

# Fredericksburg Rockhounds

Fredericksburg, Texas

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## FREDERICKSBURG ROCKHOUNDS

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# Newsletter



## NOVEMBER 2022

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# PREZ SAYS

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## NOVEMBER 2022

Only two months till show time. Where has the year gone. Please take some time and plan a display for our club showcase display. See Virginia to reserve a case. Anyone with silent action items or door prizes should bring them to the meeting. We need about six good items for the club raffle. We will need time to make labels to go on the ticket bowls. If you would like a table on the stage let me know, only a few left. Outside space is also available for \$25 a space. Floor space is now full. Lets all stay in good health. Elections have been decided by Lee Adams, our nominating committee of one. Both the Vice Prez and Treasurer have agreed to serve another term. Next year we will need a Prez and Secretary. Lee may have to work a bit harder. I will have sign up sheets for workers, and out side spaces. That's about all for me. Karen will have a great program for November and we will have a good snack afterwards. We have added demonstrations to the show information below.

54th Annual Hill Country Gem & Mineral Show

January 21st & 22nd 2023

Fredericksburg, Texas

Lady Bird Johnson Park (Pioneer Pavilion) Hwy.16 South

Sat. 9am-6pm, Sun. 10am-4pm







# PREZ SAYS

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## NOVEMBER 2022

Free admission, free door prizes, Hourly Silent Auction, demonstrations and outstanding raffle prizes. We have dealers from throughout the southwest and demonstrations of rock cutting and polishing and club geologists will identify your "mystery rocks."

Contact Frank Rowell  
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hcgms20@gmail.com

*- Frank Rowell*



# NOVEMBER PROGRAM

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## HELLO, ROCKHOUNDS

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November will be my last program for 2022. I will continue with one more year of programs in 2023, which will be my 5th year!!!! How time flies when you're having fun!!!

This would be every rockhound's dream field trip, however, you would only have a few minutes to live!!!!

I announced my November program at October's meeting and asked how many members knew of this place. Only Frank Rowell did!!! So, this should be a very exciting program!

What is it, you ask? The place is in Naica, Chihuahua, Mexico, and it is the Giant Crystal Cave. Some of the giant crystals are 36 ft long by 13 ft in diameter and can weigh up to 55 tons!!! The cave is located over an intrusion of magma which causes the temperature to be a sweltering 136 degrees with 99% humidity.

Only scientists with special permits are granted access to the cave to explore as they have to wear special cooling suits. They can only explore for about 15 minutes and then they have to leave the cave.

Plans are being considered to build a replica cave which would be safe for people to explore the gigantic crystals. Sign me up!!!!





# NOVEMBER PROGRAM

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HELLO,  
**ROCKHOUNDS**

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So, if you would like to visit the most beautiful of all caves, and which would kill you in minutes, please join us for this amazing program, The Naica Giant Crystal Cave!!!! We will safely tour this cave on YouTube!!! No special cooling suits required!!!

Hope to see you there,

Karen Anderson

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## Happy Birthday!

- Kathleen Holloway — November 6
- Jennifer Burkhart — November 9
- Steven Buss — November 12
- Jay Graves — November 23
- Ken DeVos — November 30
- Ron Hodges — November 30



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



## Jade and Nephrite jade

What is the difference? In our last newsletter there was an article in which Mr. Hurd said that "Nephrite jade and Jade are the same thing". Nothing could be further from the truth. The word jade is associated with the mineral Jadeite which is a valid species while Nephrite jade is the mineral Actinolite, also a valid species. They are both used for carving and jewelry manufacturing and look similar which results in people thinking that are both the same mineral. Jadeite is the rarer of the two and is more transparent. Jadeite can be very beautiful and expensive. Do you want to learn more? If so, look up some information on these two exceptional minerals.

All the best,

John Roup  
Geologist

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## 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! \*\*\**

### 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](mailto:andrew6772@yahoo.com); Website: [www.amarillotreasure.com](http://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](mailto:show@hgms.org); Website: [www.hgms.org](http://www.hgms.org)



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**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](mailto:dgmscontracts@yahoo.com); Website: [www.dallasgemandmineral.org](http://www.dallasgemandmineral.org)

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## Upcoming Events

### 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](http://aksshow.com); contact Kay Clift, (504) 265-8830; Email: [info@aksshow.com](mailto:info@aksshow.com); Website: [www.aksshow.com](http://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](mailto:ekosturakis@gmail.com); Website: [www.epmgs.com](http://www.epmgs.com)

- For more shows at later dates, or outside Texas, visit [www.rockngem.com](http://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](mailto:hcgms20@gmail.com); Website: [www.fredericksburgrockhounds.org](http://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](mailto:egrds1@gmail.com); Website: [www.etgms.org](http://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.



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# November Birthstone & Flower

The November birthstone is the **topaz**; the flower is the **chrysanthemum**.



*Topaz*



*Chrysanthemum*

Topaz is the mineral fluoro-hydroxy silicate and is the hardest of all known silicate minerals. Topaz itself is colorless but impurities within can turn it into almost any color. Yellow or amber is most often associated with topaz. Interestingly, even though blue topaz is rare to find naturally (most for sale have been treated to get the color) it is Imperial topaz (reddish orange with pink undertones) that is the most valuable.

The lone flower for the month of November is the chrysanthemum. It is a perennial and comes in a variety of colors. After they finish blooming in autumn, they can be mulched with straw to protect them from inclement weather.

- Majoros, Martie. "November Birthstone: Color and Meaning." Almanac.com. Yankee Publishing, Inc. n.d. October 17, 2018.
- "November Birth Flower." Almanac.com. Yankee Publishing, Inc. n.d. October 17, 2018.



# 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  
**fbgrockhoundsnews@gmail.com.**

Frank Rowell & Pat Felts frank@EnchantedRocksAndJewelry.com



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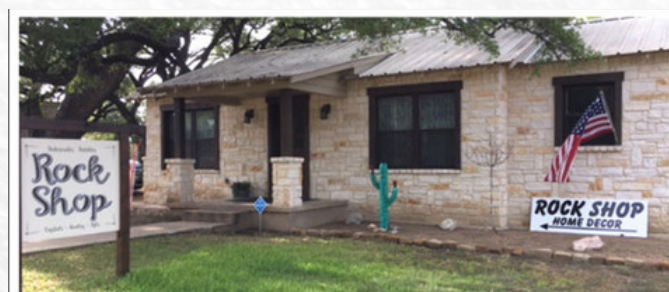
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## CLUB INFO

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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, 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

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## 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](mailto: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](mailto:stevesapito60@gmail.com) or 817-404-9789
- The **Club CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS** are posted on our website:  
[fredericksburgrockhounds.org/constitution](http://fredericksburgrockhounds.org/constitution)