

Fredericksburg Rockhounds

Fredericksburg, Texas

FREDERICKSBURG ROCKHOUNDS



Newsletter



MAY 2023

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PREZ SAYS

MAY 2023

We had another successful Field trip this month. Eleven of us had a good day for collecting with everyone finding crystals in gypsum and quartz. At our last stop we picked up nodules with crystals. After checking them with a blacklight, we found that they fluoresced orange. More field trips are being planed. Another thing to think about is our annual picnic. We will need to talk about it at the meeting. Think about what you want to bring as a side dish. The club provides the meet course and drinks. The mining exhibit in Llano is having an open house on April 29th from 4pm till 8pm. Come on by for pizza, beer and music. See you at the meeting.

- Frank Rowell





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MAY PROGRAM

HELLO, ROCKHOUNDS



For all who were present to hear Joe Edstrom's program (Part 1 of 2) of his hiking the Appalachian Trail had a real treat listening to his experiences, including the bear stalking him!!!

His Part 2 program will continue in May. He will be showing many of the rocks he collected along his hike, much to the other hikers' disbelief and amusement that he would carry so many heavy rocks to the next town only to box them up and send them home!!!

So please join us for Joe's rockhounding on the Appalachian Trail program.

Thank you, Joe, for bringing us such an interesting program.

Karen Anderson

Happy Birthday!

- Jane Crone — May 5
- Pablo Gutierrez — May 9
- Susan Olson — May 12
- Stephanie Schaefer — May 27



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

May Birthstone & Flower

The May birthstone is the **emerald**; the flowers are the **lily of the valley** and the **hawthorn plant**.



Emerald



Lily of the Valley



Hawthorn Plant

Today, the emerald is associated with wisdom, patience, and growth though traditionally it signified love, fertility, and rebirth.

Emeralds are deep, rich green and many people associate the color with the vibrant technicolor of The Emerald City in the 1939 classic The Wizard of Oz.

Lilies of the Valley stand for humility, sweetness, and a return to happiness.

Hawthorn Plants are all about supreme happiness and hope.

- Majoros, Martie. "May Birthstone: Color and Meaning." Almanac.com. Yankee Publishing, Inc. n.d. April 19, 2018.
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FREDERICKSBURG ROCKHOUNDS MEETING MINUTES

February 6, 2023

Frank Rowell called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Members stood and pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

A visitor, Dennis Thiele, was welcomed. Also welcomed were these new members: Blane Neffendorf, Michael Schmidt, Lauren Spraggens, and Shannon and Michael Williams.

Karen Anderson shared James Cassell's video "Michigan Copper Mining in the Black Powder Era." We learned quite a bit about the tools and their modifications that were used. The ingenuity of the miners in adapting and creating tools to get the job done was impressive. The dangers they faced were intimidating. Today the frequency of injuries and deaths would shut down mines.

Jackie Chude gave the Treasurer's report.

We learned that Michael had hip surgery.

Frank reported that the January show had good comments from the vendors.

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The Silent Auction had very good results, and special thanks went to Joe Edstrom, who also did a terrific job announcing. Raffle sales were also very good, and special thanks went to Shari Lauda, who almost single-handedly sold the tickets. If we hadn't printed more tickets Saturday night, we would have run out on Sunday. Very special thanks went to Eddie Keilman, who donated the raffle prize that garnered the most raffle tickets.

During the eating break, we drew for the door prizes. Here are the donors and winners:

Lee and Judy Adams donated malachite won by Sylvia Izard; popcorn rock won by Shari Lauda; malachite and copper specimen won by Shannon Williams; and petrified wood won by Dennis Thiele.

John Crone donated a Jasper bolo won by Eddie Keilman.

Ken DeVos donated zooleanic rocks andesite from Mason, TX, and basalt from Hawaii won by Cathy Welliver.

Patti Felts and Frank Rowell donated garnet crystal won by Ed Gage.

Steve Perez donated Ilanite won by Forest Nikorak; petrified wood won by Jennifer Burkhart; jasper won by Michael Schmidt; lace jasper won by Sue Burkhart; and petrified palm wood won by Patti Felts.

The meeting adjourned at 8:43 pm.

Brenda Smith
Secretary

MEETING MINUTES

March 6, 2023

Frank Rowell called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and told a few jokes.

Karen Anderson brought a video about crystals at the 2022 Pueblo show in Tucson. We saw beautiful from Ethiopia, Bolivia, Canada and other places. Some of them were gigantic. A bathtub and a chair of rose quartz was shown.

Frank announced a field trip for March. Members will meet at the Llano rock shop and look at the mining museum in Llano. From there they will go to Fly Gap Road in northern Mason County, between Llano and the town of Mason. Patti Felts brought a basket of rocks showing what can be found there.

Jackie Chude gave the Treasurer's report.

During the eating break, we drew for the door prizes. Donors and winners are listed below.

John Crone donated a rock painted to look like a school building won by Jeff Smith.

Ken DeVos donated a flint preform chip won by Ed Gage.

Patti Felts and Frank Rowell donated amethyst from Mason County won by Lauren Spraggens.

Jim Gedeon donated glauconite won by Skye Rose.

Toenail shells from Ft. Stockton, TX, were donated. For some reason, Frank Rowell's name was written in both the donor's and the winner's spaces.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Brenda Smith
Secretary

MEETING MINUTES

April 3, 2023

Frank Rowell to order at 7:02 pm. Andy Anderson led members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guests Jim Konopka, Abi Rivera, Kaden Baker, James Lopez, Nadine Neffendorf, and Glory and Duane Neffendorf were recognized.

Fredericksburg Rockhound Joe Edstrom entertained and educated us with his account of walking the entire Appalachian Trail. Its 2,200 miles stretch from Georgia to Maine. About a quarter of the trail is in Virginia. The Pennsylvania part is rough. In New Jersey, Ed's least favorite part of the trail, he encountered his first bear. He was by himself. The bear tracked him, and would quickly disappear when Ed looked in his direction. He took a break from the trail when he got to New York and spent time with his family. The last part of the trail in Maine was a real physical challenge. He described the experience as "not fun, but a mental and physical challenge," and rewarding in the way that being with nature gave him perspective on his place in it. Ed mailed himself several boxes of rocks he picked up along the way. I think he will show us what he found at the May meeting.

Steve Perez announced that he had contact information of people who have rocks for sale and of a land owner near Alpine who offers free access to his property. Steve brought their phone numbers to the meeting in case any members were interested.

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April 3, 2023

Frank reported that last month's field trip drew 16 people. On April 22 another field trip will go to Cedar Mountain near Cherry springs. Members will meet at the Hub in Fredericksburg, where we have our meetings, at 9:30 am.

Jackie Chude gave the Treasurer's report.

During the eating break, we drew for door prizes.

Lee and Judy Adams donated Painted Brazil agate won by Mike Egger; Arizona petrified wood won by Lynn Post; and petrified wood from the House Ranch south of San Antonio won by Dawn Egger.

Carl Ashline donated jewelry-size azurite and chrysocolla won by Joe Edstrom.

John Crone donated azurite malachite won by Karen Anderson.

Patti Felts donated petrified wood from south Texas won by Brenda Smith.

Ed Keilman donated a long quartz point won by Carl Ashline; polished petrified wood won by Kenneth Verstuyft; petrified wood won by Glory Neffendorf,

Blane Neffendorf donated petrified coral from Michigan won by JimChude; llanite won by Bert Luna; and serpentine from Willow City won by Dennis Thiele.

Steve Perez donated lace jasper won by Sara Verstuyft; dendritic jasper won by Kaden Baker; rhyolite won by Ed Keilman; bird's eye jasper won by Eddie Keilman; Rio Grande moss agate won by JimKonopka; and agate won by Yvonne Starr.

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Lynn and Lola Post donated fluorite crystal won by Blane Neffendorf; small geode won by Melissa Keilman; Biggs jasper won by Abi Rivera; slab won by Nadine Neffendorf; slab for cabbing won by Frida Carron; slab for cabbing won by Patti Felts; Owyhee jasper won by Renee Luna; echinoid from Bandera County won by James Lopez; and slice of jasper agate won by Frank Rowell.

Brenda Smith
Secretary



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.

This Month's Events

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

www.rockngem.com

May 2023

6-7—WACO, TEXAS: Annual show; Waco Gem And Mineral Club; Waco Convention Center, 100 Washington Ave; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5; Children 6 and under- Free; Scouts in Uniform- Free; Youth 7 thru 17-\$3; All others-\$5; contact Roy G. Cooper, (254) 749-9961; Email: Coopersfarmstore@yahoo.com; Website: www.WacoGemandMineral.org

13-14—SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS: Show and sale; Southwest Gem and Mineral Society; Wonderland of the Americas Mall, 4522 Fredericksburg Rd; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5; Free; Free parking; contact John Speck, (210) 596-1611; Email: jspeck2@att.net; Website: www.swgms.org

27-28—FORT WORTH, TEXAS: Annual show; FORT WORTH GEM AND MINERAL CLUB; WILL ROGERS MEMORIAL CENTER, 3401 W LANCASTER AVE, PO Box 123975; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-4; \$6-Adults, \$5-Military, Seniors, Students, Free-Children 12 and under; Twenty-six vendors with wide variety of gems, minerals, and fossils, and beads. Rough material to finished jewelry. Special games for children. Fun for the Whole Family; contact Glenda Bradley; Email: fwgmc.info@gmail.com; Website: www.fortworthgemandmineralclub.org

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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.

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
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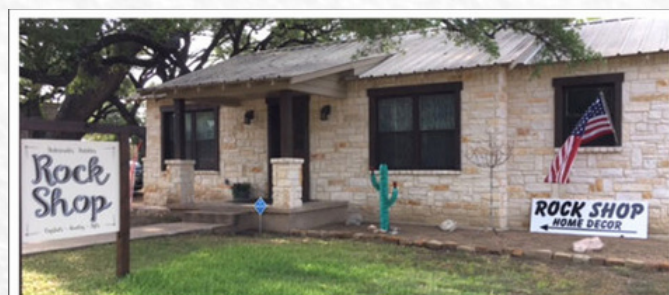
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CLUB INFO

- **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
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- Hospitality: Vacant
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- 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