

Fredericksburg Rockhounds

Fredericksburg, Texas

FREDERICKSBURG ROCKHOUNDS



Newsletter



APRIL 2023

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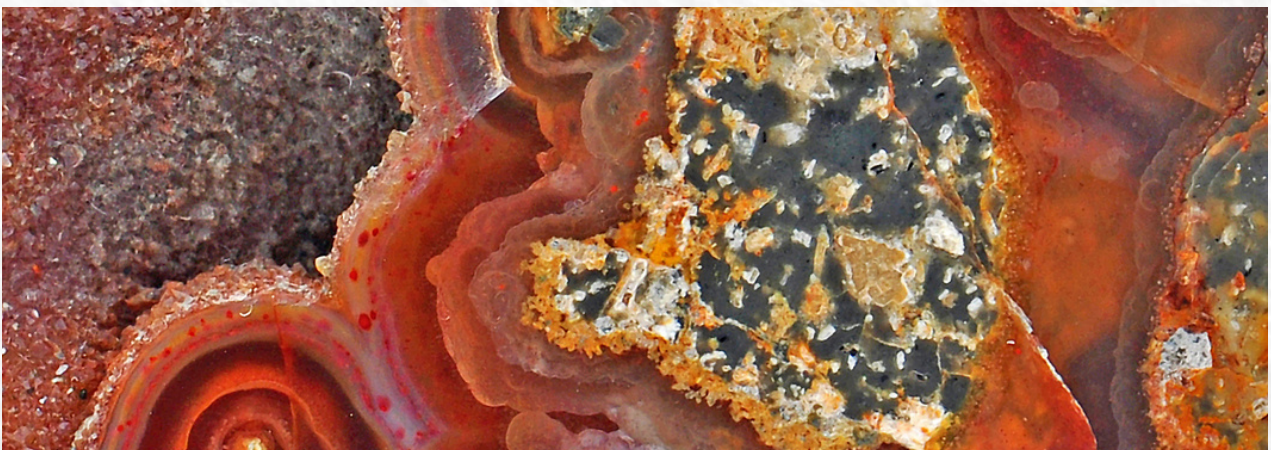
PREZ SAYS

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Spring is here! The weather should be better to get out and hunt for rocks. Last month we had one of the best field trips we've had in several years. A total of 16 people made the trip. We got a few real nice pieces and a few that looked better when dirty. After cleaning some of the purple washed off, it was fun picking them up anyway. I'm hoping to have another trip in April. I plan to have signup sheets at the meeting. Anyone that has a trip in mind, bring the information to the meeting. I should have the dates for a grand opening at the mining exhibit here in Llano. I plan to bring some pictures to the meeting if you haven't been up to see it. If you went on the field trip please bring some show and tell to the meeting. Be sure to bring a door prize as well.

See you in April.

- Frank Rowell



APRIL PROGRAM

HELLO,
ROCKHOUNDS



I announced at the end of the March program that my April program would be about the Romanov Faberge Eggs. This program will be put on the back burner until July.

At the end of March's meeting, Joe Edstrom, came to me and asked if he could do an April and May program (Part I and Part II) on his many months of hiking the Appalachian Trail, as well as having a rockhounding adventure. Naturally, I was thrilled!!! Several times I have watched TV programs of people who have hiked this trail, but I have never known anyone in person to have achieved this goal until now!!! What an exciting 2-months of programs this will be!!! Way to go, Joe!!!!

So please don't miss the April and May programs. They will be thrilling!!

(The Appalachian Trail is roughly 2,190 miles long and travels through 14 states beginning in Georgia and ending in Maine and takes many months to complete.)

Hope to see you there!!!

Karen Anderson

Thanks Joe!!! Looking forward to your programs!!!





Happy Birthday!

- Jose Uribe — April 5
- Forrest Nikorak — April 8

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

Rough Results from 2023 Gem and Mineral Show

Raffle -- \$1217

Auction - \$1480

Membership - \$610

(includes T shirts, donations, new and old member fees)

Totals - \$3307

Info is per Jim Gedeon, outgoing Treasurer

April Birthstone & Flower

The April birthstone is the **diamond**; the flowers are the **daisy** and the **sweet pea**.



Diamond



Daisy



Sweet Pea

Although once thought to bring courage, the diamonds are now viewed as a symbols of love. They are the center piece of many jewelry sets, most notably engagement rings. It is the hardest mineral on the planet and because of this has many industrial uses.

Generally, diamonds are colorless with a high sparkle, but they can be found in varying tints and hues. Perhaps the most famous diamond of all, the blue Hope Diamond, is one such example.

Daisies connote innocence and purity while paradoxically “holding secrets” among friends.

Sweet peas signify blissful pleasure though they can also be used to bid farewell.

- Majoros, Martie. “April Birthstone: Color and Meaning.” Almanac.com. Yankee Publishing, Inc. n.d. March 13, 2018.
- “April Birth Flowers.” Alamanac.com. Yankee Publishing, Inc. n.d. March 13, 2018.

This Month's Events

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

www.rockngem.com

April 2023

1-2—SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS: Annual show; Southwest Gem & Mineral Society; Morris Center at Joe Freeman Coliseum, 723 AT&T Center Parkway Gate E; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-4; Adults \$5 Seniors & Military \$3 Kids over 7 \$1; 61ST Annual Fiesta of Gems Silent Auction, Make a Cab, Lucky Wheel, 26 dealers, fun for the entire family, Parking \$5; contact R A Bowie, (830) 387-1766; Email: krbotx@gvtc.com; Website: swgms.org

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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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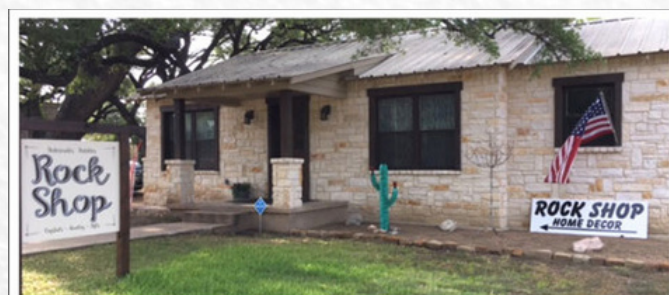
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CLUB INFO

- **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.



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: Jackie Chude – (830) 850-9141
- 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