
FREDERICKSBURG ROCKHOUNDS



Newsletter



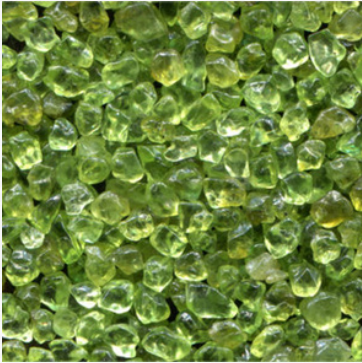
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August Birthstone & Flowers

The August birthstone is the **peridot**; the flowers are the **gladiolus** and the **poppy**.



Peridot



Gladiolus



Poppy

The peridot is a symbol of strength. It is light green in color and as such is sometimes called the evening emerald. It can be found in the volcanic lava of Hawaii as well as in meteorites.

The largest peridot found to date weighs in at 319 carats and is on display in the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, DC.

The gladiolus, also known as the sword lily, stands for remembrance and calm.

Poppies come in different colors and have various meanings. Red poppies are for pleasure; white for consolation; and yellow for wishes of wealth and success.

- Majoros, Martie. "August Birthstone: Color and Meaning." Almanac.com. Yankee Publishing, Inc. n.d. July 17, 2018.
- "August Birth Flowers." Almanac.com. Yankee Publishing, Inc. n.d. July 17, 2018.



Happy Birthday!

- Judy Carswell — August 1
- Kevin DeVos — August 4
- Dennis Thiele— August 16
- John Roup — August 18
- Carole Gage — August 19
- Shari Lauda — August 31



Please note: If we missed your birthday or have listed it incorrectly, please let us know so we can correct it! 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 - August

For more shows at later dates, or outside Texas, visit www.rockngem.com

Aug. 31-Sept. 1—FT. WORTH, TEXAS: Annual show; CERA Gem Mineral and Glass Club; CERA, 3300 Bryant Irvin Rd; Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-4; Free Admission & Parking; The Panther City Expo will showcase all manor of handmade Jewelry, Metalsmithing, Glass works, Rough minerals and slabs, fossils and related arts and crafts. There will be demonstrations, silent auction and a bake sale; contact Carla Lacey, (682) 552-0155; Email: lanceycarla123@gmail.com; Website: www.facebook.com/CERAFortworth; <https://cera-fw.org/gem-mineral-glass/home/registration/>



FREDERICKSBURG ROCKHOUNDS MEETING MINUTES

July 1, 2024

The meeting called to order at 7:05 P.M. by President Joe Edstrom. There were no new guests present and one new member present (Becky Bennett) from Fredericksburg.

Greg Zimmerman discussed the area in SW Idaho where Owyhee jasper is from.

The meeting had a break for refreshments followed by door prize drawings. The winners were drawn as follows.

Door prize winners:

Rocks donated by:

- Joe Edstrom (honey calcite from comal co.) won by Karen Anderson;
- Quartz cluster from twin creek mine in Arkansas won by Susan Olsen, Mike Egger, Gus Stoltz, Sam Rogers, Renee Luna, and Jackie Chude;
- and from the Weaver mine Arkansas by Jim Chute, Bert Luna, Carole Gage, Kevin Van Renterghem, and Sally Verstugh
- Frank Rowell and won by Larry Spillars (TX calcite).

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- Kevin Van Renterghem won by Eli Wunderlich (obsidian Chiricahua Mts, AZ).
- Eli Wunderlich won by Andy Anderson (Quartz TX hill country).
- Julius W. won by Ron Gait (Arkansas crystals).
- Ken DeVos won by Malachi Whetstone (Spadite one side, other side is small obsolete) from Friendship Flat in Fredericksburg.
- Bruce and Diana won by Jenny Zimmerman (Mexican crazy lace); and Red Palm won by Bruce Neffendos
- John Crone won by Frank (agate West TX; Fools gold won by unknown: Jen Burkhart (calcite turtle).
- Lee and Judy Adams won by Joe Edstrom (Agate rough from WA); won by Charles Anderson (Jasper slab); won by Patti Felts (limb cast); won by Sue Burkhart (quartz).

Old Business:

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

Club tee shirts are available in gray or tan at a cost of \$20.00 each.

New Business

Frank Rowell discussed the upcoming show in January and the need to finalize the contracts. Frank

would appreciate assistance from members for several items that need to be completed. These are as follows:

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1. Contracts go out in August and need to be returned by Sept 30.
2. Advertising
3. A coordinator for outdoor sites is needed
4. Stage vendors need to be organized
5. Demonstrators are needed
6. The banner needs to be put up (see Jackie)

Upcoming events:

On Aug 3 there will be a noisy auction in Austin at the AGMS club house. This is a great event where you can find minerals and some equipment for sale.

Lee Adams reminded the members that he still had some rocks at his place that were from a donation to the club. Members were encouraged to contact Lee Adams to see the rocks and if some were of interest, donate to the club and contact Treasure Jackie Chude to receive the money for the rocks to deposit into the club account.

MEETING: June 3

The June meeting was the annual picnic held at the pavilion in Lady bird Johnson Park near the airport. The club provided the meat (beef and sausage); club members commented the meat provided was too fatty and we should consider a different source. Contact Steve for additional information.

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Field Trips:

The recent field trip to a gravel pit was attended by 18 people. The owner was Brian Alexander. Members found specimens of epidote, tourmaline and amphibole schist/hornblende. The name of the contact for the site was ZD Sand & Gravel in Voca Texas.

Future field trips could be a trip to NC in October after it cools down.

On June 8.

A trip to Lake hills near Pipe Creek area to view rocks and equipment for sale. 4 people attended. There are still rocks for sale. See Steve for a phone number to contact the owner if desired.

Treasures Report:

Jackie Chute reported \$ 11,177.73 in checking and \$ 8,654.10 in CD.

A motion to adjourn by Lee Adams and seconded by Patti Felts.
Meeting adjourned at 8:38 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.

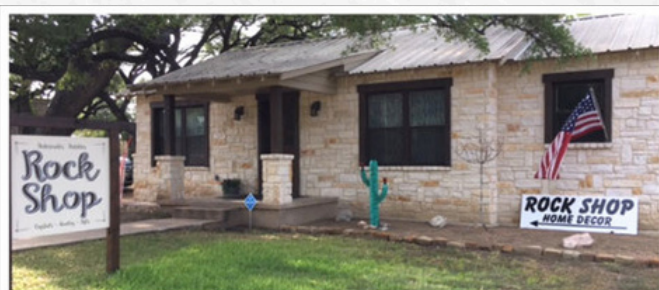
Frank Rowell & Pat Felts frank@EnchantedRocksAndJewelry.com



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Store Hours
Tuesday - Saturday
10am - 6pm
Or by Appointment
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The advertisement for Adams' Lapidary Hobby Shop features a background 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, with phone number 830-796-8890 and email 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 of a sunset over a forest. The text lists services: 'Lapidary, Leather and Antler works'. The contact information is Santos Esteban Perez, 817-404-9789, and email Stevesapito60@gmail.com.

Your ad here for \$25/year

For more information, please contact
the newsletter editors by
emailing us at:
fbgrockhoundsnews@gmail.com



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