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# FREDERICKSBURG ROCKHOUNDS

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# Newsletter



## SEPTEMBER 2024

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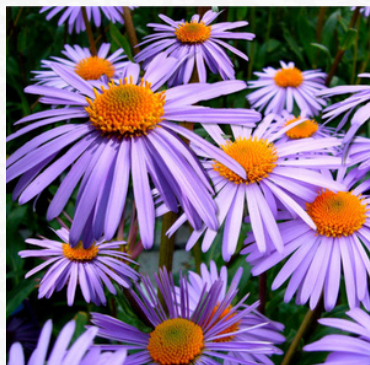
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# September Birthstone & Flowers

The September birthstone is the **sapphire**; the flowers are the **aster** and the **morning glory**.



*Sapphire*



*Aster*



*Morning Glory*

Sapphires are a form of corundum and generally come in many shades of blue that run the gamut from light to dark. Sapphire was once believed to ward off evil and protect against poison.

Asters bloom in the late summer and early autumn and need little care to flourish. They are symbolic of powerful love.

A symbol of affection, morning glories live up to their name: they open their blooms in the early part of their day and then close them later in the afternoon.

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





# Happy Birthday!

- Jim Chude — September 2
- Cheryl Wildfong — September 2
- Melissia Keilman — September 7
- Jim Gedeon — September 10
- Frida Carron — September 11
- Kyle Hinds — September 12
- Karen Fair — September 17
- Blane Neffendorf — September 18
- Steve Perez — September 22
- Lee Adams — September 27
- Charles Anderson — September 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**



## 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.

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# This Month's Events - September

*For more shows at later dates, or outside Texas, visit [www.rockngem.com](http://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: laceycarla123@gmail.com; Website: [www.facebook.com/CERAFortWorth/](https://www.facebook.com/CERAFortWorth/); <https://cera-fw.org/gem-mineral-glass/home/registration/>

**28-29—LUBBOCK, TEXAS:** Show and sale; Lubbock Gem and Mineral Society; Lubbock Memorial Civic Center, 1501 Mac Davis Lane; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 11-4; \$5 Age 12 and up, \$3 age 6 - 12, 5 and under free; Everything you would see at a typical Gem show, but ours is bigger and better, Lol. Preaching to the choir here, but you know what to expect, lots of dealers, door prizes, grand prizes, big kids area, florescent tent, displays, demonstrations, presentations, and an all-around good time; contact Walt Beneze, (806) 797-5832; Email: [walt@lubbockgemandmineral.org](mailto:walt@lubbockgemandmineral.org); Website: [www.lubbockgemandmineral.org](http://www.lubbockgemandmineral.org)





# 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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# 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)