

Fredericksburg Rockhounds

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JUNE 2026

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PREZ SAYS

JUNE 2026

June is always one of my favorite times of year for our club because it gives us a chance to slow down, enjoy good company, and gather together for our annual picnic. While we all share a love of rocks, minerals, fossils, and the outdoors, it's the friendships we build along the way that truly make this club special. Our picnic is a reminder that the heart of this organization isn't just the specimens we collect—it's the people who make every meeting, field trip, and show something worth looking forward to.

I hope everyone will come out and enjoy the day, share stories, laughter, and maybe even a few favorite finds. Whether you've been a member for years or just recently joined, you are an important part of this club family. Thank you all for the enthusiasm, kindness, and spirit you continue to bring to our group. I'm looking forward to spending time together and celebrating another wonderful summer with all of you.

- Sara Verstuyft, President

PROGRAMS

UPCOMING

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.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER MEETING

Sara, our club president, would like to hold a brief executive meeting one hour before July's regular meeting. She has a few important items to go over with the club officers and appreciates everyone making time to arrive early so we can take care of business before the main meeting begins.

This Month's Events - June 2026

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

13-14—GRAPEVINE, TEXAS: Annual show; Arlington Gem & Mineral Club; Grapevine Convention Center, 1209 South Main St; Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-4; General admission \$10, Kids 12 and under free; 69th Annual Gem, Mineral, Fossil, Jewelry Show and Sale. Free parking, pay Saturday, come back on Sunday free. Rolling Rock Club meeting Sunday at 9 a.m. Great items to purchase from national, state, and local dealers, door prizes daily, raffles, class displays, silent auctions, youth activities, gem identification; contact Terri Brewen, (817) 939-1100; Email: tbrewen@sbcglobal.net; Website: <https://www.agmc57.org/>

27-28—TYLER, TEXAS: Annual show; East Texas Gem & Mineral Society; Tyler Rose Garden Center, 420 Rose Park Drive; Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-4; Adults: \$8, Children & Students: \$4; The 29th Annual East Texas Gem & Mineral Show - Minerals, Fossils, Gemstones, Jewelry Exhibitors, Demos in lapidary arts, wire wrapping and more. Enjoy the fluorescent mineral and Rock Food Table. Great vendors, silent auctions, kids' games, raffle and both door and grand prizes; contact Margaret Kilanski, (971) 219-3361; Email: mlkilanski@yahoo.com; Website: <https://www.etgms.org/>

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Happy Birthday!

- Sara Verstuyft — June 8
- Karen Anderson — June 11
- Sam Rodgers — June 12
- Larry Spillers — June 13
- Donna Elwell — June 23
- Ed Gage — June 24
- Linn Brady — June 24
- Tom Dosenberry — June 24
- Diana Watts — June 24
- Amanda White — June 26
- Kurt Westerman — June 27
- Frank Rowell — June 29



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.

June Birthstone & Flower

The June birthstone is the **pearl**; the flowers are the **rose** and the **honeysuckle**.



Pearl



Rose



Honeysuckle

Pearls can be found in a variety of soft hues and palettes. They are formed inside of an oyster's shell, usually via a grain of sand that enters the shell. The clam cannot eject this irritant and so it encases it in a hard substance that eventually forms the pearl.

Both of June's flowers are tied strongly with love.

Roses of different colors have multiple meanings. For instance, white roses can stand for innocence or purity. Red roses are synonymous with love. Conversely, yellow roses mean a loss of love.

The number of roses also have meaning. A bouquet is given for gratitude; a single rose amplifies the meaning behind the color.

Honeysuckle is a strong symbol for the bonds of everlasting love.

- Majoros, Martie. "June Birthstone: Color and Meaning." Almanac.com. Yankee Publishing, Inc. n.d. May19, 2018.
- "June Birth Flowers." Alamanc.com. Yankee Publishing, Inc. n.d. May19, 2018.

Fredericksburg Rockhounds Meeting Minutes - April 6, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Sara Verstuyft. The pledge of allegiance was led by President Sara. There were 3 guests present. They were as follows: Curt Westermann from Marble Falls, Erica, David, and Daniel from San Saba.

VP Blane presented the program on the Texas state rock which is petrified palm. Palm is approximately 30 million years old and comes from the Oligocene and Miocene period. Areas where it is exposed in Texas for collecting come from the Eagle Ford formation in East Texas. Counties include Tyler, Trinity, Angelina and Polk. It is also found near Eagle Pass and South of George west. Preston Smith was responsible for submitting the proposal to the Texas state legislature as the Texas state rock pm March 26, 1969.

Hopefully everyone has PAID their dues! If your dues are paid up for 2026 ... THANK YOU. If your dues are not paid by this month, YOU WILL BE DROPPED FROM THE MEMBERSHIP LIST. This is in the by-laws. If you are not a paid-up member you are not eligible to participate in field trip. There are no field trips scheduled at this time. Once the weather warms up the club will organize some field trips.

Jackie gave a treasures report. Members were invited to help themselves with snacks while the drawing was held for door prizes.

NEW BUSINESS

none

The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 pm. There were 46 members in attendance.

The door prizes were drawn.

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DONATED BY	WINNER	PRIZE
Lee & Judy Adams	Melissa Kalman	Sea Shells
	Sara Verstuyft	Sea Shells
	Dawn Egger	Petrified Palm
	Blane Neffendorf	Petrified Palm
	Daniel Hummer	Petrified Palm
Patti Felts/Frank Rowell	Andy Anderson	AZ Petrified Wood
Hamilton Family	Bert Luna	Amethyst
	Regina Anderson	Llanite
Ken DeVoss	Tom Mitchell	TX Saline Lake Minerals
Tom Mitchel	Karen Anderson	Garnets in Marble
Blane Neffendorf	Eddie Kallman	Electronic Scale
Roger Schlueter	Jackie Chute	Rhodochrosite MX
	Gus Stotz	Fluorite NM
Bruce & Diana Watts	Jen Burnhart	Petrified Palm
	Kurt Westermann	Petrified Palm
	Michael Hamilton	Petrified Palm
Ed Gage	Bruce Watts	Petrified Palm
	Erica Falbaum	Petrified Palm
	Ken DeVoss	Petrified Palm
	Amanda Hamilton	Petrified Palm
	Lidia Goldthorn	Petrified Palm
	Jim Chute	Petrified Palm
	Machelle Fleeman	Petrified Palm

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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emailing us at:

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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: 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: Blane Neffendorf, Secondary: Sue Burkhart
- 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