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— October 2019 —

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## From the Top of the Rock Pile

*By*

*Lee Adams — President*



October is just around the corner. Time to start looking for a field trip or two. Also, the temperature is going down so more work can be done around the home place. I've still got a lot of Wendell's material to process.

I'm listing the Club President, Second Vice President and Secretary's job descriptions and responsibilities because the election for those positions are fast approaching. New officers are elected in November, installed in December and assume duties January 1.

### **Fredericksburg Rockhounds President**

1. Supervise ongoing activities of the organization.
2. Represent the organization to the general public.
3. Preside over regular meeting of the general membership and call and preside over special meetings.
4. Call and preside over meetings of the executive council.
5. Install new officers.
6. Appoint non-elected officer and members of standing committees.
7. Serve as a past officer on committees.

### **Fredericksburg Rockhounds Second Vice President**

1. Preside at meeting in the absence of the President and First Vice President.
2. Serve as chairperson of the Nominating Committee.
3. Serve a Program Chairman.

### **Fredericksburg Rockhounds Secretary**

1. Attend to all correspondence and related matters of the organization.
2. Take minutes at regular meetings, maintain a complete and current record of minutes and make minutes available upon request.

### **To finish with a joke or two:**

A few Oxymorons:

- Clearly Misunderstood. (That's me most of the time)
- Microsoft Works
- Working Vacation. (Any field trip)

A couple of things you might like to say at work:

- Does your train of thought have a caboose?
- I'm trying to imagine you with a personality.

And with that I have no more words of wisdom to share.

See you-all in October

– Lee

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### **4M Ranch Trip**

OCTOBER 18-19-20 2019

COST \$120.00 EACH \$60.00 DEPOSIT PAYABLE NOW.

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO 4 M RANCH FOR \$60.00 AND SEND TO CLAUDE H. TOWNSEND 5102 VILLAGE GREEN  
SAN ANTONIO TX. 78218 REMAINDER TO BE PAID UPON ARRIVAL

Upon receipt of check, you will be booked for 2 nights into a bunk house for a 3 day hunt and 5 meals. Meals are prepared by a chef.

ARRIVAL TIME 12 NOON FRIDAY, OCT. 18, 2019. DEPART 12 NOON, OCT. 20, 2019.

MAKE RESERVATIONS NOW – LIMITED SPACE.

Things to bring: closed shoes; boxes for goodies; small digging tool; bucket to carry goodies in. Several people will be there to help identify plants. Wonderful star gazing, and of course miles of hiking. Don't forget your camera. Lots of wild life to see. Fishing tank & shooting range on Saturday after lunch. FOR INFO: EMAIL ME AT [ctownsend99@twc.com](mailto:ctownsend99@twc.com) (<mailto:ctownsend99@twc.com>)

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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

– September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019 –

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

**Program:**

Virginia Adian presented “Ireland A Luminous Beauty”. Unfortunately, we only had time to see half of Virginia’s trip through Ireland. We have asked her back sometime in the future to finish her presentation about Ireland.

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

**New Business:**

Lee reminded everyone of the nominations for the offices of club President, Second Vice President and Secretary. Patti Felts is currently the Second Vice President and Chair of the Nominating Committee.

Some Fredericksburg Rockhounds officer’s job descriptions are being modified. The changes will be brought up for a vote at the October meeting.

**Correction to last month’s newsletter:**

Sara, Shelly, Kenneth Verstuyft, 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:**

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.

**Historian:**

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

**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** (<https://www.facebook.com/Fredericksburg-Rockhounds-498805133966369/>) and “**LIKE**” in and “**SHARE**” it with your friends.

<b>Door Prizes</b>	<b>Donor</b>	<b>Winner</b>
Calcidnie	Lee Adams	Jessie Petty
Agate	Lee Adams	Jim Gedeon
Connemara Marble (Ireland)	Virginia Adian	Yvonne Starr
Rock Magazines	Ed Beauford	Kevin Van Renterghem
Rock Magazines	Ed Beauford	Jim Chude
Rock Magazines	Ed Beauford	Ken DeVos
Lava Rock	Ed Beauford	
Mini Display Case	John Crone	Joe Lahoya
Rock Island Line Dop Stick Holder	John Crone	Patti Felts
Muskoxite-red/Iowaite-green Dow Quarry Fainland/Barnet County, TX	Ken DeVos	Sara Verstuyft
Garnets & Staurolites In mica schist Taos County, NM	Patti Felts	Virginia Adian
Agate from Mexico	Keith King	Leonard Brown
Agate from Mexico	Keith King	Jorge Chavez
Agate from Mexico	Keith King	Alicia Martinez

Pumice Lava	Tom Mitchell	Mildred Cuffaro
Imperial Jasper	Steve Perez	Sam Rodgers

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

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### Future Meeting Programs

**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:** – Sara, Shelly, Kenneth Verstuyft, 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.

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### This Month’s Events

**12-13—TEMPLE, TEXAS:** Annual show; Tri-City Gem and Mineral Society; Frank W. Mayborn Civic and Convention Center, 3303 N. Third Street; Sat. 9-6, Sat. 10-5; Adults \$5, teens \$2; Dealers offering rocks, gems, minerals, jewelry, demonstrations of wire wrapping and cabochon carving, and fluorescence; contact Ruth Rolston, 106 Ottoway Drive, Temple,

TX 76501; Email: [lrolston@hot.rr.com](mailto:lrolston@hot.rr.com) (<mailto:lrolston@hot.rr.com>); Website: <http://drarhie.wixsite.com/tcgme> (<http://drarhie.wixsite.com/tcgme>)

**18-20—AUSTIN, TEXAS:** Annual show; Austin Gem and Mineral Society; Palmer Events Center, 900 Barton Springs Rd.; Fri. 9-6, Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-5; Adults \$8, military personnel (with ID) and seniors (60+) \$7, students age 13-18 \$2, free admission for children 12 and under; Show theme: Canadian minerals; more than 30 dealers, exhibits, displays, fluorescent minerals area, demonstrations in faceting, cabbing, and wire wrapping, and activities for children; contact Laird Fowler, Show Chair, 6719 Burnet Ln, Austin, TX 78757, (512) 458-9546; Email: [showchariman@austingemandmineral.org](mailto:showchariman@austingemandmineral.org) (<mailto:showchariman@austingemandmineral.org>); Website: [www.agms-tx.org](http://www.agms-tx.org) (<http://www.agms-tx.org>)

**18-20—4M Ranch Trip:** See the details [here \(#snippeta\)](#).

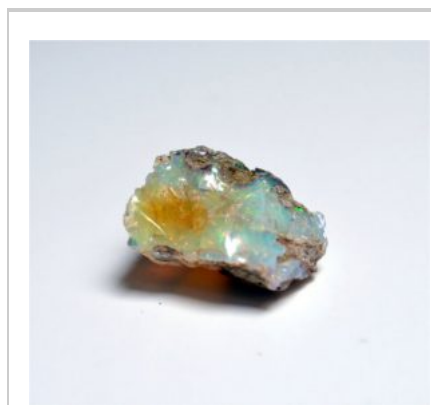
- o For more shows at later dates, or outside Texas, visit [www.rockngem.com](http://www.rockngem.com) (<http://www.rockngem.com/ShowDatesFiles/ShowDatesDisplayAll.php?ShowState=ALL>)

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### October's Birthstone & Flowers

The October birthstone is the **opal**; the flowers are the **marigold** and the **cosmos**.



*Opal*



*Marigold*



*Cosmos*

The word opal is rooted in both Latin (opalus — “precious jewel”) and Greek (opallios — “to see a change in color”). The term opallios is an apt description as opals tend to reflect a vast array of colors depending on the source of light.

Marigolds are symbols of contentment and warmth. They can grow anywhere from six inches in height to over five feet depending on the variety.

Cosmos, the other October flower, stands for order, peace, and serenity. They are annuals that are a good choice for your garden if you want to attract birds, bees, and butterflies.

- o *Majoros, Martie. “October Birthstone: Color and Meaning.” Almanac.com. Yankee Publishing, Inc. n.d. September 18, 2018.*

- o “October Birth Flowers.” *Alamanac.com. Yankee Publishing, Inc. n.d. September 18, 2018.*

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### Happy Birthday!



- **Robert Thompson** – October 2
- **Robert Mitchell** – October 6
- **Meredith Ott** – October 8
- **Ria DeKruyf** – October 9
- **Brenda Smith, HLM** – October 11
- **Edward Beauford** – October 13
- **Glenn Thompson, HLM** – October 16
- **Marilyn West** – October 23
- **Kenneth Wilkerson** – October 29
- **Maggie Chavez** – October 29
- **Crystal Jensen** – October 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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### 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,



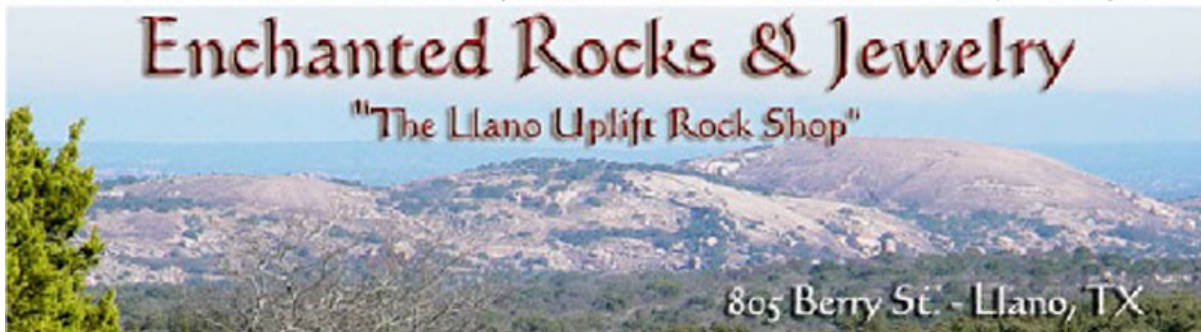
then please let the president, Lee Adams, know. He will provide printed copies for those who need them at each monthly meeting.

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

— Josh Hazer, [fbrockhoundsnews@gmail.com](mailto:fbrockhoundsnews@gmail.com) (<mailto:fbrockhoundsnews@gmail.com>)

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Frank Rowell & Pat Felts [frank@EnchantedRocksAndJewelry.com](mailto:frank@EnchantedRocksAndJewelry.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: [fbrockhoundsnews@gmail.com](mailto: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) (<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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