

Fredericksburg Rockhounds

Fredericksburg, Texas

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DECEMBER 2022

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PREZ SAYS

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I'm hoping this cold spell doesn't continue through Christmas. It is too early for this kind of weather, We haven't even finished with Thanksgiving. We will be starting the meeting this month an hour early, plan to eat at 6:pm. Please bring food items about 5:30 so they can be put out on the counter. After the eating is through you will be needed to help pick up the hall. We do need everyone's help. I'm looking forward to a great evening.

I will have signup sheets for our gem show and rack cards available. Please sign in with your choice of hours to work at the show. We do need your help. There are still a few showcases available to display you're favorite rocks or craft.

Virginia has the list of cases available. There is also outdoor space available. I will also have our new rack cards to hand out, I got a thousand cards for a little over 1cent each. Please take some and put them out at hotels, motels, visitor centers, etc. They will fit in a standard brochure rack. Anyone with a little time can also look on the internet for event calendars and submit information to be added to the listings. Thank you for putting in the effort to help with the show. See you at the meeting.

- Frank Rowell



**Annual Hill Country
Gem & Mineral Show**
Third Weekend in January
Fredericksburg, Texas
Pioneer Pavillion
Lady Bird Johnson Park - Hwy. 16 South
Sat. 9:am - 6:pm Sun. 10:am - 4:pm
Free admission, Free doorprizes, Hourly silent auction
and a raffle for select items. There will be
demonstrations of rock cutting and polishing along
with other lapidary arts. A club geologist will be there
to identify your "mystery rocks" We have dealers from
all over Texas with displays of Gemstones, Minerals,
Beads, Fossils, Jewelry and Lapidary Equipment.
Food service by Buzzies Bar-B-Q
Contact Frank Rowell
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Fredericksburg Rockhounds

A non-profit organization for the study and enjoyment of gems, minerals and fossils.

The Fredericksburg Rockhounds has its origin as the Llano Uplift Rock Club. In 1968 a decision was made to move the club to Fredericksburg. Several members formed the Highland Lakes Gem & Mineral Society in Marble Falls. (no longer active). The club was reorganized on July 15th 1968 as the Fredericksburg Rockhounds with 65 members. The club constitution was adopted by the Executive Council on October 22nd 1968, and by the general membership on March 3rd 1969. At first the club met and held their Gem & Mineral Show at the American Legion Hall, however the large crowds severely strained the facility. The gem show was moved to the pavilion at Lady Bird Municipal Park in the mid 1970s. Several club members were asked to submit recommendations for the design of the facility. Popular features of the show include vendors, demonstrations and exhibits put on by club members. The club now meets at the Golden Hub Senior Center. There has been an almost complete turnover of the membership since the founding in 1968. Members now hail from a much wider area and their interests are often quite different. However one thing has not changed, members enjoy each others company, and talk about rocks and interesting programs

They also love to eat.

Come join the fun at our meetings.

We are affiliated with the American Federation of Mineral Societies (AFMS) and the South Central Federation of Mineral Societies (SCFMS)

We hold our meetings at 7:00pm on the first Monday of the month at the Golden Hub Senior Center, 1009 N. Lincoln, Fredericksburg Texas (except in June, when we have our annual picnic).

for more information visit our website:
fredericksburgrockhounds.org
Fredericksburg Rockhounds
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Fredericksburg, TX 78624

DECEMBER PROGRAM



HELLO
ROCKHOUNDS,

Happy Holidays everyone,

As most of you know, there won't be a program in December!! Instead, we will have our annual Christmas party on December 5th.

The party begins at 6:00 pm (instead of the usual 7:00 pm time) but it is advised you get there around 5:30 pm to set up your food so we can gather around the bar sampling the yummy goodies all of us will be bringing to eat!!!

It should be a fun evening, and I am getting excited already!!!

So, till then, you better be good cause Santa is watching and making his list and you don't want any coal in your stocking!!!!!!

Hoping you will be able to join us,

Karen Anderson

P.S. If you are bringing an old family recipe, please bring copies of the recipe for those who would like to add it to their recipe book!

Happy Birthday!

- Angie Varga — December 4
- John Crone — December 6
- Beth Brady — December 7
- Judy Steele — December 8
- Alicia Martinez — December 11
- Lola Post — December 12
- Kristin Rovelli — December 14
- Judy Adams — December 18
- Kyle Glover — December 21
- Jody Hodges — December 22
- Kenneth Verstuyft — December 26



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! ***

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

January 2022

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

Club Membership Forms

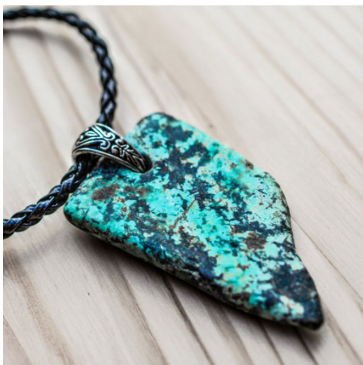
Membership application forms for the Fredericksburg Rockhounds are now available to download and print from our website. Please navigate to the new Resources Page located at this address:

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

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

December Birthstone & Flowers

The December birthstone is the **turquoise**; the flowers are the **Narcissus** and **Holly**.



Turquoise



Narcissus



Holly

Turquoise is found most often in very dry areas where volcanic activity has occurred. Unlike many other gems, turquoise is opaque rather than translucent. Its blue-green color can vary from sky blue or greenish blue to pale green or greenish gray. Bluer stones are considered more valuable and contain more copper.

The holly symbolizes your wish for domestic happiness. Although some animals and birds enjoy holly berries, they are semi-toxic to humans.

The narcissus conveys that you want your beloved to stay just the way they are. While there are many types of narcissus, the paperwhite is the winter-growing variety and the birth flower for December.

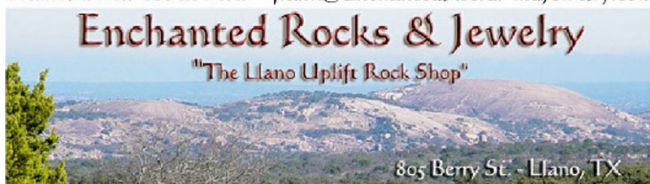
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Newsletter Hard Copies & Mail Outs

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.

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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