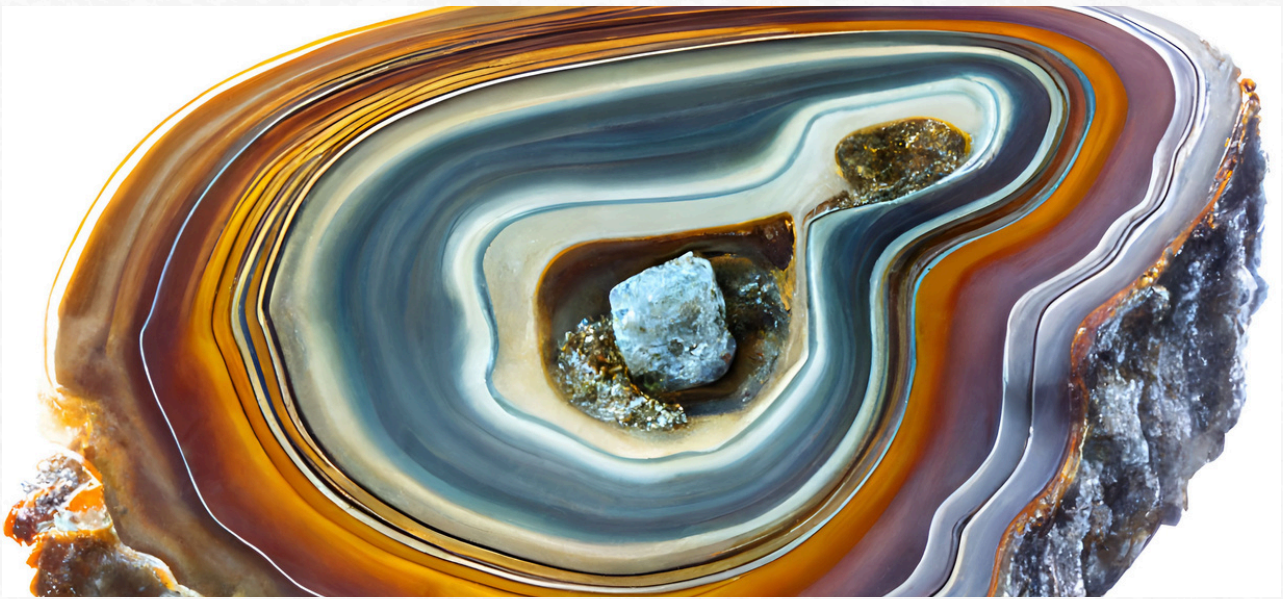

FREDERICKSBURG ROCKHOUNDS



Newsletter



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PREZ SAYS

JANUARY 2025

Happy New Year fellow Rockhounds! I hope y'all had a very Merry Christmas. Now let's kick off the new year right by putting our best foot forward during the annual gem and mineral show. If you haven't already done so then please sign up for a volunteer shift or shifts during the show. Our success will only be as great as the effort we all put into it.

I want to thank my fellow officers for all of their hard work and dedication to this club. 2024 was a wonderful year of rockhounding for us and I'm positive that 2025 will be even better!

Hope to see you at our January 6th meeting.

God bless,
- Joe Edstrom

CLUB MEMBERSHIP FEES

This is a friendly reminder that club membership fees are due. Annual dues are \$3 for juniors (under 19 years), \$8 for individuals, and \$15 for families. Please contact Club Treasurer Jackie Chude with any questions.

This Month's Events - January

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

January 2025

18-19—FREDERICKSBURG, TEXAS: Annual show; Fredericksburg Rockhounds; Pioneer Pavilion, Lady Bird Johnson Park, Hwy. 16 South; Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-4; Free for all; Rocks, minerals, fossils, jewelry and lapidary equipment dealers. Free door prizes, Hourly silent auction, raffle and demonstrations of rock cutting and polishing all day. A geologist will be there all day to help identify your mystery rocks. Food service for both days; contact Frank Rowell, (325) 248-1067; Email: hcgms20@gmail.com; Website: fredericksburgrockhounds.org.

24-26—TYLER, TEXAS: Annual show; East Texas Gem & Mineral Society; Rose Garden Center, 420 Rose Park Drive; Fri. 9-5, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-4; Adults and under 16 years - \$8, 16 to 5 yr old and students - \$3, Under 5 years - free; Colorful fluorescent mineral and many other displays, Rock Food Table, Silent Auctions and hourly prizes on Saturday and Sunday. Kids games, Lapidary and other demonstrations, vendors with minerals, fossils, gemstones, jewelry, carvings and much much more; contact Margaret Kilanski; Website: etgms.org

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January Birthstone & Flowers

The January birthstone is the garnet; the flowers are the carnation and snowdrop.



Garnet



Carnation



Snowdrop

The garnet, is thought to keep the wearer safe during travel. Garnets form in layers of rock deep underground where they withstand extreme temperature variations. Geologists study garnets to understand the effects of temperature and pressure on surrounding rocks. Although the garnet is commonly associated with a range of red hues, it also sometimes forms in other colors, including greens, yellows, and even blues.

The carnation comes in several different colors, which convey different meanings, much like roses. A pink carnation means affection, while a red carnation means 'I love you.'

The snowdrop used to be considered bad luck because it always seemed to grow in graveyards, but nowadays, this delicate flower signifies hope and beauty.

- Majoros, Martie. "January Birthstone: Color and Meaning." Almanac.com. Yankee Publishing, Inc. n.d. December 16, 2018.
- "January Birth Flower." Alamanac.com. Yankee Publishing, Inc. n.d. December 16, 2018.

Happy Birthday!

- John Allen — January 3
- Sue Burkhart — January 5
- Tom Carswell — January 8
- Eddie Keilman — January 12
- Adrian Welliver — January 12
- Joe Edstrom — January 13
- Michael Egger — January 13
- Yvonne Starr — January 13
- Callie Weaver — January 15
- Carolyn Roup — January 21
- Brandy Oliver — January 26.
- Patricia Wilson — January 30
- Desa Hinds — January 31



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

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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 - (254) 258-7499
- 1st Vice President: Steve Perez - (817) 404-9789
- 2nd Vice President: Greg Zimmerman
- Past President: Frank Rowell - (325) 248-1067
- 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