

Fredericksburg Rockhounds

Fredericksburg, Texas

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AUGUST 2023

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PREZ SAYS

AUGUST 2023

I hope everyone is warm enough. We have a cold front coming thru on Sat. I guess I'm thinking about January at show time. It will be cold and we will not remember all this summer heat. Dealer contracts will be going out the first part of August. If you can help with finding vendors for outside space let me know. We will also need to work on club booths on the stage. Last year we had to stretch to fill the space. The other thing we need is to be looking for event calendars online to advertise our show dates. We also talked last month about small handout flyers. Bring your ideas to the meeting. I'm also wanting to have a couple of committees for getting some of this done. I should have some signup sheets to get this organized. Looking forward to having lots of names on the list. So don't over work your arms before the meeting, I want see you raise them up and volunteer to help. See you at the meeting.

- Frank Rowell

AUGUST PROGRAM

HELLO
ROCKHOUNDS,



Before the July meeting was set to begin, Lee Adams asked me if he could provide the August program. Of course, not wanting to pass up a great opportunity, I agreed!!

He has a DVD which features the National Parks and the rock formations in each. I have not seen it, but it sounds like a really fascinating program, and I can't wait to watch it along with you.

So, please be sure to attend the August meeting for a scenic program!!!

-Karen Anderson

A MESSAGE FROM THE TREASURER

#1 -- If anyone has any unclaimed utensils from the picnic, please bring them to the next meeting. Missing -- 1 set short red food tongs.

#2 - Some of the foods at the picnic were so awesome!! Please bring your recipe to the next meeting if you are willing to share.

#3 - Jackie Chude has moved on to being Treasurer, so unless someone wants to take THAT position, we need a new Snack/Supplies coordinator for the meetings. It will consist of getting ice and a few drinks for each meeting and also setting out or replenishing paper goods. Not a hard job, and expenses will be reimbursed. Of course, attending members will provide the snacks, and ALL members will help clean their tables. Call Jackie for details and free advice - 830-998-9144.

Happy Birthday!

- Kevin DeVos — August 4
- John Roup — August 18
- Randie Schulze— August 22
- Marie Vann — August 20



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

August 2023

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

- For more shows at later dates, or outside Texas, visit www.rockngem.com
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Club Membership Forms

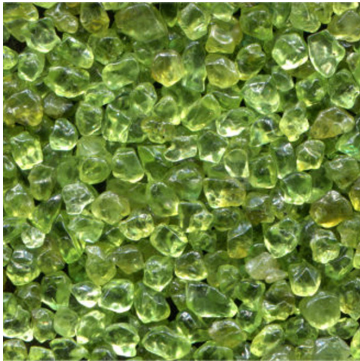
Membership application forms for the Fredericksburg Rockhounds are now available to download and print from our website. Please navigate to the new Resources Page located at this address:

<http://fredericksburgrockhounds.org/resources/>

Once there, simply click the link for the Membership Form to download or print a PDF copy.

August Birthstone & Flowers

The August birthstone is the **peridot**; the flowers are the **gladiolus** and the **poppy**.



Peridot



Gladiolus



Poppy

The peridot is a symbol of strength. It is light green in color and as such is sometimes called the evening emerald. It can be found in the volcanic lava of Hawaii as well as in meteorites.

The largest peridot found to date weighs in at 319 carats and is on display in the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, DC.

The gladiolus, also known as the sword lily, stands for remembrance and calm.

Poppies come in different colors and have various meanings. Red poppies are for pleasure; white for consolation; and yellow for wishes of wealth and success.

- Majoros, Martie. "August Birthstone: Color and Meaning." Almanac.com. Yankee Publishing, Inc. n.d. July 17, 2018.
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MEETING MINUTES

July 3, 2023

Frank Rowell to order at 7:00 pm. Frank told some pretty good jokes.

Guests Connie Davis and Jackie Chude's mother, Georgia Matusek, were recognized. Karen Anderson introduced the program, a video about the Faberge eggs commissioned by Alexander III and Nicholas II, the last two emperors of the Romanov dynasty in Russia. Alexander III had Peter Carl Faberge, a goldsmith and jewelry business owner in St. Petersburg, design the first imperial Easter egg as a surprise for his wife in 1885. Known as the Hen Egg, it has a 2.5 inch ceramic shell with a gold band around the middle. Inside is a gold "yolk" that opens to reveal a golden hen sitting on golden straw. The emperor's wife was so delighted that he commissioned Faberge to craft an imperial Easter egg every year. Apparently Faberge was given freedom to design these eggs, and they became more elaborate over time. It took Faberge and his employees a year, sometimes two, to create an egg. After Alexander III's death in 1894, his son, Nicholas II, continued the tradition every year until 1916, with the exception of 1904 and 1905 during the Russo-Japanese War.

He presented both his mother and his wife with imperial Easter eggs until 1916. He and his family were executed by the Communists. Seven of the 50 eggs have not been found. The eggs were taken to the Kremlin, and many were sold to raise money for the Communists.

Frank Roswell reported that no field trips will be held until we get cooler weather. Melissa Keilman volunteered to oversee the refreshment supplies and activities.

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MEETING MINUTES CONT.

July 3, 2023

Jackie Chude gave the Treasurer's report.

Frank Roswell encouraged members to think about what committee they want to be on for the January gem and mineral show – silent auction, publicity, membership table, etc. There was quite a bit of discussion about publicity.

During the eating break, we drew for door prizes.

- Lee and Judy Adams donated Mexican crazy lace won by Bruce Watts and tiger eye blue won by Ed Keilman.
- John Crone donated sea shell fossils won by Glory Neffendorf.
- Ken DeVos donated malachite and neotocite from Mason County won by Duane Neffendorf and malachite won by Judy Chude.
- Patti Felts and Frank Roswell donated petrified wood won by Karen Anderson.
- Joe Edstrom won red jasper, blue sodalite and white quartz won by Ed Kielman.
- Ed Keilman donated pyrite won by Georgia Matusek.
- Bill Morgenstern donated silver from Sapawe, Ontario, Canada, won by Ken DeVos.
- Lynn and Lola Post donated dino bone won by Patti Felts; picture jasper won by Melissa Keilman, Dawn Egger, and Shari Lauda.
- Bruce and Diana Watts donated cabochon won by Cathy Welliver.
- Greg Zimmerman donated Texas agate won by Blane Neffendorf.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Minutes by Brenda Smith, Secretary

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.

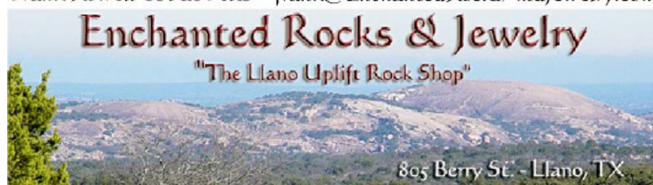
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and cannot access the online newsletters

— <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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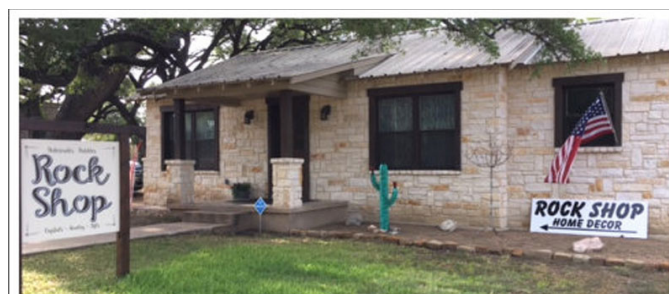
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CLUB INFO

- **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: Jackie Chude – (830) 998-9144
- 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