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# FREDERICKSBURG ROCKHOUNDS

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# Newsletter



## APRIL 2024

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# PREZ SAYS

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Spring has sprung my fellow rockhounds!

Hopefully you've found the time to get out and find some new treasures for your collection. If you haven't, then I encourage you to join us on our west Texas agate adventure 6-7 April in Alpine! The entire weekend is dedicated to our club and I'm positive we'll create memories to last a lifetime. Don't forget that we'll have a group vehicle (either passenger van or large SUV) to take you if you're interested. We WILL be back in Fredericksburg by early evening on Sunday the 7th so you don't need to worry about missing the eclipse on Monday afternoon.

Speaking of hunting spectacular west Texas agates... Greg Zimmerman and I will be presenting some of our amazing finds from various trips out there during our club meeting on April 1st. We hope to see you there! No really... we'll be there and we want to see you there too. No April fools. Seriously. Be there.

- Joe Edstrom



# April Birthstone & Flower

The April birthstone is the **diamond**; the flowers are the **daisy** and the **sweet pea**.



*Diamond*



*Daisy*



*Sweet Pea*

Although once thought to bring courage, the diamonds are now viewed as a symbols of love. They are the center piece of many jewelry sets, most notably engagement rings. It is the hardest mineral on the planet and because of this has many industrial uses.

Generally, diamonds are colorless with a high sparkle, but they can be found in varying tints and hues. Perhaps the most famous diamond of all, the blue Hope Diamond, is one such example.

Daisies connote innocence and purity while paradoxically “holding secrets” among friends.

Sweet peas signify blissful pleasure though they can also be used to bid farewell.

- Majoros, Martie. “April Birthstone: Color and Meaning.” Almanac.com. Yankee Publishing, Inc. n.d. March 13, 2018.
- “April Birth Flowers.” Almanac.com. Yankee Publishing, Inc. n.d. March 13, 2018.





## Happy Birthday!

- Jose Uribe — April 5
- Forrest Nikorak — April 8

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 - April

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

[www.rockngem.com](http://www.rockngem.com)

**6-7—SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS:** Annual show; Southwest Gem & Mineral Society; Morris Center @ Joe Freeman Coliseum, 475 AT&T Parkway Gate E; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-4; Adults \$5 Seniors/Military \$3 Child Over 7 \$1; Gems, minerals, rocks, 26 dealers, silent auction, kids lucky wheel, kids table, demonstrations, make your own cabochon, hourly prized, grand prize, parking \$10 [free single adult entry with receipt] proceeds go to Earth Science scholarships for three San Antonio Universities. Fun for the entire family; contact Robert Bowie, (830) 387-1766; Email: [krbotx@gvtc.com](mailto:krbotx@gvtc.com); Website: [SWGMS.ORG](http://SWGMS.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

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*March 4, 2024*

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by President Joe Edstrom. There were no new members or guests present.

Joe opened the meeting with a joke.

The program was a video of a tour of Texas and where to find various fossils. Some highlights of the program were a tour of the Lake Waco area and where to find pyritized fossils in the Del Rio clay formation. The next visit was to the Austin chalk gravel bars in search of *Exogyra* fossils. Then we moved on to the Carrizo sandstones looking for agates.

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A visit to Leander creek where dinosaur tracks can be found in the stream bed was the next stop. The Duck Creek area near Lake Texoma was the next stop for cretaceous fossils and was the last stop of the tour.

The meeting had a break for refreshments while door prize winners were drawn.

Door prize winners:

Rocks donated by:

- Tom Mitchell was won by Kenneth Verstuyft (leaverite) and Renee Luna (geode).
- Lee and Judy Adams were won by Andy Anderson (Brazilian agate); Sue Burkhart (palm wood); Sam Rogers (AZ petrified wood); Kevin Van Renterghem (serpentine).
- Joe Edstrom was won by Jim Chute (clear quartz cluster Wegner mine AR); Duane Neffendork (botryoidal chalcedony Kokernot 06 Alpine TX).
- Steve Perez were won by Eli Wonderilich (crystals); Kathy Wellivay (thunder egg); Ed Keilman (stromatolite); Frank Rowell (Montana agate).
- Kenneth DeVos were won by Joe Edstrom) ( lapidary polishing powder and tumbled stones.
- Frank and Patti were won by Julius Welliver.
- Cathy was won by Jen Burkhart (pink l calcite).
- Ed Gage won by Patti Felts (ammonite piece).

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- Sue and Jennifer Burkhart won by Bert Luna (smoky quartz); Karen Anderson Agate/jasper); Ed Gage (jasper agate).
- John Crone were won by Ken DeVos (spangolite); Georgia Matusek (rose quartz); Sara Verstuyft (quartz and tumbled stones); Carole Gage (ammonite).

### Old Business:

There were no changes to the minutes of the February meeting.

### New Business:

A vote was held to nominate Patti and Frank Rowell as lifetime members of the Fredericksburg Rockhounds. The vote was unanimous in support of the nomination.

### Field Trips:

Joe led a discussion on the upcoming field trip to Alpine TX on the Kokernott 06 ranch. The Fredericksburg rockhounds have an exclusive reservation for the weekend of April 6-7, 2024. The ranch is located about 10 miles North of Alpine Texas. There are still rooms available in Alpine and RV spots can be found in the area. The club is renting a van for transportation to the field trip from Fredericksburg leaving on Friday and returning on Sunday. Approximately 9 people indicated they were planning to go on the field trip.

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Steve Perez will be driving the van. Information from Steve about the details for the van are as follows:

There will be 2 pickup points.

1. Fredericksburg Walmart from 11:30 am-12:00.
2. Kerrville Walmart from 12:30 pm- 1:00

Steve's phone number is (817) 404-9789 in case one is late to the pickup locations. I recommend people to be dropped off and picked up. Location in the lots will be the farthest area from the main building. Steve suggests it's better for members to be waiting for the van rather than the van waiting for members to keep on schedule, and please do your planning days before. Also, if the interested rockhound hasn't booked a room yet, look up the location of the ranch and make your choices from the center of town toward the direction of the ranch. That way I don't have to go all over the city to pick up rockhounds for the hunt. I will plan accordingly but any help will be appreciated. Thanks, and if you have any questions or need information, please TEXT me.

Treasures report:

Jackie Chute gave an update on the treasures report.

Jackie requested that dues be paid for the coming year, or those members will be dropped from the club membership. There are still t-shirts available for those who wish to buy them.

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### Old Business:

Sam Rogers and Lee Adams both attended the show held in Robstown last weekend. They both reported it w turned out to be a good show. Lee Adams reported the member Lynn Post has recently spent 2 weeks in the hospital and prayers are appreciated for his recovery.

Lee Adams made a motion for the meeting to be adjourned and it was seconded by Steve Perez. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

*Minutes by 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

— <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.**

Frank Rowell & Pat Felts frank@EnchantedRocksAndJewelry.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: 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

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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)