

Fredericksburg Rockhounds

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Newsletter



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PREZ SAYS

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Greetings fellow Rockhounds! I was remiss in forgetting to wish all of my fellow former service members a Happy Veterans Day at our last meeting. Thank you for your service to our country. I'm hoping that everyone had a very Happy Thanksgiving. I always pick the wrong time of year to lose weight!

Speaking of food, don't forget that our annual Christmas dinner will start at 6pm on December 2nd. Feel free to drop in around 5:30pm to set up your prepared dishes. Those with last names beginning A - M are asked to bring a main dish. Those with last names beginning N - Z are asked to bring a side or dessert.

Since we won't actually conduct a meeting this month I'd like to remind y'all to please sign up for a volunteer shift during our annual gem and mineral show in January. We also need donations for our silent auction and raffle prizes. Please bring those to the Christmas dinner so Michael can get them labeled / priced before January. We also need club members to set up a rock, mineral, etc display in our display cases for the show. You can sign up or let us know this month or next. With your help we can continue the standard of excellence set by our club every year.

Finally, I'd like to wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

- Joe Edstrom

This Month's Events - December

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

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There are no events that we are aware of.

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Rock Identification - Lori Lively

Hello, I just moved to Blanco Texas from Washington state. I have several minerals and gemstones that I have collected in the last few years and cannot identify. I'm looking for someone to help me ID them. I would be willing to pay for the consultation. Please feel free to give my number to anyone who might be interested. Thank you so much.

- Name: Lori Lively
- Email: livelyhood58@gmail.com
- Phone: 360-480-5527

December Birthstone & Flowers

The December birthstone is the turquoise; the flowers are the Narcissus and Holly.



Turquoise



Narcissus



Holly

Turquoise is found most often in very dry areas where volcanic activity has occurred. Unlike many other gems, turquoise is opaque rather than translucent. Its blue-green color can vary from sky blue or greenish blue to pale green or greenish gray. Bluer stones are considered more valuable and contain more copper.

The holly symbolizes your wish for domestic happiness. Although some animals and birds enjoy holly berries, they are semi-toxic to humans.

The narcissus conveys that you want your beloved to stay just the way they are. While there are many types of narcissus, the paperwhite is the winter-growing variety and the birth flower for December.

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



Happy Birthday!

- John Crone — December 6
- Brady Beth — December 7
- Alicia Martinez — December 11
- Lola Post — December 12
- Renee Luna — December 13
- Judy Adams — December 18
- Ed Keilman — December 24
- Kenneth Verstuyfit — December 26



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.

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

- **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