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— August 2019 —

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## From the Top of the Rock Pile

*By*

*Lee Adams – President*



Here I sit, pen in hand and not a thing to say, except it's hot and going to get hotter. How do you spell hydrate then drink some more water? I've even been told that alcohol and coffee are both bad for you when it comes to warding off heat.

Now for the rocks and rock hound hobby—I have nearly finished processing Wendell Smith's inventory. There are some finished cabs and faceted stones I do not have much interest in. However, I will take any calls from anyone who might be interested. Many of Wendell's cabs are one of a kind, very rare and so nice it's hard to put a price on them. Gail still has most of the better stuff. I simply don't have the

expertise in the high-end cabs and faceted stone to do what is best for her.

I do have most of Wendell's silver and would like to parcel some of it out.

See you-all in August

— Lee

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### Notes From the Editor

As many of you may have discovered, it seems our website has been having some issues and either not displaying correctly for you or not displaying at all.

I have spoken with the company who runs the servers for this site and after hearing what they had to say and doing some research, I feel it is best to upgrade the servers to a newer, more stable and secure system.

This will occur at some point over the next several weeks. When it does, the website will be down and inaccessible for awhile. For how long, I'm not sure, but my guess would be anywhere from 24 to 72 hours. If I am able to send out emails (depends on the state of the current server) I will let everybody know when the switchover will begin.

Thank you all for your patience and understanding!

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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

— July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 —

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

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

**Membership Committee:**

Introduced three guests.

**Program:**

Sara Verstuyft gave a great presentation about “Unusual Dinosaurs and their Characteristics” plus a visit from a dino in costume!



**Historian Sara Verstuyft:**

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

**New Business:**

Virginia Adian brought articles to read (silver cleaning, etc.), and a get-well card for Dino George.

Show chairman Frank Rowell requested an August 5, meeting at 6:00 PM before the regular meeting to discuss show plans and advertising online.

### Committees:

Membership: Needs a volunteer, see Brenda Smith or Virginia Adian to sign up.

### Field Trip:

Sam Rodgers advised the Eagle Pass diggings have ground down to nothing. He said we may be able to return in a few years to collect.

### 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>     |
|--------------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Magnifier goggles        | J. Crone         | Shelly Verstuyft  |
| Orthoceras               | Lee Adams        | Brenda Smith      |
| Dino Bone                | Lynn & Lola Post | R. Mitchell       |
| Misc. Polished Stone     | J. Crone         | Frida Carron      |
| Tiger and petrified wood | J. Crone         | Virginia Adian    |
| Mineral Book             | J. Crone         | Sara Verstuyft    |
| 1 Rock and Gem Journal   | J. Crone         | Sue Burkhart      |
| Metahohmanite            | Ken Devos        | Jennifer Burkhart |

|   |                          |                   |
|---|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Video of Basic Soldering                    | Virginia Adian           | Keith King        |
| Ponderosa Exogyra (fossil clam)             | Frank Rowell/Patti Felts | Jeff Smith        |
| Coasters                                    | J. Crone                 | Carl Ashline      |
| Book of Metal Smithing                      | Virginia Adian           | Kenneth Verstuyft |
| Tumbled Balmorhea                           | Keith King               | C. Weaver         |
| 4,000 plus year old Native American scraper | Jim Gedeon               | Gail Smith        |
| 3 Rock and Gem Journals                     | Lynn Post                | Andy Anderson     |
| Bucket of rocks for all thank you           | Tom Mitchell             |                   |

**Thank You Shelly Verstuyft for writing these minutes.**

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### Future Meeting Programs

**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

— August 2019

**24-24—SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS:** Retail show; Southwest Gem and Mineral Society of San Antonio; Wonderland of the Americans Mall, I10 and Loop 410 on Fredericksburg Road; Sat. 10-5; free admission; contact John Speck, 9515 Potters Point, Helotes, TX 78023, 210-372-9722; Email: [jspeck2@att.net](mailto:jspeck2@att.net)

- 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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### August's Birthstone & Flowers

The August birthstone is the **peridot**; the flowers are the **gladiolus** and the **poppy**.



*Peridot*



*Gladiolus*



*Poppy*

The peridot is a symbol of strength. It is light green in color and as such is sometimes called the evening emerald. It can be found in the volcanic lava of Hawaii as well as in meteorites.

The largest peridot found to date weighs in at 319 carats and is on display in the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, DC.

The gladiolus, also known as the sword lily, stands for remembrance and calm.

Poppies come in different colors and have various meanings. Red poppies are for pleasure; white for consolation; and yellow for wishes of wealth and success.

- o *Majoros, Martie.* “August Birthstone: Color and Meaning.” *Almanac.com. Yankee Publishing, Inc. n.d. July 17, 2018.*
- o “August Birth Flowers.” *Almanac.com. Yankee Publishing, Inc. n.d. July 17, 2018.*

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### Happy Birthday!



- **Judy Carswell** – August 1
- **Gabriel Garcia** – August 1
- **Bonnie Dietrich** – August 8
- **Thomas Mitchell** – August 10
- **Al Poteet** – August 14
- **John Farmer** – August 15
- **Tony Steele** – August 16
- **John Roup** – August 18
- **Les Postlethwait** – August 21

– 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

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.

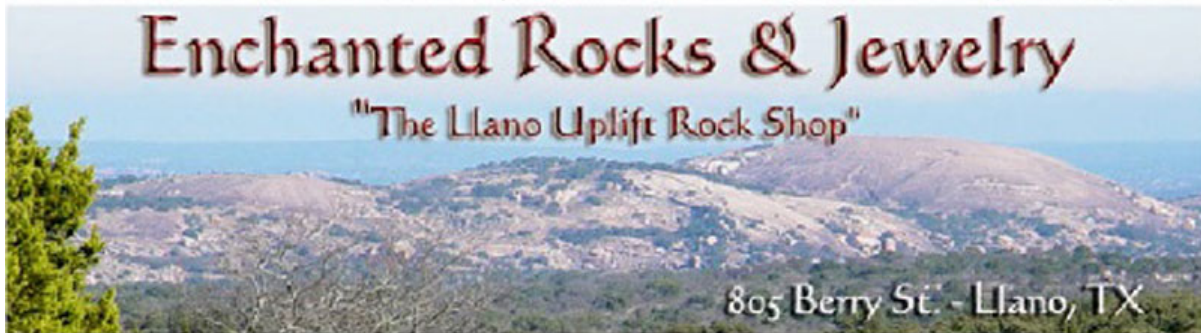
If you need a hard copy of the newsletter each month and cannot access the online newsletters — <http://fredericksburgrockhounds.org/newsletter/> (<http://fredericksburgrockhounds.org/newsletter/>) — to print your own, then please let the president, Lee Adams, know. He will provide printed copies for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



## 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: [fbgrockhoundsnews@gmail.com](mailto:fbgrockhoundsnews@gmail.com) (<mailto:fbgrockhoundsnews@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) (<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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The PDF has the same information as what you see here online, but it is in a printer friendly format. If you have any questions, just drop us a line and we'll be happy to help you.

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