
FREDERICKSBURG ROCKHOUNDS



Newsletter



OCTOBER 2024

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PREZ SAYS

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Greetings fellow Rockhounds. As you've noticed I've been away from the club / Texas for the past few months. Due to several pressing issues my family has been my priority and will continue to be in the coming months. That being said, I am still committed to the club, but it may require me calling in for meetings versus being there in person for the foreseeable future. I still plan on being there to help with the annual rock and gem show in January. I will work with Steve, Greg and Frank to ensure we're set up for success. However, if this seems unreasonable then I would understand if my stepping down as president is the best option. Hopefully it isn't, but I will leave that up to my fellow officers and club members. Until next we meet, please hold your loved ones close and cherish every moment with them. They are the true jewels in our lives.

Blessings to you and yours,
- Joe Edstrom



October Birthstone & Flowers

The October birthstone is the **opal**; the flowers are the **marigold** and the **cosmos**.



Opal



Marigold



Cosmos

The word opal is rooted in both Latin (opalus — "precious jewel") and Greek (opallios — "to see a change in color"). The term opallios is an apt description as opals tend to reflect a vast array of colors depending on the source of light.

Marigolds are symbols of contentment and warmth. They can grow anywhere from six inches in height to over five feet depending on the variety.

Cosmos, the other October flower, stands for order, peace, and serenity. They are annuals that are a good choice for your garden if you want to attract birds, bees, and butterflies.

- Majoros, Martie. "October Birthstone: Color and Meaning." Almanac.com. Yankee Publishing, Inc. n.d. September 18, 2018.
- "October Birth Flowers." Alamanc.com. Yankee Publishing, Inc. n.d. September 18, 2018.



Happy Birthday!

- Robert Thompson — October 2
- Robert Martinez — October 6
- Jeff Smith — October 11
- Carl Ashline — October 13
- Glenn Thompson — October 16
- Greg Zimmerman — October 24



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 - October

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

12-13—TEMPLE, TEXAS: Annual show; Tri-City Gem and Mineral Society; Frank W. Mayborn Civic and Convention Center, 3301 N. 3rd Street; Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-5; \$5 Adults, \$3 13-17 years, children free when with adult or guardian; Vendors galore with a wide variety of rough, slabs, fossils, jewelry, rock-related clothing, rock lamps. New children's activities based on our theme, "ROCK RUSTLERS," wear western stuff; contact Lois Ruth Rolston, (254) 718-2559; Email: lrolston@hotmail.com

18-20—AUSTIN, TEXAS: Annual show; Austin Gem and Mineral Society (AGMS); Palmer Events Center, 900 Barton Springs Rd; Fri. 9-6, Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-5; Adults \$8, Seniors and Military ID \$7, Ages 13-18 \$2, Children ages 12 and under free; Over 30 vendors of jewelry, beads, gemstones, minerals, crystals, fossils & spheres. Exhibits, Silent auction Sat & Sun, demos in faceting, cabbing, and wire wrapping. Theme is Turquoise. For \$1 each: Gem Mine, Wheel of Fortune or Jewelry Making. Door prizes Sat and Sun. Grand Prizes Sun; contact Laird Fowler, (512) 458-9546; Email: showchariman@austingemandmineral.org; Website: www.agms-tx.org





FREDERICKSBURG ROCKHOUNDS MEETING MINUTES

September 2, 2024

The meeting was brought to order by VP Steve Perez. We watched a couple of videos by the Crystal Collector on digging for Herkimer Diamonds in Paradise Falls NY and for quartz crystals in NC. He made it look SO EASY!

We had a very short meeting, delicious snacks and door prize drawings.

The treasurer reported a checking account balance of \$10,645.83. The CD is for \$8,654.10 and matures in October 2024., She and Frank Rowell are also accepting payments for 2025 Show tables.

The South Central Federation would like us to send a delegate to the annual meeting in Dallas on Nov 23rd. Expenses will be paid. Let an officer know if you are interested.

Field trips proposed: later this fall, no details yet.

The meeting was adjourned around 8:15 pm.

Submitted by Treasurer Jackie Chude

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
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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