
FREDERICKSBURG ROCKHOUNDS



Newsletter



FEBRUARY 2023

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PREZ SAYS

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This year's show has been a success. Members that showed up did a great job. We still need more of the club members to take an active roll in the show. Most of the duties are not hard, plenty of time to visit and socialize. Shari did a fantastic job selling raffle tickets and the silent auction crew were amazing. Not much more for now. I'm feeling a little under the weather from the cedar. I'm also trying to get Patti ready for the trip to Tucson. Hope to see all at our meeting on Feb. 6th.

- Frank Rowell



FEBRUARY PROGRAM

HELLO,
ROCKHOUNDS



February's program will be a fascinating one. It will be about Michigan Copper Mining: The Black Powder Era.

This will show the many tools used by the Native American people to the miners of the Cliff Mine who used tools to drill holes for black powder which enabled miners to extract larger pieces of copper from the mine walls. Even pieces of a miners sole on his boot that he altered to make them last longer as well as tools to help move the tram cars are shown.

If you are a collector of tools, or copper specimens, this is a program for you!!!!

Hope to see you there,
Karen Anderson

Happy Birthday!

- Trey Vann — February 5
- Lynn Post — February 9
- Dolores Uribe — February 12
- Joe DeHoyos — February 12
- Jesse Martinez — February 14
- Rita Moyes — February 27



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

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February Birthstone & Flower

The February birthstone is the **amethyst**; the flowers are the **violet** and the **primrose**.



Amethyst



Violet



Primrose

The February birthstone, the amethyst, is said to strengthen relationships and give its wearer courage. Amethysts are a type of quartz often found in geodes amidst cooled lava. Their purple coloring runs the gamut from reddish purple to a bluish lilac. The finest quality is a strongly saturated reddish purple to dark purple as long as the stone does not become too dark to see its brightness.

The February birth month flowers are the violet and the primrose.

Violets signify watchfulness, loyalty, and faithfulness.

The other February birth flower is the primrose, which lets someone know you can't live without them.

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



FREDERICKSBURG ROCKHOUDS MEETING MINUTES

January 2, 2023

Frank Roswell called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm. The meeting was devoted to planning and coordinating for the show. Thursday, January 19, was scheduled for laying out the floor spaces at the Pioneer Pavilion at Lady Bird Johnson Park. Friday, January 20, was scheduled for dealers and club members to set up their spaces. Saturday, January 21, from 9 am until 6 pm and Sunday, January 22, from 10 am until 4 pm were the show dates and times.

A shortage of volunteers is expected and club members were encouraged to sign up for the hours they could help sell raffle tickets, hand out door prize tickets at the entrance, sign up and collect dues from new and renewing members, sell Fredericksburg Rockhounds t-shirts (\$15 for members, \$25 for others), help with the silent auction and other tasks.

Frank announced that security for the show had been arranged. Demonstrations are planned against the back wall of the stage. Lee Adams will coordinate the demonstrations and will show how to polish cabochons.

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He said that faceting demonstrations will be held all day Saturday. Virginia Adian will show how she drills holes in cabochons.

Buzzie's will be providing food service at the show. The availability of ATM machines was discussed. It was noted that the lobby of the Race Barn and the 7- Eleven store/gas station had them and were not very far from the show.

Virginia Adian announced that a couple of exhibit cases were still available. Then she presented Frank Rowell a "Coprolite Happens" t-shirt so he can always remember the show. It was announced that Joe Engstrom will be in charge of the silent auction, and he needs forms for that process. Jim Gedeon announced that raffle prizes will include half of a geode and six pieces of jewelry. Because banners hung over streets in Fredericksburg will have their locations announced in early January, we do not know where our show banner will be.

Our Treasurer, Jim Gedeon, will be moving to Houston in a few weeks. He has been a terrific club member, club officer, and show chairman. Jackie Chude volunteered to finish his term as Treasurer.

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Frank told a joke. We had refreshments and drew for door prizes. Lee Adams donated agate won by Steve Perez and Frank Roswell as well as tiger eye won by Frida Carron. Steve Perez donated jasper won by Michael Egger and glass won by Ed Keilman.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 pm.

Minutes by Brenda Smith, Secretary

This Month's Events

For more shows at later dates, or outside Texas, visit

www.rockngem.com

February 2023

18-19—GEORGETOWN, TEXAS: Annual show; Williamson County Gem & Mineral Society; The Community Center at San Gabriel Park, 445 East Morrow Street; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-4; Adults 13 and older \$3; Kids 6-12 \$2; Under 6 are free. Cash only, no large bills; 52nd Annual WCGMS Gemboree Gem Show! Featuring twelve of the finest vendors, Wheel of Fortune game, silent auctions, hourly door prizes, grand prize drawing for one adult and one youth at 3:30 pm on Sunday. Rolling Rock club meeting at 9 am on Sunday; contact Janet OPella; Email: wcgmsgemboree@gmail.com; Website: www.facebook.com/WilliamsonCountyGemSociety



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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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.

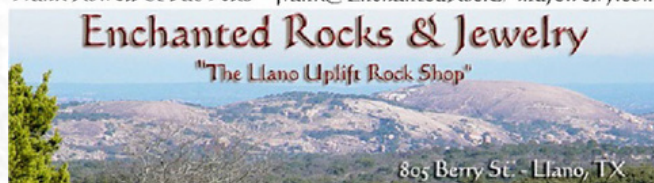
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to print your own, then please let an officer of the club know and
arrangements can be made to assist you.

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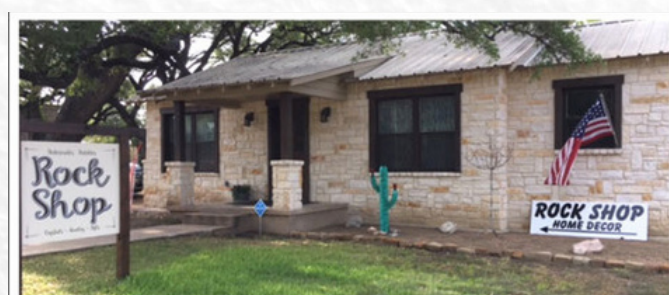
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CLUB INFO

- **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

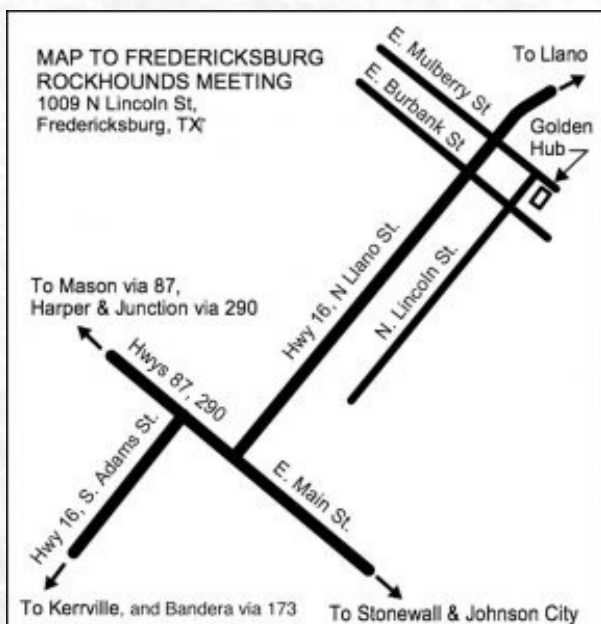
Club Officers:

- 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