

Fredericksburg Rockhounds

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PREZ SAYS

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Greetings fellow Rockhounds! We did it! Once again we've put on a fantastic gem and mineral show that hundreds of visitors got to enjoy! I can't begin to thank all of the club volunteers enough for all of their hard work. Without which we couldn't have had such a wonderful show. I think we wound up doing pretty good as far as raffle and silent auction sales. Jackie will likely have the final numbers for us during the meeting.

I'd like to give a special thank you to the following club members who worked their respective areas the ENTIRE SHOW: Shari, Blane and Jim (club area and raffle tickets); Mike, Dawn and Melissa (silent auction); Ed and Eddie (front door). A huge thank you to everyone that helped set up on Thursday and helped tear down on Sunday.

Thank you John for once again getting the moving van to help us get all of our club equipment to and from the show. Thank you for those who took the time and effort to set up a display case. I thought they all looked outstanding! If you have any ideas or suggestions about how we can improve next year's show then please bring it up during the monthly meeting.

The only photo I took during the show was of Jim Chude helping a local teacher figure out what kind of specimen she had in order to tell her students. The Fredericksburg Standard also did a nice series of photos in the weekly paper. If you have any good pics from the show please send them to me to include on our Facebook page. Thanks!



God bless,

- Joe Edstrom, President



Gem and Mineral Show 2025

February Birthstone & Flowers

The February birthstone is the amethyst; the flowers are the violet and the primrose.



Amethyst



Violet



Primrose

The February birthstone, the amethyst, is said to strengthen relationships and give its wearer courage. Amethysts are a type of quartz often found in geodes amidst cooled lava. Their purple coloring runs the gamut from reddish purple to a bluish lilac. The finest quality is a strongly saturated reddish purple to dark purple as long as the stone does not become too dark to see its brightness.

The February birth month flowers are the violet and the primrose.

Violets signify watchfulness, loyalty, and faithfulness.

The other February birth flower is the primrose, which lets someone know you can't live without them.

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

Happy Birthday!

- Bert Luna — February 7
- Lynn Post — February 9
- Dolores Uribe — February 12
- Joe DeHoyos — February 12
- Jesse Martinez — February 14

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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This Month's Events - February 2025

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

There are no events that we are aware of.

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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
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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) 998-9144
- 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