
FREDERICKSBURG ROCKHOUNDS



— February 2019 —



From the Top of the Rock Pile

by
Lee Adams — President

February already. The show hopefully went well (this article had to be submitted before the show started), the weather report calls for fair conditions.

Anyway, we are starting a new year of rock hounding, either finding them ourselves or attending shows and buying what we don't have.

Larry Tillick of The Geological Society of San Antonio is planning a multi-day field trip to the Tucson, Arizona area and has invited anyone who wishes to join them on the trip. It would really be nice if you want to go, to join their club. The price is the same as ours: \$15.00 per year. I know Larry would appreciate that.

I am looking for a few more fun things to do at meetings. I have something in mind for the February meeting. This doubles for the jokes I usually tell.

I am running low on reasonable clean jokes but I just thought of this one:

Oscar & Olley were traveling through Washington State and were arguing over the correct pronunciation of the name Puyallup. After a heated argument they stopped for lunch. As they stood at the counter Olley asked the man at the counter how to pronounce the name of the place they were in. The guy leaned over and very loudly and slowly said "BURRRRRR GERRRRR KIIIIING."

See ya at the meeting

Lee

Fredericksburg Rockhounds 50th Anniversary

The hobby of rock hounding is so multi-faceted it has the interest of a wide span of people. As part of the Fredericksburg Rockhounds Club's 50th Anniversary, we are writing a series of biographies for some long time (not old) members. It is our hope you will see the diversity of people that are interested in rock hounding.

This month, however, will not feature any biographies. The series will resume in the next edition.

Membership Dues for 2019 Are Due Now!

If you have not paid your dues for 2019, they need to be paid at our meeting, February 4. The 2019 Membership Directory will be prepared to be distributed by the end of February. Anyone who does attend the meeting, but wants to renew your membership, can send your check to:

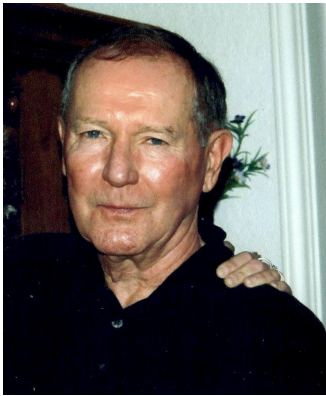
Fredericksburg Rockhounds
412 S Adams Street
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Please give us any changes you have in contact information during 2018.

\$8 for individuals \$3 for Juniors (under 19) \$15 for family

Anyone renewing after 2019 directory is released will need to fill out a new Membership Application with your dues.

50th Gem and Mineral Show



Our 50th Anniversary Show blew through town and proved to be a very successful and special event. The SCFMs Convention occurred in conjunction with our club's show, and that information will be discussed by Virginia Adian and Lee Adams at our next meeting.

As far as our show was concerned, we must have done a lot of things right this year. We had a huge crowd on Saturday and a respectable amount of people shopping on Sunday. Apparently, people came to buy this year! At least two vendors had their "best show ever." As always, there were very few complaints.

I'd like to thank the handful of people who helped during the show. But especially John Crone, who was there almost every minute from Thursday through Sunday evening. I wouldn't be standing now if it weren't for John's unselfish work.

We gave away a lot of "little treasures" to the kids at our membership table and that was a big hit. Lots of smiles and thank you's. Most of these items were dedicated by the Posts. Our thanks go out to you.

Susan Olsen and the women who helped her did a great job at the dealer's dinner. I think our dealers enjoy that event.

The Caswell's did a great job with the silent auction in both their preparations of the bid items and conducting the auctions.

Our display cabinets were the best yet! Five members chose to have their cases formally judged by the Federation judges, and all received ribbons—three first places! Two members chose just to display their collections, and not be formally judged. Both of these results were outstanding. Thanks to all who participated.

I apologize if I have failed to thank anyone. Some slip by me.

I will go through the money and numbers at the February meeting. Thank you for allowing me to be your Show Chairman for the past six years.

Jim



Our Condolences

Wendell Smith passed away Friday, January 18th. Gail is doing well and has the support of her family. Gail has asked for privacy — no phone calls please. No date has been set for a service.

Fredericksburg Rockhounds Meeting Minutes

— January 7th, 2019 —

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

Our thoughts are with our members that have health problems. We hope they recover soon. Wendell Smith with a broken leg and Bill Morgenstern with his upcoming knee replacement.

Program Chairman Patti Felts presented:

Mr. Larry Tillick, President of The Geological Society of San Antonio, who presented examples of must-take items for field trips and that are recommended in case of all emergencies. The items included 3 bags, a 72 hour, a bag that stays in the car, and a portable smaller bag. Some of the items in the bags are water, food, first aid, emergency blankets, flashlights and much more. Look online under emergency preparedness for additional information.

Historian Sara Verstuyft:

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

Old Business:

Lee presented appreciation plaques to the outgoing 1st Vice President, Tom Carswell and the outgoing Treasurer, John Roup.

The 50th Anniversary coffee mugs nearly sold out, the remaining 6 will be for sale at the show.

Judy Adams provided biography outlines. Simply answer the biography questions and send them to her. She will put them into a biography format, send them back to you for editing and they will be ready for newsletter publications.

New Business:

No new business.

Miscellaneous:

The Membership Committee needs a volunteer. Please see Brenda Smith or Virginia Adian to sign up.

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.

Thanks to everyone that brought food. We had quite a feast.

Please put your name on personal dishes and silverware.

Door Prizes:

(This information is taken from the slips of paper you fill out on the door prize table)

Donor	Door Prize
Lee Adams	Petrified wood
John Crone	Rhodonite
Ken DeVos	Black Quartz Lacandon/Barton Creek Near San Ignacio, Belize
Patty Felts & Frank Rowell	Banded Travertine from New Mexico

A motion was made and approved to adjourn the meeting at 9pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Adams, Secretary

This Month's Events

— *February 2019*

February 16, 2019 — LLANO, TEXAS: The 4th Annual Prospectors Conference and Swap Meet sponsored by the Friends of the Llano Red Top Jail. Will be held at the Llano County Community Center – 2 miles West of Llano on CR 152 from 8am – 5pm.

This fun, educational and free event is for Prospectors, Rock Collectors, Treasure Hunters, and Metal Detecting enthusiasts to get together, share ideas and experiences. There will be a limited number of commercial vendors, and a swap meet outside for noncommercial sales of items related to the theme of the show. A silent auction and raffle will be held to benefit the historic Llano Red Top Jail renovation.

For more information contact:

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Frank Rowell at frank@enchantedrocksandjewelry.com

Call Earl @1.325.388.9234 or Frank @ 1.325.248.1067

Web site info: www.prospectingtexas.com. Events page.

**For more events at later dates, or outside Texas, visit www.rockngem.com*

Future Meeting Programs

February 4, 2019 — Don Reinke, a member of the Fredericksburg Rockhounds and former employee of NASA, will be our guest speaker. He will give a presentation about meteorites.

Club Membership Forms

Membership application forms for the Fredericksburg Rockhounds are now available to download and print from our website. Please open your web browsers and navigate to the new Resources Page located at this address:

<http://fredericksburgrockhounds.org/resources/>

Once there, simply click the link for the 2018 Membership Form to download or print a PDF copy.

February Birthstone & Flower

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



Amethyst



Violet



Primrose

The February birthstone, the amethyst, is said to strengthen relationships and give its wearer courage. Amethysts are a type of quartz often found in geodes amidst cooled lava. Their purple coloring runs the gamut from reddish purple to a bluish lilac. The finest quality is a strongly saturated reddish purple to dark purple as long as the stone does not become too dark to see its brightness.

The February birth month flowers are the violet and the primrose.

Violets signify watchfulness, loyalty, and faithfulness.

The other February birth flower is the primrose, which lets someone know you can't live without them.

Majoros, Martie. "February Birthstone: Color and Meaning." *Almanac.com*. Yankee Publishing, Inc. n.d. December 16, 2018.
"February Birth Flower." *Almanac.com*. Yankee Publishing, Inc. n.d. December 16, 2018.

Happy Birthday!



- **Charles White** — February 5
- **Elijah** — February 8
- **Lynn Post** — February 9
- **Kiernen Tays** — February 9
- **Wade Miller** — February 10
- **Joe De Hoyos** — February 12
- **Dolores Uribe** — February 12

- **Jesse Martinez** — February 14
- **Sara Roach** — February 15
- **Judith Little** — February 19
- **Glen Wayne** — February 24
- **Marie Westermeier** — February 24
- **Rita Moyes** — February 27

***Sue Burkhardt's birthdays was incorrectly listed in the last newsletter. Her birthday is January 15th.**

—Please note: If we missed your birthday or have listed it incorrectly, please let us know so we can correct it!

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**" 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/> — 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.

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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: fbgrckhoundsnews@gmail.com

All other correspondence: Fredericksburg Rockhounds, 412 S. Adams St, Fredericksburg TX 78624

Visit our website at fredericksburgrockhounds.org for more club info, field trip news, club photos, resources, and previous newsletters.



Club Officers and Committee Chairs

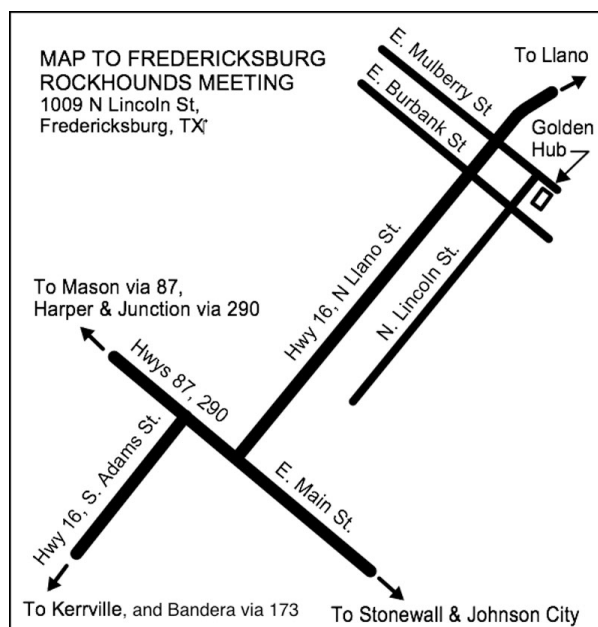
Club Officers for 2018:

- President: **Lee Adams** – (830) 796-8890
- 1st Vice President: **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: **Judy Adams** – (830) 796-8890

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- 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: **Jim Gedeon** – (830) 456-5419
- Newsletter: **Josh Hazer**

Monthly Meeting Map



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

You may also use the form on our Contact Page to submit your articles:
<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 or 830-755-6105

The **Club CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS** are posted on our website:
fredericksburgrockhounds.org/constitution