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# **FREDERICKSBURG ROCKHOUSES**

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# **Newsletter**



**OCTOBER 2025**

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# Happy Birthday!

- Barbara Fowler — October 1
- Robert Thompson — October 2
- Kennedy Gallander — October 10
- Jeff Smith — October 11
- Carl Ashline — October 13
- Glenn Thompson — October 16
- Greg Zimmerman — October 24



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)**

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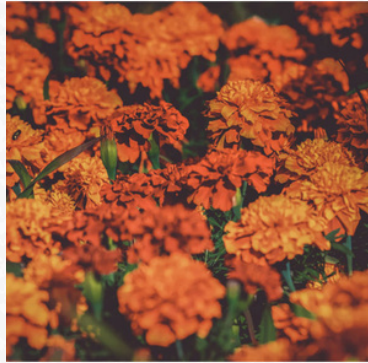


# October Birthstone & Flowers

The October birthstone is the **opal**; the flowers are the **marigold** and the **cosmos**.



*Opal*



*Marigold*



*Cosmos*

The word opal is rooted in both Latin (opalus — "precious jewel") and Greek (opallios — "to see a change in color"). The term opallios is an apt description as opals tend to reflect a vast array of colors depending on the source of light.

Marigolds are symbols of contentment and warmth. They can grow anywhere from six inches in height to over five feet depending on the variety.

Cosmos, the other October flower, stands for order, peace, and serenity. They are annuals that are a good choice for your garden if you want to attract birds, bees, and butterflies.

- Majoros, Martie. "October Birthstone: Color and Meaning." Almanac.com. Yankee Publishing, Inc. n.d. September 18, 2018.
- "October Birth Flowers." Alamanc.com. Yankee Publishing, Inc. n.d. September 18, 2018.





## 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 - October

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

### October 2025

**17-19—AUSTIN, TEXAS:** Annual show; Austin Gem and Mineral Society; Palmer Events Center, 900 Barton Springs Rd; Fri. 9-6, Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-5; Adults \$8, Seniors/Military ID \$7, Ages 13-18 \$2, 12 and under free; Annual gem & mineral show with over 30 vendors of jewelry, beads, gemstones, minerals, crystals, fossils & spheres. 75th year Diamond Jubilee. Hosting annual SCFMS Meeting; contact Laird Fowler, (512) 458-9546; Email: [info@agms-tx.org](mailto:info@agms-tx.org); Website: [www.agms-tx.org](http://www.agms-tx.org)

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# 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

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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:

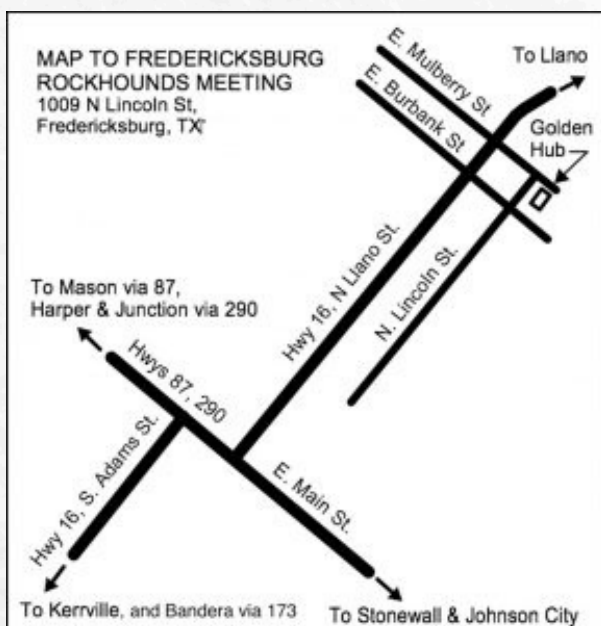
- President: Joe Edstrom - (254) 258-7499
- 1st Vice President: Blane Neffendorf - (830) 889-9141
- 2nd Vice President: Greg Zimmerman
- Past President: Frank Rowell - (325) 248-1067
- Treasurer: Jackie Chude - (830) 998-9144
- Secretary: Ed Gage

## 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 Graham - (443) 926-1063

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## 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)