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# FREDERICKSBURG ROCKHOUNDS

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# Newsletter



## JANUARY 2026

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# PROGRAMS

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## UPCOMING

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

**February 2026:** Ed Gage will be providing the program regarding a mine he and his son recently visited in Arizona named "The New Red Cloud" and the mysterious new rocks they found there.

**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.

**April 2026:** To be scheduled.

**May 2026:** To be scheduled.

**June 2026:** No Program, the rockhounds have a picnic at Lady Bird Park.

**July 2026:** Joann Socash, President of the Southwest Gem and Mineral Society, San Antonio, will provide the presentation "How to identify rocks and minerals."

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





# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## Club Membership Fees - Due Now

This is a friendly reminder that club membership fees are due. Annual dues are \$8 for individual, and \$15 family, payable to Fredericksburg Rockhounds. Mail in to 412 S. Adams, #197, or bring to Jan. meeting or the show.

## January Show

- The big show is Jan. 17th-18th.
- Need volunteers at the different tables.

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## Happy Birthday!

- Sue Burkhart — January 5
- Tom Carswell — January 8
- Eddie Keilman — January 12
- Joe Edstrom — January 13
- Lola Post — January 13
- Yvonne Starr — January 13
- Callie Weaver — January 15
- Adam Hudson — January 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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## This Month's Events - January

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

### January 2026

**17-18—FREDRICKSBURG, TEXAS:** Annual show; Fredericksburg Rockhounds; Lady Bird Johnson Park (Pioneer Pavilion), Hwy 16 South; Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-4; Free for all; Free door prizes hourly, Silent Auction, Raffle Prizes, Mineral and Fossil dealers. Club geologist on site to identify your mystery rocks; contact Frank Rowell, (325) 248-1067; Email: [hcgms20@gmail.com](mailto:hcgms20@gmail.com); Website: [fredericksburgrockhounds.org](http://fredericksburgrockhounds.org).



## 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.



# January Birthstone & Flowers

The January birthstone is the garnet; the flowers are the carnation and snowdrop.



*Garnet*



*Carnation*



*Snowdrop*

The garnet, is thought to keep the wearer safe during travel. Garnets form in layers of rock deep underground where they withstand extreme temperature variations. Geologists study garnets to understand the effects of temperature and pressure on surrounding rocks. Although the garnet is commonly associated with a range of red hues, it also sometimes forms in other colors, including greens, yellows, and even blues.

The carnation comes in several different colors, which convey different meanings, much like roses. A pink carnation means affection, while a red carnation means 'I love you.'

The snowdrop used to be considered bad luck because it always seemed to grow in graveyards, but nowadays, this delicate flower signifies hope and beauty.

- Majoros, Martie. "January Birthstone: Color and Meaning." Almanac.com. Yankee Publishing, Inc. n.d. December 16, 2018.
- "January Birth Flower." Alamanac.com. Yankee Publishing, Inc. n.d. December 16, 2018.

# 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

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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: Sara Verstuyft – (830) 998-7350
- 1st Vice President: Blane Neffendorf – (830) 889-9141
- 2nd Vice President: Judy Adams – (830) 328-8386
- Past President: Joe Edstrom – (254) 258-7499
- Treasurer: Jackie Chude – (830) 998-9144
- Secretary: Ed Gage

## Committee Chairs:

- Programs: Judy Adams – (830) 328-8386
- 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)