

Fredericksburg Rockhounds

Fredericksburg, Texas

FREDERICKSBURG ROCKHOUNDS



Newsletter



FEBRUARY 2024

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PREZ SAYS

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I'd like to thank everyone from the club that came out and helped make our 55th annual gem and mineral show such a success! It felt like things went fairly smoothly and even the tear down time seemed to be reduced from previous shows. Gratitude to those that created some really wonderful display cases. Even with the cold front that moved in just for the weekend, I believe we put on another exceptional show. I would love to hear any feedback y'all might have during our February meeting. We will also discuss how much the club made via the silent auction, raffle prizes, and our new club t-shirt.

Greg Zimmerman is working hard to create a solid list of programs for the coming year. I will also work with Greg, Patti, and Steve to come up with several rockhounding digs both near and far. The first event will be in mid to late March (dates tbd) out in Alpine. We will go on a guided dig with Aaron Thomas for some gorgeous west Texas agates! Steve and I will arrange for a van rental to take any club members wishing to attend that need transportation. We will discuss further details during our February meeting regarding digging fees, location, and accommodations in the Alpine area.

As a final note, please pray for or send your positive energy to Michael and Dawn Egger. Michael suffered a heart attack at the end of January and had open heart surgery. He's feeling better, but we'll need ensure not to stress him out with any talk of silent auction stuff. Get well amigo!

- Joe Edstrom



Lee performing a cabochon demonstration during the gem and mineral show.

FEBRUARY PROGRAM

HELLO,
ROCKHOUNDS



I am going to play episode one of The Nature of Earth: An Introduction to Geology. I am unsure when or if these have been used so I will start from the beginning.

- Greg Zimmerman

February Birthstone & Flowers

The February birthstone is the amethyst; the flowers are the violet and the primrose.



Amethyst



Violet



Primrose

The February birthstone, the amethyst, is said to strengthen relationships and give its wearer courage. Amethysts are a type of quartz often found in geodes amidst cooled lava. Their purple coloring runs the gamut from reddish purple to a bluish lilac. The finest quality is a strongly saturated reddish purple to dark purple as long as the stone does not become too dark to see its brightness.

The February birth month flowers are the violet and the primrose.

Violets signify watchfulness, loyalty, and faithfulness.

The other February birth flower is the primrose, which lets someone know you can't live without them.

- Majoros, Martie. "February Birthstone: Color and Meaning." Almanac.com. Yankee Publishing, Inc. n.d. December 16, 2018.
- "February Birth Flower." Alamanc.com. Yankee Publishing, Inc. n.d. December 16, 2018.



Happy Birthday!

- Trey Vann — February 5
- Lynn Post — February 9
- Dolores Uribe — February 12
- Joe DeHoyos — February 12
- Jesse Martinez — February 14
- Rita Moyes — February 27



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 - November

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

www.rockngem.com

17-18—GEORGETOWN, TEXAS: Annual show; Williamson County Gem & Mineral Society; San Gabriel Park Community Center, 445 East Morrow St; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-4; Adult 13+ \$3, Kids 6 to 12 \$2, Children under 6 free; contact Kenneth Oliver, (281) 381-0781; Email: wcgmsgemboree@gmail.com; Website: wcgms.org.



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

January 1, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by President Joe Edstrom. The meeting tonight will be mainly a discussion for the upcoming show to be held on the 3rd weekend in January at the Lady Bird Johnson Park off Hwy 16 South in Fredericksburg, Texas.

Joe opened the meeting with a joke.

The new members attending were the family of Hadley Simington. Joe asked the members to donate items for the show raffle. Items already obtained for the raffle were the following:

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Vibratory tumbler

Rotary tumbler

Gold pan

Horse picture in a frame made from petrified wood cabs fitted together donated by Glenn Thompson.

Sterling silver Texas star bolo tie made by Ed Beauford.

Thursday prior to the show will be set up and layout and electrical hook-up for the vender booths.

Tables arrive for set up coordinated by John Crone

Set up display cases. 2 volunteers are needed.

Friday is set up day for venders

Saturday and Sunday are show days.

A discussion was held and approved for an officer to hire an outside person to help set up the show at the rate of \$ 500 if necessary.

The president asked the members to volunteer at the show with 4 needed at the front table.

Shirts were discussed and the colors were to be gray or tan.

Break for refreshments and door prizes were drawn.

FIELD TRIPS: Upcoming trips to West Texas in the spring may be possible and led by Aron Frank Thomas.

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TREASURES REPORT: By Jackie Chute

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Cookbooks were discussed and members were asked to take flyers for the show and leave in businesses.

Lee Adams moved we adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Andy Anderson at 8:22 P.M.

ROCK NAME	DONATED BY	WINNER
AZ petrified wood	Lee Adams	Hadley Simington
Red Jasper	Ed Keilman	Patti Felts
Turquoise & chrysicola	Frank & Patti Felts	Gloria Neffenberger
Chert perform	Glen Thompson	Renee Luna
Turq & coral ring		Ed Gage
Palm		Jim Chute
Jasper	Glen Thompson	Jennifer Burkhart
Jasper	Lee & Judy Adams	Sam Rodgers
Necklace	Frida Carron	
Red Green & Blue	Carl Ashline	Duane Nethorber
Jasper agate	Lee & Judy Adams	Frank Rowell
Chert artifact	Glenn Thompson	Shelly Verstuyft
Llanite	Steve Perez	Brenda Smith

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Ed Gage - 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

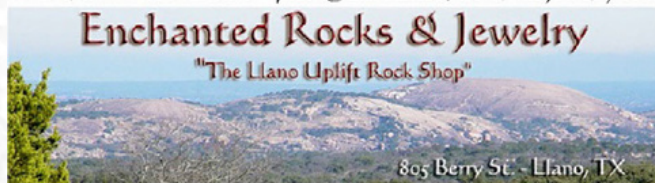
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to print your own, then please let an officer of the club know and arrangements can be made to assist you.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask us at

fbgrockhoundsnews@gmail.com.

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CLUB INFO

- **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: Joe Edstrom
- 1st Vice President: Steve Perez – (817) 404-9789
- 2nd Vice President: Greg Zimmerman
- Past President: Frank Rowell – 325-247-1947
- Treasurer: Jackie Chude – (830) 850-9141
- Secretary: Ed Gage

Committee Chairs:

- Programs: Greg Zimmerman
- 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