
FREDERICKSBURG ROCKHOUNDS



Newsletter



OCTOBER 2022

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PREZ SAYS

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It looks like fall is here at last. I'm not sure it is time to get out the warm clothes yet. I think summer is still with us. Hopefully cooler weather is on the way. In October it would be nice to do a field trip to Mason. Fly Gap or one of the county roads North of town. We have found some interesting rocks in the past. If you have any suggestions, bring them up at the meeting. I've gotten a few more contracts in for the show and starting to hear from some members about spaces on the stage. Please let me know if you are interested. Last month I forgot my paper work at home, it was a small group so we got through it. I hope to bring all the notes this month. I'm sure Karen will have a good program for us. So I hope to see a bigger crowd this time. Till then keep looking at the ground, you never know when a rock is right in your path. See you there.

- Frank Rowell



OCTOBER PROGRAM

HELLO,
ROCKHOUNDS



First of all, I want to thank John Crone for giving the September program about jade. It was a very informative program and just wish I could go collect some!!

As for my October program, we will be going to Kentucky to collect rocks and fossils and at the end of the program, he will be cutting them open to see the beautiful banding.

My great, great, great paternal grandfather lived in Kentucky and was a Baptist minister riding the circuit around the state, and I would like to think he crossed this creek on his many trips and collected this agate!!!!

Hope to see you there,

Karen Anderson



Happy Birthday!

- Robert Thompson — October 2
- Robert Mitchell — October 6
- Mack Brice — October 8
- Jeff Smith — October 11
- Glenn Thompson — October 16
- Greg Zimmerman — October 24



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! ***

October 2022

8-9—FORT WORTH, TEXAS: Annual show; Cowtown Gem, Mineral, & Glass; CERA, 3300 Bryant Irvin Rd; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4; Free admission & parking; Indoors, rocks, gems, local artisan's jewelry, glass, and pottery; contact Steve Shearin; Email: steve.l.shearin@lmco.com

8-9—TEMPLE, TEXAS: Annual show; Tri-City Gem and Mineral Society; Mayborn Civic and Convention Center, 3303 N. 3rd St; Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-5; Adults \$5, Teens (13-17) \$3, Children 12/under free with parents; Featuring vendors with jewelry, beads, geodes, slabs, gems, and minerals, carvings, and more, Door prizes, silent auctions, displays, demos, scavenger hunt for kids, treasure wheel, and more; contact Susan Lovelace, (619) 987-1140; Email: selovelace@showdirection.com

21-23—AUSTIN, TEXAS: Annual show; Austin Gem and Mineral Society (AGMS); Palmer Events Center, 900 Barton Springs Rd; Fri. 9-6, Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-5; Children ages 12 and under free, Ages 13-18 \$2, Adults \$8, Military ID and Seniors (60+) \$7; 30+ vendors of jewelry, beads, gemstones, minerals, crystals, fossils & spheres. Exhibits of touch table of rocks and fossils, fluorescent minerals, and collections. Demos in faceting, cabbing, and wire wrapping. Theme Fluorescents. \$1 each Gem Mine, Jewelry making, Wheel of Fortune. Grand prize; contact Laird Fowler, (512) 458-9546; Email: showchairman@austingemandmineral.org; Website: www.agms-tx.org

Upcoming Events

November 2022

5-6—AMARILLO, TEXAS: Annual show; Golden Spread Gem, Mineral & Treasure Society; Amarillo Civic Center Complex, 401 South Buchanan; Sat. 9-6, Sun. 9-5; \$4 adults 13 and under free, First Responders & Scouts in Uniform free; Wheel of fortune, Silent Auction, Door Prizes & 2 Grand Prizes, Follow Us on Facebook; contact Steve Guerrero, (806) 678-0379; Email: andrew6772@yahoo.com; Website: www.amarillotreasure.com

11-13—HUMBLE, TEXAS: Annual show; Houston Gem and Mineral Society; Humble Civic Center, 8233 Will Clayton Parkway; Fri. 9-6, Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-5; \$9 good for all three days. Kids 10 and under are free; Dino Dig, Youth Section activities, Scout program, Mad Science; contact Scott Singleton, Show Chairman, (281) 530-0942; Email: show@hgms.org; Website: www.hgms.org

19-20—MESQUITE, TEXAS: Annual show; Dallas Gem and Mineral Society; Mesquite Convention Center at the Hampton Inn, 1750 Rodeo Dr, Mesquite, TX 75149; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; \$8 - Adults, \$4 - Kids under 12, free - Scouts in uniform, \$5 - Seniors, Teachers w/ID, Vets w/ID; contact Diana Case, (214) 349-2022; Email: dgmscontracts@yahoo.com; Website: www.dallasgemandmineral.org

December 2022

2-4—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; Cash admission \$5, credit card \$6; 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

2-4—EL PASO, TEXAS: Annual show; El Paso Mineral & Gem Society; El Maida Temple, 6331 Alabama St; Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; Free Admission, Free Parking; Rocks, minerals, gems, beads, Fossils, plus silent auction, door prizes and more Kids Activities, Educational Displays. Spaces available; contact Elizabeth Kosturakis, TX, (915) 328-5488; Email: ekosturakis@gmail.com; Website: www.epmgs.com

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

January 2023

21-22—FREDERICKSBURG, TEXAS: Annual show; Fredericksburg Rockhounds; Lady Bird Johnson Park, Pioneer Pavilion, Hwy. 16 South; Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-4; Free; Free door prizes hourly and silent auction, raffle prizes and dealers for all over the southwest. Demonstrations and a geologist to identify your mystery rocks; contact Frank Rowell, (325) 248-1067; Email: hcgms20@gmail.com; Website: www.fredericksburgrockhounds.org

27-29—TYLER, TEXAS: Annual show; East Texas Gem & Mineral Society; Tyler Rose Garden Center, 420 Rose Park Drive; Fri. 10-5, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; Adults \$5, students \$1; Rock Food Tables, Florescent Rock Display, Club Member Collection Displays, Lapidary Demonstrations, kids game; contact Ed Grounds, (903) 316-9157; Email: egrds1@gmail.com; Website: www.etgms.org



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.

October 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.

- Majoros, Martie. "October Birthstone: Color and Meaning." Almanac.com. Yankee Publishing, Inc. n.d. September 18, 2018.
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FREDERICKSBURG ROCKHOUNDS MEETING MINUTES

September 5, 2022

Frank Rowell called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Five new members were announced: Diana and Bruce Watts of San Antonio and Marcos Mar of Fredericksburg whose wife Kantika and son Lucas (also members) were not at the meeting.

Karen Anderson introduced the program, a video from Dan Hurd about jade hunting and identification. Mr. Hurd pointed out that jade comes in a variety of colors and said that nephrite and jade are the same thing. He was shown digging different sizes of specimens close to the Frazier River in British Columbia, Canada. Testing the rocks to see if they were jade included using a flashlight to see if light passed through a slice of the rock. (Jade would let the light pass through.) Another test was using a scribe to determine the hardness of the sample. Jade, which has a hardness of 6, would not be scratched by the metal point of the scribe. Serpentine, which has a hardness of 3 would be scratched. Mr. Hurd pointed out that what sometimes looks like a scratch on jade is actually residue from the metal point of the scribe. Testing for the specific gravity of jade, which is 3, was demonstrated. (Go to www.donhurdprospecting.com for more information.)

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After a break for refreshments, Lynn Post brought a picture rock to award to the person present who had been a member of the Fredericksburg Rockhounds for the longest period of time. Yvonne Starr, whose membership goes back to the 1990's, was the recipient of this wonderful gift.

Frank Rowell said that we would have a silent auction at our show in January and that most of the regular dealers would be back. He presented the idea of selling Fredericksburg Rockhound t-shirts at the show. Frank pointed out the need for a nominating committee for Vice President and Treasurer, whose terms would be expiring in January. No one volunteered, but Steve Perez and Jim Gedeon said they would serve another term in these positions if necessary. Lee Adams promptly responded that we would be on the nominating committee!

Virginia Adian announced that the South Central and American Federations will have a joint meeting in New Orleans and proposed that our organization pay for gas, hotel, and fees for two of our members to attend this convention.

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Door prize information:

- Lee and Judy Adams donated three pieces of jade won by Ken Devos, Robert Mitchell, and Bruce Watts.
- Virginia Adian donated “Licensed Rockhound” sticker and patch won by Dawn Eggar. Sue Burkhart donated jasper won by Frank Roswell; jasper – agate won by Brenda Smith; and West Texas Agate won by Yvonne Starr.
- Ken DeVos donated donated California, Arizona, and Nevada items collected by the son of Ruth Breutigam, a sometime visitor, which was won by Lee Adams.
- Patti Felts donated an Amethyst Sage agate cab won by Jennifer Burkhart.
- Brought from St. Vincent DePaul were a chunk of amethyst crystals won by Steve Perez and a quartz geode from Morocco won by Diana Watts.

Download Minutes

Minutes by Brenda Smith, Secretary



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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.

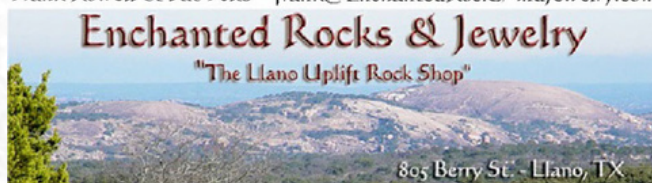
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arrangements can be made to assist you.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask us at
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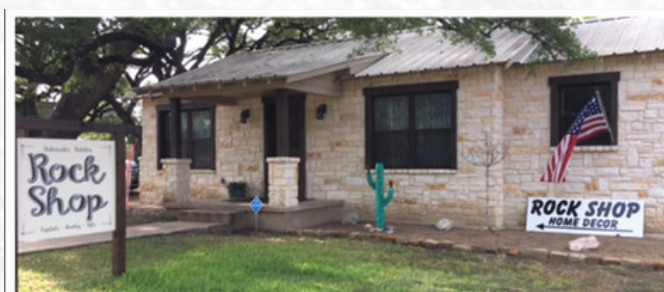
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CLUB INFO

- **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