

Fredericksburg Rockhounds

Fredericksburg, Texas

FREDERICKSBURG ROCKHOUNDS



AUGUST 2022

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PREZ SAYS

AUGUST 2022

August is here already. It feels like it started more than a month ago. I'm not enjoying the 105° Temperatures. Lets hope for cooler weather in September. At this months meeting I will be looking for a few more people to help with the gem show planning. Your help is needed! We are also looking for anyone willing to put their name in for Vice President or Treasurer. Elections will be at the November meeting. The constitution lays out how this is done. Here is the part having to do with the election.

ARTICLE V - NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

SECTION 1. A Nominating Committee shall be organized at the regular September meeting. It shall consist of one member appointed by the Executive Council and two members elected by the membership-at-large. The committee shall elect its own Chairperson. This committee will submit a slate of candidates at the November meeting: nominations may also be made from the floor at that time, providing the nominees are willing to accept nomination. New officers will be elected at the November meeting. They will be installed at the December meeting and will assume their duties on January 1.

I hope to see a few hands raised at the meeting. Until then stay cool and don't go out in the heat. See you at the meeting.

- Frank Rowell

AUGUST PROGRAM

HELLO
ROCKHOUNDS,



I apologize for the mix-up of not having the "Russell-Zuhl premier petrified wood dealer in the world" program. I brought the wrong flash drive!! We will have this petrified wood program in August.

For those of you who brought petrified wood specimens, please bring them again in August!

Hope to see you there,

-Karen Anderson

Again, sorry for my mistake!!!!

Happy Birthday!

- Kevin DeVos — August 4
- John Roup — August 18
- Randie Schulze— August 22
- Marie Vann — August 20



Please note: If we missed your birthday or have listed it incorrectly, please let us know so we can correct it! fbgrockhoundsnews@gmail.com

This Month's Events

**** Due to the COVID-19 virus, please use the information provided in each listing to contact the presenters to verify the status of the event. As always, BE SAFE! ****

August 2022

5-7—GRAPEVINE, TEXAS: Wholesale and retail show; AKS Gem Shows; Grapevine Convention Center, 1209 S Main Street; Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-4; \$5 cash admission, \$6 credit card; Bead & Jewelry Show open to the public featuring beads, findings, finished jewelry, pearls, charms, chain, beading classes, precious & semi-precious stone beads. Wholesale buyers may pre-register online at aksshow.com; contact Kay Clift, (504) 265-8830; Email: info@aksshow.com; Website: www.aksshow.com

- For more shows at later dates, or outside Texas, visit www.rockngem.com

Club Membership Forms

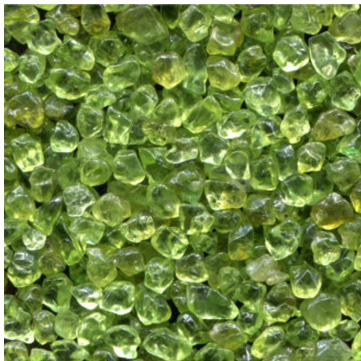
Membership application forms for the Fredericksburg Rockhounds are now available to download and print from our website. Please navigate to the new Resources Page located at this address:

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

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

August 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.

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



FREDERICKSBURG ROCKHOUDS **MEETING MINUTES**

July 4, 2022

Frank Rowell called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. and promptly told a joke. There were no visitors or new members to announce.

Karen Anderson announced that snafus with the previously announced petrified program meant that we would be having a video on the amethyst pockets in the Ellis Mine in South Carolina. We watched as two men pulled out some amazing specimens using only their fingers and a screwdriver. The purple color of the amethyst was very deep. The son of the mine owner said that many years ago, George Washington Carver of Tuskegee Institute was the first person to identify the amethyst on his father's property. After the video a member asked if all amethysts lose their color in sunlight. The answer was "Yes."

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MEETING MINUTES CONT.

July 4, 2022

Frank announced that it was too hot for field trips. He told us about heavy iron mining equipment being exhibited at the rail yard in Llano. It was used in the late 1800's for gold mining – the reason the reason for the railroad being brought to Llano.

An announcement was made the Austin Gem and Mineral Club will have an auction on Saturday, August 12.

The venue opens at 9 a.m. with the auction starting at 1 p.m. at the club's headquarters.

The 2023 show will start on January 21. Frank said dealers' contracts will be sent in August and due back in September. He asked for volunteers to help with preparing for the show in these three areas: overseeing sign-up sheets for volunteers, organizing and overseeing the silent auction, and looking for free event listings online and in print. A committee was formed for the events listing task.

Officers for President and Vice President are to be elected this year.

Door prize donors and winners: Virginia Adian donated a book about court houses of Texas won by Karen Anderson; Jim and Jackie Chude donated a Texas Archaeological Society Bulletin won by Frank Rowell; John Crone donated a wooden belt buckle with mineral inlay won by Jeff Smith; Ken DeVos donated a coquimbite specimen from Sterling County, Texas won by Sam Rodgers; Patty Felts and Frank Rowell donated a specimen of luna gold agate with druzy quartz won by Jim Chude; and Sam Rodgers donated a specimen of lepidolite won by Jose Uribe.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

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.

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 an officer of the club know and
arrangements can be made to assist you.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask us at
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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 for more club info, field trip news, club photos, resources, and previous newsletters.
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Club Officers and Committee Chairs

Club Officers:

- President: Frank Rowell
- 1st Vice President: Steve Perez – (817) 404-9789
- 2nd Vice President: Karen Anderson
- Past President: Lee Adams – (830) 796-8890
- Treasurer: Jim Gedeon – (830) 456-5419
- Secretary: Brenda Smith – (830) 895-9630

Committee Chairs:

- Programs: Karen Anderson
- Field Trips: Patti Felts – (325) 247-6040
- and Sam Rodgers – (210) 240-7721
- Hospitality: Vacant
- Membership: Steve Perez – (817) 404-9789
- Historian: Sara Verstuyft – (830) 998-7350
- Media Equipment: John Crone – (830) 990-9823
- Annual Show: Vacant
- Newsletter: Daryan Jones - (443) 926-1063

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 Steve Perez at stevesapito60@gmail.com or 817-404-9789
- The **Club CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS** are posted on our website: fredericksburgrockhounds.org/constitution