

# Fredericksburg Rockhounds

Fredericksburg, Texas

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## OCTOBER 2023

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## PREZ SAYS

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### OCTOBER 2023

I'm hoping we have seen the last of the 100 degree weather. Going to Lee's was a lot more comfortable than it would have been last month. If you didn't get down there, Lee said he would bring a few buckets to the meeting. Getting back to the meeting, we need to select a few nominee's for Secretary and 2nd Vice President (programs), Brenda and Karen will be there to help you get settled in to the positions. If you feel that you would like to put your name in, there will be an opportunity to make nomination from the floor. For the gem show please bring anything you have for the silent auction. Raffle prizes can be brought in with a description and value. I hope to see a big crowd at the meeting. See you there.

- Frank Rowell

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# OCTOBER PROGRAM

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**HELLO**  
**ROCKHOUNDS,**

Once again, Sara Verstuyft will present the October program about dinosaurs.

She is so knowledgeable about this subject and loves to talk about them. If she could find a time machine, I'm sure this would be the first place she would choose to visit. Look out behind you for that T-Rex, Sara!!!!!!

Dinosaur George has brought his dinosaur exhibit to the Golden Hub for programs in the past and he has brought his large Traveling Museum to the Pavillon in Lady Bird Johnson Park for school kids and the general public to enjoy for donations only.

The exhibit filled the Pavillon with specimens from the beginning of time through the dinosaurs and ending with the saber-tooth tiger, the cave bear, which when standing on his legs could touch the ceiling of the Golden Hub, and the largest prehistoric crocodile, Sarcosuchus, which grew to 40 ft long and would have been as long as a city bus!!!! Definitely watch your back, Sara!!!!

Sara also helped Dinosaur George set up his Traveling Museum. He would tell her to find a certain dinosaur skull and she'd happily find it and help set it up and also help him pack up when the show ended. George was definitely impressed with her knowledge.

So, her program will be amazing, and I know you won't want to miss it.

Hope to see you there!!

- Karen Anderson

P.S. If you are interested in taking over for me, November will be my last month!!!

It has definitely been fun, and I have really enjoyed finding programs for you. Please consider this opportunity!!

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## Happy Birthday!

- Robert Thompson — October 2
- Robert Mitchell — October 6
- Mack Brice — October 8
- Jeff Smith — October 11
- Glenn Thompson — October 16
- Greg Zimmerman — October 24



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

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## This Month's Events

### October 2023

**14-15—TEMPLE, TEXAS:** Annual show; Tri-City Gem and Mineral Society; Frank W. Mayborn Civic and Convention Center, 3303 N. 3rd Street; Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-5, Sun. Select Start Time-Select End Time; Adults \$5/Juniors \$3/ Children 12 and Under Free; "Ilanite and Topaz and Beryl, Oh My", 53rd Annual Gem and Mineral Show. Features Grand Prize, Door Prizes, Rocks, Minerals, Fossils, Jewelry, Kids Activities; contact Ruth Rolston, (254) 718-2559; Email: [lrolston@hot.rr.com](mailto:lrolston@hot.rr.com)

**14-15—FORT WORTH, TEXAS:** Annual show; Artisans by the Trinity; CERA, 3300 Bryant Irvin Road; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4; Free admission and parking; This annual event includes the sale of gems, minerals, fossils, handmade fine jewelry, stained and fused glass art, and a wide variety of pottery. All jewelry, pottery, and art pieces are made by club members of CERA and/or local artists; contact Steve Shearin, (817) 733-5368; Email: [steve.l.shearin@lmco.com](mailto:steve.l.shearin@lmco.com); Website: [www.facebook.com/groups/CowtownGMG/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/CowtownGMG/)

**20-22—AUSTIN, TEXAS:** Annual show; Austin Gem and Mineral Society; Palmer Events Center, 900 Barton Springs Rd; Fri. 9-6, Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-5; Kids 12 and under free, Ages 13-19 \$2, Adults \$8, Military and Seniors (60+) \$7; Over 30 vendors of jewelry, beads, gemstones, minerals, crystals, fossils & spheres. Exhibits, Touch Table of Rocks and Fossils, Fluorescent Minerals. Silent auction Sat & Sun, demos in faceting, cabbing, and wire wrapping. For the kids Gem Mine and Wheel of Fortune. Theme is Minerals of India; contact Laird Fowler, (512) 458-9546; Email: [showchairman@austingemandmineral.org](mailto:showchairman@austingemandmineral.org); Website: [www.agms-tx.org](http://www.agms-tx.org)

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## Upcoming Events

### **55th 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**

**474 Lost Hollow Rd.**

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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.

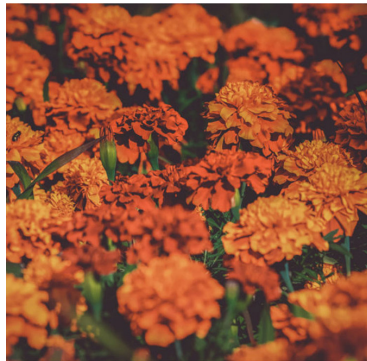
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# October Birthstone & Flowers

The October birthstone is the opal; the flowers are the marigold and the cosmos.



*Opal*



*Marigold*



*Cosmos*

The word opal is rooted in both Latin (opalus — "precious jewel") and Greek (opallios — "to see a change in color"). The term opallios is an apt description as opals tend to reflect a vast array of colors depending on the source of light.

Marigolds are symbols of contentment and warmth. They can grow anywhere from six inches in height to over five feet depending on the variety.

Cosmos, the other October flower, stands for order, peace, and serenity. They are annuals that are a good choice for your garden if you want to attract birds, bees, and butterflies.

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# FREDERICKSBURG ROCKHOUNDS

## MEETING MINUTES

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*September 4, 2023*

Frank Rowell called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Karen Anderson presented the video "A Grueling Hike Into A Remote Ghost Town in California." We got close-up and long-range views of this dangerous, narrow trail located in Beveridge, Inyo County, California. Loose rocks and steep inclines challenged the hiker. The remoteness of the trail emphasized the importance of being prepared with sufficient water and first aid supplies.

Rusty mining equipment and rock cabins built by previous miners and hikers provided points of interest and shelter for hikers. A museum housing things used by the miners was featured toward the end of the video.

Jackie Chude gave the Treasurer's report.

Lee Adams reported that Virginia Laporte, a woman who attended our show year after year, had willed all her rocks to the Fredericksburg Rockhounds. Lee and some other members responded and hauled the extremely large collection to Lee's place in Bandera. (Included were some 1600 pounds of mostly petrified wood, including some 50-pound pieces.) After some discussion, September 17 was set as a day for members to go to Lee's place to buy pieces that interest them.

Sue Burkhart, Steve Perez, and Ed Gage volunteered to be on the nominating committee to replace officers whose terms expire at the end of the year – President, Second Vice President (Programs), and Secretary positions.

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## MEETING MINUTES CONT.

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*September 4, 2023*

Rack cards for the show were available for members to take and distribute. Joe Edstrom will oversee the silent auction again this year. He asked members to bring donations for the silent auction and donations for the raffle

During the eating break, we drew for door prizes..

- Lee and Judy Adams donated Mexican crazy lace agate won by Diana Watts; ??? won by Kevin VanRenterghem; and gold stone won by Eddie Keilman.
- Sue Burkhart donated Gem Trails of Arizona book won by Jim Chude; agate won by Andy Anderson; and opalized wood won by Carole Gage.
- John Crone donated quartz cluster won by Jeff Smith.
- Ken DeVos donated brown flint gastrolith from Beaver Creek, Mason County, Texas, won by Greg Zimmerman.
- Enchanted Rocks and Jewelry in Llano donated chalcedony from Needle Peak won by Julius Welliver.
- Patti Felts donated amethyst vein sowbelly agate from Last Chance Mine in Creede, Colorado won by Joe Edstrom.
- Eddie Keilman donated celestite won by Julius Welliver and ammonite from around Goldthwaite won by Cathy Welliver.
- Blane Neffendorf donated anthracite coal won by Sam Rodgers.
- Steve Perez donated tumbled agates won by Bert Luna.
- Sam Rodgers donated polishing powder won by Ken DeVos
- Bruce and Diana Watts donated petrified palm won by Jennifer Burkhart.
- SVD donated moss agate necklace won by Renee Luna; mineral book won by Steve Perez; Utah and Wyoming books won by Frank Rowell; and rock and mineral book won by Mike Eggar.
- FMS donated palmwood won by Ed Gage.



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*September 4, 2023*

- ??? donated New Mexico rock found near Hatch won by Shelley Verstuyft.
- Fredericksburg Rockhounds donated llanite won by Bruce Watts and Pepper Rodgers and petrified wood won by Jim Gedeon and Ed Keilman.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 pm.

*Minutes by Brenda Smith, Secretary*

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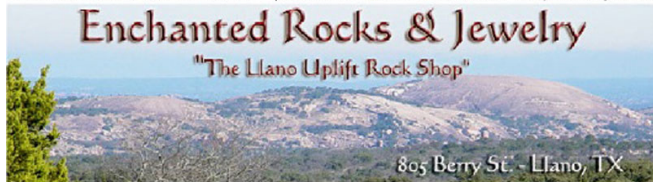
## Newsletter Hard Copies & Mail Outs

*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  
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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask us at  
**fbgrockhoundsnews@gmail.com.**

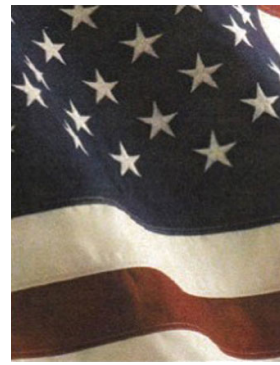


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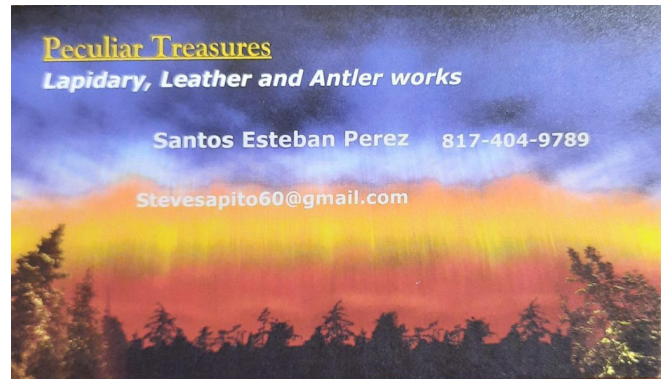
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## CLUB INFO

- 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](http://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](http://fredericksburgrockhounds.org/constitution)