
FREDERICKSBURG ROCKHOUNDS



Newsletter



MAY 2024

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PREZ SAYS

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I hope y'all are doing well and enjoying the lovely spring temperatures. The six of us that went to Alpine sure did because although it was windy, it only got up to the low 70's. It was darn near perfect digging weather.

I want to thank club members Matt, his son Gus, Shari, Cathy, and her grandson Julius for coming and making it a phenomenal rockhounding adventure! It warmed my heart to see the two boys out there enjoying themselves. Those memories will last a long time indeed.

We all found some gorgeous agate and quartz specimens. I'm sure we'll bring in our favorites to show y'all in the next few meetings. I hope many more of you will come out and make some magical memories with us next time.

- Joe Edstrom



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May Birthstone & Flower

The May birthstone is the **emerald**; the flowers are the **lily of the valley** and the **hawthorn plant**.



Emerald



Lily of the Valley



Hawthorn Plant

Today, the emerald is associated with wisdom, patience, and growth though traditionally it signified love, fertility, and rebirth.

Emeralds are deep, rich green and many people associate the color with the vibrant technicolor of The Emerald City in the 1939 classic The Wizard of Oz.

Lilies of the Valley stand for humility, sweetness, and a return to happiness.

Hawthorn Plants are all about supreme happiness and hope.

- Majoros, Martie. "May Birthstone: Color and Meaning." Almanac.com. Yankee Publishing, Inc. n.d. April 19, 2018.
- "May Birth Flowers." Alamanc.com. Yankee Publishing, Inc. n.d. April 19, 2018.



Happy Birthday!

- Jane Crone — May 5
- Pablo Gutierrez — May 9
- Susan Olson — May 12
- Stephanie Schaefer — May 27
- Donnavin Holladay — May 28



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 - May

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

www.rockngem.com

25-26—FORT WORTH, TEXAS: Annual show; Fort Worth Gem and Mineral Club; Will Rogers Memorial Center, 3401 W Lancaster; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-4; \$7-Adults, \$5-Military, Seniors, Students, Free-Children 12 & Under; Vendors with rough and finished gems, minerals, fossils, beads, and jewelry for sale. Door prizes, Raffle, kids activities; contact Glenda Bradley/Fort Worth Gem and Mineral Club, (817) 229-5467; Email: fwgmc.info@gmail.com; Website: fortworthgemandmineralclub.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

April 1, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by President Joe Edstrom. There were 3 guests present. They were from Marysville Washington: Dawn and Amber Nearing, and Judy Bumpass, Fredericksburg.

The program was a presentation by Greg Zimmerman about the different rocks that could be found on the field trip coming up to the Kokernott 06 ranch in west Texas. A wide variety of agates were displayed that could be found. The formation on the ranch is approximately 40 million years old and is located 40 miles south of Balmorhea Texas. The ranch is 109,000 acres and has a wide diversity of different types of agates. Bring your own tools you need to dig with and lunch and water.

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

Door prize winners:

Rocks donated by:

- Joe Edstrom was won by Michael Egger (clear quartz cluster Wegner mine AR); Sara Verstuyt (honey calcite, Comal Co. TX; Zita Roxanne Wunderlich (agate bookends Kokernott 06 TX; Bert Luna (quartz in agate Kokernott 06 TX.)

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April 1, 2024

- Frank and Patti was won by Thomas Mitchel (Lanite).
- Blane Neffendora won by Renee Luna (agate belt buckle)
- Sue Burkhart won by Ron Gant (Jasper); Eddie Kerlman (chalcopyrite); Patti Felts (agate).
- John Crone won by Susan Olsen (ring); Shelly Verstugft (desert rose, Lk. Makenzie TX; Yvonne Star (bolo)

Old Business:

There were no changes to the minutes of the March 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:

Future field trips are being planned to local sites before the weather gets too hot. Also a trip may be planned to look for Herkimer diamonds in New York if there is enough interest.

Treasures report by Jackie Chute reported \$ 12,847.88 in checking and \$ 8,446.95 in CD.

There was a request for volunteers to assist in auditing the books. Sue Burkart and Frank volunteered to help with this at the next meeting.

Old Business: None

A motion to adjourn was made by Karen and seconded by John Crone.

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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The advertisement for Adams' Lapidary Hobby Shop features a background image of the American flag. The shop is owned by Lee & Judy Adams. The text lists services: 'Cut & polish all types & sizes of rock', 'Raw & finished rock', 'Used lapidary equipment', and 'Cast Silver'. The address is '736 Oak Ridge Drive, Bandera, TX 78003'. The phone number is '830-796-8890' and the email is 'leeapeman93@yahoo.com'.



Pedernales Peddler Rock Shop
505 E. Main Street, Johnson City, TX

Facebook: @RockShopTX
830-868-7130

The advertisement for Peculiar Treasures features a background image of a sunset over a forest. The text lists services: 'Lapidary, Leather and Antler works'. The contact person is Santos Esteban Perez, with phone number '817-404-9789' and email 'Stevesapito60@gmail.com'.

Your ad here for \$25/year

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emailing us at:
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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