
FREDERICKSBURG ROCKHOUNDS



Newsletter



JULY 2025

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July Birthstone & Flowers

The July birthstone is the **ruby**; the flowers are the **larkspur** and the **water lily**.



Ruby



Larkspur



Water Lily

In ancient times, the ruby was regarded as the “king of gems” by the Hindus. All rubies are red and come in various shades of the hue. Ruby comes from the Latin word *rubeus*, which means “red.”

The ruby is among the hardest natural gemstones, second only to the diamond.

The larkspur can grow up to eight feet tall and comes in a variety of colors such as pink, white, or purple.

Water lilies float on the surface of natural waters such as ponds. They help deter algae growth and provide shade for wildlife below.

- Majoros, Martie. “July Birthstone: Color and Meaning.” Almanac.com. Yankee Publishing, Inc. n.d. June 19, 2018.
- “July Birth Flowers.” Alamanac.com. Yankee Publishing, Inc. n.d. June 19, 2018.



Happy Birthday!

- Ana Weissling — July 12
- Agnes Thompson — July 13
- Brenda Smith — July 20
- Byron Hinton — July 22
- Luca Tobis — July 24
- Duane Neffendorf — July 25
- Toni Farmer — July 27
- Andy Anderson — July 29



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 - July

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

July 2025

To the best of our knowledge, there are no rock related events happening around our area for the month of July.

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.
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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) 386-0550
- 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 Carole Gage at carolegage503@gmail.com or 210-386-0550
- The **Club CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS** are posted on our website:
fredericksburgrockhounds.org/constitution