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# FREDERICKSBURG ROCKHOUNDS

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# Newsletter



## JULY 2024

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# PREZ SAYS

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## JULY 2024

Well summer is finally here, but those spring temperatures sure were nice while they lasted! Hopefully it won't be in the 100's on the 4th of July. I attempted to get a slot for the club in this year's Fredericksburg parade, but it was a bridge too far. Next year though we can enter a truck and trailer filled with rocks and rock candy to hand out. It will be a great member recruiting event and a wonderful advertising opportunity for our annual gem and mineral show.

Hopefully most of you received my email earlier in June regarding our rockhounding dig. If not, here's the information:

Greg Zimmerman has arranged a rockhounding trip on Sunday, 30 June. All those interested please arrive at his shop in Llano by 9am on that day. Enchanted Rocks & Jewelry is located at 805 Berry St, Llano, TX 78643.

We'll then caravan up to the dig location in Voca. You can expect to find black tourmaline, quartz, and possibly epidote. Regardless, this is another chance for us to go do what we love doing.

As always, if you plan on going, please ensure you bring: digging tools; buckets; sunscreen / hat; good shoes or boots; gloves; more water than you think you'll need; food / snacks; etc. A reflective vest or high visibility colored shirt is also requested via the owner of the property.

Hope to see you there!

Prez - Joe Edstrom

# July Birthstone & Flowers

The July birthstone is the **ruby**; the flowers are the **larkspur** and the **water lily**.



*Ruby*



*Larkspur*



*Water Lily*

In ancient times, the ruby was regarded as the “king of gems” by the Hindus. All rubies are red and come in various shades of the hue. Ruby comes from the Latin word *rubeus*, which means “red.”

The ruby is among the hardest natural gemstones, second only to the diamond.

The larkspur can grow up to eight feet tall and comes in a variety of colors such as pink, white, or purple.

Water lilies float on the surface of natural waters such as ponds. They help deter algae growth and provide shade for wildlife below.

- Majoros, Martie. “July Birthstone: Color and Meaning.” Almanac.com. Yankee Publishing, Inc. n.d. June 19, 2018.
- “July Birth Flowers.” Almanac.com. Yankee Publishing, Inc. n.d. June 19, 2018.



# Happy Birthday!

- Virginia Adian — July 3
- Diane Magee — July 7
- Agnes Thompson — July 13
- Brenda Smith — July 20
- Andy Anderson — July 29

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)



## 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.

## This Month's Events

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

To the best of our knowledge, there are no rock related events happening around our area for the month of July.

# 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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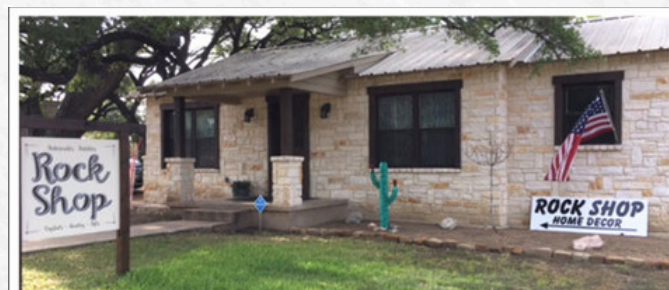
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# CLUB INFO

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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)