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# FREDERICKSBURG ROCKHOUNDS

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# Newsletter



## NOVEMBER 2024

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# **PREZ SAYS**

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## **NOVEMBER 2024**

Greetings and salutations fellow Rockhounds! I hope you're all doing well and enjoying the beautiful fall weather. The former being a true statement and the latter clearly being sarcastic. Having recently visited my daughter in Vermont, I can tell you that fall is actually in full swing in the New England area. Too bad we don't get to experience those lovely temps and gorgeous foliage. However, at least we know that it will be cool by the time our annual gem and mineral show is going on in January! Speaking of which, please take the time to volunteer for a shift or two (or more!) during the show. We'll have a sign up sheet during the next three meetings. Without your support we simply can't make this super successful event happen.

I'd like to thank Lee Adams for running the show last month. You're a good man... even if you were a sailor. Seriously though, thank you and all of my fellow brothers and sisters in arms as we celebrate Veterans Day.

Greg Zimmerman will give us details at this month's meeting about the upcoming dig he's arranged for the club on 17 November. We hope to see y'all at the meeting and at the dig! Take care and be blessed.

- Joe Edstrom





# **PAST PREZ SAYS**

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**NOVEMBER 2024**

At this months meeting we have elections, Vice President and Treasurer. Jackie has accepted the nomination for treasurer. If you would like to be nominated for Vice Prez. bring it up at this months meeting. We will hold a vote at the November meeting. We will also have sign up sheets for stage and outdoor space. We also need to fill the display showcases on the front of the stage. Anyone having items for the raffle and silent auction please bring them. Not much time left before the show. See you at the meeting.

- Frank Rowell,  
Past President

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# **HOUSTON RANCH FIELD TRIP**

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I have put together a trip for members out to a ranch in northern Llano county. The area is in the Llanite zone. We will have access to the Little Llano River that cuts the precambrian and the ordovician periods. Let me know if you have any questions. Thank you.

- Greg Zimmerman

# November Birthstone & Flowers

The November birthstone is the **topaz**; the flower is the **chrysanthemum**.



*Topaz*



*Chrysanthemum*

Topaz is the mineral fluoro-hydroxy silicate and is the hardest of all known silicate minerals. Topaz itself is colorless but impurities within can turn it into almost any color. Yellow or amber is most often associated with topaz. Interestingly, even though blue topaz is rare to find naturally (most for sale have been treated to get the color) it is Imperial topaz (reddish orange with pink undertones) that is the most valuable.

The lone flower for the month of November is the chrysanthemum. It is a perennial and comes in a variety of colors. After they finish blooming in autumn, they can be mulched with straw to protect them from inclement weather.

- Majoros, Martie. "November Birthstone: Color and Meaning." Almanac.com. Yankee Publishing, Inc. n.d. October 17, 2018.
- "November Birth Flower." Alamanac.com. Yankee Publishing, Inc. n.d. October 17, 2018.





## Happy Birthday!

- Debbie Anderson — November 1
- Kathleen Holloway — November 6
- Jennifer Burkhart — November 9
- Glory Neffendorf — November 9
- Blake Weissling — November 24
- Jenny Zimmerman — November 25
- Anna Stanley — November 29
- Ken DeVos — November 30



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 - November

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

**2-3—AMARILLO, TEXAS:** Annual show; Golden Spread Gem, Mineral & Treasure Society; Amarillo Civic Center, 401 S. Buchanan; Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-5; Admission \$5 Adults, under 13, first responders and Boy Scouts in uniform get in Free; Golden Spread Gem, Mineral & Treasure Society 62nd Annual Show, Hourly Door prizes, Grand Prize and Silent Auction; contact Shanna Smith, (806) 570-7550; Email: [ss3762@yahoo.com](mailto:ss3762@yahoo.com); Website: [goldenspreadgemmineraltreasuresociety.com](http://goldenspreadgemmineraltreasuresociety.com)

**8-10—HUMBLE, TEXAS:** Annual show; Houston Gem and Mineral Society; Humble Civic Center, 8233 Will Clayton Parkway; Fri. 9-6, Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-5; \$12.00; Grand Door Prize, Kids Day on Friday, Dino Dig, Swap Area, Fluorescent exhibit; contact Scott Singleton, (281) 530-0942; Email: [showchair@hgms.org](mailto:showchair@hgms.org); Website: [hgms.org](http://hgms.org)

**23-24—MESQUITE, TEXAS:** Annual show; Dallas Gem and Mineral Society; Mesquite Convention Center, 1700 Rodeo Drive; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; Adult-\$8, Kids to 12-\$4, Family of 4-\$20, Vets/Teachers/with ID-\$5, Scouts in Uniform-Free; Grand Prize- Silent Auction - Wheel of Fortune - Kids Mine - Raffles - Fluorescent Display - Demonstrations. Free Parking - over 40 vendors - [www.facebook.com/dallasgemandmineralsociety](http://www.facebook.com/dallasgemandmineralsociety); contact Diana Case, (469) 688-4057; Email: [dgmscontracts@yahoo.com](mailto:dgmscontracts@yahoo.com); Website: [dallasgemandmineral.org](http://dallasgemandmineral.org)







# FREDERICKSBURG ROCKHOUNDS MEETING MINUTES

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*October 7, 2024*

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by acting President Lee Adams. New members present were Ray Griffith from Marble Falls and Jeff Scoggins. A visitor was Gina Matthews.

Lee opened the meeting with a joke.

Minutes of the last meeting were approved.

Treasure report:

Checking account: \$ 9870.23 and CD: \$8654.10

Elections are coming up in November for the following offices.

Treasure and V. President

Volunteers are needed!

Field trips:

November 17 to the Houston ranch in N. Llano County. Meet at 9 AM on Sunday at the Rock shop in Llano if you wish to attend.

Future meeting: November will be about the show in January

- Tom Mitchell is going to check with the visitor center to confirm reservations are in place for the show.
- The Brady's will help lay out the vender spaces for the show. Gem cases on the stage need to be assigned for those who want to sign up.

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December meeting is the Christmas party so think about what food to bring.

A move to adjourn the meeting was made by Sara and seconded by Judy Adams. The meeting was adjourned, and everyone went home.

The program was delayed due to the equipment was not responding. A discussion was held to replace the equipment with one that would work. The club agreed that up to \$ 1000.00 could be spent to get an audio machine that would work.

The members working on the machine (John Crone and others) finally got it to work. The program was heard. The title was "The 20 most dangerous minerals".

### New Business:

The San Antonio show was postponed until Nov. 16-17 and will be held at the Garden Center located at the San Antonio Botanical Center.

Other shows coming up are the Temple show on Oct 12-13.  
Austin show Oct. 18-20 at the Palmer event center.



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After the program the door prizes were drawn.

DONATED BY	WINNER	PRIZE
John Crone	Eddie Keilman	Quartz
	Kevin Van Renterghem	Quartz
	Ron Gant	Quartz
Lee & Judy Adams	Roxanne Wunderlich	Ark Crystals
	Tom Mitchell	Plume Agate
	Carl Ashline	Jasper Heart
	Aleks Gant	Jasper Agate
Patty Felts	Jeff Anderson	AZ Petrified Wood
Sue Burkart	Dawn Egger	
Kevin Van Renerghem	Gus Stotz	NM Agate
Tom Mitchell	Andy Anderson	Limestone
	Bruce Watts	Limestone egg (round)
Bruce Watts	Sara Verstayft	Cabachon
Kenneth DeVos	Nadine Neffenpokf	Barrite Kinnny Co. TX
Unknown	Frida Carron	Fossil Sponge

*Submitted by Secretary Ed Gage*

# 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)