

# Fredericksburg Rockhounds

Fredericksburg, Texas

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## SEPTEMBER 2025

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## PREZ SAYS

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### SEPTEMBER 2025

Greetings and salutations fellow Rockhounds! I hope you've all enjoyed the fairly mild summer here in central Texas. However, I'm sure we're all excited for even cooler Fall weather to arrive!

Speaking of which, our Fall club Arkansas crystal dig will be 10-13 October. We currently have five members going and we'd love to have you come too! We'll leave (time / location tbd) on Friday, 10 Oct, and arrive early evening in Hot Springs, Arkansas. We'll dig at Wegner Mine on Saturday, 11 Oct, and Ron Coleman Mine on Sunday, 12 Oct. Wegner Mine will cost \$19 for 2 hours; \$38 for 4 hours; or \$57 for 6 hours. Depends on how long y'all want to dig. Ron Coleman Mine is only \$25 per day for adults; \$20 per day for seniors; \$5 per day for children (7-15); and children under 6 are free! We'll drive back home on Monday, 13 Oct.

We'll need to bring our own tools, buckets, etc. Highly recommend a rock hammer, long flathead screwdriver, trowel, and small shovel. Bring digging clothes that you don't mind getting stained with orange mud. Sunscreen, hat, bug spray, plenty of water, and snacks are highly recommended too.

The club can rent a 9-pack van or equivalent type vehicle if enough people want to go. I'm willing to drive. Club members will need to procure their own lodging. I typically stay at the Holiday Inn Express and Suites Hot Springs.

They tend to have the lowest rates and serve a hot breakfast. Regardless of where you stay in Hot Springs, we'll pick you up / drop you off at that location if you don't bring your own vehicle.

I'll answer any additional questions at the September meeting or you can have them contact me directly at [joseph.edstrom@gmail.com](mailto:joseph.edstrom@gmail.com).

I hope you'll join us and take advantage of what might be a once in a lifetime rockhounding opportunity!

Prez - Joe Edstrom



Wegner Crystal Mine - Joe Edstrom, Jacob Edstrom (son), August Edstrom (grandson)

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## Happy Birthday!

- Cheryl Wildfong — September 2
- Melissia Keilman — September 7
- Jim Gedeon — September 10
- Frida Carron — September 11
- Blane Neffendorf — September 18
- Steve Perez — September 22
- Lee Adams — September 27
- Erica Falbaum — September 30



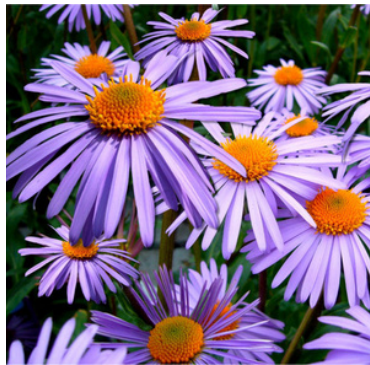
Please note: If we missed your birthday or have listed it incorrectly, please let us know so we can correct it! **[fbgrockhoundsnews@gmail.com](mailto:fbgrockhoundsnews@gmail.com)**

# September Birthstone & Flowers

The September birthstone is the **sapphire**; the flowers are the **aster** and the **morning glory**.



*Sapphire*



*Aster*



*Morning Glory*

Sapphires are a form of corundum and generally come in many shades of blue that run the gamut from light to dark. Sapphire was once believed to ward off evil and protect against poison.

Asters bloom in the late summer and early autumn and need little care to flourish. They are symbolic of powerful love.

A symbol of affection, morning glories live up to their name: they open their blooms in the early part of their day and then close them later in the afternoon.

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

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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.

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## This Month's Events - September

*For more shows at later dates, or outside Texas, visit [www.rockngem.com](http://www.rockngem.com)*

### September 2025

**27-28—LUBBOCK, TEXAS:** Annual show; Lubbock Gem and Mineral Society; Lubbock Memorial Civic Center, 1501 Mac Davis Lane; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 11-4; \$5 Adults age 12 and up, \$3 Age 6 - 11, under 6 free; Dealers selling minerals, jewelry, fossils, beads, crystals, rocks, specimens, rough, slabs, cabochons, and geode cracking. Demonstrations, displays, fluorescent tent, presentations by local Geologists, door prizes, silent auction, big kids area; contact Walt Beneze, (806) 797-5832; Email: [walt@lubbockgemandmineral.org](mailto:walt@lubbockgemandmineral.org); Website: [www.lubbockgemandmineral.org](http://www.lubbockgemandmineral.org)

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# Fredericksburg Rockhounds

## Meeting Minutes - August 4, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Vice President Blane. The new members present were from Fredericksburg,

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

The program was by Blane about Stromatolites. Blane introduced the subject and then showed a video program done by Rice University. The program highlighted the extensive Stromatolite formation that occurs in Mason County and is believed to be the largest occurrence in North America.

Following the program, members were invited to have refreshments while door prizes were being drawn.

### OLD BUSINESS: None

The club voted to donate to provide aid to the owner of an RV Park in Kerrville that was washed away in the July 4<sup>th</sup> flood. A check in the amount of \$499.00 was given as a donation to aid in the recovery of the RV Park.

### NEW BUSINESS

#### January Rock show

Our annual rock club show is in the planning stages now. Dealer contracts are mailed in August and are due to be returned at the end of September. We need help to help get the word out and for advertising. Contact Steve Perez for tables on the stage and Lee Adams for the spots located outside.

#### Field Trips:

Ron Carman is leading a trip to Arkansas for the AGMS club in Austin and has invited anyone from the Fredericksburg club to attend, It will be a 4-day trip. 1 day spent traveling up there and 2 days to hunt quartz and another day to return. The date of October 10-13 was selected as the preferred date to go.

Fees to dig in the mines will be discussed at the next meeting. Members attending will be responsible for their own lodging and meals. The two sites to hunt quartz are the Wegner Mine and the Coleman mine.

Approximate cost for the fee digging at the mines was noted at this time.

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### WEGNER MINE:

\$ 19.00 per 2 hours, \$38 per 4 hours and \$57.00 per 6 hours. These are all on a cost per person basis.

### COLEMAN MINE

\$ 25 per day

\$20 for seniors

\$ 5 for children

Free for ages 6 and under

Everyone is to provide their own lodging

### ROCKS FOR SALE:

One of our new members inherited a rock collection and has a wide variety of rock material for sale. His company is named RINESTONE LAPIDARY. For questions contact Joe Burke at 830-392-6686 to set up an appointment or to make sure he will be there and to get directions.

Jackie Chude gave the treasures report. See Jackie for those amounts.

The club now must pay \$ 11.00 per month for the storage building.

### SHOWS

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

SHIRTS in all sizes for \$20.00 each. Available at the monthly meeting.

### MEMBER UPDATES:

Ken DeVoss recently had a heart attack and spent time in the hospital.

Judy Carswell recently had a knee replacement.

Malcolm Johnson, a 3-time past President passed away.

Motion to adjourn by Judy Adams and was seconded.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM

The door prize winners were as follows.



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DONATED BY	WINNER	PRIZE
Lee & Judy Adams	Joseph Burke Roxanne Wunderlich Blane Neffendorf	Petroski Stone Jasper Jasper
Larry Spillers	Steve Perez	Fools Gold
Chasity Price	Kasyn	Amethyst Crystal
Ed Gage	Gus Stotz	Arkansas Quartz
Frank Rowell	Emery Schmidt	Smoky Quartz
Steve Perez	Kenneth Verstuyft	Obsidian Spear Point
Bruce and Diana Watts	Renee Luna	Himalayan Salt Rock
John Crone	Jeff Anderson Sam Rogers Charlie Anderson Diana Watts Regina Anderson Ed Gage Carole Gage	Pyrite MT Red Jasper Texas Bolo Bin of Stones Chrysacola Star Bolo Sodalite Cab
St. Vicent de Paul	Gloria Neffendorf	Tourmaline

# 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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emailing us at:

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## CLUB INFO

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- **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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:carolegage503@gmail.com) or 210-386-0550
- The **Club CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS** are posted on our website: [fredericksburgrockhounds.org/constitution](http://fredericksburgrockhounds.org/constitution)