

Fredericksburg Rockhounds

Fredericksburg, Texas

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JULY 2023

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PREZ SAYS

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It looks like summer has arrived. We got lucky getting the picnic in before hot weather. Steve did a good job getting the BBQ, and everyone else did great with the sides. There were about 40 in attendance. The food was good and so were the conversations. A good time was had by all. Now that summer is here and it is hot, we need to start planning for the gem show. We will be needing to put some committees together to send out advertising to event listings like (Rock & Gem) and Texas event flyers. We will need your help getting this done. If you have any of the rack cards left from last year bring them in so we can plan a reorder. Let's work together and make this the best show ever. See you at the meeting.

- Frank Rowell

JULY PROGRAM

HELLO
ROCKHOUNDS,



The program for July will be one of the most beautiful and priceless creations ever created!! I am speaking of the Romanov Faberge Eggs.

The Romanovs' extravagant royal Easter egg tradition began with Czar Alexander III, Emperor of Russia, in 1885. Alexander sought an Easter gift to surprise and delight his wife, Maria Feodorovna, who became a Russian empress after this marriage.

Alexander sought out a master goldsmith, Peter Carl Faberge to design a gift. Instead of a necklace or a ring, Faberge designed an astonishing creation, known as the Hen Egg, which was one of 50 eggs commissioned by the Romanov family between 1885 to 1916.

Most of the eggs were made of gold and decorated with diamonds, emeralds, sapphires, rubies and other precious stones. My program will show many of them.

So, if you want to see these fabulous works of art, please join us for a dazzling program.

Hope to see you there!!

— Karen Anderson

Happy Birthday!

- Virginia Adian — July 3
- Diane Magee — July 7
- Agnes Thompson — July 13
- Brenda Smith — July 20
- Andy Anderson — July 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

This Month's Events

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

July 2023

To the best of our knowledge, there are no rock-related events happening around our area for the month of July.

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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.

July Birthstone & Flowers

The July birthstone is the **ruby**; the flowers are the **larkspur** and the **water lily**.



Ruby



Larkspur



Water Lily

In ancient times, the ruby was regarded as the “king of gems” by the Hindus. All rubies are red and come in various shades of the hue. Ruby comes from the Latin word rubeus, which means “red.”

The ruby is among the hardest natural gemstones, second only to the diamond.

The larkspur can grow up to eight feet tall and comes in a variety of colors such as pink, white, or purple.

Water lilies float on the surface of natural waters such as ponds. They help deter algae growth and provide shade for wildlife below.

- Majoros, Martie. “July Birthstone: Color and Meaning.” Almanac.com. Yankee Publishing, Inc. n.d. June 19, 2018.
- “July Birth Flowers.” Alamanac.com. Yankee Publishing, Inc. n.d. June 19, 2018.

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.

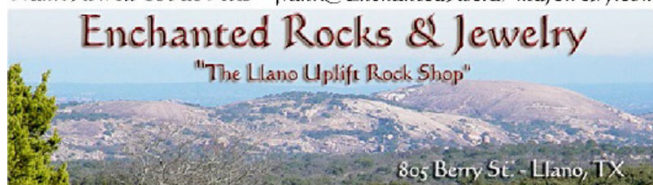
If you need a hard copy of the newsletter each month
and cannot access the online newsletters

— <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
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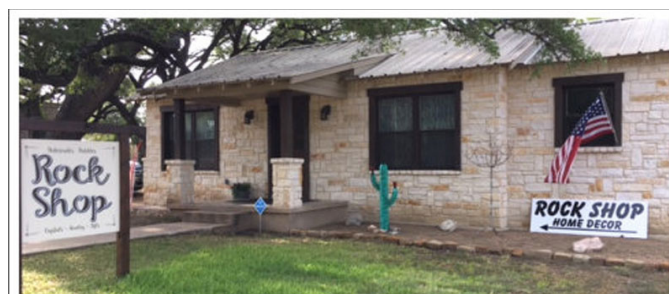
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CLUB INFO

- **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