

Fredericksburg Rockhounds

Fredericksburg, Texas

FREDERICKSBURG ROCKHOUNDS



Newsletter



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PROGRAMS

UPCOMING

October 2025: We thank Patti Felts for her presentation of New Mexico. She included great scenery and rock hunting areas.

November 2025: Lee Adams' presentation will be all about fluorescents. He will show the different fluorescent wave lengths, long, mid and short light bands. Lee's program shows photo examples of how rocks glow using different light waves. He will bring a few rock examples and his short/long wave light to show how those rocks glow. Lee invites all club members to bring their fluorescent sample rocks to see how they react to the light. Lee will also donate a small fluorite rock to the door prize.

December 2025: There will be no program because we celebrate our rockhound Christmas with bring a dish food. Party starts at 6:00 PM.

January 2026: No program. The meeting will focus on the January SHOW.

February 2026: Ed Gage will be providing the program. Ed can speak on many topics and is currently selecting a subject. More info will be provided about his selection.

March 2026: Our previous program manager, Karen Anderson, had a great idea we can duplicate. It's called "Share your Hobby." Everyone brings a sample of your hobby, rock, or anything. We will pass the mike around for you to describe your hobby.

Note: If you would like to give a presentation please contact Judy Adams to be added to the list.

Happy Birthday!

- Debbie Anderson — November 1
- Glory Neffendorf — November 9
- Jennifer Burkhart — November 9
- Preston Schmidt — November 23
- Jay P Graves — November 23
- Blake Weissling — November 24
- Ken DeVos — November 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**



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.

November Birthstone & Flowers

The November birthstone is the **topaz**; the flower is the **chrysanthemum**.



Topaz



Chrysanthemum

Topaz is the mineral fluoro-hydroxy silicate and is the hardest of all known silicate minerals. Topaz itself is colorless but impurities within can turn it into almost any color. Yellow or amber is most often associated with topaz. Interestingly, even though blue topaz is rare to find naturally (most for sale have been treated to get the color) it is Imperial topaz (reddish orange with pink undertones) that is the most valuable.

The lone flower for the month of November is the chrysanthemum. It is a perennial and comes in a variety of colors. After they finish blooming in autumn, they can be mulched with straw to protect them from inclement weather.

- Majoros, Martie. "November Birthstone: Color and Meaning." Almanac.com. Yankee Publishing, Inc. n.d. October 17, 2018.
- "November Birth Flower." Alamanac.com. Yankee Publishing, Inc. n.d. October 17, 2018.



This Month's Events - November

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

November 2025

7-9—HUMBLE, TEXAS: Annual show; Houston Gem and Mineral Society; Humble Civic Center, 8233 Will Clayton Parkway; Fri. 9-6, Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-5; \$12 adults, seniors, kids over 10; Dino Dig for kids. Youth section with games and touch specimens. Scout merit badge program. More than 40 dealers; contact Scott Singleton; Email: fossilwood@comcast.net; Website: <https://hgms.org/>.

8-9—AMARILLO, TEXAS: Show; Golden Spread Gem, Mineral & Treasure Society; Amarillo Civic Center, 401 S. Buchanan St; Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-5; Check with Club for Admission; contact Kassidy Barlow; Email: rosesunflowerbeauty@icloud.com; Website: <https://amarillotreasureclub.org>.

15-16—FORT WORTH, TEXAS: Show and sale; Fort Worth Gem and Mineral Club; Will Rogers Memorial Center/Roundup Inn, 3401 W Lancaster St; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-4; Adults \$7, Seniors, Students \$5, Kids 12 & under free; Over 25 vendors will have everything from rough material to high-end finished jewelry; contact Glenda Bradley; Email: fwgmc.info@gmail.com.

22-23—MESQUITE, TEXAS: Annual show; Dallas Gem and Mineral Show; Mesquite Convention Center, 1700 Rodeo Dr; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; adults-8, kids under 12-4, family of 4-20, Vets-Teachers-over 65-5, Scouts in Uniforms-Free. Get QR code for free parking; contact Diana Case, (214) 349-2022; Email: dgmscontracts@yahoo.com; Website: dallasgemandmineral.org.



FREDERICKSBURG ROCKHOUDS MEETING MINUTES

October 6, 2025

The meeting was called to order by President Joe Edstrom. There was one guest present, Chris Harper from Harper Texas.

Patti Felts presented a program on collecting rocks in New Mexico. Several areas in NM were discussed. The first one was the Organ Mountains near Las Cruces. She showed beautiful picture of the area. The Gila hot springs area was an interesting location and there are campgrounds in the area. She then discussed areas near Silver city NM where crystals can be found as well as various agates. She had examples of some of the specimens found in the area. Apache creek is another location where a variety of crystals can be found. The next area was near the Malpais lava formation where agate material can be found. The next area discussed was Creed, Colorado and then West to Grants NM. An ice cave in the lave flow is an interesting feature. She showed pictures of inscription rock where early settlers inscribed their name on their way west. The painted desert is an area where one could see colorful pieces of petrified wood. The dobel ranch is a location where it can be collected for a fee or purchased. A very interesting trip for anyone who can see a variety of landscapes in NM.

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

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OLD BUSINESS:

The field trip to Arkansas in conjunction with the Austin club was not attended by any of our members.

NEW BUSINESS:

November is the election of officers' month. The 2 positions to be voted on are President and 2nd Vice President. Please be present and volunteer for one of these positions. VP Blane is on the nominating committee and will present a survey for members. Frank will assist with the nominating committee.

There will be no program on December or January due to the Christmas party and planning for the show.

In December the Christmas party will start 1 hour earlier, 6:00 PM.

Rock show: January 17-18, 2026.

Our annual rock club show is in the planning stages now. Dealer contracts have been mailed 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. The banner will be put up in town.

Thursday is when the booth spaces will be marked off, and electrical cords laid out. Please come out to help with booth set up Friday is set up day for vendors. Sunday after the show we need lots of help to take down the tables after the vendors have packed up. Members are urged to stay and help put up tables and chairs and load into trucks for storage.

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Field Trips:

No field trips planned at this time.

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.

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

The door prizes winners were as follows:

DONATED BY	WINNER	PRIZE
Lee & Judy Adams	Chris Harper	Petrified coral
	Kevin Van Renterghem	Montana agate
Larry Spillers	Roxanne	Deadly rocks
Chasity Price	Micah Scllueter	Quartz
	Sarah Edstrom	Palm stone
	Ron Gant	Orthoceras fossil
	Michael Hamilton	Prehnite
Ed Gage	Ryan Haggerton	Kaolinite and turquoise

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Carole Gage	Tom	Sodalite
Patti Felts	Mike Egger	Calcedony from Gila NF Road 49
Steve Perez	Nathan McKinley Melissa Kelman Judy Carswell	Jasper agate conglomerate Rhodonite Jasper CA AZ border
Judy Carswell	Gus Stotz Hadley	Pumice South Australia Tumbled rocks
Dawn Egger	Shari Lauda	Fossils CA: Shasta Lk CA

39 members were in attendance.

Motion to adjourn and was seconded.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 PM.

Minutes by Ed Gage, Secretary

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.
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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 Graham - (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