
FREDERICKSBURG ROCKHOUNDS



Newsletter



MAY 2025

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PREZ SAYS

MAY 2025

Greetings and salutations fellow Rockhounds! I hope your April was amazing and full of adventure. Mine certainly was both good and not so good. I'll explain more at the meeting on the 5th. Needless to say, I'm grateful to the Lord for my health and for watching out for me.

Thanks again to Greg Zimmerman for setting up the dig back in March. Special thanks to Blane for giving us an awesome presentation highlighting all the finds. Congratulations to one of our youngest members, Gus, for his stunning azurite specimen! It's such a blessing to see so many young rockhounds coming to our digs and monthly meetings. If you haven't been to either in a while then I hope to see you soon!

God bless,

- Joe Edstrom, President





ROCKHOUND

TRIPS



Azurite Specimen



Waiting for Meeting to Start



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**Fluorite from Emerald
Ridge Trip**



**Rhodochrosite
from Houston
Ranch Trip**



Field trip to Emerald Ridge

This Month's Events - May

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

May 2025

3-4—WACO, TEXAS: Annual show; 65th Annual Waco Gem and Mineral Show; Lee Lockwood Library & Museum, 2801 W. Waco Drive, Waco, TX 76707; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5; Adults 18 and up: \$5, Kids 7 thru 17: \$3, Children 6: Free, Military and Scouts in uniform, Free; Parking is free; Website: www.wacogemandmineral.org

16-18—PLANO, TEXAS: Annual show; Texas Mineral & Fossil Dallas/Plano Show; Plano Event Center, 2000 E. Spring Creek Pkwy; Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-6; Free Admission & Parking; Minerals, Fossils, Jewelry, Gems, & More, Free Rocks for Kids, \$100 dealer voucher giveaways on Friday, Wholesale & Retail, Geodes, Family-Friendly; contact Sandra Gonzales; Website: www.rmgmpromotions.com.

24-25—FORT WORTH, TEXAS: Annual show; Fort Worth Gem and Mineral Club; Will Rogers Memorial Center/Roundup Inn, 3401 W Lancaster; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-4; \$7 Adults - \$5 Seniors, Military, Students - Free Children 12 & Under; Kids activities, raffle, silent auction, showing and selling gems, minerals and fossils. Rough material to finished jewelry; contact Glenda Bradley; Email: fwgmc.info@gmail.com; Website: fortworthgemandmineralclub.org.

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May Birthstone & Flower

The May birthstone is the **emerald**; the flowers are the **lily of the valley** and the **hawthorn plant**.



Emerald



Lily of the Valley



Hawthorn Plant

Today, the emerald is associated with wisdom, patience, and growth though traditionally it signified love, fertility, and rebirth.

Emeralds are deep, rich green and many people associate the color with the vibrant technicolor of The Emerald City in the 1939 classic The Wizard of Oz.

Lilies of the Valley stand for humility, sweetness, and a return to happiness.

Hawthorn Plants are all about supreme happiness and hope.

- Majoros, Martie. "May Birthstone: Color and Meaning." Almanac.com. Yankee Publishing, Inc. n.d. April 19, 2018.
- "May Birth Flowers." Alamanc.com. Yankee Publishing, Inc. n.d. April 19, 2018.



Happy Birthday!

- Jane Crone — May 5
- Gianna Tobis — May 6
- D'Ann Sides — May 19
- Roxanne Wunderlich — May 22

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.

Shirts are still available in all sizes for \$20.00 each. Available at the monthly meeting.

DUES are due if you haven't renewed for this year. See Carole Gage to make sure your up to date and we have your contact information, Phone number and email address is needed so you can be contacted in the event of a last-minute event or field trip announcement.



FREDERICKSBURG ROCKHOUNDS MEETING MINUTES

April 7, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 P.M. by President Joe Edstrom. The new members present were Zeke Wunerlick from Fredericksburg.

There were no changes to the minutes of the last meeting and approved as written.

The program was a report from Blane on hunting for Kentucky agates.

The members were invited to get refreshments while door prizes were being drawn.

OLD BUSINESS:

Field Trips:

There were 2 field trips this month.

A trip to the Houston ranch was well attended despite the cold and windy weather. The best feature on the field trip was finding some copper minerals. Several members found small specimens of malachite and azurite. A few small specimens of rhodochrosite were also found. Llanite was also available at the site.

We were invited to attend a field trip guided by Frank Roberts on April 13 to search for fluorite and strawberry quartz at Emerald Ridge.

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This trip was well attended and most everyone found some Texas fluorite. See the picture of Texas Fluorite.

Second weekend in May: House Ranch south of San Antonio. Contact Larry Tillick with the GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF SAN ANTONIO for details.

Toward the end of May-June 1 we are invited to attend a field trip by Ron Carmon from the Austin club (AGMS) to Oklahoma to dig hourglass Gypsum crystals. More information to come later.

The AGMS is also planning a trip to Arkansas to dig Quartz about mid-September. Members are invited to attend this several day field trip.

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NEW BUSINESS

Jim Knopoka (Fredericksburg) broke a leg and would welcome your thoughts and prayers for quick recovery.

SHOWS:

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Lee Adams reported on the SW Gem and Mineral on April 5-6 AT&T Center in Sam Antonio, Texas. It was well attended with about 40 vendors and lots of great items to choose from.

Alpine: Easter weekend

Waco: First weekend in May

San Antonio: Second weekend in May

SCFMS show will be in October in conjunction with the Austin show (AGMS).

In May there is a Masters Jewelry show held at the YO Hilton in Kerrville, Texas.

Shirts are still available in all sizes for \$20.00 each. Available at the monthly meeting.

We are asking for feedback from the membership on what you would like to see the club focus on. Any ideas are welcome so bring them to the meeting where the membership can discuss them.

Motion to adjourn and

Seconded

The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 PM

The door prize winners were as follows:

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DONATED BY	WINNER	PRIZE
Eli Wunderlick	Regina Anderson	Llanite
Lee & Judy Adams	Michael Egger Sara Verstuyft Joe Edstrom	Sandstone Formation Pyrite Quartz Arkansas
Frank and Patty	Carole Gage	Rhodochrosite
Larry Spillars	Dawn Egger Yvonne Starr	Pyrite Miner Petrified Wood
Glory Neffendorf	Sue Burkhardt	Llanite
Emery	Roxanne Wunderlich Ron Gant Eli Wunderlich	Striped Jasper
Judy Carswell	Ed Keilman	Mahogany Obsidian
John Crone	Alex Gant Andy Anderson Shelly Verstuyft Gus Stotz Kennedy Gallander	Jasper Chert River Rock Quartz Rock Faces
Steve Perez	Glory Neffendorf Jen Burkhardt Jeff Anderson Patti Felts Cathy Welliver Preston Schmidt Emery Schmidt	Petrified Wood Palm Wood Petrified Wood Copper blablabla Jasper Crazy Lace Leopard Skin Jasper

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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the newsletter editors by
emailing 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.
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Club Officers and Committee Chairs

Club Officers:

- President: Joe Edstrom - (254) 258-7499
- 1st Vice President: Blane Neffendorf - (830) 889-9141
- 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: Carole Gage - (210) 365-9149
- 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