

# Fredericksburg Rockhounds

Fredericksburg, Texas

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## NOVEMBER 2023

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## PREZ SAYS

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### NOVEMBER 2023

Happy Fall I'm enjoying the cooler weather. Let's have a field trip on Sunday November 12th. Let's pick a place to go at this month's meeting. Be thinking of where you would like to go. If we get some rain in the next couple of weeks the rock hunting should be good.

It's also time to vote for new officers this month. Joe, Ed and Greg are the current nominees up for election. We will have a call for any other nominees from the floor. The vote will be a show of hands for or against. The newly elected officers will start their term at the January meeting. The December meeting is a Christmas party, so there is no business meeting, just visiting and eating. See you at the meeting.

- Frank Rowell

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# NOVEMBER PROGRAM

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**HELLO**  
**ROCKHOUNDS,**

As I announced at October's meeting, I will be presenting my last program to you in November 2023. I have been bringing programs to you for 6 years and 4 months taking over the last 4 months of 2021 for Joe De Hoyos when he resigned due to health issues.

I can remember Brenda Smith and Judy Adams calling me in late 2013 to ask if I would consider accepting the position of 2nd Vice President, which, along with this position, meant I would also have to find programs to bring to the club. Reluctantly, I accepted. Thanks Brenda and Judy for giving me this opportunity to serve the club. I had so much fun and enjoyed finding programs, which I hope that you all enjoyed.

In November we will be selecting a new 2nd Vice President and program presenter. I hope the new person will have as much fun as I have had. I will be happy to help this person as much as I can.

And, now for my final program. November, I will be ending my term with my "Swan Song"!! Like the commercial, "What's in your wallet?", my program will be "What's in your collection?" Please bring whatever you collect and tell us what it is. It can be rocks and minerals, but it doesn't have to be. It can be anything. Dolls, coins, woodworking items, favorite tools, etc.

\*\*\*\*Also, please bring a towel or something to protect the tablecloths that are on the tables as they could tear easily.

We will have a blast seeing what you collect!!!!

So please join us for a really fun night!!!

Hope to see you there and Happy Trails!!!!

- Karen Anderson

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## Happy Birthday!

- Kathleen Holloway — November 6
- Ryan Yarbrough — November 6
- Jennifer Burkhart — November 9
- Jenny Zimmerman — November 25
- Ken DeVos — November 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](mailto:fbgrockhoundsnews@gmail.com)

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## This Month's Events

### November 2023

**10-12—HUMBLE, TEXAS:** Annual show; Houston Gem and Mineral Society; Humble Civic Center, 8233 Will Clayton Parkway, 10805 Brooklet; Fri. 9-6, Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-5; \$10 adults, seniors children 10 and under free; Dino Dig Youth Section Swap Area; contact Scott Singleton, (281) 530-0942; Email: [show@hgms.org](mailto:show@hgms.org); Website: [hgms.org](http://hgms.org).

**18-19—MESQUITE, TEXAS:** Annual show; Dallas Gem and Mineral Society; Dallas TX, 1700 Rodeo Drive, Convention Center; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; Adults - \$8, Kids to 12 - \$4, Family of 4 - \$20, Teachers-Vets-Srs w/ID - \$5, Scouts in uniform - Free; Grand Prizes - Silent Auction - Raffles - Wheel of fortune - Kids Area - Fluorescent display. Vendors from around the world, jewelry, Slabs, Rough, Beads. Demonstrations of Wire Wrapping - Stone Polishing - Knapping - Faceting; contact Diana Case, (214) 349-2022; Email: [dgmscontracts@yahoo.com](mailto:dgmscontracts@yahoo.com); Website: [www.dallasgemandmineral.org](http://www.dallasgemandmineral.org).

# 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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## Lapidary Equipment for Sale

- **8" Hi-Tech slant cabber with 5 separate grinding wheels - \$500.00 - only one of the wheels has ever been used**
- **Diamond Pacific 6" Genie lapidary unit - \$1000.00 - includes a pad at the end of the soft pink wheel for buffing soft stones and a supply of Cerium Oxide polish.**
- **Wizard Trim Saw w/6" blade - \$450.00**
- **I am a jeweler who is selling the tools and contents of her studio. I have plenty of other jewelry making tools and supplies.**
- **I can be reached by phone, text or email. Thank you very much.**

**Barbara Blaschke**

**830 513 3928 Cell**

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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.

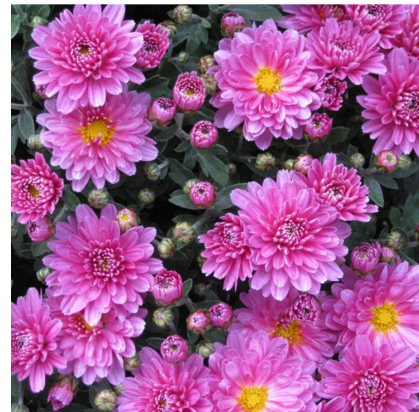
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# November Birthstone & Flowers

The November birthstone is the topaz; the flower is the chrysanthemum.



*Topaz*



*Chrysanthemum*

Topaz is the mineral fluoro-hydroxy silicate and is the hardest of all known silicate minerals. Topaz itself is colorless but impurities within can turn it into almost any color. Yellow or amber is most often associated with topaz. Interestingly, even though blue topaz is rare to find naturally (most for sale have been treated to get the color) it is Imperial topaz (reddish orange with pink undertones) that is the most valuable.

The lone flower for the month of November is the chrysanthemum. It is a perennial and comes in a variety of colors. After they finish blooming in autumn, they can be mulched with straw to protect them from inclement weather.

- Majoros, Martie. "November Birthstone: Color and Meaning." Almanac.com. Yankee Publishing, Inc. n.d. October 17, 2018.
- "November Birth Flower." Alamanac.com. Yankee Publishing, Inc. n.d. October 17, 2018.



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## MEETING MINUTES

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*October 2, 2023*

Frank Rowell called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. New members Summer and Ryan Holladay and children Alexa, Seth, and Donnavin Yarbrough were welcomed.

Sara Verstuyft, the Fredericksburg Rockhounds' dinosaur expert, presented a program that gave an explanation of the different types of fossils and how they were formed. She showed fascinating pictures of fossils from all over the world. Other pictures showed what the experts thought the living creatures actually looked like.

She explained how those experts came to their conclusions. Sara also brought fossils from her own collection for us to see.

Lee Adams brought rocks from the collection willed by Virginia Laporte to the Fredericksburg Rockhounds for members to inspect and buy if they wished. He said there is a lot of petrified wood at his house from that collection if members are interested.

Greg Zimmerman announced that he was leading a field trip to the O6 Ranch in Alpine and to the Larremore Ranch on October 22 and 23.

Nominees for the election of officers in November were announced: Joe Edstrom for President, Greg Zimmerman for Second Vice President (programs), and Ed Gage for Secretary. The Membership Committee needs a chairperson.

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## MEETING MINUTES CONT.

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*October 2, 2023*

Karen Anderson announced that the program for November was for everyone to bring their favorite rock or other item and tell the rest of us about it.

Jackie Chude gave the Treasurer's report.

Steve Perez brought flyers featuring the January show. Rack cards were also available. Frank announced that outdoor spaces and a few spots on the stage were still available.

During the eating break, we drew for door prizes.

- Lee and Judy Adams donated petrified palm wood from South Texas won by Connie Davis and Ed Gage as well as Brazil agate won by Kenneth Verstuyft.
- Carl Ashline donated carmel flint and jasper (2 pieces) won by Bruce Watts.
- Sue Burkhart donated chevron amethyst won by Joe Edstrom; shrink wood won by Donnavin Yarbrough, petrified wood pork chop won by Seth Yarbrough; and orange moss agate won by Greg Zimmerman.
- Jim Chude donated satin spar selenite from Terlingua won by Burt Luna.
- Chris Cooley donated Gem Dino bone won by Dawn Eggar; ocean jasper won by Blane Neffendorf; crazy lace agate won by Jenny Zimmerman; and petrified palm wood from East Texas won by Diana Watts.
- Ken DeVos donated pink kovdorskite and gray bobiennite in antlers from Mason County, Texas, won by Julius Welliver.
- Eddie Keilman donated dalmatian jasper won by Frida Caron.
- One of the Neffendorf family donated coal from Co. train won by Sara Verstuyft.



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*October 2, 2023*

- Steve Perez donated tumbled amazonite won by Carole Gage and jasper won by Alexa Yarbrough.
- Lynn and Lola Post donated quartz won by Ken DeVos; cathedral agate won by Summer Holladay; and amethyst slice won by Ed Keilman.
- Frank Rowell donated agate from New Mexico won by Dan Moreno and rudist clams in Chert from Eagle Pass won by Glory Neffendorf.
- Gus Stotz donated petrified wood won by Melissa Keilman.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm

*Minutes by Brenda Smith, Secretary*

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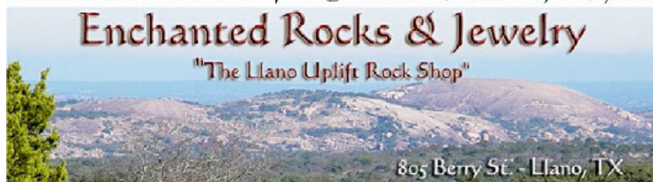
## Newsletter Hard Copies & Mail Outs

*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  
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](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)