

Fredericksburg Rockhounds

Fredericksburg, Texas

FREDERICKSBURG ROCKHOUNDS



Newsletter



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PREZ SAYS

DECEMBER 2022

Its almost show time again and I'm trying to get everything lined up for this months meeting. Sign up sheets will be out again this month. We still need more people to get on the list. This year we will again pass on the dealer dinner, that should make Friday easier for those volunteering to help with set up. It looks like we have Thursday covered. Sunday pack up will still be a busy evening. Last year it went really smooth. If you feel able we will need your help. We will be spending this meeting making sure we have everything lined up for the show. There will not be a program this month. I hope to see lots of hands in the air to volunteer for the tasks needed to put on a good gem show. See you at the meeting.

- Frank Rowell



PREZ SAYS

DECEMBER 2022



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

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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 (no longer active).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:

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JANUARY PROGRAM

HELLO, ROCKHOUNDS

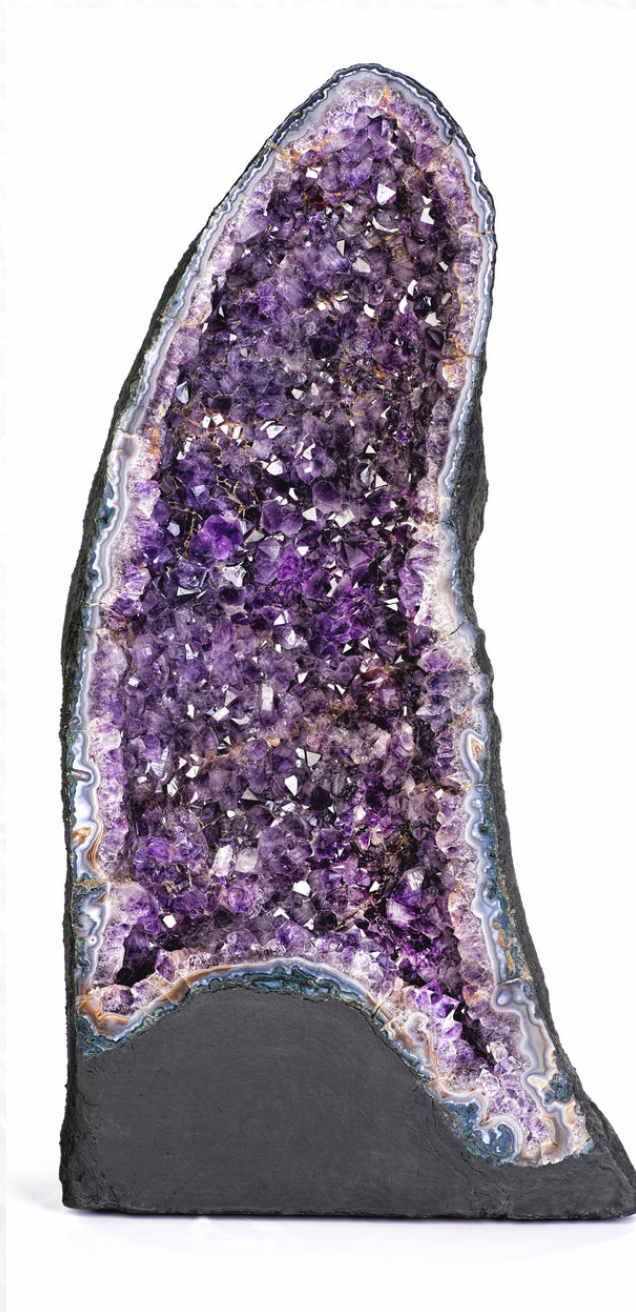


As most of you know, there will not be a program in January. Instead we will be discussing all facets of the upcoming 2023 Fredericksburg Gem & Mineral Show.

My programs will resume in February. And, 2023 will be my last year of bringing you programs, as well as my 5th year of, hopefully, finding interesting ones. Where have the years gone??? Please be thinking of filling my position for 2024. I enjoyed every minute, and I hope you did as well!!!

Remember to please bring snacks!!

See you there,
Karen Anderson



Happy Birthday!

- Sue Burkhart — January 5
- Joe Edstrom — January 13
- Michael Egger — January 13
- Yvonne Starr — January 13
- Callie Weaver — January 15
- Tom Moyes — January 16
- Patricia Wilson — January 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



January Birthstone & Flower

The January birthstone is the **garnet**; the flowers are the **carnation** and **snowdrop**.



Garnet



Carnation



Snowdrop

The garnet, is thought to keep the wearer safe during travel. Garnets form in layers of rock deep underground where they withstand extreme temperature variations. Geologists study garnets to understand the effects of temperature and pressure on surrounding rocks. Although the garnet is commonly associated with a range of red hues, it also sometimes forms in other colors, including greens, yellows, and even blues.

The carnation comes in several different colors, which convey different meanings, much like roses. A pink carnation means affection, while a red carnation means 'I love you.'

The snowdrop used to be considered bad luck because it always seemed to grow in graveyards, but nowadays, this delicate flower signifies hope and beauty.

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



FREDERICKSBURG ROCKHOUNDS MEETING MINUTES

November 7, 2022

Frank Roswell called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. After Frank told some rockhound jokes, new members Ed, Melissa, and Eddy Keilmann were recognized. Guests Susie Fisher, Patrick Jones, and Dan Moreno's friend Whitney also attended this meeting. We were informed of the passing of long-time member Claudette Hollis. Karen Anderson reported that active member Sam Rodgers had suffered a heart attack.

The program was a fascinating video of the Giant Crystal Cave, which sits above an intrusion of magma 984 feet below the surface of the Sierra de Naica Mountain in Chihuahua, Mexico. Gigantic crystals in the cave have grown as large as 35 feet by 13 feet and weigh as much as 55 tons. The molten rock below the heats the air inside the cave to 113 degrees. The humidity in the cave is more than 90%. Going inside the cave without special cooling suits could be fatal within 15 minutes.

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The rough terrain and sharp points on the crystals present additional dangers. It took explorer George Kourounis two years to get permission to make his trip inside the cave. In 2009 he filmed the video. We got an account of the extensive preparations for entering the cave and got to see the fantastically large crystals inside. It was almost like a science fiction movie.

Jim Gedeon gave the Treasurer's report. Frank Roswell showed us a sample of the rack cards advertising the show in January. The show will feature a silent auction. Frank reported that a couple of spaces on the stage and some outdoor spaces were available.

There will be no program in December. We will bring food and socialize.

The January meeting will be devoted to the show.

The Secretary apologizes for misplacing the door prize drawing results at the November meeting.

Minutes by Brenda Smith, Secretary

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! ***

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

- 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.

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.

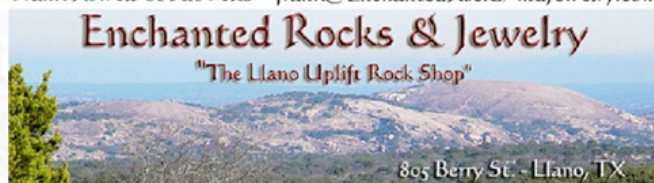
If you need a hard copy of the newsletter each month
and cannot access the online newsletters

— <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
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- 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