

Fredericksburg Rockhounds

Fredericksburg, Texas

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JUNE 2023

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PREZ SAYS

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Picnic 5:00 p.m. June 5th at Lady Bird Johnson Park.

This month is all about eating. Steve is getting the main course (BBQ). 14 people signed up to bring sides or desserts. If you didn't sign up and are planning to attend please bring something to share. Beer and wine are fine to bring. Soft drinks and water provided by the club. This is a social gathering so bring in some rock to sell or trade. You can also bring some just to show or be identified. Please don't bring any flies. We will meet at the pavilion at 5:00 p.m. and plan to eat about 6:00 p.m. See you on Monday.

- Frank Rowell



JUNE PROGRAM

HELLO

ROCKHOOUNDS,

There will not be a meeting or a program in June.

Instead, we will be gathering at the Lady Bird Johnson Park at the large picnic area for our annual picnic!!!! The time to meet is 5:00 PM and we will be eating at 6:00 p.m. The club will be supplying the BBQ and we members are asked to bring a side dish, salad or dessert.

Some of us will be bringing minerals to sell, which is always something to look forward to!!!

So, bring your appetites and enjoy this fun day!!!

-Karen Anderson

Happy Birthday!

- Sara Verstuyft — June 8
- Karen Anderson — June 11
- Linn Brady — June 24
- Don Magee — June 28
- Daniel Moreno — June 23
- Sam Rodgers — June 12
- Pepper Rodgers — June 20
- Frank Rowell — June 29



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

June Birthstone & Flowers

The June birthstone is the **pearl**; the flowers are the **rose** and the **honeysuckle**.



Pearl



Rose



Honeysuckle

Pearls can be found in a variety of soft hues and palettes. They are formed inside of an oyster's shell, usually via a grain of sand that enters the shell. The clam cannot eject this irritant and so it encases it in a hard substance that eventually forms the pearl.

Both of June's flowers are tied strongly with love.

Roses of different colors have multiple meanings. For instance, white roses can stand for innocence or purity. Red roses are synonymous with love. Conversely, yellow roses mean a loss of love.

The number of roses also have meaning. A bouquet is given for gratitude; a single rose amplifies the meaning behind the color.

Honeysuckle is a strong symbol for the bonds of everlasting love.

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

May 1, 2023

Frank Rowell called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

Guests Greg Zimmerman and Jackie Chude's mother, Georgia, were welcomed.

Frank announced that the April field trip was a good one. On Sunday, May 21, a continuation of that field trip is planned. Members will meet at 9:30 am at the Hub in Fredericksburg and go to Loyal Valley up Highway 87. They will go north from where the last field trip ended.

The annual picnic at Lady Bird Johnson Park will take the place of our monthly meeting in June. On Monday, June 5, the club will provide BBQ, soft drinks, plates, napkins at forks while members bring side dishes and desserts. We meet at 5:00 p.m. to socialize and swap, sell, buy or give away rocks. We eat at 6:00 p.m. The location in the park is the picnic pavilion right across the creek from the building where we have our annual show. Just turn left on the road that crosses the bridge. The picnic pavilion will be the first one on the right.

Fredericksburg Rockhound Joe Edstrom presented the program. He brought rocks he collected during his walk of the entire Appalachian Trail. Some areas of the Trail allow rock collection, but others do not. Some of the rocks he found at places not on the trail but fairly close to it. Of the 14 states he traversed, North Carolina, Virginia, New York and Maine were the best for him to collect rocks. In North Carolina these locations were recommended: Mitchell County; Little Pine Garnet Mine; Franklin, North Carolina; Chunky Gal Mountain; and Mason Mountain rhodolite mine.

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Fairy Stone State Park in Virginia was highlighted. In New York he rented a vehicle to go to the Mohawk Valley for Herkimer diamonds. At the pay-to-dig Dirty Diamond Diggers he saw a 17-pound Herkimer diamond. In the western part of Maine, Joe went to the Wheeler mica mines. We got to see rocks he brought from these areas and enjoy his enthusiastic recounting of his experiences digging for them or coming upon them by chance. He mailed 19 boxes of rocks home. Joe described his experience on the half-billion-year-old trail as life-affirming and life-changing.

Jackie Chude gave the Treasurer's report.

During the eating break, we drew for door prizes.

- Lee and Judy Adams donated ocean jasper won by Joe Edstrom and Steve Perez; and jasper that Lee collected in California and Arizona won by Jeff Smith.
- John Crone donated Arizona petrified wood belt buckle won by Lee Adams.
- Joe Edstrom donated epidote/labradorite from Lake Placid, New York, won by Brenda Smith and blue calcite from Lake Placid, New York, won by Sara Verstuyft.
- Patti Felts and Frank Rowell donated quartz from Mason County won by Ed Gage.
- Ed Gage donated petrified wood from Bordoosky Ranch in Karnes County won by Karen Anderson and Ed Keilman and Arkansas quartz won by Duane Neffendorf.
- Ed Kielman donated tyrite bivalve won by Andy Anderson; jasper won by Kevin VanRenterghem; and shark tooth won by Shelly Verstuyft.
- Tom Mitchell donated fossilized coral with egg won by Jackie Chude and agatized geode won by Gus Stotz.

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- Lynn and Lola Post donated Arizona petrified wood won by Tom Mitchell and Blane Neffendorf; Deming geode won by Eddie Keilman and Greg Zimmerman; and Brazilian geode won by Carole Gage and Frank Rowell.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 pm.

Minutes by 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

June 2023

17-18—GRAPEVINE, TEXAS: Annual show; Arlington Gem and Mineral Club; Grapevine Convention Center, 1209 S. Main Street; Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-4; Adults \$10 - Kids 15 and under are free; contact Rick Allen; Email: rickallen57@sbcglobal.net

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

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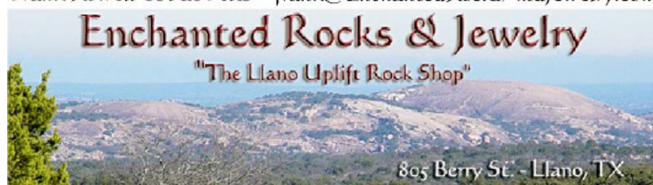
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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask us at
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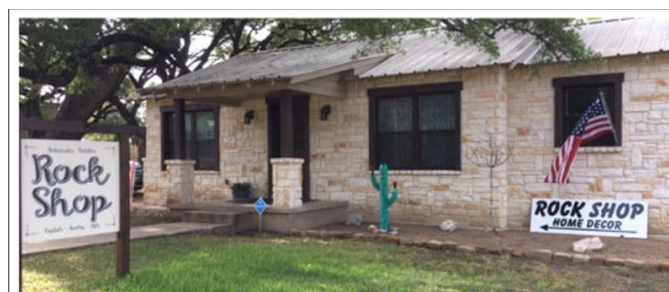
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CLUB INFO

- **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: Susan Olson – (830) 997-8516
- 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