

Fredericksburg Rockhounds

Fredericksburg, Texas

FREDERICKSBURG ROCKHOUNDS



Newsletter



SEPTEMBER 2023

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PREZ SAYS

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Contracts have gone out to vendors that are on the main floor. I will cave contracts for club members that had floor space last year at the meeting. There will be a few spaces moved around this year due to an open space and one vendor that has asked for a change in location for several years. If you have anything for the silent auction let me know at this months meeting. Things do not need to be brought in yet, but be thinking about it. Lee will be bringing in some petrified wood that was donated to the club. If you are interested in any the price to club members is \$1.00 per pound.

There will be a trip to Lee's house to look at more. There is about 1,500 pounds. We will have some for the silent auction as well. I also need people to sign up for committees. I hop to see everyone at the Sept meeting.



- Frank Rowell

SEPTEMBER PROGRAM

HELLO, ROCKHOUNDS



"A Grueling Hike Into A Remote Ghost Town in California".

This Ghost Town is located in Beveridge, Inyo County, California. After you see this video, you will know why they called it a grueling hike!!! It's not a stroll in the park nor for the faint of heart!!!

At one point, it took 5 hours to hike 1 mile!!!! And the Snowflake Mine Trail is an extremely dangerous part of the hike with loose rocks on the narrow trail and the trail being close to the edge of the mountain with a long way down!!! Definitely don't go alone!!

On this hike, there are cabins made of rocks, which people on this hike have spent the night in before embarking on the second day's hike. Also, old rusty mining equipment is scattered along the trail for inspection. Also, the views are amazing!

However, if you choose not to go on this dangerous hike, there are things to see that will be of interest to you like a museum housing lots of things used by the miners that were found on site.

I know when one of our members, Joe Edstrom, gave a program this year in April and May of his hiking the Appalachian Trail, he said his next hike would be in California. I hope you can visit this Ghost Town, Joe, but please take someone with you if you hike this dangerous trail!!!!!!

The guy who did this video said he would never consider going on this hike again!!!!

Hope to see you there,
Karen Anderson

September Birthstone & Flowers

The September birthstone is the **sapphire**; the flowers are the **aster** and the **morning glory**.



Sapphire



Aster



Morning Glory

Sapphires are a form of corundum and generally come in many shades of blue that run the gamut from light to dark. Sapphire was once believed to ward off evil and protect against poison.

Asters bloom in the late summer and early autumn and need little care to flourish. They are symbolic of powerful love.

A symbol of affection, morning glories live up to their name: they open their blooms in the early part of their day and then close them later in the afternoon.

- Majoros, Martie. "September Birthstone: Color and Meaning." Almanac.com. Yankee Publishing, Inc. n.d. August 19, 2018.
- "September Birth Flowers." Alamanac.com. Yankee Publishing, Inc. n.d. August 19, 2018.



Happy Birthday!

- Jim Chude — September 2
- Cheryl Wildfong — September 2
- Jim Gedeon — September 10
- Frida Carron — September 11
- Karen Fair — September 17
- Blane Neffendorf — September 18
- Andrea Glover — September 18
- Steve Perez — September 22
- Susan Postlethwait — September 22
- Lee Adams — September 27
- Erica Falbaum — September 30



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 - September

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

www.rockngem.com

23-24—SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS: Show and sale; Southwest Gem and Mineral Society; Wonderland of the Americas, 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/

23-24—LUBBOCK, TEXAS: Show and sale; Lubbock Gem and Mineral Society; Lubbock Memorial Civic Center, 1501 Mac Davis Lane; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; Age 13 and up \$5, Age 6 - 12 \$3, 5 and under Free; We will have dealers from around the country, selling things from around the globe. Member demonstrations, Presentations, Door prizes and 2 Grand Prizes. Silent Auction, Displays, and a big Kids area; contact Walt Beneze; Email: walt@lubbockgemandmineral.org; Website: www.lubbockgemandmineral.org

Upcoming Events

255th Annual Hill Country Gem & Mineral Show

January 20th & 21st 2024

Fredericksburg, Texas

Lady Bird Johnson Park (Pioneer Pavilion) Hwy.16 South

Sat. 9am-6pm, Sun. 10am-4pm

**Free Admission, Free door prizes, Hourly silent auction,
Outstanding raffle prizes, We have dealers from throughout the
southwest and demonstrations of gem faceting, rock cutting
and polishing and club geologists will identify your "mystery
rocks"**

Contact: Frank Rowell

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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.



FREDERICKSBURG ROCKHOUNDS MEETING MINUTES

August 7, 2023

Frank Rowell to order at 7:02 pm.

New members Kristin Lister, Brent Mansfield and Aubrey Mansfield were welcomed.

Member Lee Adams had intended to present a program, but technical difficulties prevented it. While solutions to the technical problems were sought, Lee gave us some very entertaining information about his early days of rockhounding and relocating the tons of rocks each time he moved. We look forward to Lee's program when the audiovisual equipment is repaired or replaced.

Jackie Chude gave the Treasurer's report.

Frank Rowell gave an update on plans for the January show. Prices for everyone selling merchandise inside and outside the building will be higher than they were last year with the exception of members on the stage, whose prices will remain the same. Contracts for the spaces will be mailed in the middle of August. Buzzy's will have food available on January 20 and 21. Rack cards will be available for distribution. Less expensive paper hand-outs are still in the design stage.

During the eating break, we drew for door prizes.

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MEETING MINUTES

August 7, 2023

- Lee and Judy Adams donated petrified coral won by Yvonne Starr; jasper won by Kristin Lister; and sodalite won by Melissa Kielman.
- John and Jane Crone donated an 1870 model railroad spike won by Lynn Post; geode won by Judy Adams; druze quartz won by Nadine Neffendorf; fossils won by Glory Neffendorf; fossil handbook won by Brenda Smith; bag of polished rocks won by Gus Stotz; fossil won by Brent Mansfield; Brazil agate belt buckle won by Carole Gage; and amethyst won by Karen Anderson.
- Ken DeVos donated glauconite and graphite from Beaver Creek in Mason County, Texas, won by Sue Berkhart.
- Ed Gage donated petrified palm wood won by Dan Moreno and Greg Zimmerman.
- Blane Neffendorf donated a cut geode won by Bert Luna.
- Steve Perez donated moss agate won by Dawn Egger; Brazil seam agate sliced sideways won by Frank Rowell; picture jasper won by Ed Gage; and jasper won by Connie Davis.
- Jim Chude donated peridot (olivine) from Kibourne Hole in New Mexico won by Jim Chude.
- Lynn and Lola Post donated obsidian won by Jackie Chude; pisolite found 8 miles west of Alpine on a Highway 90 road cut won by Ken DeVos; thunder egg from Rockhounds State Park in New Mexico won by Duane Neffendorf; and crystals from Big Bend won by Andy Anderson.
- Frank Rowell donated tourmaline schorl (black color) won by Joe Edstrom. Bruce and Diana Watts donated petrified palm wood won by Blane Neffendorf. Gregg Zimmerman donated West Texas agate won by Bruce Watts.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 pm.

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.

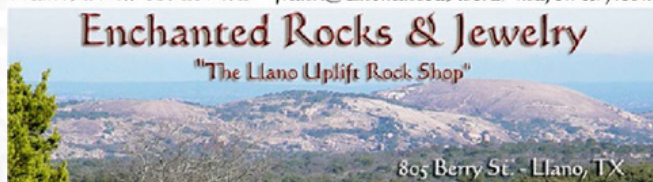
If you need a hard copy of the newsletter each month
and cannot access the online newsletters

— <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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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

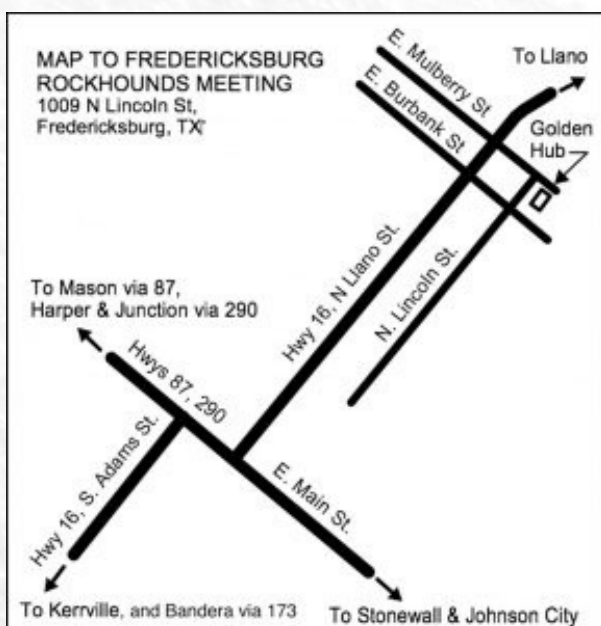
Club Officers:

- 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