

Fredericksburg Rockhounds

Fredericksburg, Texas

FREDERICKSBURG ROCKHOUNDS



Newsletter



MAY 2026

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PROGRAMS

UPCOMING

May 2026: JoAnn DeLuna, worked for many years at the Edwards Aquafer, will be speaking about her hobby "Caving 101".

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."

August 2026: Lee Adams will share he and Judy's past vacation to Australia. While in Australia they stayed for 3 days in Coober Pedy exploring the opal mines. They will share some photos of them in the mines and a DVD they purchased there that better explains Coober Pedy. Opal is found in many places in the world. The Adams will bring some samples of opal and invite those attended the meeting to share opal samples.

September 2026: Dinosaur George.

October 2026: Archaeologist/Geologist Roger Smith.

November 2026: Master Geologist Mr. Rowen, 35 years in the oil industry, will speak on the topic of "The Geologic History of the Hill Country."

December 2026: Fredericksburg Rockhounds Christmas Party starts at 6PM.

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

Event Notice

The Llano River Railroad presents the Gold and Treasure Fest on May 2nd 2026 from 9am till 4pm.

Rock and mineral display, mining exhibit, gold panning demonstration, panning instruction video every hour in the passenger car. Raffle prizes food and fun for the whole family. This is a free event.

Contact Frank Rowell at frank@llanoriverrailroad.org or 325-248-1067.

This Month's Events - May

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

May 2026

2-3—WACO, TEXAS: Annual show; 66th Annual Waco Gem and Mineral Show; Lee Lockwood Library & Museum, 2801 W. Waco Drive, Waco, TX 76707; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5; Adults 18 and up: \$5, Kids 7 thru 17: \$3, Children 6: Free, Military and Scouts in uniform, Free; Parking is free; Website: www.wacogemandmineral.org

15-17—PLANO, TEXAS: Annual show; Texas Mineral & Fossil Dallas/Plano Show; Plano Event Center, 2000 E. Spring Creek Pkwy; Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-4; Website: www.rmgmpromotions.com

23-24—FORT WORTH, TEXAS: Annual show; Fort Worth Gem and Mineral Club; Roundup Inn at Will Rogers Memorial Complex, 3401 W Lancaster Ave; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-4; \$7 Adults, \$5 Military, Seniors, and Students, Free to children 12 & under; Raffle, Door Prizes, Silent Auction, Kids Korner; contact Glenda Bradley; Email: fwgmc.info@gmail.com; Website: fortworthgemandmineralclub.org

Happy Birthday!

- Jane Crone — May 5
- Suzanne Crowe — May 18
- Brian Wunderlich — May 18
- Pam Dosenberry — May 19
- Roxanne Wunderlich — May 22
- Riley Mendez — May 27



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.

May Birthstone & Flower

The May birthstone is the **emerald**; the flowers are the **lily of the valley** and the **hawthorn plant**.



Emerald



Lily of the Valley



Hawthorn Plant

Today, the emerald is associated with wisdom, patience, and growth though traditionally it signified love, fertility, and rebirth.

Emeralds are deep, rich green and many people associate the color with the vibrant technicolor of The Emerald City in the 1939 classic The Wizard of Oz.

Lilies of the Valley stand for humility, sweetness, and a return to happiness.

Hawthorn Plants are all about supreme happiness and hope.

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

- **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.



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: Primary: Blane Neffendorf, Secondary: Vacant
- Annual Show: Frank Rowell
- 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