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FREDERICKSBURG, TEXAS



— February 2018 —

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From the Top of the Rock Pile

By

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Lee Adams — President

I had a lot of fun at my second- first meeting as the head of the rock pile. I learned we have a lot of new challenges waiting for us this time and expect to learn of more in the future. I want to thank those very kind folks who came up to me after the meeting and gave me the, YA DID GOOD NOD, and the courage to return for at least one more meeting. I'll keep a sharp eye out for the tar and feathers that will signal me to run for the exit, till then I guess you are stuck with me.

By the time you read this the 2018 show will be history. The club, the vendors and I, wish to thank all those who gave of their time for the setup and teardown of the show. I realize it is a lot of work for some of you but your work is appreciated more than you know. The meal on Friday was a big hit again, thanks to the excellent cooking skills of our members. Judy and I look forward to this show every year. It is so much fun, seeing old friends and meeting new ones. I tried to be everywhere at once but again was unsuccessful. **Everyone I talked to had a good show this year.** Jim is already being challenged to get everyone in again next year.

We will try to get to the San Antonio show in March. I saw a lot of Austin club vests as well as San Antonio's at our show, and fully believe we should support their shows as best we can.

On a rock note:

A gentleman will always hold open the camper door for his wife to carry in the rocks.

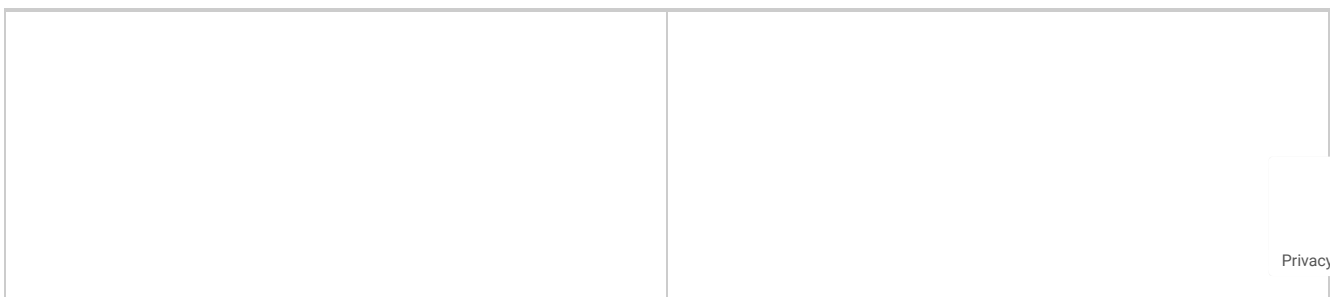
In the Midwestern section the country (Kansas), Trilobites are in a curled position. No one knows why for certain or as why they didn't die in the flattened position as in the West or other countries. It really is an exceptionally easy problem to solve. It is without a doubt a matter of economics. The Trilobites in the Midwest were more economical and able to make ends meet.

Lee & Judy Adams, 736 Oak Ridge Dr. (or P.O. Box 180), Bandera, Tx. 78003, 830-796-8890. Please contact us anytime on matters concerning the club or just to gab about rocks.

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Pictures from the 2018 Gem & Mineral Show

The pictures below are a selection of photos sent in from Lynn Post.

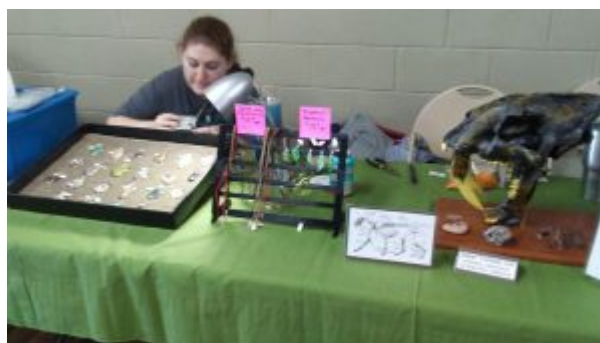


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The following pictures were taken by Shelly Verstuyft.



If you would like to see more pictures from the show and view larger versions of these, hop on over to
<http://fredericksburgrockhounds.org/about-us/galleries/49th-annual-hill-country-gem-and-mineral-show-2018/>
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DO YOUR DUES

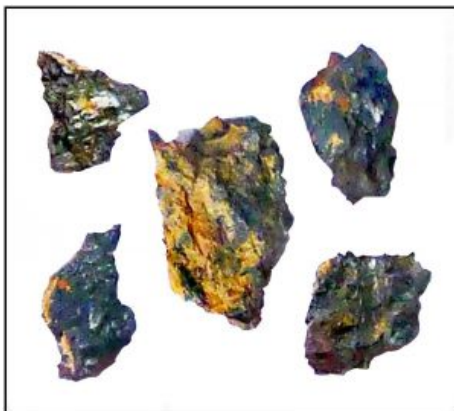
It's that time again! Please pay your 2017 dues at the next meeting. In spite of ever-increasing inflation, they're still only \$3 for juniors (under 19 years), \$8 for individuals, and \$15 for families. Let us know if you have a new address, phone number, or email.

Any member who has not renewed their membership by paying dues **within a week after the February meeting** will be dropped from the Membership List . If they renew later in the year, a new application form will need to be completed to have all contact information available.

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!

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Alien Minerals?



A unique meteorite named “Hypatia,” found in 1996 in western Egypt by the Egyptian Geological Survey, may be older than our solar system, and is unlike any other known meteorite. The minerals it contains are distinct from anything discovered in the solar system, and seem to have formed prior to the sun and planets, perhaps in another solar system entirely.

Although the major elements are the same — carbon, silicon, aluminum and iron— the ratios are all wrong. Unlike the composition of objects that orbit our sun, it has a massive amount of carbon and an unusually small amount of silicon. Minerals found in the meteorite include pure native

aluminum, grains of silver iodine phosphide, moissanite (silicon carbide), and a surface druse of microscopic diamonds. There are also grains of a compound consisting of mainly nickel and phosphorus, with very little iron, a mineral composition never observed before on Earth, the moon, or in meteorites. Furthermore, there are no silicate minerals at all.

Hypatia is in a class by itself.

John Roup

Treasurer

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Design Contest

Calling all members!

Next year is the 50th anniversary of the gem & mineral show and we're putting together a contest to see who can design the best patch to commemorate the auspicious event. Any member is welcome — and encouraged! — to enter. The deadline for the contest will be in June with the winner to be announced at the monthly meeting on July 2nd, 2018. We feel this will give entrants sufficient time to come up with ideas for the patch and allow enough lead time to get them manufactured before the big show.

We'll have more details for everyone later, but in the meantime, if you have questions or comments about the contest, feel free to send them in via the Contact Page or by calling Lee Adams at 830-796-8890.

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Fredericksburg Rockhounds Minutes

— January 1st, 2018 —

The meeting opened at 7:00 PM, and then President, Andy Anderson, introduced the incoming President, Lee Adams. Lee has served in the Presidents position before for this club.

We had a new member and a guest at the meeting, but names were not recorded. The guests last name was Toomey.

There was no program, instead Show Chairman Jim Gedeon talked about the Annual Gem & Mineral Show. Discussion on tables, volunteers, vendors dinner occurred. He spoke of items available for the silent auction and raffle.

The Secretary position is OPEN to any volunteers. Duty requirements are taking notes at the meeting and delivering them to the editor to be published in the newsletter. Because the club is a 501 (c) 3, written records need to be kept for tax purposes. Please let Lee Adams know if you'd like to volunteer. This position MUST be filled. The club cannot function without a secretary.

Sam Rodgers let us know there was an upcoming field trip to Eagle Pass that first weekend in January.

Our club will have its 50th Anniversary and consideration for a special logo/artwork to anyone who would like to submit. Watch for upcoming discussion about how to commemorate this special event.

There will be an officers meeting at 6:00 PM before the February meeting.

Door Prizes	Winner	Donor
Mixed Bag of Rocks	Sue Burkhardt	The Adams
Agate from West Texas	Kevin Van Rhentergem	Sue Burkhardt
Mixed Bag of Rocks	Steven Fleming	The Adams

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Rhodochrosite from CO	Shelly Verstuyft	Sue Burkhardt
Slabs	Judy Adams	Don McDonald

Shelly Verstuyft

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Mark Your Calendars...

— February 2018

Feb 5, 2018 — FREDERICKSBURG, TEXAS: Monthly Rockhounds Meeting

This meeting will take place at 7pm on Monday, February 5th, at the Golden Hub Senior Center located at 1009 N Lincoln, Fredericksburg, Texas.

In addition, there is an officers' meeting set for 6pm (one hour prior to the general meeting) at the same location.

Feb 17, 2018 — LLANO, TEXAS: The second annual Texas Prospectors Get-to-Gather and Swap meet Event will be held February 17, 2018 in Llano Texas from 8:00 am – 4:00 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 please email: Earl Theiss at etheiss@verizon.net (<mailto:etheiss@verizon.net>); Frank Rowell at frank@enchantedrocksandjewelry.com (<mailto:frank@enchantedrocksandjewelry.com>); Call Earl @1.325.388.9234 or Frank @ 1.325.248.1067; Web site info: www.prospectingtexas.com (<http://www.prospectingtexas.com>). Or go directly to the events page here: <http://www.prospectingtexas.com/events.html> (<http://www.prospectingtexas.com/events.html>)

Feb 17-18 — GEORGETOWN, TEXAS: Annual show; Williamson County Gem & Mineral Society, Georgetown Community Center @ San Gabriel Park; 445 E Morrow Street; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; Adults \$3, Students 6-12 \$2, Children under 6 Free; Rocks & minerals, jewelry & beads. New fossil dealers. Hourly door prize drawings. Wheel of Fortune game and silent auctions. Refreshments available. Grand prize drawings for 1 adult and 1 youth.; contact Sarah Parks, c/o Williamson Co. Gem & Mineral Society, P.O. Box 422, Georgetown, TX 78627-0422, (512)-914-5444; e-mail: sparksaustin@outlook.com (<mailto:sparksaustin@outlook.com>); Web site: www.wcmgs.org (<http://www.wcmgs.org>)

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Feb 24-25, 2018 — PLAINVIEW, TEXAS: Annual show; Hi Plains Gem and Mineral Society, Ollie Liner Center; 2000 S Columbia; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; Adults \$2, Students \$1, Children free; We will have a Kid's Wheel, Silent Auction, and various dealers selling rocks, minerals and fossils. We will also demonstrate silversmithing, flint knapping, wire wrapping and how spheres are made. We will have a raffle that will benefit the local university geology scholarship fund.; contact Bobby Shipman, 1616, Ennis St., (806)-685-3748

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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Happy Birthday!



The February birthstone is the amethyst; the flowers are the violet and the primrose.

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Not Getting Our Emails?

If you're among the 20± members who have been receiving paper copies of our newsletters, but no emails with 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.

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. Also, **paper copies are a burden on your club**, because your membership fee does not cover the cost of printing and mailing.

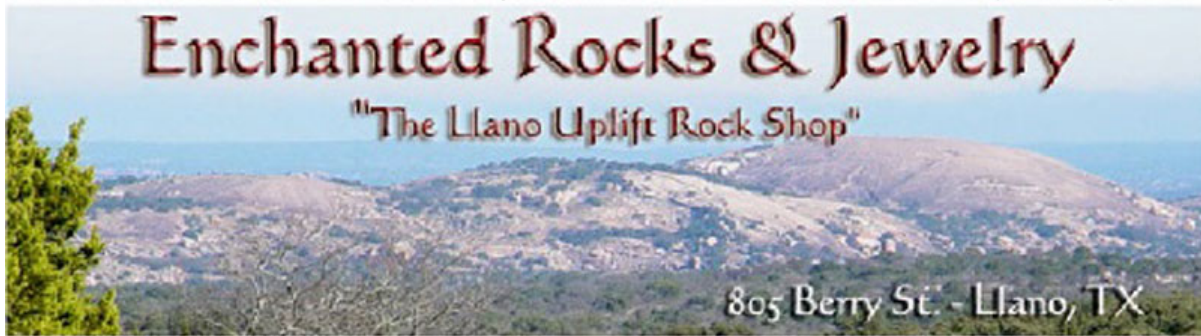


If you have good internet access, **PLEASE give us your email address.** If you still need paper copies mailed to you, let us know when you send us your email address.

— Josh and Melissa Hazer, fbgrockhoundsnews@gmail.com (<mailto:fbgrockhoundsnews@gmail.com>)

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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: 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, and lots of interesting hobby-related website links.

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Club Officers and Committee Chairs

Club Officers for 2018:

- **President:** Lee Adams – (830) 796-8890
- **1st Vice President:** Tom Carswell – (830) 792-2160
- **2nd Vice President:** Patti Felts – (325) 248-6040
- **Past President:** Andy Anderson – (830) 370-2177
- **Treasurer:** John Roup – (830) 896-4955
- **Secretary:** VACANT

Committee Chairs:

- **Programs:** Patti Felts – (325) 248-6040
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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:** Jim Gedeon – (830) 456-5419
- **Newsletter:** Josh and Melissa Hazer

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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 your newsletter editor via email: fbgrockhoundsnews@gmail.com

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
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