



WHICH DINOSAURS LIVED IN THE UNITED STATES DURING THE CRETACEOUS PERIOD?



At our November 7 meeting we will be given these answers, and more, by our very own **Sara Verstuyft!!** Sara is one of our youngest members who is so knowledgeable about dinosaurs. Sara is very involved in our club and is also our Historian. We are so fortunate to have her!

An amazing 144-65 million years ago was a frightening time for these creatures to have lived on our Earth. It was teeming with the most incredible, terrifying and unbelievably huge prehistoric creatures that has ever inhabited our planet!

Some of the dinosaurs living during this period was the “three horned face” Triceratops,

with a skull that reached six-feet long; the most famous of the hadrosaurs, the Parasaurolophus, with the largest crest of any of the duck-bills; and the best known of all, Tyrannosaurus Rex, which was one of the largest meat-eating dinosaurs.

You won't want to miss Sara's program as she will be giving us more detailed information about the Cretaceous Period and of the dinosaurs that lived during this time!!

Hope to see you there,
Karen Anderson



THE PREZ SAYS

This year is really flying by. I, for one, am glad to see the cooler weather.

As I write this, I am looking forward to the trip to see the dinosaur foot prints in Medina County next Wednesday. I'm sure that many of the members will bring photos of the trip to the November meeting.

Also at the November meeting, I will bring the stuff needed to **draw names for the Christmas Gift Exchange**. If you want to be a part of this event be sure to be at the November meeting. It is difficult to set a price suggestion for the gifts... but if you bring something that you would like to have as a present you can't go wrong. Naturally, I have not purchased my exchange gift yet: I want to match the gift to the name I draw.

Kenneth Verstuyft is on the road to recovery after his heart surgery. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers. Hope to see him and his family at the November meeting.

One more thing... **be thinking about what food you plan to bring to the Christmas Party...** old family recipes are always a good idea. I know that Karen is trying to find something special to bring. I will be acting in the capacity of food taster and quality control... It will be a tough job... but someone has to do it.

Until next time... be safe,
Andy Anderson
President

The road to a friend's house is never long.



Fredericksburg Rockhounds Meeting Minutes, October 2016

President Andy Anderson opened the meeting at 7:00pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all.

Karen Anderson introduced the evening program "How are Minerals Identified?", an informative DVD lecture by Professor John J. Renton. The DVD was one in a series from the "Nature of Earth: An Introduction to Geology" series.

There was no old business or new business.

Treasurer's Report for September 2016:

Expenses	\$29.17
Income	\$23.00
Checking	\$4,098.64
CD's	\$8,047.30
Cash-on-hand	\$2.00
Total	\$12,147.94

Announcements:

Virginia Adian

Virginia said that Brenda Smith, and the membership committee, are collecting club dues beginning

with the October meeting, if you have not paid, dues will also be collected at the November meeting.

Virginia has printed flyers for the January Rock Show. See her at the November meeting, if you need flyers.

SCFMS.Net website has the Federation Newsletters and lists club shows. The website passwords for members-only info have been sent to designated Fredericksburg Rockhounds club officers.

Jim Gedeon

Jim spoke of the January 2017, Fredericksburg Rockhounds Gem and Mineral Show.

He has sent out all of the contracts to show vendors, and is now taking names from club members who would like a \$25.00 spot on the stage or outside.

The club has display cases available for anyone interested in showing off their beautiful rocks and gems. Ask Jim for case dimensions. Cases will be judged by Glenn Thompson.

Announcements, **Gedeon**, continued

Lee Adams will be demonstrating during the show on how to cut and polish stones.

Lee will provide a fluorescent display.

Mark Jacobi will demonstrate faceting during the show.

Andy Anderson

Andy spoke of the Christmas Party gift exchange. A vote will be taken at the November meeting. If the vote is yes, the gift will be \$10.00 to \$20.00—no “white elephant” gifts.

Your name will go into a hat and be drawn to receive a gift and you will draw a name for the person that you buy a gift for.

Lynn Post

Will lead a field trip to see dinosaur tracks on Wednesday, October 12th. Lynn hopes to have a second trip on a weekend in the future. Those who are participating will meet at the Bandera courthouse at 9:00 AM. Lynn will lead the way to the dino tracks.

Welcome to new members and visitors...

[No names listed]

October Meeting Door Prizes

Item	Donated by	Won by
Agate/w/Quartz	Enchanted Rocks & Jewelry	Randal Benson
Brazilian Agate	Lynn & Lola Post	Tom Mitchell
Banded Obsidian	Virginia Adian	Brenda Smith
Rose Quartz Necklace	Ed & Judy Beauford	Karen Anderson
Flower Necklace	Ed & Judy Beauford	Joe Mechler
Rhodonite Slab	Lynn & Lola Post	Virginia Adian
Petrified Wood	Lynn & Lola Post	Christine Cragg
Paisionite (Paisionpass)	Lynn & Lola Post	Ken DeVos
Rock & Gem Magazine (Sept)	Lynn & Lola Post	Don MacDonald
Rock & Gem Magazine (April)	Lynn & Lola Post	Kevin VanRenterghem
Rock & Gem Magazine August)	Lynn & Lola Post	Jeff Smith
Eagle Pass Agate	Don MacDonald	Andy Anderson
Trilobite	Lee & Judy Adams	Elijah Mitchell
Red Grapevine	Keith King	Charles White
Red Moss Jasper	Keith King	Dennis Raines
Crazy Lace Agate	Keith King	Patti Felts
Geode from Walker Ranch	Joe De Hoyos	Chuck Klasin (sp?)
Burro in Rock Canyon	John Crone	Jim Gedeon
Desert Rose Candle	John Crone	Nedra Ferguson
Flint	Tom Mitchell	Judy Carswell
Bowl	Tom Mitchell	Linn Brady
Arizona Petrified Wood	Tom & Judy Carswell	Dan Moreno
Lapidalite	Tom & Judy Carswell	Judy Adams
Obsidian	Tom & Judy Carswell	Ed Beauford
Gem Trails	Tom & Judy Carswell	Jim Chude
Post Cards	Sam Sanford	John Crone
Serpentine	Steve Perez	Sandra White
Picture Jasper	Steve Perez	Virginia Klenzing

If you see any errors in this monthly report, let me know and I will correct it in the next newsletter. Thanks!

Judy Adams for Shelly Verstuyft

Dino Track Field Trip

From Karen Anderson: “Thought you'd like to include some photos from the Dinosaur Track field trip. It was a great day, very exciting, and the trip was well worth it. Lots of tracks, and beautiful scenery, and the hosts were very gracious.”

Megan Locker, co-owner of the ranch, emailed this to Lynn Post: “Thank you so much for coming out today and sharing all of your knowledge with us. We are looking forward to your next visit.”



Acrocanthosaurus dinosaur footprint



The ranch owner and his family

Kenneth Verstuyft is recovering

As we said in last month's newsletter, Kenneth Verstuyft, husband of Shelly and father of Sara, suffered a massive heart attack which required emergency treatment. After surgery, he has now been released from the hospital but must undergo an extensive period of rest and limited activity. Sympathy is also extended to Shelly and Sara during this difficult time.

Farewell, Jimmie Foster

Honorary Life Member Jimmie Ruth Foster passed away on Friday, September 16th, in Shreveport, Louisiana. She moved there in 2010 to live with a daughter after her husband Jerry passed away. Jimmie was born Dec. 1, 1932, in Lynn County, Texas, the daughter of James Gayden and Woodie Cox Gayden. She married Gerald L. (Jerry) Foster and upon retirement, they moved to Fredericksburg in 1992.

Jimmie and Jerry were ardent collectors and very popular Fredericksburg Rockhounds club members. They both held a variety of offices in the club over a period of several decades. As announced in an email to club members last month, a memorial service for Jimmie was held in Fredericksburg on September 30th, at the Memorial Presbyterian Church. [*Sorry, we couldn't find a photo*].

OUR SOCIAL COMMITTEE

We like to keep up to date on members who have had significant events in their lives, such as earning a degree or promotion, receiving an award, getting married, etc; or needing some kind of assistance, or having a serious illness, injury or death in the family.

If you know of an event for yourself or one of the other members which you feel ought to be recognized in our newsletter and at the next meeting, (and/or via special email if it's urgent), **please contact Glenn Thompson**. He can be reached at 830-990-4521 (landline), 830-992-7443 (cellphone), uffda@beecreek.net, or U.S. mail at 7542 North State Highway 16, Fredericksburg, TX 78624.

DO YOUR DUES



It's that time again! Please pay your 2017 dues at the next meeting. In spite of ever-increasing inflation, they're still only \$3 for juniors (under 19 years), \$8 for individuals, and \$15 for families.

Let us know if you have a new address, phone number, or email.

Folks who have not paid their dues by the February meeting will be dropped from the membership list.

If you can't come to a meeting, mail a check (made out to Fredericksburg Rockhounds) to John Roup, 1909 Summit Top Dr, Kerrville, TX 78028-8915. Thanks!

Mark Your Calendars...

Oct 28–30—GLEN ROSE, TX: Fossilmania fossil show; Somervell Expo Center; Dallas Paleontological Society; www.dallaspaleo.org

Nov 5-6—AMARILLO, TX: Annual show; Golden Spread Gem & Mineral Society, Amarillo Civic Center, Amarillo, TX; 400 S. Buchanan Street, Regency Room; contact Skip Kendrick, (806)-267-2567; email: kendrick@amaonline.com

Nov 11-13—HUMBLE, TX: Annual show; Houston Gem and Mineral Society, Humble Civic Center; 8233 Will Clayton Parkway; contact Scott Singleton, (281)-530-0942; e-mail: showchair@hgms.org; Web site: www.hgms.org

Nov 19-20—MESQUITE, TX: Annual show; 59th Dallas Gem & Mineral Society, Rodeo Center Exhibit Hall; 1800 Rodeo Drive, (I-635 & Military Parkway); contact Diana Case, PO Box 742033, Dallas, TX 75374, (214)-349-2022; Web site: dallasgemandmineral.org

Nov 19–20—ROUND ROCK, TX: Fossil Fest; Old Settler's Heritage Association (inside), Next to the Dell Diamond on US Highway 79; Paleontological Society of Austin; Fossils / Minerals / Books / Gifts / Jewelry / Toys / more; Show Chair : showchairaustinpaleo.org; web site: www.austinpaleo.org

Dec 2-4—EL PASO, TX: Annual show; El Paso Mineral and Gem Society, Inc., El Maida Shriners Hall; 6331 Alabama; contact Louie Provencio, (915)-54-2717; email: 11155@yahoo.com; Web site: www.epmgs.com

Jan 21-22, 2017—FREDERICKSBURG, TX: 48th Annual Hill Country Gem and Mineral Show; Fredericksburg Rockhounds; Lady Bird Johnson Park in the Pioneer Pavilion, 3 miles south of town on hwy 16; Free Admission. Hourly silent auction, hourly free door prizes, outstanding raffle prizes; minerals, fossils, geodes, stone carvings and jewelry from over 35 vendors; food service will be provided by award-winning Buzzie's Barbecue.

For more info contact Jim Gedeon at gedeonjim1@gmail.com or 830-456-5419.
website: fredericksburgrockhounds.org.

Jan 27-29—TYLER, TX: Annual show; East Texas Gem and Mineral Society, Rose Garden Center; 420 Rose Park Dr; Fri. 9-5, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; Adults \$3, Students \$1. The nationally recognized Rock Food Table will be on display the entire show.; contact Keith Harmon, TX, (903)-316-2967; e-mail: keithharmon19@yahoo.com; Web site: etgms.com

Jan 27–Feb 12, 2017—TUCSON, AZ: The famous annual “Gem, Mineral, & Fossil Showcase.”. Earth's gem and mineral riches are on display at over 40 venues unfurled all over town, for sale in huge circus tents, expo halls, hotels, warehouses, and in the city's fine Convention Center. For more information, including show guides, visit the Tucson Gem & Mineral Showcase website.

Feb 18, 2017—LLANO, TX: The second annual Texas Prospectors Get-to-Gather and Swap Meet Event; 8:00 am – 5:00 pm at the Llano County Community Center, two miles west of Llano on CR 152. This fun, educational and free event is for prospectors, rock collectors, treasure hunters and metal detecting enthusiasts to get together and share ideas and experiences. There will be a limited number of vendors, and a swap meet outside (or inside if weather conditions are bad) for NON-COMMERCIAL individuals selling items related to the theme of the event. A silent auction will be held to benefit the historic Llano Red Top Jail.

For more information, email Earl Theiss at etheiss@verizon.net or Frank Rowell at frank@enchantedrocksandjewelry.com. Web site: www.prospectingtexas.com. Events page.

For more shows at later dates, or outside Texas, visit www.rockngem.com/

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Kathy Holloway, Nov 6
Jan Greenstone, Nov 7
Ken DeVos, Nov 30

The November birthstone is Topaz or Citrine; the flower is Chrysanthemum

NOT GETTING OUR EMAILS ??

If you're among the 20± members who have been receiving paper copies of our newsletters, but no emails providing a link to the online version, then we don't know your email address— and **you're missing a lot!** The online version is in **color**, and has **live links** to the websites and email addresses it mentions: just click on the links and go directly to them.



Also, you're missing **important announcements**, such as field trip updates, event date changes, new training classes, and other late-arriving news which can't wait until the next newsletter.

If you have good internet access, **PLEASE give us your email address.** Our newsletter emails won't clutter or slow down your email software: they don't have the newsletter attached, just a link to the online copy. If you still need paper copies mailed to you, let us know when you send us your email address.

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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: Bill & Cheryl Wildfong, 342 West Water St, Kerrville, TX 78028; phone: 830-896-8940, email: wildfong@windstream.net

All other correspondence: Fredericksburg Rockhounds, 110 N. Milam PMB 197, Fredericksburg TX 78624

Visit our website at fredericksburgrockhounds.org for more club info, field trip news, club photos, and lots of interesting hobby-related website links.

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Newsletter Articles and Club Info

Articles for next month's newsletter must be received by the **20th** of this month. Send them to Bill & Cheryl Wildfong at wildfong@windstream.net

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 or 830-755-6105

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