

# Fredericksburg Rockhounds

Fredericksburg, Texas

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### DECEMBER 2023

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### PREZ SAYS

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#### DECEMBER 2023

This will be my last Prez Says, Joe will have this honor for the Jan. newsletter. We have a couple of things to do before the gem show. The cases on the stage have a few openings. If you have anything in your in your collection you would like to show please let me know at the meeting. The show cases are not that big, so it's not hard to find enough to fill one. The dimensions are 28.250" x 15.5" x 14 high. I will have a sign up at the meeting. I will see you 1 hour early this month for the Christmas party. Try to arrive about 5:00 pm we will begin at 6:00 pm. See you in Dec.

- Frank Rowell

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# DECEMBER PROGRAM

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**HELLO**  
**ROCKHOUNDS,**

Dear Rockhounds,

As most of you know, there will not be a program in December.

It's party time!!!!

This is the month that we have a Christmas party with lots of tasty foods to help us celebrate the !!!!

So, remember to please bring your favorite food item to share with the club. It can be sandwiches, dips and chips, veggies, casseroles, salads, and of course desserts!!!

It should be a fun night, as it always has been, and should be a night full of good cheer and full bellies!!!!

This will be my last write-up for the newsletter as we have a new program chairperson, Greg Zimmerman, who will begin his duties of sending the program information to the newsletter and presenting programs beginning in February 2024. I know he will have exciting programs for us and I can't wait.

Again, thank you for giving me the chance to serve the club with all the programs I have brought you. It has been really fun, and I have thoroughly enjoyed it.

Merry Christmas and Happy Trails,

- Karen Anderson

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## Happy Birthday!

- John Crone — December 6
- Beth Brady — December 7
- Alicia Martinez — December 11
- Lola Post — December 12
- Judy Adams — December 18
- Kenneth Verstuyft — December 26



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

For more shows at later dates, or outside Texas, visit  
[www.rockngem.com](http://www.rockngem.com).

### December 2023

There are no events that we are aware of.

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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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# December Birthstone & Flowers

The December birthstone is the turquoise; the flowers are the Narcissus and Holly.



*Turquoise*



*Narcissus*



*Holly*

Turquoise is found most often in very dry areas where volcanic activity has occurred. Unlike many other gems, turquoise is opaque rather than translucent. Its blue-green color can vary from sky blue or greenish blue to pale green or greenish gray. Bluer stones are considered more valuable and contain more copper.

The holly symbolizes your wish for domestic happiness. Although some animals and birds enjoy holly berries, they are semi-toxic to humans.

The narcissus conveys that you want your beloved to stay just the way they are. While there are many types of narcissus, the paperwhite is the winter-growing variety and the birth flower for December.

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



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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

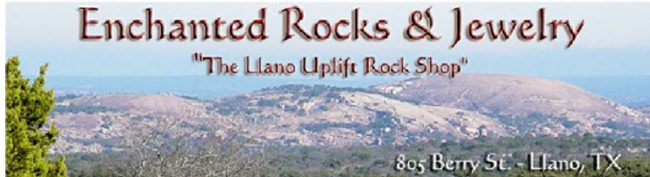
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to print your own, then please let an officer of the club know and  
arrangements can be made to assist you.

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

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## CLUB INFO

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- **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

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## 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](mailto: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](mailto:stevesapito60@gmail.com) or 817-404-9789
- The **Club CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS** are posted on our website: [fredericksburgrockhounds.org/constitution](http://fredericksburgrockhounds.org/constitution)