silent auctions; and activities for children; contact Walter Beneze, PO Box 6371, Lubbock, TX 79493, (806) 797-5832; Email: walt@lubbockgemandmineral.org (<mailto:walt@lubbockgemandmineral.org>); Website: www.lubbockgemandmineral.org (<http://www.lubbockgemandmineral.org>)

25-26—LUBBOCK, TEXAS: Annual show; Lubbock Gem & Mineral Society ; Lubbock Memorial Civic Cente, 1501 Mac Davis Lane; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; Adults \$4, seniors \$3, students 6-12 \$2, free admission for children 5 and under; About 22 dealers participate in the show, selling jewelry, loose gemstones, lapidary rough, cabs, slabs, geodes, beads, mineral specimens, fossils, spheres, and lapidary tools. An impressive part of the show is non-competitive exhibits, including 70 cases. The show is also host to the South Central Federation of Mineral Societies (SCFMS) Annual Convention, which includes speaker Helen Serras-Herman, sharing her Must-See US Gemstone Mines research. ; contact Lubbock Gem & Mineral Society ; Website: <http://www.lubbockgemandmineral.org> (<http://www.lubbockgemandmineral.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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September’s Birthstone & Flowers

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

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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.

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

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Happy Birthday!



- **Jim Chude, HLM** — September 2
- **Cheryl Wildfong, HLM** — September 2
- **Jim Gedeon** — September 10
- **Frida Carron** — September 11
- **Karen Fair** — September 17

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- **Elaine McMurray** – September 17
- **Steve Perez** – September 22
- **Dennis Ahrens** – September 26
- **Lee Adams** – September 27
- **Bernice Snyder** – September 28

– *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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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.

To print your own copy of this edition of the newsletter, go to the section titled “**[Print This Newsletter \(#printthisnewsletter\)](#)**” and follow the simple directions.

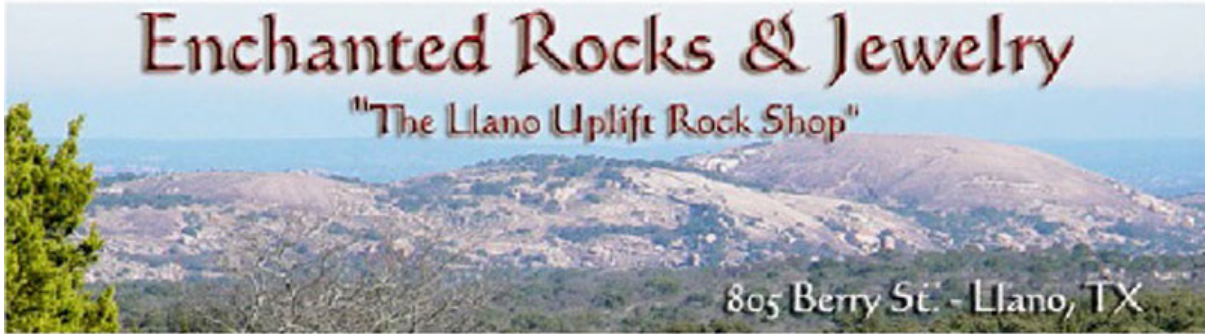
If you need a hard copy of the newsletter each month and cannot access the online newsletters – <http://fredericksburgrockhounds.org/newsletter/> (<http://fredericksburgrockhounds.org/newsletter/>) – to print your own, then please let an officer of the club know and arrangements can be made to assist 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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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: fbgrockhoundsnews@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 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:** 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

Monthly Meeting Map



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Newsletter Articles and Club Info

Articles for each month's newsletter must be received by the **15th** of the month.

Send them to your newsletter editor via email: fbrockhoundsnews@gmail.com (<mailto:fbrockhoundsnews@gmail.com>)

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>) or 830-755-6105

The **Club CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS** are posted on our website: fredericksburgrockhounds.org/constitution (<http://fredericksburgrockhounds.org/constitution/>)

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