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— June 2019 —

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From the Top of the Rock Pile

By

Lee Adams — President



I will be in Idaho most of the month of May dealing with my Mother's estate. I will be back for the July meeting barring any major catastrophe.

Our First Vice President, Steve Perez, is in charge of the Picnic on June 3rd that will be held at the covered picnic area in Lady Bird Johnson Park. The BBQ meat, sauce, pickles, onion slices, bread, plates, napkins, cups and drinks will be provided by the club. Please bring side dishes or desserts to share. Dinner will be at 6:00PM, arrive early to buy, sell, trade or just show and tell rocks and fossils.

We have three new Gem and Mineral Show chairpersons: Frank Rowell, Steve Perez and Sue Burkhart (Publicity). They will be working closely with Jim Gedeon to learn deadline dates and the many other things that must be done for our annual Gem and Mineral Show. We are all grateful to these volunteers for stepping up. A thank you to Virginia Adian for finding these volunteers.

Other events that are coming up:

- September—Nominating committee for President, 2nd Vice President (program chairman) and Secretary.
- October—Nominations for those positions announced.
- November—Meeting about the Annual Gem and Mineral Show and Vote for President, 2nd Vice President and Secretary.
- December—Christmas Dinner.

Have a great Summer

— Lee

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From the Editor

— Learn from This Guy's Mistakes —

Hello everybody. I try to keep quiet and go about my business putting together your newsletters and upkeeping the website without injecting my two cents at every turn. Mostly because everything I know about rocks and gems I have learned through these newsletter articles and while I find it interesting, I have nothing new to add.

However, there is one thing I would like share and I feel it is pertinent information when all the *bits* of our lives are held as zeroes and ones inside our computers, our smart devices, the cloud, etcetera.

You see, it is very important keep all your files and various accounts safe and secure. Here a few simple steps you can take to ensure your digital life won't die prematurely.

- Backup your files and/or hard drives regularly
- Password protect your devices
- Use good passwords not easily guessed for all your accounts
- Ensure that you have a means to recover your accounts should you be locked out of them
- Most importantly, make sure you verify that your backups are *actually working* and that your accounts have your *current information*

Taking these simple steps will save you lots of headaches should anything happen to your stuff. And it will happen. It happened to me just this last month. My hard drive (on my work computer) died. But since I have backups of everything, I wasn't too worried. So I installed a new hard drive only to discover that my backups were corrupted... Uh oh.

I had to start over with a new install of Windows and all my software and piece together all the files I could from various places. And because it was a new install of Windows, I couldn't log in to any of my email accounts because I have them set up for what's called 2-Step Verification where they won't allow unrecognized devices to access them.

No problem, I could just recover those accounts. Except I couldn't access any of the email accounts that were my backups. Luckily, I set up a cell phone where I could get a text verification to prove I was me. Only it was for a number that I haven't had in more than a year...

It took me almost three weeks to get things back into some semblance of workable order. I finally got access to most of my accounts by talking with several different customer service reps at all the different companies. It wasn't fun. I am still trying to get to emails and straighten all manner of things out.

So now that I'm getting things back to speed again, I will continue learning about rocks from all of you and I hope you have learned something important from me.

— *Josh Hazer*

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Errata

In last month's newsletter, the table for the door prizes of the monthly meeting had the "Donor" and "Winner" columns incorrectly identified. The table below lists the correct version. Our apologies for any confusion that may have arisen.

	Door Prizes	Donor	Winner
	Gem stones of the World	Lee Adams	Andy Anderson
	Torretella stone	Lee Adams	

Earrings	Ed Beauford	Lynn Post
Agate	Virginia Adian	Loren Fothergill
Petrified Iron Wood — Yuma, AZ	Gail Bowie Sue Burkhart	Joe De La Hoya
Petrified Iron Wood — Yuma, AZ	Gail Bowie Sue Burkhart	Shelly Verstuyft
Tiger Eye from Africa	John Crone	Lynn Harris
Quartz from West TX	John Crone	Steve Perez
Misc. rocks in tin box	John Crone	Bur Burkhart
Rock & Gem Magazine	Lynn & Lola Post	
Books about rocks	John Roup	Jim Chude
Lapis Lazuli Afghanistan	Patti Felts & Frank Rowell	Sara Verstuyft

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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

— May 6th, 2019 —

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

Our thoughts are with club members that have health problems and we hope they recover soon.

Membership Committee:

Introduced and welcomed several new members and guests.

Program:

Thank you, Jim Gedeon for the great “The First Rockhounds” presentation.

Historian Sara Verstuyft:

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

Field Trip:

Frank Rowell announced an upcoming field trip for Sunday, May 19. They will leave from Frank and Patty’s Rock Shop in Llano, behind the Llano County Court House at 9:30AM.

The trip will be to Mason County, Whites Crossing.

Old Business:

The annual audit of the club funds was discussed and approved by the membership. Thank you, Tom Carswell and Lynn Post, for a thorough audit.

Virginia Adian from the committee to find a show chairman, announced the three new Show Chairpersons—Frank Rowell, Steve Perez and Sue Burkhart (Publicity).

New Business:

No new business.

Membership Committee:

Virginia Adian provided a new membership list, those who did no pay dues were dropped. This list is important because the Fredericksburg Rockhounds pay the Federation for insurance based on the total number of current members at the time the insurance is paid. If the membership list is incorrect the club could pay more for insurance.

The Membership Committee needs a volunteer, see Brenda Smith or Virginia Adian to sign up. Please make sure your Membership dues are paid.

Miscellaneous:

Wendell Smith's equipment is at Lee Adams for sale.

The club offers discount lessons in wire wrapping and cutting/polishing rocks. A sign-up sheet to take or teach lessons will be passed around at the meeting or see Virginia Adian for wire wrap lessons of Lee Adams for lessons on how to cut/polish rocks.

Fredericksburg Rockhounds now have a Facebook page. Our editor is Sue Burkhart. Sue asked that you find the page and "LIKE" it and "SHARE" it with your friends.

Door Prizes	Donor	Winner
Fossil	Lee Adams	Delores Uribe
Apache Calcite	Lee Adams	Kenneth Verstuyft
Quartz Cave Video/Samples	Virginia Adian	Frank Rowell
Arrow Head Poster	Sue Burkhart Gail Bowie	Andy Anderson
Calcite Terlingua	Jim Chude	Judy Carswell
Agate Necklace	John Crone	
Old Lapidary Journals	John Crone	Steve Perez
Bolo Tie	John Crone	Patricia Felts
Garnet	Patricia Felts Frank Rowell	Jim Chude
Calcite Coral	Kenneth DeVos	Tina Roth

Waianapanapa Beach, Hawaii Multi Stone Strand	Jessie Petty	Yvonne Star
Ponderosa Pine Cone	Steve Perez	Sue Burkhart
Trovertine	Lynn & Lola Post	Mildred Cutfaro
Petrosky Stone	Lynn & Lola Post	
Rhodonite Slab	Lynn & Lola Post	

Thanks to everyone that brought food. We had quite a feast. Please put your name on personal dishes and silverware.

A motion was made and approved to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 P.M.

Minutes submitted by Judy Adams, Secretary

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Future Meeting Programs

June 3: No Program — It's Picnic Time!! At Ladybird Johnson Park at 5:00 PM. Please bring a dish to share. We will eat at 6:00. You are encouraged to bring rocks, fossils, etc. to sell, trade or just show and tell.

July 1: Sara Verstuylft — A presentation about “Unusual Dinosaurs.”

August 5: Lynn Post — Lynn will provide some of the history of silversmithing, tools used, different types of silver work and where to get some of the materials. He will show the process of making something that will then be available on the door prize table.

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 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.

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This Month's Events

– June 2019

1-2—LUBBOCK, TEXAS: Show and sale; Lubbock Gem and Mineral Society; Lubbock Memorial Civic Center, 1501 Mac Davis Ln.; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; adults \$4, seniors \$3, students (6-12) \$2, free admission for children 5 and under; vendors offering loose stones, rough, cabs, slabs, geodes, beads, gemstones, mineral specimens, crystals, fossils, and lapidary supplies; display; 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>).

6-9—AUSTIN, TEXAS: Show and sale; Natures Treasures of Austin; Norris Conference Center, 2525 W Anderson Lane , Ste 365; Thu. 10-6, Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; General admission day pass \$15, general admission day pass and lecture \$20; general admission all four day, \$60; general admission for four days and lecture \$70; VIP full access all four days, \$120; International Exposition of Agate presents speakers, exhibitors, more than 30 vendors from around the world, author book signing, live auction, and activities for children; contact Robert Cooper, 4103 N Interstate 35, Austin, TX 78722, (512) 833-7760, 3; Email: austinagates@ntrocks.com (<mailto:austinagates@ntrocks.com>); Website: <https://ntrocks.com/international-exposition-of-agate> (<https://ntrocks.com/international-exposition-of-agate>).

29-30—GRAPEVINE, TEXAS: Annual show; Arlington Gem and Mineral Club; Grapevine Convention Center, 1209 S. Main St.; Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-5; Adults \$6, seniors and children over 12 \$5, free admission for children under 6, boy and girl scouts in uniform, and active and retired military with ID ; Vendors selling artisan and fine jewelry, gemstones, geodes, minerals, rough cut polished rocks, petrified wood, fossils, demonstrations, and activities for children; contact Amy Kubes, 1408 Gibbins Rd., Arlington, TX 76011, (817) 300-6946; Email: agmcadvertising@gmail.com (<mailto:agmcadvertising@gmail.com>); Website: www.agemclub.org (<http://www.agemclub.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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June's Birthstone & Flowers

The June birthstone is the **pearl**; the flowers are the **rose** and the **honeysuckle**.



Pearl



Rose



Honeysuckle

Pearls can be found in a variety of soft hues and palettes. They are formed inside of an oyster's shell, usually via a grain of sand that enters the shell. The clam cannot eject this irritant and so it encases it in a hard substance that eventually forms the pearl.

Both of June's flowers are tied strongly with love.

Roses of different colors have multiple meanings. For instance, white roses can stand for innocence or purity. Red roses are synonymous with love. Conversely, yellow roses mean a loss of love.

The number of roses also have meaning. A bouquet is given for gratitude; a single rose amplifies the meaning behind the color.

Honeysuckle is a strong symbol for the bonds of everlasting love.

- o *Majoros, Martie. "June Birthstone: Color and Meaning." Almanac.com. Yankee Publishing, Inc. n.d. May19, 2018.*
- o *"June Birth Flowers." Alamanc.com. Yankee Publishing, Inc. n.d. May19, 2018.*

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Happy Birthday!



- **Joyce Mechler** – June 6
- **Sara Verstuyft** – June 8
- **Karen Anderson** – June 11
- **Sam Rodgers** – June 12
- **Bill Fair** – June 15
- **Debbie Cooley** – June 18
- **Paula Ahrendt** – June 23
- **Dan Moreno** – June 23
- **Linn Brady** – June 24
- **Julie Lawhon** – June 25
- **Don Magee** – June 28
- **Claudette Hollis** – June 29
- **Frank Rowell** – June 29

– 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.

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.

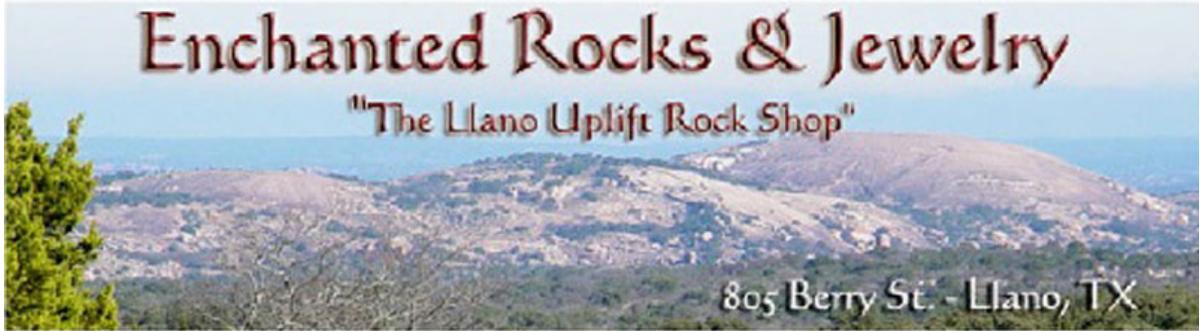
If you need a hard copy of the newsletter each month and cannot access the online newsletters — <http://fredericksburgrockhounds.org/newsletter/> (<http://fredericksburgrockhounds.org/newsletter/>) — to print your own, then please let the president, Lee Adams, know. He will provide printed copies for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

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

– Josh Hazer, 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 trip news, club photos, resources, and previous newsletters.



Club Officers and Committee Chairs

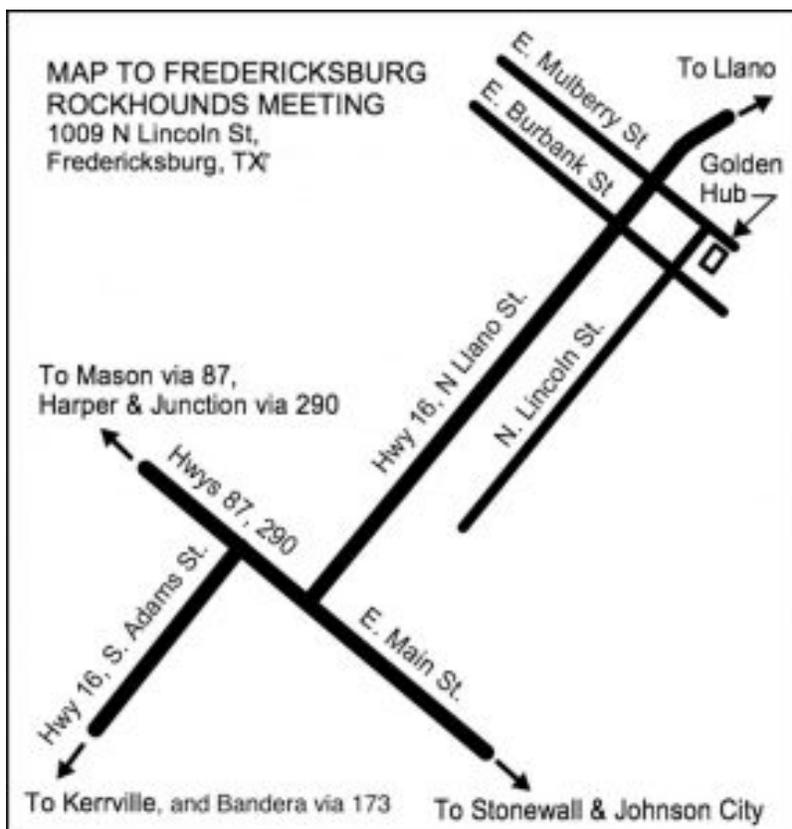
Club Officers for 2018:

- **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

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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